

## The Courier Wishes All—"A Merry Christmas"

### WARDEN'S BANQUET LAST NIGHT AT KERBY HOUSE A PLEASING EVENT

Warden Cooke Congratulated Upon the Discharge of Duties of His Office by All the Speakers—Toast List Honored by Addresses From Brant County Notables, and Speeches Exceptionally Able.

The dinner given by Warden Cooke last evening in the Kerby House, will deservedly rank as one of the most successful events of the kind ever held in this city. Perhaps the best of the speeches all of them exceptionally fine, were charged with the import and the impress of this intense Empire period. Mr. A. E. Watts, County Clerk, acted as Toastmaster in a very efficient way. Rev. Mr. Lavell offered grace.

Mr. Littlefield supplied a splendid Christmas menu and the waiting and all the appointments were first class. Letters of regret for inability to be present were read from J. H. Fisher, M.P., and Lt. Col. Cutcliffe, both on the sick list, Col. Stewart of the 84th called on military business to Toronto, and Mayor Patterson of Paris. All of the speakers referred in the most complimentary terms to the Warden and his work.

Rev. Mr. Lavell sang "Rule Britannia" to introduce the toast "British Empire," the audience joining in the chorus.

Mr. T. Scott Davidson, M.P.P., stated, on rising to propose the toast, that he wished some abler speaker

his excellent discharge of county duties. The Empire was confronted to-day with the most serious menace in our time. The situation was not altogether gratifying, although we would not lose faith in the final results. On land we were not advancing. He was not at all sure, said Mr. Cockshutt, but that it was up to Canada to stir herself and do more than she had done.

Great Britain has raised four millions. On that basis Canada should raise 800,000. German authorities admitted that if really put to it, Canada could raise 1,000,000 men. The German, himself, states that there was a better soldier than the Canadian. That was a remarkable record for a peace-loving nation.

**WHAT IF WE LOST?**

It might be too early to count on the consequence of victory, but it was not too early to face the consequences of defeat. If Germany won, all Canadians would be forced to become soldiers, and all that we hold dear, our wives, our children and our territory will be under the heel of the ruthless Hun. Canada would be taken into account when peace is struck. That fact must not be forgotten.

Our Allies have done all that is possible. Why should not Britain do the same share, they will ask. Belgium, Poland and Serbia have been rent from end to end. Canada might be the same. "Think the Lord for the British fleet."

**THE BRANT BATTALION**

There was a necessity of everybody doing their part. In Brant county was being formed a battalion for overseas service. It was up to everybody in the county to see that the regiment was raised. Brant County had done well; but there was more to do.

**THE WESTERN RANCHER.**

Col. Cockshutt told of a big rancher in the west who gave several hundred of his horses free to the government when the war broke out and joined himself as a private after three sons had joined as officers. That was the finest bit of patriotism he had ever heard of.

**WHAT OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE DONE.**

Australia had before the war a system of universal training. She already had placed in the field 250,000 men at a cost of 200 millions. She had half the population of Canada. New Zealand rallied in like manner. South Africa had taken care of German Africa. India was to-day the reservoir not yet scarcely tapped. Money and men had come rolling in from all sides.

**THE EGYPTIAN MENACE.**

The greatest danger to the Empire was the Balkans and Egypt. That danger was at its height to-day. By all and any means, Germany was determined to raise India against Britain, but India knows that the withdrawal of British rule means self-destruction. Great Britain was spending 25 millions a day. Canada's war vote would last Britain six days. Britain was pouring out her wealth to win the struggle. "Isn't that the time for the sons to rally round the old folks? I think it is."

**CONSCRIPTION.**

Australia was talking conscription. They claimed that the present system worked unequally. Some families gave much, others nothing. That was to talk there under a labour government. In Britain it had been talked of. It might yet have to come. Lord Derby's scheme was still on trial.

The list of casualties from the Canadian first contingent up to July was 1,000. If one must die, the cause was worth it. Britain must finally triumph affirmed Mr. Cockshutt, for truth, justice and mercy must prevail. Out of it all the Lord would deliver us. We would be glad the better for the great trials we had been called upon to go through.

**MR. J. H. HAM, M.P.P.**

After felicitating the warden on his excellent record, Mr. Ham touched upon the subject of his toast, Canada had answered the call in life and labor and industry and had given generously of all these things. We had shown to the world that we could put first things first. The first things were to see Mr. Cockshutt that our dearly bought liberties should be maintained and that

### Weeding Out Incompetents

Paris, Dec. 24.—General Joffre, Commander-in-Chief of the French army, continues relentlessly his policy of eliminating from the higher commands all officers not maintaining the highest standard of efficiency, both technically and physically. The latest of the statements contains the names of five generals of division, retired, three placed on the reserve list and seven brigadiers placed on the reserve. Men who have distinguished themselves in the recent operations, are being promoted to their places.

The German militarism should be destroyed. Canada had made history and when it came to be written it would be shown that no soldiers had ever fought more valiantly than the Canadians.

**COL. HARRY COCKSHUTT.**

After congratulating the warden, Colonel Cockshutt stated that he was proud of the fact that Canada was the brightest jewel in the crown of the Empire.

Had our legislatures done for Canada what they should have done? They had not. Natural resources had been wasted. In our own vicinity magnificent forests had been wantonly destroyed. The business of vending fish was not organized and middlemen made too big profits. He urged that a proper storage system should be instituted to get the most value out of the fish product. In such a way could we help the great motherland in the hour of need.

We must think and work for future (Continued on Page 5)

### MAYOR SPENCE MAKES REPLY TO MR. J. W. BOWLBY

Explains That Overdraft is Really Amount of Unpaid Taxes.

Mayor Spence has taken objection to the statement of Mr. J. W. Bowlby that there is extravagance in the city council. When seen by the Courier this morning, he stated as follows:

"The \$77,000 overdraft that Mr. Bowlby objects to in his address to the electors of Ward 4, is the amount of unpaid taxes. The city could have collected these taxes by levying on the chattels of the parties who had not paid, but after consultation, it was decided such a course was not advisable under present financial conditions. The city is therefore carrying these taxes to give the citizens a chance to pay up, without these drastic measures being taken.

In reference to his other complaints Mr. Bowlby knows from his long municipal experience, that the city council has no control over the actions of these independent boards. As far as the city council of 1915 is concerned, every committee of the council wound up its year with a surplus on hand, which is a record that very few councils in the past has had."

### OVER HALF A MILLION.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Replying to a written question by P. A. Molteno, member of the House of Commons, Premier Asquith to-day gave the total British casualties up to December 9 as 528,227.

Father and thirty-five year old son met for the first time in Fargo, N.D. The son was born after the father and mother were divorced.

### PARLIAMENT ADJOURNED WITHOUT RECEIVING RECRUITING FIGURES

#### CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

The operator of the Courier a special leased wire will enjoy a well-earned holiday on Christmas Day, but other telegraphic arrangements have been made by this paper, whereby anything which may happen of importance in connection with the war will be bulletined.

#### A NAVAL BATTLE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A news agency despatch from London published here to-day says:

Rome despatches to-day reported that the Turkish cruiser Midirli, formerly the German Breslua, has been sunk, and the Turkish dreadnought Sultan Selim, formerly the German Goeben, damaged in a battle with the Russian squadron in the Black Sea.

#### Chilly.

Stockholm, via London, Dec. 24.—Sweden is experiencing the severest cold of the last 150 years. The temperature at some points has fallen to 62 degrees below zero.

#### Big Damage by Fire

Gull Lake, Sask., Dec. 24.—Fire in the business section of this town, did damage estimated at \$60,000.

Isolated Engagements at the Front Upset Predictions of Christmas Truce—Bulgarians are Preparing to Invade Greece—Russian Successes in Galicia—Paris States There is Nothing to Report.

London, Dec. 24.—Many isolated engagements on various fronts have upset predictions of the universal Christmas truce. Nothing of great importance, however, has developed.

From Galicia the Russians report success in an action against the Austrians near Trembowla, where there has been an indication recently that the Austrians and Germans are seeking to strengthen their lines. Although no activity is reported on the Mesopotamian front, the Russians are advancing steadily in Persia in an effort to link their forces with those of their British allies.

On Hartmanns-Weikerkopf the French claim to have maintained their gains in a front of one mile, but admit their left has been compelled to fall back. The Germans assert they have re-taken the lost ridge, with the capture of a large number of prisoners.

Special despatches to London papers state the Bulgarians are preparing to invade Greek territory in an effort to expel the allies from Saloniki. The Entente forces are engaged in strengthening their positions and express confidence there is no immediate prospect of an offensive against them.

Parliament adjourned without receiving the figures concerning the Earl of Derby's recruiting plan, but on reassembling after the holidays the members will have the facts in regard to the question whether conscription is necessary.

#### THE BATTLE LINE

Paris, Dec. 24.—The battle fronts of both sides in the conflict in the Serbian theatre of war are given in a despatch from the Saloniki correspondent of The Echo de Paris.

The correspondent states that 60,000 Germans are massed around Monastir with the Bulgars concentrated in the center of the Vardar valley and two Turkish divisions taking a position on the left of the Bulgars. The French are ranged in a semi-circle around Saloniki with their left on the Vardar center, facing the Greek frontier near Doiran, and their right connecting with the British troops defending Chalcidice.

#### NOTHING TO ADD.

Paris, Dec. 24.—2.30 p.m.—"There is nothing to add to the preceding communication," the war office announced this afternoon.

#### ALD MINSHALL NOT RUNNING FOR MAYORALTY

Ald. J. H. Minshall to-day authorized the Courier to say that at the solicitation of many of his temperance friends he had decided not to oppose Ald. T. E. Ryerson for the office of Mayor. He remarked that he felt he had as good claims for the position as Mr. Ryerson, but after due consideration had decided on the course named. He will again offer himself as an aldermanic candidate in Ward 2.

#### EARL OF DERBY'S SCHEME NOT A BIG SUCCESS

London, Dec. 24.—The repeated postponements of Premier Asquith's announcement of the result of the Earl of Derby's recruiting campaign are now said to be due to pressure brought to bear on the ministers by anti-conscriptionists. It is also alleged that the Premier can only hold his ministry intact by introducing some form of conscription, although he himself is not in favor of that course.

According to parliamentary gossip the number of single men attested under the recruiting scheme was only a quarter of the total of single men on the national registry and it is asserted that when men unfit for service or engaged in munitions work are eliminated only a very few will be available for the army. Of course it is impossible to confirm these statements before the official figures are forthcoming, but there is little doubt that there is a strong force within the cabinet working for conscription on the ground that the single men responded inadequately to the appeal of the Earl of Derby.

On the other hand there is a very strong party in parliament dead against conscription. According to the Weekly Nation this party numbers two hundred and is well organized and determined to fight. It consists of virtually the whole Irish party, a majority of the labor leaders, and a large number of Liberals and Radicals. The Nation contends that if the conscriptionists prevail a serious crisis will be produced and strong Liberal ministers will resign.

While on a ladder adjusting a noose to hang himself a Michigan man fell on his head and was killed.

### NEW CHIEF OF THE BRITISH ARMY, IN FRANCE



General Sir Douglas Haig has been appointed to succeed Field Marshal Sir John French as commander of the British forces in France and Flanders. The appointment to supreme field command follows a succession of brilliant exploits on the part of Sir Douglas, who has been mentioned in despatches repeatedly by Sir John French. Like Sir John, Sir Douglas Haig also was a cavalry commander and served with General French in the South African campaign.

#### ALL DIFFERENCES SMOOTHING DOWN

United States and Austria Will Come to an Agreement.

#### AUSTRIAN PRESS COMMENT WITHHELD

Teutonic Power Willing to Do Utmost to Remain Friendly.

Vienna, Dec. 24.—In all quarters the conviction is now entertained that the differences between Austria-Hungary and the United States which arose from the Ancona incident are susceptible to amicable settlement. The Austro-Hungarian reply to the latest Ancona note may be expected in a few days.

The second Ancona note from Washington is being studied here. Meanwhile the press is withholding comment. The remarks incident to the announcement that the note had been received were temperate and even friendly in tenor, and all circles are convinced that the outlook may fairly be described as favorable.

No inkling has been gained as to the nature of the forthcoming Austro-Hungarian communication to the United States, but in this communication interest attaches to an article by Prof. Henry Lammasch, one of the leading Austrian authorities on international law. Professor Lammasch, who is a member of the tribunal at The Hague, suggests that in view of the fact that there is a misunderstanding between the two nations, an international commission of naval experts from neutral countries be appointed to examine the Ancona case as was done in the famous Doggerbank incident. It is felt in certain quarters here that this procedure would offer the best chance of establishing the facts and thus placing the responsibility.

The Associated Press correspondent can state on the best authority that the Austrian government as well as the German is willing to do its utmost to maintain good relations with the United States, provided no conditions regarded as prejudicial to the honor of this nation are imposed.

At the American embassy, the impression prevails that it is still possible to arrive at a solution of the Ancona question.

Dr. G. A. Jones, Dr. A. B. Roshar, Dr. H. Q. F. Thompson, Miss Irvine Robertson (matron) and 28 nurses have left London for the Anglo-Russian hospital at Petrograd.

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# SOCIETY

Mr. and Mrs. Martin are spending the holiday in St. Mary's.

Mr. Arthur Livingston is in town from Montreal.

Miss Fair, of the Collegiate staff, is spending her holidays in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hall and son are spending the holiday in Woodstock.

Miss Reddick, of the Collegiate Institute, is spending the holiday in Streetsville.

The many friends of Miss Minerva Westbrook will be glad to know she is doing as well as can be expected, after a recent serious operation.

Mr. Clayton Moyer, of the 32nd Battery, now with the 40th Overseas Battery, stationed at Toronto, is spending the holiday at his home here.

Major J. H. Hines of 79th C.E.F., of Brandon, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Park and daughter of Syracuse, Mrs. M. F. Thompson and Helen of Buffalo are home for Xmas.

The fourth and fifth forms of the Collegiate Institute held an "at home" on Wednesday evening, the class rooms and assembly hall being suitably decorated with Christmas decorations. During the evening diplomas were presented to those who passed their Teachers' Examination last summer.

Mrs. Haslam and Miss Nina are spending Christmas in Toronto.

Mr. J. T. Mailing left to-day for St. Thomas to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Pequegnat of Montreal, are spending Christmas in the city.

Miss Jennie Walters is spending the holiday at the parental home in Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Huffman and the Misses A. and H. Huffman will spend Christmas in Dundas.

Mrs. Edward Farrow, Elora, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. James Isaac, Grandview.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harris and two children, Mountain Park, Alta., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Schertzberg, Terrace Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Scruton and Mrs. N. E. Fountain left last evening for Detroit, to spend Christmas with Rev. G. E. and Mrs. Gullen.

Dr. Allan Cleghorn who is with the Army and Medical Corps, has sailed to join the Army Medical Corps in England. He will spend Christmas on the ocean.

Mr. and Mrs. Mann and family, of London, Ont., are the guests of Mrs. McGeary, Park Avenue, for Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Grierson will spend the holidays in Oakville.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. A. Isaac of Galt, are visitors in the city.

Miss Orrel Harris of Chicago, is spending Xmas with her mother, Mrs. Harry Harris, Darling St.

Mr. George Hawkes is a visitor at the parental home, William St., for Xmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowers and family of St. Catharines, are spending the holiday with Mrs. Robinson, 217 Darling street.

W. R. Marsden, chief library inspector of Toronto, will spend Christmas holidays with Judge and Mrs. Hardy, at Hazelbrook Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Thornton and family will spend Christmas in Woodstock, the guests of Major and Mrs. R. W. Robertson.

Mr. Jack Hunter, proprietor of the Kincardine Reporter, is spending the holiday with his mother on Darling Street.

Miss J. Dowling is spending the Christmas season at the parental home, Lorne Crescent.

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hamilton and two little daughters of Toronto, are spending their holidays at the parental home, 39 Brighon Row.

Miss Mae Ballachey, Brant Ave. leaves on Sunday for England via the S.S. Rotterdam, where she has been accepted as a Red Cross Nurse.

Mr. Charlie Robertson is spending the Xmas season in Brantford, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Schultz, Ava Road.

Miss Isabel Sinclair, who has been the guest of Mrs. Ashton Cutcliffe, the past few weeks, returned to Paisley the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Monahan and little daughter of Wiarton, will be the guests of Miss May Bennett, Brant Avenue, for the Christmas holidays.

Miss Rossiter of The Bishop Strachan School staff of Toronto, will be the guest of Miss Enid Hatley for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Heckadon and Mr. Frederick Heckadon of Sherborne are the guests over the Christmas holidays of Mr. William Heckadon, 40 Nelson street.

Pte. H. Ryerson of the 5th University Company, has returned to the city from Montreal for the Christmas holidays. He will return on Monday.

Mrs. Rola Johnston and little daughter of Jackson, Mich., are the guests of the former's mother, Mrs. James Avery, William street.

Knox Presbyterian S. School held their Xmas tree and entertainment at Bellview School on Wednesday evening. The attendance enjoyed the splendid program.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bunnell, Jr. of Toronto, will be up in Brantford for Xmas, the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Bunnell, Dufferin Avenue.

Miss J. Ballachey has left to spend the winter in Paisley. Miss L. Ballachey and Miss Lewis are spending the holiday with Dr. and Mrs. Ballachey of Buffalo.

Dr. and Mrs. Savage and Mr. and Mrs. H. Savage and Miss Savage of Brantford, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Newman, Queen St.

Mr. W. H. Coghill of the Imperial Bank staff of Ingersoll, will be in the city for Xmas. Mr. Coghill leaves on Monday next for Stanley Barracks, Toronto, where he will take a Captain's course, and will later join one of the battalions for active service.

Captain and Mrs. Henri K. Jordan, of Winnipeg are expected to arrive in Brantford shortly after Xmas, where Capt. Jordan will assume his duties as Captain in the 125th Brant Battalion. Mrs. Jordan and little Miss Marjorie Jordan will reside in Brantford during the absence of Captain Jordan.

Skating is quite the vogue this season throughout the continent. In Brantford the Golf Club members have taken the newly Dufferin Avenue rink for two evenings and two afternoons a week. It is understood that fancy skating will be quite the feature of the Golf Club Skating parties.

Miss Helen Pyke, formerly of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, has been accepted as a nursing sister for active service with the Canadian Red Cross, and will leave in the near future to assume her new duties. Many friends in Brantford will wish Miss Helen Pyke every success in her chosen field of work.

Mr. Henry Shapley of Toronto, was in the city this week for a short time on business.

Mr. W. H. Whitaker has just returned from a trip to Chicago and other western points.

Miss Phyllis Buck and Miss Doreen Woodruff have arrived in the city from MacDonal Hall, Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Gurd and family will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wilkes.

Miss McCollom of the Collegiate Institute staff, left on Thursday for Welland where she will spend the Christmas vacation.

Lieut. Ransome Wilkes will be up from Toronto to-day to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Wilkes.

Miss Jessie Crompton returned on Wednesday from Westbourne College and will spend her Christmas holidays at the parental home, Dufferin Ave.

Mr. Gordon Harris who has been staying in Montreal for several months, is in Brantford for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Nan Miller of St. Catharines, who is well known in Brantford, where she has often been a visitor, has gone to England as a Red Cross nurse.

Miss Winifred Watts and Miss Pearl Brown of the Toronto Varsity are spending the Christmas vacation with their parents.

Miss Grace Manchester of Buffalo, N.Y., is spending the Christmas season with Miss L. H. Goold, Church Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis and the Misses Marjorie and Isabel Ellis of Toronto, will spend Christmas in Mt. Pleasant the guests of Mrs. Briggs.

Messrs. George Sweet, Tom Ryan, Harold Palmer, Ken Wood, Will Ryerson, and Fred Lyle have returned from Toronto University for the Christmas vacation.

The Misses Margaret Bishop, Kathleen Reville, Maude Cockburn, and Helen Muir returned on Tuesday from The Bishop Strachan school, Toronto, and will spend the holidays with their parents.

Mrs. Joseph Stratford and Miss Mayden Stratford, and Messrs. Harold, Reg. and David Stratford, will spend Christmas in Toronto the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. O. Thompson.

Lieut. Kortum Woodruff and Mr. B. Woodruff and Christmas holidays here the guests of their aunt, Mrs. Nelson Howell, William St.

Lieut. Charlie Waterous will spend Christmas at the parental home, River Road, returning to Toronto the first of the week, where he expects to remain for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Watt, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Scarle and Mr. Reginald Scarle and Miss Sadie Scarle, will spend Christmas day in Hamilton, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Phinn.

Mrs. Breeden gave a charming little bridge party on Monday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Miss Grace Breeden of Detroit who is spending the Christmas holidays here.

Mrs. A. Robertson and little son of Thorold, Ont., arrived in the city this week and will spend the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Brant, Brant street, for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bishop and the Misses Mrs. Cameron and Miss Leonard will spend Christmas Day in St. Catharines, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Leonard.

Messrs. Lyman Goold, Howard Wainwright, and Logan Sutherland, returned on Thursday from Ridley College St. Catharines for the Christmas holidays.

Messrs. Harold Preston, Hugh Livingston, Moxley Verity and Clifford Slemin are expected home to-day, having completed their Lieutenant's course at Toronto.

The Messrs. Ken and Tom Ruddy, Foster Robertson and George and Jim Matthews and Reg. Cook, have returned from the Woodstock College for the Christmas vacation.

Miss Bonnie Longstreet is up from the Normal College in Hamilton, and will spend the vacation with her mother, Mrs. Longstreet, Egerton St.

Mr. Ewart Whitaker has returned from Fergus University, Indiana, and Mrs. W. H. Whitaker, Mr. Edward Whitaker is also in town from St. Andrew's College, Toronto.

Miss Enid Hatley returned from her duties at The Bishop Strachan school, Toronto, on Wednesday and will spend the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Hatley.

Miss Katherine Harris has returned from Loreto Convent, Hamilton, and will spend the Christmas vacation at the parental home, Darling street.

Dr. and Mrs. Harry Yates and Dr. Montague Yates and Miss Emily Yates are spending Christmas in London, England guests of Sir Montague and Lady Allan. Dr. Yates returned to London, Eng., on sick leave from active duty in France, Mr. Montague Yates also obtaining leave from active service to be with his parents.

Mr. Lorne Watson and Mr. Ray Hawkins leave the first of the week for Montreal, where they have enlisted in the Fifth University Corps for active service. Mr. Lorne Watson is the fourth son of Dr. D. Watson, and has been associated for some time with the Trusts and Guarantee Co. of this city, while Mr. Ray Hawkins has been with the firm of Ludlow Bros., Dalhousie street. Both young men are well known in Brantford, and their many friends will wish them every success.

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  - Plain at 25c to 50c each
  - Neck Scarfs in silk or knitted, at \$2, \$1.50, \$1.00, 75c and 50c
  - Neck Ties at \$1.00, 75c, 65c, 50c, 40c, 35c, 25c
  - All Wool Cashmere Sox, all sizes, at 50c, 35c, 25c
  - Braces in fancy boxes at 50c, 35c and 25c
  - Umbrellas at \$5.00, \$4.00, \$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.00, \$1.50 and 75c
- Dainty New Waists for Xmas**
- Another late shipment of beautiful Waists in Silk Crepe, Messaline, Ninons, etc., in black and colors, all sizes, and at \$7.00, \$5.00, \$4.00 to \$2.50
- Silk Scarves**
- Handsome Silk Scarfs, in Crepe-de-Chine, and Spanish lace. Worth up to \$8. Special at \$5.00
- Fancy Work Boxes**
- Work Boxes, with needles, spools and scissors fittings, at \$4.00, \$3.00, \$2.50 to 50c

- Linens Make Nice Xmas Gifts**
- Table Cloths, satin finish, choice patterns, sizes 2, 2 1/4 and 2 1/2 yards long and 2 yards wide, at \$10.00, \$8.00, \$7.00, \$5.00 to \$2.98
  - Table Napkins, 5/8 and 3/4 sizes, pure linen, many patterns to pick from, \$10, \$6, \$5 to \$1.50
  - Doylies, Tray Cloths, Centrepieces, 5 o'clock Cloth, Battenburg lace and embroidered edges, all specially priced for Xmas.
  - Bath Towels, with any initial, at each 37 1/2c
  - Jewel Cases, Cut Glass, French Ivory, all at special prices for Xmas.
- Sweaters for Xmas**
- Ladies', Misses' and Children's Sweaters in white, navy, brown, cardinal and combination colors, all sizes and prices, at \$5.00, \$4.00, \$3.00, \$2.00, \$1.00
- Silk Knitted Sweaters, in plain and shot effects, at \$15, \$12, \$10, \$8.00

- Japanese Kimonos**
- Japanese Kimonos, in blue, cardinal, pink, etc., long and short, at \$5.00 and \$4.50
- Dressing Sacques**
- Dressing Sacques and Bath Robes, made heavy Eiderette, at \$6.00 and \$5.00

### Parasols for Xmas

Ladies' Parasols, steel rods, natural wood handles, trimmed with pearl, silver and gilt, many styles to choose from and prices from \$10, \$8, \$7, \$5 to \$1.25



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One repeal of Local Option in the last five years.  
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Number of these places attempting to repeal ..... 4

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THE LOGIC OF EVENTS

"The logic of events has been too strong for me," said Mr. Curran, in response to the Belleville (Ontario) inquiry about the working of Local Option. "The measure was carried in 1907 by a majority of five votes. It was annulled on account of a technicality, but the Department refused to grant a renewal of licenses. It came up for decision at the following election and was carried by a majority of twenty-three over the three-fifths. I voted against it on both occasions, but will never do so again. The logic of events has been too strong for me."

### SOLICITOR FOR THE LICENSED VICTUALERS CHANGES HIS VIEWS

While at Mr. Curran's office we met Mr. M. B. Tudhope, one of the leading barristers of Simcoe county. He had been solicitor for the licensed holders when that system prevailed, and had opposed local option when it had been brought forward in January, 1907.

"The Scott Act was a farce," said Mr. Tudhope, in his forcible manner. "and I thought local option was some other of the same. But now I wouldn't go back to license under any circumstances. There is some liquor brought in in bottles, but there were fifty bottles sold before where there is one now. There is simply no comparison between the two methods. Our hotel accommodation is at least as good as it was before, and is much better than it is in Barrie, where they have license."

### POLICE COURT

In the eight months previous to Local Option—  
5 men to Kingston Penitentiary.  
6 men to Central Prison.

In the 30 months after Local Option—  
1 man for 3 months' period.  
Police Court work one-third of what it was under license.

For five weeks not a single case before the court.

### 2. CAMPBELLFORD

"Hotel accommodation is very much better than it was before."—Reeve Robertson.

### 3. MIDLAND, BOWMANVILLE

"No one could be found who was against Local Option," says the Editor of the Belleville Ontario.

### CHIEF OF POLICE JARVIS, BOWMANVILLE

"12 drunks in 1914.  
"5 drunks in 1915.  
"We have no trouble with the boys.  
"I never thought for a moment that Local Option would be such a success.  
"The Police Court here is nearly out of business.  
"I have held the office of Chief for 26 years, and the change for the better is so great that I do not know what word to use that is forcible enough to express my satisfaction.  
"The Bowmanville Foundry Co. would willingly pay \$500 a year to maintain Local Option rather than to go back to the old system."—Mr. C. Rehder, President.

### 4. RENFREW

CHIEF OF POLICE PLAUNT

"There has not been a case of a boy being drunk in the past year.  
"We have had no fights or brawls for two years.  
"No cases of illegal sale this year."

(Signed) LOCAL OPTION COMMITTEE

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Brantford, Ont.

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THE sole head of a family, over 18 years of age, who has a quarter-section of available land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta must appear in person before the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-District Office in person at any Dominion Lands Agency (Sub Agency), on certain conditions—Six months' residence on cultivation of the land in each year. A homesteader may not have more than 160 acres of land at least 80 acres, on certain of habitable land is required. In certain districts a non-good standing may be required. Section alongside his home \$300 per acre.

Duties—Six months' residence three years after cutting homestead; also 50 acres extra cultivation patent may be obtained as homestead patent, on certain conditions. A settler who has cultivated right may take a priority. Duties—Must reside on each of three years, cultivate erect a house worth \$500.

The area of cultivation is in deduction in case of rough, scrub land. Live stock may be used in cultivation under certain conditions.

W. W. COLE, Deputy of the Minister of Agriculture  
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**CHRISTMAS DAY.**

Christmas, 1915, finds Canada, in common with the rest of the Empire, still participating in the greatest war of all history. It seems an anomaly that an event which celebrates the advent of One whose message was peace and good-will between and towards all men, should occur when millions of the world's people are face to face in deadly and terrible conflict; and yet, on the one side, at any rate, the struggle is for those very principles which are at the very foundation of Christianity—the God-given right of individual and national liberty and the overthrow of oppression, by whomsoever attempted. If there ever was a righteous conflict, it is that in which the Allies are now so strenuously engaged. If there ever was an enterprise born of the Devil, it is that upon which the Huns embarked, to the ravishment of Belgium, Serbia and Northern France, and to the crushing of the entire civilized world, if they had not been checked by the strong arm of God-fearing peoples. "Thrice is he armed that both his quarrel just," wrote Shakespeare, and the cause of John Bull and his associates in this business have justice on their side if any combination of nations ever had.

Speaking generally, this Christmas finds Canada in much better condition than at the same period last year—morally, spiritually and commercially.

Morally, in that we can hold our heads high as a nation within an Empire, by whom the call of duty and self-sacrifice has been most nobly met.

Spiritually, in the sense that more than ever men's thoughts have been turned to the solace and comfort of Christian truths. There is with this a feeling of common fellowship, which has served to obliterate much of division and mistaken caste. The common brotherhood of man has never been more nearly felt.

Commercially, because the spectre of want has been almost altogether laid and the pulse of business (aided materially by bountiful crops, under Almighty beneficence) is beating more steadily than for a very long time.

There will be many saddened homes in the Dominion tomorrow when broken families think of dear ones lying so silently away yonder in the last long sleep, but to them there will come the blessed and the soothing consolation that they gave their lives for country and for Empire and all that true men hold most dear.

It is only by a geographical incident that this fair land is not to-day a shambles like other unfortunate countries which have stood in the way of Germany's giant machine, and as we think of this our hearts should be lifted in thankfulness and our resolve become more determined to help to the uttermost cent and with the uttermost service those who are so heroically fighting for us at the front.

To its many friends and readers the Courier most fervently wishes the heartiest compliments of the season.

**The Situation.**

There is still the talk of a German attack upon Egypt, but nothing of a definite nature. That they would make such an attempt if they deemed the course feasible does not admit of any doubt, for they would like nothing better than to jeopardize the safety of that British artery, the Suez Canal, not to mention the effect upon India of any success in this regard. There is more than one indication that the British authorities are fully alive to the possible danger and are preparing for it.

The indications with regard to Saloniki are that there will soon be severe fighting there. In all likelihood the Kaiserites, during these last few days, have been actively getting ready for such a step. Meanwhile an Austro-German invasion of Greece would seem to be quite among the possibilities.

There is talk of trouble between Lord Kitchener and Lloyd-George. Both are men accustomed to have their own way, and the recent speech of the Munitions Minister, in which he reiterated the phrase "Too late" with regard to war measures, was certainly not very complimentary to K. of K. If a ruction does come, it will be a case of the survival of the fittest among the men in control of war matters as well as on the field.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS**

They call it Xmas because of the ten spots it costs.

Some of the married men have been busy at night darning theirs in order to hang 'em up.

The Kaiser has Turkey this Christmas, but it is to be hoped that he will form part of the minced pie next.

Warden Cooke has made good in that job, and he deserved all the complimentary things said of him at the banquet.

It is said that Henry Ford, owing to ill-health, has left his peace party. Something gone wrong with his carburetor?

Speaking of Kitchener, don't forget that at a few hours' notice he had to undertake a task against a foe preparing for forty years.

It is announced that ladies' skirts next season are to be even shorter. Better use them as a band around the neck and let it go at that.

Don't make the "compliments" of the season the "complaints" of the season next day by over-estimating the capacity of your "underneath."

A man once said, "Christmas is the time when you go into debt for a lot of things you can't afford in order to exchange them for a lot of things you don't want." But, then, he was a darned old pessimist.

They have passed an ordinance in a town in the States to stop kissing, in order to prevent the spread of an infectious complaint. When a young man there asks a girl for a kiss she'll probably reply, "You know I can't bacilli."

**Orillia Brewery Turned Into Stores, Says Editor**

Mr. C. H. Hale, editor of The Packet gives some remarkable evidences of the changes brought about by Local Option. Within the compass of one block, the former liquor store was now occupied by the G. N. W. Telegraph. The American Hotel has been transformed into a mammoth hardware store. The Simcoe House became a stationery store. The Simcoe House sheds had given way for a fine block of new stores. And lastly, the brewery, which had been dying a lingering death and which finally passed away about a year ago, was being fitted up for an up-to-date grocery.

**Young Men Wanted to Travel**

The Brant Battalion leave shortly for Berlin, Germany, and will reserve, for a limited period, room for a few hundred good, live men. Get your application in Sunday night at 8.30 at the Brant Theatre.

**Employees Never Drunk Now**

Mr. D. F. Robertson of Campbellford, a manufacturer, who employs a good many men, says: "I cannot remember, a single instance of when there has been intoxication among our employees. There is no question about Local Option having reduced the evils of intemperance in Campbellford. Hotel accommodation is very much better than it was before."

Miss Alice Satterfield was shot accidentally by a young man at a social gathering near Federalsburg, Md.

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For Infants and Children  
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Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Littlejohn*

**FINE SONG**

Officers of the 125th Brant Battalion, King or Kaiser, which is better, For Canadians brave and free, Would we change our cherished birth-right  
And our vaunted liberty, To be governed by a despot, Slaves, forever slaves to be, Bound by system, creed and culture Made for us in Germany.

Love of Country, peace and honor, Pride of all we value true, Won by blood of British heroes Shed in ages past for you, Would we lose these rights, my boys, To the possible danger and are preparing for it.

Would we have our children say, All unheeding, our great Empire Fell before the Vandal's sway, Come, Canadians, neath the glory Of the flag that needs you so, Side by side and altogether March to meet our common foe. Show the grit that glows within you Prove to all, who're they be, What it means to rouse the Lion And her cubs across the sea.

Hark the Empire's call to arms, Calling to you and me, Pleading to all, the great and the small, To help win the victory, Keep it a-going, make such a showing, So that all may see, That Britishers ever, will stand fast together, And die for true liberty.

—W. H. W. Note—The above is being set to music by Mr. Clifford Higgin.

**Turkish Official**

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Turkish official by Special Wire to the Courier. Constantinople, Dec. 24.—Via London—The Turkish office last night gave the following statement concerning the progress of hostilities: "The situation on the Irak front (in Mesopotamia) is unchanged. "On the Caucasian front, Russian detachments which attempted to approach us in the Milo sector, were repulsed. "On the Dardanelles front, five torpedo boats and one cruiser were compelled to retire, the cruiser having been hit. At Seddul Bahr there was a violent artillery action on the right wing. A hostile air craft was shot down at Birsheba."

**Interesting Experiences in German Prison Camp**

Pte. Gibbons, first returned Canadian from Gussen prison camp, Germany, will tell an interesting story on Sunday night at 8.30 in the Brant Theatre. Admission free.

**Terrace Hill**

**XMAS TREE AT ST. JAMES**  
The annual Xmas Tree of this Sunday School held Wednesday evening was of a most pleasing and happy character. The children sang the beautiful Xmas Carols very heartily and as they appeared on the stage dressed in white and in the old-fashioned costumes, the effect was most pleasing. The little tot's sang a pretty motion song "Snowflakes". Father Christmas and Mother Goose, with Christmas among the children of all nations, was given in costume by some 30 scholars. The Holly Drill by a dozen young girls was skillfully executed and various other recitations and songs, the whole concluding with a distribution of gifts to every scholar from the Sunday School, and special gifts to Lt.-Col. Muir and Mr. H. Fielden.

A pleasant feature of the evening was a presentation to the Rector and his wife, accompanied with an appreciative address, the latter being given a handsome wicker "cruise" and the former a beautiful Bible. Mr. Sotley replied in feeling terms, thanking the kind donors for this evidence of their esteem. A successful gathering was concluded at 10.30 p.m.

We are sorry to report many cases of pneumonia on the Hill at present, which will cast a cloud over the Christmas of different families. Terrace Hill is glad to notice the bright prospects for an electric line before long, to serve the large community up here.

Christmas Day services will be held in St. James' Church at 10.30 a.m. with the Holy Communion. On Sunday a special service for the parents, adults and scholars of the Sunday School at 11 a.m.

**To the Man**

who is looking for style, distinctive, smartness, beauty in fabric and pattern and WHO CARES at all times the sense of enjoyment he is actually feeling himself.

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**Illegal Versus the Legal Sale**

Appealing to your common sense, which is the greater evil of the two; legalized hotels, with restricted hours and unadulterated liquor, or local option with "Herb, home-made whiskey," "blind pigs," and "bootleggers?" Which would cause the police the most trouble? If you have any scruples, you cannot vote for the by-law.—Adv.

Baltimore horses are to have a Christmas tree trimmed with apples, loaf sugar, carrots, beets, ears of corn and other edibles, a treat from wealthy women.

**Hundreds on Small Incomes**  
are saving and will make their families independent.

**WHY NOT YOU?**

OPEN AN ACCOUNT IN  
**The Royal Loan & Savings Company**  
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We Wish You One and All  
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The funeral of the infant son of D. T. and Mrs. McClintock place from the residence, De Street to Mt. Hope cemetery, was held yesterday afternoon at 2.30 p.m. The bereaved parents in sympathy of a large circle of friends in connection with their great loss.

**To All My Friends and Patrons I Wish**

**A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

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**A VERY MERRY XMAS**

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A VERY MERRY XMAS TO ALL

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TERRACE HILL NOW SCENE OF PETTY THEFTS

Mr. Dungey Robbed of Gold Watch Presented to Him by Employers.

The housebreaking and thieving which a week or so ago was prevalent in the eastern part of the city, broke out yesterday on Terra Hill. The methods adopted in other parts of the city were carried out on the Hill, even the same enquiries with the same names being used. The thief appears to be a young man, and several residents of this section say they can identify the rascal if he can be apprehended. His method is as follows: He goes to a house, knocks at the door, if the alarm is answered he asks if the occupant could be seen where "Mr. Schultz lives," or who lives next door and if they are home. If there is no answer he tries the door and walks in. This latter was done in the case of a maiden lady on Sydenham street near Dundas, who was resting on the couch, and on hearing footsteps went to the portion of the house where the noise came from and found a young man coming out the bedroom of her brother. When asked what he was doing there he said he could make no one hear and was looking for "Mr. Schultz." Needless to say the lady received a bad scare.

His big haul appears to have been made at the home of Mr. A. J. Dungey, Dundas street. Mr. Dungey was down town shopping and the housebreaker, took off a screen which had been well nailed to a bedroom window and ransacked the house. He was seen leaving the yard by a neighbor. Mr. Dungey is treasurer of the Sydenham street Sunday school, and the robber took five dollars in coppers, five dollars in small bills and a gold watch, which had been presented to the occupant by the Ham and Nott company for length of service. Two valuable Christmas presents which were ready to send away and other stuff. The same young man was seen going over fences in the middle of the block and going to back doors. The miscreant is certainly a venturesome rascal and the police have been notified and are on his trail.

With the City Police

Only a small police court was held this morning, but it was an interesting one. Ald. F. J. Calbeck presided. An Indian, James Thomas, was fined \$5 and costs or 30 days for being under the influence.

John Murray was accused of supplying the Indian but no evidence was not quite sufficient to convict him, he was discharged with a severe warning.

Ras Clouse appeared once more in the court for not working. He was told that he must keep strictly sober for two months, and must not transact any shady deals on the market. He must keep away from the business section of the city as well. The case was adjourned for a week, so that Clouse could report then.

To Leave as Soon as Prepared

Recruiting for the Brant Battalion is being rushed. Get in line, boys, if you want to be in the line. The chance is open now. When the Battalion leaves, 'twill be too late. Hear the speaking at the Brant Theatre Sunday night and hand in your name.

Local Option Has Purified Sport in Orillia, Says Editor Hale

"Local Option has also made a great difference in hockey," was another statement made by Mr. Hale. "I have known in the past many boys who were ruined by hockey. But it is now considered a disgrace for a boy to come home drunk after a hockey match."

ORIGIN OF OUR MILITARY BANDS

London Daily Telegraph.—It is not the least curious of "Time's" revenges which has brought us to sending out the best-trained army bands in the world to "do their bit" in maintaining a war against Germany; for it was from Germans that we learned the beginnings of our military music. The soldiers of Cromwell who were the first army worthy of the name in our history, were disposed to regard music as frivolous, and the claron and drums of France (Kupfer) and the "furious German," were looked upon by Obadiah Bind-their-Kings-in-Chains and his serious comrades as just what one might expect from dissolute and ungodly Cavaliers. Such views did not prevail in the Army after the Restoration; but the regimental bands which had their origin then were commonly composed of Germans, and the bandmaster was almost invariably a foreigner.

Too Late for Classification

LOST—Black neck fur. Reward at Courier office. 147

TO LET—Six room house, all conveniences. Apply 195 Nelson. 147

LOST—On Colborne St. silver mesh purse, containing American five-dollar bill, some small change and return portion of ticket to Toronto via Grand Trunk. Reward 234 Darling St. Phone 1129. 143

WARDEN'S BANQUET

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lives. We had the blood, the life, and the material. Canadians were men of rank. If they organized their business, Canada could make such a name as to bring immigrants flocking to our shores.

Were we not to be congratulated upon living in such a fair country? But we must heed the Empire's call. It was not for ourselves, we could get through, it was for posterity. It was not too early to die. We could all do our duty and pass away. It was up to us to do our duty. Make Canada strong within and strengthen the Empire. We must develop our possessions. We must stay together. We must stand for the Empire.

ARMY AND NAVY

Mr. J. J. Hurley, in proposing this toast, said that never with more force than at this moment did the people of the Empire love and feel the spirit of the old song, "Britons never shall be slaves." Of the fleet, language failed to give adequate appreciation. Day and night it had watched over the safety of the Empire. It controlled the seven seas, while British commerce went on about as usual. It had secured a stronghold on Germany and that country was slowly but surely bleeding to death. The British army had not been in the best condition numerically at the start of hostilities, but John Bull was nobly catching up in this regard. No finer battle was ever waged for liberty and the right than at Ypres—not even Crecy or Waterloo. He related in connection with the action at Ypres that word had been sent to headquarters for reinforcements, and that French had replied that all he could bring was the Staff of two countries, and then had himself gone to the firing line and risking death in a hundred ways had personally helped to save the situation. As free men, the sons of the flag from all quarters were determined to stand firm.

Brantford and Brant County had done splendidly in the matter of volunteers in the past, and still more were needed. They had now their own Battalion, the 125th to make up, and no man fit to do the job of a soldier was regarded as having a proper realization of the need, the very great need. It had been said that Great Britain at the start was not ready on land for the great struggle. That was true. No one doubted that she also could have built up a great war machine, but she had chosen instead to expend her money in the up-building of her overseas dominions, and in the extension of freedom, and the harvest had been such a united response from all quarters of it in time of need, as the world had never before witnessed. They must remember that no government in the Old Land could have made a god of militarism and survived. The speaker closed with an earnest appeal for Brant County men to rally round the standard of the 125th.

MR. W. G. KAYMOND

in speaking of the Navy, said that no one could begin to compute what the alertness and the preparedness of that branch of the British service had meant. There was the high exaltation which could be produced by poetry and oratory, but that admitted it was actual service which counted. It was the sense of duty which raised men above themselves to the divine afflatus of heroes. The British fleet at this time had more than justified its fine and undying fame in every way. Not only had it proved a marvellous safeguard, but had also demonstrated the unlesioned power of initiative. They all remembered how recently there had existed the submarine menace. It had now practically disappeared. Why? The British navy had established a system of nets so sensitive that when an undersize boat struck one of them a signal was given in a day or two, an electric flash at night and then the doom of another of those craft had been sealed. The navy had guaranteed the safe transport of over 2,000,000 men across seas the while it had guaranteed the shores of Old Albion and the safety of Canada and all the rest of the Empire lands. John Bull perhaps was rather slow on land in entering a fight. It took him some time to be moved out of peaceful trade and other channels, but when he did get roused, then look out. It reminded him of the case of Tom King, who, in the time when the speaker was a boy, was prominent in the fighting game then quite prominently in vogue. King was a dapper man; "a dude" as he would be termed in modern parlance. Well, one day he saw a big bully trouncing a little fellow, who was no match for him on a public street. Tom remarked, "Hee, my man, there's been enough of this. You stop it." The bully replied "If you want to butt in just take his place." Tom did. He took off his coat and then the fun began. After a while the bully exclaimed, "If you've had enough of this, I'll let you quit." Tom refused with the remark, "You wanted the fight and now I'll stay in it until you are jolly well licked." It was the same with regard to John Bull and the German bully, and let them remember that the "You wanted the fight and now I'll stay in it" was the motto of the British spirit, which always had and always would exist. Mr. Raymond closed with a characteristic peroration, and strongly urged the claims of the 125th Battalion.

"OUR ALLIES"

was proposed in a brief speech by Sheriff Westbrook. He indulged in some interesting reminiscences as an old County Councillor, and dwelt upon the sincere anxiety of all quarters of the British Empire in this time of stress.



To You and Yours We Extend Our Most Sincere Wish for A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

We feel that we can enjoy to the fullest extent a short respite after the rush and hurry of the biggest trade in the firm's history.

We are glad to know that this big helpful store has been a source of help to many, and it will ever be our aim as the days pass by to increase its efficiency to the utmost.

To our almost two hundred willing co-workers our thanks and appreciation are extended for their wholehearted help and support, and our best wish for the merriest of Christmases.

E. B. Crompton & Co.

The House of Quality & Good Value

The management wishes all---

A Very Merry Christmas

---and extends to all its many Friends and Patrons their Thanks

ARTEMIS SWEETS

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Secure yours quickly—Turkeys are scarce

CHICKENS - DUCKS - GEESE

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JUDGE HARDY

said that the Cooke family originally came from Mount Pleasant, his own old home, and the men from there and their careers naturally aroused his interest. The term "Allies" in this great war stood for much practically without parallel. France had performed wonderful, Russia had performed great achievements, and Belgium had suffered nobly when for three precious weeks she withstood the onslaught of the ruthless Hun. The great principle for which said Allies were fighting was that of personal and national liberty. France had learned that lesson through seed sown by Rousseau and Voltaire, who had been refugees

in England in pre-revolutionary days. Russia had also learned the same lesson from England of constitutional government and freedom. British principles were back of and through all the cause of the Allies—a world of free nations, freedom expressed through the will of free men. That fine principle must triumph, or we would all be serfs to the Huns. Of all the glorious pages of British history there was none more glorious than had been written during the last fifteen months. France for years had been in terror of the German bully, and so to a greater or less extent the rest of Europe. The menace had to be stopped, and would be stopped.

John Bull could have stood aside with regard to the devastation of Belgium on the ground that it was none of his business, but, thank God, he had at once made it so.

The agreement of Great Britain with France was for 120,000 men only, but she had poured, and was pouring, all she had into this struggle—her resources, her men, her wealth, and yet she was richer to-day in all that was best and most worth while than she had ever been. The Kaiserites wanted the rest of the world to bend the knee to a God made in Germany. Never! The time was one which

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SUNDAY IN THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Guide to Places of Public Worship - Bright Helpful Services--Special Musical Numbers

Anglican
GRACE CHURCH
CHRISTMAS DAY
8 a.m., Holy Communion.
11 a.m., Mattins and Holy Communion.

ST. JUDE'S CHURCH
Rev. C. E. Jenkins, Rector.
Dalhousie and Peel Sts.
Christmas announcements, December 25th, 1915:
Holy Communion at 8 a.m.
Christmas Day Service--
Celebration of Holy Communion, 10.30.

TRINITY CHURCH
CHRISTMAS DAY
Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Sunday (St. Stephen's Day) Holy Communion 8 a.m. Mattins, 11 a.m.
Carols by Mohawk children 2.30 p.m.
Evensong, memorial service to late Raymond Craig, 7 p.m.

Baptist
CALVARY BAPTIST
Dalhousie St., Opp. Alexandra Park.
Rev. W. E. Bowyer, pastor.
The pastor will preach.
11 a.m., "The Last Sunday in 1915."
7 p.m., "The Far Flung Battle Line."
Good music.
Welcome to the "Homelike Church."

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
West Street.
The pastor Rev. Llewellyn Brown will preach at both services. The morning subject will be "The Birth of Love." The evening subject will be "The Face of Christ," illustrated by 50 beautifully colored slides. This will help you to understand the life of Christ better than ever before. These slides were made by Mr. Ran, in Philadelphia, and are among the finest ever produced. Mr. M. E. Hooper, baritone soloist of Toronto, will assist the choir at both services. The music of the day will be as follows, under the direction of Mr. J. T. Schofield. There will be baptism during the service.

MUSIC: A.M.—Organ (a) "Cantique de Noel," Adam (b) "Pastorale" Holms; introtit "O come let us worship" Himmel, solo Mrs. Arthur Second; Organ (c) "Fantasia on Christmas Carols," Faulkes, (b) "Variations on Hark the Herald Angels Sing," Frost; chorus, "Behold the Lamb of God," Handel, Mrs. (Dr.) Nichol; offertory, "A Village Christmas" Pierce; solo, selected, Mr. Meredith S. Hooper; concluding voluntary "Lit up your Heads," Handel.

PARK BAPTIST
George St., corner Darling, opp. Victoria Park.
Dr. E. Hooper, Pastor.
Pastor will preach at both services. Subjects, 11 a.m., Visitors to the infant Saviour and King, 7 p.m., "Thoughts on things that pass before us." Mrs. Schultz will preside at the organ. Special Christmas music. Bible School and Bible classes at 3 p.m. Visitors and strangers always cordially welcomed at all services. Music for morning service: Carol, "The Light of Christmas Morning" (Anger); solo, "Night of Nights," Mrs. J. B. Wheeler of Toronto; anthem, "The First Christmas Morn" (Newboro). Also special music in the evening.

Methodist
BRANT AVENUE METHODIST.
Alfred E. Lavell, Minister.
10 a.m., The Brotherhoods.
11 a.m., A Christmas service, choral, musical. Selections from "The Messiah."
Soloists, Mr. G. Sweet (vocal) and Miss Marjorie Jones (violin).
2.45 p.m., Sunday school.
7 p.m., sermon on "Why This Business?"
Music from "The Messiah."
Soloists, Miss J. McLennan and Miss G. Garvin.

COLBORNE ST. METHODIST.
Rev. W. E. Baker, Pastor.
Dec. 24th.
10 a.m.—Brotherhood and Class meeting.
11 a.m.—Morning worship. Pastor's subject "The message of 2mas."
2.45 p.m.—Sabbath School.
7 p.m.—Evening worship. Pastor's subject "First Righteousness, then Peace."
Special Xmas music by the choir.
Morning music: Anthem "The First Christmas Morn" (Newton) Carol "O little town of Bethlehem."
Evening music, Christmas Song Service; Anthem, "Hark, what mean those holy voices" (Henrick), violin solo "Ave Maria" Schubert, Miss Mildred Sanderson, Anthem "For unto us a child is born" from Handel's Messiah; solo "The City of Light" (Adams) Mr. G. N. Crooker; Anthem "I came in business after" (Buck) solo part taken by Miss Carson; offertory "Pastoral Symphony" (Handel) 1st violin Miss Sanderson, 2nd violin, Mr. Beal, viola, Mr. Howard

WELLINGTON ST. METHODIST.
Rev. Geo. W. Henderson, D.D., pastor
55 Wellington St.
10 a.m., combined meeting of Class and Brotherhood. Junior League meeting, 11 a.m., public service. Sermon by the pastor, "The Prince of Peace." Carols "Diadem" and "Christmas Awake." Anthem, "Come near ye Nations" (Watson). 2.45 p.m., Sunday School for Young and Old. 7 p.m., Public service. The address by the pastor will be "The Christmas Story." Anthem, "Sawcely thro' the Night" (Shelley). Carols, "The First Nowell" and "Good King Wenceslas," solo. "The people that walked in Darkness" (Messiah). Organ offertory "The March of the Magi" (Dubois). Carol, "Silent Night." Choruses, "Glory to God" and "Hallelujah" (Handel's Messiah). Those assisting in solo, duet and quartet are: Misses A. Bloxham, Dorothy Fenn and L. Hubbard, sopranos; Misses A. Crooker and V. Clement, altos; Messrs G. Easterbrook, G. Strickland and J. W. Stubbs, Tenors; Messrs. Chas. Darwen (Toronto), W. G. Darwen and F. Houghton, basses, Thomas Darwen, organist and choirmaster.

MARLBOROUGH METHODIST
Rev. John E. Peters, M.A., Pastor.
10 a.m., class meeting.
11 a.m., the pastor, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem."
7 p.m., the pastor, "It is the last Time."
Christmas music. Hearty welcome.

Presbyterian
ALEXANDRA PRESBYTERIAN
Colborne St., opp. Alexandra Park.
Rev. D. T. McClintock, Pastor.
Services 11 a.m.—Rev. A. E. Lavell, 7 p.m.—Mr. Geo. Kippax.
Sunday School and Bible classes 3 p.m.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN
Brant Avenue.
James W. Gordon, B.D., Minister.
11 a.m., "The Christmas Spirit," 7 p.m., "The Christmas Hope," 3 p.m., Special Christmas Song Service by the children. Music—Morning: "Anthem 'Arisie Shine' (Maker) soloists, Miss Annie Howarth and Mr. W. T. Millard; solo, "The Birthday of a King" (Nevins), Mrs. S. P. Davies; carol, "The First Nowell." Evening—Anthem "Break-Forth into Joy" (Simper), soloists, Mrs. J. W. Milne; solo, "Nazareth" (Gounod), Mr. John Anderson; anthem, "There Were Shepherds" (Vincent), soloists, Miss Annie Howarth.

ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
(Darling St., Opposite Victoria Park)
Rev. G. A. Woodside, minister.
11 a.m., subject, "Warring Nations at the Manger Cradle."
3 p.m., Sunday school. A service of Song and Story.
7 p.m., subject, "An International Review."
Special Christmas music, including Hallelujah Chorus.
The public cordially invited.
The season's greetings.

Congregational
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.
Corner George and Wellington Sts.
Pastor, Rev. M. Kelly
Christmas services will be held in the Congregational Church morning and evening. The pastor, Rev. M. Kelly will preach. The evening subject will be "The Child and the Emperor."
Sunday School and Bible Classes at 3.00 o'clock.
Music—Morning anthem, "O Come All Ye Faithful" (Novello); solo "The Birthday of a King," (Neidlinger), Mr. Stewart Sanderson. Evening—Anthem, "Celestial" (Adams), male quartette, "Holy Night," solo "City of Light," (Adams), Mr. Geo. Crooker; anthem, "The Glory of the Lord," (Caleb Simper).

Non-Denominational
CHRISTADELPHIAN.
C. O. F. Hall,
Sunday School and Bible Class at 2.45 p.m.
Lecture 7 p.m. Subject, "The song of the Angels, Glory to God and Peace on Earth. When and how will this prophecy be fulfilled? and how may we participate therein?" Speaker, Mr. Geo. Denton, in C.O.F. Hall, 135 Dalhousie Street, opposite the market. All welcome. Seats free. No collection.

AUSTRALIAN CADETS.
Preparations for the welcome of the Australian Cadets to Brantford on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 4th and 5th are rapidly nearing completion. Everything points to one of the most successful functions in the history of the city. The cadets will be entertained by both the City Council and Board of Trade. Their unique entertainments on Wednesday afternoon and evening promise to tax the capacity of the Opera House. The school children have been given tickets to sell for the afternoon performance and prizes will be given to the girls and boys selling the greatest number. The Boy Scouts and Cadets have the evening tickets for sale. The reserved seat sale for the night performance will open at Boles Drug Store, Monday morning, Dec. 27th.

Everybody knows the facts about the one Brantford hotel that tried to remain in business after its license was cut off. Don't be deceived by the people who tell you that the cutting off of licenses does not mean the closing of hotels.—Adv't.

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WARDEN'S BANQUET

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called for great sacrifices from all. France had risen to her true self as never before. Russia had taken the brunt of half the German army, and was coming back in fine style after many reverses. Glorious little Belgium had withstood the wild beast almost to the point of extermination. Was this a time for any Canadian to hold back either in service or means? Let all remember that if the Germans won the rate of Canada would be that of Belgium and Serbia. In the language of the street, "it is up to us." Those were grave words of Lt.-Col. Cockshutt, that a German victory would mean Canadian abasement and Canadian slavery. Let the truth sink home and there would be a rush to join the 125th Battalion, and as many more as might be necessary. There had never been any military despotism under the British flag, and there never would be. She and her Allies stood for the sound principle that the nations of the world must be free. The nation run amuck must be brought to its knees, and all of its devilish tenets be smitten into the dust.

MAYOR SPENCE
proposed the toast of the evening, Warden Cooke. It was received with loud applause. The Mayor said that it was only one holding a somewhat similar office who could fully appreciate what the duties and stress of the past year must have meant to the Warden. Mr. Cooke had met all of those duties in a most able and efficient manner. They had with them that night some boys from the Warden's Township (Oakland) in the uniform of the King, and others from there had gone before them. All honours throughout the year with the Warden on the House of Refuge Board, and had learned to respect him for his fairness of mind and ability. Politically, they stood even on that board, but not once had party crept in with regard to the proceedings. He thought that a similar state of affairs should exist with regard to all boards. With very great pleasure indeed he proposed the toast.

WARDEN COOKE
on rising, was received with three cheers and a tiger, and the song, "For he's a jolly good fellow." He stated that it was a great pleasure to him to have been Warden during the year 1915 and to meet them at that night. He was proud of the county, and especially of the Township of Oakland. In 1914, the council of that place had voted \$1000 or its equivalent for war burses, and six months later, he had been elected Warden. Men from there, now in Flanders, had volunteered for the front. The women also had got to work, and made large shipments to the front. In 1915 the council had voted \$50 to the British Red Cross, but in response to a deputation, had made it \$200, and they had with them that night five or six more Oakland young men wearing the King's uniform. More would undoubtedly be sent to the front. The County of Brant had done well in men and money, including \$20,000 from the County Council. All great men of course came from the country and the ranks, Lincoln, Napoleon Bonaparte, Cromwell, Gladstone, Lloyd George, Asquith. And speaking locally, there was the late Hon. A. S. Hardy, the son of a Mt. Pleasant farmer, E. B. Wood, and in an industrial way, Samuel Kitchen, who had been the man to establish the Cordage Company in West Brantford on a sound basis, notwithstanding that the industry did not have protection, Lieut.-Col. Cutcliffe, head of the new Brant Battalion, was also the son of a Brant County farmer. He could heartily say that during his occupancy of the high honor conferred upon him as Warden, he had sincerely tried to do his best, and he heartily thanked them all for support, Oakland Township especially.

OTHER SPEECHES
Mr. C. Cook made a timely after-dinner speech, and returned thanks for assistance to the Brant Sanitarium.
Mr. C. H. Waterous proposed the "County Council." During his remarks, as President of the Hospital Board, he returned hearty thanks for County assistance. Referring to Lt.-Col. Cockshutt, M.P., appearing there in uniform, he said no one was more entitled to wear it. He had been a good representative, had aided in every way in recruiting and had two sons serving with the colors, one of whom had returned home wounded, and was going back again. His taxes as a resident of the County had gone up, but he did not for one moment regret that as extra expenditure had been in a grand cause. He believed the existing County Council had been a good one. He thought there was too great a tendency to "knock" men who were in Municipal and Parliamentary life, instead of giving them every support.

Reeve Evans, of Paris, made a very interesting reply. He traced the origin of County Councils and dwelt on the fact that no sacrifice was too great for anyone in this time of supreme need. He had been told of two men in Paris who had not yet given a cent towards the war. Such men were no better than Germans. Brant County was to-day spending \$2,000 a month on war dependents and more would be needed and should be cheerfully given.

Proceedings closed with the National Anthem.
The Oakland quartette rendered a fine selection during the evening, Mr. Briggs, a capital solo, which was encored, and Mr. Sanderson a song regarding the County Council, which brought down the house. Mr. Darwen made an efficient accompanist.

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Only One Street Brawl in Orillia Since Local Option.
Magistrate Clarke says—"On the preceding Saturday night Orillia experienced its first street brawl since the passage of Local Option. It was caused by liquor brought in from Barrie. The following morning we saw three of the young men concerned at the police court. Two of them paid twenty dollars and cos's into the town treasury. The third was let off with half that amount.—Date, December, 1915.

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## CHRISTMAS PARTY GIVEN TO STORY HOUR CHILDREN

Miss Middlemiss Held Party for Little Friends Who Have Attended.

Yesterday afternoon about half past three, a rather unique entertainment was given by Miss Middlemiss, who has charge of the Children's Department at the Library. A number of little friends, who have been attending the story hour during the year. The children gathered about the number of 180 and gave their own program, which was as follows: Chorus "We'll never let the Old Flag fall"; reading, Hugh Clement; recitation, Gladys Dingleman; solo, Leola Ferris; recitation, Margaret Coles; solo, Leon Clement; recitation, Charlie Colombo; recitation, Walter Martin; mouth organ selection, Muriel Watt; recitation, Evelyn Sloan; recitation, Andrew Martin; quartette, "When Belgium put the kibosh on the Kaiser"; Marybell and Louise Weekes; Marion Beer, Muriel Watt; recitation, Joseph Waterhouse, chorus, "Tipperary."

After the program was completed, Miss Middlemiss presented a bag of dried nuts and raisins as a little Xmas box to the children who have appreciated her efforts during the year. The thanks of the Library officials are extended to Wm. Paterson and Sons, Ltd., T. E. Ryerson and Co., J. Forde and Co., Geo. Winters, Wm. Baker, paper dealer, the George Ward Co. for their kindness in supplying candies, nuts and raisins, etc.

## TO THE ELECTORS of Ward 4, Brantford

I have been persistently urged by ratepayers familiar with my past civic record to offer myself for election as Alderman in Ward 4, but not until I read in Tuesday night's city papers of the overdraft of this year, a modest little sum of over \$17,000.00, also of the very considerable debt on hospital account of \$5,500.00 odd, and perhaps the necessary requirements for Waterworks improvements, did I consent to become a candidate.

As I have yielded to the solicitations of those who feel that I can be of some public service, I solicit the support of all who desire to see Brantford economically and prudently governed.

**J. W. Bowlby**

face what was precisely the situation in the trenches. "On the other hand this does not exonerate the cabinet from responsibility, for more than six months before June Lloyd George himself served on the Munitions commission. If he did not know about the machine gun situation he should have known."

Hotelmen are not the only losers when local option closes their places of business. The butcher, baker, grocer, and milkman and iceman, and many others suffer a direct loss and indirectly every merchant suffers from loss of trade. Few people go to a city where they cannot secure accommodation to do business.—Advt.

## MONASTIR IN FAMINE SINCE FLOUR SEIZED

Deaths Occurring Daily From Starvation Following Scarcity.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Dec. 24.—The Times' Saloniki correspondent reports a piteous condition among the poorer inhabitants of Monastir, following the stoppage of the American distribution of flour owing to the seizure of the Red Cross Stores. He says that deaths already have occurred and are occurring daily among the Mussulman population from starvation because of the famine. Thousands of persons are without bread or any prospect of obtaining it.

"It is feared that the hunger of Monastir," says the correspondent, "is only an infinitesimal fraction of the still unrevealed suffering afflicting the mass of the Serbian people, because compared with other parts of the country, Monastir before the arrival of the enemy was well provisioned."

"Dr. Edward Stuart of Boston and the other members of the American sanitary commission are leaving for Sofia today to seek permission to proceed to Serbia to succor the war-smitten inhabitants."

Paris, Dec. 24.—The Petit Journal today publishes a telegram received from Sarah Bernhardt, who is at her home in Andernos, near Bordeaux, relative to her reported illness. Her message is quoted as follows:

"I was suddenly stopped while 'Les Cathedrales' was in full tide of success, by congestion of the lungs. I thought myself cured and came back to Paris too soon, where I had a relapse, but I am again recovering. Doctors Pozzi, Michal and Obissier will not allow me to leave for America, but will permit me to go to England in a week's time."

Medical Men Prefer the Licensed Hotel. Medical men and alienists of repute have unreservedly condemned local option. They have traced insanity, crime and what not of evil to 'home brewed whiskey,' the 'blind pig' and 'dry' cities, all of which are inseparable, so far as 'dry' cities are concerned. Have none of these things. Oppose the by-law.—Advt.

Second—In June the supply of high explosive shells was reduced to only every other day, while no substitute orders were even then given out for big guns.

Third—On the same date the War Office still insisted, until the pet farms were \$5 per cent. behind delivery.

MACHINE GUN SHORTAGE. "The machine gun business was first exposed by Sir Arthur Markham many months ago when it was shown that no use was being made of large American offers owing to a technical objection to making a new type of ammunition. On the quarrel over shrapnel and high explosives some allowance must doubtless be made for the different conceptions of general strategy. If an offensive act was contemplated, Lloyd George was clearly right in asking for shells which will uproot entanglements and break up the deepest trenches, but if the object is to hold the Germans and to tire them out, there is something to be said for shrapnel, which is cheaper and more effective against men who are advancing in the open. Kitchener has always favored this long game.

The munitions speech obviously discloses the ministerial situation. It is not easy to see how, after it, Lloyd George and Kitchener can remain in the same Cabinet. The fact that Premier Asquith was present and nodded his assent to certain of the most piquant phrases was not passed without notice. It is perhaps no longer treason to mention the constant rumors that Kitchener did not make it pleasant for the Cabinet to share the responsibility for the large decisions and that he has been particularly urgently necessary for somebody to be sent out separately from the War Office.



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ALDERMAN.

## ELECTORS OF WARD ONE

Being requested by many ratepayers of Ward 1 to stand for election to the Council in this Ward, I have decided to do so, and earnestly request, therefore, your very hearty support.

The coming year will present many problems, both in railway matters and in constructive work generally, in which my practical experience may be of value to the city, and if elected, I will devote this experience to the best interests of the City of Brantford.

Wishing you all the compliments of the season, I remain, Yours sincerely,

**Philip H. Secord**

## ELECTORS WARD 3:

I again ask your support as Alderman.

Yours respectfully,

**Jno. S. Dowling**

## Municipal Railway Commission

To the Electors of the City of Brantford, Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a large number of Ratepayers, I am in the field as a candidate for the Street Railway Commission, and beg to solicit your votes and influence.

I have served the City for a number of years in the capacity of Public School Trustee and Alderman, and if elected as a Municipal Railway Commissioner will endeavor to the best of my ability to serve in the interest of the people.

I strongly advocate the extension of the Street Railway to Terrace Hill and West Brantford. Wishing you the Compliments of the Season,

W. A. HOLLINRAKE.

## COUNCILLOR

## Electors of Brantford Township

During the past three years I have to the best of my ability, served our Township, as a member of the Council. This year it is again my privilege to seek election at your hands, and I earnestly request from you your continued confidence and support, assuring you that I will, as during the past, give my best efforts to the welfare of Brantford Township.

With best wishes for the coming year, I am, Respectfully yours'

**James A. Scace**

Local optionists are experimenting with Brantford. No other city of its size or importance has ever tried the experiment.—Advt.

For Paris—Five minutes after the hour. For Galt—7:05 a.m., 9:05 a.m., 11:05 a.m., 1:05 p.m., 3:05 p.m., 5:05 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 9:05 p.m. Last car leaves Galt for Brantford 10:45 p.m.

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Editor of "Truth" Writes That They Cannot Both Remain.

MINISTER'S SPEECH CENSURED K. OF K.

Kitchener, Says Article, in Favor of Long, Slow, Waiting Policy.

London, Dec. 24.—The editor of Truth, who is usually well informed on political matters, contributes to the current issue of that magazine a remarkable article forecasting for their dissensions of a serious nature in the Cabinet.

Commenting on Lloyd George's "too late" speech in the Commons, the editor declares openly that it is difficult to understand how Lloyd George and Lord Kitchener can remain in the same Cabinet.

"Lloyd George's speech Monday," he writes, "is the last word in a keen, if political, struggle between him and Lord Kitchener."

His repeated reflections on the Field Marshal and Secretary of State are now so definite that they may be enumerated thus:

"First—Lord Kitchener either did not know or did not tell his colleagues about the shortage of machine guns, which was discovered by the Prime Minister himself on a personal visit to France.

"Second—In June the supply of high explosive shells was reduced to only every other day, while no substitute orders were even then given out for big guns.

"Third—On the same date the War Office still insisted, until the pet farms were \$5 per cent. behind delivery.

"The machine gun business was first exposed by Sir Arthur Markham many months ago when it was shown that no use was being made of large American offers owing to a technical objection to making a new type of ammunition. On the quarrel over shrapnel and high explosives some allowance must doubtless be made for the different conceptions of general strategy. If an offensive act was contemplated, Lloyd George was clearly right in asking for shells which will uproot entanglements and break up the deepest trenches, but if the object is to hold the Germans and to tire them out, there is something to be said for shrapnel, which is cheaper and more effective against men who are advancing in the open. Kitchener has always favored this long game.

The munitions speech obviously discloses the ministerial situation. It is not easy to see how, after it, Lloyd George and Kitchener can remain in the same Cabinet. The fact that Premier Asquith was present and nodded his assent to certain of the most piquant phrases was not passed without notice. It is perhaps no longer treason to mention the constant rumors that Kitchener did not make it pleasant for the Cabinet to share the responsibility for the large decisions and that he has been particularly urgently necessary for somebody to be sent out separately from the War Office.

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THE PROBS

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Pressure is very high over the Pacific states, while de-pressions exist in Oklahoma, Ottawa, Valley and Maine. A marked cold wave is spreading into Northern Ontario from Hudson's Bay.

Forecasts. Fresh to strong winds, becoming northerly, turning colder with light local snow falls and flurries. Saturday—Local snow falls.

COPPER SALE TO BRITAIN ENORMOUS

Boston, Dec. 24.—The Boston News Bureau says that about 200,000,000 pounds of copper was sold yesterday, more than in any previous 24 hours in the world's history. Its gross value exceeds \$40,000,000, as the price was 20 cents per pound or better. The British Government bought 134,400,000 pounds in one block of the Anaconda Company. This metal will be apportioned among producers, mainly by clients of the American Smelting and Refining Company. The market has now been swept bare of spot copper.

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# No Large City Has Yet Voted in Favor of Local Option!

## WHY?

Because Local Option is Unworkable in Centres of Population,

Because it is recognized that well conducted hotels are necessary to the well-being and progress of manufacturing and industrial centres such as Brantford.

Because it is recognized that the Licensed hotels, under government control, inspection and restrictions are necessarily better conducted than the unlicensed hotels.

Because it is beyond dispute that the illegal sale of liquor is difficult to detect in large cities, for which reason "blind pigs" with their accompanying abuses and vices flourish.

### Why Select Brantford?

Why do Local Optionists who have their headquarters in, and conduct their campaigns from Toronto, select Brantford for the submission of a local option by-law.

### Why Not Toronto?

Why should they not test their strength in Toronto, where they are best known?

### There's a Reason

The reason is that the Local Optionists know that Toronto's civic pride would prompt it to snow under any such unprogressive measure.

### Why Not Hamilton?

Because for two years in succession Hamilton snowed under (last year by a majority of over 1,500) license reduction by-laws, knowing that properly conducted licensed hotels are a valuable asset to a city that would grow and prosper. Hamilton has 57 licenses and does not think its hotel accommodation is more than is required.

### What About Brantford?

No city in Ontario of the size or importance of Brantford has yet voted in favor of local option.

Brantford is recognized as one of the foremost cities in the Province and in the Dominion.

Are the citizens of Brantford going to permit Local Optionists to place the city in the village class when they dare not try the experiment in their home cities?

### A Vote for Local Option is a Vote for Retrogression

Even Paris last year refused to sanction a local option by-law. Paris is progressive—it intends to remain on the map.

Whatever may be said in favor of local option in rural communities, in large cities it means:

- Loss of Revenue** **More Lawlessness** **Higher Taxation**
- Loss of Prestige** **Less Accommodation** **Illegal Selling**
- Loss of Business** **More Whisky Drinking and Debauchery**

### Vote for a Moral and Progressive Brantford!

## An Appeal to People

London, Dec. 23.—A manifesto to the people of the country was issued last night over a signature of a score of leading British bankers and financiers on the subject of the country's financial position. The signatures are headed by George Anderson, treasurer of the Bank of England. The manifesto in part follows:

"As this is a time of great national danger it is imperative that every citizen realize the vastness of the work the government has to perform. In a long war success depends mainly upon the respective financial resources of the combatants and the consequent power of one of them to maintain or add to its fighting strength while the others are declining. It is not in doubt that the allies' financial resources, when fully mobilized and wisely controlled, will be vastly greater than the enemy's.

"The allies success in defeating the enemy's efforts to cripple them, in men, munitions and money, before they could assemble their full strength has now brought the war near to its final stage. Indeed only one thing is now needed to command victory, namely, to provide all the money needed to support the vast armies of new men and pay for the vast quantities of arms and munitions being manufactured in all parts of the world.

"The task of finding the greater part of the immense sum of money needed by the allies is the especial duty of the British people, for they, in particular, possess the necessary financial resources. Their manufacturing power is unretarded by invasion; their cities undestroyed; their ports not shut off. The income of the British people has been maintained at a high level. Exports, though not so great as before the war, are greater than in 1909. The income from capital invested abroad has been reduced but little; the earnings of shipping are greater than ever, and the factories are working full time.

"Moreover, the effect upon production of the great armies mobilization has been largely neutralized by the more vigorous and effective work of the civilian population, particularly the women. The average individual income is much in excess of any total heretofore reached.

In the current calendar year the British people will spend £1,300,000,000 on war and government; next year £1,800,000,000. To raise this is a stupendous task which will try the mettle of the nation as it has not been tried in a hundred years.

"The task demands the strenuous co-operation of every man, woman, youth and maiden—that the nation's energies be concentrated on the production of really essential things, that the production of all non-essentials be wholly stopped.

"The nation must avoid the consumption of all non-essentials, and even restrict the consumption of essentials to the limits of efficiency. Individuals possessing securities marketable abroad must sell them to pay for goods and munitions, for which no other means of payment can be provided. Only by all classes adding to and carefully husbanding their income, by selling foreign securities, by creating foreign credits, will it be possible to provide the vast sum needed by the nation and its allies."

### Manufacturers Willing to Spend Money to Retain Local Option in Orillia

Mr. E. Long, president and general manager of the E. L. Long Manufacturing Co., where over one hundred men are employed in the manufacture of saw-mill machinery, was equally emphatic in his endorsement of Local Option. Mr. Long impresses one as being more of a hard-headed business man than a sentimentalist.

"I would be willing to spend much money to retain Local Option," said Mr. Long. "There is no question as to its benefits. The men are now more to be depended upon."

### "RALLY ROUND THE FLAG, BOYS."

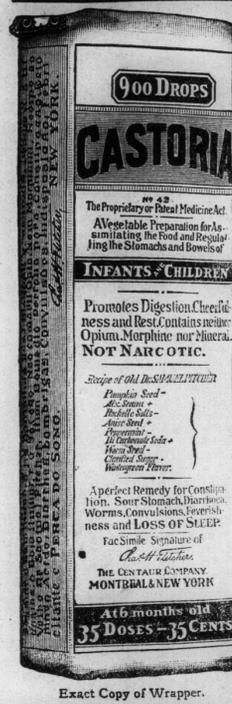
Cleveland Plain Dealer:—A call to the colors is this spoken message of President Wilson; a call to every right-thinking American citizen to face the critical situation which a war on another continent has brought upon his nation. Outside of Congress, inside, there can be no middle course for any man. One is either for his country or against it. One is either American or un-American.

### Boys Not Served in Licensed Hotels

Temperance supporters aver that the legalized hotel is the "open sesame to utter ruin for young boys on the threshold of their manhood." Do not be deceived by any such representation as this. Every Brantford hotelkeeper knows too well that if he serves anyone under 21 years of age he does so at the peril of losing his license. "Blind pigs" observe no law. They serve anyone. Local option means "blind pigs." Do not vote for it if you have the best interests of your city at heart.—Advt.

### BRITAIN'S NEW MILLIONS.

New York Globe:—It is futile, therefore, to expect any quick change in the tide of the war because the English ranks are at length full. But the news can hardly fail of immediate effect in France and Russia and Italy, as well as in Greece and Roumania, in Germany and Austria. It may cause redoubled effort to strike hard while the chance of success is at the maximum. But among England's allies the knowledge that whatever happens now the gaps can be filled, that steadfast resistance will sooner or later inevitably be turned into aggressive attack, will put new mettle in the battle fronts. Russia's new millions joined to England's new millions will eventually constitute a host Germany with all her magnificent re-



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sources of men and skill and position will have difficulty in holding, not to say thrusting back.

### Sixty-Eight Men Absent After Pay Day Under License in Orillia

Mr. Tudhope, a prominent manufacturer relates how that one morning after pay-day when the licenses were in force, there were sixty-eight hands who did not report to work. He believed that about sixty-four of the absentees had stayed away because of too much booze.

"There is no comparison between now and the old days," continued Mr. Tudhope. "The day after pay-day is no different from any other day now and the old days," continued cases of intoxication around the works this year. Local Option is unquestionably an improvement."

### MUST NOT STARVE PRODUCTION.

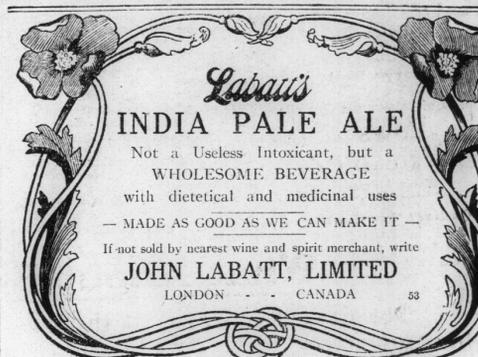
Wellington, New Zealand, Post:—The war, however, long it lasts, must be pressed till victory is absolutely assured, and we must do our best and utmost. Seeing, however, that ample food supplies are essential to suc-

cess, it is unwise to carry the drainage of men to the extent of endangering the production of the Dominion. We must set our faces like flints against all attempts to end the war before the enemy is completely overthrown.

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Christmas Dinner Menu at 50 cents  
SOUP  
Potage a la Nicose  
FISH  
Boiled Salmon Trout a la Colbert  
Pomme a la Victoria  
RELISHES  
Worcester Sauce  
Mixed Pickles  
SALADS  
Branch Celery  
BOILED  
Ox Tongue, Piquant Sauce  
ENTREE  
Chicken Cutlet a la Bordelaise  
Corn Fritters, Maple Syrup  
ROAST  
Sirloin Beef, English Style  
Young Turkey, Cranberry Jelly  
VEGETABLES  
Boiled and Mashed Potatoes  
French Peas  
DESSERT  
Apple Pie  
Cranberry Pie  
Boston Cream Pie  
Steamed Plum Pudding, Brandy Hard  
Sauce  
Walnut Ice Cream  
Canadian Cheese  
Tea  
Coffee  
Milk

Christmas Dinner Menu at 35 cents  
SOUP  
Potage a la Nicose  
FISH  
Boiled Salmon Trout a la Colbert  
Pomme a la Victoria  
RELISHES  
Worcester Sauce  
Mixed Pickles  
SALADS  
Branch Celery  
BOILED  
Ox Tongue, Piquant Sauce  
ENTREE  
Rabbit Sauté, Hunter Style  
Corn Fritters, Maple Syrup  
ROAST  
Sirloin of Beef, English Style  
Young Chicken, Sage Dressing  
VEGETABLES  
Boiled and Mashed Potatoes  
Green Peas  
DESSERT  
Apple Pie  
Hot Mince Pie  
Steamed Plum Pudding, Brandy Hard  
Sauce  
Walnut Ice Cream  
Canadian Cheese  
Tea  
Coffee  
Milk

Sunday Dinner Menu at 50 cents  
SOUP  
Consomme, Royal  
FISH  
Roulette of Salmon aux Quenelle  
RELISHES  
Worcester Sauce  
Mixed Pickles  
SALADS  
Waldorf Salads  
BOILED  
Ox Heart, Spanish Sauce  
ENTREE  
Breast Lamb a la Bourgeoise  
Queen Fritters, Wine Sauce  
ROAST  
Sirloin Beef, Horseradish  
Young Turkey, Cranberry Sauce  
VEGETABLES  
Boiled and Mashed Potatoes  
Stewed Corn  
DESSERT  
Apple Pie  
Cream Pie  
Mince Pie  
Strawberry Jelly in cream  
Vanilla Ice Cream  
Canadian Cheese  
Tea  
Coffee  
Milk

Sunday Dinner Menu at 35 cents  
SOUP  
Consomme Royal  
FISH  
Roulette of Salmon aux Quenelle  
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Young Duck, Apple Sauce  
VEGETABLES  
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DESSERT  
Apple Pie  
Hot Mince Pie  
Cranberry Pie  
Strawberry Jelly in cream  
Vanilla Ice Cream  
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Meal Hours  
Sundays  
Breakfast 7.30-10.00 9.00-11.00  
Dinner 11.30-2.00 12.00-2.00  
Supper 5.00-8.00 5.00-8.00

Canadians Honored For  
Bravery on the Field

Distinguished Service Order Given to Five Officers and  
Military Cross to Lieut. Donnelly, Newfoundland.

London, Dec. 24.—The honors list issued last night includes five officers of the Canadian Expeditionary Force and one of the Newfoundland Regiment who are appointed companions of the Distinguished Service Order. Their names and the deeds that gained their awards are:  
Lieut.-Col. Victor Wentworth Odum, 7th Battalion, for conspicuous ability and energy. He personally superintended the arrangement for a bombing attack made by his battalion on November 16 and 17 near Messines, and by his coolness and determination was largely instrumental in bringing about the success of the exploit.  
Captain Charles Telford Costigan, 10th Battalion, for conspicuous gallantry near Messines on the same date. He led the bombing party into a German trench, shot the first three Germans he met with his revolver and led his bombers along the trench which was filled with the enemy.  
Lieut. William Numbleton Holmes, 7th Battalion, for conspicuous gallantry and resource near Messines on November 16 and 17. When in charge of scouts during a bombing attack he superintended the cutting of a German wire and laying a bridge over the Douve sixteen yards from a heavily manned German trench. His gallant conduct at Festubert was brought to notice in May last.  
Lieut. John Raymond Mellree, 7th for conspicuous gallantry near Messines on November 16 and 17. He led a bombing party into a German trench, threw down the first German he met and felled the second with a rifle. He was then joined by his bombing party and led them along the trench, which was heavily manned by the enemy.  
Lieut. Archibald Wrightson, 7th, for conspicuous gallantry near Messines on November 16 and 17. He was in command of parties of bombers in a successful raid on a German trench, and displayed great coolness and judgment, after he had given the order to retire. He was the last man to leave the trench.  
Military Crosses have been awarded to Lieut. James John Donnelly, 1st Battalion, Newfoundland Regiment, for conspicuous gallantry and determination shown on November 4 and 5, on Gallipoli Peninsula. He occupied with eight men a knoll with our fire line was extended. Next day, by his coolness and skill in handling this small party, which was reduced to five by casualties, he repelled several determined Turkish bomb and rifle attacks on his front and flanks, and held his own during the night.

LORD ROBERT  
CECIL DEFENDS  
FOREIGN OFFICE

Will Issue White Paper Explaining the German Blockade.

UNEXAMPLIFIED UNITY  
OF THE ALLIES  
Insinuation That Germans in Foreign Office is Absurd.

London, Dec. 22.—Lord Robert Cecil's speech was in the nature of a general defence of the Foreign Office. He denied rumors of dissension in the Cabinet, of dissension among the allies, and of pro-German influence in the Foreign Office. He announced that the Foreign office would shortly issue a white paper stating the principles on which the British blockade of Germany is based.  
"Until the resignation of one or more members of the Cabinet," he said, "everyone is bound to accept the view that it is united on the main lines of its policy. As to the unity of the allies, they have carried on the war in a manner which, if one considers history, is a really unexampled performance of unity."  
"Suggestions have recently been made in various forms that someone in the Foreign Office is in the pay of Germany, or, at least, is pro-German. This is a grotesque and serious charge. It shows that there are some people who are unable to stand the strain of war, and become mere hysterical neurotics. When things are not going right for the moment, such people think the proper course is to turn on the men who are trying to serve their country and shout, 'Traitor, traitor!'"  
"DISGRACEFUL AND UN-BRITISH."  
"This is a disgraceful and un-British state of things. It is utterly destructive of the morale of the country, and it is the duty of every patriotic man to stamp on these people."  
"I assure the House that everything that could be legitimately done to prevent goods going into Germany has been done. One of the members of the House of Commons has said that the only way effectively to block neutral countries surrounding Germany. I want to say most frankly that this is not the policy of the Government."  
"The great difficulty in a blockade is to discriminate between goods with an enemy destination and those genuinely for consumption in neutral countries."  
"As to our Balkan policy, the aim throughout has been to produce in those unhappy countries unity instead of discord. The suggestion that the Foreign Office rejected an alliance with or the assistance of Greece is absolutely without foundation."  
Mr. E. Bodsworth of Woburn Sands, invalided out of the navy and immediately enlisted in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry.

way in Britain. We are not going to be especially tender to the Germans." Mr. Runciman specially referred to the German control of oil fields in Europe, remarking that this raw material was of such vital interest to Great Britain that the board was taking special steps to see how much of the German control of this product could be transferred to Great Britain so that the latter's interests would be safeguarded. Continuing, he said:  
"OE'S FOREIGN TRADE GONE."  
German trade in South America and in the East has received a serious blow, and it is the duty of the board to see that our business men have every advantage."  
Mr. Runciman referred to the indications of a belief on the continent that Great Britain in thus looking ahead was inclined to think of the return of her commercial prosperity rather than of "throwing ourselves heart and soul into the attainment of the main object."  
"That is entirely untrue," the President said. "I would not like it to be imagined in France, in Russia and in Italy that in preparing for future contingencies we were contemplating an early peace. There is no peace to which we could be a party if it would in any way conflict with the interests of the Entente allies."

FOREIGN TRADE  
OF GERMANY  
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Commercial Relations With South America and Africa Gone.

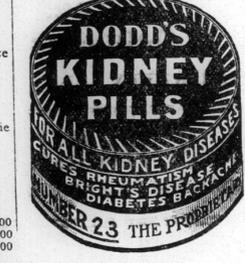
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COAL MINE  
Owned by Germans in England, and Therefore Was Now Idle.

London, Dec. 24.—"So far as commerce is concerned, Germany is the beaten nation, and it is for us to see it does not recover," Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, told the House of Commons yesterday afternoon in review the steps taken by the board for the reorganization of British industries after the war.  
"There is scarcely a single department of public life," Mr. Runciman said, "about which we have not been thinking what likely will happen when the war is over and how best to prepare for future contingencies."  
"Nothing in commercial life will start out, when the war is over, in the same condition as when the war began, and in every one relationship with the Central Powers' Zollverein is bound to conflict with our interests."  
NO GERMAN OWNERS IN BRITAIN  
After enumerating the number of subjects which the Board of Trade was specially investigating, among them being the ownership of real property by aliens, Mr. Runciman instanced the danger of such ownership, stating that he knew of one coal field in the Midlands owned by Germans and trading under a British title which now was idle, and that the British were prevented from exploiting the coal fields. He added:  
"That cannot continue after the war. The board is taking great care to allow no German to stand in its way."

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---SPEAKERS---  
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Pte. Gibbons, 3rd Battalion  
First Returned Canadian From Geissen Prison Camp, Germany.  
MUSIC by the "Singing Brigade" of the Brant Battalion.  
CHAIRMAN: Col. Stewart, O. C. 84th Battalion



VANESSA  
Norman Swackhammer of Culver Plains, has been spending a few days with relatives here.  
Arthur and Mrs. Kelly and Miss Amy, also Nelson and Mrs. Clement spent last Saturday with Mrs. L. Kelly at Kelvin in honor of her birthday.  
E. H. Howey of Fairfield spent Sunday with J. P. and Mrs. Henry. Jas. and Mrs. Mitchener of Scotland spent Sunday with James and Mrs. Ripley.  
Miss Claryan Henry is spending a few days with friends at Newport. Sam Coates has returned home after spending a month with relatives in Michigan.  
Miss Leta Walker spent the weekend with friends in Brantford.  
Welby Robinson of Round Plains spent Tuesday with H. F. and Mrs. Henry.  
E. S. Birdsell spent a few days with his son in Brantford.  
Don't you think you are already paying quite enough taxes on that little piece of property of yours? Local optimists would have you vote to increase your taxes. —Adv.

Besmirching Characters of the Hotelkeepers of the Hotelkeepers  
Local optimists seem to take a delight in besmirching the characters of Brantford hotelmen, not one of whom has been charged with a breach of the license laws in many years. The expositor reports Rev. A. E. Lavell as having said during the course of a sermon in Brant Avenue Methodist Church last Sunday, "the hotelmen say that if we don't allow them to sell liquor in licensed houses, they will do so in blind pigs. Fine law-abiding citizens these liquor men are."  
As a matter of fact, no sane hotelman would dare make any such threat. The hotelmen of Brantford have a record for law observance that any class of business men might well be proud of, a record not excelled by even the local optimists. What they do say is that where the law-abiding hotelman is forced out of business by local option, the unscrupulous "blind pigger" springs up to take his place.  
Don't be misled by garbled statements and alleged quotations. Get the facts.—Adv.

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A SUNDAY SERMON BY PASTOR RUSSELL

OUR GREAT CREATOR'S "UNSPEAKABLE GIFT"

"Good Tidings of Great Joy, Which Shall Be Unto All People."

Generosity an Element of Godliness—God "The Giver of Every Good and Perfect Gift"—Including the "Unspeakable Gift"—Our Appreciation of God's Gifts—How Expressed—"More Blessed to Give Than to Receive."

Dec. 19.—Pastor Russell preached a Christmas sermon here to-day to a very attentive congregation. His discourse was based upon the text "Thanks be unto God for which we are made partakers of His unspeakable gift." (2 Corinthians 9:15.) He said in part:

There is an appropriate cheer of the Christmas season. The happy custom of giving tokens of love and friendship prevails wherever the story of Jesus has gone. Surely this is just as it should be. While some may have been injured by receiving bounties, but few, if any, have been other than blest in the giving of them. Herein we see corroborated our Saviour's words, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

In our dealings with God it is necessary that we realize our dependence, our own insufficiency, and His greatness and beneficence; and that we learn to go to Him as His "children," to whom He delights to give His favors, and who receive them and appreciate them with gratitude of heart. In every sense of the word we are debtors to God and His ways shall be. We can never dispute the obligations under which His mercy and loving kindness have placed us. The sooner we realize this fact, the better will it be for us. Some possessed with a false pride declare that they ask no favors from God or man—that they pay their respects our debtors to do so. As we did not create ourselves, neither can we maintain our being, as the Scriptures assert: "In Him we live and move and have our being" (Acts 17:28). This is not to be understood as if we were born in an angelic plane or as perfect human beings; for we could not have created ourselves, directly or indirectly, through the arrangements of His providence in nature, God was responsible for our birth; and He is the Provider for His creatures on every plane. The fact that He causes His sun to shine upon the just and the unjust, and sends His rain upon the just as well as upon the good, and thus provides for the world, is not in general in rebellion against Him and His authority, but it does not prove that the laws of nature are autocratic and that the results would not be otherwise than as the Scriptures show. The mercies of God scattered broadly tell of a provision on our Creator's part for the necessities of His creatures. That He allows these things to be interfered with at the present time and permits adverse conditions upon our race He does so, not because of their sinful, rebellious attitude, because the sentence, the curse of death, has been justly pronounced against mankind, and because He sees a way by which present lessons of adversity and tribulation may be made instructive as respects "the exceeding sinfulness of sin."

"All Taught of God." Two of the great lessons for us to learn are (1) our complete dependence upon God, and (2) His loving kindness and tender mercies over all His works. But these lessons can be learned only from one standpoint, that of the Divine Word, and by one class. Those who view matters from the outside only will surely misunderstand, misinterpret, and miss the operations of Divine Providence.

"The secret of the Lord is with them that reverence Him, and He will show them His covenant"—His future plans, His agreement. (Psalm 25:14.) In order to see, to understand, and appreciate them, we must accept certain matters by faith: (1) "that He is"—that there is an Almighty Creator; (2) "that He is the Father of them that diligently seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6.) Seeking the Lord diligently, we find in the Bible that which commends it to our hearts as well as to our heads. The right here we are beset by a danger and a difficulty: for while it is possible to receive great assistance from fellow-believers in the understanding of the Divine Word, yet there is much danger of our becoming even more confused by such assistance—by the creeds and theories of men, particularly those handed down from the Dark Ages. What, therefore, we receive from men we must accept tentatively—for examination, for proving and testing the Word of God. Thus we try

the spirits' or doctrines, as the Apostle admonishes. (1 John 4:1.) Thus we permit God to be His own Interpreter and to make the matter plain to us. Those teachers who refer to the Word of God, who point out to us its harmony with itself and with reason, giving the citations and showing the relationship between text and context, these are the teachers who are really helpful. All others are apt to be injurious, whether they address us orally or in print.

"Every Good and Perfect Gift." Only after we have been for some time in the School of Christ can we comprehend the force of the Apostle's words, "Every good and every perfect gift is from Above." (James 1:17.) Then we begin to look about to find some of these good and perfect gifts. We soon find many gifts and blessings, but very few of them perfect, purely good. Everything is imperfect. Even the sunshine and the rain, which are common to all God's creatures, are evident not in their perfect conditions. Imperfection seems to be written upon everything we have, as well as upon ourselves.

The Bible explanation of this state of affairs is that while God's work is perfect (Deuteronomy 32:4), our race to-day are not really samples of His workmanship, but are depraved, fallen, imperfect through the sin of our Father Adam and its entailed weaknesses and blemishes upon his posterity. The good and perfect gifts of God are to be seen only by the eyes of faith, only by those whose hearts have been opened to see by faith Jesus, the great Redeemer. By faith this class sees accomplished in God's due time His great work of Redemption, the wiping away of all tears from off all faces and the re-establishment of everything on the plane of perfection—the destruction of death and every thing connected with it, and the re-establishment of perfect life conditions, such as God has promised.

Those whose eyes of understanding have to some extent been opened, and the fogs of superstition and error all flee away before the rising of the Sun of Righteousness and its glories of the Millennial Kingdom! The few who now see and appreciate God's gift are indeed, as the Scriptures declare, a "little flock," and although generally despised by men, and "counted fools for Christ's sake," they are rich in that they have become, in advance of the world, the recipients of His gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Romans 8:23.

A Gift Not Appreciated. False theologians have diverted or taken away from this Bible statement that eternal life is the GIFT of God, and that He will supply it only to those in fullest harmony with Himself. False theologians have taught us that eternal life is a natural quality—yes, that it is a persistent one, that not even God Himself can destroy our lives or being. This erroneous thought has distorted all our reasonings, and has left the issue as between an eternal life in torture or an eternal life in bliss. But the Scriptures clearly define a different issue, namely, as between extinction, destruction, and a life in harmony with God, a life which Divine Love and Mercy had provided. For those who are in accord with the Almighty, let us hearken to the testimony of our Lord, the Apostles, and the Prophets on this subject, and see that God is now proffering the church a gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let us note the Scriptural proposition that if we are willfully, deliberately, intelligently, rejecting His gift, it will be without drawing, and that the effect upon us will be the Second Death, everlasting oblivion, from which God offers no hope of recovery.

Let us note that this is the general calling of God; and hence that while His time shall come for dealing with the world of mankind in general, during the Millennial Age, in order that it be made to them will be a similar proposition of life or death everlasting. Those who will accept God's gift upon God's terms are welcome to it. He is pleased to give it. Those who will then reject it shall die the Second Death.—Acts 3:22, 23.

"Through Jesus Christ our Lord," is the Apostle's statement. The gift is not offered to us by the Father directly, but indirectly through the Son. To those whose eyes of understanding have been opened, the Apostle says: "This is the record, that God has given unto us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (1 John 4:12.) Other Scriptures inform us that this life is merely reckoned to the Church now, and that they will not get it until they shall experience the change of the First Resurrection, at the Second Coming of our Lord. Of these it is written, "Your life is hid with Christ in God." (Colossians 3:3.) Only as we become united to Him, related to Him, can we have this unspeakable gift of God. Hence it is not improper that we should sometimes both think and speak of Jesus Himself as being

The Unspeakable Gift. Both Jesus and the eternal life which the Father has provided through Him are unspeakable in the sense that it is impossible for us to present fully to others the richness and the glory which inhere in both. Who can describe the wealth of either a Divine representative in our Lord, or a spirit plane or as restored and perfected humanity? It is beyond all the powers of our mental comprehension. Even the thought of it can only be imperfectly communicated, and imperfectly grasped. It must gradually dawn upon us, grow upon us in appreciation and comprehension. Similarly, the wealth of grace Divine, represented in our Lord, is unspeakable. We cannot tell it; and the natural man cannot receive of the things of the Spirit of God, neither know them.—1 Corinthians 2:14.

Only those who are especially favored of God can get even the first glimpse of the riches of God's grace in Christ. If this glimpse be appreciated, it leads to clearer and still clearer views; for all who will appreciate either our Lord Jesus or the gift of life must be "taught of God." (John 6:45.) As our Redeemer said to St. Peter, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee, but My Father in Heaven" (Matthew 16:17), so all who would grasp spiritual things must be taught. All our teaching and preaching cannot overcome the blindness of the natural fallen mind in respect to God's gift and the Channel through which it comes. Only as the Heavenly Father shall grant His blessing may fruits to our labors be expected. It is written, "As many as the Lord your God shall call," and "No man can come unto Me except the Father who sent Me draw him." (Acts 2:39; John 6:44.) Hence we see that our present appreciation of Divine goodness implies three gifts: (1) the Divine promise of eternal life; (2) Christ the Channel, and (3) the knowledge by which we are enabled to appreciate both the Gift and the Channel. Receiving and Rejecting God's Gift. We receive 1,200,000,000 in heathen darkness and the remaining 400,000,000 of nominal Christendom in the dull, foggy light of superstition and ignorance. Our first thought might be that the world in general has rejected God's gift and hence has sealed its doom for the Second Death. Then we find that in the world-wide darkness is the result of Adam's sin and condemnation to death; that, although Christ has come and offered His sacrifice for sin, and thus made possible the removal of the curse and the bringing back of Adam and all of his race to harmony with God, and the gift of eternal life upon His terms, nevertheless the offer of this opportunity to the race in general is still future.

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"More Blessed to Give." God Himself is the great Pattern set before us in His own person. Before us we have received of God's gift and have appreciated it, in that same proportion are we so privileged to be so "taught of God," as to become more and more generous in spirit, disposition—desirous of giving—generous. Since man was created in the image of God, all men would have possessed this generous disposition had it not been for the fall of Adam; and we find that the fall has especially blighted some in one particular and others in another. Hence amongst "the men of the world" there are some who are generous, and who to that degree have perhaps more Godlikeness than have some of the children of grace—especially until the latter have been trained in the School of Christ.

For we are to remember that God's Message and His drawing power affect the less honorable of mankind. (1 Corinthians 1:26-29.) This opportunity is afforded for the Lord to demonstrate the power of His grace in the transformation of character. But so surely as have become God's children, recipients of His blessing and of the instruction of the School of Christ, this quality of benevolence will grow in us; and the more ripe we become as Christians, the more generous will we be in our thoughts, words and deeds. But any other condition, any failure to progress, any turning toward greater selfishness, would be signs that we are faced in the wrong direction, that we are walking after the flesh, not after the Spirit.

Since the judgment of each will be according to his light, it follows that many more can appreciate the privilege of giving richly blessings, comforts, succor, solace, etc., than can understand the still higher privilege of giving Heavenly gifts, blessings, counsel, succor, consolation, comfort. Whoever, therefore, has spiritual ability to give further spiritual favors should rejoice to engage in this service of blessing others.

The chief gift that we can bestow upon anyone is the Unspeakable Gift; for, remarkable as it may seem, the Heavenly Father is pleased to use our ministries in the conveying of His gift, in the finding of those who are of an appreciative heart, ready to receive it. Additionally, however, there are other ministries of love in which we may engage. Those who are our brethren in spiritual things, who like ourselves are the recipients of God's unspeakable gift through Christ, have their special trials, temptations, and difficulties from the world, the flesh, and the Adversary. These we should be on the alert to comfort, assist, uphold. As we help them to bear their burdens, we thus collaborate with the Redeemer, and so become special servants of the great Burden Bearer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson XIII.—Fourth Quarter, For Dec. 26, 1915.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Hos. xiv.—Quarterly Review—Golden Text, Ps. ciii., & Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Lesson I.—Elijah in Naboth's vineyard, I Kings xxi, 11-20. Golden Text, Num. xxxiii, 23, "Be sure your sin will find you out." The wicked may act as if they owned this world and may oppress and even kill those who seem to have no helper, but "He that is higher than the highest regardeth, and there be higher than they" (Eccl. v. 8). The blood of the righteous Abel cried unto God (Gen. iv. 10; Matt. xxiii, 35).

Lesson II.—Elijah taken up into heaven, II Kings ii, 1-12. Golden Text, Ps. xvi, 11, "In Thy presence is fullness of joy, in Thy right hand there are pleasures forevermore." It is especially helpful in this lesson to note the devotion of Elijah and how he steadfastly clung to God used to martyrdom, which his heart desired. The two going on together suggests how we may walk with God if we will.

Lesson III.—Elisha heals Naaman, the Syrian, II Kings v, 1-14. Golden Text, Ex. xv, 26, "I am Jehovah that healeth thee." A little captive maid and a great man of God used to martyrdom, and offered His sacrifice for sin, and thus made possible the removal of the curse and the bringing back of Adam and all of his race to harmony with God, and the gift of eternal life upon His terms, nevertheless the offer of this opportunity to the race in general is still future.

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Let us note that this is the general calling of God; and hence that while His time shall come for dealing with the world of mankind in general, during the Millennial Age, in order that it be made to them will be a similar proposition of life or death everlasting. Those who will accept God's gift upon God's terms are welcome to it. He is pleased to give it. Those who will then reject it shall die the Second Death.—Acts 3:22, 23.

"Through Jesus Christ our Lord," is the Apostle's statement. The gift is not offered to us by the Father directly, but indirectly through the Son. To those whose eyes of understanding have been opened, the Apostle says: "This is the record, that God has given unto us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He that hath the Son hath life and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." (1 John 4:12.) Other Scriptures inform us that this life is merely reckoned to the Church now, and that they will not get it until they shall experience the change of the First Resurrection, at the Second Coming of our Lord. Of these it is written, "Your life is hid with Christ in God." (Colossians 3:3.) Only as we become united to Him, related to Him, can we have this unspeakable gift of God. Hence it is not improper that we should sometimes both think and speak of Jesus Himself as being

The Unspeakable Gift. Both Jesus and the eternal life which the Father has provided through Him are unspeakable in the sense that it is impossible for us to present fully to others the richness and the glory which inhere in both. Who can describe the wealth of either a Divine representative in our Lord, or a spirit plane or as restored and perfected humanity? It is beyond all the powers of our mental comprehension. Even the thought of it can only be imperfectly communicated, and imperfectly grasped. It must gradually dawn upon us, grow upon us in appreciation and comprehension. Similarly, the wealth of grace Divine, represented in our Lord, is unspeakable. We cannot tell it; and the natural man cannot receive of the things of the Spirit of God, neither know them.—1 Corinthians 2:14.

Only those who are especially favored of God can get even the first glimpse of the riches of God's grace in Christ. If this glimpse be appreciated, it leads to clearer and still clearer views; for all who will appreciate either our Lord Jesus or the gift of life must be "taught of God." (John 6:45.) As our Redeemer said to St. Peter, "Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee, but My Father in Heaven" (Matthew 16:17), so all who would grasp spiritual things must be taught. All our teaching and preaching cannot overcome the blindness of the natural fallen mind in respect to God's gift and the Channel through which it comes. Only as the Heavenly Father shall grant His blessing may fruits to our labors be expected. It is written, "As many as the Lord your God shall call," and "No man can come unto Me except the Father who sent Me draw him." (Acts 2:39; John 6:44.) Hence we see that our present appreciation of Divine goodness implies three gifts: (1) the Divine promise of eternal life; (2) Christ the Channel, and (3) the knowledge by which we are enabled to appreciate both the Gift and the Channel. Receiving and Rejecting God's Gift. We receive 1,200,000,000 in heathen darkness and the remaining 400,000,000 of nominal Christendom in the dull, foggy light of superstition and ignorance. Our first thought might be that the world in general has rejected God's gift and hence has sealed its doom for the Second Death. Then we find that in the world-wide darkness is the result of Adam's sin and condemnation to death; that, although Christ has come and offered His sacrifice for sin, and thus made possible the removal of the curse and the bringing back of Adam and all of his race to harmony with God, and the gift of eternal life upon His terms, nevertheless the offer of this opportunity to the race in general is still future.

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VARIETIES

The wreck record of the Baltic Sea is greater than that of any other part of the world. Owing to the dry cold atmosphere, not a single infectious disease is indigenous to Greenland.

Some of the finest tapestry ever woven in Japan is to be seen in the Peace Palace at The Hague. The volcano Aso-an, in Southern Japan, is believed to have the biggest crater known. It is fourteen miles across one way and between ten and eleven the other.

ALCOHOL AS BAIT FOR FISH. A wounded Russian officer who has arrived from the front recounts an amusing instance of the benefits of teetotalism. The commander of a company ordered eight hundred cases of spirit found in a captured German village to be poured into a fish-pond. The fish became intoxicated and floated to the surface, where they fell an easy prey to the Russian soldiers. The supply lasted some days.

AN ANCIENT PERFUME. It seems strange to us to-day to read of saffron as a perfume; but such it undoubtedly was almost universally, and an element of romance about it lies in the story told by Herodotus of a pilgrim smuggling, at the risk of his life, from the Levant, a head of saffron in a hollow made in his staff, from which grew the plant, which gave its name to Saffron Walden.

CANTEEN SUPERSTITIONS. Tommy Atkins' superstitions are not all connected with the serious side of his work, and many of them have a decided touch of humor. In the latter category are some connected with that popular institution which is so often jocularly referred to—the canteen. It is unlucky, for instance, to refuse to have a drink with a stranger, and it is also unlucky to have a cheaper drink than the person who is treating you. Ill luck too attends the seemingly harmless action of leaving any beer in the pot or mug.

PAPER CLOTHING. "Kamikoi," as paper clothing is called in Japan, is made of real Japanese paper manufactured from mulberry bark. The paper has little "size" in it, and, though soft and warm, a thin layer of silk wadding is placed between two sheets of the paper and the whole is quilted. Velvet shirts and drawers made in this way are more comfortable than flannels. The Japanese soldiers realized the value of this kind of clothing when they had to weather a Siberian winter. The only drawback to this clothing is that it is not washable.

SEALING-WAX IN THE MIDDLE AGES. In the annual report of the Government Chemist for 1913-1914 an interesting account is given of analyses of old impressions on documents in the Public Record Office. The seals ex-

amined dated from the thirteenth to the eighteenth century, and differed but little from modern sealing-wax. Two seals of the dates 1399 and 1423 respectively, were composed of wax, the characteristics of which agreed more nearly with those of East Indian than of European beeswax. The wax of Great Seal of 1350 agreed in chemical and physical characters with pure beeswax of to-day. The pigment in the red seals was vermilion, while the green seals contained verdigris.

A TREE THAT WEEPS. In the Canary Islands is a weeping tree, so called because it drops tears. It is of the laurel variety, and in the early morning a copious shower of tears or water drops from its tufted foliage. This water sometimes collects at the foot of the tree and forms a kind of pond from which the inhabitants supply themselves with a drinkable beverage that is absolutely fresh and pure. The water comes out of the tree itself through innumerable little pores situated at the margins of the leaves, and known as water stomata—minute apertures or slits in the epidermis of leaves, young stems, etc. These are somewhat different from the almost similar apertures in the surface of the leaves, whose function is to regulate the constant passage of air to and from the internal tissues.

Water comes out of the tree as vapour during the daytime, when the heat is sufficiently great; but in the evening, when the temperature is lowered very much, a considerable quantity is exuded in the form of tears or liquid drops that collect near the edges of the leaves, and these membrane bend down under their own weight until the drops tumbling off on the ground below in a veritable shower.

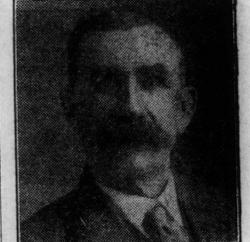
"FLOWERY" NAMES. Many of the Chinese names are of a "flowery" character. The Chinese Minister at Washington, for many years was Wu Ting-fang, a name which signifies "fragrant place." The name of the Minister to England at the same time was Lo Fei-lo, meaning "a rich harvest." The name of the contemporary Minister to France, Yu Keng, signified "much gold." The regular name for a little Chinese girl baby is "My thousand ounces of gold."

May Be Released. Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 23.—The newspaper, Rotterdammer, announces that Britisa officers interned in Holland, may be released henceforth on parole.

Bedfordshire education committee have decided to close the schools half an hour earlier in order to save fuel and have ordered that the fires are not to be made up in the afternoon.

WILL WE EVER WALK ON AIR?

Train Of Thought Inspired By A Letter About "Fruit-a-tives"



MR. D. McLEAN

Orillia, Ont., Nov. 28th, 1914. "For over two years, I was troubled with Constipation, Drowsiness, Lack of Appetite and Headaches. I tried several medicines, but got no results and my Headaches became more severe. One day I saw your sign which read 'Fruit-a-tives' make you feel like walking on air. This appealed to me, so I decided to try a box. In a very short time, I began to feel better, and now I feel fine. Now I have a good appetite, relish everything I eat, and the Headaches are gone entirely. I cannot say too much for 'Fruit-a-tives', and recommend this pleasant fruit medicine to all my friends." DAN McLEAN.

"FRUIT-A-TIVES" is daily proving its priceless value in relieving cases of Stomach, Liver and Kidney Trouble—General Weakness, and Skin Diseases. 50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

For having a bonfire in his garden without permission of the naval or military authorities, William Bunting of Brixton was at Lambeth fined \$10.

Liver Sluggish?

You are warned by a sallow skin, gully eyes, biliousness, and that grouchy feeling. Act promptly. Stimulate your liver—remove the clogging wastes—make sure your digestive organs are working right and—when needed—take

BEECHAM'S PILLS

Largest Sale of Any Medicine in the World Sold everywhere. In boxes, 25 cents.

A War On Waste Economy is best practised by cutting out waste One bar of N.P.SOAP costs 15¢ and contains more and better soap than four or five cakes of other kinds at 5¢ a cake. Why not save the 10% by cutting up the soap yourself? N.P.SOAP has been Made in Canada for over 35 years



Martyred Belgium Cries for FOOD!

You have Plenty — Share it!

We cannot—MUST NOT let the destitute Belgians starve! No victory could be lastingly glorious if it involved the decimation by famine of a small nation that deliberately sacrificed itself rather than sacrifice honor!

Earl Curzon of Kedleston, says: "We have to relieve from privation, and from worse, these unhappy people during the forthcoming winter, the second winter which they have passed under these cruel conditions; we have to keep alive their vital resources, to support their courage, and enable them to continue to endure."

Belgian Relief Fund

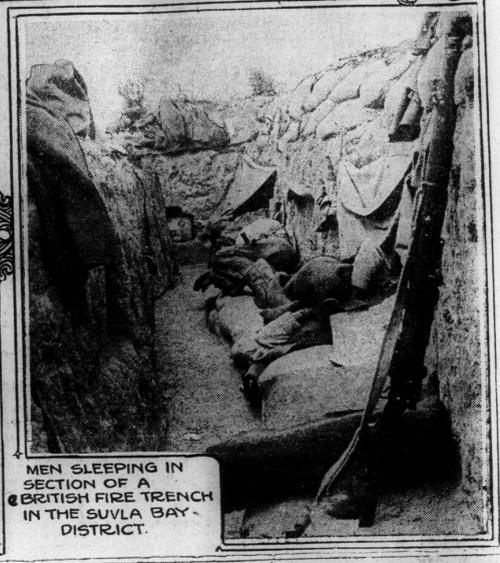
has been and is administered with an Efficiency and Economy never before equalled in Public Relief Work. All accounts are audited, and every pound of food and supplies is accounted for. The arrangements are absolutely effective for securing that none of the food or money goes into the hands of the Germans, is requisitioned by military authorities, or in any lump sum to Local or Provincial Committees, or to the Central Executive Committee, 59 St. Peter St., Montreal.

Nearly 3,000,000 Belgians must depend this winter on charity! Without help hundreds of thousands will starve! We in Canada have plenty! In the name of humanity and of the cause for which we are fighting, let us do our part toward saving these heroic allies! Send your subscriptions weekly or in one lump sum to Local or Provincial Committees, or to the Central Executive Committee, 59 St. Peter St., Montreal.

\$2.50 FEEDS A BELGIAN FAMILY ONE MONTH

JUST BEFORE THE BATTLE; ON THE LALA BABA CLIFFS, DARDANELLES.

"AWAITING THE WORD" ON THE CLIFFS OF LALA BABA. PHOTOS BY HANET R. CUMINGS



MEN SLEEPING IN SECTION OF A BRITISH FIRE TRENCH IN THE SUVA BAY DISTRICT.

LONDON'S GREEK COLONY DEVOTED TO ALLIES' CAUSE

The Fall of Constantinople Drove Ancestors to Western Europe; Many Wealthy Greeks Help British War Funds.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The desire of the Greek colony in London to express, not in words only, but by deeds and gifts, their loyalty to King George and to the cause of the Allies creates another remarkable historical coincidence of the war, writes a correspondent in the Daily Chronicle. For this Hellenic rally, he says, occurs when the Allies' desire for the fall of Constantinople, and it was precisely the fall of that magnificent caribole of empire to the Turks in the year 1453 that was the origin of the London Greek colony. Not that the colony proper is so old as that. The first Greek refugees came west no farther than Italy, Spain and various Mediterranean islands, and it was not until the reign of Charles II, that a large and recognizable body was found in London. They settled in Soho, where the name of Greek street perpetuates their residence. It is true that some ingenious iconoclasts will have it that this street name is not Greek at all in its original intent, but is a corruption of Greg, short for Gregory, and derived from Gregory King, the herald and genealogist who said our Soho. But on a show of antiquarian hands the Greeks would have it. For some reason Soho was to the Greeks (and some of our own) a place of refuge. One guesses that with their eyes toward the City. At any rate, they went there, and are there to this day, a wealthy and respected body of merchants. At one time Finbury Circus and Finbury Square had many wealthy Greek residents, and it is indeed to Messrs. Itall's offices in the City that the London Greeks are now sending to Mr. X. (Whomsoever) their subscriptions toward a fleet of motor ambulances which they will present to the British government for use in Macedonia. Still, it is in the Babel of Soho that the Greek tones linger on London's ear. The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, which presents its dusky east end to the Charing Cross road, is lined with the domes of the first Greek churches built in London. Its founder was Joseph George, a refugee. Finding his countrymen with no church in the Soho district, he had himself to gather aid and money, and the first person to whom he went was the then Bishop of London, the famous Henry Compton—famous because he taught both Queen Mary II and Queen Anne their lessons, and was a mighty benefactor before the lord at Fulham. The Bishop promptly granted a piece of land, and that is why there is a Compton street today. Not only so, but Fifth street is said to have been named after the builder or agent who managed the business. Suddenly the expectant Greeks were thrown into some perplexity by the appearance of a rival Greek priest, who interfered in the matter, and represented himself as the Archbishop of Samos. He was a pious fraud, and Georgiou had in the end to resort to the curious device of advertising the "Archbishop's" personal appearance and his own in order that people might know to whom they could safely make their donations. Soon, therefore, every one knew from the London Gazette that the false bishop was a tall man with black, bushy hair and a long black beard, whereas the true bishop was but "indifferent tall" and had a very little beard, but by way of compensation on the right side of the nose. The

London's New Drinking Rules Are Called Silly

Thirsty Briton, However, Makes the Best of a Queer Situation While Endeavoring to Invent Some Scheme Whereby He May Quaff Without Becoming a Lawbreaker.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—London has accepted its new drink regulations permitting the opening of bars only between the hours of noon and half-past two in the daytime and between six and half-past nine in the evening with philosophic calm. On the first day of the new order, east, west, north, south, it was taken very much as a matter of course. There was very little grumbling, except on the part of licensed victuallers, who are unquestionably hit hard by the order of the Board of Control. But even they, as one man phrased it, "to look pleasant and make the best of it." Most of the licensed houses in the city proper, and a large number in outlying districts, displayed in their windows announcements that freshly made tea, meringues and mineral waters were on sale "throughout the day." Some, too, increased their catering facilities, but they were not much of a success. In the neighborhood of the Bank, stock-brokers, bankers and agents of every description seemed highly amused at the new restriction. In one much frequented house a score of "cheery cocktails" were prepared a full half hour before the hour when they can lawfully be served. Ordinarily full, the buffet was empty ten minutes before noon. Then two men, a stock jobber and a friend, walked in. They asked for two glasses of beer each, and were politely requested to wait till the next stroke of the hour. "Hope deferred gives added pleasure to the draught," was the comment when at length they were permitted to quench their thirst. Five minutes later the bar was besieged. There was a consensus freely expressed that the new regulations were absurd, unnecessary and irritating, but the customers all the same laughed and joked at their own discomfort. "Not yet understood." "We have had the busiest time of our lives," said the manager of a house off Leadenhall street. "From noon till half-past two we have been serving out drinks as fast as we could. Many regular customers, too, seem now to prefer a 'cocktail' to the usual 'sitting down' luncheon. In this way they are able to take their accustomed allowance of alcohol in the form of a 'cocktail' instead of a full meal. But the new regulations are not yet fully understood. Some men insist that they can be served with drink so long as they eat a meal of bread and cheese, or sandwiches. One city man emptied some whiskey from a bottle he carried out to a public house, and was amazed when the publican declared that he could not consume the mixture on the premises. As in the 'dry' States of America the restrictive regulations have considerably augmented the revenue of druggists who sell 'pick-me-ups.' One druggist in the City, who makes a specialty of these, had 'sold out' by ten o'clock in the morning—an unprecedented sale. Strangely enough a section of the public appeared to hold the licensee responsible for the curtailment of the facilities to obtain refreshment. When it was explained that it was against their desire they were blamed for 'putting up with it.' "Why don't you defy them?" was frequently asked, but the licensee was too busy during the brief business interval for that it is now to argue or give explanations to anybody. During the teatime hours, however, it was a relief to have some one to talk to, and then the special grievances of the City were dug into—the huge number to feed daily in the restricted hours, the different conditions of the 'square mile' to any other locality in the world, the teetotal Board of Control that had made the order, under pressure of Mr. Lloyd George, the unfair

will not be tied down to buying not less than a quart bottle of spirits to be consumed off the premises. They bring flasks with them, and as they are able to order what they want at meals they transfer all they want to the flasks to carry home with them. At the docks there is a distinct movement to "down tools" till the order is withdrawn as far as they are concerned. It is purely a rank and file movement and promises to alienate the men from the officials. It is asserted on all hands that their leaders have been "nobbled" and that the men will decide the question for themselves.

\$45 AN OUNCE IS PAID FOR A MOUSE

LONDON, Dec. 23.—At a jumble sale at Norwich to assist the farmers in France a mouse, decked out in a Union Jack, several times resold, made \$100, which worked out at \$45 an ounce—a higher price than some of the rare old silver which is sometimes sold by auction at Christie's.

WILHELMSHAVEN ALARMED BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT DRILLS

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Fear of aerial attack is felt in Wilhelmshaven according to a despatch from Copenhagen. Recently the local authorities arranged a rehearsal of the precautionary measures to be taken in the event of the sudden arrival of hostile aviators. The first drill came near during the whole of the afternoon. When the general alarm signal—six strokes of a bell and six cannon shots in rapid succession—was given the inhabitants poured pell-mell into the streets and anxiously questioned every soldier and policeman in sight as to the meaning of the alarm. The thoroughfares became congested to such a degree that the movements of the troops were greatly impeded. "The Military Governor issued an urgent appeal to the citizens to remain calm in any contingency. He also formulated certain rules of conduct in a rather sarcastic manner. This he ordered: "Don't keep the police busy at the telephone all the time. They have other things to do besides answering stupid inquiries. "Don't assemble at night in the streets. It is not a good idea to see any lights but stars or clouds. "At the first alarm signal merchants as well as private persons must extinguish all lights in their establishments and residences. Failure to comply with these regulations will be punished with imprisonment."

Anti-War Feeling Grows Among German Socialists

Increasingly Severe Punishments Are Inflicted on Persons Who Express Public Discontent—Party Members in Office Are Sharply Criticised.

BERNE, Dec. 23.—One of the indications of the growth of the anti-war feeling among German socialists can be found in the increasingly severe punishments meted out to those who express publicly the prevailing popular discontent. In Berlin three active members of the socialist party, Heren Jacob Walcher, Gustav Fetsch and Erwald Thelmeier, were sentenced to three months, two months and six weeks' imprisonment respectively for inciting to sedition. Each of them committed the offence by saying that the government ought to stop the war before more valuable German lives were sacrificed unnecessarily. At Strasburg a court martial sentenced a socialist named Bernard Cuas to nine months' imprisonment for saying that the war had longed for the victory of the Allies, the champions of freedom, over Germany. The same tribunal inflicted sentences varying from two days to four months' imprisonment on seventy-six other socialist party members who were charged with disseminating remarks about the war and German military crimes. One of them, a woman grocer, was sentenced to three days' imprisonment for selling a brand of cigars called "Delacasse," although she was able to prove that they were supplied to her by a German firm of wholesale tobaccoists, Messrs. Trappier, of Laub. The court, in pronouncing judgment, took into account the fact that the accused party, its anti-war section. Another culprit, a café proprietor at Schlettstadt, went to prison for a week for spreading alarming war news. There are other signs of growing restiveness among German socialists. At Solingen two hundred socialist women assembled near the office of the local labor newspaper and demonstrated their contempt for their party leaders by calling them abusive names, such as "William's darlings," "traitors to the working classes," "cowardly shirkers" and so forth. In angry language they demanded that the policy of supporting the government should be abandoned and that the socialist deputies in the Reichstag should protest against the continuation of the war. At Bremen one of the socialist members of the Reichstag, Herr Leinert, addressed a public meeting of his constituents and defended the policy of supporting the government to the end of the war. His audience became very noisy and rebellious and several subsequent speakers criticised his speech and were applauded by the majority of the gathering. Another socialist deputy, Herr Henke, declared he disapproved of the policy adopted by his party, but that his sense of discipline prevented him from giving expression to his personal views in Parliament. This confession was received with angry shouts of "Consistency in principle is more important than discipline." At Munich a meeting of socialists expressed dissatisfaction with the passive attitude of the party leaders of the socialist parliamentary deputies. One speaker directed attention to certain intolerable limitations of freedom now enforced in Bavaria. Taking advantage of their absolute power under martial law, he said, the Bavarian military authorities had decreed that any workers in rural districts who left their employment without their employers' permission were liable to summary punishment. A domestic servant named Theodor Himmelstoss actually was sentenced to one month's imprisonment for leaving her place in a Bavarian farmhouse; a woman named Marie Simon and her daughter, Emma Simon, were imprisoned for three and two weeks respectively for running away from their employers; a woman named Katharina Richter, employed near Aeschaffenburg, was imprisoned for one week for leaving her work without permission. "These victims of the war were not engaged in any kind of military work," said the speaker, "and the punishments inflicted on them mean slavery pure and simple, but while such things are happening our leaders do nothing but sit with folded hands and vote fresh expenditure for the war." The veteran socialist Earl Kautsky has contributed to the Neue Zeit, of Stuttgart, a bitter criticism of his party's policy of supporting the government all through the war, and accuses the Executive Committee and the majority of the parliamentary group of faithlessness to the great underlying principles of the cause. Outside the socialist party there are no signs of any formidable party demand for an early peace.

YOUNG MAN TELLS HIS EXPERIENCE AT GALLIPOLI

Passed First Night in Hole Foot Deep While Big Turkish Guns on Achi Baba Thundered: 3 Days Without Sleep.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The following letter has been received by his father from a young man in the First regiment of the British Mediterranean expeditionary force:—"Dear Dad—Here we are, actually at the front. I can hardly realize it sometimes, but at present I am reminded by the continual rumble of the big guns up at Achi Baba. After we left Stobs we had just a series of rush movements. This, coupled with being a private, a lance corporal and an officer all in about a space of three weeks, is rather disconcerting. However, we should worry. We left the Island of Lemnos a week ago today. We landed here in small boats at about one o'clock that night. We were marched about two hundred yards up the beach, where a lot of holes had been dug in the sand. These were about six feet square and of varying depths. After seeing our men settled, Cecil and I managed to get into one about one foot deep. We had no blankets, so having had some tinned meat and biscuits we lay down to sleep. We woke up frozen and buried in sand. I think it was the night I have ever spent. We got some hot tea from an Australian and then sat down on the edge of the dugout to wait for something to happen. It did happen about nine o'clock. We heard a shriek and then a heave, and an explosion on the side of the hill just behind. It was our first shell. We were shelled and two weeks respectively for running away from their employers; a woman named Katharina Richter, employed near Aeschaffenburg, was imprisoned for one week for leaving her work without permission. "These victims of the war were not engaged in any kind of military work," said the speaker, "and the punishments inflicted on them mean slavery pure and simple, but while such things are happening our leaders do nothing but sit with folded hands and vote fresh expenditure for the war." The veteran socialist Earl Kautsky has contributed to the Neue Zeit, of Stuttgart, a bitter criticism of his party's policy of supporting the government all through the war, and accuses the Executive Committee and the majority of the parliamentary group of faithlessness to the great underlying principles of the cause. Outside the socialist party there are no signs of any formidable party demand for an early peace. FRENCH NEWSPAPER IN GERMAN PRISON CAMP (Special Dispatch.) PARIS, Dec. 23.—The French prisoners of war in Ohrdruf, Germany, have issued a paper "Le Journal du Camp d'Ohrdruf," the first number of which announces that a reading room has been installed for those who like to read, that the artists and sculptors among the prisoners have built a little studio for themselves, where they work several hours daily, and that the musicians have succeeded in getting enough money together to purchase musical instruments and they now have an orchestra which gives concerts to appreciative audiences. Another article in the journal gives some statistics on incoming and outgoing mail in the prison camp. Since September the French prisoners have received 199,571 marks sent to them from their families, while the British prisoners received 20 marks, the Belgians 68 marks, and the Russians 2,972 marks. It also announces that the number of parcels and packages to the number of 41,693 arrived by mail and 2,519 letters. The journal also has an account of the French prisoners sent from the camp to the front, and postcards. The French editor of the journal has an editorial commenting on the news.

The "Queen's Gift Book" for Aid of War Maimed Has Record Demand

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Many commissions for war gift books have been intrusted to Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton. There was "The Land of My Fathers," that Welsh gift book suggested by Mrs. Lloyd George in aid of the national fund for the Welsh troops. Others which were marvellous of value included "With the First Canadian Contingent," "Melba's Gift Book," "The Scottish Gift Book," "The Red Cross Story Book" and "Edmund Dulac's Picture Book for the French Red Cross." But the labor involved in producing these has been exceeded greatly by that entailed in getting ready "The Queen's Gift Book," which is a wonderful anthology by the best English writers and artists, the proceeds of which are to be devoted to the Queen Mary Convalescent Hospitals for those soldiers and sailors who have lost their limbs in the war. At the hospitals in question is undertaken the beneficent work of providing for the maimed fighters the best possible artificial limbs. At the beginning of last month there were 2,400 cases on the hospital register and 1,250 other patients were waiting for amputation. That they may be attended to as soon as possible temporary wards have been erected, costing an extra outlay of £175,000.

FRENCH NEWSPAPER IN GERMAN PRISON CAMP

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The French prisoners of war in Ohrdruf, Germany, have issued a paper "Le Journal du Camp d'Ohrdruf," the first number of which announces that a reading room has been installed for those who like to read, that the artists and sculptors among the prisoners have built a little studio for themselves, where they work several hours daily, and that the musicians have succeeded in getting enough money together to purchase musical instruments and they now have an orchestra which gives concerts to appreciative audiences. Another article in the journal gives some statistics on incoming and outgoing mail in the prison camp. Since September the French prisoners have received 199,571 marks sent to them from their families, while the British prisoners received 20 marks, the Belgians 68 marks, and the Russians 2,972 marks. It also announces that the number of parcels and packages to the number of 41,693 arrived by mail and 2,519 letters. The journal also has an account of the French prisoners sent from the camp to the front, and postcards. The French editor of the journal has an editorial commenting on the news.

YOUTH OF THIRTEEN IS SENT FROM FRONT

PARIS, Dec. 23.—Vienna newspapers tell of the return of school in that city of Hans Kiesel, a thirteen-year-old boy, who disappeared six months ago and went to the front. It appears now that he joined the Eighteenth battalion of the First Austrian infantry and was for four months on the front of the Bessarabia. He participated in the battles, was wounded in the chest, shrapnel, but recovered quickly.

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This is What Paris Be tion on By Special Wire to the Courier. New York, Dec. 27.—A cable Tribune from Paris says: Paris believes that the begin a new German offensive on the ern front is only a matter of time. For the last week, while the battered the allied positions night, the Kaiser's troops ha feeling out the ground in probing for a weak spot at which attack can be launched. Where this new assault will not certain. It may be staged neithen front, in Artois, or Wes; along the Belgium from a new effort to reach Calais attempted; in Champagne, fierce battles took place in tum; in the Argonne, wh Crown Prince has tried repe loosen the French hold on Ve in the Noyon sector, the sect est Paris. That an attack will be some point along the battle the very near future is ta granted. For a month rep come that the Germans were troops and guns to the lines ders and France. An especial concentration was reported north, along the Belgian co. In the last fortnight has creasing evidence that the troops were picking the spot. The new offensive could be Raids have been attempted ent points in the line—test determine the strength of positions in some sector. These raids took place on D 21 between Ypres and Arm where the Germans attacked ish line in force, but Sir Haig's men drove back the who gained not an inch of and lost 8,000 men, accordi despatch to La Liberte. The adds: "The fighting was most se