

The Courier's Best to All—"A Merry Christmas"

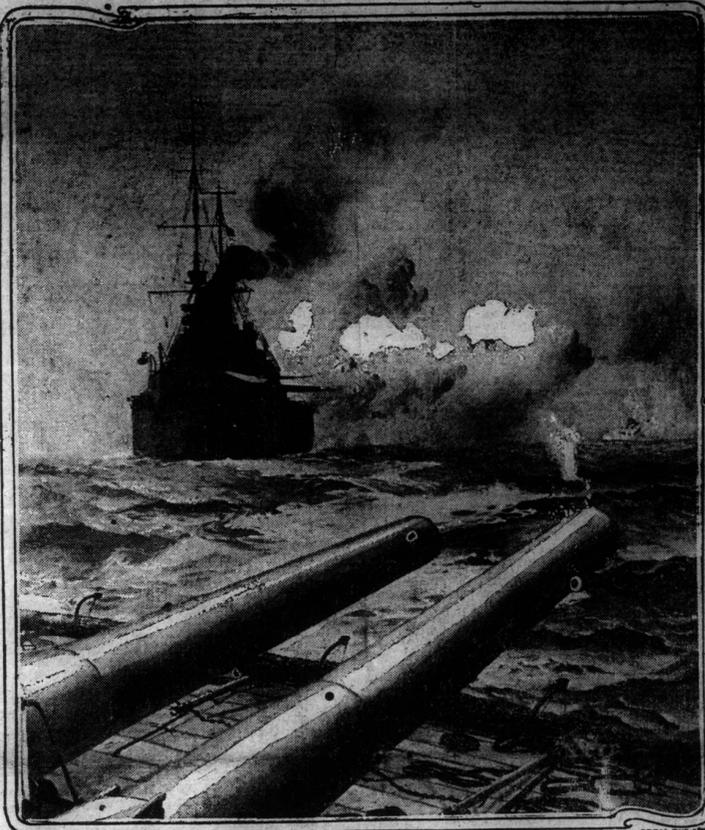
BELGIANS CROSS RIVER YSER AND WIN AN ADVANCE OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE

Many German Prisoners Are Taken Daily—Depression in Ranks of Kaiser's Army—Success of Belgians is Reported.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Times correspondent on the Belgian frontier telegraphs: "The Belgian troops succeeded yesterday in crossing the Yser canal near St. Georges in the direction of Mannekenvere and establishing themselves firmly in spite of a murderous fire. This is an important step and merits attention. On the other parts of the Belgian front progress is gradual, but continuous. "Depression has overcome the German troops on the Yser, who are tired of fighting vainly in a cold, wet and comfortless land far from their homes. Batches of prisoners have been brought regularly into Furnes every day since the fighting around Nieuport began again. "There is considerable activity over the whole of the allies' front in the north. The British guns near Armentières have been booming and the wounded removed. The destruction of the hospital is very much to be deplored. The German gunners doubtless were aiming at the railway station, but the bombardment began shells have not ceased to fall in and around the convent."

"GOT ACROSS THE YSER." LONDON, Dec. 14.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail telegraphs from "Northern France": "Belgian troops yesterday broke through a German position on the banks of the Yser beyond St. Georges and succeeded, notwithstanding a fierce attack by the Germans, in establishing a new position and holding it. "Fighting with odd parties of Germans in the dunes northwest of Nieuport still goes on, but throughout the lines about Nieuport the allies are showing ascendancy over the Germans and making steady progress without undue loss. "ZEPPELINS ACTIVE. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A London Daily Express despatch dated "On the Belgian frontier Wednesday" to the Herald says: "A Zeppelin to-day flew over Vleetsies, a Dutch town on the German frontier, coming from the direction of the North Sea and disappeared in the direction of Kiel. "I have reason to believe that the Germans have begun using Zebrugge as a base for aerial raids on the English coast. A reliable informant tells me large hangars, capable of housing a number of aeroplanes, have been erected near the Heyst tram station, in addition to a waterplane landing stage."

AN INCIDENT DURING NAVAL ACTION OFF HELIGOLAND



THE LION TURNED SLOWLY AND MAJESTICALLY ROUND AND FIRED HER BROADSIDE—ONCE

The naval battle of the Bight of Heligoland, which occurred during the very early stages of the war and which was the first really decisive naval engagement between the British fleet and the German, was remarkable for the accuracy and effectiveness of the heavy guns of the British battle cruisers. The Lion, in particular, did very deadly work with her huge 13.5-inch guns. A naval man present at the action wrote:—"It was a fine sight to see the Lion demolish one cruiser. We could see her (the cruiser's) shots falling short, but still the Lion did not fire for fully ten minutes the cruiser halted away without getting a single hit. Then the Lion, who was leading the line, hoisted 'open fire,' turned slowly and majestically round, and fired her broadside—once. It was quite sufficient. We went a cloud of smoke and steam from 'the target,' and when it cleared off her aft funnel was at a rakish angle and a huge rent appeared the length of her side. After a few more salvos she was rapidly sinking by the stern. Shortly afterward she half hauled down her ensign, and as we were steaming up to stand by and rescue her survivors she hoisted it again and opened fire. It was a dirty trick, but they got their deserts. Once again the Lion turned, and this time fired but five shots from her huge turrets. Amidst a shower of splinters, smoke and fire she disappeared. We steamed over the spot, but although there was plenty of wreckage not a single living thing was to be seen. This incident only lasted forty-five minutes, although the battle was raging for eight hours."

HOW TO AVOID SHELLS IS TOLD IN DETAIL BY RHEIMS RESIDENT

[By Special Wire to the Courier] DUNKIRK, France, via London, Dec. 24.—A resident of Rheims, who has survived all the successive bombardments of that city advised against taking to the cellar in case of bombardment. "Two of the Rheims hotel were blown into rubbish while I was sleeping in them, he says. "In each instance, most of the people in the hotels took refuge in the cellars and came to losing their lives when brick and mortar came tumbling in on top of them. If your house is blown up, you in your cellar and you stand every chance of being killed by a shell or by asphyxiation. "I had calculated correctly that the part of the city where I was living would come under fire from the north

west, so I selected a room on the first floor at the side most remote from the point of the threatened attacks. In my second hotel, just across the way, I reversed the process. In each case I escaped with my clothes; in my hand, and later assisted in digging out the cellar refugees, who were nearly dead. "The writer of the bombardment is between two and four o'clock in the morning, when the Germans can use their big guns without any risk of their location being found out by scouting aeroplanes. It might be well to mention that shells of this calibre do not merely make holes in walls or blow roofs off. They lift the entire contents of a four story house into the street, floors, partitions and all details included. The daily bombardment of Rheims after this fashion has now lasted over eighty days."

OFFICIAL FRENCH NOTICE

[By Special Wire to the Courier] PARIS, Dec. 24.—2.59 p.m.—The French war office this afternoon gave out an official communication which reads as follows: "From the sea to the Lys we made progress by sapping operations in the dunes and we repulsed an attack in front of Lombartzyde. At Swarte-ried a group of houses and we drove back as far as the southern part of this village, a counter-attack of the enemy; this was done in spite of a very spirited fire from the German artillery. "The Belgian army pushed forward certain detachments along the right bank of the Yser, to the south of Dixmude, and organized a defensive work protecting the head of a bridge. "In the region of Arras, the fog still made all operations impossible. "To the east and to the southeast of Amiens, especially in the suburbs of Lassigny, there have been artillery exchanges. "In the region of the Aisne, the Zouaves, during all day yesterday, held back brilliantly, a number of attacks; they remained masters, at a point near the road of Puisseine of the German trenches, occupied by us December 21. "In Champagne, we strengthened the positions taken by us in our advance of the night before, in the region of Craonne and Rheims. "In the vicinity of Perthes, all the counter-attacks of the enemy on the positions conquered by us December 22, were successfully repulsed. To the northwest of Mesnil-les-Hurlus, we occupied German trenches for a distance of 400 yards, and we drove back a counter-attack. The Germans endeavored to take the offensive in the direction of Ville-sur-Tourbe, but our artillery dispersed them. "In the Argonne we took possession."

SUMMARY

[By Special Wire to the Courier] Christmas Eve finds little change in the underground warfare now being conducted in the western theatre of war where General Joffre, the commander-in-chief of the French armies, still appears to be cautiously feeling for an opening in the strongly entrenched German line across France and Belgium. "In the east a supreme German effort continues to be made before Warsaw, the capital of Russian Poland, where the forces of the German centre and of the Russians seeking to check them, sway back and forth along the banks of the river barring the way to the Polish capital. "The Russians claim successes in the latest encounters, but during the last ten days the Germans have advanced appreciably, and it is said they now are bringing up their 42-centimetre guns preparatory to siege operations. "More than 100 prisoners were left in our hands. "In the east we have assumed the offensive, and are advancing from Neidenburg and Soldau (in East Prussia). We have repulsed the Russians after days of fighting, and Miawa in northern Poland, and the enemy's positions at Miawa again are in our hands. More than 1,000 prisoners were taken in these battles. "At the confluence of the Bura and Rawka Rivers, fierce bayonet attacks took place at many places. The artillery could do little on account of the misty weather. "The Russians suffered heavy losses on the right bank of the Pillica river, in the district to the southeast of Tomaszow. The Russians attacked fiercely several times, but were repulsed by the Austro-German armies with heavy losses. "Further to the south the situation generally is unchanged."

BERLIN OFFICIAL NOTICE

[By Special Wire to the Courier] BERLIN, Dec. 24.—(By wireless telegraph to London, 3.15 p.m.)—The official communication issued today by the German general headquarters staff says: "The enemy did not renew his attacks in the neighborhood of Nieuport yesterday. At Bixchoote we took 230 prisoners on December 22. "The enemy was again active yesterday in the neighborhood of Chal. Infantry attacks followed a fierce artillery attack made by the enemy in the regions of Souain and Perthes, these were repulsed. A trench, kept under continuous artillery fire by the enemy, was lost yesterday. The position was abandoned after this successful counter attack because parts of the trenches had been almost levelled by the enemy's fire. More than 100 prisoners were left in our hands. "In the east we have assumed the offensive, and are advancing from Neidenburg and Soldau (in East Prussia). We have repulsed the Russians after days of fighting, and Miawa in northern Poland, and the enemy's positions at Miawa again are in our hands. More than 1,000 prisoners were taken in these battles. "At the confluence of the Bura and Rawka Rivers, fierce bayonet attacks took place at many places. The artillery could do little on account of the misty weather. "The Russians suffered heavy losses on the right bank of the Pillica river, in the district to the southeast of Tomaszow. The Russians attacked fiercely several times, but were repulsed by the Austro-German armies with heavy losses. "Further to the south the situation generally is unchanged."

AUSTRIA MAKES ADMISSION OF HEAVY DEFEAT

A Whole Army Was the Victim of a Servian Success. LONDON, Dec. 23.—An official communication issued in Vienna, gives the result of inquiries made by a high military officer into the defeat of the Austrians by the Servians as follows: "After he had gained successes, the chief in command of the Balkan forces intended to complete the defeat of the enemy, but did not pay sufficient regard to the difficulties. Bad weather made the conditions of the few roads which lead across the barren country worse, so that it was impossible to supply the army with the necessary provisions and ammunition. At the same time, the enemy collected fresh forces and opened an attack, the offensive had been given up. "It was thought prudent not to offer decisive battle under these unfavorable circumstances. Forced by adverse conditions, our troops retreated from Servia, but they are not defeated. That we suffered severe losses in men and war material is inevitable,

TO CHEER TROOPS

Reason Why the Kaiser Will Spend Christmas With Them. [By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A cable to the Herald dated "On the Belgian frontier Wednesday," says: "The Kaiser's decision to spend Christmas among his troops in Western Flanders, is intended to encourage them to fresh efforts against the allies. "The Germans are making preparations to celebrate Christmas in the trenches, so far as the situation permits. The German staff has facilitated the transport of thousands of presents from the relatives of the men, which are now being delivered by the military post offices. "In some places small Christmas trees have been obtained by detachments of infantry for erection in their underground shelters. Trees also are being supplied at the supply station at Bruges and in the hospitals, where the seriously wounded are treated until they are able to make the train journey to Germany."

RUSSIAN SUCCESSES ARE REPORTED OFFICIALLY AND MANY CAPTURES ARE MADE

Austrians Are Pursued Through the Mountains and All Kinds of War Munitions Are Delivered to the Czar's Armies.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] PETROGRAD, Dec. 23.—(Delayed in transmission)—A statement issued by the official press bureau today regarding the fighting along the Russian front says: "On the left bank of the Pillica, obstinate fighting continues in the region of the villages of Jesesee and Rojokowollia, about six miles west of Nowemiasto. "On the right bank of the Pillica we have made progress in the vicinity of Opoczno and Tomaszow. "In Galicia our success continues. South of the Vistula we captured, during the 20th and 21st, 86 officers and 5,600 men, three cannon and ten mitrailleuses. "In the Carpathians, while pursuing the retreating Austrians, we captured, on December 22, thirty officers and about 1,500 men. "Near Przemysl the Austrians attempted a new sortie during which several of their advance companies were completely annihilated. Other advances companies were made prisoners. In this affair we seized about a mile of railway, leading into the city."

BLOCKED BY RUSSIANS NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A cable to The Herald from London this morning says: "Blocked by a great Russian army between Warsaw and the Bura River the Germans have shifted their angle of attack and are moving toward the Polish capital from the southwest. In this direction they have reached Siermiewice, forty miles from the city. "The fighting in the eastern arena is proceeding with an intensity not exceeded since the war began. The Russians in East Prussia are conducting a vigorous offensive and they are making excellent advances in Galicia. In Poland the progress made by the opposing forces has been slight, but in the long run the ground gained may prove vital. Thus far the Germans have failed to pierce the Russian line at any point, although it was reported here last night that Grand Duke Nicholas has been forced to withdraw his troops from before Cracow. Since this was one of the aims of the German offensive, Berlin says the eastern campaign already is successful."

King Albert Real Leader of Belgians

GRAND HEADQUARTERS OF THE KING OF THE BELGIANS IN WEST FLANDERS, Belgium, Sunday, Dec. 20.—(via London, Dec. 23.)—In the Council chamber of an ancient Flemish town hall, from which he is directing under German shell fire the resistance of his war-sworn little army blocking the road to Dunkirk and Calais, King Albert of the Belgians to-day told The Associated Press of the stand his soldiers are making against the German invaders. The king's headquarters are located on one of the remaining dry areas of that small corner of Belgium under his rule. "The monarch was alone when the correspondent was admitted to the Council chamber, not even an aide being present. The king's tall, angular form was clothed in the simple undress uniform of a general of artillery which was without insignia, beyond braided shoulder straps, to distinguish him from a staff officer. "Physically, King Albert looks hardened, but lines of care show in his otherwise youthful face. In manner he is discreetly shy, and he apologized for his English, which, however, was very fluent. The light from a smoky oil lamp barely penetrated the recesses of the great beamed hall, from the walls of which empty picture frames stared down. "When the king saw the eyes of the correspondent fixed on these blank spaces where a few months ago invulnerable Flemish canvases hung, he smiled and said he no longer expected the Germans to be even in a position to take the frames. "PRAISES HIS SOLDIERS. "Modestly he praised the courage of his soldiers, speaking of them with great kindness—as though he were talking about his own children. "I believe," he said, "my army is courageous. My people, however, are too democratic for the same discipline that prevails in the conscript European armies. You will see something of the bravery of my people when tomorrow you shall have a chance to witness the peasants working in their fields under shell fire, concerned only for the losses of their homes, the destruction of which causes them great grief. "When Edgar Senger, Belgian attaché to the American commission for the relief of Belgium, entered and presented King Albert with a report from the commission, showing that enough food was in sight to feed his people until February 12, the king turned quickly to the correspondent, saying: "Will you be kind enough to convey to the American people my deep gratitude?" "King Albert also was anxious to have the American people know, as he put it, the facts of the story of how his troops, demoralized and disorganized by their disheartening retreat almost across the entire limits of their own country, turned at bay along the Yser and held back the Germans there at frightful costs in killed and wounded to their army and of the almost incalculable loss suffered."

ATTEMPT MADE TO END LIFE OF MINISTER

Missionary Does Some Shooting Right on Streets of Toronto. TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Rev. J. McPherson Scott, pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church, corner Simcoe and Broadview Avenues, was shot at and wounded last night while walking from his home to attend the weekly prayer meeting at his church. His assailant, Harry Asher, of Montreal, a Roumanian missionary to the Jews, surrendered himself to the police, and is now under arrest on a charge of attempted murder. "Asher fired six shots at Rev. Mr. Scott, two entered his body. One entered the hip, but was extracted last night by Dr. Charles R. Sneath. At a late hour Rev. Mr. Scott was reported to be resting easily, and his recovery is expected. He will be removed to a hospital to-day, where the doctor will attempt to locate the second bullet by means of the X-ray. "The heavy overcoat he was wearing and his spectacle case are responsible for the saving of Rev. Mr. Scott's life. He was carrying his spectacle case in his vest pocket directly over his heart. One of the bullets struck the case, shattering it and the glasses, and was found lying in the bottom of his vest pocket. One of the bullets passed through the left sleeve of the coat, another went through the left pocket, and the sixth apparently missed him entirely. "The shooting occurred on Broadview Ave, near the corner of Withrow Avenue. Rev. Mr. Scott was walking south towards his church when he met Asher. Without a second's warning Asher raised his revolver and fired. This shot was the one which struck the spectacle case. So close was the muzzle of the revolver to Rev. Mr. Scott that his coat was singed by the fire of the powder. The minister turned and ran, followed by Asher, who kept firing at him. Two young men, Charles David, 44 Sparkill Avenue and Leonard Taylor, 74 Bellwood Avenue, who were walking down Broadview Avenue heard the shots and ran in the direction from which the sounds came. When they reached the scene Asher was gaining on Rev. Mr. Scott. The preacher called to the boys to stop Asher. They attempted to do so, but Asher evaded them by running out into the road. He fired two more shots and Rev. Mr. Scott was seen to fall. "GAVE HIMSELF UP. "Asher, by that time, having emptied his revolver, handed it to the young men, and said, 'The game is off now. Scott has wronged me, and now I am satisfied to go to jail that I have shot him. Take me to a police station.' (Continued on Page Two)

Advertisement for Victor Records, featuring a dog and a gramophone. Text includes: 'Master's work when Victor-Vic Records', '\$20', 'Victor Records \$33.50', 'Musical Encyclopedia', 'Victor Records Ltd.', 'Street, Montreal', 'Made in Canada', 'Hosiery', 'NEW YORK'.

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Music and Drama

For years that exquisite light opera The Chocolate Soldier, has been before the public, but it still continues, as of old, to interest, amuse and entertain. It is some time since the story originated in the mind of George Bernard Shaw, to be the basis of an operetta by Oscar Strauss. Day by day, the romance enveloping the rumination of Lieutenant Bumerle is cast abroad, but like wine, it seems the older the better. Certainly, time has not palled on the production as a producer.

HOLIDAY ATTRACTION

Splendid Pictures at the Grand Opera House Will be Shown. The "Chocolate Soldier" the brilliant and tuneful comic opera held the boards last night at the Grand Opera House. It is one of the most attractive offerings of that class, and the company was a good one.

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KING ALBERT

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Wishing One and All a Merry Christmas AND A Happy New Year

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Social and Personal

The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Phone 276. Mr. C. R. Morrow will visit friends in Toronto. Mr. R. Spraklin will journey to Owen Sound for Christmas. Mr. F. J. Bennion is in Toronto on business to-day.

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CHRISTMAS, 1914

Modern times do not record a more saddened Christmas with regard to the universe generally than that of the current year.

The message of the heralding angels, "On earth peace; good-will toward men," falls upon a general European war, in which the overseas dominions of Great Britain are also joined.

There will be thousands of empty chairs in a myriad homes caused by those who are fighting at the front, by those who are preparing, and by those others who have fallen on the field of battle.

It is a sorrowing thought, and yet withal there is the chastening fact that under Providence the outcome will redound to the progress of true civilization and the firm and general establishment of the God-given rights, not only of the nation, but of the individual. It is a stricken world, but there will assuredly come a rehabilitation upon a broad basis. The Prussian menace of domination—a menace which has largely led to a mad and constantly-increasing race for naval and military supremacy—has for years proved an absolute and a demoralizing blight. The mask has at last been torn off. The intent, under pacific guise, was long apparent to such men as the late Lord Roberts and others, but their warnings fell upon deaf ears. John Bull, thank God! did steadfastly maintain his naval supremacy, and the French and Russian land forces were in the best shape in their career. Even so, outside of the British war fleet, the preparedness fell far short of the absolute and the devilish completeness of the plans of the Kaiser and his war lords. The covering dropped when the time seemed ripe, and the German war machine was revealed in all its hideousness. The solemn covenant with reference to Belgium was torn up as "a scrap of paper," and that stricken and bleeding country, innocent of anything save self-defence, constitutes a sickening illustration of what the word "kultur" actually involves.

It must of necessity be a greatly saddened festive season, and yet there still remains the Christian heaven of the loving thought and the kindly deed—a heaven which will spread all the more rapidly and will be the much more enduring when the present nightmare shall have passed.

THE SITUATION.

News to-day of the result of the fighting between the Russians and the Germans is distinctly more reassuring from the standpoint of the Allies. Grand Duke Nicholas is most decidedly confirming all the aspirations formed of him as a strategist, and the fact is daily becoming more apparent that when hostilities are over, even as now, he will rank as one of the outstanding figures. With regard to the other portion of the fighting, Kitchener, Joffre and French are a remarkable trio and in close touch with each other. In contrast with this, the Grand Duke is largely playing a lone hand, and the latest advices would certainly seem to indicate that he is once more out-manoeuvring Von Hindenburg. Details of the alleged recent brilliant victory of the Kaiser over his forces are still lacking, and evidently will be, and the Berlin war office is now contenting itself with the official declaration that in this portion of the war the situation is "unchanged." This in itself is an admission that the Russians are successfully holding the road to Warsaw, and other despatches demonstrate that they are doing still more than this. In fact, Hindenburg is manifestly badly threatened.

In Belgium and Northern France the Allies have driven back the foe for a considerable distance, and especially so in Alsace, while the narrow remaining strip of Belgian coast territory is still held intact. King Albert is there, directing operations

under German shell fire from an old town hall in West Flanders. During the course of a recent interview he was as modest as usual, and simply remarked, "I believe I am not claiming too much to say that our army saved Dunkirk and Calais at the battle of the Yser."

Yes, and much, very much more than that. It was he and his loyal subjects who by their plucky resistance at the outset gave to the Allies many precious days. It was they who thus largely checked the German advance to Paris, and it is they whose courage and unhesitating self-sacrifice have proved an inspiration to all the rest. Hats off to them!

There have been rumors to a greater or less extent of some new explosive which was destined to achieve wonders as war destruction goes. Stories in this regard have never come to anything definite, but it is now announced on apparently good authority that a British chemist has placed at the disposal of the British and French Governments a poisonous shell, which he desires only to be used in the event of Germany continuing war in defiance of all humane principles, such as those in the hitherto recognized code between belligerent nations. He calls it "annihilate," and most appropriately so, for the reason that upon bursting over trenches it would disperse fumes sufficient to kill all the therein.

Karl Von Wiegand is the war correspondent who secured the celebrated interview with the German Crown Prince, which was admittedly authentic and authorized in every detail. Recently he was accorded in like manner an interview with Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz, German Minister of Marine, and one of the closest men to the Kaiser. He has hitherto refused to talk to newspaper men, but in this instance spoke freely. After saying that Great Britain had been responsible for the war, and that she had secretly incited it because of her jealousy of the growing commercial and military power of the Fatherland, he further asserted that Germany never wanted anything except to be left alone. In all these things, of course, he lied, but very suavely. When asked how long he thought the war would last, he replied that it would depend upon England. If the latter wanted war to the hilt, they would accommodate her, but then, he added, there are some who still hope that England will be sensible and listen to reason. (Pretty big come-down, that, in view of the Kaiser's first reference to Great Britain's "contemptible little army.") Asked if he thought England would be sensible, he sidestepped, but finally said that it was not the desire of the Fatherland to have things go to the hilt, but they would meet that situation if necessary. Like the Crown Prince interview, this talk was evidently inspired, and both tend to the idea that the German war-lust lords are commencing to realize that they bit off more than they can assimilate.

BRITAIN AND EGYPT.

The New York World, during the course of an article on the subject, rightly points out that the British protectorate over Egypt is the retort to Turkey's entrance into the war. Turkish suzerainty was already as vague as the fiction of international control in Egypt, and both have vanished in battle-smoke.

Along the Nile, control of an "inferior" race is at its best. When Arabi Pasha, a patriot born too early, rebelled against the Khedive, England, in the bond-holders' interest, invited France and Italy to help subdue him. Both declined. England did the job alone and took in hand an Egypt bankrupt, its people enslaved, its taxes collected by the rawhide whip, its land largely the property of the Khedive, its ambitious public works in confusion.

In one generation better irrigation has increased the cultivated land 60 per cent. Upon the area of Maryland, a mere green ribbon drawn across yellow desert, more than 11,000,000 people live by farming and export produce. Wheat, 30 bushels to the acre, a heavier cotton yield per acre than in our South, two or three crops a year, speak of the richness of the soil. Taxes have been lowered by wise finance and a wider basis. The problem of rural credit, hardly yet attacked in the United States, has been largely solved, and more than 1,000,000 farmers are sheltered by the law that protects a five-acre homestead against seizure for debt.

Nationalist sentiment was greatly strengthened by the revolt of the Young Turks in Constantinople in 1908. But the British have been doing much to fit the Egyptians for self-government by incorporating provincial councils, by intrusting to them the care of education and by governing the country through native officials. By no means all Egyptians are in haste to achieve independence of a rule so wise and efficient.

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Amid it all, don't forget to toast the boys at the front.

In days of old the warrior relied upon his trusty truncheon and now upon his intricate trenching.

A happy lot of kiddies in Brantford these days, and a happy lot of people who helped make them so.

This is the 142nd day of the war, and the Germans are not yet dating any letters either from Paris or Calais—not by a corking majority.

Brantford merchants generally report a good holiday trade, all circumstances considered. Keep up the good work. Patronize local stores and purchase "Made in Canada" goods.

Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz of Germany is making the wine that Great Britain started it. This is often the wine of the big bully who finds himself getting the worst of it.

It won't be a case of "peace on earth" for a lot of fond parents early in the morning when the toy trumpets get tooting and the drums a drubbing.

It is now stated on behalf of Austria that she tried to keep Germany out of this embroglio, and wanted to settle with Serbia on her own terms. The Kaiser wouldn't, and now without any doubt he most sincerely wishes that he had.

Mr. William Milmine, who has made a most capable Warden of Brant County, is to be heartily congratulated upon the fact that he has given his emoluments of office to deserving purposes—\$50 to the Red Cross work, \$50 to the Children's Aid Association, and \$50 to the Salvation Army. This he has done in lieu of the usual banquet, and the act does credit alike to his heart and his judgment.

Under the title "The Bravest Battle That Ever Was Fought," the following lines by Joaquin Miller are well worthy of reputation at this time:

The bravest battle that ever was fought, Shall I tell you where and when? On the maps of the world you will find it not.

'Twas fought by the mothers of men, Nay, not with cannon or battle shot, With a sword or nobler pen; Nay, not with eloquent word or thought

From mouths of wonderful men. But deep in a welled-up woman's heart,

A woman that would not yield, But bravely, silently bore her part— Lo, there is that battle field.

No marshalling troop, no bivouac song, No banner to gleam and wave; But oft these battles they last so long, Then silent, unseen, goes down.

O ye with banners and battle shot, She fights in her walled-up town; Fights on and on in the endless wars, Till silent, unseen, goes down.

O ye with banners and battle shot, And soldiers to shout and praise, I tell you the kingliest victories fought

Are fought in those silent ways. Oh, spotless woman in a world of shame!

With splendid and silent scorn, Go back to God as white as you came.

The kingliest warrior born.

ATTEMPT MADE

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liceman." The man and Asher walked down Broadview Avenue until they met P. C. Hough (543), who had heard the shots and was attempting to locate the source. Hough took Asher to the Pape Avenue station, where he was placed in a cell. On reaching the station, Asher broke down and cried, and told Sergt. Martin that he was sorry for what he had done.

Asher stated that the reason he had shot Rev. Mr. Scott was because he had ruined his missionary work in Montreal. Three years ago, he stated he came to Toronto, and for some months worked as a missionary under the direction of the Jewish mission, of which Rev. Mr. Scott is a director. He said that he had had an argument with a Methodist minister here regarding a chapter of Isaiah, and the result of the controversy was that he was asked by the presbytery for his resignation.

On leaving Toronto he said he went to Montreal, where he organized a mission known as the House of the Covenant Mission, at 196 Demontigny St. east. He said he had secured a large number of converts and was having great success until he had been there about a year, when the Jewish Mission of Toronto opened a branch mission in Montreal. From that time, he states, his congregation diminished one by one, each member refusing to give any answer for his withdrawal. Finally, several weeks ago he was left without a single member and no

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financial support. He attributes his failure to letters written, he says, by Rev. Mr. Scott to his financial supporters in Montreal telling them that he did not have the endorsement of the presbytery. He adds that he has over 100 of these letters in his possession, but up to the present the police have been unable to find them. He concluded his statement by saying that last week when he found that he could not secure further support in Montreal, he came to Toronto to "find" Rev. Mr. Scott.

HAD PERMIT TO CARRY GUN The revolver with which the shooting was done was purchased in Montreal. Asher had a permit to carry the revolver. It was signed by O. Campeau, superintendent of police for Montreal.

Asher was quite rational when examined by Acting Detective Nurey. He said he came to Toronto from Montreal a week ago, and was rooming here at 47 Robert St. He gave his age as 36 years. He is a good-looking man, about 5 feet 9 inches tall, and was neatly dressed in a suit of ministerial drab. He can speak English fluently.

He says he left Roumania when he was 5 years of age. At the age of 17 he went to Paris, France, where he was engaged in missionary work for seven years. He left Paris for New York, where for six years he studied to perfect himself in mission work. He worked in various cities in the United States until about three years ago, when he came to Toronto and joined the staff of the Jewish Mission.

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of destruction has made great flights from the flint war club to the machine gun, from the tube of Greek fire to the submarine torpedo; but not yet has it distanced his courage and produced perils that his spiritual convictions will not lead him to brave for the truth as he sees it.

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Their courage proves again that the human spirit still rises superior to any test that fate can devise. Man's gen-

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### LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

#### COLONEL IS WELL.

Mrs. F. A. Howard to-day received a cablegram from her husband, Col. Howard, which conveyed Christmas greetings, and mentioned the fact that he was well.

#### CHRISTMAS LEAVE.

Many of the Brantford soldiers now on active service at Toronto, will obtain leave of absence to-day at 4 p.m. until Sunday, 3rd, at midnight, and will doubtless take advantage of this period to return for a brief visit to the city and friends.

#### IN YORKSHIRE.

The Courier has received from Mr. Lawrence Bland, two photographs of a street in Hingworth, Yorkshire, which has been named Brant Avenue. The scenes are very pretty and the houses newly built by Mr. Bland, who was formerly a successful Brantford contractor. He remembers his former city in a pleasant way.

#### GREATEST IN YEARS.

The men who are employed at present by the city on sewers and park drive construction, outnumbered by far any previously employed during the winter. The relief afforded by employment by the timely action of the council in pushing these works, has done much to tide citizens over the Christmas time.

#### CHRISTMAS CHEER.

The Brant Chapter, I. O. D. E. are arranging to provide Christmas dinners for those patients who are confined to the Brantford Sanitarium. The ladies are working hard along the lines prescribed for such a feast and it is hoped that Christmas cheer will brighten up the sick ward to a great extent.

#### AMPLY REPAID.

Miss Bell's class of Alexandra Church is one of the many humble contributors, whose self-denial and assistance went to ensuring the Christmas Tree being a well filled one, and a toy being provided for each little child. For months back they have conscientiously saved and deposited their coppers and were amply repaid in the happy event of last night.

#### INQUEST HELD.

A Hamilton despatch says: Did Mrs. Ellen Bamberger, formerly Mrs. Roach, widow of the late hotel proprietor, die a natural death in the still hours of the morning, in her room at 610 North James street, yesterday? Coroner Dr. Hopkins has ordered an inquest. An inquest was held at Hamilton last evening, and the jury decided that death was due to natural causes. Mrs. Bamberger was a former Brantford woman.

#### A PRESENTATION.

Last evening the choir of Wellington Street Church met for rehearsal at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Ham, 81 Nelson street. Special Christmas music was thoroughly practised. During the evening, Miss Maude Limburg, who is about to leave for Buffalo, N.Y., was the recipient of a beautiful writing portfolio as a slight token of appreciation of her services as soloist and choirster. Miss Lottie Ham and Mr. Thomas Darwen played a fine piano duet and Mr. Darwen also added a piano solo. Delightful refreshments were served and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

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## A Merry, Merry Christmas to You

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#### EVERYTHING CLEANED UP.

The Township Council has now entirely cleaned up their slate for the year. The clerk awaits the arrival of the New Year and the new council with equanimity.

#### CURLING.

The Curling season will be opened at the rink to-morrow afternoon when a game will be played between rinks of the President and Vice-President, will clash.

#### REVISION COURT HELD.

The Court of Revision held at the City Hall yesterday dealt with a few minor cases of appeals against measurements of local improvements. All were quickly and easily dealt with.

#### RECEIVED CHEQUES.

Many of the soldiers dependents received a very welcome letter this morning in the form of a cheque from the Brant Patriotic and War Relief Association. Hundreds of such letters have been posted.

#### TURKEYS SCARCE.

Turkeys were scarce this morning in the business section of the city, and the price jumped to 22c. per lb. There was a few on the market early that went like hot cakes. Later on a farmer drove on the square with a goodly number and they were disposed of in short order.

#### ON THE JUMP.

The employees at the old post office are certainly on the jump to-day as there are bags and bags of mail to be sorted and delivered. The letter carriers all have assistants and it per chance you don't receive a Christmas present, remember patience is a virtue and all things come to those who wait.

#### CALLED TO BRANTFORD.

The Rev. W. E. Baker of Westmount, Montreal, has accepted a call to Colborne Street Methodist church, Pastor Holling will change over and will occupy the pulpit vacated by the Rev. Baker in Montreal. Should this prove acceptable to the Methodist conferences concerned, the change will take effect in June, when Mr. Baker will take up his duties here.

#### ARBITRATION ENDS.

The Lake Erie and Northern and Nightingale arbitration came to an end last night, when both sides of the case were heard and the arguments completed. It took up until 10.30, however, and then the board of arbitrators rose to meet to give their award on the 22nd of January. The arbitration has proved to be one of the longest concerned with the Lake Erie and Northern Railway.

#### WAS PRESENTED.

Clerk Nelson Jex of Canton, Brantford, I. O. O. F., was made the recipient of a gathering of his "brothers" in his home, of a handsome cut glass berry bowl, as a mark of their appreciation of his work in the Canton, Commandant D. A. Noble and Chevalier MacDonald, both assisted in the presentation, to which Clerk Jex responded in a feeling way to their sentiments and kindly thought.

#### LEPER MISSION.

There was a good attendance on Tuesday, Dec. 22nd, at 3 p.m., at the regular monthly meeting of the leper mission in the Y. W. C. A. Trust Club room. The program consisted of readings by Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Sovereign and Mrs. F. Johnson, a duet by the Misses Edna G. Barker and Anna Boyle, and an instrumental duet by the Misses Lake and Thomas. The treasurer reported \$21 received recently from the number of Surprised soap wrappers sent out, and showed how this year had been the best in this department.

#### A PRESENTATION.

A pleasing event took place in the parlors of Wesley Methodist church on Tuesday evening after the cantata when about fifty members of the choir gathered to present their leader, Mr. Porter with a house coat and his wife with a cardigan jacket. Mr. A. E. Martin on behalf of the choir read a flattering address and Mrs. W. J. Probert made the presentation. Short addresses were made by Messrs. E. C. Passmore, George Wedlake and C. D. E. Martin. The committee, Miss Mae Wood and Mrs. Probert served cocoa and cake very acceptably.

## FLOWING BEARD FAILED TO

-A FEAST FOR KIDS-

## FALL OFF OLD SANTA CLAUS

Tremendous Excitement at the Armories Last Night When 1,200 Kids Were Bombarded With Good Things-It Was Worth While

The supreme joy of giving, and the exquisite joy of watching the pleased faces of children and of noting the pride and satisfaction which parentally beamed all over, made Brantford's Christmas tree for the kiddies a memorable one at the Armories last night. Over 1200 little tots, deserving and in most cases in need, cheered old Santa Claus to the echo and made life worth living for all who had worked, for all who had given, and for all who were there. If the kiddies enjoyed the night, which they did to the limit, the grown-ups who crowded the galleries had a great time of it as well. In fact, the occasion was one of the most enjoyable which could be imagined. Any time you please 1,200 kids, and make father and mother happy as well, you are doing a good deed. It is unnecessary to go into any descriptive details as to what the tree looked like, but it is quite necessary to pay a tribute to the whistler of Mr. Lloyd Harris, who acted in the role of old Santa. Mr. Harris made a tall Santa Claus, and he made a tall speech. Even the whisks did not hide the angular form of Mr. Harris, although they made a bold effort. For an esteemed personage centuries old, Mr. Harris was lively as well. He took a hop, step and jump to the platform, and after the kiddies stopped cheering ceremonies were opened. When Mr. Harris commenced speaking a hush fell over the entire throng. A tremor seized the audience. Everybody was nervous. You never saw such halting, hesitating preparation in your life. It was not in the nature of a panic, but rather the fear of a panic which seemed to pervade throughout the hall. Through everybody's mind shot the question, simultaneously and instantaneously, "Will those whisks fall off?" Once the speech was over the situation was saved. Everybody was relieved. But it was a long way to Tipperary, just the same. Old Santa had his little joke to play. He could hardly appear without it. In truth, he carried it right in his bag. Summoning the Mayor was the psychological moment to spring it. Worship was thereupon presented with a new City Hall, which the Mayor accepted with great eclat. The City Hall in question was, it is true, in the shape of a Noah's Ark, and no doubt its architectural qualities were supposed to represent the historic old pile which it was to replace. The Mayor made a happy little speech to the kiddies, but, unlike Mr. Harris, he had no trouble with any whisks. 'Twas well. To cram all that excitement in one night's performance would have been "turrible" on the audience.

The fireworks, or rather the preliminaries, were brief, and then the work began. A hustling committee, divided up in sections, commenced distribution from boxes, piled sky high with kids' delight. His "Here I am," yelled the youthful. "Just as if it were his turn for ice cream at a picnic. And so it went on, until by 9 o'clock every shrieking, peccant and irrepressible kid in the

entire congregation got his. First of all, a box of candy, an orange and then a candy cane were handed around and even the absent ones at home were remembered if proper cards were presented for them. Who ever worked out the system under which the distribution was made would make a great machine boss any old election day. Every kid was registered, and the reader may believe it or not, they all had their credentials. As a tribute to this man's efficiency it might be repeated that the little tots were all able to get out and get home by 9 o'clock. It is no problem at all to conjure up the dreams that those youngsters had last night.

In reporting the introductory portions of the feast, it was not mentioned that Mr. Harris called upon Mr. W. F. Cocksbutt, M.P. and Mr. Joseph Ham, M.P.P. There was a suspicion that Mr. Harris had a joke in his bag for each of these gentlemen but neither responded. Mr. Cocksbutt turned up a few minutes later, but surely Mr. Harris did not intend to present him with a new post office. It must have been something else.

To analyze the success of the children's blow-out, credit must be given to the committee. There was in the organization a dynamic force, in this case minus whisks. It was Mr. W. B. Preston, the secretary. Mr. Preston must have read considerably from the book of human nature, especially that chapter relating to the sprouting period, to have produced such a multitude of smiles, as warmed the armories last night. Just to say that Billy is popular with the kids today is not "kidding" him at all. He deserves some kudos, as do other members of the Cheer Up League.

The general secretary to-day suspected that there will be a deficit and here's a chance for some original joker in moving a vote of thanks to him to have the said vote accompanied by the deficit. That would be unkind. However, to explain the deficit, it is necessary to refer to some well-intentioned cog of the machine who slipped. He held back 150 kids' names until the last minute, and that staggered the proceeds look like 13 cents. Now the chance is presented for old Santa Claus, he with the flowing dust collectors to come across and wipe out the deficit. The stick must not be twisted. The funds, of course, which made the kids happy were secured by an appeal through the columns of both local papers. Far be it from such, the papers didn't produce the collateral, but the public. The papers pulled it out some way and it was surprising the fifty cent pieces which came in from other kids who knew what a real Christmas was and who wanted to square accounts. This part of the campaign for the dissemination of joy was one of the most pleasing features.

Previously acknowledged ..... \$59.88  
Dean Brady ..... 2.00  
Margaret Czech ..... 5.00  
A. E. Watts ..... 1.00  
Mrs. James Moore ..... 1.00

### HAPPY CONCERT

Congregational Young Folks Held a Pleasing Event.

There was a highly successful concert given last night in the Congregational church by the young people. The opening number was an address by Master F. Alway, who did splendidly, and who surpassed even his own anticipations of success as chairman. He's a growing youth, but he'll rise to even greater heights, because he is a member of the Courier staff. "Come Holidays All" was a choral effort, which eminently suited the boys and girls-holidays are a theme on which youth was ever wont to compose melodies and dispense to. Three pretty little maidens assisted, and would have been perhaps less embarrassed had the wielder of the mallet eyed them with a gentler eye. Miss Stella Simpson and Minnie Barrows deserve congratulation, and must just forget to feel embarrassed when Chairman Alway looks over their shoulders. They were assisted by Evelyn Beney.

Many other juvenile artists lent their assistance and some did something between these two which was equally amusing. Indeed, to discriminate might be unfair, and they are all deserving of mention for coöperation of effort while mayhap never crowned with success, still deserves that even critics look on with kindly eye. Grace Adams, Connie Headle, Lilly Kelly, Mary Kelly, Myra Elton, Nellie Haines, Pinky Beney, Marjorie Crumback, Helen Burrows, Phyllis Hills, Katie Taylor, Evelyn and Godfrey Hill, Mabel Taylor, and Edgar Kelly.

This half finished and another half commenced, upon which sufficient praise could not be bestowed, where young folks show such earnestness of purpose and polish of training.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

the congratulations of teacher and parent alike are deserving. Harry Walker recited, the infant class sang, Ida Ridley gave a solo and Dolly Kerr had a well prepared reading.

Santa Claus was a popular old, fell low with a young heart and mind, he was "such an old dear," the little girls quite forgot the chairman, to lend him their admiration. The happiest night of many with the Congregational young folks closed in a whole-hearted rendition of the grand finale, and the Christmas concert was over for another year. The quality of the concert's productions were due in part to a degree to the Girls' Club, and Mr. and Miss Ethel Dixon, both of whom throughout the year have been most painstaking in their efforts to train the classes.

### With the City Police

"Brantford the Good" might be appropriately applied to the city during the last few days, for no crimes of any serious nature have been of late perpetrated. During the last few days the only cases Magistrate Livingston has had to deal with were those of drunks, and there have been very few of them, considering the festive occasion. Albert Smith was this morning allowed to go when he was brought up to answer charges of vagrancy and conversion. He hails from Stratford and will return thence. Sarah Fute and Jane Laud came to a settlement of a little matter of board between them, in which Mrs. Fute was the complainant. \$10 settled the matter, as far as the court was concerned.

TORPEDOES BUSY LONDON, Dec. 24.-An official statement given out in Paris to-day says that an Austrian submarine torpedoed a French battleship in the Gulf of Otranto. The battleship was damaged only slightly. No one was injured.

Two officers of a Manchester regiment have received the Victoria Cross.

### CROMPTON'S CROMPTON'S CROMPTON'S



WE take this opportunity of extending to the thousands of friends of this store, both in Brantford and the Surrounding district, sincere wishes for A Very Happy Christmas To our staff our thanks and appreciation for their work, well and faithfully done and our sincere wish that the great day will bring them joy and happiness.

-The Store With a Definite Aim-

That the aim of this store to excel both in its service and appointments is appreciated, is more than attested to by the great volume of business-nearly, if not quite as good as a year ago-that we have been favored with.

That this store has been a source of help to many during this year of stress and trouble, is a matter of gratification to us that cannot be measured by dollars and cents.

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### FRENCH OFFICIAL

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ina of a piece of ground in the forest La Gurie, and in the vicinity of Bagatelle we repulsed a German attack.

"In the region of Verdun, the prevalence of fog made impossible the conduct of any operations of importance. The enemy delivered a counter attack, but without success in the forest of Consenvoye.

"In the forest of Apremont, our artillery demolished and caused the enemy to evacuate several trenches.

"In the Woerze district, the French artillery reduced certain German batteries to silence.

"In the region of Ban de Sapt, to the northeast of St. Die, our infantry advanced with a rush and established itself on the territory thus gained.

"There is nothing to report from Upper Alsace.

"On the Baura River, the Germans have maintained themselves in two positions. On the contrary, at a point north of Sochaczew, they were driven back to the river which flows to the southwest of this town. Their efforts to debouch from Bolimow resulted in failure. At the present time the Germans are essaying to cross the River Rawa to the south-east of Sjerniewice.

"To the south of Rawa, the Germans are resisting stubbornly a pronounced Russian offensive movement being delivered along the northern bank of the River Pilica."

"At the armies are planning to spend Christmas as best they may. Boxes and greetings from home have been or are being distributed in the trenches. At the hospitals and in the camps, hundreds of thousands of postcards to the soldiers and sailors from King George and Queen Mary being one feature of the British gift.

A semi-official statement from Petrograd says that Russian successes in Galicia continue and that in the Carpathians the Austrians have been thrown back. Another sortie by the garrison at Przemysl, which has long been under attack by the Russians, is said to have resulted disastrously for the Austrians.

Municipal nominations were held in Hamilton, London and Berlin.

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DO YOU NEED WORKING CAPITAL to commence or enlarge your business? If so, we will organize a Limited Company and assist in procuring the capital required.

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Wanted several cashiers for next week, principally those having had experience. Apply to E. B. Crompton & Co.

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WANTED—500 PAIR OF SKATES to sharpen by our new method. Doeringer Electric & Repair Co., 120 Dalhousie St.

WANTED—ONE SECOND-HAND CUTTER

WANTED—FRESH MILCH cow, Durham grade. Apply John Milton, Bodega Tavern.

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WANTED—ENGAGEMENTS, Smith and Bagliemant; now open to entertain for dancing and card parties.

WANTED—ONE THOUSAND BOYS AND GIRLS

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WANTED—ALL KINDS SECOND-HAND FURNITURE bought and sold; highest cash price. Woods' Furniture Store, 49 George St. Both phones: Bell 1093, Auto. 740. c

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DON'T MARRY A GERMAN, but don't let the Germans stop you getting married. It is an unquestionable fact that many happy marriages have been brought about through "The Matrimonial Circle," containing hundreds of genuine advertisements.

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MAIN LINE LIVERY, 42 Dalhousie St., 3 doors west of Fire Hall, opposite Bell Telephone. Auto for hire at shortest notice, also all kinds of hacks, coppers and rigs of any description; safe drivers, safe horses. Both phones 305. Open day and night.

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—BLACK FOX TAIL OFF of muff, on Tuesday. Reward at 233 Sheridan St. 151

LOST—A HENRY BROKER

LOST—A REGIMENTAL CUFF link on Saturday. Kindly leave at Courier office. 143

FOUND—THE BEST STOCK OF

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TO LET

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TO RENT—CHEAP FOR WINTER

TO RENT—COTTAGE ON ERIE Ave., also barn separate. 77 Port. 135

TO LET—96 WELLINGTON

TO LET—103 HOUSE, WAREHOUSE, barn and sheds. Carson, 331 Colborne. 150f

TO LET—RED BRICK COTTAGE

ARTICLES FOR SALE
FOR SALE—Cutter, \$8.00. Box 28, Courier. a47

FOR SALE—Cheap, a steel range

FOR SALE—GOOD YORKSHIRE Canaries. Apply 29 Murray St. a51

FOR SALE—TWO EIGHT-GAL

FOR SALE—BRINDLE BULL pups. Apply R. Gowman, 144 Sydenham St. a27

FOR SALE—AN UP-TO-DATE

FOR SALE—COLUMBIA GRAMophone, recorder, 70 records, \$50, nearly new; two colts. Box 12, Scotland. a39

FOR SALE—THE BEST LINE OF

FOR SALE—ONE SET HEAVY Manitoba bob sleighs; one set heavy Ontario bob sleighs; one two seated cutter. Apply Montgomery Mineral Water Co. a33

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MONUMENTS

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DENTAL

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DIED

HENDERSON—In Onondaga Township, on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, 1914, Alice Henderson, aged 83 years. The funeral will take place from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Alfred Burrill, River Road, on Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, to Salt Springs burying ground. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

COMING EVENTS

NEW CENTRAL RINK, open Christmas Day, to the public. Dufferin Rifles Band. Admission 15c. Ice good.

SUNDAY NIGHT, 8.30, Brant Theatre

LASTS TO OCT. 1—A CHRISTMAS PRESENT—Daily joy and help. Membership in the Y.M.C.A. Phone 431 for reduced rates to Oct. 1, 1915. Put a ticket in his stocking Christmas eve.

Local News

THE PROBS

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—A shallow depression covers Michigan, attended by light snowfalls over the great lakes, while the severe cold wave in the west continues with temperatures ranging from 28 to 38 degrees below zero.

FORECASTS

Light or moderate snow falls today. Friday—Fair and very cold.

THE POSTAL RUSH

ACKNOWLEDGED
The Brant Sanitarium board acknowledges the following contributions: Brantford and Paris Football League 75; Doric Lodge \$10; Reba Lodge \$10; Brant Lodge 10; George H. Muirhead \$10. Total \$115.00.

PAID TO DAY

TO CORRECTLY ADDRESS
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THE CHRISTMAS TREE

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COLD FOR SANTA

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M. H. Robertson, druggist reports that the demand for the QUICK action of simple buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in A-1-ler-ka. This simple remedy drains the old food matter from the bowels.

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THIS WILL BE APPRECIATED
The following menu is being provided for the Christmas or Sunday dinner at the Brant Sanitarium, through Brant Chapter I. O. O. E. and the following members: Oysters, Mrs. Geo. Watt; turkey, Mrs. Geo. G. Scott; sweet potatoes and peas, Mrs. Harry Cockshutt; celery, Mr. J. E. Waterous; cranberries, Mrs. George Smith; mince pies, Mrs. Gordon Duncan; plum pudding, Mrs. Alfred Wilkes; ice cream Mrs. N. D. Neill; home made bread, Mrs. Bruce Gordon; nuts and raisins, Mrs. A. E. Watts and Mrs. Mahony; oranges, Miss VanNorman; white grapes, Mrs. Ashton; candies, Mrs. C. J. Mitchell; box of crackers, Mrs. Jos. Stratford; magazines from Miss Christie; and many other delicious members of Brant Chapter; also being delivered at the "San" to-day, for the good cheer of the patients and staff.

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THE GROOM'S DOOM
A Rip-Snorting Comedy.
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The printed histories of the life of Rog Bresnahan, recently appointed manager of the Cubs, read like obituary notices, and perhaps it is just the same to be made manager of the Cubs.

But they are chiefly wrong. Roger was a pitcher when he broke into the National League in 1895. Earl Wagner found him in a peculiar way. Rog had a world of speed and about as much control of speed as Heinie Zimmerman has of his temper.

He was pitching a game over in northern Ohio. He hit first batter, and time was called while the batter was taken to the hospital. He hit the second batter, and, while the

doctor was trying to bring him to Rog, broke the short ribs of the third. Then knocked out the fourth.

Then a constable ran out and arrested Rog on charges of assault with intent to kill, with mayhem, assault with a deadly weapon and several other charges. Wagner heard of it and hired Rog, but had to send him back to the minor to tame down, as he almost wrecked the Washington grand stand with wild pitches in his first game.

IS ALDERSON TO LEAVE COMMAND OF CANADIANS?

MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—The Montreal Star's special correspondent at Salisbury Plains cabled yesterday as follows:

A definite rumor is current that General Alderson is leaving the command of the Canadian division, and that General Sir Archibald Hunter is to succeed him. The cause is said to be difficulties with Major-General Sam Hughes.

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ANOTHER SPORTSMAN IS TURNED DOWN.

English papers report another ignominious finish of a "sporting appeal to the law courts. In the King's Bench Mr Justice Scrutton gave judgment with costs against a golfer named Lens, who sued the Devonshire club at Eastbourne because the committee scratched him out of a competition because he had not completed his round by the date specified. In giving judgment, the court also refused to grant a stay of execution against Lens for the costs, declaring that it was not for the purpose of the court to encourage further litigation in such matters.

"GUNBOAT" TAMES MONTANA CYCLONE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—"Gunboat" Smith sure is a "rough guy." Referee Dan Tone had to stop the fight between Smith and Tom McCarty, heralded as a new Montana cyclone after it had gone a little way into the 4th round, at the Empire A. C. last night. It seems the Gunboat was bombing McCarty with broadsides and hitting him far too often and too hard.

It is not possible to give the exact number of knockdowns scored by Mr. Smith, but they were plenty, and finally he almost refused to hit the Westerner any more. At that, it must be said for McCarty he is a glutton for punishment and was staggering towards Gunboat asking to be knocked down again when the end came.

GETTING BUSY

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Dan Flynn of Boston and Battling Levinsky have been matched to go ten rounds at the Broadway Sporting Club Christmas afternoon.

WINNIPEG'S RECORD AGAINST ENGLAND.

Winnipeg against All-England in rowing is not so presumptuous as the first blush might suggest. After All-England was beaten in the Grand Challenge Cup at Henley Regatta last summer the Winnipeg crew still survived longer and went farther in the competition than any English crew. Of course the eight to row on Saturday is not a representative Winnipeg Rowing Club crew, and could not be without Capt. Con Riley, to mention no other names. Con will be over there, though, if given time. He is now taking an artillery course at the Royal Military College, Kingston, for the new battery that is being formed for Winnipeg.

THERE WILL BE SOME HOUSECLEANING DONE

Calgary Herald—Saskatchewan hockey fans are now enjoying the efforts of "the champions of the hockey universe"—to quote a Regina paper—to hold the Allan Cup against the importations which represent Moose Jaw and Melville in that province.

Puckerings

A despatch from Regina says: The agals, holders of the Allan Cup, were defeated last night by Melville, six to three.

Peterboro Examiner: Lindsay's entry into the junior series of the O. H. A. will be welcomed, as it will give each team two more games.

Lindsay expects to place a strong team in the O. H. A. junior series. The Collegiate Institute team which won the Town League championship last season, will for the nucleus of the team.

A number of ex-Peterboro players are spending the Christmas holidays at the Lift Lock city, and it is just possible that they may play the Peterboro O. H. A. intermediate team an exhibition game.

"Gamey" Stratton, University of Toronto's good right wing player, is holidaying at his home in Peterboro, and is endeavoring to arrange an exhibition with the U. of T. juniors and Peterboro juniors to be played during the holiday week.

No certificates to players have yet been issued by the O. H. A. The blanks are sent out to the club secretaries and the applications are filed in large bottles of the association for consideration at the first meeting. The fact that a player had a ticket one season is not of itself a guarantee that he will have one the following winter.

SCULLER SULLIVAN HELD IN GERMANY.

Tom Sullivan, the famous sculler and coach, has, along with his son, been interned as a prisoner of war in Germany. Sullivan, who has coached the best scullers in England has produced in recent years, including Ernest Barry and W. Albany, had secured an engagement in Berlin, and hence was in Germany at the outbreak of the war.

Sullivan's last match was on Toronto Bay when Ed. Duran beat him for the championship of America. He is a New Zealander, but has been living in England for many years.

GIANTS WANT SCHAEFER TO PLAY COMEDY ROLES

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Herman Schaefer, who recently was released by the Washington club of the American League, has been offered the management of the Los Angeles club of the Pacific Coast League, it was announced by the Giants. Schaefer said that he was considering an offer to join the New York Nationals as base line coach.

"LEATHER-FISTED PHIL" PASSES TO HIS REST.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Philip J. Powers, well known to the earlier generation of baseball players and fans, with whom he was famous as "Leather-fisted Phil," died yesterday at his home here of pneumonia. He was 69 years old, and started his baseball career behind the bat for the New York Mutuals. Later he joined the Cincinnati Reds, and it was in 1876 that he won his nickname, through his positive refusal to wear a glove, even when catching the speediest pitchers of the day. Later he became a National League umpire.

WELSH EXPECTS SHUGRUE TO WIN.

BY FREDDY WELSH

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—If Charley White goes into the ring with Joe Shugrue next Tuesday night with the same confidence he had in his bout with Willie Ritchie, the spectators will see one of the best lightweight matches of the year. They are both legitimate lightweights and there is little doubt that the winner will be matched with me for a championship contest later on. The Christmas season will make them show their best and I expect to see a stubborn battle from the first round to the finish.

Shugrue is one of the most aggressive boys in the game and nothing short of a knock-out punch will stop him from tearing in. He can take it and come back strong, an asset most valuable to a fighter. White's record proves him a stiff puncher, for in his last twenty-five fights he has won twelve of them with knockouts and nine of them within five rounds.

Against me, White for some reason or other, did not have much confidence until the last three rounds when he came in hammer and tongs and clipped me a few good ones that I felt. I knew he could hit and kept him on his toes most of the time, thereby keeping him from leading. I pick Shugrue because he is coming all the time and can take a good wallop. He made a better showing against me than White did, although I was far from being at my best.

BURFORD

(From our own correspondent.) Mr. Wm. Leger of Toronto, visited his sister, Mrs. E. J. Park, last week.

Mrs. Jas. Hammett Lewis is visiting old friends in and near the village. Miss Nellie Tony, is spending Xmas with her parents at Hamilton.

Mrs. W. H. Woolley is home, from Simcoe, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Cavers, who is on the road to recovery.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. T. D. Rutherford, Saturday, Dec. 19th, a son. Mr. A. Henderson has secured a good position in Brantford.

Mr. Shaw of Norwich was calling on friends in the village last week. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton of Princeton, spent Sabbath in the village.

Miss Howell has been called home on account of the illness of her brother. Miss Myrtle Rutherford is filling her position at the school.

Mrs. Pitchfield, is spending the holidays with her daughter at Woodstock.

A quiet wedding took place on Saturday evening, when Rev. Mr. Cameron united in marriage Miss Elsie Bonney, daughter of Mrs. H. Bonney, and Mr. E. Farnell, a highly respected and popular young farmer of this

vicinity. Their many friends extend best wishes.

The annual school concert and exhibition of fine work was held in the public school on Tuesday of this week. A large number of visitors were present and greatly enjoyed the splendid work of the pupils and also well filled with gifts.

Mr. Russell is home for the holidays from attending school in Chicago. Mr. George Pearson is home from the North West, on a visit to his parents.

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Cainsville News

(From Our Own Correspondent)

The Christmas concert given by the Baptist Sabbath School last Thursday evening was a decided success. Mr. Chalcraft, of Brantford, filled the chair very capably and an excellent program was rendered. The children showed splendid talent and training in the rendition of choruses, dialogues and recitations. In addition to the program, supplied by the children, the following numbers were very much enjoyed: piano solo by Miss Eleanor Fox; solo by Rev. Emerson; several selections by Messrs. J. Simpson and M. Myers; solo by Mr. Meekick, Brantford.

Miss Harrison, teacher of No. 6, left on Tuesday for New Liskeard, where she will spend the vacation.

Mrs. James Thomson, of Hamilton, accompanied by her sister, Miss Rowan, of Ottawa, were guests of Ottawa, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thomson, one day last week.

School closed on Tuesday, and Misses Dalton and Ferguson left for their respective homes at Mitchell and Auburn, where they will spend the vacation.

Our own pastors occupied the pulpit on Sunday, Rev. Mr. Piyie preaching in the morning and Rev. Mr. Bowers in the evening. Both sermons were in keeping with the season and suggestive with Christmas thoughts and suggestions.

Mr. and Mrs. David Papple celebrated the thirty-first anniversary of their wedding last Friday evening.

Mrs. P. Greenwood of Echo Place was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dawdy on Sunday.

Mr. Stanley Clark arrived home on Tuesday evening from the West to enjoy the Christmas season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Clark.

Miss Langs, the principal of our public school, held a very successful bazaar on Monday afternoon.

A number of tables loaded with home-made cooking and candy, some fancy articles, both useful and ornamental, and some surprises, were scattered

about the school-room. The pupils acted as salesladies and men, and in a very short time everything was sold and the neat sum of \$12.00 was made, which is to be applied to the Belgian fund. Miss Langs deserves a great deal of credit for thus endeavoring to nurture a spirit of unselfishness in her pupils, and also for the manner in which the bazaar was carried out. It afforded a very pleasant afternoon for the pupils and their friends. During the early part of the afternoon the pupils of Miss Dalton's room gave a very enjoyable little entertainment, consisting of exercises, choruses and recitations. All the pupils did their parts well, thus reflecting credit on their teacher.

On Tuesday evening the Methodist Sunday School presented the Christmas cantata, "King of the World," which was much appreciated by the large audience. It consisted of anthems by the choir, choruses by the

school, interpretations of the birth of Christ by the Pilgrims, Indians, Japanese, Chinese, Wise Men, and bands of children. Two beautiful tableaux were presented, with Mary, the angels and the shepherds the central figures.

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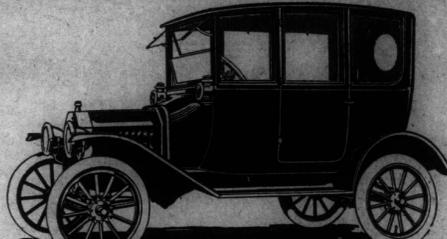
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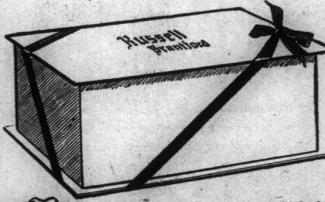
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### VANESSA

(From our own Correspondent) Welby Robinson of Round Plains, Mrs. N. Robinson of Waterford, and Mrs. Hendershot of Wilsonville, spent Sunday with John and Mrs. Henry.

W. S. Banister and wife of Michigan are visiting relatives here.

N. H. Swaskhammer of Wilson, N. Y., is visiting friends here.

All the sick are improving.

Mrs. S. Arthur and little son of Hawtry, are visiting her parents, John and Mrs. McNelles.

Lloyd Gould and Claud Bowers of Wilsonville and Miss Mildred Howey spent Sunday evening at John P. Henry.

A great many from here attended the Christmas market at Brantford Sunday.

Will Arthur of Hawtry spent Sunday evening with friends here.

Look out for John Christmas tree Tuesday, ecD. 29. A good program as usual.

### HARTFORD

(From Our Own Correspondent) At the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. Renner, Hartford, by Rev. Gregory on December 17th, Mrs. M. Slaughter to Mr. Wm. Overholt of Bealton. Congratulations are extended to the happy couple by their many friends in this vicinity.

Miss Gregory of Toronto, is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Gregory.

Owing to the severe cases of smallpox, the annual Christmas tree of Medina will be postponed.

A number from here attended the Christmas market at Brantford on Saturday.

Miss Enid Walker of Pt. Dover, is spending a few days with her friend, Miss Linna Wilcox.

Mr. George Munn, our mail carrier, has purchased a new enclosed mail wagon from the Baynes Carriage Co., of Hamilton.

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# Sir Nigel

By A. Conan Doyle

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"Surely at once, or perchance a second messenger may come and this also be forbidden. We will be ready with to-morrow's sunrise."

"Nay, a day later," cried the Breton Squire. "Bethink you, my lord, that the three lances of Radenac would take time to come over."

"They are not of our garrison, and they shall not have a place."

"But fair, sir, of all the lances of Brittany."

"Nay, William, I will not have it an hour later. To-morrow it shall be, Richard."

"And where?"

"I marked a fitting place even as I rode here this evening. If you cross the river and take the bridge-path through the fields which leads to Josselin you come midway upon a mighty oak standing at the corner of a fair and level meadow. There let us meet on midday to-morrow."

"Agreed!" cried Bambrö. "But I pray you not to rise, Robert! The night is still young and the spices and hippocras will soon be served. Bide with us, I pray you, for if you would fain hear the latest songs from England, these gentlemen have doubtless brought them. To some of us perchance it is the last night, so we would make it a full one."

"But the gallant Breton shook his head. "It may indeed be the last night for many," said he, "and it is but right that my comrades should know it. I have no need of monk or friar, for I cannot think that harm will ever come beyond the grave to me. I shall be with you, and I shall be a knight should, but others have other thoughts upon these matters and would fain have time for prayer and penitence. Adieu, fair sirs, and I drink a last glass to a happy meeting at the midway oak."

### CHAPTER XXIII.

All night the Castle of Floermeil rang with warlike preparations, for the smiths were hammering and filing and riveting, preparing the armor for the champions. In the stable yard hostlers were testing and grooming the great war-horses, whilst in the chapel knights and squires were easing their souls at the knees of old Father Benedict.

Down in the courtyard, meanwhile, the men-at-arms had been assembled, and the volunteers weeded out until the champion had been selected. Black Simon had obtained a place, and great was the joy which shone upon his grim visage. With him were chosen young Nicholas Dagworth, a young man adventurer who was nephew to the famous Sir Thomas, Walter the German, Hulbtee—a huge peasant whose massive frame gave promise which his legs failed to fulfil—John Alcock, Robin Adey and Raoul Provost. These with three others made up the required thirty.

Grimacing and grunting and will the talk amongst the archers when it was learned that none of them were to be included, but the bow had been forbidden on either side. It is true that many of them were expert fighters both with ax and with sword, but they were unused to carry heavy armor, and a half-armed man would have short shrift in such a hand-to-hand struggle as they were to have.

It was two hours after tierce, or one hour before noon, on the fourth Wednesday of Lent in the year of Christ 1331 that the men of Floermeil rode forth from their castle-gate and crossed the bridge of the Duc. In front was Bambrö with his Squire Crocquet, the latter on a great roan horse bearing the banner of Floermeil, which was a black rampant lion holding a blue flag upon a field of ermine. Behind him came Robert Knolles and Nigel riding with an attendant at their side, who carried the pennon of the black raven. Then rode Sir Thomas Percy with his blue lion flaunting above him, and Sir Hugh Calverly, whose banner bore a silver owl, followed by the massive Belford who carried a huge iron club, weighing sixty pounds, upon his saddle-bow, and then the knights of the Order of Surrey. Behind them were four brave Anglo-Bretons, Perrot de Commelain, Le Gaillard, d'Aprenmont and d'Ardenne, who fought against their own countrymen because they were partisans of the Countess of Montfort. Her engrailed silver cross upon a blue field was carried at their head. In the rear were five German or Hainault mercenaries, the tall Hulbtee, and the men-at-arms. Altogether of these combatants twenty were of English birth, four were Breton and six were of German blood.

So, with glitter of armor and flaunting of pennons, their war-horses tossing and pawing, the champions rode down to the midway oak. Behind them streamed hundreds of archers and men-at-arms whose weapons had been wisely taken from them lest a general battle should ensue. With them also went the townsfolk, men and women, together with wine-sellers, provisions merchants, armorers, grooms and heralds, and surgeons to tend the wounded and priests to shrive the dying. The path was blocked by this throng, but all over the face of the country foremen and footmen, gentle and simple, men and women, could be seen speeding their way to the scene of the encounter.

The journey was not a long one, for presently, as they threaded their way through the fields, there appeared before them a great gray oak which spread its gnarled leafless branches over the corner of a green and level meadow. The tree was black with the peasants who had climbed into it, and all round it was a huge throng, chattering and calling like a rookery at sunset. A storm of hooting broke out from them at the approach of the English, for Bambrö was hated in the country where he raised money for the Montfort cause, by putting every parish to ransom and maltreat-

ing those who refused to pay. There was little amenity in the warlike ways which had been learned upon the Scottish border. The champions rode onward without deigning to take notice of the taunts of the rabble, but that the three lances of Radenac beat the mob to silence. Then they resolved themselves into the keepers of the ground, and pressed the people back until they formed a dense line along the edge of the field, leaving the whole space clear for the warriors.

The Breton champions had not yet arrived, so the English tethered their horses at one side of the ground, and then gathered round their leader. Every man had his shield slung round his neck, and had cut his spear to the length of five feet so that it might be more manageable for fighting on foot. Besides the spear a sword or a battle-axe hung at the side of each. They were clad from head to foot in armor, with devices upon the crests and surcoats to distinguish them from their antagonists. At present their visors were still up and they chatted gaily with each other.

"By Saint Dunstan!" cried Percy, slapping his gauntleted hands together and stamping his steel feet. "I shall be right glad to get to work, for my blood is chilled."

"I warrant you will be warm enough ere you get through," said Calverly. "Or cold forever. Candle shall burn and bell toll at Alnwick Chapel if I leave this ground alive, but come what may, fair sirs, it should be a famous joust and one which will help us forward. Surely each of us will have worshipfully won worship, if we chance to come through."

"You say truth, Thomas," said Knolles, turning to his squire. "For my own part I have no joy in such encounters when there is warfare to be carried out, for it standeth not aright that a man should think of his own welfare and advancement rather than of the King's cause and the weal of the army. But in times of truce I can think of no better way in which a day may be profitably spent. Why so silent, Nigel?"

"Indeed, fair sir, I was looking toward Josselin, which lies as I understand beyond those woods. I see no sign of this debonair gentleman and of his following. It would be indeed grievous pity if any cause came to hold them back."

Hugh Calverly laughed at the words. "You need have no fear, young sir," said he. "Such a spirit lies in Robert de Beaumanoir that if he must come alone he would ride against the loss. I warrant that if he were on a bed of death he would be borne here and die on the green field."

"You say truly, Hugh," said Bambrö. "I know him and those who ride behind him. Thirty stouter men or more skilled in arms are not to be found in Christendom. It is in my mind that come what may there will be much honor for all of us this day. Ever in my head I have a rhyme which the wife of a Welsh archer gave me when I crossed her hand with a golden bracelet after the striking of Bergerac. She was of the old blood of Merlin with the power of sight. Thus she said:

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## Brant County To Each At the

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS To Brant County's "Soldiers of King" from Those at Home Brantford, Canada, Dec. 7, Dear Comrade,

The Christmas season is at hand will be an unusual Christmas, most of you, far different from you have ever had in the past, different, let us devoutly pray, what you will ever have again. A few of your number are already on the "firing line," and you have read this letter as best you can, the ear-splitting and nerve-racking explosions of "Jack Johnson's" lesser artillery, or the pit-pat of the rifle. Others of you are in hospital bearing manfully and bravely, as something to be prized wounds received by you in the vice of your King and Country, larger part of your number are fitted, on Salisbury Plains or where, to take your places at next date on the scene of our

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# Sisters of Santa Claus

By Lillian Jeffreys Petri.



HEREVER the story of the Christ Child is told the great corps of workers inspired by the Christmas spirit devise, invent and labor for weeks and months to carry out the orders that Santa Claus deputed for less and arms, and a finished for the cheering and entertaining of the world on the twenty-fifth of December.

Among these are some who catch the spirit of the time better than others, who have the peculiar skill to express their understanding in quaint or lovely objects suitable for gifts at Yuletide.

One of these members of Santa Claus' intimate council is Kaethe Kruse. To her one evening, when she had put her child to bed, came the inspiration to make a human faced doll.

The doll was rather crude at first. It had, however, what Kaethe-Mother deemed the essentials of a humanlike doll, a wobbly head and loose, limp limbs. It was only a potato head wrapped in a towel, the four corners pulled out for legs and arms, and a burnt match painted face, but Kaethe-Mother worked over her human faced doll until she evolved the sweet creature now familiar to lovers of dolls. It is made over a cast of a famous Italian baby head known as the Flamingo head, an art treasure handed down from the Middle Ages, this being covered with canvas and hand painted. The body is a copy of the chubby form of Kaethe Kruse's own little child. The dollies are named, some of the prettiest having the names of Mother Kaethe's babies, as Jockerie and Hannele and Michel.

They are not like "store dolls," for the little child who first desired them had never asked for a "doll," she distinctly said a "Christ Child." Her artist father had a great deal to do with the inspiration, too, because he insisted that the Christ Child must be mother-made to satisfy the longings of the little mother heart.

In another corner of the world there was a little girl with snapping black eyes and a message of cheer in her heart. She was lame and had to be wheeled about by her brothers and sisters, but her heart was full of love. One Christmas she sat making a little elephant of white felt, with red and white layers of felt to stand upon, between which were tacked pins and needles and other useful things. A tiny, pale blue satin saddle cloth with initials embroidered in white upon it lay over Jumbo's back. The name of the lame girl was Margarete Steiff, and she sat sewing deftly before the old fashioned open fireplace so that her gift might be ready for her mother that evening when the big tree was lit.

Santa, on his rounds, must have seen Margarete as she was finishing the elephant with real ivory tusks and decided that she was the very person to help him.

Of all the toy workers in the world Margarete Steiff is perhaps the most active. She thinks and works and works and thinks all her days, ever evolving fresh delights for the children. The popularity of this animal brought prosperity and fame to the obscure, quaint old town where Margarete Steiff dwelt. Her great factories house the most thriving industry of the place, and nearly every cottage for miles around contains one or more toy-makers. More than three thousand different kinds of toys have come from Margarete's factories. She gets up nearly all the marvelous toy window displays that are seen in the great shops near Christmas time. In Chicago, for instance, this year is her huge Noah's Ark. I have seen a circus, with clowns, trapeze performers, fancy riders and all the rest of the bright paraphernalia, almost life size, worked by electricity with fascinating results; a county fair, where carrouzels and big swings filled with doll children moved merrily to the organ that a dolly organ grinder (turned assiduously) where a big man doll swung a huge hammer, driving the weight high to the top of the pole, gauging his strength, and many other stunts such as are seen at a real county fair or at Coney Island. I have seen an enormous store space turned into Toyland, with elves going in and out of caves, dolls chopping trees in the forest, bears wagging their clumsy heads and lions roaring.

One day an artist named Rose O'Neill dreamed a dream of Kewpies. She thought she was awake, but was not quite sure. She seemed to peep half frightened over the coverlet at a merry, innocently mischievous, scampering horde of round, pink, baby Kewpies, with wide, rolling eyes, sweetly impish smile, and above all, a top knot. Rose O'Neill says they seemed to be "young, toddling cousins of that earlier illustrious family of Brownies" that Mr. Cox long ago created to the joy of countless children and grown-ups. She asserts, however, that a Kewpie meeting a Brownie face to face would be quite overcome with respect.

Suddenly she found a tiny Kewpie in the palm of her hand. It felt cool to the touch, yet soft like a bird, and it seemed comfortable for it jiggled with its feet, looking at her sideways and chuckling. In her words:—  
"The Kewpie whistles up at nights.  
All gayly singing rummy tum;  
Like puddings, they are pleasant sights.  
Well rounded at the tummy tum."  
They turned somersaults, played leap-frog, snipped the whip, and tucked each other in little hollows of the bed cover, examined the books at the side of her bed, and sat in a row on the foot board smiling at her. One mite stood guard at the head of the bed, a soldier's cap upon his top knot, a gun in his right hand. There was a host of them. Rose O'Neill awoke the next morning filled with thoughts of them. The little "Yoricks," as she calls them, seemed so innocent and kind; they seemed to teach a lesson of humanity, tolerance and good sense without even knowing they had a "mission." She began making verses about them and drawing them.

Children everywhere cut out Kewpies and played delightedly with them. So Miss O'Neill got her message from Santa Claus to make Kewpie paper dolls and send them out broadcast into the world. Then she modelled the forms of her pets in clay, travelling to the land where everybody loves to make toys, and discussing the making of Kewpie dolls with grave men. She said that she wanted them made perfectly, especially the tiny cheap ones that would be likely to go to poor children.

Kate Jordan had the Baby Happifut put the ugly Grouch on the head and coat to him till he had to smile. Then he laughed and finally he disappeared and left a thistle in his place. There are Teeny, Weeny and Queeny Happifut. Queeny wears a rose wreath. Weeny is sporty and athletic, wearing a sweater with a big H on it. Teeny is the leader, the brainy one, the thinker. He wears an Early Victorian costume and a cap with a tassel.

Santa Claus has had "September Morn" made up into cunning dollies. Little Cuddle Kiddie is a dolly that squeaks no matter what one does to her or how she moves. Character dollies imitate or caricature every human disposition and weakness. The Kewpie dollies come from the heart of the dark forest. They are cute-eye dollies, dollies that move their tongues, some that have real eyebrows inserted from the back so that baby hands cannot pull them out, some have "peep" teeth made of glass, some mohair wigs made from Angora goat skin.

Magic lanterns have now grown to moving picture shows for the home, and the doll houses have developed a hundred styles of architecture.

The old game of parchesi has a picturesque origin. Long ago, in the land of perpetual sun, the kings and princes used to invite each other to one another's palaces to play the game of parchesi, which had a wonderful rogue among them. The courtyard was marked off with different colored tiles into sections

like the parchesi board. Instead of wooden figures there were the required number of slave girls. These were moved about the courtyard as one moves the little "men" around the board, the object being, of course, to win the beautiful slave girls away from each other.

Once in Chicago a woman artist was very blue. In desperation she made a sort of infant Boudoin. She called him "the god of things as they ought to be" and put him upon her mantel "for luck." He brought her luck, for he was the widely known Billikin statuette that amused the world, and the Great Toy Man came and got him. A clever man of our own country, who had spent his life in making toys for children found a poor old man from the land of the Bear who had invented an unbreakable material for the making of dolls, and he promptly acquired it, building up a wonderful doll industry here, where it was thought it couldn't be done.

Between her love for her children and that of her work of toy modelling Mrs. Helen Fox Trowbridge scarcely knows which makes her happiest. It is such a congenial work that even the men who travel for the Very Smart Man are caught in the contagion of good cheer. She thinks the work as entertaining to grownups as the dollie to the children, and she is a strong advocate of specialized home industries for women.

Mrs. Trowbridge first specialized in child portraiture. From that to the making of models for more life-like dolls was but a short step, as the picture of "Baby-suck-a-thumb" shows. She and the clever man are putting their heads together, continually trying to produce a better and more artistic doll at a low price. The dolls' heads are of an unbreakable velvety material, almost as soft as the skin of a child. The features are painted by hand, one man putting on nothing but eyebrows, another the lashes, another the eyes, and another the white spots which form the high lights of the eyes. The best worker of all puts on the rosy cheeks with an atomizer. The clothes are made carefully, that they may stand many dressings and undressings by childish fingers.

Mrs. Trowbridge is making new models for dolls all the time, sometimes even going to hospitals to get originals of all nationalities to copy. Her greatest joy is in catching the winsome whimsicalities of children. To South America she took skinned dolls, to Japan a beautiful Japanese model. Every country likes to see its own types portrayed.

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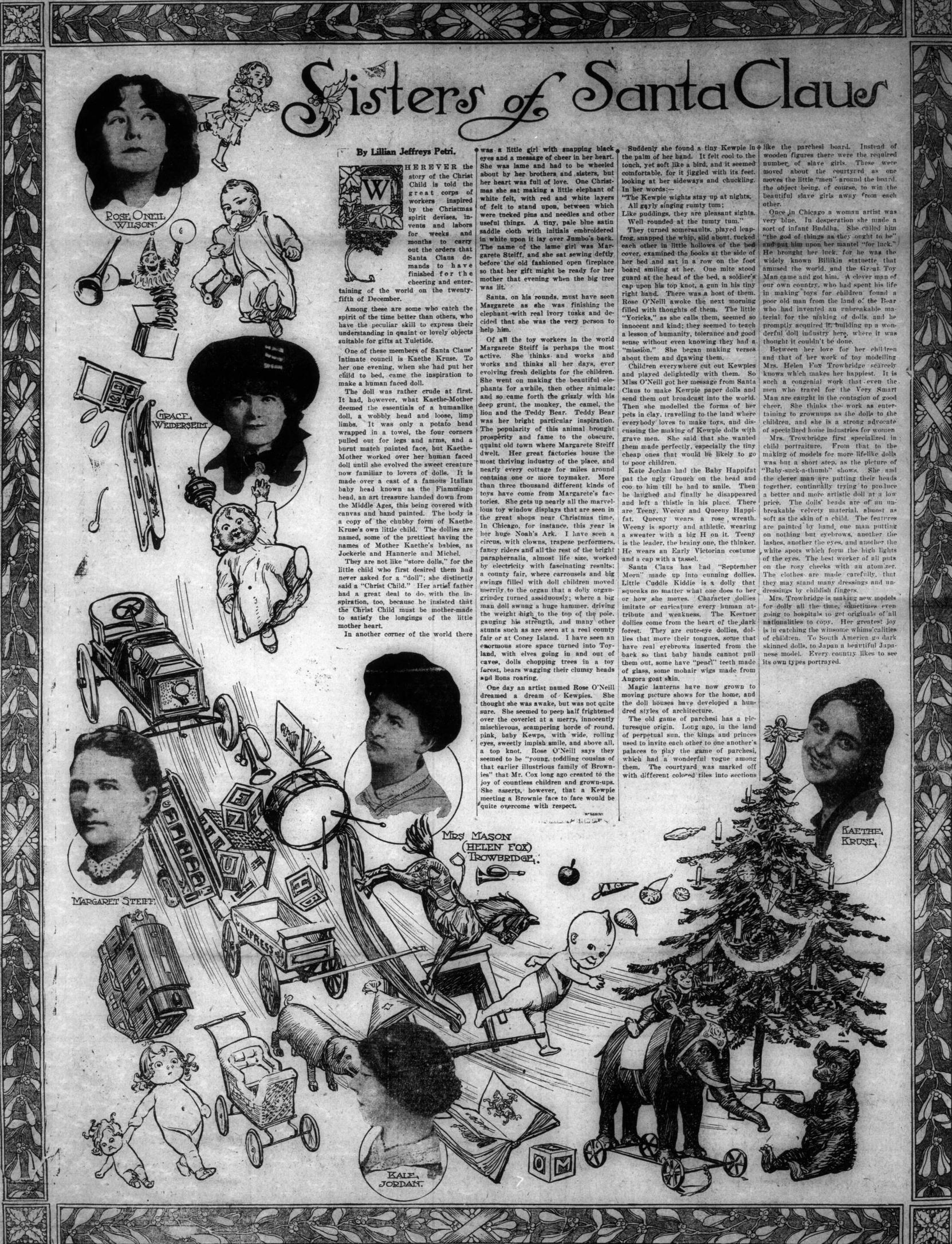
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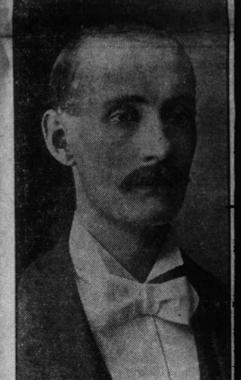
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## Italy A QUIET ELECTION POSSIBLE

### Nominations To Take Place on Monday Morning Next. Mayor Spence is Likely to Get an Acclamation.

Monday is nomination day for the annual municipal elections, and the present time of writing there seem few signs of activity. It is quite possible, however, that there will be the same old number of nominations, the same old wards, the same old withdrawals, possibly some acclamations, and possibly some contests. As regards the mayoralty, it seems assured that Mayor Spence will be accorded the usual term without the fuss of any opposition at the polls. It is said in various quarters that His Worship will not meet with any organized attempt to prevent him from continuing service in the Mayor's chair—a service which has been exemplary. In fact, few people know



Mayor Spence, who will probably be accorded an acclamation for a second term.

the amount of work which has fallen on the Mayor's shoulders during the year, and all his duties have been conscientiously performed. The election of a Board of Education this year adds a new feature to the situation, and it is said a big fight may be seen in this contest. The trustees must be elected by the entire city, and in order to give the new method of school management a good chance to work with success, good men are needed.

It is also reported that there may be an election for Water Commissioner. Mr. A. G. Montgomery's term being up. The latter gentleman, however, is anxious to continue as a member of the board. The waterworks by-law raise \$100,000 will, of course, go before the property-owners in all the wards.

That there will be changes in the aldermanic personnel is admitted. Ward One Mr. George Sigman may retire, leaving Ald. Calbeck and Ald. Quinlan, with quite possibly Mr. Fr. Ott as a new man.

In Ward Two Ald. Pitcher will again stand, and possibly Ald. Wood, although the latter has intimated to his friends a desire to retire. Ald. Minshall, it is expected, will be in the field, with others, too.

In Ward Three there is a possibility of an acclamation. In Ward Four Ald. Broadbent is the only old member for re-election, while Messrs. Jesse Bartie and Freeborn will be in the field.

In Ward Five Ald. Ward, Ald. Wood, Mr. Phil Senn and Mr. Symons are mentioned. The following are the places where nominations will be held:

- For Mayor and Water Commissioner—At City Hall, 10 to 11 a.m.
- For Aldermen, 12 to 1 o'clock:
  - Ward 1—9 Colborne St.
  - Ward 2—McKenna's store.
  - Ward 3—City Hall.
  - Ward 4—Thos. Poulton's, 368 D'house St.
  - Ward 5—Capt. Kerr's, 155 P. Ave.