

THE WEATHER:
TODAY—CLOUDY AND COLDER.
TOMORROW—COLDER, SNOW FLURRIES.

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"ISN'T IT THE TRUTH?"
IS FILLED WITH REAL LAUGHTER
EVERY DAY.

THREE CENTS.

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COUNCIL, SWORN IN, TACKLES RAILWAY TANGLE

Seek Stranger Who Flim-Flammed City Service Stations

RAILWAY FIRST CONCERN MOORE TELLS ALDERMEN



GEORGE POTTER,

221 Maitland street, who was the unanimous choice as president of St. George's society at the annual meeting Friday night.

FERGUSON HEARS WESTERN'S PLEA

Premier Considers Deputation's Request For \$250,000—Would Make No Comment.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 21.—Col. W. J. Brown, chairman of the board of governors of the Western university, London, interviewed Premier Ferguson this morning respecting aid for that institution. Col. Brown urged that the full assistance rendered in past years be continued until such time as the university had succeeded in working out a method of finance capable of meeting all its needs.

The request was made in view of the decision of the government at the last session that governmental aid to the universities would be curtailed. Premier Ferguson promised to consider the matter, but discharging the question after the interview would make no comment.

Lieut.-Col. Walter J. Brown, executive secretary for the university of Western Ontario, was accompanied by James Cranmer and Arthur White, members of the board of governors of the same university, on the trip to Toronto this morning.

SCHOMBERG BANKER BAILED UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 21.—Harry Coffey, manager of a bank at Schomberg, Ontario, who has been in the Toronto jail under arrest on several charges of theft, was home over the week-end on bail which was provided Saturday at \$20,000. He will be out until after Christmas, when the case will be heard in the county police court. Coffey had refused previous Saturday to allow bail to be provided.

APPROVE PARLEY PLAN.
Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Dec. 20.—The cabinet council has approved the signing of a protocol to serve as a basis for the discussion at the Franco-German commercial negotiations.

The Weather

WEATHER

Fresh to north-west, cloudy and becoming snow-mixed, with a cold front tonight and Tuesday with snow flurries.

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	46	42	Rain
Calgary	29	18	Cloudy
Winnipeg	16	8	Cloudy
Port Arthur	26	6	Cloudy
Toronto	28	24	Cloudy
Montreal	28	26	Cloudy
Quebec	28	26	Cloudy
Halifax	32	22	Snow

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
The highest and lowest temperature recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 38; lowest, 26.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 35; lowest, 24.
Barometric Readings.
Sunday—8 p.m., 28.97.
Today—8 a.m., 29.95.

New Council Year Ushered In At London's City Hall



MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND OFFICIALS ATTEND INAUGURAL COUNCIL SESSION.

The inaugural session of London's new city council was held this morning, with Mayor John M. Moore presiding. There was an interesting audience of citizens. The principals in the first session of municipal activity for 1926 are shown above as they were photographed by an Advertiser staff photographer. In the group above are shown, reading from left to right, outside the city hall. Front row: Ald. Paul Dolg, Dean L. Korman Tucker, rector of St. Paul's, Mayor John M. Moore, Ald. Dickson Glass, Sergeant-at-arms Jack McNamara. Back row: Ald. Edwin Smith, Ald. V. P. Craven, Ald. H. H. Bottill, Ald. James McCormick, City Clerk Samuel Baker, Ald. W. J. Ashton and Ald. W. Kilpatrick.

Shortest Day of the Year Is Longest For Merchants

Scientists Right About Time, But They're Wrong If They Mean Store Clerks.

SHOPPING SPEEDS UP

Young and Old, Rich and Poor, Join in Assault Upon Stores of City.

Today is the shortest day of the year, according to the facts as taught by the scientists, but the merchants of London are unanimous in terming it the longest they have experienced since this time last year, the reason being that the lady citizens who have deflected the purchase of Christmas presents until the last minutes are today screwing up enough courage to tackle this arduous task.

Most of the downtown stores have been advising Londoners for the past month or so through advertising signs, to expect more in the mornings, with the aim of avoiding congestion in the afternoon, but apparently more than half the shoppers have refused to believe in signs until today.

The increase in morning shopping was quite appreciable today, according to several merchants, who said also that they expected this to be one of the biggest days of the Christmas season, pointing to the fact that persons who wish to send gifts to friends in distant cities would have to mail them today in order to insure their arrival before Christmas day.

"It may be the shortest day in the year, but it is shaping up as the longest for us," one man declared. "We'll be busy until midnight anyway attending to customers, and it will likely take us an additional hour to straighten up the place for tomorrow's business."

Today saw every local shop filled with half-worried people doing their best to discover suitable gifts for those hard-to-please relatives and friends. Sales clerks, harassed on all sides by impatient customers, managed, however, to preserve their equanimity and remember the all important matter of keeping cheerful.

Young and old, rich and poor, feeble and healthy, all combined to make up the mass of folk who besieged the counters of the stores, and who lent to the downtown streets a metropolitan aspect.

Substantial citizens, captains of industry and dignified professional men, were seen to lay aside their dignity for the time being and fraternize gleefully with little tots from grade four in marvelling at the intricacies of toy railways, dancing monkeys and construction sets.

Tomorrow About Same.
Although today is the shortest day in the year, it is shaping up as the longest for us.

MAN FACES DEATH AMID ICE SAVES LIVES OF FIVE CHILDREN

Refuses To Leave Sinking Floe Till Ten Other Persons and Team of Horses Are Safe—Sleigh Breaks Through Ice Into 51 Feet of Water.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Pembroke, Dec. 21.—Eleven persons, including five children, had a narrow escape from drowning Saturday afternoon, when the sleigh on which they were driving across the Ottawa river, crashed through the ice in mid-stream where the water was 51 feet deep. Through the heroic work of Let Murphy, of Pembroke, driver of the sleigh, all were rescued. After everybody was safe, the solid ice he managed to break, but lost the sleigh.

Frost Bites May End Chinese War

By J. RUSSELL KENNEDY.
Special Cable to The Advertiser and the Chicago Daily News. Copyright.

Tokio, Dec. 19.—Reports from Mukden indicate that the intense cold in that region may succeed where negotiations have failed to bring about a cessation of hostilities. News from China is scarce, but an unconfirmed report states that two rival brigade commanders have arranged an armistice on account of the troops suffering from frost bite.

Three thousand Chinese students in Tokyo are planning a demonstration in protest against increase in the Japanese troops in Manchuria.

The calendar year, tomorrow will be practically the same with possibly a second difference. The sun rose this morning at 7:51, and will set this afternoon at 4:44. On the 22nd and 23rd the sun will rise at 7:52, and for the next four days it will rise at 7:53. Then for the next nine days the time will be 7:54.

This may seem strange, as it is known that the days begin to get longer after Dec. 21, but according to Professor Kingston of Western University, only the mornings are shorter during this period, the sun setting later in the evening each day. About Jan. 2 or 3, however, the sun will begin to rise earlier in the morning. By that time the evenings will have lengthened by about nine minutes, although the mornings are shortened to the extent of some three minutes. After Jan. 2, however, both the mornings and afternoons will begin to lengthen.

ROME DENIES REPORT OF PLAN FOR EMPIRE

Semi-Official Statement Says Story Is Absurd and Harmful.

Associated Press Despatch.
Rome, Dec. 21.—Semi-official denial was given today to the report published abroad that plans are on foot to proclaim Italy an empire on Jan. 1.

The Stefani Agency, official news disseminating organization, says: "We are authorized to declare that this absurd news is absolutely fantastic and has been spread with bad intentions."

DOUBLE FATALITY AT DELAWARE BEING PROBED

This afternoon an inquest into the deaths of Ruth Marie Collins, age two, and her brother Edwin, both of whom died as the result of a motor accident at Delaware last night, will be held in that village, having been ordered by Coroner Dr. J. G. Bice.

High Constable Wharton after assisting in impelling the jury, left London shortly after noon to attend the inquest.

YOUNG STRIBLING TO WED; WILL NOT STOP FIGHTING

Macon, Ga., Dec. 21.—W. L. (Young) Stribling, Georgia light-heavyweight, will wed Miss Clara Virginia Kinney, Macon society girl, but he will not quit the ring, he has announced. "I shall continue fighting," Stribling said. "Until he is champion," his bride-to-be added.

The date for the wedding has not been announced. Stribling will continue his schooling, he said, saying he still planned to enter the university of Georgia.

DIOCESE RAISES FUND OF \$235,000

Roman Catholic Parishes Contribute to Building of Seminary.

Roman Catholic parishes in the diocese of London presided over by Bishop M. P. Fallon, have just completed one of the most successful drives in their history, raising \$235,000 as a supplementary contribution to the building fund of the new half million dollar St. Peter's seminary.

Some years ago Bishop Fallon toured his diocese in the initial effort to bring about the establishment of the new seminary. His lordship then raised a handsome sum which was invested in government securities when the war delayed building operations. The impending completion of the new building on Sunshine park at the north end of Waterloo street, made necessary new subscriptions to carry the project through and the undertaking was committed by his lordship to the care of the diocesan vicar-general, Right Rev. Mons. O'Connor.

Mons. O'Connor raised the \$235,000 without calling on those who had previously subscribed. In certain cases such as the cathedral in London there was a comparatively small amount to round out the total of the original drive.

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TO EXAMINE MAN'S BRAIN TO FIND SECRET OF HANDS

Associated Press Despatch.
Salem, Mass., Dec. 21.—The brain of Professor Sylvester Morse, noted authority on zoology, who died yesterday, was removed today and sent by express to the Wistar Institute of Anatomy and Biology, in Philadelphia, with instructions left by Professor Morse, who desired that it be examined to determine the relation, if possible, between his brain and his hands which made him ambidextrous. Professor Morse was able to use either hand with equal skill.

BRANTFORD MANUFACTURER MUST PAY FOR STOCK DEAL

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 21.—Judgment for \$2,500 with costs has been awarded by Mr. Justice Logie in favor of Samuel W. Quance, farmer, of Hannon, Wentworth county, against C. E. Brown, manufacturer, of Brantford. In December, 1919, Quance became dissatisfied with his bargain, and in February, 1920, threatened Brown that he would sue him for misrepresentation. Brown then gave him a written guarantee that he would receive 7 per cent dividends on his stock, and that at the end of five years the shares would be redeemed at \$100 per share. The dividends were not paid, and the shares were not redeemed, and the company is now bankrupt.

Complete Hotel Deal Next Week

Promoter Will Be Here To Sign Final Articles With Local Committee.

GUARANTEE READY

J. G. Trainer's Visit Expected to Inaugurate Actual Construction at Once.

James G. Trainer, vice-president of the Renart Realty and Construction Company, New York, is coming to London between Christmas and New Year's prepared to sign the articles for the building of London's new million-dollar hotel on federal square.

In a letter to John S. Moore, London and Western Trusts Co., Mr. Trainer stated that he is coming to London with a guarantee from the operator as to the furnishing and operating of the hotel, and that he himself will be prepared to sign on behalf of his company for the building of the hotel.

"Ground may be broken in the spring," observed Mr. Moore today, "for the company may want to break ground even earlier than that. Mr. Trainer has asked to meet the local committee to complete the deal and I will arrange for that meeting."

"The proposition is going to be a complete success," wrote Mr. Trainer to Mr. Moore, "and we will come prepared to make a personal deposit in cash and a guarantee that the house will be completely equipped, free from liens, providing it is handled by our company."

The local committee to meet Mr. Trainer includes J. J. McHale, chairman; John S. Moore, Mayor J. M. Moore, Gordon Ferguson, R. H. Dowler, R. G. Ivey and A. T. Little.

THREE CHILDREN DIE IN HOUSE FIRE

Ottawa Family Suffers as Flames Sweep Home—Mother Unconscious.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Three children were burned to death, the mother was slightly burned and is still unconscious from shock and a 5-year-old boy walked out of the burning house unharmed, as the result of a fire which broke out on No. 9 Morton street here this morning.

Those who lost their lives were: Florence St. Germain, aged 4 years; Norman, aged 3; Mark, aged 5 months. Mrs. St. Germain is suffering from burns around the head.

Leo, aged 5 years, escaped through the back of the house after trying to pull the other children to safety. Emmanuel St. Germain, the father of the children, was at work when the fire broke out.

CAPTAIN OF LENAPE DIES

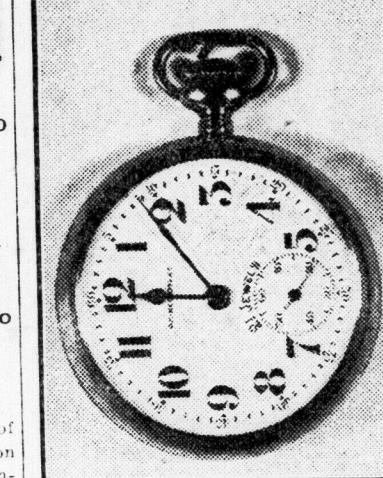
Associated Press Despatch.
Lewes, Del., Dec. 20.—The last voyage of Arthur Chambers, veteran pilot, saved 267 persons. The man who on Oct. 18 last guided the burning steamship Lenape in a 30-mile dash died yesterday at the age of 76.

WINS 183 TO 1.
Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Dec. 21.—Valleurie, a four-year-old colt, revealed his few blemishes with the longest odds paid at a French track in the last thirty years yesterday at Vincennes, when, in a mixed dash horse in a field of ten trotters, winning by a half length. The odds against Valleurie were 183 to 1.

Victim of Ice Tragedy

While playing on the ice in Belleville harbor on Saturday, Eugene Ainsworth, son of Commandant Harry Ellsworth of the Belleville corps of the Salvation Army, and a young companion, Bernard Brown, slipped into the water and were drowned. Lloyd Ellsworth, a brother of Eugene, gave the alarm. Above is shown the Ellsworth children. On the right is Eugene and Lloyd on the left. In the center is Baby Leonard, who died recently. Commandant Hurd of London is a close friend of the Ellsworth family, which is well known throughout army circles in Canada.

SALESMEN DEFRAUDED BY BOGUS BOOTLEGGER



THE "21-JEWEL" WATCH. Here is one of the four watches palmed off on service station employees in this city by a flim-flam man whom police are now seeking. It is conservatively estimated to be worth 85 cents.

NEW CHURCH FOR CITY'S SOUTHWEST

Rev. J. Versey May Take Pastorate of Second Disciples Congregation.

COURSE UNCERTAIN

Rev. James H. Versey, since the announcement of his resignation as pastor of the Church of Christ, Disciples, a short time ago, has been the recipient of most cordial expressions of confidence and appreciation of his great work at the Christian church during the past six years.

Though Mr. Versey preached his farewell sermon in the Christian church yesterday he has not yet definitely decided the course which he will follow in the immediate future. Mr. Versey intimated to The Advertiser, however, that a need is felt for a second Church of Christ in the city, to serve the south and west sections, and that he has been asked to take up this work.

During the time of his service as a minister of the gospel, in England, in Jamaica, in United States, and in Canada, Mr. Versey has made a specialty, so to speak, of financial work in the different congregations with which he has been connected. It has been his practice to assume the pastorate of churches where debts were heavy, and it has been his lot to first pay off those debts and then proceed to the remodeling or rebuilding of the church property, leaving the field well established before proceeding to another similar task elsewhere.

In this connection Mr. Versey has been pastor of two congregations where the buildings have been completely remodeled and he has inspired eight other congregations to pay off their debts. And his work in London, in persuading the congregation here to build a fine new church, costing \$44,000, has been no exception to the rule of his experience.

On Provincial Boards.
Mr. Versey is a member of the official board of the corporation of Disciples of Christ in Ontario, agent for the forward movement fund and president of the Disciples' Ministerial association of Ontario.

Mr. Versey was in London Mr. Versey has always taken an active interest in the ministerial alliance, serving as secretary, president and honorary president of that organization.

At its last meeting the alliance passed the following resolution, taking cognizance of Mr. Versey's resignation from the Christian church: "That whereas Continued on Page 4, Column 2."

Big Lincoln, Loaded With Rum, in Trouble, So Owner Borrows at Service Stations.

FOUR IN ONE NIGHT; Watches Left As Security Later Found To Be Made of Tin and Celluloid.

Mr. James Monsel, self-styled big bootlegger, rich Detroit, and jeweler, is wanted by London police for fraud. He is the slickest and most dexterous player of a flim-flam game of any who ever operated in the city, as seven local gasoline service station men, "beaten" out of more than \$100, will testify.

Monsel, cleaned up big in London last week and leaves as a token of remembrance seven glistening, 21-jewel, gold watches behind—watches which on closer scrutiny are found to be made of tin and celluloid with a market price of 75 cents.

Four Imperial oil and three Superpetrol service stations were Monsel's marks. He visited each within the space of a few hours Wednesday evening, and departed from each with a \$20 bill tucked in his pockets.

Big Car Stranded.
Each time he told the same story and, with remarkable suavity established his own trustworthy reputation. At the Imperial oil station of 54 King street he related to Webb Levitt how he was stranded a few miles out of London with a Lincoln car, loaded with broken liquor. The machine was broken down, he said, and was parked in a farmer's garage for repairs. He had come to London to spend the night with a big roll of bills. He became engaged in a poker game and was cleaned of every cent he had. He wanted only a small loan so that he could get back to his car.

"Here," he said, "you can keep my gold watch as surety until I return. It's a valuable thing, one which I would not lose for a local jeweler, who he then detached the shining piece of jewelry from a watch chain and handed it over for inspection.

Stamped "21 Jewels."
It was an elaborate bit of mechanism which ticked gaily. Its quality of 21 jewels was glaringly stamped across the face. Even its delicate machinery looked genuine.

Monsel obtained money from Imperial Oil stations at Quebec and Dundas streets, Richmond and Clarence streets, Corbett's station on Wellington street, and three of the worst stations in the city.

It was not until two days later that the service station men, becoming suspicious, compared notes. The watches were brought to a local jeweler, who declared them to be "just pieces of junk, worth about 50 cents." The golden backs were found to be gilded tin and the movement works were composed of a celluloid material.

Sergeant of Detectives Harry Down was told the story and he has charge of the case.

Monsel's flim-flam, police say, is similar to the opal ring game played upon several Londoners successfully two years ago.

Monsel wore a blue overcoat, a light fedora hat and a polka dot scarf. He is described as good looking, dark, five feet eight inches in height, and a good talker.

TORONTO NOMINATES THREE FOR MAYORALTY

Foster, Cameron and Fieldhouse Named—Contests in All Wards.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 21.—Three were nominated for the mayoralty and nine for the board of control at the Toronto civic nominations, which closed at 1 o'clock today.

Those nominated for mayor were: Thomas Foster, mayor for 1925; R. H. Cameron, member of the board of control, and Sam E. Fieldhouse, who ran for mayor last year, but received on a few hundred votes.

Those nominated for board of control were: Joseph Gibbons, A. E. Hacker, H. C. MacGregor, W. D. Robbins, H. S. Wemp, Sam McBride, E. G. L. Whetter, W. R. Hamilton, W. C. McRien and R. P. Hall. The first three were on the board last year, while Sam McBride and H. S. Wemp were aldermen.

McBride was chairman of the board of education for 1925, and is attempting to step into the higher body.

There will be contests in all the wards for aldermen, insofar as the nominees all remain in the field.

BERLENBACH TO FIGHT.

New York, Dec. 21.—Paul Berlenbach, light heavyweight champion of the world, has agreed to meet on Feb. 5 the winner of the Mike McTigue-Tiger Flowers 15-round contest here Wednesday night. In a conference with Jess McMahon, matchmaker at Madison Square Garden, Berlenbach said he would not draw the color line.

TWO CHILDREN KILLED, RESULT OF MOTOR CRASH

Ruth Collins, Aged 2, and Edwin, Aged 3, Victims of Accident at Delaware When Windsor Car Skids Into Town Hall.

Ruth Marie Collins, aged two, and her brother Edwin, aged three, are dead, their mother, Mrs. Charles Alfred Collins, is in Victoria hospital with a compound fracture of the right thigh, their father, Charles Alfred Collins, suffering from cuts about the head, and a large coupe is a complete wreck as the result of a motor accident at Delaware about 7:15 o'clock last night.

Ruth Marie was killed instantly, while her brother died at 1:30 o'clock this morning in Victoria hospital.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Collins were reported resting comfortably today.

The Collins family, with Lewis Boughner, brother of Mrs. Collins, was returning to Windsor from a visit to Brantford. Boughner was driving, and as the car came to the curve just east of the town hall in Delaware, it skidded on the icy pavement.

Despite all that the driver could do, the car left the pavement and crashed against the corner of the town hall. A hydro pole, just at the corner of the building was broken into several pieces, and the right side of the car, from the front fender, back, was torn to bits.

Ruth Marie Instantly Killed.

Edwin was seated on his father's knee, and Ruth Marie on the knee of her mother. When the car struck the building, the children and the mother were thrown clear of the wreckage, and the father fell on the front fender. Boughner was partly thrown from the car, but hung to the steering wheel.

The children sustained fractured skulls when they struck against the building. Mrs. Collins sustained a compound fracture of the right thigh and several gashes in the thigh, as well as other cuts and bruises about the body.

Mr. Collins was seriously cut about the head, several stitches being necessary to close the wounds. Ruth Marie was instantly killed, while Edwin sustained a fracture of the skull, and part of the skull was pressed against the brain.

Townfolk Rush to Aid.

The crash attracted townfolk, who rushed to assist the injured people, who were carried into a nearby house, and Dr. J. G. Rice, of Delaware, was summoned. He rendered first aid, and an ambulance was called from London.

COMMUNIST CLASS STOUTLY DEFENDED

President of City Society Declares Home Work in Public Schools Is Wrong.

Communist Sunday schools, as institutions for the development of material conception and for the defence of socialism, were stoutly lauded at St. George's hall last evening, when J. Phillips, president of the local Communist party, addressed a meeting. The gathering was open to the public and efforts were made to justify the organization of a Communist Sunday school class for children.

Mr. Phillips, as superintendent of the Sunday school in an Ottawa avenue building, explained the teachings in the school as being to inculcate in children the spirit of revolt against profit-making from child labor, of loyalty to the working class, and instruction in science and evolution.

The meeting opened with the singing of The Red Flag. L. R. Menzies, secretary, was chairman, and he stated that he expected a crowd with much opposition after the various attacks by organizations in the city.

Women's organizations have made fierce attacks on our Sunday schools in an effort to destroy them," he said. "However, we are not afraid of the capitalist attack, but we are determined to hold this meeting to give our opponents a chance to come out in the open."

Home-work for public school pupils was flayed by the speaker and as a result a resolution was unanimously passed protesting such methods and urging that children be educated in school hours and not at night. A copy of the resolution will be forwarded to the board of education.

Mr. Phillips stated that Lord Beaconsfield in his book, Disraeli, pointed out that there were two nations against each other and these were the rich and the poor. "At the beginning of history the world struggle was against external nature, but now it has changed to a social struggle with two classes, the wage-earner and the employer," emphasized the speaker. "This has been brought about by industrial conditions which brought men to such a degraded condition that they have become slaves to their employers more so than in the days of old."

"We are attacked for not teaching religion," he said. "Illustrations by leading men that religion and capitalism were intact. 'You cannot separate religious ideas from capitalism.'"

He told of the discussion in their Sunday school yesterday afternoon on the loyalty of the young pioneers to their class. One young boy asked why he should have to go out and sell papers while the boys of the big houses did not do so. He objected to home-work, stating that the teachers took up the time essential for education by study of cadet movements and religious theories.

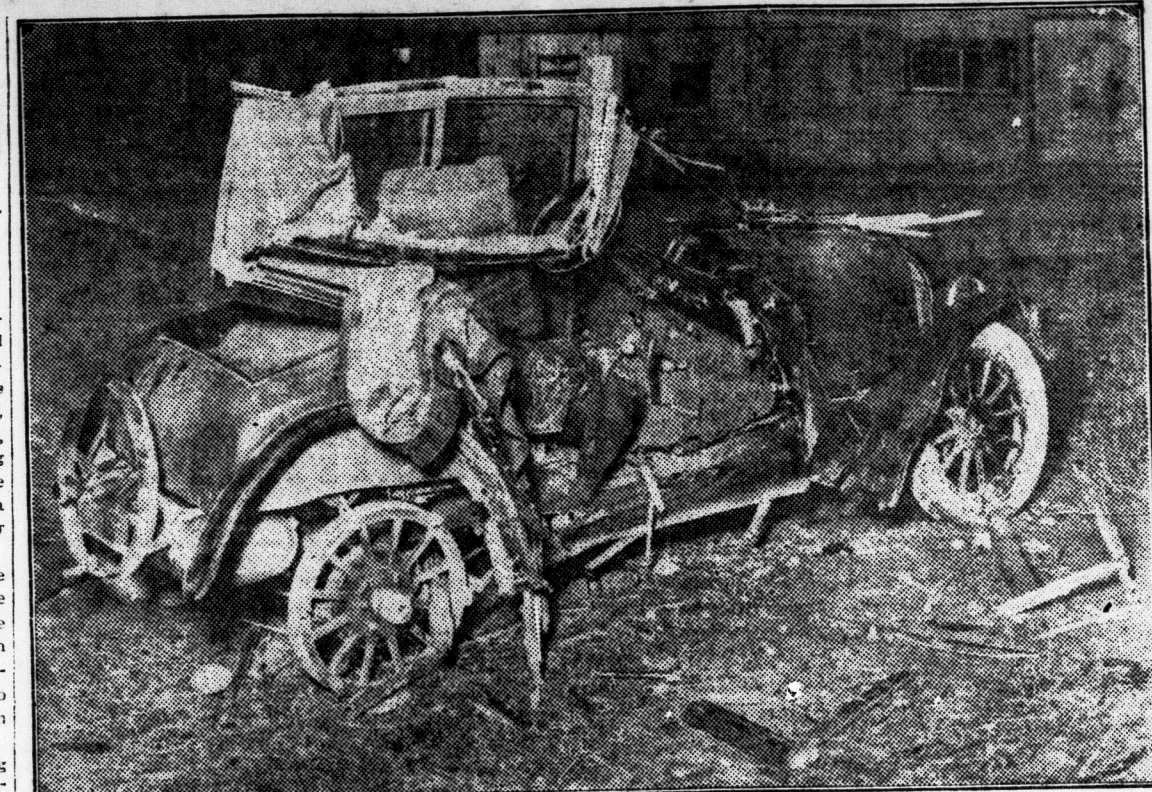
"The attack on the Sunday schools of the Communists is only a blind attack, the whole Communist movement," Mr. Phillips stated. "The attack on this religious side brings more to the light of the movement. Our children are taught material conception, not religion."

SALVATION ARMY CAPTAIN VISITS CALVARY CHURCH

Staff Captain Sparks of No. 1 division of the Salvation army here, addressed the brotherhood of the Calvary United church yesterday morning on the topic, "The immediate needs of the poor and how best to help them."

Col. McAmmond, who was to have addressed the brotherhood, was absent owing to the death of his brother, A. E. McAmmond, on the staff of the C. P. R. at Kenora, who died yesterday morning at his home in that town.

The members of the church took a free-will collection at the conclusion of Staff Captain Sparks' address and presented it to the army as a donation to their work among the poor.



AUTO IN WHICH TWO WERE KILLED.

Wreck of the Boughner car, which last night crashed into the corner of the town hall at Delaware, causing the death of Ruth Marie and Edwin Collins, children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Alfred Collins of Windsor. Ruth, aged two, was instantly killed, and Edwin, aged three, died in Victoria hospital, London, about six hours after the accident.

Mrs. Collins, mother of the children, is in Victoria hospital with a compound fracture of the right thigh, bad cuts and bruises about the body, and possible internal injuries. The father sustained serious cuts about the head, and it is feared also has a slight fracture of the skull.

The auto skidded when making the curve on the highway in Delaware and crashed into the corner of the town hall. A hydro pole at the corner of the building was broken into several pieces.

Lewis Boughner of Windsor, driver of the car, escaped without injury.

AUTO TIES UP BRIDGE TRAFFIC 20 MINUTES

Car Attempts Street Railway Tracks Across River, With Dire Results.

In an apparent endeavor to deprive South Londoners of their already inadequate street car service, an auto bearing license plate No. 96-962, ran aboard the street railway bridge on York street, and was the means of tying up the service for more than twenty minutes. This all occurred during the rush hour around 7:30 o'clock on Saturday night.

The car was going west, and apparently the driver decided to follow the street car tracks. On striking the large iron girder the front left fender was practically torn to pieces, but the car kept bravely on its way until it stuck firmly in the ties midway across the bridge.

The front axle of the car was broken and the left wheel removed, which caused a hurry call to be sent to Terry's garage for assistance before the car could be removed and the street car traffic continued. Whether the driver deemed the York street bridge unsafe for street cars could not be ascertained.

SCENE OF DELAWARE AUTO FATALITY.

Edwin and Ruth Marie Collins, of Windsor, died as the result of an auto crashing into the corner of the town hall at Delaware. The highway pavement to the left of the building was broken up, and when brakes were applied, skidded on the icy pavement and crashed into the stone foundation of the building.

The black line shows the direction of the car from the pavement to the point of crash.

British Monarchy Works With Admirable Effect

"The throne of King George V is the firmest great throne in the world," says the New Statesman, of London, after paying a fine tribute to the late Queen Alexandra.

"Most of us are convinced supporters of the system of constitutional monarchy, because we have seen the advantage of having a hereditary monarch, the whole British Empire. It is necessary not only that the official head of such an agglomeration should enjoy the confidence and respect of his subjects, but that his office should be invested with the greatest possible glamour and prestige—such as cannot be won by elected persons."

"The British monarchy is essentially an empirical device, and as such it works admirably. It embodies the principle of dignity without power more successfully than any other device that has ever been proposed."

"All hereditary offices, of course, involve certain drawbacks. We cannot be perfectly sure that all the future descendants of King George V. will recognize the essential conditions of their constitutional tenure as clearly as he and his immediate predecessors have understood them. But we can see no present ground for alarm on that score."

"Certain misgivings have been rather freely expressed lately, even in the most conservative quarters, about the character and activities of the present heir to the throne. But these misgivings seem to us to be exaggerated. They are nothing beside the things that we have seen in the past. About the prince who subsequently became those excellent constitutional monarchs, William IV. and Edward VII."

"The fact that the Prince of Wales falls over a fence from time to time, or plays the part of a girl in short sorts in a charade, affords no ground for supposing that he will not listen to the advice of his prime ministers, or that he will fall when he is older to behave with that dignity which kings, if not princes, must maintain."

"He has earned, at any rate, even by his tumblers, a popularity which he can turn one day to excellent account if he knows how to do it, and the knowledge of how to do it appears to be a traditional knack among most of the descendants of 'Albert the Good.'"

\$529 IS CONTRIBUTED.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 20.—Contributions to the Christmas community fund to date amount to \$529.50.

Belleville Harbor's Waters Close Over Lads At Play

Canadian Press Despatch.

Belleville, Ont., Dec. 20.—Bernard Brown, aged 9 years, and Eugene Ellsworth, aged 10 years, were drowned here late this afternoon while playing on the ice at the mouth of the harbor. Lloyd Ellsworth, the 8-year-old brother of Eugene, saw the boys disappear through the thin ice and gave the alarm, but the bodies have not yet been recovered.

TRAVELLERS' SPECIAL WILL BE CANCELLED

C.N.R. Officials Declare Special Train Patronage Does Not Warrant Continuance.

Insufficient patronage is given as the cause for cutting off the C. N. R. travellers' special, running between London and Stratford every Monday morning and Friday night.

The regular train goes to Stratford on Monday morning, leaving London at 4:05 a.m. The special leaves at 7:10. On Friday night the regular train arrives at 8:25, and the special arrives at 7:10. One train runs filled full of passengers while the other runs empty.

It is an economical move on the part of the railway. In the summer the travellers use motor cars to go to and from Stratford, and in the winter the number of passengers does not warrant the running of two trains, according to statements of railway officials here.

BUTLER SAYS DRY LAW IS COLOSSAL FAILURE

Head of Columbia University Holds Up Quebec System As Example.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 21.—"The attempt to establish nationwide prohibition by constitutional amendment has proved to be the most colossal failure in the history of government, and judged by its consequences, the most immoral undertaking on which any government ever embarked," Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university, asserted yesterday in replying to a New Jersey woman who had criticized his position on the question.

"To drive prohibition out of the country has become a moral issue," Mr. Butler said in his letter to Mrs. Victor A. Seggerman, of Atlantic Highlands, N.J.

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MANY DOCTORS ASSIST GALBRAITH IN RESEARCH

Londoners Aid in "Issin" Experiments—Galbraith To Present Claims in England.

DR. WAGNER COMING

Pathologist in Federal Department of Health Has Taken Interest in Cancer "Cure."

Such is the interest aroused in the cancer research work of Dr. W. T. Galbraith and his associates, of this city, that they have been asked to lay the result of their work before competent medical bodies of England.

Dr. Galbraith is fully convinced of the efficacy of the "issin" serum for the cure of cancer, and will sail for England on either the Minnesoda or Olympic toward the latter part of January, there to await the verdict of the leaders on similar work.

During the period of work carried on in the laboratory in London, Dr. Galbraith has been largely assisted by Col. E. G. Shannon, also of this city, who brought much of the technical skill needed in the experiments. A major part in the finding of the "issin" cure has also been taken by Dr. H. C. Wagner of Toronto, a pathologist in the employ of the federal department of health.

Laid Before Ottawa. Dr. Wagner was largely instrumental in having the claims of "issin" laid before the federal department of health, and of having Dr. Amyot offer the technical and research aid of the dominion government. Dr. Wagner will be in London on Saturday.

Three other graduates of the Western University have also assisted in the work. Two of these are at present practicing medicine in London, and the other is engaged in research work for one of the larger American hospitals. A prominent medical man of Edinburgh was also a recent visitor to the city. He had been attending the sessions of the American College of Surgeons in Philadelphia, and since that time has been on a lecture tour of the continent. He passed through London on his way back to England, and stopped off for a few hours for the opportunity of meeting Dr. Galbraith.

No wild claims as to the value of the remedy are made by those interested. Dr. Galbraith does claim, however, that if properly used, it means a realizable and practical step toward the elimination of the cancer scourge. The serum will be made available to the public free of charge as soon as practicable. When on the first announcement of the discovery, the medical profession received it with skepticism, since that time many offers of assistance have been received from prominent medical men.

Year Must Elapse. It was hoped at first that the serum would be available to the public by next May, but it now seems probable that a full year will elapse before the methods of producing the serum will be perfected to permit of general distribution. Some nineteen methods of producing the substance have been tried. Dr. Galbraith's trip to England will be largely concerned with obtaining expert scientific methods of obtaining the serum. When the treatment is proved it would probably take five years to show any lessening of the cancer scourge.

Dr. Galbraith emphasizes that he has been working along precisely the same lines as Drs. Gye and Barnard. He claims to have gone one step further, however, in isolating the cancer virus or germ.

The British Empire cancer campaign committee, of which the Duke of York is president, and Sir John Bland-Sutton of the Royal College of Surgeons is vice-president, has been financing Drs. Gye and Barnard. They have also been in touch with the other world-wide fund data exchanged it is apparent that the experiments in both cases have followed much the same lines.

Medical men have investigated and believe that the work of Dr. Wagner with the microscope, ultra-violet rays and photography by the vacuum system equals that of Dr. Gye along the same line. Experiments by Gye and Barnard with self-inoculation also bear out the local results.

The local men have every confidence in the result of their labors, but express the opinion that in any case, should



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MINISTERS DEAN SPEAKS AGAIN

Rev. J. H. Farmer Preaches at Talbot Street Baptist Church Services.

Declaring that the birth of Jesus of Nazareth took place at a psychological moment in the history of the world, Rev. J. H. Farmer, LL.D., dean of McMaster University, yesterday at Talbot street Baptist church, pointed out that this century parallels curiously the century preceding the one in which Christ was born. Rev. Dr. Farmer ended his sermon with the striking prayer, "We again seem to be living in the fullness of the times. May God open our eyes to see Him when He comes again."

"God had prepared the world in various ways for many long years before the fullness of the times came in which Christ should become incarnate," said Dr. Farmer. "The Roman empire was at the height of its power, and under its rule nationalism had given way to universalism. There was a great breadth of culture and there was a result of the universal sway of the mother of cities."

"Then, too, the greatest race intellectualism of the world has ever known dominated the educational and philosophical life of the times. Hellenic culture and knowledge has never been approached in any other age, and there is no language so well suited to the expression of thought as is the Greek."

"Jesus Christ and all his apostles used this language. And the clear thinking of the Greek philosophers had gradually taken hold on the minds of all the people in the Roman empire. The truth advanced by the Hellenic scholars was more and more centering around the theory of one great and supreme God."

The Jews, a monotheistic people, were spread over the face of the known world even as they are today. They were a proselytizing people, and had made thousands of converts. The Romans had built great roads leading throughout their domains, and it was along these highways that the missionaries of the gospel speeded with their message. This twentieth century parallels the first; we again seem to be living in the fullness of the times. May He come soon."

RUSSIAN BATTLE RUSTS DEMOCRAT

It Was Grand Old Party Until Nick Heard Magistrate's Christmas Message.

Pre-Christmas celebrations crowded police court this morning, necessitating the use of an overflow prisoners' box. Seventeen faced a variety of charges, consisting mainly of O. T. A. offences. The prisoners were of all ages, all nationalities. Each had individual excuses. It was not until after the noon hour that a weary magistrate arose from his bench to announce to a crowd of spectators that the morning's show was done.

Nick Kolick, 38-year-old Russian, was the first to tax the court's judicial powers. He couldn't speak English, and was with some difficulty that the seriousness of a charge of driving a motor car while under the influence of liquor was explained to him. After four or five minutes of confusion, the constables told how he would avoid the charge by paying a fine. Mr. Graydon announced a seven-day jail term.

Chief Birrell pointed to the cells below and raising his fingers of his right hand and two of his left, evoked a gleam of understanding from Kolick, who nodded his head and prepared to leave. Malcolm Stewart, an old, old story. If you let me go this time I'll find a steady job for the winter," he said.

"A steady job needs a steady man," Mr. Graydon replied, reminding Stewart that he has appeared more than a dozen times within the past year on drunk charges.

A Vanilla Knockout. Although Stewart protested he was not seriously affected by a potion of vanilla extract and Scotch whiskey yesterday afternoon, Constable Haylock declared he found him lying in an alleyway, slumbering peacefully, with a huge bottle by his side.

"Thirty days in the common jail," said the court. "A month will give you a chance to sober up."

James Reid and Alfred Meaking, vagrants and old-time court patrons, were found in the same state. They both drew 20-day sentences for begging on the streets.

Meaking, appearing not long ago on a similar charge, was given suspended sentence, but the incident was forgotten ten soon afterwards. Even the promptings of Chief Birrell could bring back no picture of a police court case to him this morning, and he repeatedly declared he had never been "bagged for begging" before.

"What do you say to this, then," the chief said, as he waved a long legal document, offering indisputable proof that Meaking was not a stranger to the court.

It is probably because I didn't deal severely enough with you last time that you forgot so quickly," Mr. Graydon said, and he imposed a one-month jail term for Meaking to think things over.

Officials Have Ground For Believing W. Murrell Dead

Brother, Awaiting Extreme Penalty, Said To Have Admitted "Bumping Him Off."

REVEALED AT JAIL

Is William Murrell, member of the Melbourne bandit gang, still successfully evading the police, with a price upon his head, or is he long since dead, the victim of a bullet fired by his own brother, Syd?

An official secret of more than ordinary interest was revealed at the court house today in the statement that Syd Murrell, while awaiting the day of his own execution, partly lifted the curtain on the mystery of his brother's case.

"Syd Murrell after he was brought back from California to await trial for the murder of Russell Campbell at Melbourne was one of the most troublesome prisoners ever held in an Ontario jail," one of his guards told The Advertiser in confirming the report today.

"He was quarrelsome and defiant in the extreme and more than once attacked his guards, relying on his prowess as a professional criminal. The next day he was hanged. The fact that he was hanged was not revealed at the time lest he should be prejudiced in the public mind before his trial. Finally, however, it became necessary to have the issue out with him and that battle in the cells ended in his complete mastery. During the heat of his anger, however, Murrell was much given to ranting revelations when in a passion, shouted that the police could make up their minds that they would never see Bill."

"I bumped him off," he shouted in his anger, but before more could be got from him he seemed to realize that he had talked too much and he sank into a sullen silence. For the next three days he scarcely spoke a word. Repeated efforts were afterwards made to revive conversation on that point, but he refused absolutely to discuss his brother or to admit that he had made any mention of him since his own arrest."

In police circles there is a division of opinion as to whether or not Syd's angry statement should be believed. Some who were most intimately associated with Syd Murrell up to that time of his execution claim that they are convinced that Bill Murrell is dead, and that he died by violence after a gangster's quarrel in which he was opposed by his brother. Others are more inclined to believe that Bill Murrell was the man identified by photographs a few months ago as a mysterious waiter at a convalescent home on the Hudson river north of New York city. That Syd Murrell made such a statement is not doubted, but it is opposed to the view that Syd sought to abate the ceaseless search for his brother by creating the opinion that Bill is dead.

A Model "Lifer." "Slim" Williams, who was sentenced to die with Murrell for the Melbourne crime but who was reprieved on the night before the scheduled execution, is said to have resumed his status as a model prisoner. For a time after he had been sent back to Kingston he abandoned his religious attitude and devoted himself to the pleasures of the prison. He was glad to escape hanging, it is said that he was actually from Syd Murrell was convicted as the man who actually fired the fatal shot. Syd would hang and he would go free. Failure to realize this hope put him in a humor so bad that he lost his good conduct marks.

A visitor at the jail today who recently had been in the Melbourne prison was told that Syd Murrell was probably incurably insane. Fox was convicted with another of having made an indecent attack on a woman in the prison. He was sentenced subsequently to a long prison term with lashes and, filled with horror, became insane. He was removed to the institution for the criminally insane at Guelph.

BOARD MAY NAME MESS AS NEW VICE-CHAIRMAN

Support Given Move To Provide Second-in-Command For School Board.

As the constitution of the board of education stands at present to abolish the position of vice-chairman is being suggested, would necessitate the changing of the rules and regulations. To make any change in the existing constitution requires first a notice of motion at a regular meeting, and then a two-thirds vote of the members to adopt the motion at a subsequent regular or special meeting called for that purpose.

Trustee Rev. R. D. Mess, who ran second to Trustee A. R. Cairncross, who headed the poll at the recent elections, is entitled in the opinion of members of the board, to the vice-chairmanship.

Mr. Mess, it is understood, has expressed his willingness to act as chairman of the new public school committee, while Trustee George F. Copeland, chairman of the advisory-vocational committee this year, also has been spoken of as vice-chairman of the board.

The vice-chairman, like the chairman of the board, is elected by ballot of the members without nomination, and the final result therefore remains more or less in doubt.

ARMY SORRY TO HEAR OF COL. OTWAY'S DEATH

News of the death of Col. H. E. Otway, late secretary of men's social operations of the Salvation Army in the eastern districts, was received with particular regret in London in view of the fact that he was in town recently, on his final tour of inspection before he retired. Col. Otway died at his home in Toronto on Saturday morning. He is survived by two daughters, Kathleen Gertrude, and one son, Staff-Captain Harry Otway of Chicago. All are actively interested in Salvation work.



JOSEPH McCULLEY, of St. Thomas, now a student at Oxford university, England, who is on his way home to spend Christmas in Canada. McCulley was awarded two years' tuition in Oxford while a student at the university of Toronto. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McCulley, St. Thomas.

TRUCK SNOWPLOW FOR COUNTY ROADS

Purchase Authorized by Suburban Area Commission on Saturday.

Snow-bound roads in Middlesex county are a thing of the past if the suburban area roads commission and the advisory board of the county council have their way. Authority to purchase a snowplow, to be propelled by a truck, was given County Engineer Charles Talbot at a meeting held in the county building on Saturday.

Improving highways during the year 1925 cost the commission \$88,290.23. This amount, submitted by the engineer, included the straightening of the hair-pin curve on the Mount Pleasant road. This figure takes in bridge maintenance as well.

Highways coming under the supervision of the commission are the Pipe Line road, Wellington road, Sarnia road, Hamilton road, River road and Adelaide street.

The city's share in the amount named was \$21,101.95. The county paid \$23,497.44, while the province contributes \$44,090.84.

The commission decided to buy James Dunham's gravel pit for \$2,700.

When Mr. Talbot's report was accepted, the members of the commission approved a hearty vote of thanks to him for his efficiency.

Warden Allen McPherson, W. Ross, J. S. Cousins and C. Hodgins of the county council and E. S. Little, J. L. Robinson, W. J. Fuller and Joseph Winter of the commission, were present.

MAYOR MUST SIGN OWN \$4,500 CHECK

Wenige Leaves Office Before Hospital Trust Payment Made to Moore.

A voucher authorizing the payment of \$4,500 to John H. Moore & Co. for preparing plans for the nurses' home arrived at the city hall bright and early this morning. No check was made out for Mayor Wenige to sign, as his worship, who held office until 11 o'clock, told officials that he wouldn't affix his official signature to it in any event.

This means that Mayor Moore will have the opportunity of signing over \$4,500 to his company for work undertaken long before he had any thought of entering the municipal arena.

Whether or not any voter will attempt to unseat Mayor Moore remains to be seen. His worship states that he had legal advice on the matter before entering the field and was told that it would be quite legal to collect the account.

Supporters of Mayor Wenige, however, do not agree with this angle of the case and it is stated that a concerted effort will be made to unseat Mayor Moore on the basis of his failure to sign the check for his own use.

City hall officials point out that there is nothing illegal in Mayor Wenige signing a check for his own use. The mayor signs his own salary checks each month and also checks for expenses incurred on trips out of the city in connection with civic affairs.

GEORGE BOUCHER DIES; WAS OXFORD VETERAN

One of Oxford's oldest and most respected citizens passed away Sunday evening at the home of his son, 300 Hyman street, in the person of George Boucher.

The late Mr. Boucher, who was in his 73rd year, was born in Washington Blenheim township, Ont. He received his education in the schools of the district and made agriculture his life work, retiring several years ago.

ROAD WATERFARGE SYSTEM CUTS TAX

London Township Share in County Rate Is Two Mills Lower.

Miss Mary Grant, clerk and treasurer of London township, signed a check for \$52,910.85 this morning and sent it on to the office of Capt. Tom Robson, county treasurer. This amount is the share of London township in the county rate for the year 1925.

The mill rate for the township is one and two-tenths mills lower than that of last year, said Miss Grant today, and the township share in the county rate is two mills on the dollar less than it was for 1924. This change is due to the different system inaugurated for the maintenance of the roads throughout the township. Statute labor was abolished and a one-mill levy made instead.

London township is voting at the forthcoming municipal elections as to whether it will retain this system or go back to the old statute labor method, municipalities in Ontario are doing their road work under the new system, whereby the township levies a tax on the ratepayers and the provincial government refunds 90 per cent of the cost of labor and material and 50 per cent of the cost of road machinery and salary of the road superintendent.

The council of the township of London feels, however, says Miss Grant, that the people of the township should be given an opportunity to express their opinion in the matter, although to go back to the old statute labor conditions would mean that his township would have to pay 100 per cent of the money spent. The provincial government absolutely refuses to grant a cent refund on the cost of the statute labor system is in force, says Miss Grant. The provincial officials feel that the old system is an antiquated and costly one.

City Churches

NEW ST. JAMES' SUPPER. The ladies of the cradle roll department and primary teachers of New St. James' Presbyterian church entertained the mothers and children of the cradle roll and primary classes on Friday at the annual Christmas supper and entertainment.

The lower hall was tastefully decorated under the able co-operation of Mrs. Roland Day and her assistants. The tables were covered with red and green and red candles.

After supper the children gathered around the pretty Christmas tree to await the arrival of Santa Claus, who arrived in due time amid shouts of joy, bringing his cheery greetings and shaking hands with the children and giving each a gift of candy and oranges.

This being the last meeting of this year, the president, Mrs. L. McQueen, thanked all the ladies who helped with the work, and the women sewing for the Victorian Order of Nurses and any needy ones, and bringing cheer to many homes.

BEN FOLKES will give an address on "Christmas Carols and Customs" at the regular meeting of the young people's league of Wellington street United church tonight. In addition to this there will be a surprise program and a social Christmas evening will be spent.

ST. ANDREW'S. At the close of the service of St. Andrew's United church last evening, the young people's federation held their regular meeting with Mrs. E. E. Wheeler gave a very interesting illustrated talk on "The History of the Pipe Organ." Cameron Wilson president at the meeting and Miss Argo contributed a solo.

EMPRESS AVENUE PARTY. The Empress Avenue United school-room was the scene of a happy gathering on Saturday, when the children of the primary class were entertained at a party. There was an attendance of 107 children and their mothers. During the afternoon the children enjoyed games and singing. Refreshments were served at pretty tables decorated in Christmas colors, and each child was happily away with a Christmas box filled with goodies. Afternoon tea was served the mothers, and those who assisted in serving were Mrs. Berry, superintendent of the primary department; Mrs. L. D. Graham, assistant superintendent; Mrs. R. G. Bowie, superintendent of the cradle roll department, and teachers of the primary department and their friends.

ST. LUKE'S A. Y. P. A. The A. Y. P. A. of the Church of the Resurrection presented their play, A Poor Married Man, recently, to a large and very appreciative audience in St. Luke's Sunday school room.

Much credit is due to the members of the cast on the way they presented this funny three-act comedy-farce. Their interpretation of the various parts was of the best calibre, and this was plainly seen by the many hearty laughs of the audience.

It would be very hard to pick out any outstanding character in their cast, but must mention the work of Laura Fletcher as Mrs. Iona Ford, the "mother-in-law with an experience." Sidney Kiff, as Professor John E. Wise, was very good in his portrayal of the bewildered husband. In the first two acts, and the happy married man in the last.

Altogether, the play was fully appreciated, and should the Resurrection young people visit St. Luke's again they may certainly be sure of a just welcome.

The St. Luke's Dramatic club will be paying a return visit to the Resurrection some time early in the new year, when they will present their play entitled Yimmlie Yonson's Yob.

THE MEMBERS of the primary department and cradle roll of Robinson United Sunday school and their mothers enjoyed a very delightful Christmas party on Saturday afternoon. There was a large attendance and a fine program was given by the children, with Rev. Capt. Edwards as chairman. Mrs. W. F. Marshall told a very delightful Christmas story, and Santa Claus sent one of his fairies to distribute the treats to the children. Mrs. Catherine, superintendent of the cradle roll department, distributed the cradle roll certificates to the babies. The school room was prettily decorated with a Christmas tree and holly.

WELLINGTON SERVICE. A large congregation assembled in Wellington street United church last night when the Nativity was given by the choir, under the leadership of E. E. Werner. Solos were beautifully rendered by Mrs. F. Anstie, Mrs. Frank Webster and S. Buller. The pastor, Rev. J. W. Hibbert, gave a brief address on "The Message of the Angel," and the congregation was delighted with the service.

KNOLLWOOD IS FAVORABLE TO COMMUNITY HALL PROJECT

Improvement Association Holds Annual Meeting and Discusses Achievements of 1925 and Plans For Coming Year.

Affairs of the Knollwood Park improvement association were reviewed and plans laid for the future at their fourth annual meeting held in the basement of the Church of Resurrection. There were a large number of members in attendance, and encouraging reports were received from the various committees.

President A. Sanderson occupied the chair and explained the purpose of the association. Several communications were read and filed. The auditors gave a healthy report as to the financial condition of the society and a grant of \$25 was voted to the secretary for his services. All accounts outstanding were ordered paid and the association will start the new year with a clean sheet.

A favorable report was received from the carpenter team and also the proposed minstrel troupe that has been formed in the club.

It was announced that the first show would be staged on Dec. 29 in the basement of the church. The troupe will be known as the Knollwood Park Improvement Association Minstrels.

The proposed community hall, which has been discussed, was left over till the next meeting. However, the new project is looked upon with great favor by the residents of that district and it is likely that the association will host of a new hall in the near future.

The secretary was instructed to write the city council once more regarding the condition of the ditches on Oxford street. An invitation was extended to the township council to attend the next regular meeting. A committee was appointed to look into the constitution as several alterations were suggested.

The following officers were elected for 1926: President, J. Ward; vice-president, A. Sanderson; secretary, R. Matthews; treasurer, J. Balch; auditors, Messrs. Fox and Fletcher.

NO MORE LENIENCY, COURT ANNOUNCES

Magistrate Determined To Stop Practice of Driving While Drunk.

Little leniency will in future be shown drunken auto drivers, according to Magistrate A. H. M. Graydon. Convicting three men in police court this morning, the magistrate declared that the minimum penalty of a compulsory jail term of seven days was not severe enough to put an end to the practice.

Lloyd Haight, of St. Thomas, was sentenced to seven days in addition to his auto license will be suspended for three months. Haight was arrested by Sergeant William Middaugh last night when he drove his car into a curb and came to a stop by bumping the rear of a parked motor car. Two other occupants of the auto and a small child were arrested on intoxication charges. They were fined \$10 and costs each.

The amalgamation and the constitution of the newly-formed Canadian legion, which takes in all the various organizations of veterans in Canada, will be the chief topic for discussion at the general meeting of the Great War Veterans' association to be held tomorrow night. The main object of the meeting is to make known the principal items of the constitution to the legion veterans. Other important matters relative to the veterans' welfare will also be brought up.

President Haight will be in charge of the meeting. One of the new clauses in the constitution is that any man that enlisted in the Canadian expeditionary formation in the war membership in the new society, even if he did not see active service.

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Smoke them—"Green."

FOUR NEW DIRECTORS NAMED BY ONTARIO TRAVELLING MEN

Fred St. Lawrence of London Again Heads Polls—J. H. Laughton and J. R. Grierson Elected Vice-Presidents—Only Living Charter Member Attends Annual Meeting.

Albert E. Cowley, president-elect of the Ontario Commercial Travellers' association, was on Saturday afternoon installed at their 49th annual meeting in this city. John H. Laughton, who was returned as first vice-president, and J. R. Grierson was elected to the second vice-presidency.

Fred W. St. Lawrence again headed the polls for the board of directors. R. W. Howe and D. S. McGugan, members of last year's directorate, were also returned. New members elected to the board this year were C. J. Atkins, A. A. Morrison, R. G. McKay and John C. Doldge.

The vote this year was the largest ever polled, some 1,374 ballots having been cast. W. R. Kern and E. J. Dawson assisted Mr. Grant in preparing the report.

President Cowley and vice-president J. C. Laughton were appointed as representatives to the Western Fair board, while J. F. Kern and E. J. Dawson were returned as auditors. A committee, consisting of A. E. Cowley, Geo. E. Hair and Frank Harley was appointed to make suitable plans for the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the association, to be held this year. A suggestion was advanced that a travellers' day be held during London Centennial next August.

The annual report, read by Secretary Geo. Hair, was unanimously adopted. During the meeting, a letter was read from Treasurer A. E. Harbour, who was unable to be present. He placed before the members a short financial statement.

Transfer \$400.

On notice of A. A. Morrison, it was unanimously decided that \$100 of the general fund be transferred to the annual special donation fund, which takes care of various charitable organizations which are remembered each year by the association.

Three other motions advanced were all defeated. President Cowley moved

for the inauguration of a federal board, consisting of three members from each of the five commercial travellers' associations in the dominion, to meet each year with the Canadian Passenger association board. E. N. Hannah urged that an agreement be arrived at as to how many representatives should be sent from each association. This, he pointed out, would eliminate any additional expense attached to a federal board, and at the same time eliminate any possible dominance in numbers which one association might have over another.

The other motions dealt with the mortuary benefits and the permanent relief funds. In the latter case, the members were of opinion that the subscriptions to the fund should be entirely voluntary.

A communication from R. E. Ruse, of the Canadian National Railway said that the special train running to Stratford on Monday mornings and returning on Friday nights, would be discontinued on January 3rd. According to J. R. Grierson, chairman of the railway committee, the board of directors will take immediate action in an attempt to have the train continued.

Old Member There.

An interesting feature of the afternoon was the attendance of John Brongie, the only living member who signed the application for charter in 1875, forty-nine years ago. Since that time Mr. Brongie has been in attendance at every annual meeting of the association, and many were the congratulations which he received on his splendid record.

The evening services at the Metropolitan United church on Sunday, Jan. 3, will be devoted to the commercial travellers of the city. Rev. J. Bruce Hunter will preach a sermon in keeping with the occasion, and a special programme and special music will be provided. The travellers were urged to turn out en masse to the service, and give it every possible support.

SHIP DUPLICATES LAST YEAR'S FEAT

F. B. Squires Closes Season at Sarnia—Harbor Tenders Noisy Greeting.

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Dec. 20.—The steamer F. B. Squires of the Jenkins Steamship Line passed Sarnia, downbound, at 9:45 Saturday morning, closing the navigation season for 1925.

The Squires, her sides and decks covered with ice, showing the battle she had with the ice waters of Superior and Huron, received a noisy welcome from the ships in the Sarnia harbor as she passed down. She is bound to Port Huron. The Squires is the last steamer to sail down the lakes, duplicating her feat of 1924, but that time she was stuck in the ice for several days in Lake St. Clair.

Sarnia ranked tenth in the value of building during the month of November with a total of \$45,485. Some cities of comparative size are: Belleville, \$2,200; Brantford, \$4,198; Chatham, \$16,278; Port William, \$15,725; Guelph, \$31,410; Kingston, \$25,000; Galt, \$20,075; Owen Sound, \$6,000; Peterboro, \$11,650; Galt, \$700; Stratford, \$18,945; St. Thomas, \$10,700; Toronto, Windsor and Kitchener were some of the cities which surpassed Sarnia.

Edward Allen Little, deported by the American immigration authorities, after languishing over 100 days in jail, is being detained in custody here pending word from Colden, in Renfrew county, where, it is said, a charge of non-support has been laid against him.

GETTING BUSY ON PLAN WINTER FAIR QUARTERS

Permanent Home For Peninsular Exhibition Wanted—First Move Made at Chatham.

Special to The Advertiser.

Chatham, Dec. 20.—The Peninsular Winter Fair association made the first move towards securing permanent buildings for the winter fair on Saturday afternoon, by the appointment of a committee to prepare a report as to the requirements in the way of an arena and livestock buildings and the suitable sites available, to be presented at a meeting of the directors, county and city councils, board of trade, Rotary club, Chatham Hockey association, and other organizations interested in the winter fair project.

The success attending the winter fairs, held in temporary quarters, has stimulated great interest in the city and district, and the directors are confident that the financial aid will be pledged to assure the establishment of the fair in Chatham on a permanent basis.

THUGS BLOW SAFE OPEN, BUT LOOT IS ONLY \$3

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, Dec. 20.—Breaking into the office of the Imperial gas station at London and Main streets early this morning, burglars removed the safe in an automobile to the head of Ottawa street on the mountain and blew it open with dynamite. They were rewarded with \$3, which was all the money the safe contained.

SCOTLAND STILL WET

Sixteen Parishes Vote On Local Option and Retain Pubs.

Associated Press Despatch.

Glasgow, Dec. 20.—Sixteen parishes in Lanarkshire, Scotland, have just voted on local option under the Scottish temperance act and have gone wet by large majorities.

In two of the Lanarkshire parishes, Cambusland and Rutherglen, there has been a remarkable reversion in favor of the return of licensed public-houses. Five years ago these two places voted the licensed public-houses out of existence.



EX-OFFICER WILL WED IN IMMIGRATION SHED.

Above is shown a portrait of Captain Tamas Kartzoff, former cavalry officer in one of the crack Russian regiments, and now of Toronto. He is bringing his fiancée to Canada within a short time, and, due to the restrictions of the immigration act, will be married in the immigration shed at Niagara Falls.

AUTO CRASHES TRAIN, OCCUPANTS ESCAPE

Sedan Is Wrecked When It Runs Into C. P. R. Freight at Ingersoll.

Special to The Advertiser.

Ingersoll, Dec. 20.—When a large sedan crashed into a C. P. R. freight train at the Thames street crossing, Earl Brunskill of North Oxford, and Ralph Marshall, Skye street, had a miraculous escape. Brunskill, who was driving, did not see the train, and the gates were not being operated at the time. The car was wrecked, Brunskill was rendered unconscious, and also sustained head injuries and cuts on his left hand. Marshall received injuries to his back, which are not thought to be serious.

The services in the Baptist church today were conducted by Rev. M. C. McLean of Toronto, a former pastor, who was greeted by large congregations. On the Saturday market turkeys were fairly plentiful at 40 cents per pound; geese sold freely at 25 cents per pound, and ducks at 20 cents per pound. Potato offerings continue to be very limited.

LOUIS MENDELSON DIES

Following An Illness of But A Few Days, Merchant Dies.

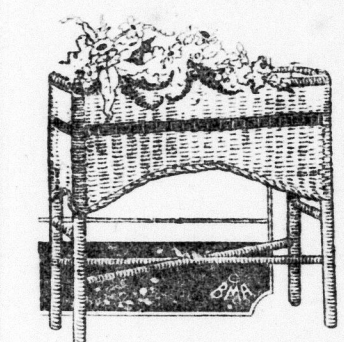
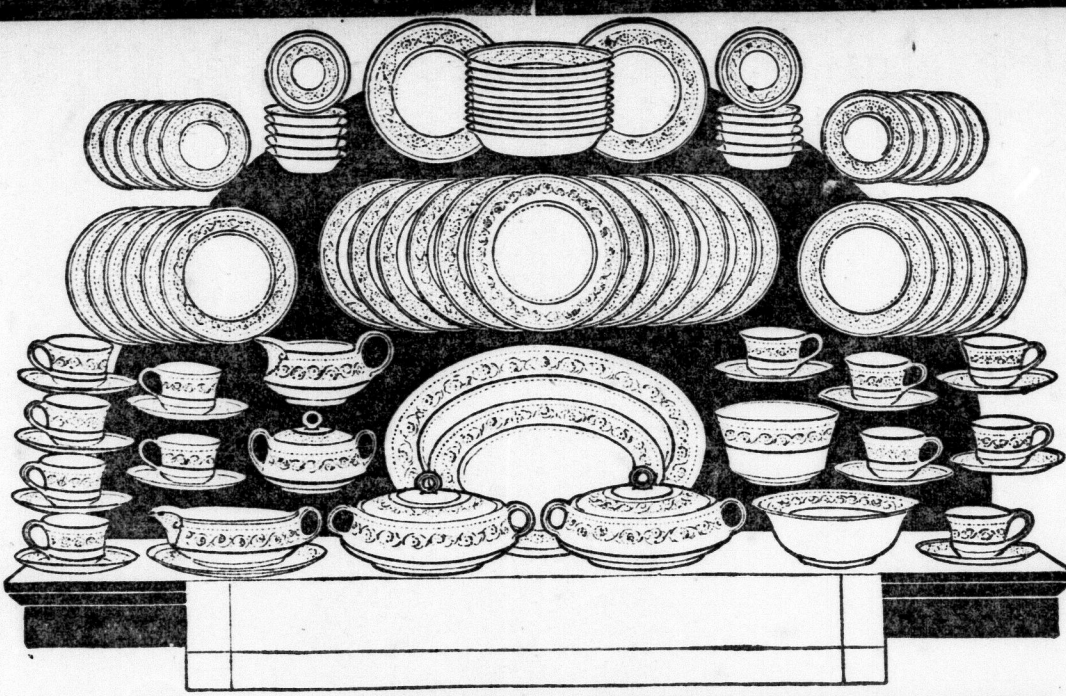
Following an illness of but a few days, the death occurred in St. Joseph's hospital early yesterday morning, of Louis Mendelson, aged 47 years, a resident of this city for the past 16 years. Mr. Mendelson contracted a long and serious illness, which was followed by a severe attack of pneumonia, from which he never recovered. The deceased had for some time conducted a grocery store at the corner of Horton and Clarence streets. He was very well known about the city, and was an active member of the Independent Order of Odd-fellows.

Besides his widow, he is survived by two sons, Samuel and Benjamin, five daughters, Mary, Annie, Lena, Rebecca and Molly, all of whom are living at home.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon from the family residence, 88 Hamilton road. Interment was made in the Jewish cemetery.

YULE FETE IN ST. MARYS.

St. Marys, Dec. 20.—The annual Christmas tree and entertainment of the Sunday school of St. James' Anglican church was held in the parish hall on Friday evening. About three hundred gifts were distributed from a large Christmas tree.



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25 ONLY!
REED FERNERY \$4.50
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\$6.50 Reed Cabs
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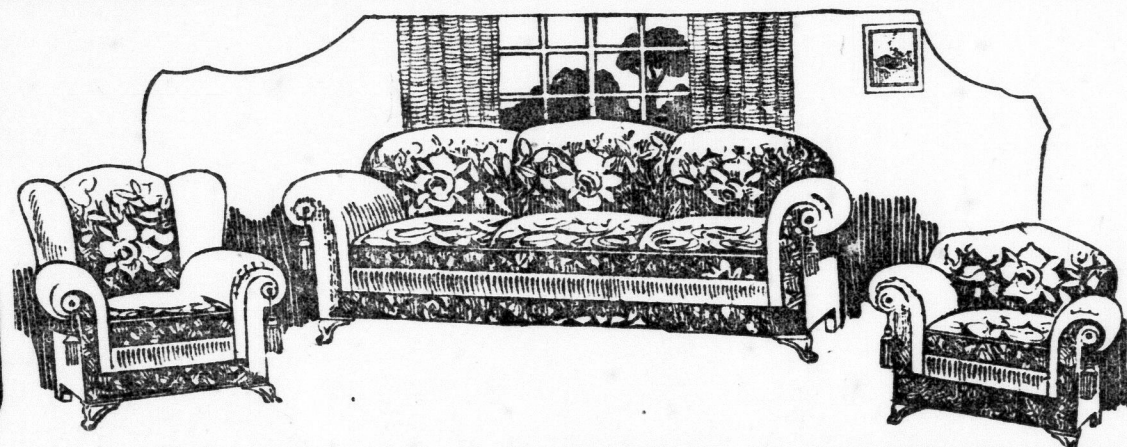
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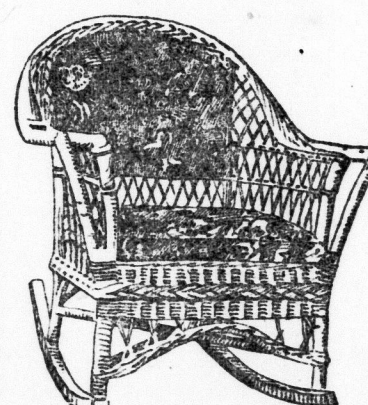


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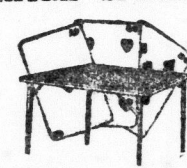
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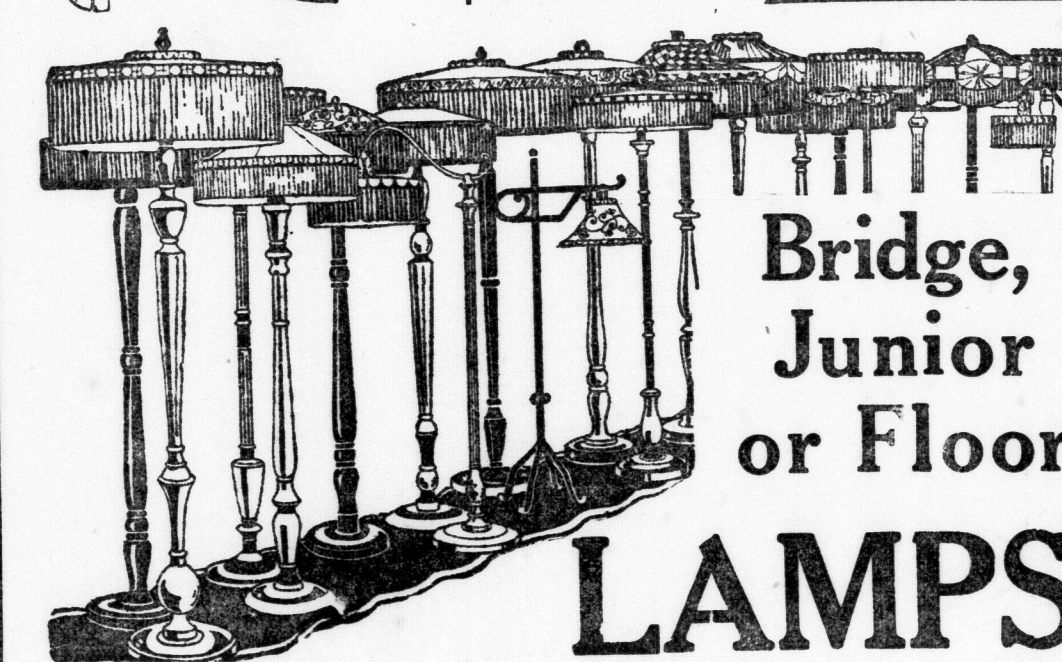
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Large size, deep, wide, 16-spring seat, upholstered in fine English tapestry; 50 only

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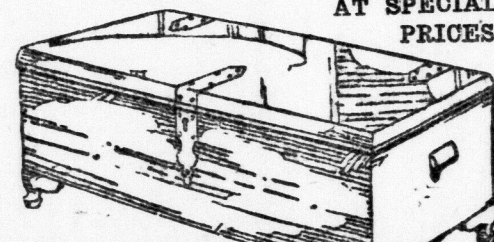
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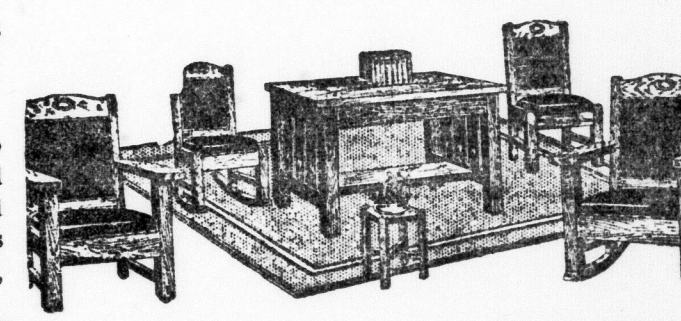
50 only; Choice of many styles, silk or glass shades.

\$9.00 Lamp \$4.50
\$12.00 Lamp \$6.00
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\$24.00 Lamp \$12

50 Sturdy Den Sets In a Sensational Sale

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7 pieces! Two Chairs, two Rockers, Library Table and End Table, made of solid fumed oak, upholstered seats of brown Bradley leather, with spring construction.



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All Huddled Together.

Realtors and architects have combined in New York to build a monster apartment that will house 800,000 people. There will be one central heating plant, and one garage 15 stories high. Plans call for a market place, swimming pools, gymnasiums, etc., all in the one space that will take in about ten acres.

A building to house 800,000 people could take in the population of Toronto and still be able to leave the sign "Rooms to Let" hanging in the front window. It could accommodate Montreal without crowding, or Manitoba, British Columbia or Alberta, and leave plenty of room for all their friends and relatives to come and visit. The residents of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island could move in together, and after they got settled would be able to pass to the people of Brantford, Chatham, Galt, Guelph, Kingston, Kitchener and London to come on down and help fill the place up.

The business office of the new super-apartment has announced that it will be possible to rent apartments at the rate of \$500 per room per year instead of the \$1,000 rate now charged on Park avenue in New York. Thus a person with a very modest four-room apartment can have it for \$2,000 a year, rent, or if he cares to pay by the quarter, \$500 every three months. If he prefers to pay rent by the month, he will fork over \$166.66 2/3, or a trifle better than \$5.50 a day.

There is no good reason to doubt that the project will be proceeded with, as five acres have been purchased and plans have been drawn for the structure. It is the last word in making people as comfortable as possible when they are huddled together as they are in the larger cities. Such may be well for those who have become used to it, or who through necessity have to the method, but it's a long way from the idea of home and of living cherished by those who still hold that the six or seven-roomed house with lawn and garden space is a far enough departure from the great open spaces.

That New York apartment will be the greatest place of its kind in the world, but there will be no line fence to lean on and discuss current topics with the neighbors. There will be no places to putter around and plant dutch sets and head lettuce in the spring, no spot to grow mignonette and forget-me-not borders, no place for sweet williams and no back porch on which to train the honeysuckle. And no spot at all to fashion a piano-box into a chicken-house; no place to keep a dull axe, because there's nothing to chop, and no hoe or rake or spade with a cracked handle, because there's no ground into which to gouge holes. Let's have the old five-roomed cottage, where the milkman leaves bottles on the front step and where the grocer buys steps to chat a while when he brings over the brown sugar, the yeast cakes and the coal-oil can.

The Mayor-Elect's Contract.

It is unlikely that any steps will be taken to prevent Mayor-elect John M. Moore from taking office because he had a contract with the city through the hospital trust for preparing plans for the new nurses' home.

Mr. Moore started this work in September, before there was any talk of him offering his services as mayor. It was largely completed by his firm before he accepted nomination, and after election Mr. Moore took the necessary steps to inform the hospital trust at its regular meeting that he could not receive further remuneration from them on this work.

The municipal act provides that no person having a contract with or a claim against the city can be elected to office or hold office after such election. This provision was made to prevent persons in public office using their vote or influence to secure public contracts for themselves, and it is a wise provision to make. There is nothing to indicate the necessity of making application of these provisions to the case in question. Mayor-elect Moore, without any suggestion that he should do so, dissociated himself with the contract which he had secured before he became a civic official. That should be sufficient.

Provision Was Ready.

James Baird is 16, Aberdeen was his birth place and home until he left for Canada a few months ago, and 17 shillings was the total of his capital. Since landing in Halifax he has picked up several odd jobs, worked his way or walked as far as London, and has thus seen more of Canada than most people who have spent their lives here.

Just now he happens to be in Victoria Hospital in this city because his feet were rather badly frozen from exposure and long walking. James had no money and no credentials. His only claim was that he needed attention, and that was sufficient.

The people of London collectively are taking care of this young son of Scotland. They never heard of him before, probably with the exception of a few who never see him. They had no intimation that he was coming, but when he did arrive in bad shape, not one of his 17 shillings left, this city had a place to care for him. This is not an isolated case, but typical of many others that find their way there in the course of a year.

The general public do not often hear much of

this kind of work that they are making possible through their tax bills, and it does no harm for them to know now and then that they are partners in a very kindly and commendable enterprise.

What the Figures Show.

Complete returns from the dominion elections show that of the five parties with candidates in the field, Labor and Independent supporters had to poll many more votes to elect a candidate than any of the others.

The standing in the house, together with the total vote, is as follows:

	Members.	Total vote.
Conservatives	116	1,455,625
Liberals	101	1,258,465
Progressives	25	277,259
Labor and Independent	3	140,842
Totals	245	3,132,191

The Conservative candidates on an average represent 12,548 votes, and the Liberals 12,460. The Progressives secured a slightly larger representation, according to the total vote polled, than the others, for with 277,259 votes they returned 25 candidates, or an average of 11,090 per member elected.

The Labor and Independent candidates, of whom there were two in Manitoba and one in Quebec successful, represent 140,842 votes polled for the cause they represent, or an average per successful candidate of 46,947. Had they been able to secure elected members on the same basis as Liberals or Conservatives their total vote would have resulted in 11 members, and on the basis of the Progressive representation, 12 members.

Speaking of the Powder Puff

St. Catharines had a fire in its downtown section, and right at the spot where the fire was preparing to do its work was an office in which a number of young ladies were employed.

The fire alarm produced no mad rush, not one of the young ladies fainted, went into hysterics or appeared at a window screaming for rescue. Young ladies are supposed to do any one of these things, but no so in St. Catharines.

They trooped to the lockers where the fur coats, bob hats and powder puffs of the wage slaves were parked. Donning their raiment, they went to the office mirror, adjusted their hats to that peculiar angle where only the tip of the nose is apparent, placed some powder on that tip, and announced to the brave firemen that they were all ready and prepared to be rescued.

Perhaps herein lies the cure for the mad stampede that kills people when the cry of fire is raised. If the idea can be firmly established that it is well to have the nose nicely dusted before being burned or trampled upon, the rushing, unthinking, panic-stricken mob may be a thing of the past. We may yet see the powder puff fighting its way into the coat-of-arms of the safety-first league.

Prospects Not Bright.

In Czechoslovakia, when the premier attempted to read the government's message his voice was drowned by whistles, songs, and just to add a touch more forceful members pelted each other with bundles of paper.

In Paris, while the chamber of deputies was in session the appearance of General Sarraill in the galleries started a riot, in which ink-bottles and other missiles were hurled around the premises, and an occasional ballot-box was tossed into the fracas.

There are not very bright prospects of countries being governed intelligently where those who presume to govern cannot govern themselves.

Note and Comment.

A 'cello is just a violin that's had a chance.

The village blacksmith in Zephyr, Ont., has just heard that he is heir to \$60,000. Sort of a windfall.

The newest thing in women's hair-cuts is the angelic hob. The only stipulation is the price to pay for it.

Mr. Meighen is quite a dancer. Out west he's been going through the lancers, and in Bagot he did the two-step.

Baby camel, bump and all, was born in Detroit zoo. And at this time of year most of the folks are also humpin'.

Eighty-four able-bodied men in Chatham applied for positions on the police force. The other three have good jobs now.

So far neither the U. S. operators nor miners have put forward the claim that they are conserving the country's natural resources.

Five Colorado banks closed their doors last week, and the reason given is "frozen assets." No doubt another outcome of the coal strike.

So many people are rushing to Florida to trade in real estate that hundreds are living in tents, while others who have put up good money from a distance are living in hives.

One judge, in discussing divorce, says men should not marry until they reach the age of reason. Very unfair to the ladies, whose big chance is catching them before they get there.

It is claimed there will be another appeal in the North Huron case. On what ground? The man who was elected by the voters has been awarded the seat, and we take it that that is the purpose aimed at in holding an election.

Hanging as a means of execution is new in Greece, and the first execution of that sort was in the open, where it was witnessed by 30,000 people. In this country each hanging sees more secrecy, more restrictions on the number who can attend, and this development is right. Nothing is gained by making a public exhibition of the last step of the law that snuffs out a human life.

Recollections

By ARK.

I heard the choir on Sunday sing the Christmas anthems for the day, a joyful theme indeed it was and sung in happy sort of way.

Which made me sit and think a spell when I lived on concession ten, and helped the choir to sing the song of peace on earth, goodwill to men. Beside me there was sittin' Joe, we sung there for nine years or so, me takin' notes that ran up high, him takin' those that rumbled low.

It was a humble place we sang, we didn't have pipe-organs there, no motors and such modern means for pumpin' up sufficient air. The organist what played for us she pumped her feet and sang as well, and when we all got under way the music used to run right well. We had no gowns like they have now, no choir lofts built of high-priced wood, we wore our Sunday best to church and whooped her up as best we could.

There was no sheets of music then, an anthem book of ancient style, and every number in that book we reckoned was a song worth while. We new each word from front to end, and when at last the book was done we'd sing them in their turn again a-startin' fresh on number one.

And I'm not braggin' when I tell how me and Joe would warble there, when singin' on concession ten and sittin' on a kitchen chair.

When Christmas came around each year we fairly made the rafters ring, a-tellin' how the shepherds heard the angels come at night to sing. And I would be a-singin' high, that be the part set out for me, while Joe he'd be a-thumpin' low and praisin' on a lower D.

I wouldn't mind goin' back once more and singin' on concession ten, and more especial if I know that Joe'd be settin' there again.

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The Once-Over

OBITUARY.

Here lies what's left of Sam Magee. He thought his car could climb a tree.

—Chicago Herald-Examiner.
Tread softly here for Goody Gitch. He thought his fliv could jump a ditch.

—Detroit Free Press.
'Say just a word for poor Mike Tidd. He thought his bus would never skid.

By way of affirming their protestations, the Italians have wiped out a whole city in Somaliland, thus convincing the natives of their kind, protecting care over them.

Speaking of a merry Christmas, a chap in our office got a note today which read as follows: "I owe you \$25, but as this is the 'Xmas season I am sure you won't mind if I don't pay you for a few months."

WANTED—A STRONG, SILENT MAN.

A modern flapper complains that all her boy friends talk too twaddle, hot-air, chatter, prattle, jabber, bilble-able and glibble-gabble.

Sir Oliver Lodge says the end of the world will come in 200,000,000,000 years. "And this date is no mere guess," he adds. We feel relieved.

TODAY'S MOST USELESS INFORMATION.

In 1492 a meteorite weighing 26 pounds fell in Alsace.

AND WE DON'T MEAN MAYBE.

The mean diameter of the earth's orbit is 186,000,000 miles, which is no mean diameter.

ONE GOOD SPOUT DESERVES ANOTHER.

A waterspout 800 feet high occurred recently off the coast of England. It was believed to be due to the publication of Lord Beaverbrook's memoirs.

When Barnum, America's greatest showman, ended his term as mayor of Bridgeport, Conn., he addressed the members of the council: "Now, gentlemen, let us fold up our tents like the Arabs and just silently steal away, congratulating ourselves that this honorable body." Barnum's gravel fell, and he turned and winked at the councilmen. "Now you are all dead corks in the pit," he remarked.

From Hattiesburg, Missouri, comes a story of a 250-pound bride who was united to a young man of similar weight by a magistrate who tipped the beam at 200 pounds.

To prove she was from Missouri, the bride, who had paid \$3 for the license, declined to pay the magistrate his \$2 fee until the certificate had been presented to her personally.

One trouble with European politics is that every time France makes a move it is mistaken for a gesture. Another argument for the use of shoulder less French.

Isn't It The Truth?

"Superior races" are those that (1) want much and (2) get it.

Celleg humor: Any old joke dressed up in new slang.

A cynic is one who traded his enthusiasm for a few sad memories.

The tumult and the shouting dies, nothing much left but faculty and students.

Rats! In the so-called "good 10 day" s'olves lurked beside the trail instead of hot dogs.

Surely it won't be a hard winter. The coal man's excuses are thinner than usual.

Even small towns have hold-up men, but none of them are ticket scalpers.

The longer the winter, the longer the time to pay for Christmas presents before spring clothes.

If it is customary to talk shop and stupid to talk about the weather, a meteorologist might as well be dumb.

France is having an unusual amount of rain, but you can't make a doughboy believe any amount unusual there.

Few intelligence tests beat being Santa Claus and convincing all six kids they got a square deal.

Among those who approach the problem of distribution with little intelligence, is the stork.

A Long Hard "Carry"



Ah-Me-Un, the guide.—'Righ' heap too much load—an' they blame guide if anything break."

Advising the City Folks

By SODBUSTER.

WILTON GROVE, Dec. 19.—I notice that London has its annual or semi-annual or its quarterly trouble, the London street railway.

As several citizens have written me, they are in a bit of a trouble, and are trying to solve it. They are not to be blamed either one way or other, and as a matter of fact one man favored the one side and one the other, perhaps a few observations from one who is not a citizen might be helpful and might lead to solve the difficulty.

It is usual to call in an outsider to settle things like that. I think you are a good man, an expert, and the best definition of an expert is a common man away from home, at least that is what a good many so-called experts would like to be. I notice that you are a first thing I notice is the fact that you have a street railway, and it's like owning an old motor car—you hate to buy a new one and nobody will give you much of a trade for it. Another thing, you don't want it to stop running because if it stops running you'll have to stop riding in it. Not that it would be a bad thing for you, I notice that some of you young fellows will run half a block to catch a car and will be blowing like a porpoise and right here is where I want to offer a solemn warning.

Now for trouble No. 2. The management wants more money and the people want to walk and no street car caught up to me until I was back. But perhaps that is about all the advice I can offer you on trouble No. 1. You have a street railway—if it stops running don't ride on it.

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for a franchise at the 5c rate. It appears to me that this expert is very anxious to sell his brand of bus to the L. S. R., and is willing to go to any lengths to make a deal.

In New York City, where wages and cost of operation are considerably higher than they are here, and where distances are considerably greater, one bus company at present operating approximately 100 miles of bus system, offered to the city council of New York for a franchise, a 10c rate, with 2 per cent. of gross profits to be paid to the city for the privilege. That looks to me something like a fair proposition.

Surface trolley systems are gradually going out of business in New York City, as elsewhere, there is a reason. Statistics tell us that 67 electric roads ceased operation in the U. S. last year; there is a reason.

I am in entire accord with "Just a Car Rider's" "East End." The people should have a voice in any settlement of the transportation problem. They are the ones directly interested. The bus what they want, tested. Yours truly,
London, Dec. 19. LIGHT.

DISILLUSIONED.

"I'm getting up a little poker game, Major," invited the friend. "Would you like to join us?"
"Sir, I do not play poker."
"I'm sorry, I was under the impression that you did."
"It was once under that impression myself, sir."

SOMEWHERE IN FLORIDA.

To be somewhere in Florida, where the sun is always shining, where the golden oranges hang in clusters on the trees, the palms sway gently to the warm breeze, and where the sweet magnolia blooms, is the thought in the minds of hundreds of Canadians every winter.

When Canadians at home are skating and skiing, those in the south will be sun-bathing, sun-bathing on the warm sands, deep-sea fishing, golfing, etc.

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25 Years Ago

From The Advertiser, Dec. 21, 1900.

The returning South African veterans from London have landed at Halifax, and are expected to arrive home tomorrow.

At the annual meeting of the London poultry and pet stock association the following officers were elected: President, Wm. McNeil; vice-presidents, Newton Cosh and A. J. Morgan; secretary, Richard Oke; treasurer, John Saunders; directors, Wm. Smith, Lew Sage, Wm. Meloud, F. T. Adams, Geo. W. Miller, C. Stewart, J. Aitken, J. W. Cook and B. Cordingley.

New York Storekeeper Collects Four Strads; Buys Islands To Become King



ANINE "CRIMINAL"—This Shepherd dog was discovered noting grocery delivery boxes at Eagle Rock, Calif. How to dispense justice is now a puzzler for the police.



FROM OLD LONDON — Miss Georgia Leopold, one of the stars of the company of a new London success which has arrived for a tour of America, shown wearing the latest cri from Europe's fashion shops, shoes and stockings of real snakeskin.



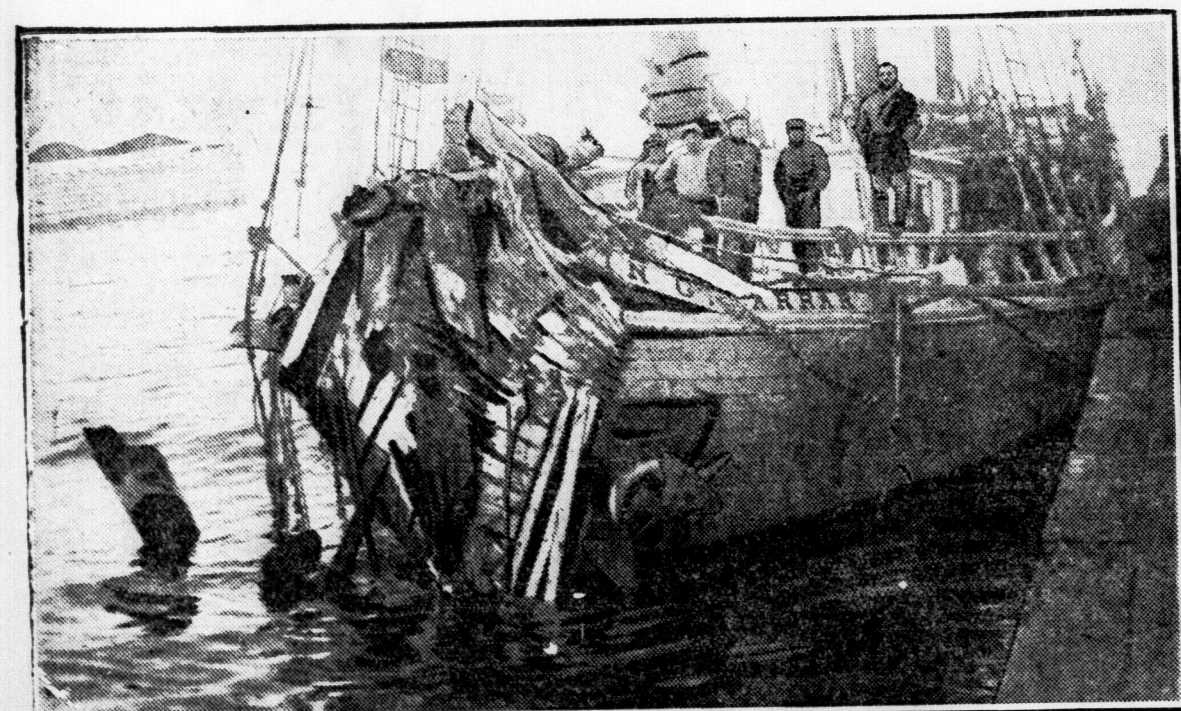
ETON WALL GAME — The Collegers and the Oppidans in their annual contest, which features the St. Andrew's Day celebrations at the famous English school.

LEFT—IRENE RICH, movie star, who recently gave Toronto a taste of how movies are "shot," in a sumptuous coat of white ermine with white fox trimming.

UPPER CENTER—Four Strads, one of which is called "The Swan," because it was made by the master in 1737, the year of his death, when he was 93 years old, have been acquired by Rodman Wanamaker, New York storeman. Dr. Alexander Russell, concert director, is shown holding the precious instrument.



DEMONS OF THE KEYS—Winners of the world typewriting contest at Aeolian Hall, New York, on December 13. Left to right: Albert Tangor, first, with 136 words a minute; Bessie Friedman, third and also fastest for all women, and George Hessfield, second.



KEPT AFLOAT BY LUMBER CARGO—The schooner Edward J. Farrar had a narrow escape from being sunk when she collided with the tanker, Miller County, six miles off Scotland Light-house on the New York coast. She was kept afloat for 18 hours by using the lumber cargo to fill the hole in the prow.



Following the example of other famous people who have acquired islands on which they are almost kings, Mr. Crompton Mackenzie, well-known novelist, has bought a group of islands. His purchase is of the Shiant Isles, which are a smaller group in the outer Hebrides. In the picture published here Mr. Mackenzie is shown in his Highland costume.



EVELYN LOGAN of Thorn-dale, winner of the first prize in the East Middlesex oratorical contest.



MISS MARGUERITE CARTWRIGHT of Huntsville, Alabama, who is giving a series of concerts and recitals in New York.

WOMEN and THE HOME

I. O. D. E. OFFERS CONTEST PRIZES

Will Make Awards For Best Short Stories and One-Act Plays.

CLOSES IN FEBRUARY

Christmas Card Designs and Poems Are Also Encouraged.

The approach of the new year brings with it another announcement from the National chapter, I. O. D. E., concerning its domestic wide literary competitions. There is a prize of \$200 offered by Mrs. R. W. Wood of Vancouver, for the best short story of not less than 2,000 and not more than 6,000 words. It will be remembered that a London writer, Mrs. J. W. Thornburn, won this prize last year.

The second prize of \$100 given by Mrs. E. J. McInnes of Montreal, and known as the Blanche McIntosh prize for the best one-act play. This year the National chapter is conducting a third competition. This is an art contest, and a prize of \$100 has been offered by Mrs. S. T. Cret of Beamsville, for the best Christmas card design. The short story contest and Christmas card design contest close on Feb. 1, 1926, while the one-act play contest closes on March 1, 1926.

These competitions have been arranged with a view to encouraging literary effort and the development of art in Canada. They are patriotic in their intention, and are in keeping with the aims of the I. O. D. E. Full particulars of the contests were published in the current issue of Echoes, the official I. O. D. E. organ.

Competitors must be British subjects and residents of Canada. While other subjects are not debarred, stories in English with Canadian life are preferred. The story awarded the prize must be published in Echoes. Stories receiving honorable mention may later be published in this magazine.

The play must be of one act, the presentation on the stage to occupy not less than 20 minutes and not more than 40 minutes. The prize-winning play will be published in Echoes and the rights of its presentation retained by the I. O. D. E.

The design of the postcard awarded the prize in the art competition will become the property of the I. O. D. E. All entries are to be forwarded to the National educational secretary of the I. O. D. E., 238 Bloor street, East Toronto, 4, Ontario.

A contest to encourage Canadian verse writers has also been planned, for which three prizes of books will be given. Contributions of verse will be received up to Feb. 1, 1926. Poems must not be shorter than 32 lines nor longer than 100 lines.

ALVINSTON, L. A.
Alvinston, Dec. 18.—The ladies' aid of the Presbyterian church met for the purpose of quilting. It was also decided to send Christmas boxes to some of the shut-ins.

MITCHELL, W. I.
Mitchell, Dec. 20.—On Thursday the Mitchell women's institute met at the home of Mrs. Willard Ingram. It was decided to give donations of clothing, toys, candies, etc., to families in need. Three dollars was sent to Georgetown in aid of the Armenian boys. A solo was sung by Miss G. Woodger and a reading was given by Miss Farrant. The feature of the afternoon was a talk by Dr. J. A. Brown, on "Children and Mouth Health." Mrs. Ingram served

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MISS ESME MACGANN.

Canadian girl, who was one of the Prince of Wales' most popular dancing partners during his last visit to Canada, is wintering at Monte Carlo.

Social and Personal

Mrs. N. S. Martin of St. Thomas has been visiting in the city.

Mrs. Harold Anundson, Yale street, recently entertained informally at bridge.

Mrs. M. B. O'Meara, Dundas street, will be a holiday guest with relatives in Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. McCall will spend the Christmas holiday in Chatham, guests with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. McCall. Hadley Williams, who is attending Ridley college, is a holiday guest at Birkhill, the home of Mrs. David Cowan.

Mr. Ted Cowley of Hamilton will be a Christmas guest with his parents on Thornton avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Russell Croden were visitors in Toronto last week, stopping at the King Edward hotel.

Mrs. E. A. Fox and Miss Winnifred Fox of St. Catharines are in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stone and little daughter, Audrey, will be holiday guests with relatives in Stratford and Beaverton.

Mr. Cedric McCann, of Detroit, will be a Christmas guest with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. McCann, Central avenue.

Mr. Gerald E. McBride, of Toronto, will spend Christmas and the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McBride, in Toronto.

Mr. Edgar Wilson, of Brudenell, Sask., has arrived in town to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. C. Wilson, Smith street.

Mr. Neil Miller, of Knox college, Toronto, is a holiday guest with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Miller, Central avenue.

Major and Mrs. Arthur Morrison will be Christmas guests with Mrs. Morrison's sister, Mrs. Morrison, and Col. Morrison in Toronto.

Miss Esther Mann, of Vancouver, comes to London about the middle of January to be a guest with Miss Evelyn Hayman at The Kensington.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brickenden will be the hosts of a dance at the London hunt and country club on the evening of Monday, Dec. 28.

Miss Marion Price, of Toronto, will be in London during the holiday season, a guest with Miss Helen Langford, Waterloo street.

Miss Margaret Maxwell of Cleveland, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Maxwell, Cove road.

Mrs. Eoches, Princess avenue, entertained at a delightful bridge on Saturday for her niece, Miss Dusty, of Wisconsin, who is her house guest.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Thornton of Glenora will be Christmas guests with their daughter, Mrs. George MacDonald, and Mr. MacDonald, Hyman street.

Miss Edith Barkley, who is attending Brescia hall, will spend the Christmas vacation with her uncle and aunt in Bruce county.

Mrs. Earl Ernst and Mrs. Ernst formerly Miss Maybelle Sutherland, are coming from Toronto to spend Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Sutherland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Webb of Yardley, Pa., and Major N. K. Cameron of Wexford, will be Christmas guests with Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Routledge, Maitland street.

Mrs. Jack Cottrill, Regent street, is entertaining at bridge this week for a number of the younger set, with Miss Dusty, of Milwaukee, as guest of honor.

Mr. Thomas Mortimore, Central avenue, has returned to town for the Christmas season following a three-month business trip through the maritime provinces.

Mr. Fred Davis, of Calgary, arrived in town on Saturday night to spend Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Davis, and Dr. Evans Davis of Queen's avenue.

Capt. A. M. McEvoy and Mrs. McEvoy, of Detroit, are to spend the Christmas holiday with Capt. McEvoy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McEvoy, in South London.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pearson, of Toronto, are holiday guests with Mr. Pearson's parents, Rev. Edwin A. Pearson and Mrs. Pearson, at the Dundas Centre United parsonage.

Mr. Stewart Manuel and Mrs. Manuel, formerly Miss Gladys Noyes, are coming from Detroit to spend Christmas with their parents in this city. Mrs. Manuel arrives in town tomorrow. Mr. Donald Routledge of New York

BROWNIES ENJOY CHRISTMAS PARTY

Huge Tree and Santa Are Centers of Attraction at Lenmore.

Such a merry place was Lenmore on Saturday, the board room gay with a huge Christmas tree, very fairlike with its scarlet bells and gay striped candy canes, streamers of holiday scarlet and glimmering make-believe frost—everything decked for the Christmas party of the Brownies of the Y. W. C. A. company.

Thirty little people were in attendance, to dance about while Santa Claus, in his traditional outfit, distributed mysterious gift bundles. In this work he was assisted by the Nightingale club, who sent gifts.

Following the dance and goodies all around, the Brownies put on their own excellent program of songs, readings and dances. Wee June Harter, the smallest and chubbiest of the company, contributed her star turn, a court curtsy with variations.

A committee of the Brownies assisted in decorating the tree and putting into practice the Brownie code by remaining to "tidy up" after the party.

CLUB NEWS

SCOTTISH SOCIAL CLUB.

The Scottish social club, a new organization in the city, admirably lived up to its name in St. George's hall, Dundas street, by celebrating their initial opening with a smart dance. A large gathering of Scotch folk and their friends made the night a success, for the enthusiasm that everyone showed was a signal that the club will hold a popular place in the affairs of its kind. The dance program, which was carefully selected, was so arranged that everybody took part in the affair in real Scotch style, which certainly eliminated all wallflowers.

This club is endeavoring to give the dances every Saturday evening for the coming season, and as they are the only club to hold Scotch dances for the benefit of the folks from "Auld Scotia," it is urged that it be given the necessary support.

The dances will please the most critical, as they are all well conducted to make everyone enjoy themselves. An invitation is extended to all to attend the dances. A special dance will be held on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve (Hogmanay), the latter being Scotland's famous night of fun. The club's aim is to link together the Scotch people and to help any deserving ones in the city.

NIGHTINGALE CLUB.
Mrs. Charlie Pirie entertained at a jolly Christmas party for the Nightingale club at her home in High street recently, when four tables of bridge were in play. Miss Irene Chalmers won the prize, a lovely cut glass flower basket. Those present were the Messrs. Snodgrass, Ella Woodell, Fern Chalmers, Margaret Queen, Vera Ardell, Edna MacLeod, Florence Scott, Mildred Ead, and Jessie Manson. Mrs. Jack Husband, Mrs. Herb Ball, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Edgar and Mrs. Carmichael.

Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Seaborn are to be the host and hostess of the New Year's house party, their guests including Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bucke of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bucke of Niagara Falls, Mrs. R. W. Bucke of Windsor, and Mr. and Mrs. Pope of Melford, Sask., who are also to spend Christmas in town.

The church and dance held by the Ladies amateur athletic association in Langemark hall on Saturday evening was a decided success. The prizes were received by Mrs. Roberts and Mr. W. Watson, whose marriage to Mr. Watson's taking the booby. Dancing was then participated in until a late hour. The draw for the turkey resulted in its being won by Mr. J. Francis.

Mrs. James C. Watson, Queen's avenue, entertained at a charmingly arranged tresson tea on Saturday afternoon for her daughter, Miss Alberta Watson, whose marriage to Mr. Ross Geddes will be an interesting event of the week. The many guests were welcomed by Mrs. Watson, who was helpfully groomed in black satin and wore a corsage of Columbia roses and white narcissi. The hosts, a lovely and lovely, in a long, flowing, brocade silk with green embroidery of black velvet pointed. The rooms were effectively arranged with many pink, white, and silver holders. Mrs. John Crawford and Mrs. Menhennick poured out tea and the tea-room assistants were Miss May Taylor and Mrs. A. E. O'Sullivan. Mrs. A. Whitton, who showed the many attractive gifts in the drawing-room, also invited to the tea-room, and upstairs the lovely tresson was displayed by Miss Eva Land and Miss Ada Menhennick.

AN OLD-TIME YULETIDE GIFT.
Captains of the white-winged Clippers of sailing times, home from the Orient at Yuletide, brought their friends small parcels of fine teas. A custom you may revive this year if you wish, for your grocer is selling a beautiful Christmas package of RED ROSE ORANGE PEKOE TEA, and fine quality as ever they gave in olden days, and a present that will be appreciated by many a tea-loving old friend.—Adv.

FAMOUS RIVER ROAD INDICATED AS NUISANCE

Complaint Entered and Summons Issued Against County Under Criminal Section.

Special to The Advertiser.
Sarnia, Dec. 20.—Edward J. Neuberger, truck driver, of this city, has laid a complaint before the authorities of the condition of the River road in certain parts between Sarnia and Port Lambton. Complaint is made that this highway constitutes a nuisance and inconvenience to the public.

Acting on the information laid, County Magistrate C. S. Woodrow has issued a summons against the county, under section 221 of the criminal code, covering the maintenance of a common nuisance. Hearing will take place in Court on December 23 before Magistrate Woodrow.

"Two-Gun" John Gets Out Soon

Famous Bandit Nearing End of 19-Year Term at Kingston.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—Twenty years ago, George Seel, now chief detective of the Winnipeg force, and another police officer staged a spectacular gunfight with John Lewandowsky, picture-known as "Two-Gun John," a bandit of the old days, and John is now serving the final period of a 19-year term in Kingston penitentiary.

"Two-Gun John," who was the leader of a gang of safe-blowers, was wanted for a safe-blowing at Solidik, Man. He was located in Winnipeg, but shot his way to freedom, and he and his gang went to Rainy River, where they robbed the Bank of Nova Scotia, securing \$10,000 in cash. They staged several robberies in St. Paul and Milwaukee.

Lewandowsky was finally captured in St. Louis after a running gunfight, brought back to Winnipeg and given a ten-year sentence. Later, after he had nearly completed a year, he escaped from custody, only to be recaptured and given an additional nine years. Now the pioneer bandit is about to be freed again.

MISSIONARY PAGEANT.
Special to The Advertiser.
Wallaceburg, Dec. 20.—A missionary pageant was staged by the young people of Trinity United church recently. During the evening vocal selections were rendered by Miss Drader and J. B. Shaw, and a piano duet by the Misses Drader and Welch.

DIALOGUE IS FEATURE.
Cambridge, Dec. 20.—The pupils and young people of school section No. 29, put on a Christmas entertainment and dance in the I. O. O. F. hall on Friday evening. The young people put on an interesting dialogue, "Sykes' Predicament." A big crowd attended.



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POINTS TO DIGNITY IN HOUSEKEEPING

English Author Explains It Is Only Way To Matrimony in Canada.

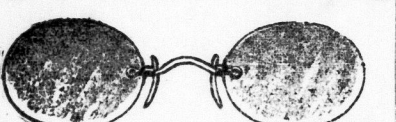
MAKES OWN HATS

Is Proud of Her Millinery Art Than of Writing a Book.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Alice Tweedie, author and artist, interviewed here on her way home to England, proved an interesting personality. She is a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society, of the Royal Asiatic Society, and of the Royal Colonial Institute. It was directly through her efforts that the first forty Y. M. C. A. huts were erected in France early in the war, and the task of sending the first half million books to the trenches and hospitals of the allies was undertaken and accomplished by her. "I realize very keenly the fact that we should not encourage our women to come to the dominion without special training and a useful line," she is reported as saying.

"The dignity of housework is something that should be instilled into every girl, in fact, I tell English girls the only chance they have of ever getting married in Canada is to be good housekeepers. After all home-making is the woman's field, and we must realize that it can be made a very dignified profession. Personally, I am far more proud of trimming a hat well or of making out of nothing at all, than I am of writing a book. Both jobs take brains, and in my opinion it is more important to be a successful home-maker than to be a successful story writer or picture painter."

CHRISTMAS TREE HELD.
West Lorne, Dec. 17.—The Church of Christ was the scene of a Christmas tree and entertainment on Friday evening. The Christmas service will be held December 27 at 8 p.m. On December 31 the annual watchnight service will be held.



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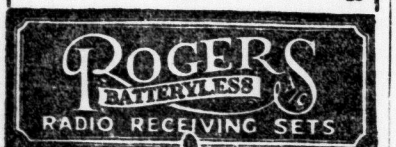
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QUEEN'S COUNSEL

Written for The Advertiser.
by *Queen of Rumania*

Yes—they do. Not always, of course. Sometimes too late. But some dreams do come true just as they ought to.

I have had a dream ever since childhood. To possess an old castle on a hill, perched right up at the top like an eagle's nest.

This dream actually came true. I was no more very young, and the terrible war years lay behind us—so terrible that they seemed to dig a deep and hideous gap between today and yesterday. There was a lifetime in those four years of war.

On the other side of our pre-war frontier to the west, and surrounded by Rumanian villages, was a little, old castle—just a small, strong, solid, forsaken little fortress built on a steep, rocky projection, standing out squat and pugnacious against its background of forest and crag.

Many years ago I had driven past it, saying to myself how I would love to have that little fortress for my own, if only it was on the other side of the hills!

After the war, that very territory did become ours—on the far side of the hills. And on one never-to-be-forgotten day the burgess of Brazov actually offered that fort-like little castle to me! To me!

Thus, at a late—but not too late—hour in my life my dear dream had come to pass.

Immediately I set about making the forsaken little old place livable, and I am working at it still slowly, with relish, with love, and also, I hope, with understanding.

I have given to the rugged little building life. But I have preserved absolutely its forest-like aspect. Now the ancient stronghold lives.

My children and I both love it above all other habitations. It is like living in a legend or a fairy-tale. We step over its time-worn threshold, out of actuality, into an age of dreams, casting the dust of every-day habits from our feet.

Hold to your dreams. It is always worth while, just for their own sake. And sometimes they come true!

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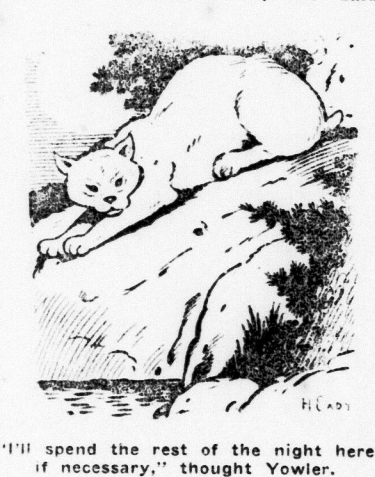
Patient Yowler Waits His Chance

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

The little people of the Green Meadows and the Green Forest waste very little time thinking about failures. They know that this is worse than useless, so they just forget and try again. Of course, Yowler the Bob Cat was disappointed when he failed to catch one of the Beavers at the dam. He had thought himself very clever, very clever indeed, when he had planned to try to catch one of them crossing the dam. He had looked that new dam over with the greatest care. He had made up his mind to build a new house up in the top of that new dam, and he had intended of building a new house up in the top of that new dam, and he had intended of building a new house up in the top of that new dam.

"And that means," said Yowler, talking to himself, "that any food cut around the shore of the new pond will be taken down to the old pond and must be dragged over this dam. To try to catch one of those Beavers while cutting trees close to the water will be a waste of time. The place to catch one is right here on this dam. Of course, I don't know just the point at which they will drag their logs over, but a little patient watching may help me out on that point. Two of those trees against which they have built this dam are in just the right places for me. I will climb one of them and wait. Paddy won't think to look up in one of those trees for me."

So Yowler had kept near enough to where the Beavers were cutting trees to know when the first ones fell. Then he had hurried to the dam, had run out along the top of one of the trees, climbed it and made himself comfortable to wait and watch. You know what happened. You know how Mrs. Paddy started to drag a log over that dam just under the very tree in which Yowler was lying in wait. But she wasn't directly under Yowler. He couldn't drop or jump down on her without changing his position. He tried to make up his mind to wait and trust to luck that she or one of the others would later pass directly under him. But the sight of Mrs. Paddy so near was too much for him and he tried to noisily get out on the limb directly above her. But she saw his claws and instantly gave the danger signal as she dived into the pond. Yowler was so disappointed that he felt like yelling right out. But he didn't. He said:



"I'll spend the rest of the night here if necessary," thought Yowler.

nothing, made himself comfortable on that limb, and watched Paddy and his family work, tugging their logs over the dam at a point where he could not reach them.

When the logs were over and in the Laughing Brook on the other side of the dam they were towed down to Paddy's old pond. The moment the Beavers were out of sight, Yowler moved. Down from the tree he came and swiftly ran along the dam to where a great, high rock formed one of its supports. Up on this he sprang. He arched his back for a moment, which is one of the ways he stretches, then flattened himself on that rock. In the shadows his coat was so near the color of the rock that he seemed to be a part of it.

"I'll spend the rest of the night here if necessary," thought Yowler. "Paddy will look for me in the tree where he last saw me. Not seeing me, he will think that I have given up and gone away. One of those young Beavers dragged his log across right close to this rock. When they return they will have to cross the dam somewhere and perhaps they may do it right here. Anyway, I'll have two chances, one when they are on their way back, and again when they bring down some more logs. Sooner or later I will get one of them. Yes, sir, sooner or later I will get one of them. This is a very comfortable spot, and I don't mind waiting at all. A little patience is all that is needed

Aileen Lamont Chats on Dress

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New York, Dec. 20.—Even the customs inspectors have been puzzled by some of the fur coats arriving from Paris. They looked like mink but the declarations asserted otherwise. The inspectors have discovered that these new coats are Pejaniki marmoset, which closely resembles the most expensive fur but which is lighter. It is becoming exceedingly popular in London and Paris.

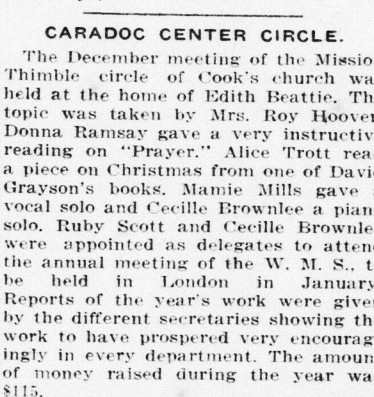
It is no easy matter to manage a mink, even the hooded fur covering known by that name, since these animals have no counter. Consequently many women now are wearing hooded slippers with a support for the heel and back of the foot which does not slip off so easily as the mink. Both styles are being made in exquisite brocades with satin linings.

The newest raincoats are so sheer and light that although they offer perfect protection against rain or snow they may be packed in a tiny duffel bag no larger than a vanity case. They are of lustrous rubberized silk and are made in refer lengths. That is, they come only to the hips. A belt holds them snugly against wind flurries.

Sooner or later the male globe trotter buys a cork helmet for protection against southern suns. Now the lady globe trotter may be similarly provided. The newest sun helmet has an elongated crown with a patent air chamber and a down-turned brim, faced with green to protect the eyes. A chin strap may be worn if desired.

The newest sweaters being taken south for wear with the Kashmir sport skirts are as easily seen through as a musical comedy plot, but are far more attractive. The garments are of a lace stitch and the pullover type is used. They are decorated with a wide four-in-hand tie, and cuffs of matching silk erve.

CARADOC CENTER CIRCLE.
The December meeting of the Mission Thimble circle of Cook's church was held at the home of Edith Beattie. The topic was taken by Mrs. Roy Hoover. Donna Ramsay gave a very instructive reading on "Prayer." Alice Trotter read a piece on Christmas from one of David Grayson's books. Mamie Mills gave a vocal solo and Cecile Brownlee a piano solo. Ruby Scott and Cecile Brownlee were appointed as delegates to attend the annual meeting of the W. M. S. to be held in London in January. Reports of the year's work were given by the different secretaries showing the work to have prospered very encouragingly in every department. The amount of money raised during the year was \$112.



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Girls Present the Awakening of the Christmas Spirit and Musical Numbers.

The Wellington street Y. W. C. A. was on a Friday night for the presentation of a charming little Christmas play, "The Awakening of the Christmas Spirit." The girls in residence produced and enacted the parts with great success, under the direction of Miss Mary McNeill. The girls are organized into a prosperous little club called the Fire-side Girls.

Miss Muriel Elliott as the Spirit of Christmas enacted her role excellently, while the other important characters were taken by Miss Ethel Howell, Miss Florence Hills and Miss Rhoda Nichol. The cast also included Miss Mabel Lewis, Miss Gladys Oake, Miss Jean Houston, Miss Betty Houston, Miss Nora Cruickshanks, Miss Olive Cruickshanks, Miss Aytan, Miss K. Durant, Miss Ruth Higgins, Miss Lottie Heron, Miss E. E. Macdonald, Miss Margaret Chase, Miss Annie Garry, Miss Jessie Nelson acted as pianist.

Several outsiders also contributed interesting numbers to the program. Miss G. Parr giving vocal numbers; R. Appleby, piano numbers; Walter Appleby, a harp solo, and J. Warren and James Macdonald, vocal numbers.

Following the presentation of the program a social hour was spent. Miss Sutherland, head of the residence, welcomed the guests to the Christmas party, which has been ordered, did not come in time. But it will, in fact—well, I'm not going to say anything more. And Uncle Wiggily held his paw over his mouth, still laughing.

But I think the little bunnies knew they need no longer worry about not having anything to say. There was such a funny twinkle in Uncle Wiggily's eyes, to say nothing of the one on his pink nose, that it must have meant something.

"But, since you are here in the woods, we will have a little fun," said Mr. Longears. So he built a camp-fire and then they hoped home, their paws making queer marks in the snow.

Now, if the chimney doesn't get so hot and have to be tied up in red flannel so no one can climb down it, I'll tell you next about Uncle Wiggily's Christmas stockings.

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"Oh, boy! Hurry!" whispered Bunty through the window. "What for?" asked Tooter.

"Do you see the Bob Cat coming after you?" asked Scooter.

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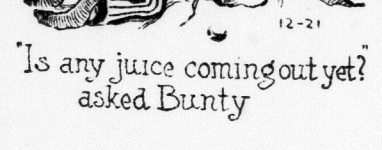
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RYERSON PUPILS HOLD BANQUET

Losing Side Entertains Winning Side—Girls Give Bright Speeches.

The Ryerson school was the scene of an interesting banquet last week, given under the auspices of the girls' literary society of the school. The hostesses having members of the losing side in a recent contest and included girls of both the eighth and seventh grades. Avelina Case acted as toast mistress and several interesting little speeches were made by the girls themselves.

Mr. J. D. Omond was the special speaker of the occasion, giving a talk on "Opportunity for Girls," which was both inspirational and instructive. Pearl Wong spoke on "Girls of Today," and Alma Case on "My Ideal Girl." Other speeches were given by Peggy Moore and Jean Perry.

There were other attractive numbers on the program, including readings by Shirley Dobson and Edith Kistner, piano numbers by Eleanor Green and Margaret Kennedy and Ruth Wignior, solo dances by Lorna Nash and Marion Sweet.

The evening ended with a visit from Santa Claus. Special guests of the occasion were members of the teaching staff of the school.

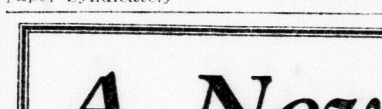
"Don't you know that sap only runs out of trees in the spring?" In cold weather there is no sap, and you can't get any to make maple sugar. But that's wrong about there not going to be any Christmas candy. You don't hear it all, Bunty. Nurse Jane said it would be too bad if the Christmas Candy, which has been ordered, did not come in time. But it will, in fact—well, I'm not going to say anything more. And Uncle Wiggily held his paw over his mouth, still laughing.

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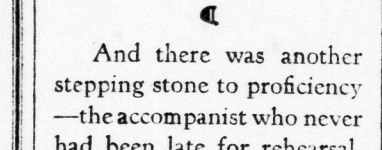
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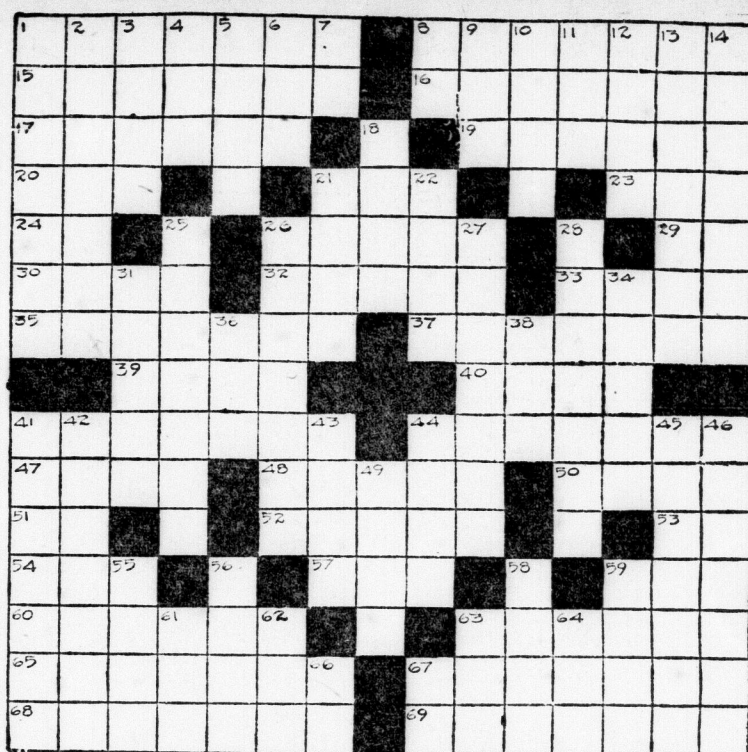
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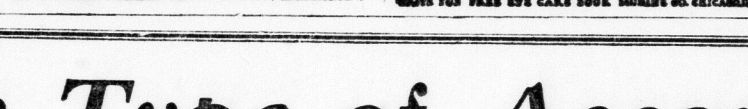
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UNCLE WIGGILY'S CHRISTMAS CANDY.

By HOWARD R. GARIS.
Baby Bunty, the little orphan rabbit girl, who was spending the Christmas holidays in Uncle Wiggily's hollow stump bungalow, looked in through the window from outside one day. Bunty had been playing in the yard. Inside the stump bungalow she saw Scooter and Tooter, the rabbit boys, putting on their caps and little fur jackets to go out and have fun.

"Oh, boy! Hurry!" whispered Bunty through the window. "What for?" asked Tooter.

"Do you see the Bob Cat coming after you?" asked Scooter.

"No, of course I don't," answered Bunty. "I'll tell you when you get out here. And a little later, she whispered to the bunny boys: 'What do you think?' I heard Mrs. Longears and Nurse Jane talking together a little while ago. Nurse Jane said wasn't it too bad that maybe there wouldn't be any Christmas candy this year."

"No Christmas candy?" cried Tooter.

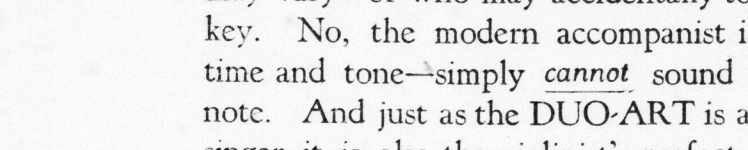
"Why not?" asked Bunty.

"I guess maybe it's because Uncle Wiggily hasn't any money to give Santa Claus so he'll bring the candy," said Bunty. "Maybe he's poor."

"Oh, that's too bad!" exclaimed Scooter. "But I know what we can do. We can make a hole in a maple tree, let some of the sweet juice run out and we can boil that juice down into candy, as daddies did in the spring, with Uncle Butter, the goat."

"Oh, yes, he's do that!" cried Bunty, for the idea of Christmas, which would come on Friday, arriving without any candy—that, indeed, was a sad thought.

So, then, a little later, Baby Bunty, with Tooter and Scooter, hopped off



to the forest with a teasing fork, to make a hole in some maple trees, and a little pile in which to catch the sap.

"We can make a fire in the woods and boil the sap there," said Scooter, talking like a Boy Scout. "And we'll have a lot of maple sugar candy, and we'll gather mother some and daddy, too!"

"I'm so glad we can have Christmas candy," sighed Bunty.

A little later, Uncle Wiggily, hopping through the woods, saw the three bunnies trying hard to make a hole in a big tree with the teasing fork, and he heard Bunty ask Tooter:

"Is any juice coming out yet?"



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Clinton, Dec. 20.—The meeting of the women's institute was held in the C. O. F. Hall, with Mrs. J. Flynn in the chair. Mrs. Harvey Jenkins gave a very interesting paper on the "Art of Living Well." The Misses Plumsted, Van Horne and Snyder rendered instrumental numbers.

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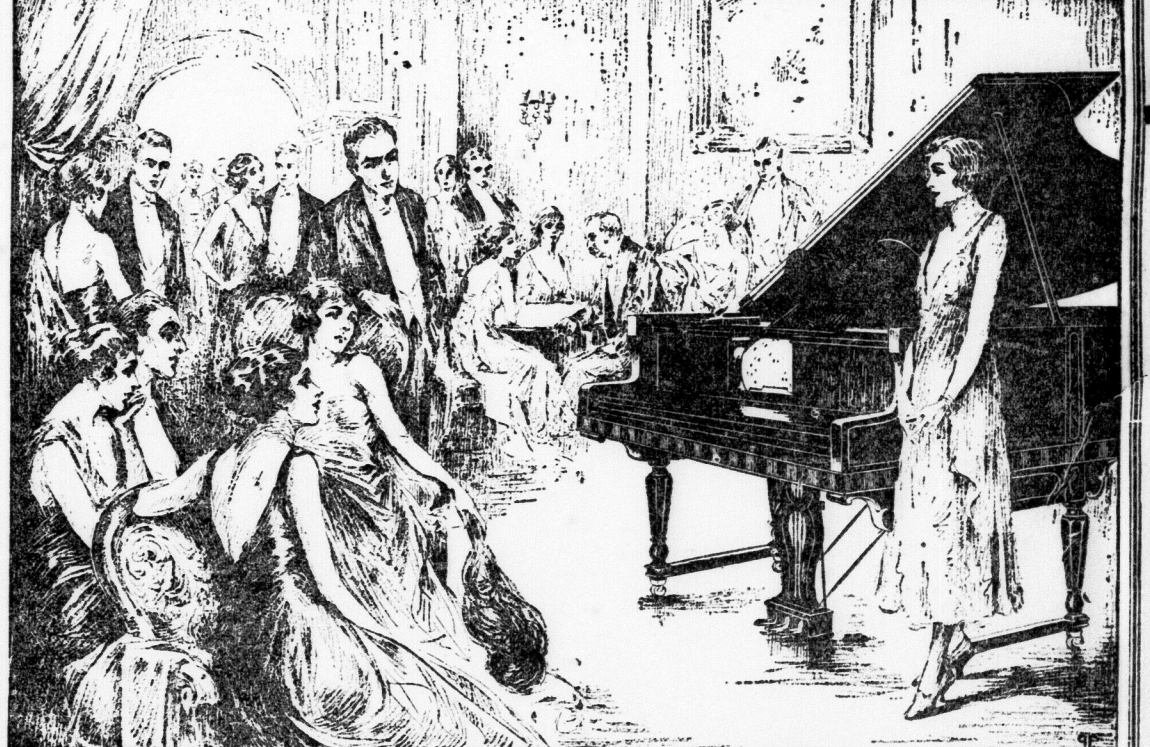
Life is a wonderful collection of memories—sad and glad—hazy and vivid. Tomorrow's memories are being created to-day, and if we "gather roses while we may," we store in the treasure house of the mind, memories mainly of gladness.

Among such happy memories that will linger with the Kiwanians and Rotarians of Toronto was the visit the other day of that charming member of the "Stepping Stones" Company, Miss Marguerite Zender. We can see her now, tripping up to the platform in Crystal Ball Room of the King Edward, to meet her accompanist—the DUO-ART.

As she entranced her hearers with "Once in a Blue Moon" and "I'm in Love with Love"—and also with that song of happy memory "The Message of the Violet"—no doubt more than one thought what stepping stones to success were beauty and grace, vivacity and vocal sweetness.

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SMALLER STOCKS TOBACCO REVIVAL

Brazilian, Twin City and Atlantic Sugar Share in Healthy Business.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—With Consolidated Smelters dominating the market, this morning's session of the Toronto stock exchange showed a remarkable revival of activity. A number of light recessions occurred, but the market as a whole was firm.

Smelters was sold up to a high of 166 1/2, in dealings of more than 1,400 shares. It receding from this mark to 156 at the morning close, a net advance of 2 1/2 points. Brazilian, Twin City and Atlantic sugar were the other prominent issues. Brazilian eased 3/4, and sugar about a point. Atlantic, which had been held at 44 1/2, advanced 1/2 to 45. On the other hand General Electric preferred, Bakeries preferred, and Duluth all strengthened a point. While Shredded Wheat, among others, advanced fractionally. The banks were active and steady.

BRAZILIAN MOST ACTIVE ON MONTREAL BOARD

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Trading in listed shares on the Montreal stock exchange was relatively quiet, but the firmness of prices was well maintained, with several features of interest. The market was fairly broad.

The most active issue was Brazilian, which furnished the bulk of the trading. The recent good market for the stock continued, and it closed with a fractional advance at 156 1/2.

Price was the strong feature, jumping 3 points to the high of 166 1/2. Another note of interest was established by Canadian Convertibles, these being the only two issues to so distinguish themselves.

British Empire Steel first preferred was the weak issue, with a decline of 1 1/2 points at 27 1/2.

Total sales were 6,556 shares. Bond sales aggregated \$24,500.

Financial Review

New York, Dec. 21.—Strength and activity of the railroad shares, several of which touched their highest prices in years, was the outstanding feature in this week's stock market. Industrial shares were weak during the early part of the week on a widespread feeling of pessimism, but they rallied sharply on reports of the larger financial institutions on real estate loans, but they made irregular recovery.

Heavy accumulation of the rails represented extensive interest in the year-end funds in those issues, increased foreign buying, prompted by reports of large currency transfers to the United States, and the fact that the railroads were weak during the early part of the week on a widespread feeling of pessimism, but they rallied sharply on reports of the larger financial institutions on real estate loans, but they made irregular recovery.

Steele were low in responding to reports of expanding mill operations and large railroad orders. An increase in the crude oil market also appeared to have been discounted. Equipment companies advanced on the announcement of several large orders involving millions of dollars.

Motors broke sharply in the week, with some of the selling apparently induced by the announcement of a "renewed" reduction of Dodge Cars, but they made partial recovery later. Stewart Warner speedometer was bid up to a new 1925 high on reports of a large holiday business and expectations of another year of steady increase. Stiffening gasoline prices in the merger reports and rumors of an early increase in prices brought about a revival of activity and strength in the oil shares with Pacific and American issues as the group leaders.

The unusually heavy demand for gold and the holiday currency was generally held to be responsible for the stiffening of currency rates towards the close of the week.

PROVISIONS

CHICAGO PROVISIONS FUTURES.
Reported by The Advertiser, Royal Bank Building, Chicago, Dec. 21.

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Ottawa, Dec. 20.—Lawyers will hold the largest number of seats in the house of commons when the fifteenth parliament convenes here on Jan. 7 next. Sixty-three members of the legal profession have been gazetted following the recent general election, and will be entitled to take their seats in the chamber next session.

Farmers follow with the second largest number, thirty-nine farmers of different political persuasion having been elected. Doctors, including those of the professions of medicine and dentistry will have 29 of its members in parliament. Twenty-two of the elected members give their occupation as merchants and fifteen describe themselves as manufacturers.

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POLITICAL SKIES CLEAR IN BRITAIN

Government in Better Repute Than Could Have Been Expected Some Time Ago.

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London, Dec. 20.—Parliament will recess Tuesday with the government in much better repute than might have been expected a few months ago. In political observation, this is attributed chiefly to the developments at Leamington and the recently unexpected peaceful settlement of the Irish boundary question. Moreover, although the unemployment problem is still of the gravest nature, there are signs of improvement in trade and industry, and it is generally believed that should the new year bring any strong business revival and reduction in the number of unemployed one of the government's most difficult tasks would be partly removed.

The solution of the Mosul difficulty finds many active critics on the opposition benches. The common belief, however, is that the government will succeed in negotiating a satisfactory agreement with Iraq and that the threatened danger from Turkey will blow over.

Beet Growers' Body Perplexed

Lack of Interest Brings Talk of Winding Up—Effort To Reorganize.

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Chatham, Dec. 20.—An effort will be made to revive interest in the Ontario Beet Growers' association. At a meeting of the growers held here Saturday afternoon, it was decided to hold a general meeting on the second Saturday in January, for the purpose of obtaining a decision as to whether the business of the association should be wound up, or whether there should be a reorganization for the purpose of keeping the association alive. The consensus of opinion of the score or more farmers present was that there should be a reorganization. H. J. French, of Dresden, the last elected president, was chairman of the meeting.

HON. MR. LARKIN'S INCOME.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 20.—Judge Denton yesterday allowed the appeal of Hon. P. C. Larkin, Canadian high commissioner in London, against a reassessment of his dividends amounting to \$370,000. The assessment of \$25,000, paid to him as president of a tea company was confirmed. Mr. Larkin claimed that as he is now a resident of England, dividends payable to him there could not be taxed in Canada.

PLAYS WITH WAR, SAYS HARMSWORTH

Newspaper Magnate Sees Danger in Mosul Agreement and Advises Britain To Quit.

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London, Dec. 20.—A strong protest against the Geneva Mosul settlement will be published in the Daily Mail tomorrow by Cecil Harmsworth, who was under-secretary of state for foreign affairs in 1919 to 1922, the period when the British mandates for Mesopotamia and Palestine were created.

Under the caption "Playing With War," Mr. Harmsworth says: "In my considered judgment, the arrangements just concluded open up the most dangerous prospect that has confronted this country since the great war."

Urging the government to retract from its dangerous position, Mr. Harmsworth contends that it would be madness to accept responsibility for 25 years of the risk of passive or active antagonism between Great Britain and a formidable military power when a moment might bring an incident menacing war.

Arguing that Great Britain would fight with every disadvantage in Mesopotamia, and that an amiable working arrangement with Turkey would be worth far more to Mesopotamia than any boundary, strategic or otherwise, he asserts that the Geneva award was purposely made provisional to allow an opportunity for reconsideration, and he appeals to the government to return to the policy of quitting Mesopotamia, as originally intended, in 1928.

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Carols Are Sung By Girls' Chorus

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St. Thomas, Dec. 20.—The time-honored custom of singing Christmas carols was observed Sunday evening by the "teen-age girls of the city's Sunday school classes. The girls worked through every section of the city, singing below every home that had a candle in the window.

KING ALI OF HEDJAZ GIVES UP HIS THRONE

End of Long and Desperate Struggle Between Two Arab States.

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Port Sudan, Egypt, Dec. 20.—King Ali of the Hedjaz, oldest son of King Hussein, who was forced to abdicate in October, 1924, has himself abdicated owing to the collapse of the defenses of Jeddah, invested by Ibn Saud, sultan of Bejd.

For many months, in fact since he succeeded his father on the throne of Hedjaz, King Ali has been engaged in a desperate struggle to put down the opposition of Ibn Saud, head of the sultanate of Nejd. Several days ago, Ali was reported to be planning his escape from the invested city of Jeddah, whence he fled after the Wahabi tribesmen under Ibn Saud had captured the holy city of Medina.

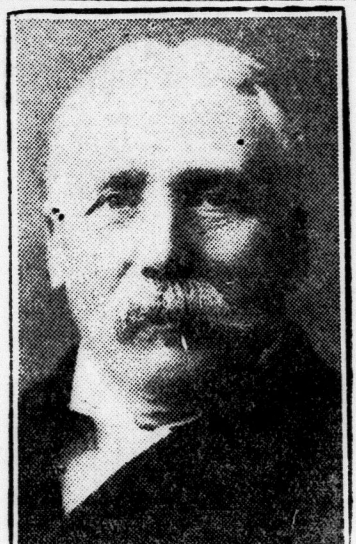
The conflict between the Arabian states of Nejd and Hedjaz actually began in 1919, and the warfare became more embittered when, early in 1924, Hussein assumed the caliphate, made vacant by the deposition of Sultan Abdul Mejid by the Turks. A violent attack against Mecca, the capital of Hedjaz, was begun by the Wahabis, and when the city fell in the hands of Ibn Saud, King Hussein, pressed to abdicate by the people of Jeddah, relinquished the throne, having held it for eight years.

PLAN FOUR NEW ROOMS FOR FOREST COLLEGIATE

Addition to School Is Again Talked As Waterworks Issue Subsides.

Forest collegiate institute will likely have an addition of four rooms in the near future if the plans in the office of a local architect are adopted. The question of the new addition has been discussed before, but the matter was put in the background at the time of the waterworks issue, that has been occupying the attention of the town fathers there for the last year.

It is now intimated that the matter of the addition will be again brought up for discussion, and there is every possibility that the project will be adopted by the college and made a part of the addition calls for a science room, chemistry room with laboratory and two class rooms.



DEATH CALLS AYLMEYER PIONEER AT 94 YEARS

R. C. McKenney Passes After Years' Illness—Liberal and Well-Known Mason.

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Aylmer, Dec. 20.—Edolphus Clinton McKenney, one of Aylmer's oldest citizens, died at his home here on Saturday evening, in his 94th year. Until a year ago he enjoyed good health and was quite active. During the past year he had been confined to his home, and for some months had never left his bed.

Mr. McKenney was born on March 16, 1832, on the farm now occupied by Harley Turrill on concession 9, Malahide. He was the son of John and Elizabeth McKenney, and is the last surviving member of a family of eight. For many years he was a successful agriculturist, and with the exception of some ten years which he spent in the northwestern states, he made his home in the vicinity of Springfield and Aylmer. For a quarter of a century he had lived retired in Aylmer.

Mr. McKenney served on the town council board, and was a member of St. Paul's United church, and an enthusiastic Mason, being a member of Malahide lodge, No. 119, A. F. & A. M., and also a member of Aylmer chapter, No. 81, R. A. M. He joined the Masons when a young man in the days before the railways came through Southern Ontario, and walked from Springfield to Ingersoll to receive his initiation into the order. In politics he was a Liberal.

Surviving are two sons, Prof. D. W. McKenney, of Billings, Mont., and Dr. A. D. McKenney of Detroit. He has one grandson, John McKenney, of California. Mrs. Wesley McKenney of Aylmer, is a niece, and she has given him loving care during his long illness.

The funeral, which will be under Masonic auspices, will be held from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. McCollom on Tuesday, Dec. 22, at 2:30 p.m. Interment will take place in the Aylmer cemetery.

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The reorganization of the force by the first of the year was promised by the commission a few weeks ago, when that body ended a lengthy controversy by deciding to notify the present chief and the members of the force that their respective contracts expired at the end of the year, and that all but the chief were privileged to apply for reappointment.

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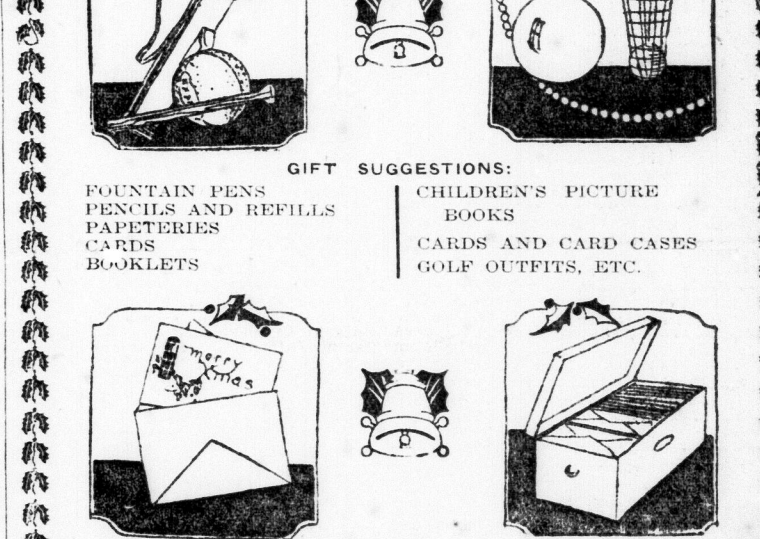
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The revelers had been holding a dance and liquor party. Several whisky bottles were confiscated. The girls were delivered to their homes, and the boys were taken to jail, where they were lectured and then released. No complaints were laid.

SMUGGLED SAWS INTO JAIL TO AID HUSBAND'S ESCAPE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—The Christmas spirit prevailed in the police court Saturday, and for the sake of her two young children Mary Shupeniuk, charged with aiding her husband to escape from the provincial jail here on Oct. 6, was given her freedom. The woman, who smuggled saws into the jail, and which were used in the sensational jailbreak when five men escaped custody was given two years' suspended sentence.

U. S. MAY INVESTIGATE CRUDE RUBBER PRICES

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Dec. 20.—A resolution calling for an investigation of alleged manipulation of crude rubber prices by British colonial governments was given preferred status today on the legislative program of the house of representatives.

MEIGHEN SPEAKS IN BITTER TONES

Says Change of Principle Is Nothing To Premier—Claims Protection Victory.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Brandon, Dec. 20.—"What Canada needs is a stable more than a high tariff; a stable tariff is better than a variable tariff even if it is high. I have not shifted my position nor changed my goal. The Conservative party stands ready, but not impatient for power, ready to implement as a fact what was promised in the days of opposition," declared Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader, in the closing sentences of an hour's address to a gathering of more than 200 members of the Brandon Conservative association Saturday night.

The first visit of the Conservative leader to this constituency in several years was made the occasion of a complimentary banquet in his honor at the Cecil Hotel. Lack of accommodation resulted in the limiting of the number of invitations issued and the confining of these, for the most part, to friends and supporters from the rural districts. The banquet was presided over by Dr. J. H. Edmison, independent member of the Manitoba legislature, with the only other speaker being Major F. G. Taylor, Conservative leader in the legislature.

Attacks Government.
The record of the King administration was assailed by Mr. Meighen, who reviewed its record in the matter of transportation, taxation and senate reform. Although the prime minister had declared he had been handicapped by lack of a visible majority Mr. Meighen asserted he had the largest majority in history to support him in implementing the Liberal platform of 1919, "had he been sincere."

Mr. King, the Conservative leader charged, had appealed to the country for a majority of Liberal supporters so he could put the Liberal policies into effect.

"Now behold the picture," said Mr. Meighen. "The Liberal representation had shrunk from 118 to 100. Of 18 cabinet ministers only nine are left. Of 64 Progressives, if they were not the people Mr. King would they are at least the quality, only 26 or 27 of them are left. The whole of those opposed to the administration are back with their numbers and strength. Each one of the people of Canada behind their candidates and policy ready to enjoy the sweets of office and the emoluments of power."

The Conservatives had never sought allies, Mr. Meighen said, but those who believed in their policies and believe they were right. The Liberals had "stuck with the Progressives for four years and then had thrown them into the discard."

Dealing with the tariff Mr. Meighen asserted that more than half of the Liberals were elected on a protectionist pledge. The Conservatives had sought to get a verdict on this issue and in a great measure had succeeded. It would be interesting to wait and watch the government, if it maintains office, and see if its fiscal policy follows the Conservative or the low tariff policy of the west.

"The change of principle is nothing more to Mr. King than the passing of the time of day," declared Mr. Meighen.

DUNCAN PURCELL DIES AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Duncan L. Purcell, aged 66 years, died in Victoria hospital early yesterday morning, following a lingering illness of several years. The deceased was a well-known farmer and lifelong resident of Aldboro township in Elgin county. He was an active member of the Baptist church.

Besides his widow, he is survived by four sons, Arthur and Edwin, of Aldboro, Arrie, of Toronto, and Rev. Archie Purcell, of Saskatchewan; also one daughter, Mrs. Calvin Long, of Aldboro.

The remains were forwarded from the Oatman funeral home on Sunday to Wardsville, where the funeral will be held from his late residence on Wednesday afternoon. Interment will be made in the Purcell cemetery.

ONE KILLED, NINE HURT AS CRACK TRAIN WRECKS

Associated Press Despatch.
Altoona, Pa., Dec. 20.—Derailment of train No. 32, of the Pennsylvania R. R., fast express between Pittsburgh and New York, west of here yesterday, resulted in the death of one man and the injury of nine others, four seriously.

Ben E. Hess, 21, student at Carnegie Institute of Technology, Pittsburgh, died as a result of his injuries.

The locomotive and all eight cars of the train were derailed, two day coaches upsetting. Railroad officials said they had no information as to the cause of the derailment.

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MEETINGS
WESTMINSTER
NOMINATIONS

A meeting for the nomination of candidates for reeve, deputy-reeve and councillors for the Township of Westminister for the year 1926, will be held in the Masonic Hall, Lambeth, Monday, Dec. 28, 1925. Nominations will be received from 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock p.m., after which the candidates and others will address the meeting.

J. H. MATTHEWS,
Clerk Township of Delaware.

AN EMERGENCY meeting of Union Lodge, No. 5, will be held this (Monday) evening, the 21st inst. at 6 o'clock sharp. Visiting brethren welcomed. A. McLoughlin, W. M.; J. Ward, Sec.

MAY QUEEN Rebekah Lodge, No. 5, will meet tonight. Meeting called at 7 o'clock sharp. Mrs. C. Birch, N. G.; Mrs. Jack Stokes, R. S. Visitors welcome.

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BORN, MARRIED, DIED

BAKER—At Victoria Hospital on Monday, Dec. 21, 1925, Charles William Baker, 41 Giles St., dearly beloved husband of Sarah E. Baker, formerly of Kilmartin, in his 74th year. Funeral on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1925, at 2 o'clock p.m. from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. M. J. Boucher, 250 Hyman St. Interment at Woodland Cemetery.

BOURCHIER—On Sunday, Dec. 20, 1925, at his residence, 173 York St., King and William Sts., at 2:30 p.m. Services at 2 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. Interment at Woodland Cemetery.

BIRRELL—Suddenly, on Saturday, Dec. 19, 1925, William Henry Birrell, in his 80th year.

SWERLEY—On Sunday, Dec. 20, 1925, at his residence, 216 Essex street, Sarnia, James Dewey, beloved husband of Elizabeth M. Dewey, formerly of Kilmartin, in his 74th year. Funeral on Tuesday, Dec. 22, 1925, at 2 o'clock p.m. from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. M. J. Boucher, 250 Hyman St. Interment at Woodland Cemetery.

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A GAS TOASTER makes a handy gift. City Gas Company of London, Commercial Department, 215 Dundas St. Phone 825.

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RUSSIANS WILL TAKE PART IN DISARMAMENT PARLEY

Moscow, Though Skeptical, Accepts League of Nations' Invitation To Join in Proposed Conference—Will Have Plan For Peace—Refuses to Send Delegate to Switzerland.

Associated Press Despatch.
Moscow, Dec. 20.—Soviet Russia will accept the League of Nations' invitation to participate in the international disarmament conference as well as the world economic conference.

"While still skeptical of the European nations' real desire for disarmament," said a high official of the government today, "we are willing to make another effort to establish general peace and economic co-operation among all mankind."

"With this end in view, we are ready to put before the conference a concrete and definite plan representing the Russian people's earnest desire for peace, a new social order and a firm economic foundation for the world."

Will Boycott Switzerland.
Expressing similar sentiments, Ivestia, the government newspaper, today says that, while Soviet Russia will gladly join in such conferences, it cannot do so if the discussions are held in Switzerland, which the Bolsheviks have boycotted ever since the assassination of Vladimir Lenin in 1923.

The paper thinks the very fact that the invitation was extended to Russia by the league is an admit move carried on by British diplomats, "under the camouflage of pacification," adding that the allies were fully aware of the Soviet's negative attitude toward the league when they extended the invitation and also the possibility of Russia's refusing to join the conference.

Peace Professions.
A refusal to participate, however, the Ivestia continued, "would be playing into the hands of the league and would brand the Soviet union as an enemy of peace."

The paper declares Russia's genuine desire for disarmament is already known to all the world, and calls attention to the fact that the Soviet during the last three years has reduced its army from six million to a half-million men. It asserts that this number will be further reduced if the other nations do likewise.

Justice Wright, and will elect J. W. King, the Progressive.

H. A. Hall, of the legal firm of Starr, Spence, Fraser & Hall, was at Ottawa yesterday counting the arrangements for the return of the ballots. Mr. Norris was informed by long distance telephone to expect the ballots to arrive in Goderich Monday morning.

As soon as the ballots reach the returning officer, Richard Vanstone, of Wingham, counsel for King, will serve a copy of Mr. Justice Wright's order on Judge Lewis and ask for an appointment for the second round. It is expected that the whole proceeding will be completed well before the time the dominion parliament meets on January 7 next.

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EX-PRISONERS' FRIEND.

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As a result, a mystery of six and one-half years' standing may remain unsolved. It has been thought that the missing plane might prove to be that of Captain Mansel R. James, Canadian aviator, who disappeared on May 29, 1919.

Campbell himself led a party of eight searchers, accompanied by a newspaperman and a photographer into the woods. Twenty or thirty other voluntary searchers, attracted by the monetary rewards offered when Captain James disappeared, also have hunted through the forest and reported lack of success.

There is uncertainty over plans for further search. Snow has already fallen, and there is a threat of further snowfalls, which would effectively prevent continuation of the hunt.

The hunt has been conducted in one of the widest regions of the Berkshire mountains, consisting of forest and swamp land covering hills and valleys, beginning about six miles to the southeast of the village of Tiringham.

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MUSSOLINI PLANS EMPIRE WITH ROME AS ITS CENTER

Italian King Said To Be in Full Agreement With Proposal of Fascist Premier—Proclamation Expected During Coming Year—Vatican in Full Accord.

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London, Dec. 20.—The Sunday Times "understands" that the Mussolini government in full agreement with the Italian crown, intends in the course of the coming year to proclaim Italy an empire. It is further understood, the Sunday Times adds, that the idea is not unfavorably viewed in Vatican circles, and that a friendly solution of the "Roman question" might possibly synchronize with the promised political change. Great reticence is being observed in government circles in Rome, but within the inner circle of Fascism the startling development, it is asserted, is being freely discussed.

The kingdom of Italy was constituted in 1861, when Victor Emmanuel, king of Sardinia, was proclaimed the first king of Italy. Venice was annexed in 1866 from Austria, and Rome in 1870 from the holy see.

Units of New Empire.
The new empire, it is reported, would comprise into operation would comprise Italy proper, Sicily, Sardinia, Elba and various small islands with a total length of coast of more than 4,000 miles, the dominion of Italy, on the coast of the

Red Sea, known as the colony of Eritrea, covers an area of 45,754 square miles. The colony and protectorates of Italian Somaliland have an area of 154,000 square miles. Italian Libya, comprising Tripolitania and Cyrenaica, on the north coast of Africa, has an area of 556,000 square miles.

In the war with Turkey in 1912 Italy occupied a number of islands in the Aegean. The world war brought further territorial gains of southern Tyrol, Istria and Trent, and the Dodecanese.

The First Emperor.
The first Roman emperor was Caius Octavianus, who died in the year 14. The house of Savoy is the present reigning dynasty.

Recently several constitutional reforms were established by the Italian parliament which virtually without parliamentary approval, needing only the consent of the king. This means that royal decrees would enable the government to act without the necessity of acts of state without the need of legislation.

In a speech not long ago Mussolini indicated that something unusual would happen soon, but he did not reveal the secret.

TONIGHT'S RADIO

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21. CIGC, LONDON—330M.

1-2 p.m.—Miss Mary Galloway and weather forecasts.

7-8:30 p.m.—Western Radio Company Concert Supper. Mr. Paul De Marky, famous Hungarian pianist and other talented artists. Broadcast from Massey & Rich studio.

CFC, TORONTO—356.9.

5:30-6:00—News; weather.

CCCL, TORONTO—257.

7:00-8:00—Studio music.

10:30-11:30—Studio music.

14:05-5:00—Hambourg REAL—411.

1:45—Lundbeck music.

CFAC, CALGARY—435.8.

11:00—Rushon's Serenaders.

CFMT, MONTREAL—410.7.

7:00—Stories; dinner music.

8:45—Christmas music.

10:30—Dance program.

KDKA, EAST PITTSBURG—309.1.

6:30—Dinner concert.

8:00—Happy home hour.

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The Dream Detective

By SAX ROHMER

"Now, Mr. Grimsby," said Morris Klaw when we four investigators had gathered together again, "you will hide in the case with the mummies."

"But I may find myself helpless! How do we know that any particular case is going to be opened? Besides, I don't know what to expect!"

"Blessed is he that expecteth little, my friend. It is quite possible that no attempt will be made tonight. In that event you will have to be locked in again tomorrow night!"

Grimsby accordingly set out. He held a key to the curator's private door, which opened upon the Greek room, and also the key of a wall case. Morris Klaw had especially warned him against making the slightest noise. In fact, he had us all agree with curiosity and expectation. As he and Coram and I, having opened, very carefully, the landing window, looked down through the skylight into the Egyptian room, Grimsby appeared beneath us. He was carrying an electric pocket torch.

Opening the wall case nearest to the lower end of the room, he glanced up rapidly, then stepped within, reclosing the glass door. As Klaw had pointed out, earlier in the evening, an ideal hiding place existed between the side of the last sarcophagus and the angle of the wall.

"I hope he has refastened the catch," said our eccentric companion, "but not with noise!"

"Why do you fear his making a noise?" asked Coram, curiously.

"Outside, upon the landing," replied Morris Klaw, "is a tall piece of a bas-relief; it leans back against the wall. You know it?"

"Tonight, you did not look behind it, in the triangular space so formed."

"There's no occasion. A man could not get in there."

"He could not, you say? No? That exploits to me, Mr. Coram, that you

have no eye for capacity! But if you are wrong, what then?"

"Anyone hiding there would have to remain in hiding until the morning. He could not gain access to any of the rooms; all are locked, and he could not go downstairs, because of the night attendant in the hallway."

"No? Yes? You are two times wrong! First—someone is concealed there."

"Mr. Klaw!" began Coram, excitedly.

"Shh!" Morris Klaw raised his hand. "No excitement. It is noisy and a tax upon the nerves. Second—you are wrong, because presently that hidden one will come into the Egyptian room."

"How? How in heaven's name is he going to get in?"

"We shall see."

Utterly mystified, Coram and I stared at Morris Klaw, for we stood one on either side of him; but he merely wagged his finger enjoining us to silence, and silent perforce we became.

The view was a cramped one, and standing there looking out at the clear summer night, I for one grew very weary of the business. But I was sustained by the anticipation that the mystery of the headless mummies was about to come to a climax. I felt very sorry for poor Grimsby, cramped in the

corner of the Egyptian room, for I knew him to be even more hopelessly in these manoeuvres than I was myself. In vain I racked my brain in quest of the link which united the ancient "Book of the Lamps" with the singular case which had brought us there that night.

Coram began to fidget, and I knew intuitively that he was about to speak.

"Shh!" whispered Morris Klaw.

A beam of light shone out beneath us, across the Egyptian room.

I concluded that something had attracted the attention of Grimsby. I leaned forward in tense expectancy, and Coram was keenly excited.

The beam of light moved; it shone upon the door of the very case in the corner of which Grimsby was hiding, but upon the nearer end, fully upon the face of a mummy.

A small figure was dimly discernible, the figure of the man who carried the light. Cautiously he crossed the room. Evidently he held the key of the wall case, for in an instant he had swung the door back and was hauling the mummy on to the floor.

Then out upon the midnight visitor leapt Grimsby. The light was extinguished—and Morris Klaw, drawing back from the window, seized Coram by the

arm, crying, "The key of the door! The key of the door!"

We were down and into the Egyptian room in less than half a minute. Coram switched on all the lights; and there with his back to the open door of the wall case, handcuffed and wild-eyed, was Mr. Mark Pettigrew.

Coram's face was a study—for the famous archaeologist whom we now saw manacled before us was a trustee of the Menzies Museum.

"Mr. Pettigrew!" he said, hoarsely.

"Mr. Pettigrew! there must be some mistake!"

"There is no mistake, my good sir," rumbled Morris Klaw. "Look, he has with him a sharp knife to cut off the head of the priest!"

It was true. An open knife lay upon the floor beside the fallen mummy. Grimsby was breathing very heavily and looking in rather a startled way at his captive, who seemed unable to realize what had happened. Coram cleared his throat nervously. It was one of the strangest scenes in which I had ever participated.

"Mr. Pettigrew," he began, "it is incomprehensible to me—"

"I will make you to comprehend!" interrupted Morris Klaw. "You ask—"

He raised a long finger—"why should Mr. Pettigrew cut off the head of his own mummy?" I answer for the same reason that he cut off the head of the one at Sotheby's. You ask why did he cut off the head of the one at Sotheby's? I answer for the same reason that he cut off the head of the one at my house, and for the same reason that he came to cut off the head of this one! What is he looking for? He is looking for the 'Book of the Lamps'!"

He paused, gazing around upon us. Probably, excepting the prisoners, I alone amongst his listeners understood what he meant.

"I have related to Mr. Stables," he continued, "some of the history of that book, contained the ritual of the ancient Egyptian ceremonial magic. It was priceless; it gave its possessors a power above the power of kings; and when the line of Pharaohs became extinct it vanished. Where did it go? According to a very rare record of which there are only two copies in existence—one of them in my possession and one in Mr. Pettigrew's—it was hidden in the skull of the mummy of a priest or priestess of the temple."

Pettigrew was staring at him like a man fascinated.

"Mr. Pettigrew had only recently acquired that valuable manuscript work in which the fact is recorded; and being an enthusiast, gentlemen—he spread wide his hands continentally—'all we poor collectors are enthusiasts—he set to work upon the first available mummy of a priest of that temple. It was his own. The skull did not contain the priceless treasure! But all these mummies are historic; there are only five in Europe."

"Five?" blurted Pettigrew.

"Five," replied Klaw; "you thought there were only four, eh? But as a blind you called in the police and showed them how your mummy had been mutilated. It was good. It was clever. No one suspected you of the outrages after that—no one but the old fool who knew that you had secured the second copy of that valuable work of guidance."

"So you did not hesitate to use the keys you had procured in your capacity as trustee to gain access to this fourth mummy here?"

"Gentlemen," he said, "there will be no prosecution. The fever of research is a disease; never a crime."

"I agree," said Coram, "most certainly there must be no prosecution; no scandal. Mr. Pettigrew, I am very, very sorry for this."

Grimsby, with a rather wry face, removed the handcuffs. A singular expression proclaimed itself upon Pettigrew's shrivelled countenance.

"The thing I'm most sorry for," he said, dryly, but with the true fever of research burning in his eyes, "if you will excuse me saying it, Coram, for I'm very deeply indebted to you—is that I can't cut off the head of this fourth mummy!"

Mr. Mark Pettigrew was a singularly purposeful and rudely truculent man.

"It would be useless," rumbled Morris Klaw. "I found the fifth mummy in Egypt two years ago. And behold!" he swept his hand picturesquely through the air—"I beheaded him!"

"What?" screamed Pettigrew, and leapt upon Klaw with blazing eyes.

"Ah," rumbled Klaw, massive and unflinching, "that is the question—what? And I shall not tell you!"

From his pocket he took out the scent spray and squirted verben into the face of Mr. Pettigrew.

NINTH EPISODE
Case of the Haunting of Grange.
CHAPTER I.

A large lamp burned in the center of the table; a red-shaded candle stood close by each diner; and the soft light made a brave enough show upon the snowy napery and spotless silver, but dispersed nothing of the gloom about us.

The table was a lighted oasis in the desert of the huge apartment. One could barely pick out the suits of armor and trophies which hung from distant paneled walls, and I started repeatedly when the butler appeared, silent, at my elbow.

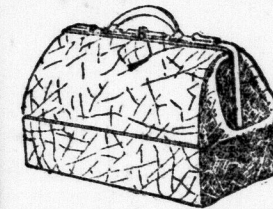
Of the party of five, four were men—three of them (for I venture to include myself) neatly groomed and dressed with care in conventional dinner fashion. The fourth was a heavy figure in a dress coat with broad satin lapels such as I have seen, I think, in pictures of Victorian celebrities. I have no doubt, judging from its shiny appearance, that it was the workmanship of a Victorian tailor. The vest was cut high and also boasted lapels; the trousers, though at present they were concealed beneath the table, belonged to a different suit, possibly a morning suit, and to a different sartorial epoch.

The woman, young, dark, and exceedingly pretty, wore a gown of shimmering amber, cut with Parisian daring. Her beautiful eyes were more often lowered than raised, for Sir James Leyland, our host, was unable to conceal his admiration; his face, tanned by his life in the bush, was often turned to her. Clement Leyland, the baronet's cousin, bore a striking resemblance to Sir James, but entirely lacked the latter's breezy manner. I set him down for a man who thought much and said little.

However, conversation could not well flag at a board boasting the presence of such a genial colonial as Sir James and such a storehouse of anecdotal oddities as Morris Klaw. Mr. Leyland and myself, then, for the most part practised the difficult art of listening; for Sir James, I learned, could talk almost as entertainingly as her father.

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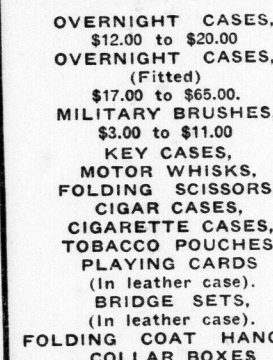
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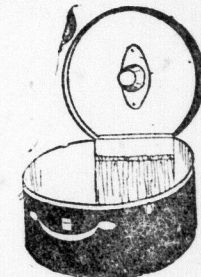
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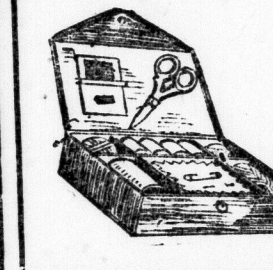
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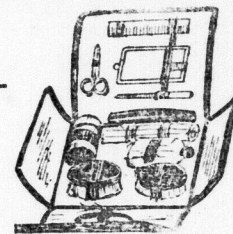
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Six-tube Super-Heterodyne, equipped with five UX-199 Radiotrons, and one UX-120 Power Tube, and UX-120 Radiola Loud Speaker \$254.00
Same as above, but without Loud Speaker \$230.00

C.G.E. Model 193

Cabinet Type—Equipped with two UX-199 Radiotron Tubes, one UX-120 Power Tube, and Head Telephone, \$80.00

C.G.E. Model 93

Equipped with two UX-199 Radiotron Tubes, one UX-120 Power Tube and Head Telephone, \$59.00

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TOYS AND DOLLS AT COST

Our entire stock of Toys, including Electric Trains, Sleds, Mechanical Toys, Kiddie Cars, Coasters, Kiddie Bikes and the best selection of Games in the city, must be sold regardless of our loss.

This stock of Toys was contracted for and purchased months ago. Now that we are "GOING OUT OF BUSINESS AND OUR BUILDING HAS BEEN SOLD," we are forced to make this sacrifice.

This sale also includes our entire stock of Furniture, Rugs and House Furnishings, among which you will find hundreds of appropriate gifts.

MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS EARLY—A SMALL DEPOSIT WILL HOLD ANY ARTICLE UNTIL DELIVERED.

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125-127 KING STREET

FRENCH PEARLS

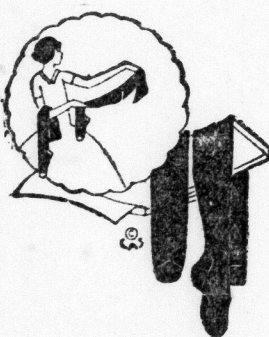
French Indestructible Pearls, 36-in. length. A gift of jewelry is a gift that will last **\$1.00**

The Christmas Store

We wish it might be possible to photograph a movie film of the activities of this store and its personnel in their Christmas workings for our customers. It is the work that we do for our customers, the protection we secure them, the helpfulness and satisfaction that we provide that earns the claim we make to be a store of service and satisfaction, above all times, at this Christmas season.

Christmas Candy

100 lbs. Creamed Almonds, pink and white. Special, per pound **34c**
200 boxes Assorted Chocolates, with cream centers; 3/4-lb. Special, a box **23c**



HOSE

The Christmas season brings the skating season and what would be a better gift than a pair of these Arkona Wool Hose? They are All-Wool Ribbed Hose, excellent for skating, as they have a reversible colored striped cuff. Fawn, Lovat, Gray and Brown. Sizes 7 to 10 1/2. Prices **95c and \$1.25**

Main Floor.

FRENCH LINGERIE—A GIFT SUGGESTION



Of all the "somethings to wear," Lingerie is always sure of a welcome, especially if it bears a small card with the name "Yvette" inscribed thereon.

Of nainsook, these gowns are particularly attractive, as they are plainly or elaborately embroidered as one desires. On fine quality nainsook, in white and pastel colors, with round or square necks, and some have a tiny yoke at the back, or a draw ribbon. The prices vary from **\$1.75 up to \$4.50**

ENVELOPE CHEMISE of nainsook, embroidered in dainty designs and available in white pastel shades. **\$1.75, \$2.50 to \$4.50**

Second Floor.

This Store Has Plenty of the Christmas Spirit Still In Its System.

This is a Peter Pan store. It never grows up. It doesn't grow weary by the 21st of December—or by the 24th. It's still a joyous place where spirits are as bright as holly berries, and where the gifts are as fresh and plentiful as the Christmas cheer. Last-minute shopping does not need to be a frantic scramble. Here it can be a gay adventure, a treasure hunt that leads to a real treasure—the gift that is just what you have been looking for.

SKATING GLOVES

Smart, inexpensive and very welcome to the outdoor lover are these gloves of all wool.

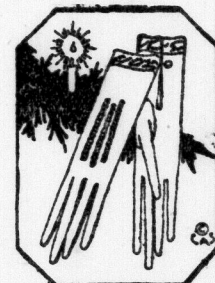
AT 90c—Brushed Wool Glove with plaid cuff; beaver and camel shades.

AT \$1.25—Plain knit, with long wrist, in shades of Light Castor, Camel, White, Searlet and Cardinal.

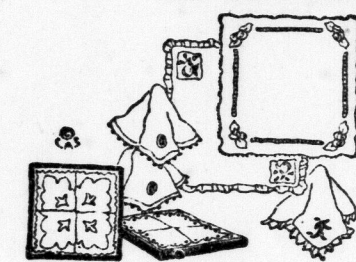
AT \$1.50—A Glove of Light Castor, with plain hand and brushed cuff.

AT \$1.75—A smart Glove of Light Camel or Castor, with brown stripe and fringe.

Main Floor.



LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS



Ladies' Handkerchiefs, box of two assorted designs, at.... **85c and \$1.00**

Ladies' Handkerchiefs, in all white or solid colors, at..... **20c, 25c and 35c each**

Ladies' Handkerchiefs, in all white, solid color, white with colored border **50c each**

Ladies' All-White Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered corner **75c each**

Ladies' All-White Handkerchiefs, hand-embroidered corner, fine quality linen **\$1.00 and \$1.25 each**

Children's Solid Color Handkerchiefs, **35c box of 3**

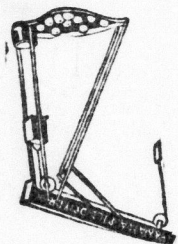
Children's Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, **55c box of 3**

Children's Picture Handkerchiefs, 3 for 25c

Maltese Lace Handkerchiefs, hand-made lace, fine linen center, at **\$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50 each**

Ladies' Plain White Linen Handkerchiefs **19c and 25c each**

TOY TOWN NEWS



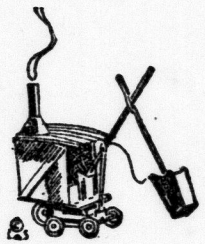
The Toys are still numerous and many excellent selections can still be made.

WHITE FURNITURE—Dressing Tables, Dressers and Chiffoniers, all in dainty white colors. Little animals and flowers are painted on the drawers. Prices..... **\$2.25 to \$10.50**

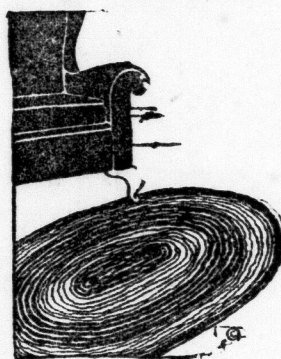
MECHANICAL TOYS of all descriptions. Double Garages with two cars; Street Cars with track; Twin Trolleys; Spark Plug; Ruddy; Taxis; Motion Picture Machines; Toonerville Trolleys; Santa Claus, etc. **50c, \$1.65 and \$7.95**

GAMES—Sewing Sets, Tool Sets, Embroidery Sets, Deck Ring Toss, Roto Quoits, Lead Soldiers, **20c to 35c**

Dapple Gray Horses, on wheels, **45c, 60c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25**



FRENCH OVAL RUGS



A gift of taste and value—on light or dark backgrounds. These Rugs are patterned in a riot of colorings in flowered and Oriental designs. These Rugs have all the subtlety of French colorings, with the vividness of the French contrasts. A heavy pile All-Wool Mat, oval in shape; sizes from 4 ft. 8 in. x 2 ft. 4 in. to 6 ft. 9 in. x 4 ft. 8 in.

Prices, **\$6.50, \$7.50, \$12.50, \$19.50**

Carpet Department, Third Floor.

This Store Features the 25 year pen.

COME and see the super-pen created by Geo. S. Parker, inventor of the famous "Lucky Curve". The classic Duofold is already our leading seller.

The PARKER Duofold
Duofold Jr. \$5
Duofold \$7
Duofold Lady Duofold \$5
Chinese-red barrel with smart, black-tipped ends.
Native Iridium point, as smooth and life-enduring as a hard bearing, and guaranteed 25 years.



A GIFT TO A YOUNG MAN

New Tuxedo Suits

Complete With Silk Vest

\$37.50

New Tuxedo Suits in fine black barastea cloth, with fine satin finish trim; expertly tailored, with the new broad shoulder; narrower hips. Complete with black silk vest. Surprise him this Christmas with one of these fine evening suits

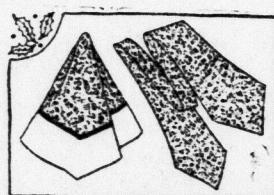
—\$37.50—

New "Matching Sets" Just Received From New York

\$2.00—\$3.50—\$4.00

TIES AND HANDKERCHIEFS

A new group of beautiful Matching Sets of Ties and Handkerchiefs just arrived, in rich Foulards in many color combinations. These are one of the smart gifts of the season. Select early before this group is depleted. **\$2, \$3.50, \$4**



In the Men's Shop

Scotch Cashmere and Rayon Knitted Men's Scarfs, \$1.98

A special purchase of beautiful Gift Scarfs in Scotch cashmeres, in brilliant colorings; new Rayon weaves in accordion Knitted Scarfs, black and white; Dress Scarfs included. These are one-third less than regular price. Each **\$1.98**

Men's Pongee Silk Pocket Handkerchiefs **55c**

Drawn Thread Fine Pongee Silk Handkerchiefs, with hemstitched border; pocket size, in gift box **55c**

Men's Fancy Cashmere Hose **98c Pair**

Men's Fancy English Cashmere (all wool) Hose, in dark and light mixtures; hile and Rayon checks included in the lot. Special, per pair **98c**

Men's Pure Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, **35c, 3 for \$1.00**

Fine quality Pure Linen Handkerchiefs with embroidered initial; 1/4-inch hemstitched border; all initials are again in stock at

35c, 3 for \$1

White Silk Scarfs, \$1.95

Fuji Silk Scarfs, with small figure on white ground, in large square size. An excellent gift. Each **\$1.95**

Men's Plain Linen Handkerchiefs

Fine Irish Linen Handkerchiefs for men, with hemstitched borders, each,

29c, 35c, 50c

Boys' Pyjamas **\$1.79 Suit**

Boys' Cosy Flannellette Pyjamas, in neat stripes. A splendid gift for a boy. Suit. **\$1.79**

Men's New Striped Broadcloth Shirts

With separate collar to match.

\$2.95

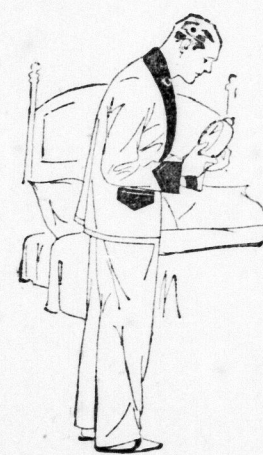
Rich Broadcloth Shirts in the newest pencil stripes, small checks, in Blues, Helio, Sand. Excellent quality. Sizes 14 to 16 1/2. These are just opened; in gift box. Special at... **\$2.95**



Men's English Broadcloth Shirts

\$1.95 Each

With special collar to match, in solid colors—Sand, White, Blue, Helio and Gray; good quality Broadcloth Shirts, with separate collar to match. Sizes 14 to 17. Very special at, each..... **\$1.95**



Men's Flannellette PYJAMAS

\$2.95 Suit

Faultless and other high-grade makes are included in this group of cosy Flannellette Pyjamas, in neat stripes, trimmed with silk braid and silk frogs. Sizes 36 to 46. Special at, per suit..... **\$2.95**

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