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SWITZERLAND SENDS NOTE IN SUPPORT OF PEACE PLANS

French Senate Declines Peace Discussion While Country is Invaded

NO PEACE WITH Foe While on France's Soil

French Senate Passes Unanimous Vote Rejecting Discussion of Terms.

SWISS SEND NOTE, TOO

Washington Took Action After Conference With Berne, Paris Says.

Paris, Dec. 24.—The unanimous vote of the senate affirming that France cannot conclude peace with an enemy who occupies French territory, coming at the same time as a peace note of the Swiss Government, has stirred anew the French press and public. The action of the senate gave further indication of the attitude of the allies towards President Wilson's proposals, with confidence voted in the Briand ministry was regarded most favorably.

The foreign affairs committee of the chamber devoted a large part of the session yesterday to an examination of President Wilson's note.

The Petit Journal suggests that President Wilson, in sending the note, knew he would have the support of Switzerland and says: "France pities its neighbor, menaced like Belgium, perhaps, but France, which did not want war, knows that there are suggestions that honor and interest prevent it from hearing."

The Swiss confirm one of the declarations of President Wilson, referring to discussions engaged in five weeks ago between Berne and Washington.

The Echo de Paris says: "Our resolution will demonstrate once more that the federal council would be mistaken in the feeling of the allies, and the French in particular, if it believed them disposed to negotiate with Germany."

The Matin says: "It must be remarked that the federal council supports the efforts of America without asserting itself with regard to the questions. Instead of asking the governments to make known the objects of the war, it limits itself to the very honorable wish that peace be concluded now and honor is to be rendered to the sentiments dictating the note."

No Interference by Wilson Can Be Tolerated by Allies

London, Dec. 23.—Speaking at Hornchurch on the American note, Premier Massey of New Zealand suggested that they tell President Wilson that they are not prepared to negotiate with Germany, but firmly, "as we have carried on the war without his assistance, so we intend to carry it on to the end. We will not tolerate interference."

Dutch to Supply Germany With Eggs, Milk and Fruit

London, Dec. 24.—Holland and Germany have signed a treaty providing for a supply to the latter of eggs, milk and fruit, says a Central News despatch from Amsterdam today.

BRITISH AIRCRAFT ATTACK POSITIONS IN PALESTINE

Make Raids on Beersheba, Ajaja, and Important Railway Bridge, Doing Great Damage.

London, Dec. 23, 11:23 p.m.—A British official statement issued today says: "Yesterday our aircraft carried out several successful raids in the El Arish region (Egypt). At Maghadda, about 15 miles north of Beersheba, was seriously damaged. All our machines returned safely."

WILSON'S ATTITUDE PUZZLES GERMANY

Some Newspapers Charge He is Favoring the Entente Powers.

HARD TO INTERPRET

Note is Stated to Be Open to Number of Interpretations.

Berlin, Dec. 24, via Tuckerton.—The interpretation of President Wilson's suggestions concerning peace are somewhat confused by the fact that yesterday's comment was based on the short extracts from his note received here and the additional fact that Secretary Lansing also made a statement concerning the situation which the German people are not sure has not been distorted, says the Overseas News Agency.

"This confusion," the News Agency adds, "is illustrated by the fact that the comment published by the Vossische Zeitung yesterday and today differ in important points. Yesterday the Vossische Zeitung considered the note as a diplomatic intrigue which had been prompted by a desire to shield England and declared that the note ought to be received by Germany with the greatest distrust. Today's comment by the Vossische Zeitung recognizes that the president's suggestions, in their main points, are reconcilable with Germany's attitude. It says the note is a complicated document, which is open to various interpretations, and adds: "There is no reason for Germany to harbor distrust against President Wilson; and believe he was sincere when he suggested to our adversaries that they make known their peace conditions."

The German press is divided into two groups as to the interpretation of the president's note. The Deutsche Tages-Zeitung declares that President Wilson's intention is to rescue the entente from an impending catastrophe. The newspaper points out that Secretary Lansing's remarks were published the same time as the note and that they were hardly a veiled threat against Germany.

The Mardburgische Zeitung considers the note "a snare, which is laid in favor of the entente." The Hamburger Nachrichten recalls the experience of the Vienna congress and says: "What the failure of the Rumanian aid had been unable to do has been undertaken by the United States."

AGED TRAVELER DIES

Quebec, Dec. 24.—James Shields, aged 75, an old resident of this city, died on Saturday afternoon following a short illness. He was one of the best known commercial travelers in Ontario, being employed by W. R. Johnson & Co. of Toronto for over 25 years. He leaves a family of five children. The funeral will be held on Tuesday afternoon.

UNITED STATES' OFFER RESEMBLES ULTIMATUM

Premier of Australia Says Wilson's Demand is Thinly Veiled.

London, Dec. 24.—A Reuters despatch from Melbourne today quotes Premier Hughes of the Australian commonwealth as follows in reference to Secretary Lansing's explanation of President Wilson's note to the Belgians: "Under the disguise of an addendum to the peace note deprecating the war, the explanation abruptly discloses the situation is critical enough to bring the mediator to the verge of war. The peace note cannot be read apart from the thinly veiled demand to know the ally's intentions not for the purpose of mediation, but in America's interest. Such a demand is an ultimatum in all but name."

Premier Hughes adds the despatch has received an invitation to attend the imperial conference early next year and it is believed he will accept.

Peace Coming Before August Is Expectation in Berlin

London, Dec. 24.—A Frankfurt despatch from the Exchange Telegraph Co., via Rotterdam, says there was heavy betting on the Berlin exchange yesterday that peace would be signed before August. The same despatch says that the German Emperor will return to Berlin for conferences with the American and Spanish ambassadors.

TEUTONS BRING NORTHERN BANK OF STREAM UNDER ARTILLERY FIRE

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

London, Dec. 24.—The warfare continues active on the Rumanian front, with the Teutons displaying great aggressiveness in attacking the Russians and with them making further advances in the Dobruja. In an official communication issued today, Berlin claims that the north bank of the Danube on both sides of Tulchua is under the fire of the German guns.

WIN IN CARPATHIANS

Russians Carry Some Important Peaks North of Uzul Valley.

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ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS QUICK TO RESPOND TO GERMAN CHALLENGE

With the British armies in France, Dec. 24, via London.—From a staff correspondent of the Associated Press.—A day of sunshine, a rarity in December on the British front, recently caused a temporary revival of activity among the aviators, presenting a spectacle which a few years ago could have lived only in the imagination. Out of the distance there came early in the day a series of black specks, which gradually grew until they took the form of German airplanes. From points of telescopic observation their approach had been signalled long before even the first sly dots were visible to the naked eye. British guns were ready and the British airplanes were already climbing above the ruins of the shell-torn Flemish town to challenge the invaders.

NUMBER OF CANADIAN APPOINTMENTS MADE

Officers of High Rank Are Gazetted for Various Posts.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, Dec. 23.—The following appointments: Major-General R. D. Sutherland, third grade, Capt. R. Q. Sutherland, from A.D.C. Brigadier-Generals, Lieut-Col. S. D. Gardner, M.C.; Lieut-Col. M. A. Colquhoun, D.S.O.; Lieut-Col. J. F. Embury, C.M.S. Brigadier-major: Capt. G. I. Gwynn, M.C. Staff captain: R. C. Cowan, M.C. Lieut. C. S. Montgomery, Pioniers, is gazetted flight commander.

For his services in Mesopotamia, Major A. Hamilton Connought's name has been appointed brevet brigadier colonel. He belongs to Guelph and was mentioned in despatches in February last year.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN MAILS

The next British and foreign mail, for letters and registered matter only, will close at the General Post Office at 6 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 27, with supplementary mail closing at 6 p.m., same date.

WILSON'S PEACE NOTE INSPIRED BY GERMANY

Rome Newspaper Says Vatican Refused to Be a Party.

Rome, Dec. 23.—Via Paris, Dec. 24.—"President Wilson's note was suggested by Germany," says the Idea Nazionale. "Germany desired that her peace proposal be followed by a great pacifist manifestation and tried to obtain it thru the Vatican, which refused. But when Germany declared to Washington that she was ready to examine any peace project of any neutral government, she induced President Wilson to present his note."

The Giornale di Italia asks: "Is it a combined manoeuvre?" Commenting on the report that the small or neutral states are preparing to support the American note, the paper further says: "Three mistakes are observable in the case of the American note: First, it was sent when the allies were about to reject Germany's peace proposal; second, it makes no distinction between savages and civilized peoples; third, it proposes peace 28 months too late."

COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON

The W. & D. Dineen Co., Ltd., wish their friends and patrons the compliments of the season.

TURKS' SHIPPING IN TIGRIS SUFFERS FROM AIR RAIDS

British Machines Drop Great Quantity of Explosives on Base Near Kut-el-Amara.

London, Dec. 23, 9:55 p.m.—A report on the Mesopotamian campaign, sent out officially today, reads: "On the morning of Dec. 21, British aeroplanes dropped nearly a ton of explosives on the Turkish advanced base on shipping near Baghela, 25 miles west of Kut-el-Amara. On the same day hostile trenches on the south bank of the Tigris, near Kut-el-Amara, and on the north bank, near Samarra, were subjected to a heavy artillery bombardment. Aero-plane observers reported that both bombardments were very effective. At dawn Dec. 23, a second aeroplane raid on the Turkish base near Baghela was carried out."

PRESIDENT WISHES WHAT Foe WANTS

Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin Half Praises Wilson for Note.

URGES RUTHLESSNESS

If All Efforts Fail, German Organ Advises More Frightfulness.

Berlin, Dec. 24, via London.—The Lokal Anzeiger, after studying the full text of President Wilson's peace note, declares that the document does not warrant the conception given it by many German papers from reading the advanced cabled summary, adding: "As long as the president's earnest intention to assist in bringing about peace, and in the entire document one finds no single word which, objectively examined, forms any conclusion that he takes a stand for one group of the combatant powers or the other. There is no ground, therefore, to attempt to represent the offer of the American President as an unfriendly act. For, basically, President Wilson wants nothing else than what Germany and its allies wish to attain by their peace overtures. Only the way in which he, as chief of a neutral state, wants to attain this differs from the way taken by us, and we must consider very carefully whether his way is passable for us, ruthlessly. The Lokal Anzeiger reiterates that Germany differs from its opponents in the action north of the Cuska River and three machine guns. The fighting on the eastern Galician front continues mainly to be affairs of outpost."

Two More Danish Steamers Are Victims of Submarines

London, Dec. 24.—The Danish steamers Danborg and Hroplatory have been sunk by submarines. The Danborg, of 2138 gross tons, was last reported arriving at Aalborg on Nov. 24 from Galveston. The Hroplatory was of 1783 net tons and was owned in Copenhagen.

SPANISH SARCASTIC AT EXPENSE OF WILSON

Newspaper Comments on His Sudden Impulse Toward Philanthropy.

Paris, Dec. 24.—A Madrid despatch to The Temps says: "The official and political circles continue impervious to the president Wilson's note. The Germanophile newspapers speak of 'the generosity of triumphant Germany in offering peace.' The Liberal asks ironically: 'How has it come about that President Wilson is so philanthropic after having preserved his long impassability in the presence of the crimes perpetrated in Belgium and the terrible world-wide manifestation of the Teuton hordes. This is comprehensible before the elections, but not so now. As for Spain she must outside a certain propaganda repeat with danger.'

VILLA TAKES TORREON BIG FIGHT IS PENDING

Information of Exploit of Bandit Chief Arrives at El Paso.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 24.—An American here known to be a close friend of Francisco Villa, claimed today to have received information that Villa's forces now occupied Torreón, having captured the city 11 o'clock Friday afternoon. Villa gave orders to commanders there not to harm the lives or property of foreigners. Gen. Francisco Gonzales will leave Juarez tomorrow with his entire command to oppose Villa south of Chihuahua City.

GREAT COATS AND COALS MUCH IN USE TODAY

Christmas "Colder" Says the Weatherman—Four Hours' Snowfall.

Toronto was promised pleasant weather for Christmas Eve, but the weatherman's prophecy only held in wishing to 6 p.m., for at that time a snow-storm arrived and stayed for four hours. The snow was driven by a gale from the east. It threatened to tie up the street car traffic, but steady employment of the company's snow-plows kept practically all lines running on schedule. The railroads reported no delays on account of the storm. For Christmas Day, the weather expert up in Queen's Park states Toronto will have it "fair and colder, with fresh northwesterly winds."

SWISS SUPPORT GIVEN WILSON'S PEACE PROGRAM

Notes From Other Neutral Countries Are Expected During Week.

WILSON GIVEN PRAISE

Swiss Federal Council in Close Touch With His Views.

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—Announcing that the Swiss minister at Berlin is about to present Switzerland's peace note to the Imperial German chancery, the Vossische Zeitung says that peace notes from other neutral countries are expected in the course of the week.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Switzerland, in a note to all of the warring powers, has announced its support of President Wilson's appeal for a discussion of peace terms, saying: "It would consider itself happy if it could act in any, no matter how modest a way, for the rapprochement of the peoples now engaged in the struggle, and for lasting peace."

The note was despatched to the belligerents yesterday by the Swiss Federal Council and Dr. Paul Ritter, minister of Switzerland here, sent a copy of it to the White House, Secretary Lansing made it public last night. The translated text follows:

"The president of the United States, guided by his warm desire that the hostilities may soon come to an end, has, for considerable time, been in touch, had the kindness to apprise the federal council of the peace note sent to the governments of the central and entente powers. In this note President Wilson discusses the great desirability of international agreements for the purpose of avoiding more effectively and permanently the occurrence of catastrophes such as that under which the peoples are suffering today. In this connection he lays particular stress on the necessity for bringing about the ending of the present war. Without making peace proposals himself or offering suggestions as to whether mankind may hope to have approached the haven of peace.

"The most meritorious personal initiative of President Wilson will find a mighty echo in Switzerland. True to the obligations arising from observing the same friendship with the states of both warring groups of powers, situated in the terrible world-wide struggle, with its ideal and material interests most severely jeopardized and violated, our country is filled with a deep longing for peace, to stop the endless suffering caused by the war and brought before its eyes by daily contact with the interned, the severely wounded and those expelled from their homes. We earnestly desire to establish the foundations for a beneficial co-operation of the peoples, and we are glad to see the president's efforts to the president of the United States. It would consider itself happy if it could act in any, no matter how modest a way, for the rapprochement of the peoples now engaged in the struggle, and for reaching a lasting peace."

CANADIAN EXHIBITION OPENS CHRISTMAS DAY

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, Dec. 24.—Because of the great interest aroused, the Canadian war trophies exhibition is remaining open until December 30. The committee has been unable to grant the request to open the exhibition on Christmas Day, but it is opening on Christmas Day.

Premier Hearst Sends Message to Fighters

Premier Hearst, thru Commissioner General Richard Reid, sent the following Christmas message to the officers commanding Canadian troops in England and France: "The government and people of Ontario join with one heart and voice in wishing you a Happy Christmas and a bright and auspicious return home. We unite with you in your loyalty and devotion to the cause which you have gone forth to defend. We revere the memory of those who have fallen, and to you, who stand today at the post of honor we give the assurance of our pride and confidence in your loyalty and devotion to the cause. We are proud to have you engaged in this time, one sentiment binds us in common fraternity, looking forward to the day of your home-coming with joy and gratitude for work well done and a reward justly earned."

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

MESOPOTAMIA and Egypt appear to be now connected with each other as a single theatre of the war, possibly in conjunction with the Arabs, if continued activity on the Tigris River and on the Palestine frontier is any evidence that points to a coming advance. The news of yesterday shows that the Royal Flying Corps has just carried out terrific bombardments of the Turkish communications west of Kut-el-Amara, making the enemy base and shipping near Baghela the targets, and also bombardments of Beersheba and a railway bridge over a deep ravine at Tel El Shafia, 15 miles north of Beersheba, in Palestine. A ton of high explosives was also dropped on Turkish concentrations at Maghadda, in the region of El Arish, near the Egyptian border.

This British aerial activity may be undertaken to prepare the way for an advance and not as a defence against the Turks, for the other day they confessed their inferiority by evacuating El Arish. It is said that the events of the war have shown that it is essential for the safety of the British Empire to protect the Suez Canal and that to make that watery at all secure against attack from a formidable enemy the possession of Palestine by Great Britain is necessary. British interests in Palestine are greater than the interests of any other power and Great Britain has been a consistent friend of the Jews, so if the British occupy Palestine they will probably hold it as a protectorate and the Jews, of course, will be given every facility to proceed with the settlement of the country as well as the blessing of ordered government. If Palestine and Mesopotamia fall

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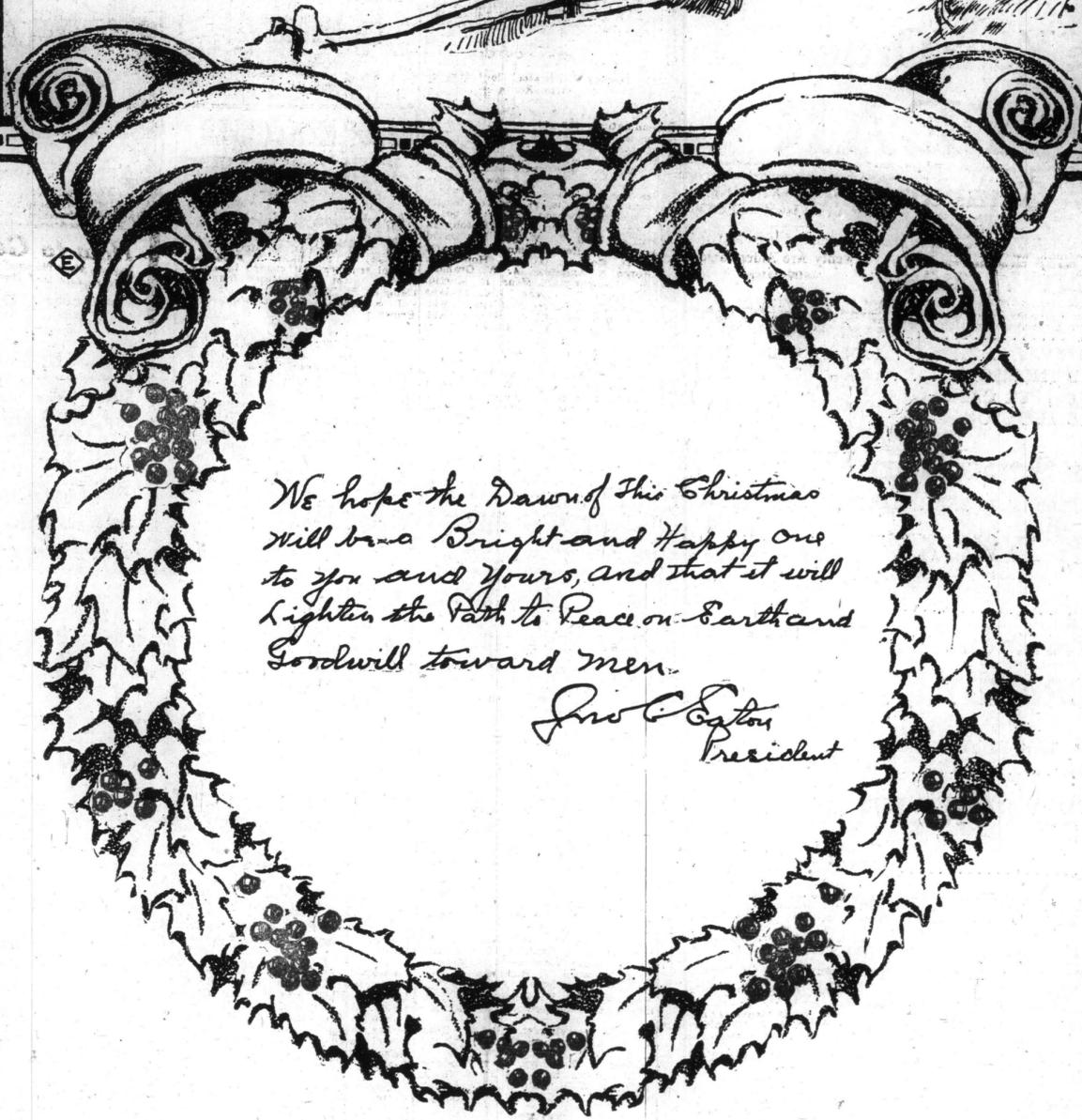
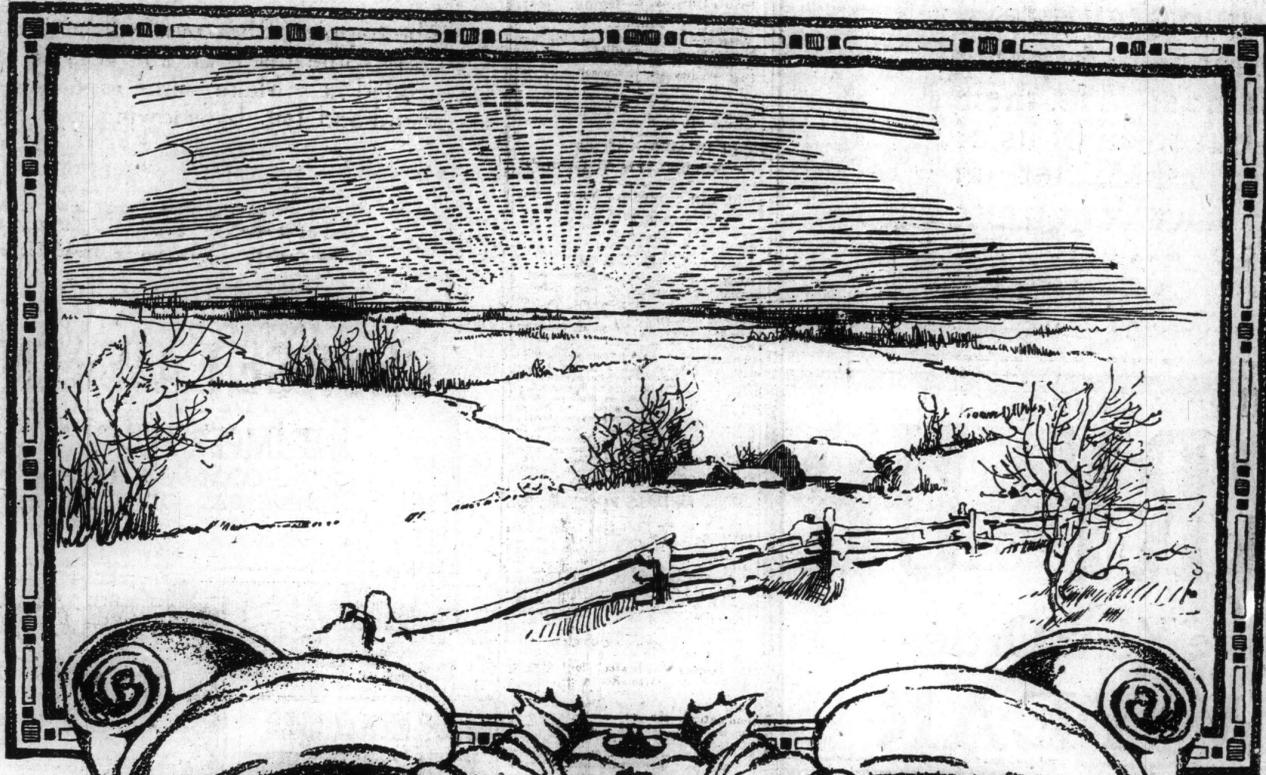
DESTROYED BY FIRE

Canada Furniture Company's Table Factory Burnt. One Life Lost.

Warton, Dec. 23.—The Canada Furniture Company's table factory was totally destroyed by fire today and one life was lost. Peter Anderson, one of the workmen, went back to where he had worked for his tools and has not been seen since. The cause is unknown.

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Merry Christmas



*We hope the Dawn of this Christmas
 will be a Bright and Happy one
 to you and yours, and that it will
 lighten the Path to Peace on Earth and
 Goodwill toward men.*

*Jno. C. Eaton
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SANTA CLAUS BUSY WITH CRECHE BABES

Children From Sunny Italy Give Him a Royal Welcome.

A MERRY PARTY Mothers and Children Enjoy Christmas Doings in the Ward.

Santa Claus with the mothers and babies from sunny Italy who have come to make their homes in Toronto, was one of the unique and interesting pictures of the Christmas season. Snow outside in the busy city streets and smiles within the room, where brown-eyed women with bright restless babies in their lap and others of a larger growth ran about in all stages of excitement, waiting for the appearance of the wonderful man who was to come down the chimney to bring them things that would make them happy for ever after.

These were the children of the creche and kindergarten, which are an extension of the long established kindergarten of William street and a part of their little friends from the Ossington avenue orphanage who provided an entertainment in the interval of waiting for the arrival of Santa. A program of songs in English and Italian was given in spirited style but the feature of the performance was when the star of the company appeared on the stage with one eye bandaged and bearing many signs of abuse and neglect and recited the woes of the old doll of last year. By and by "Tipperary" was sung, and if there is any vagueness in the minds of anyone as to the kind of citizens our little new Canadians are going to make, let the doubters listen to the facility with which they acquire the English tongue and the vim with which they take up our patriotic airs, and presto, every doubting Thomas vanishes.

Splendid Presents.

Meantime the advance agents of Santa had arrived in the person of Signora Small, as she is better known to the company, also such introduction was scarcely necessary, as this lady is an old-time friend of many years to the Italian colony. With her she brought one hundred and fifty parcels, everyone tied so securely with bright red ribbon that no one could open them until Santa had put his magic fingers upon them. Later when they had received the open packages, it was seen that every package contained a pair of boots, stockings, mitts and material for a nice warm dress. But we are getting ahead of our tale. A few minutes after the singing of "Tipperary," a great shout was raised from the back of the room, and out from behind the Christmas tree sprang a little rosy-cheeked man with a great long white beard all dressed in red and with the furriest red cap on his head, and he went about shaking hands with the mothers and babies. Everyone who turned his shake most heartily, for even the babies seem much snow in the cities of Italy and there are no sleighs nor reindeer, still some of the children met him last year and the others had probably seen him in those beautiful dreams which the old folks of Italy dream so often, and so jolly old Santa Claus got a great welcome.

A Riot of Fun.

Then Santa Claus began to distribute his presents and didn't the eyes of the mothers shine when they eyed one received the good sized parcel and didn't the mirth and merriment go out of all bounds when stockings with candies and bangles that blew an amazing note that sounded to the babies like celestial trumpets, but to the seniors the musical display was like an orchestra from Pandemonia or from the Inferno itself, were distributed. These startling events were there thru the kindness of the Caritan Flaming Company.

A Picture Taken.

But the climax came when the children with their mothers, teachers and friends had their pictures taken. The little ones watched the man as he erected the things that looked like a ship, and put it on the top of three funny looking sticks. Then they were told not to be frightened when the report would go off, and so when the big puff was heard and the white smoke curled up to the ceiling and filled the room there wasn't as much as a single "o-o" heard, the whole party was so brave and obedient. Then the company dispersed, but not before mothers smiling expansively came to offer thanks and good wishes to the hostesses of the occasion, among whom was Signora Bagley, the lady with the lovely white hair, who goes every day to the creche to care for and comfort the babies, and this she does voluntarily with no remuneration except the joy of seeing the child-love of her little charges.

There were also the brown-habited and white coiffed sisters of Carmel, who have charge of the kindergarten above, and Mrs. Dougherty and Miss Travers, both friends of the beautiful babies that have come to us from the sunny states and musical land called Italy.

CHRISTMAS HONORS FOR TORONTO MEN

Fifteen Members of Local Battalions Are Decorated for Special Service.

Fifteen soldiers of Toronto battalions have had Christmas honors conferred on them for bravery on the battlefield. They are: Sergeants S. Macpherson, Arthur Hogge, Lamont, J. B. Coulthart, Ptes. C. Knowlton, F. Durbin, C. C. Bradley, P. Bradley, A. W. Gardner, J. Stevenson, J. Cooper, G. Honey and I. M. Glazier. Lance-Corp. C. C. Bradley, who has been awarded the military cross, went overseas with the 15th Battalion Gun Battery, in the second contingent. He was at the front for eight months before being wounded. He returned quickly to firing line in order to get into the line and he was again wounded. He lived at 108 Sheridan avenue. He was decorated with the Military Cross. Pte. L. L. Glazier, who has also been decorated, went from Toronto in the first contingent. He is a Hamilton man. When war broke out he was in Toronto and enlisted with the 15th Battalion. He also has been awarded the military medal.

A SOBER CHRISTMAS LOOKED FOR HERE

Lack of Facilities for Joviality Will Result in Less Work for the Police.

Officials of the Toronto police department are anticipating a dull and uneventful Christmas. Unlike previous years, the policemen are granted the opportunity of changing their hours with each other. This will afford the married men on the force the opportunity of spending Christmas at home with their families. Considerably less of the bars will mean considerably less of the police. Deputy Chief of Police Archibald stated that the number of cases of drunkenness and disorders this year is less than expected. "In other years a man became intoxicated thru an over supply of good nature," said the chief. "He would go into the bar after his day's work, have one drink, and perhaps start for home. The Christmas season was an excuse for him to start in and he would keep on drinking till they were intoxicated."

RAILWAYS WERE BUSY WITH HOLIDAY RUSH

Equipment Proved Inadequate to Cope With the Storm and Crowds.

Friday's heavy snowstorm added considerably to the general transportation chaos which always hits Toronto at Christmas. The Friday and Saturday trains, regular and special, pulled out many minutes, sometimes hours, behind schedule time. Usually 164 trains pull out of the station each day. The Christmas rush this morning is increased nearly 50 per cent. Instead of six and eight coaches per train there are 10 to 12 now. Main 441 might as well have been disconnected. Probably one passenger in ten for him to start information between the "times busy" signal.

THE MAYOR'S GREETINGS.

Passes Compliments All Round and Hopes the Best for the Soldiers.

Mayor Church on Saturday extended to all the citizens a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. "This is the third Christmas," he said, in his message, "that our brave soldiers have been fighting for civilization. I hope the ideals for which they are fighting will be obtained before another Christmas comes around."

VISITS SICK CHILDREN.

At the Sick Children's Hospital on Saturday, the little white-faced children were given a delightful time when Santa Claus came to them in the person of J. Ross Robertson, and gave all a real taste of the joys of Christmas.

NEW MONTREAL CHAPTER.

A new chapter of the I.O.B.E., known as the "Gracie Club," formed of Jewish women, has been formed in Montreal. Its chief work will be to assist Montreal's Jewish battalions. The meeting was held for organization by Mrs. A. W. McDougall, organizing secretary for Quebec.

St. Margaret's Camp, Daughters of Scotland, have donated to the Veterans' Club \$100.00 for the purchase of a musical program for the 15th Battalion in the Scottish Women's Hospital, \$50.00.

The honorary treasurer of Lady Limerick's free buffet fund reports that subscriptions amounting to \$3147 have been received, and \$3000 remitted to England.

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Wishing Our Patrons All Good Things at Christmastide

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FORTY SOLDIERS HOME CHRISTMAS

Their Arrival a First-Rate Present to Their Families.

TEN RECRUITS OFFER Of These Ten Were Accepted and They Were Alotted.

Ten recruits were examined on Saturday afternoon at the Toronto Recruiting Depot in the armories. Of this number 6 were accepted and turned over to the following units preparing for overseas: Royal Canadian Dragoons, 1; C.A.S.C., 2; 6th Battery, 1; C.A.M.C., 2. Forty returned soldiers who arrived on the Northland at Halifax a few days ago are being put thru the discharge bureau, and if the military authorities can possibly arrange it, the Toronto men will be home Christmas morning. There are 30 in the Toronto contingent which will arrive at the North Toronto C. P. R. Station, Christmas morning. Bomber Jimmie Oliver, who was shot thru the hip on the Somme front. Pte. Oliver is a son of John Oliver, for many years a stenographer on the World. Following are the names of those returning: Toronto Men: Pte. B. Alhart, 28 Edwin avenue; Pte. A. A. Ashby, general delivery; Sergt. M. Bell, 604 Yonge street; Pte. S. Betts, 12 Hamilton street; Pte. S. M. Crickmore, 70 Orchard View boulevard; Pte. C. D. Duffin, 797 Dundas street; Pte. J. Fox, 111 North avenue; Corp. G. S. Freeman, 15 Ashbridge avenue; Pte. W. T. Jemmett, 44 West Ford street; Corp. L. H. Mansell, 457 East Main street; Pte. C. Matthews, 32 Galley avenue; Bombarrier J. Oliver, 28 Pickering avenue; Pte. D. Polton, 450 Dundas street; Pte. E. Preece, general delivery; Pte. E. Perry, 797 Dundas street; Sergt. J. Samson, 334 Oiler avenue; Sergt. F. P. Simpson, 399 East King street; Pte. G. Smith, 165 Kendall avenue; Pte. H. G. Pullin, 335 Church street; Pte. J. H. Rothwell, 354 Sinclair street; Pte. J. Thomas, general delivery; Pte. G. Ward, 171 1-2 Spadina avenue; Pte. A. White, 237 Vaughan road; Pte. H. G. Williams, 776 Dufferin street; Pte. R. Williams, 22 Hayden street; Pte. G. Dicks, 264 St. Clarens avenue.

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Black Wolf Barrel Muff, finished with head and tail. Special price.....	\$23.00
Black Wolf Scarf, animal style, finished with head, tail and paws.....	\$17.75
Natural Skunk Stoles, in variety of styles.....	\$22.50, \$35.00, \$42.00
Skunk Barrel Muffs.....	\$42.00, \$43.50
Skunk Pillow Muffs.....	\$31.50
Natural Grey Wolf Animal-shaped Stole and Large Muff. The set, special.....	\$25.00
Natural Grey Wolf Animal-shaped Stole, finished with head, tail and paws.....	\$11.25
Natural Grey Wolf Muff to match.....	\$11.25
Civet Fur Sets, each consisting of new ball muff and high choker collar. The value, \$40.00. On sale in our Fur Section, each set.....	\$19.75

Here Are \$1 Doilies at 50c And \$2.00 Fancy Lins at \$1.00

Perhaps, Madam Out-of-town, you've often been tantalized by various sale offers in our Linen Room which wound up with the words, "No mail orders." Now you're in town for the holiday season, and you will be able to share in these exceptionally attractive Linen Room specials planned for Tuesday:

200 Venetian, Cluny and Point de Venise Doilies, fresh, new goods, taken from stock. Regularly \$5c, \$5c and \$1.00 each. Sale.....	50c
Japanese Embroidered and Drawn Lunch Cloths, also suitable for afternoon tea tables. Sizes 30" x 30" and 38" x 38". Regularly \$2.00. Sale price for each, Tuesday.....	\$1.00

Wool Eiderdown Flannels At \$1.25 and \$1.50 a Yard

Wool Eiderdown Flannels, which are now numbered among "scarce goods," may be had in wide variety in our Wash Goods Section in attractive shades of rose, blue, red, grey, as well as in white.

Plain Eiderdown Weave, 54 in. wide. Per yard.....	\$1.25
Ripple Eiderdown Weave, 54 in. wide. Per yard.....	\$1.50
Chinchilla Eiderdown, 54 in. wide, in cardinal, pink and blue. Per yard.....	\$2.25
Chinchilla Eiderdown, 54 in. wide, in cream. Per yard.....	\$1.75

Among other fabrics difficult to procure, must mention our fine range of Zenana Cloths, silk outside, soft woolly reverse side, for hand-some negligees, etc. May be had in pink, rose, yellow, cadet, grey, mauve and cream. Worth to-day \$8.00 a yard. Our prices, \$3.50 and \$4.00

Sale Women's Fur-Trimmed Paris Suits

Each the Original Model From a Famous Designer, The Import Prices \$125 to \$200, Tuesday, Each at \$35

French Fur-Trimmed Model Suits at \$35.00 Each

Here's a remarkable Tuesday offer that will interest visitors in town as well as Toronto women. These are original models from the foremost Parisian designers, the import prices being from \$125.00 to \$200.00. The fur used in trimming these suits is alone worth more than our Tuesday price for the superb costume.

No space for elaborate description. We'll simply say that there are just twenty-four models in the lot, and each is a beauty. One model by Bernard is made of terra cotta wool sponge, with deep collar, cuffs and pockets of Hudson seal. Another by Jeanne Lanvin is of plum-colored velours, with deep collar of chinchilla squirrel. A third of Burgundy velours, with mole collar, is an original of Cheruit's. Still another model, by Georgette, is made of plum-colored Duchesse satin, with taupe fox collar and cuffs. Others come from the ateliers of Maurice, A. Avadis, Doeuillet and Michel. Each of these models is worth many times our Tuesday sale price..... \$35

CHICAGO SEERESS FREED.

Madame Brockway, Esq., a psychic scientist, was freed from a lunatic asylum in Chicago, known as a psychic demonstrator, who was arrested in London a few days ago, charged with fortune-telling, was released from the Brixton Prison today. She was furnished by members of the British College of Psychic Science. They also engaged counsel to defend her, and on his application the hearing was adjourned for a week. Madame Brockway was taken into custody by the police of London where, recently, a general round-up of persons found telling fortunes, had been made.

ARREST J. A. FOSTER.

John A. Foster, a tenant, living at 121A Duchess street, was arrested Saturday afternoon by Detective Taylor, on a warrant charging him with beating and threatening to kill his wife, Rena Foster. Mrs. Foster stated to the police that her husband, in addition to beating her, fired a shot at her from a gun which he had in the house. Detective Taylor made a thorough search of the house, but was unable to find the gun or any bullets.

MOTOR LEAGUE MEETING.

Members of the Ontario Motor League are preparing for their annual meeting to be held Monday, January 15th, in the King Edward Hotel. The league at present has a membership of 5,000 and is going to set about a campaign to secure 600 new members. The subject of license reciprocity will be the chief topic of discussion at the meeting.

Polly and Her Pals

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YOU FORGET TO PULL DOWN THE SHADES PA!

DON'T UPSET THE TREE SAM!

THERE'S ONE YOU MISSED. UHK.

DON'T YOU DUST DROP ABOVE OF THAT CANDLE WATCH YOUR STEP.

GRAMPA!

GREAT GUNS AN' LIL FISHES! WHO'S DOWN THIS?

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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The Christmas Peace

Christmas Day is the day on which the sun turns northward on its annual journey and has been a sacred day in all lands from time immemorial...

What distinguished the action of the entente allies, if anything distinguished them, from Germany, was the supremacy of their moral purpose.

Germany has not acted to regard the decision taken by the people of Great Britain and Greater Britain on those fateful days before the 4th of August, 1914...

May we not take this as a token that the new age will be one in which we may look for a spiritual science as well as an intellectual and material science...

The peace of Christmas is an inner peace that may prevail in the trenches and at the cannon's muzzles as well as by the fireside at home.

Is Canada a Self-Governing Country?

Further as a rude shock to our national pride comes the opinion of the Chief Justice Howells, speaking for the Manitoba Court of Appeals...

We can understand that the law may be unconstitutional, because it excludes the crown from its undoubted prerogative of sharing in all legislation.

It might be argued in reply to this that the crown then the lieutenant-governor, having assented to the "direct legislation" act passed by the legislature...

people. But, however that may be, the court certainly went out of its way when it declared:

"In Canada there is no sovereignty of the people. So far as we are concerned it is in the parliament of Westminster, and our powers to legislate are such and such as that parliament has given us."

"The United States is a pure democracy, while the king must be a part of each legislative body in the British Empire."

The Whistler Eye Press indignantly denounces the Dominion Parliament and the various provincial legislatures derive their powers and shine by reflected light from the parliament at Westminster.

Mayor Church's finest compliment was paid him by his regular opponent of the last two years, Mr. Winberg, whose tribute is a high-minded one and is well worth receiving.

A Fine Compliment

Editor World: It has been brought to the notice of the Belgian Relief Committee that a rumor is being spread abroad to the effect that a paid organizer is receiving a percentage of all sums contributed to the fund.

I wish to make an emphatic denial of the same, no percentage ever having been paid since the work was undertaken in 1914.

The committee consists of 23 ladies, all of whom have not only given their services gratuitously, but in addition have contributed a monthly sum out of which has been paid such necessary expenses as postage, telephone, caretaker, type-writing, etc.

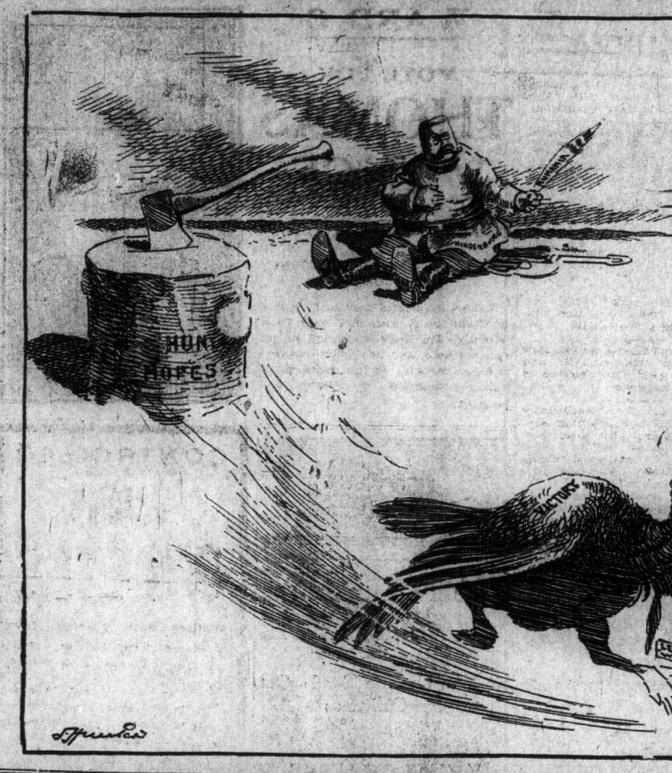
CONTESTS IN GALT.

Galt, Dec. 24.—There will be two election contests here, George Thomas, ex-councilor, and R. E. McPherson, ex-councilor, will run against J. A. McRivine and R. E. Macdonald, both members of last year's council in Ward One.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN CHURCHES.

At St. Peter's, corner of Bloor and Markham streets, at the Christmas midnight mass St. Paul's "Gloria" was sung by the choir, also the following, specially composed for the feast of the Nativity and sung for the first time in Toronto: Coppock's Introit and the Grouard and Communion by Folkenstein.

CHRISTMAS TURKEY QUITE OUT OF REACH



YORK COUNTY AND SUBURBS

WEST TORONTO

ALD. RYDING AND WHETTER ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

W. H. Weir, Nominated on Friday, Fails to File Declaration.

WESTON

CHARLTON GETS ANOTHER TERM BY ACCLAMATION

Lively Fight is Expected for Council—High School Needed.

YORK TOWNSHIP

No Opposition is Offered

Members of Present Council

AGINCOURT

EXPECT LIVELY FIGHT.

One of the liveliest municipal fights in years will take place in Agincourt, Saturday night's meeting bringing out many candidates and a spirited discussion on local affairs.

SCARBORO TOWNSHIP

CORNELL UNOPPOSED.

Scarboro nominations held in Woburn on Saturday afternoon were not largely attended, and no important matters were discussed.

R. C. CHURCH IS DESTROYED.

Rockland, Ont., Dec. 24.—The Roman Catholic church here was almost totally destroyed by fire Saturday morning. The loss is estimated at \$15,000. The cause is unknown.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

INFANTRY.

Killed in action—Newton McDonald, 2555th Sask. Previously reported missing, now killed in action—8028, Wm. Chalk, 84 Augusta avenue, Toronto.

MOUNTED RIFLES.

Killed in action—J. L. Gaudin, 1000 St. George, Montreal. Previously reported killed in action, now reported not killed, but returned to duty—Joe Smith, England.

MEDICAL SERVICES.

Seriously ill—E. Brocureur, Cannon street, Hamilton; Samuel Chapman, London, Ont.

MOUNTED RIFLES.

Killed in action—Lieut. Leonard Dunford, England.

BRITISH AIRMEN IN SPECTACULAR FIGHT

(Continued from Page 1). going, and the sky became a frework of white smoke balls, each one marking a spot where a breaking shell had showered its deadly bullets upon the fast travelling Germans.

Plugging in and out among the exploding shrapnel, the approaching airplanes left a trail of these flecks and powder puffs in their wake. Up and up, the danger zone of their own guns, the British aviators climbed eagerly to the fight.

Now the British machines began to close in from various directions, and the invaders turned suddenly and started for their own lines. Their movements and positions were marked by the same trail of shell fire as had been their approach.

Most of the fighting aviators prefer to "get on the other fellow's tail." This means a position above and slightly behind the adversary, where one can fire down into him.

The latter-day machines have such wonderful stability that they can only be brought down by direct hits, hitting the pilot or piercing the petrol tank, in which latter event the aeroplane generally catches fire and falls in a blazing spiral.

When the history of aviation in the present war is written, it will contain some of the most thrilling chapters of the strange world conflict.

Many Fights in Day. There have been as high as 25 separate and distinct fights in a single day on this front alone.

There have been numerous engagements in which British aviators have closed within 20 yards of their adversary, firing point blank into them.

After one instance of that sort a British aviator brought his machine down with only one wing. He could only effect a landing with his engine going and had deliberately to collide with a tree, seriously injuring himself.

There was one memorable occasion when three British machines deliberately dived into a formation of 17 German machines, destroying two of the hostile planes and themselves escaping.

EDDY'S MATCHES

Although somewhat increased in price owing to the continued high prices of potash, glue and other raw material, are of the usual high standard of quality which has made them famous for two-thirds of a century.

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ing unhurt. Another time two British aviators attacked 15 Germans and once a second lieutenant of the British corps, attacked five hostile machines. He, in turn, was attacked from behind, but turned and got in the rear of the hostile craft, and keeping "on its tail," drove it down.

FORMER EDITOR OF THE MONETARY TIMES DEAD

James A. Hedley, Aged Seventy-Five, Held Position for Thirty-Two Years.

The death of James A. Hedley, former editor of The Monetary Times, which took place at the family residence, 79 St. Joseph street, on Saturday night after a long illness, removed a well-known and highly respected citizen.

Accidentally Shoots Brother While Playing With Revolver

Kingston, Dec. 24.—William Gordon, aged 11 years, son of Wm. Gordon, is in the Hotel Dieu in a critical condition as a result of being shot by a younger brother with a revolver.

NEW BREWS

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Choice Lot of Imitation Shetland Shawls

Great assortment of sizes, in white, grey and black. Beautiful lace effects; neatly boxed, 50c, 65c, 75c, 90c to \$1.50 each.

Real Shetland Wool Spencers

In white, grey and black, plain or ribbon bound. Light and very warm. All sizes now in stock, \$1.10 to \$2.00 each.

Spencer Coats

High-grade double knit fine Wool Spencers, with long sleeves. Great variety of colors. Special, \$1.75 each.

Eiderdown Robes

Large range of fine Eiderdown Robes in great variety of colors, including navy, blue, red, grey, etc.

Silk Jap Wadded Robes

Plain or hand embroidered designs; good variety of medium and dark colors. Special, \$7.00 each.

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PLAYS, PICTURES AND MUSIC

"THE MASQUERADER"

Richard Walton Tully has assembled an exceptional company for the support of Guy Bates Post in his new play "The Masquerader."

"HER HUSBAND'S WIFE"

One of the best comedy hits of the season will be the offering at the Grand Opera House this week, opening with a special holiday matinee today.

"THE MOTHER LOVE"

One of the latest of domestic dramas is called "The Mother Love" and will be presented for the first time in Canada at the Grand Opera House, opening with a holiday matinee New Year's Day.

HIPPODROME

For Christmas week the Hippodrome management offers as the headline attraction the Toronto boys, Tom Bruce, whose cartoons in The Toronto World have proved laughter for thousands.

SHEA'S

Claude Gillingwater will headline the bill at Shea's this week. Assisted by Miss Julie Hearne and a capable cast, he will present "The Frame-Up."

LOEW'S

A wonderful bill of all star features will be presented Christmas week at Loew's and the Winter Garden to be headed by "The Smart Shop" one of the biggest musical productions of the season.

THE WEATHER

Observatory, Toronto, Dec. 24. (8 p.m.) Snow has fallen today over western Ontario, while in other parts of the Dominion the weather has been fair. It continues quite cold in the west.

THE BAROMETER

Time. Ther. Bar. Wind. 8 a.m. 16 29.74 3 N. Noon 24 29.55 15 S.W. 4 p.m. 27 29.55 15 S.W. 8 p.m. 28 29.33 28 S.W.

STREET CAR DELAYS

Saturday, Dec. 23rd. 1916. Church cars, southbound, delayed 10 minutes at 7.15 a.m. at Church and Wilton by auto truck stuck on track.

Rates for Notices

Births, Marriages and Deaths Daily (minimum 50 words) each 50 additional words 25. (No Lodge Notices to be included in Funeral Announcements.)

SOCIETY

Conducted by Mrs. Edmund Phillips.

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VOTE FOR THOMAS VANCE FOR ALDERMAN

ON THE GROUNDS OF EFFICIENCY AND ECONOMY. A most successful fruit and produce merchant for 25 years in Toronto (now retired). He made a success of his own business, and now offers his services to the city on the platform of public ownership of utilities and economy.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Lady Hendrie and Miss Enid Hendrie are spending Christmas with Mrs. Hendrie at the Holmstead, Hamilton.

Sir Thomas and Lady Tait, Montreal, are with Mrs. G. R. R. Cockburn.

Major and Mrs. Harold Daly, Ottawa, are with Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Bristol 20-25.

Mrs. and Miss DuMoulin are in Toledo with the Rt. Rev. Frank DuMoulin, Bishop Coadjutor of Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrol Warmouth, New Orleans, are with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Warren.

Miss Margaret George and Mr. Arthur George, New York, are with Mrs. T. H. George, Forest Hill.

Mrs. Clyde Caldwell and her two sons are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Winnick, Col. Caldwell is in Ottawa with his sister.

Captain and Mrs. J. S. MacMurray are in town from Ottawa, visiting Mrs. H. S. Mars, Chestnut Park road.

The Y. W. C. A. has issued invitations to a Christmas supper on Saturday, Dec. 26th, inst., at 7 o'clock in the transportation building, Exhibition Park. The hostesses will be Miss Church, Mrs. Falconer and the war purposes committee of the Y. W. C. A.

Mr. and Mrs. Allan Ramsay passed through town yesterday, after a year's absence, en route from Ottawa, to spend the holiday with Mrs. Ramsay's mother in St. Catharines.

Mrs. Winthrop has arrived from Niagara-on-the-Lake to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Beck, Walmer road.

Mr. C. B. Williams is leaving for the city this week, to be with his brother for the winter.

Mrs. Gilbert Stairs and her children are in town from Montreal, spending Christmas with Mr. Angus Sinclair.

The marriage takes place today of Delores Isabel, daughter of Mrs. Nimmo, Lansdowne avenue, to Mr. William S. Tull, B.A.Sc.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lovens are in town from Sault Ste. Marie, staying with Mr. and Mrs. Burrows at the Waldorf.

Mr. Roderick Dixon, Q.O.R., and Mrs. Dixon, who have been in town for a short time, will return to Kanesburg Camp on Tuesday.

Miss Harriet Cassele, daughter of Hon. Justice and Mrs. Cassele, who has been residing at St. Agathe, has left for Saranac, where she will spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Toller are in Ottawa with Col. and Mrs. Toller.

The marriage will take place on Wednesday evening of Miss Mabel Senior, daughter of Mr. W. C. Senior, secretary of the Baptist Laymen's Missionary Movement, to Mr. A. A. Burridge, drill instructor at the Ottawa Collegiate Institute.

Mr. E. Sprague, Niagara, is spending Christmas in Newmarket.

Mr. and Mrs. Selby Martin are in town from Hamilton spending Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. Temple.

Mrs. C. E. Neill, Montreal, is spending Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Crerar, in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Champ are in town for Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. George Blaukie.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Handyside, who have been residing in London, Ont., for six months, have returned to Montreal.

Miss Amy McGill's friends will be interested in hearing that she is to undertake the duties of matron of the Mowat Memorial Hospital in Kingston, now being used for returned soldiers.

Mr. and Mrs. Gibson Le Touzel are spending Christmas with Major and Mrs. Lealand, Hamilton.

Mrs. C. V. Stockwell and children have returned from England, and are staying with her mother, Mrs. Stockwell, in Buffalo.

Mr. Mathewson, C.E.P., is the guest of Mr. Angus Skinner.

Mrs. Winnifred Wiman is in New York to spend Christmas with her brother.

The Misses Lawler, Jarvis street, are spending the Christmas holidays with their sister, Mrs. C. J. Walsh, Boston, Mass.

The social editor wishes everybody a Happy Christmas, and would like to express her heartfelt thanks for all the courtesies and kindnesses she has received during the year now so nearly past.

At the passage on Thursday the marriage was solemnized by the Rev. Dr. Turnbull, vicar of the Division of St. W. A. Garrett and Mrs. Garrett, Grace street, to Mr. Ellis Baker, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Canon Baker.

The bride looked charming in her traveling gown and carried a check with an French hat and bag to match. She wore fox furs and a carriage bouquet of violets and red roses.

The attendants were Mr. Hunt and Miss Anne Kay, who were becoming black broadcloth, a couple of brown buck furs and wore a corsage bouquet of sweet peas and smilax. Mr. and Mrs. Baker left for a short trip east, after which they will be at home at 700 Summerville avenue.

A quiet wedding took place at St. Ann's Church, Gladstone avenue, by the Rev. Lawrence Skye on Thursday evening, Dec. 21, of Gertrude Albee, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Corneock, 21 Gibson avenue, to Mr. Edward Mason Fergie, C.A.R.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Fergie, Pembroke, Ont. The bride, who was given away by her father, looked charming in a dress of brown satin with hat to match and carried white roses and ferns. She was attended by her sister, Miss Nellie Corneock, also in brown and carried pink roses. The groom was supported by Sapper John Weir of the Division of St. Ann's. After the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the Division of St. Ann's, decorated with Christmas decorations. Mr. and Mrs. Fergie left on a short trip to Pembroke, Ont. The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful watch bracelet, and to the bridesmaid a cameo and pearl pendant.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Healey, Miss Cecil Healey and Miss Geraldine Gough with a party of friends have left for Pasadena, Cal.

MADISON

Marguerite Clark, the most winsome "Miss" on the screen, has discovered that as an exponent of farces she is without an equal. Commencing with a special matinee today, she will appear at the Madison Theatre in "Miss George Washington," the story of a girl who couldn't tell the truth. Charlie Chaplin, in his latest release, "The Rink," is also on the program.

Election Cards

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GAY BOY WON THE TROT DARKEY TODD THE PACE

Four Heats in Each Race on Opening Day of Hillcrest Ice Meet.

Winter ice racing opened at Hillcrest Park track on Saturday afternoon, with a large attendance for the opening day.

The entries in both the trot and pace were well filled, and several well-known drivers were present from all points of Canada and as far away as Los Angeles.

The officials were: Judges—Dr. Black, Toronto; Dr. Riddell, Orangeville; and A. Proctor, Toronto.

In the first heat of the trot coming round the last turn of the first lap, Darkey Todd, the veteran driver, with Money, was between Money and the California horse.

Both sulkies were broken, but Stewart retained his seat and brought his horse in third. Bindare, driven by Benson, won the heat, with the Decorator (Hose) second.

Time 2:27 1/2. Money was badly cut up in the first heat of the trot and was withdrawn.

Bindare led the second heat of the trot, when Guy Boy came to the front and won from K. L. Todd by half a length.

Much time was lost in getting the horses off for the second heat of the 2:30 pace.

Sarah Todd led in the first lap with G. M. second. Going around the back stretch Darkey Todd went to the front, closely followed by Geo. M. Darkey.

Todd crossed the finish a length ahead of Geo. M. with Eel Royal trailing four lengths behind. Time 2:22.

The first heat of the 2:50 pace was an exciting race from the stand and the finish saw the first three horses nose and nose.

Peter Alexander led to the head of the stretch, but Sarah Todd, by a fine burst of speed, won by a nose from Geo. M., who finished second a nose ahead of Peter Alexander. Time 2:24.

Guy Boy led from the start in the third heat of the 2:50 trot and was never caught, the Bindare ran a splendid race and was coming strong at the finish.

Which was extremely close. K. L. Todd was a length behind for third. Toddy Direct met with a broken far turn and a wheel broke, another sulky striking him.

His driver was thrown from the sulky, but was unhurt, and held on to his horse.

2:30 trot, purse \$400, one mile, three in five.

Guy Boy, br. g., R. Stewart, Los Angeles (Stewart) 3 1 1 1

Bindare, by H. Dr. Benson, Nap. (Benson) 1 3 2 4

K. L. Todd, br. h., J. E. Finkley, Selkirk (Peacock) 6 2 3 2

Decorator, bl. g., W. Reg. Newmarket (Rose) 2 5 7 3

All Expense, by G. A. Baxter, Hamilton (Baxter) 4 6 5 7

Ingram, br. h., Curtis, 9 4 3 8

Montavalo, br. h., J. Powell, Orillia (Powell) 5 4 8 9

Meteor, m. blk., W. Richardson, Stratford (Richardson) 8 7 6 6

Toddy Direct, br. h., J. E. Finkley, Sarnia (Eason) 7 8 9 5

Time—2:27 1/2, 2:28 1/2, 2:25 1/2, 2:30

SATURDAY AT JUAREZ

Juarez, Dec. 25.—The races here today resulted as follows:

FIRST RACE—Selling, 3-year-olds and up, 5 1/2 furlongs.

1. Bermudian, 107 (Carroll), \$1.80, \$1.50, \$1.10.

2. Rochester, 109 (Molesworth), \$2.10, \$1.50.

3. Heber Thompson, 309 (C. Hunt), \$1.40.

Time 1:09 1-5. Gerthelma, Elbaeo and Lover's Lane also ran.

SECOND RACE—Selling, 3-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs.

1. Doctor Kendall, 108 (Robbins), \$7.70, \$2.50, \$2.30.

2. Commendation, 112 (Warren), \$1.30, \$1.20.

3. Bert L., 103 (Gibson), \$2.20.

Time 1:15. Alta Falge, Blacksheep and Freeway also ran.

THIRD RACE—Selling, 3-year-olds and up, 6 furlongs.

1. Freeway, 108 (Molesworth), \$1.50, \$1.20, \$1.10.

2. Finnigan, 110 (Bailey), \$1.50, \$1.20.

3. Rubicon II, 104 (Carroll), \$1.20.

Time 1:14 2-5. Marie Coghill, Otillo, Alameda and Swede Sam also ran.

FOURTH RACE—Selling, 2-year-olds, 5 1/2 furlongs.

1. Kagara, 108 (Molesworth), \$1.60, \$1.30, \$1.10.

2. Besantia, 105 (Garner), \$1.80, \$1.40.

3. Alan, 102 (Carroll), \$1.50.

Time 1:08. Belle C. Lyela and Crown Prince also ran.

FIFTH RACE—Selling, all ages, 6 furlongs.

1. The Lei, 108 (McCabe), \$3.40, \$1.70, \$1.20.

2. Pluto, 106 (Garner), \$1.60, out.

3. Bigtop, 108 (Hunt), out.

Time 1:13 1-5. Tom Carlo also ran.

SIXTH RACE—Selling, 3-year-olds and up, 5 furlongs.

1. Gosgety, 115 (Warren), \$7.50, \$2.30, \$1.20.

2. Call Shot, 110 (Molesworth), \$1.50, \$1.10.

3. Salvantia, 112 (Howard), \$1.10.

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LOST—By a Christmas visitor, the sum of \$50 dollars (seven \$5 dollar bills). Owner went into Simpson's store, 1514 Yonge street. The losing being a poor man with family to support, the finder will remit same promptly to Box 90, Toronto World Office. A good reward will be given.

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Paris, Dec. 23.—The only reference to President Wilson's note at the public sitting of the chamber of deputies was made by Deputy Renaudou, who expressed the belief that it would compel Germany to make his brief reference in announcing that the Socialists would vote for the appropriations for the first six months of 1917, which were subsequently passed. He said: "We vote for these appropriations because they are conditions of national defence which we could not refuse without threatening the safety of our country. Twenty-nine months of war have allowed us to realize its full horror, but those who suffer aggression and who are struggling for their liberties, remain firm in their determination to conquer. However, the enemy has spoken of negotiations and, whether as a ruse or a sincere appeal, the result must be to awaken in all peoples the desire for the return of an organized and lasting peace. We, therefore, ask the government not to decide negatively, without examination or without sound reasons publicly proclaimed, against the offers of the enemy, provided clearly that they are stated in such a way as to hide no trap. Today the President of the United States asks the belligerents to make known their views as to the object of the war. We do not wish to judge his intention. We only wish to see 'his neutral, guided, and right' helping to obtain more light. Our eyes can no longer now keep making halting statements. They must speak out clearly."

NOT AS REPORTED. London, Dec. 23.—A Copenhagen despatch to Reuters says that the North German Lloyd liner Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, which was stranded near the Danish island of Sumsoe, was floated on Friday evening.

The Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm was reported by Berlin on Dec. 17 to have broken through the British blockade after a long and arduous journey. She was reported to be at Stranvorer, escorted by a zeppelin and two submarines. On Dec. 19, she was reported stranded off the Somsoe island.

BERLIN HAS VARIOUS VIEWS ON PEACE NOTE Scarcely Any Two Papers Look Alike at the Proposition and Range is Wide.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—via London Dec. 23.—The Berlin press receives President Wilson's note to the belligerents with varying views, scarcely any two papers looking alike at the proposition. The views range from the enthusiastic acceptance of the note, as represented by the Lokal Anzeiger, which prefers to await the answer of the central powers to the emperor's note before deciding for or against the German proposal, to the Vossische Zeitung, which views President Wilson's proposal as an act of purely from a cynical, selfish motive. The latter says, finds itself in the position of financial operations which the entente and new wars peace and the entente of England in preparing for the war.

CHANGE IN MINISTERS FOR AUSTRIA-HUNGARY London, Dec. 23.—Count Czernin von Chudenitz has succeeded Baron Burian as Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, according to the Reuters' Amsterdam news, which is quoted by the Wiener Zeitung. Count Czernin was also named president of the joint council of ministers. He was minister to Rumania until the time that country entered the war.

EMPEROR CHARLES, the despatch says, has conferred on Baron Burian the title of count. Baron Burian, for his great services as foreign minister, and has appointed his common-law minister, Prince von Hohenlohe, who has resigned.

PREMIER AND BENNETT ARE BACK IN OTTAWA Ottawa, Dec. 23.—After a fortnight's whirlwind national service campaign in the west, Sir Robert Borden and Mr. Bennett, director-general, returned to Ottawa this morning. Both of them were somewhat fatigued; both got down to work at once in their offices here. Mr. Bennett met this afternoon representatives of labor, who desire to discuss with him the attitude of labor organizations toward the national service appeal.

The premier had a chat over the political situation with several of his ministers.

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ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES NOT TO BE IMPORTED

Paris, Dec. 23.—In line with the recent discussion of the government to suppress the consumption of alcoholic beverages, a decree published today in the Journal, official, prohibits the importation of alcohol into France and Algeria from the date of promulgation of the decree.

Russian Government Has German Peace Note Now Petrograd, Dec. 23.—American Ambassador Francis has delivered the German peace note to the Russian government.

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Another message in the note which answered can only help the allies' cause and throw into stronger relief, the point which it says seems to have been forgotten in this country that all belligerents, and not only the United States, are to be benefited by the peace.

Continuing, The Manchester Guardian says: "Coming on top of Germany's rejection of negotiations, the note appears to associate itself with the German view and the reference to measures which the United States may like to take reads at first a little like a suggestion of menace. However, it is being sent to all the belligerents and if President Wilson wants war with either side, he can not, without departing from appearance of strict neutrality, avoid addressing the same words to the other. For one part, it will require the very strongest of the allied cause which we are assured of, on the other side of the Atlantic, that our act is not prejudicial to our cause can be contemplated at Washington."

Sarcasm Intended? "Another message in the note which comes in for even more criticism also acquires a different value so soon as we think ourselves that it is addressed to both sides. This is the passage which suggests a real identity of views as between the belligerents. When the passage is carefully read, it is seen to say not that the two belligerent parties have the same views, or are fighting for the same ends, but that they profess to be doing so when the governments justify the war to their own countrymen.

This is a very different proposition, and the passage as read by a German of any humor might be taken as a very severe piece of sarcasm."

The Manchester Guardian then sounds a warning against the "allies being betrayed into playing Germany's game because if we put ourselves wrong with America, we do play Germany's game." The newspaper then adds this advice: "Avoid Imputing Motives. Let us avoid imputing motives and take the president's note at its face value, as a perfectly sincere document meaning simply what it says. The president believes the two belligerent alliances to be less far apart than they appear on the surface. Washington probably has means of information that are not fully available to us, and if this view is taken at Washington it gives us a valuable hint as to the mind of Germany and conditions in Germany which are working upon the minds of her rulers."

"In any case, believing rightly or wrongly, Germany would go further to meet us, than we suppose. Dr. Wilson suggests that the two sides compare views. Again be it remembered that this suggestion is addressed to both sides and not to one alone."

Now the only views that we have from Germany are, first, that she considers herself victorious, and secondly, that she invites us to negotiate. The first position we deny. As to the second, we want to know nothing of the basis of negotiations."

The newspaper says when it is re-defined, it is not letting itself be tripped up by the strings stretched by the astute Germans."

"Having charged itself with the formal representation of both the German and Russian interests, the American government limits itself merely to promulgation of the German document."

COAL MINES RECORD INCREASED OUTPUT

Canadian Colliers Turn Out Fourteen Million Tons This Year.

GAIN BIGGEST IN WEST Nova Scotia Experiences Only Falling Off in Production.

The Dominion Department of Mines has received from the principal coal operators in Canada returns of their production for ten months, supplemented in most cases with estimates for November and December.

On the basis of the record available it is estimated that the total production of 1916 will exceed that of 1915 by approximately 1,200,000 short tons (equivalent to 12,825,000 gross tons) close for Nova Scotia. The increase in many small operators that final returns estimates now made.

By provinces the estimate is as follows, the figures for 1915 being included for comparison. Estimated coal production in Canada, 1916, in short tons:

Table with 3 columns: Province, 1915, 1916. Rows for Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon.

*Decrease. The 1916 production exceeded that of the two previous years, the increase over 1915 being about 3 per cent. Nova Scotia is apparently the only province that has fallen off in this province being a little less than 5 per cent. The increase in British Columbia is nearly 20 per cent, and in Alberta and British Columbia is the highest on record. No estimates are available yet as to the Yukon output.

MAY BUILD AN ARENA FOR CATTLE SHOWS Colossal Structure is Predicted for Union Stock Yards at the Junction.

According to local stock men, Toronto will soon have the largest and most imposing building in the country. The neighborhood of \$400,000, and will be erected on or near the Union Stock Yards, for stock shows.

It is stated the project has been under consideration for some time and that the day is not far off when a big show ring will be erected for the benefit of the people who do the exhibiting, and according to estimates, would cost \$400,000. It will vary likely be built near the stock yards and will probably be a colossal structure of steel and concrete, and would be a great boon to stock raisers and breeders.

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WALL STREET HAS RATHER QUIET DAY

Approach of Holiday Restrains Inclination to Deal in Stocks.

IRREGULARITY SHOWN

Metals Exhibit Greater Weakness Than Other Prominent Shares.

New York, Dec. 24.—In striking contrast to the heavy and excited trading of the last few days, the two-hour session of the stock market today was dull, with the comparatively meagre turnover of but 500,000 shares.

Dealings were curtailed largely in consequence of the approaching holidays. Operations were almost entirely limited to professional traders intent upon securing a "clean slate" in the present juncture of uncertainty.

Irregular changes at the opening were almost immediately followed by recession of one to three points. U. S. Steel fluctuated between 107 1/2 and 107 3/4, closing at 107 1/2, a loss of one point. Bethlehem Steel made an extreme decline of 1 1/2 points, with one to three for related issues.

Metals were more unsteady than other prominent shares, losing one to almost three points, although Central Leather and American Hide & Leather yielded as much, with motors and oils, while Industrial Alcohol virtually made good its extreme loss of over three points.

Atlantic, Gulf & West Indies was the only stock to display pronounced strength, as a gross gain of almost two points, the movement being the more noteworthy because of the irregularity of Mercantile Marine, some utilities also were firm to strong, People's Gas of Chicago rising 2 1/2 points.

Excess Reserves Large. The bank statement reflected only in a mild way the extraordinary money movements of the week. The nominal increase in actual loans, and the slight cash loss, were at utter variance with forecasts, but these items are likely to undergo further correction this week. The moderate contraction of reserves leaves actual excess reserves at about \$200,000,000.

Mercantile conditions, according to trade reviews, are likely to show some modification and reduction from recent high pressure because of prevailing peace discussion.

There was practically no market in foreign exchange. The dollar market was of limited trading. Total sales (par value), \$1,320,000.

PIG IRON OUTTURN SHOWS BIG GAINS

Canadian Production Increases Twenty-Eight Per Cent. in Year.

USE NEW PROCESS

Forty-Three Thousand Tons Are Made in Electric Furnaces.

The Dominion department of mines has received from the producers a report of the production of pig iron and of steel ingots and castings during the first eleven months of the year, which together with estimates for December show a probable increase of pig iron in Canada during the twelve months ending Dec. 31, 1916, of 1,171,727 short tons (1,046,185 gross tons) and the probable production of steel ingots and direct castings of 1,454,124 short tons (1,285,235 gross tons), of which 1,222,485 short tons were steel ingots and 30,839 short tons were direct castings.

The production of pig iron in 1915 was 915,775 short tons and of steel ingots and castings 1,030,828 short tons, an increase in the production of pig iron in 1916 of about 22 per cent, and an increase in production of steel ingots and castings of over 42 per cent.

The 1916 production was greater than that of any previous year, the largest production of pig iron having been 1,158,967 short tons in 1913 and of steel ingots and castings 1,165,992 short tons, also in 1913.

The production in 1916 during the first six months and monthly during the last six months was as follows in gross tons: Six months ending June 30, 1916, 501,572.

Pig Steel Direct Iron Ingots, Castings, Total Gr. Tons. Gr. Tons. Gr. Tons. Gr. Tons. Six months ending June 30, 1916, 501,572.

July ... 591,577 577,999 11,715 583,714
Aug. ... 82,154 101,178 2,234 103,462
Sept. ... 91,736 116,828 2,524 119,352
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Six months ending Dec. 31, 1915, 544,318 692,970 15,641 708,611

Of the total production of steel ingots and castings in 1916, about 45,700 short tons (32,098 gross tons) were made in electric furnaces. In 1915 only 61 short tons were reported as having been made in electric furnaces.

ADDRESS BY KING REPLY TO WILSON

London Papers Make Further Comment on Offer to Intervene.

London, Dec. 23.—A majority of the evening newspapers here take the view that the speech of King George VI. said that a "vigorous prosecution of the war must be our single endeavor" was an adequate reply to the American note, and The Pall Mall Gazette suggests that President Wilson should now withdraw it, adding "whether the president has been over-simple, or over-subtle, the evident fact is that he has blundered, and unless the blunder be promptly remedied it may bring evil and irrevocable fruit. What should now be done is to withdraw the note and let its deplorable effects be assuaged as best they may by the forces of time and silence.

The Evening Standard thinks President Wilson was induced to take the step by a German threat of a ruthless submarine campaign, and says that Secretary Lansing's reference to a verge of war must have referred to this view. The Evening Globe takes the same view.

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Record of Saturday's Markets

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ACCOUNTS ARE EVENED ON A DULL MARKET

Floor Traders Make Most of the Business on Toronto Exchange on Saturday.

Minor transactions on the Toronto Stock Exchange on Saturday represented the adjusting of books, completed practically all the business that was done.

Public business was not material, the holiday interest being too strong to permit of either investment or speculative attraction for securities.

After the big shake-down in prices a new bearing has not yet been arrived at, and floor traders were the only ones open to transactions.

Saturday's changes were not material. Prices held close to Friday's recovery, and New York did not afford any basis for much further immediate improvement.

There was possibly some small liquidation from speculators who were fearful of what may develop between Saturday and Tuesday.

Confidence has received a rather rude jolt, the effect of which will be increased by a steady or improving market. Funds are in good supply and this is one favorable market factor.

GOOD PROSPECTS FOR DAVIDSON MINE To Commence New Year in Strong Financial Position.

The outlook for the Davidson Gold Mines Limited, next year is remarkably bright, as very substantial plans have been formulated for an aggressive development program, which promises to bring the company more and more into the foreground of the mining industry.

Work proceeding on the main ore body from the No. 1 shaft on the 100, 200 and 300-foot levels, where a considerable tonnage of high grade material has been put into sight.

Meaning a new vein 1/2 mile long, in bed followed on the 50-foot level from the No. 2 shaft on the south side of the holding, and this carries remarkably high values. The indications are that this new discovery will add materially to ore reserves in the near future.

Without exception, those mines which were being operated a year ago are now in better physical condition than at that time. Production has increased at a most satisfactory rate, and additional mining and milling plants now being installed make certain still further increases in months to come.

The starting feature of the enlargement of activities in the camp during the year, however, is that of the greater number of properties now being developed. Many prospects of certain promise which a year ago were idle are now being energetically operated, and it would appear reasonably certain that the new producers operated during the coming year would be respectable list.

A confidence, born of certain knowledge that the extent of Porcupine's mineral wealth is as yet entirely unknown, is part of the make-up of every person acquainted with conditions there, and that such confidence in the success of the better known past gives ground for the belief that such will be equally well founded as regards the future.

The attention of the camp has attracted the attention of outside capital to a next before unknown, and the indications of a continuance of such a flow of capital into new ventures during the coming year would appear very bright indeed.

The almost unexampled prosperity of both the United States and Canada, together with the success that has attended operations on the better known Porcupine properties are factors that must have a large influence. That Porcupine's properties recently re-financed and on which operations have been or are about to be resumed are almost entirely on those which can be considered to have a chance is also worthy of comment. What is more, beyond an occasional example of sky-rocketing stock market in certain issues, is conspicuous by its absence.

GERMAN BOURSE HAS PEACE SCENT War Babies Are Sold; Are Replaced By So Called Peace Stocks.

Berlin, Dec. 23, via London, Dec. 23.—The Berlin bourse today followed the example of the New York Stock Exchange on the receipt of the news of Wilson's note, and "war babies" were offered with unaccompanied freedom. Values fell, while the so-called peace stocks were strengthened all along the line.

American exchange, which last week reached the unprecedented high water mark of 57 1/2 and which had fallen gradually to 52 1/2 as German exchange on New York rose fell a solid ten points. Shipping stocks were particularly lively and strong, followed closely by potato, cement and bank stocks. Japanese, Canadian, American and Swiss papers were offered but found no buyers, while Russian consols had a good market.

C.N.R. EARNINGS. Canadian Northern Railway System gross earnings for week ending Dec. 21, 1916, \$305,700; corresponding period last year, \$74,400; increase, \$231,300. From July 1 to date of DECEMBER 21, 1916, \$20,762,500; corresponding period last year, \$16,244,700; increase, \$4,517,800.

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By order of the Board. FREDERICK WILLIAMS-TAYLOR General Manager Montreal, 20th October, 1916.

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GREAT CHANGES IN PORCUPINE THIS YEAR

Feature of Year's Progress is Addition of Many New Properties.

Homer L. Gibson, in his fortnightly review, has the following on Porcupine: Looking back over the year about closing one can see momentous changes in Porcupine, and it needs no stretch of the imagination to say that all of these changes have been made for the better.

Without exception, those mines which were being operated a year ago are now in better physical condition than at that time. Production has increased at a most satisfactory rate, and additional mining and milling plants now being installed make certain still further increases in months to come.

The starting feature of the enlargement of activities in the camp during the year, however, is that of the greater number of properties now being developed. Many prospects of certain promise which a year ago were idle are now being energetically operated, and it would appear reasonably certain that the new producers operated during the coming year would be respectable list.

A confidence, born of certain knowledge that the extent of Porcupine's mineral wealth is as yet entirely unknown, is part of the make-up of every person acquainted with conditions there, and that such confidence in the success of the better known past gives ground for the belief that such will be equally well founded as regards the future.

The attention of the camp has attracted the attention of outside capital to a next before unknown, and the indications of a continuance of such a flow of capital into new ventures during the coming year would appear very bright indeed.

The almost unexampled prosperity of both the United States and Canada, together with the success that has attended operations on the better known Porcupine properties are factors that must have a large influence. That Porcupine's properties recently re-financed and on which operations have been or are about to be resumed are almost entirely on those which can be considered to have a chance is also worthy of comment. What is more, beyond an occasional example of sky-rocketing stock market in certain issues, is conspicuous by its absence.

U.S. MINES' HANDSOME RETURN TO SHAREHOLDERS Commander at Chihuahua Also Attacked.

December dividends of the United States mining companies, Charles A. Stoneham & Co. estimate will aggregate approximately \$10,000,000, establishing a new high monthly record for dividend disbursements, and being the total for the year to approximately \$280,000,000. Low prosperity 1916 in dividends has been the result of the mining corporations may be judged from the fact that the dividend disbursements in 1915 totalled but slightly in excess of \$710,000,000, and in 1914 were \$58,182,525. Assuredly the prosperity of metal-producing corporations has accrued to the stockholders, although probably a materially larger sum than the \$290,000,000 disbursed in dividends has been placed in the respective treasuries of the dividend-paying corporations.

WORKING CLAIMS IN KIRKLAND LAKE Work on the Minkor claims, Kirkland Lake, which were being taken over by Rochester interests, is well under way. The erection of camp buildings has been completed, and a force of 27 men employed. Work for the present is confined largely to surface exploration, preparatory to the establishment of a main shaft as near as possible to the centre of the vein system.—Cobalt Nugget.

MONTREAL STEADIER. Heron & Co. report: Montreal, Dec. 23.—The market today showed a much steadier tone with fewer stocks offered. The steel stocks were active, Steel of Canada selling up to 4 1/2% and closing 4 1/2%. Dominion Iron remained steady at 4 1/2%. The balance of the list was about at Friday's close, with very little stock changing hands.

PARIS BOURSE. Paris, Dec. 23.—Prices were unchanged on the bourse today. Three per cent. rentes, 60 francs, 35 centimes for cash. Exchange on London, 27 francs, 31 1/2 centimes.

FEARS ARE EXPRESSED ABOUT LINER VOLTAIRE New York, Dec. 23.—Grave fears were expressed today, by officials of the Lamport and Holt line, that their passenger liner Voltaire, from Liverpool to London, had been sunk by a German submarine off the Irish coast. The liner is more than two weeks overdue, and no word has been heard from her since she left Liverpool, November 23. Almost one-third of her crew of 140 men are believed to be Americans. She carried no passengers.

NEW YORK COTTON. J. P. Bickell & Co. report: Open. High. Low. Close. Jan. ... 15.22 16.43 15.20 16.63

NEW YORK BANK STATEMENT. New York, Dec. 23.—The statement of the actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they held \$90,064,260 reserve in excess of legal requirements. This is a decrease of \$4,388,000 from last week.

COBALT ORE SHIPMENTS. Special to The Toronto World. North Bay, Ont., Dec. 23.—Cobalt ore figures for the week ended Dec. 22 were: Hudson Bay, 61,047; Penn-Canadian M., 42,564; Mining Corp. of Canada, 10,000; M. G. S. Mine, 62,893; Dominion Reduction Co., 88,000; McKinley-Darragh, 170,243.

PRICE OF SILVER New York, Dec. 23.—Bar silver, 75 1/2 c.

These Are Some of the Good Things on Sale Tuesday at Simpson's

The Market Phone Adelaide 6100

Meats
This week our meat market will sell extra high-grade beef, carefully selected from the winter stock shows. See our display of fancy meats in the large glass refrigerators.
Round Steak, fancy beef, per lb. .25
Sirloin Steak, per lb. .30
Wing Steak, per lb. .30
Porterhouse Steak, centre cuts, per lb. .33
Brisket Boiling Cuts, per lb. .18
Minced Shoulder Steak, per lb. .20
Family Sausage, our own make, per lb. .15
Breakfast Bacon, sliced, per lb. .32

Fish
Trout Steaks, per lb. .22
Halibut Steaks, per lb. .25
Sea Salmon Steaks, per lb. .25
Best Finnan Haddies, per lb. .14
Smoked Boned Filets, per lb. .17
Golden Clauses, per lb. .17
Shredded Cod, per package .10

Groceries
One car Standard Granulated Sugar, in 39-lb. cotton bags, per bag. 1.62
Five Roses Flour, 24-lb. bag. 1.16
California Seedless Raisins, lb. .48
Choice Cleaned Currants, 2 lbs. .48
Magic Baking Powder, 1-lb. tin. .22
Grisco, per lb. .39
Finest Creamery Butter, per lb. .49
Upton's Marmalade, 4-lb. pack. .68
Purity Refined Oats, large pkg. .24
Choice Red Salmon, tall tin. .24
MacLaren's Cream Cheese, large package. .25
Peanut Butter, in bulk, our own make, per lb. .12
Osprey Herring, plain and in tomato sauce, per tin. .12
Cowan's Cocoa, 1/2-lb. tin. .23
Finest Evaporated Peaches, lb. .15
Fancy Carolina Rice, 2 lbs. .25
500 lbs. Fresh Cracknell Biscuits, per lb. .22
Choice Queen Olives, American gem jar. .35
Finest White Beans, 2 lbs. .22
St. Williams' Raspberry and Strawberry Jam, 4-lb. pack. .68
Harry Horn's Cream Custard, three tins. .25
Post Toasties, 3 packages. .25

Fruits and Vegetables Section
Choice Navel Oranges, large size, per doz. .37
Fresh Carrots, per peck. .29
Spanish Onions, 5 lbs. .29
Choice Lemons, per doz. .18

Candy Section
750 lbs. Buttercotch Drops, Regular. 20c, per 100 lbs. .40
50 lbs. Jelly Beans, Regular. 15c, per 100 lbs. .30
Candy & Fruit Bars, 3 for .10

A Sale of Slightly Damaged Beds

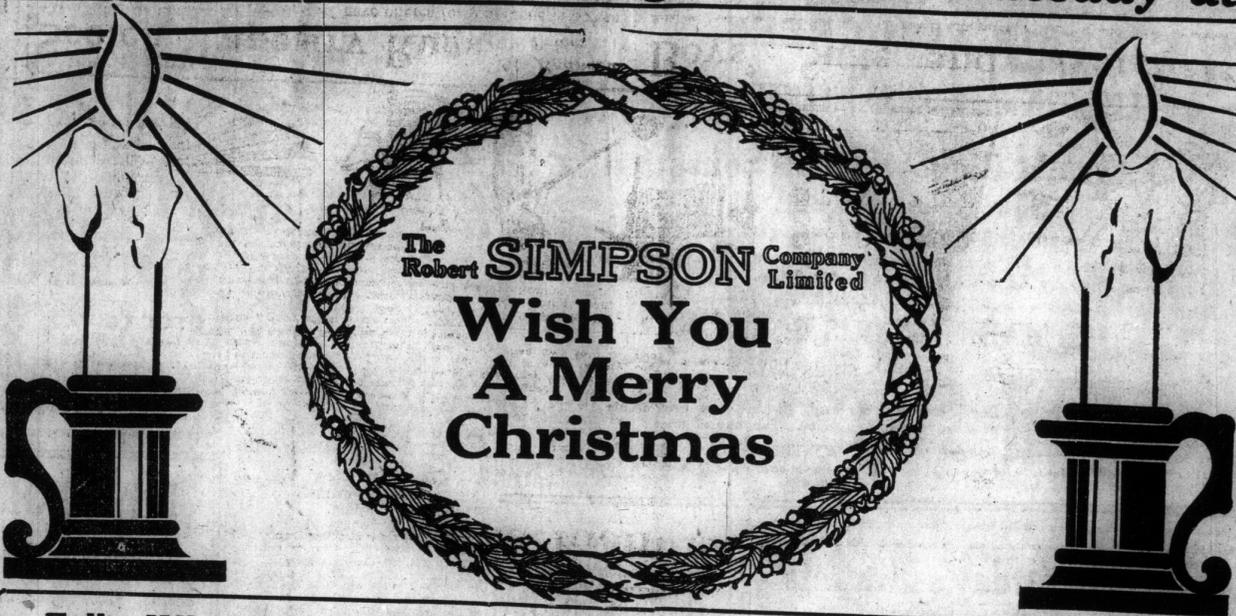
White Enamel Bedstead, in 3 ft. size only, brass rod and head and foot, fitted with brass knobs and veneer; slightly damaged. Regular \$6.00. Tuesday. **3.00**
White Enamel Bedstead, slightly damaged, in 3 ft. size only, scroll head and foot ends, height of head 45 in., foot 45 in. Regular \$4.00. Tuesday. **2.20**
All-White Enamel Bedstead, in 3 ft. and 2 ft. 6 in. sizes only, slightly damaged. Regular \$3.50. Tuesday. **1.90**
Mattresses, wood fibre, cotton both sides, heavy twill ticking, all regular sizes. Tuesday. **3.10**
Pillows, all-wool, enclosed in good grade of art. ticking, size 17 x 25 in. Tuesday. **.95**
All-metal Spring, double woven wire fabric, extra well braced with cables, rope edge. Special Tuesday. **3.75**

In the Silks and Dress Goods

400 yards extra fine quality Black Satin Paillettes, 38 inches wide. Regular \$1.33. Tuesday. **1.18**
Black Duchesse Satin, regular \$1.50 per yard. Tuesday. **1.33**
Broken lines from regular stock of Black Duchesse Silk-Satins, with charmeuse finish; 38 to 40 inches wide. Regular \$1.49. Tuesday, per yard. **1.49**
40 and 44-inch Black Satin Taffetas, including waives from C. J. Bonnet. Regular \$2.50. Tuesday. **1.98**
Odd lengths in Black Satin Brocades and Crepe Moires. Tuesday. **2.00**
Rough cheviot finish storm serges, navy and black, 36 and 32 inches wide. Tuesday, per yard. **.69**
Check Suiting, in all sizes of checks, 40 and 42 inches wide. Special Tuesday, per yard. **.3**
Made from selected soap shrunk yarns, in fast shades of navy and black and fine twills; 42 to 44 inches wide. Per yard. **.75**

Wash Goods

A jobber's stock of plain colored wash suitings, ducks, drills, etc., in sky, green, cream, linen, grey, white and Copen; 27 to 36 in. wide; suitable for dresses, children's wear, sunroom curtains, etc. Regular 20c and 25c values, to be cleared on Tuesday. **.12 1/2**



The Robert **SIMPSON** Limited
Wish You
A Merry
Christmas

Folks Who Are in Toronto for the Holiday Can Make Their Stay
Pleasanter and More Profitable by Visiting Simpson's

On Tuesday This Sale of Women's Apparel

A Big Clearance of Silk and Crepe Waists at \$1.95
Some 300 pretty Waists in light and dark shades of silk crepe de chine, or plain and fancy silks. Some are samples, others are broken ranges and remainders that were left over from the big rush. Values \$2.95 and \$3.95. Tuesday **1.95**

Women's \$10.00 to \$13.95 Dresses for \$7.95
In taffeta, messaline and serges, featuring pleated, shirred and flare skirts; plain and novelty waists, showing Russian, high-waisted and coatee effects. Colors are navy, black, brown, grey and green. Broken sizes.

Women's Winter Suits \$22.50. Regular \$35.00 and \$40.00
25 Sample Suits of superior quality men's wear serges, in black and navy. Examples of the best styles shown this season, smartly tailored or fur trimmed. Lined with heavy quality colored satin.

Misses' \$22.50 New York Serge Dresses \$11.50
25 only, Serge Dresses, in straight lines and pleated styles with neutral trimming. Shades navy, Copen, and brown. Sizes 14, 16, 18. In the Misses' Section.

Women's "Salt's" Plush Coats
"Salt's" celebrated fur fabric, in four good styles, with extra sweep and large crush collar. Very special value at \$25.00 and \$27.50.

Misses' \$25.00 and \$27.50 Coats \$18.50.
75 high-grade coats, every one a good smart style; some fur trimmed, some satin-lined throughout; gabardines, velours, black kersey and novelty tweeds; sizes 14 to 20 years.

Women's \$25.00 Winter Coats \$16.50
Sample garments and manufacturers' overmakes. A wonderful lot of smart up-to-the-minute coats. Well assorted in shades and materials.

Satin Skirts for Women Specially Priced
Only a limited number in this special lot. Cut with generous fullness, shirred at waist line, finished with a heading and has two pockets. Material is good quality Liberty satin, in black only. Waist bands, 24 to 29 inches. Front lengths, 37 to 39 inches.

Moire Petticoats 89c
Imported English moire petticoats; black, navy and emerald; deep pleated flounce, finished with velvet binding; lengths 38 to 42.

On Tuesday Great Values in Men's Boots

A choice lot of Men's Button and Lace Boots, in patent colt, gunmetal and tan calf leathers, heavy viscolized and single weight oak tanned leather and rubber fibre Goodyear welt soles; English recede and round and plain toe. Regulation military and dress toe styles and military heels. Sizes 6 to 11. Values \$5.00 to \$5.50. Tuesday. **3.89**

Nobby Styles—Women's Winter Boots

Several good styles in women's gunmetal, patent kid and dogskin kid button and lace boots, with plain vamp or patent toes, medium weight McKay sewn soles, Cuban or low heels, dull kid or black cloth tops; sizes 7 1/2 to 7. Tuesday. **3.00**

Women's House Slippers

Felt House Slippers, fancy ribbon trimmed, over ankle and ordinary

Boys' Blucher Boots

Boys' tan and black oil grain and box kip blucher boots, made on full-fitting round toe shapes, heavy viscolized wet-proof sole, solid leather counter and heels; sizes 11 to 13, \$2.19; sizes 1 to 6, at \$2.49.

Men's Opera Slippers

Men's black dogskin kid opera

Girls' Slippers

Girls' kid felt Juliet slippers, fur trimmed, flexible sole and heel. Sizes 4 to 7, 79c; sizes 8 to 10, 89c; sizes 11 to 2, at 99c.

Children's Boots

Children's dogskin kid button boot, patent toe caps, good weight McKay sewn soles, low heels; sizes 5 to 7 1/2. Tuesday. **1.19**

Men's Khaki Socks

Men's Heavy Weight Khaki Woolen Socks, closely knitted; ribbed seamless finish. Tuesday. **.39**

Women's Hose

Silk Ankle Hose, with silk high boot depth; light thread top. Unusual value on Tuesday. **.29**

Bed Comforters

Pretty Crepe Bed Comforters with fancy stitched panels, in blue, pink and green colorings and dainty floral designs; 72 x 92 inches. Special Tuesday. **3.95**

Knitting Wool

500 lbs. Fine, Soft Elephant Double Wool, natural shade; for making warm socks for our soldier boys. Regular \$1.85. Tuesday, per lb. **1.44**

Umbrellas, Tuesday \$1.49

Covers of fine silk mixture; mounted on neat rolling frames; good range of plain or mounted handles. Tuesday special. **1.49**

Flannelette

Snowy White Flannelette, with soft napped finish; width 27 in. Special price Tuesday, per yard. **.9**

Table Damask

Bleached Linen, Table Damask, assorted designs; 72 in. wide. Special Tuesday price, per yard. **.59**

Towels, a Pair 49c

Plain White or Striped Turkish Bath Towels, made in England. Special on Tuesday, per pair. **.49**

Simpson's Weekly Basement Sale Comes on Tuesday

STOVE AND FURNACE SUPPLIES—25 ONLY, DAISY OAK HEATERS— Small size, polished sheet steel body, with grates, nickel trimmings; a dandy little heater. Tuesday's price. **5.50**

JEWEL DUSTLESS ASH SIFTERS— Rotary sleeve, just turn the handle, the coal falls into the sifter only. \$3.75. Complete with ash can, \$6.75. Tuesday. **2.50**

DAISY DUSTLESS ASH SIFTER— Galvanized iron. Tuesday. **.98**

GALVANIZED ASH BARRELS— Wood protected sides, with cover. Tuesday. **2.50**

COAL SCUTTLES— Gold band, japanned finish; a good 40c scuttle. 500 to sell on Tuesday at each. **.25**

NATIONAL POLISH MOPS— For cleaning and polishing hardwood floors, linoleum, oilcloth. A dollar size to sell on Tuesday at each. **.49**

WILLOW CLOTHES BASKETS— Medium size. Tuesday. **.98**

TOWEL RACK— Has eight wood arms, each 24 inches long; a very serviceable rack. Tuesday. **.25**

GOOD CORN BROOMS— 1,000 to sell on Tuesday for 39c each—Good grade broom corn, well made, medium weight. This is less than present factory cost. Not more than two to a customer.

YACHT FLOOR MOPS— Long handle, cotton string head; a very serviceable cleaning mop, in two sizes. Priced for Tuesday at, each. **25c and 50c.**

IMPERIAL CLOTHES WRINGERS— Enclosed cogs, ball bearings, warranted rubber rolls. A good \$4.50 wringer. Tuesday. **3.69**

MARVEL WASHING MACHINES— Square tub rocker motion, a light, easy running machine and a good washer. Regular \$5.00. Tuesday. **3.98**

WASH BOARDS— Metal face, strong, well made boards. Tuesday. **.25**

WASH BOLLERS— Galvanized iron, size 8 or 9, rustproof. Tuesday. **.38**

IRONING BOARDS— Size 12 x 60 inches. Tuesday. **.59**

ANDROCK BREAD TOASTERS— Tuesday. **.10**

GARBAGE CANS, japanned finish, ball handle, with cover. Three sizes. Tuesday, 59c, 79c, 99c.

FROST KING WEATHER STRIP— A Thousand Packages at 29c a Package—25 feet in a package; the original and popular felt strip for doors and windows; keeps out the draught and cold. Only one or two packages to a customer. Tuesday. **.29**

JEWEL FOOD CHOPPER— Cuts meat, fruit and vegetables coarse, medium or fine, family size. Tuesday. **.89**

Scotch Tapestry Rugs At Reduced Prices

This is one of the greatest bargains we have offered for some time in Scotch Tapestry Rugs. Oriental designs in dark colorings, two-tone effects, also floral effects in pretty soft shades. Sizes
7.0 x 9.0, reg. \$11.25, for **7.25** 9.0 x 10.5, reg. \$14.25, for **10.25**
8.0 x 9.0, reg. \$12.25, for **8.75** 9.0 x 12.0, reg. \$15.75, for **11.95**

Boys' Suits and Overcoats

Soldier Suits, of heavy wool khaki serges, in regulation officer and private styles; warmly lined throughout; tunic, breeches, caps, puttees, and cord and whistle. Sizes 3 to 10 years. Regular \$5.75 and \$7.50. Tuesday. **2.95**

Boys' Tweed Overcoats, strongly tailored, dark brown ulstering; double-breasted ulster models, with two-way collars; half belt; check lining; boys 8 to 12. Special **3.95**

Just for Tuesday Toilet Goods Prices

French Tooth Brushes, with pure bristles. Regular price 15c. Special. **10**
Red Ebony Nail Brushes. Regular price 25c. Special. **15**
Women's Black Dressing Combs. Regular price 15c. Special. **11**
Fairy Soap. Special 3 cakes for. **12**
Toilet Paper, in packages. Special. **25**
Thymoline Tooth Powder, in tin. Regular price 18c. Special. **15**
Violet Cold Cream, in jar. Regular price 26c. Special. **16**
Camphor Ice, in boxes. Regular price 10c. Special. **7**
Sesodent Tooth Powder and Tooth Paste. Special. **16**
Imported Violet and Lime Talcum Powder, 1/2-lb. tin. Special. **19**
Roger & Gallet's Veloute Face Powder. Special. **44**
War Stamps Included.

A \$5.00 Clearance of Jewelry

You may choose from the following assortment Tuesday at this special price.
14k Diamond Ring. Regular \$7.00. Special. **5.00**
Diamond Set Lavallieres. Regular \$7.00 to \$8.50. Tuesday for **5.00**
Diamond Set Scarf Pins. Regular \$5.00 to \$5.50. Tuesday for **5.00**
9k Gold Band Bracelets. Regular \$10.00. Tuesday for **5.00**
Pearl Set Cameo Rings. Regular \$7.50 to \$10.00. Tuesday for **5.00**
10k and 14k Gold Brooches. Regular \$10.00. Tuesday for **5.00**
10k and 14k Signet Rings. Regular \$7.50 to \$10.00. Tuesday for **5.00**
10k and 14k Cuff Links. Regular \$6.00 to \$10.00. Tuesday for **5.00**
10k Gold Waltham Chains. Regular \$7.50 to \$10.00. Tuesday for **5.00**
All at the one price of **5.00**

Women's Underwear for Tuesday

Women's Flannelette Nightgowns at 59c
Mother Hubbard style, of good quality striped flannelette, trimmed with frill of self on neck, and long sleeves. Tuesday morning **.59**
Women's Flannelette Petticoats at 39c
Made of extra good quality striped flannelette, in a neat, good style with frill of self, finished with wide hems and scalloped edges. Tuesday. **.39**

Combinations 75c

Women's Union Suits, in high neck flannelette, in a neat, good style with frill of self, finished with wide hems and scalloped edges. Tuesday. **.75**

Women's Vests and Drawers

The vests are high neck, button front and long sleeves or low neck and short sleeves; the drawers are ankle length, both styles, color. Sizes 34 to 40. Tuesday, per garment. **.35**

Women's Bloomers

Made of lovely soft cream tinted all-wool cashmere, with elastic at knee and waist. Sizes 34 to 42. Tuesday. **1.50**

Savings on Children's Wear

\$1.25 Dresses 50c
No Phone or Mail Orders
150 only Girls' Dresses, made of strong dark blue cashmerette, with pretty white polka dot; lined waist and short sleeves; pleated skirt; button front model, piped waist. Sizes 2 to 5 years.

65c Scarfs 49c

Girls' Scarfs, made of heavy brushed pure wool, in soft shades of myrtle green and Copen blue; length 60 inches by 8 inches; knotted fringes at each end.

Infants' Pure Wool Overalls 49c

Made of closely knit heavy English wool, in cardinal or navy; thick wool draw cords, with tassels at waist and ankles. Sizes to fit 3 months to 2 years. Feet attached. Regularly 65c to \$1.00. Rush price Tuesday. **.49**

Men's Furnishings Special for Tuesday

75c Shirts 55c
Men's Negligee Shirts, laundered cuffs, coat style; neat striped pattern. Sizes 13 1/2 to 17. Regular 75c. Tuesday. **55**

\$1.25 Nightgowns 98c
Men's Flannelette Night Shirts, neat, striped patterns. Have collar and pockets. Regular \$1.25. Tuesday. **.98**

Combinations \$2.49
Men's Natural Wool Combination Suits, winter and medium weights. Some are counter soiled. All sizes 34 to 44. Regular \$3.50. On Tuesday sale Tuesday at **2.49**

Combinations 98c
Men's Elastic Cotton Fleece Combination Underwear, warm and comfortable. Sizes 34 to 46. Regular \$1.25. Tuesday, a suit **.98**