

REPLY FROM AUSTRIA TO UNITED STATES

Has Pleas'd Hun Diplomatic Circles --Berlin Newspapers Also Congratulatory.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Berlin, via London, Dec. 17.—Seldom has a diplomatic document of a war series met with such general approval in German circles as the answer of Baron Burian, Austrian minister of foreign affairs to the note from the United States regarding the Ancona case. The reply is regarded not only as a success in finding weak points in Secretary of State Lansing's logic, but as a dignified reply to the American demands for a prompt disavowal and punishment of the commander of the submarine which sank the Ancona.

The German notes on the Lusitania correspondence seem finding Germany too considerate and others insufficiently adept, but the general opinion expressed in political circles is that Baron Burian struck exactly the right note by inviting Washington to enter on an interchange of views and submit some proof for the charges, and shifted the onus of defence to the shoulders of the American government.

BERLIN PAPERS PLEASED
Berlin, via London, Dec. 17.—The Lokal Anzeiger, the Tages Zeitung, the Kreuze Zeitung and the Zeitung Am Mittag all express thorough-going approval of the Austro-Hungarian reply to the American note on the Ancona. Of the out of town papers, the Cologne Gazette and the Cologne Volks Zeitung praise "the deft and polished manner in which Count Burian found weaknesses in his opponent's fence."

The Lokal Anzeiger points out that the Austrian reply has not fulfilled American expectations of prompt compliance with all the demands, but that on the contrary, the Austro-Hungarian government while entering "a dignified disclaimer against the wholly unjustified sharpness of the American demands," requests some legal foundation for the accusations against the submarine commander.

"It is the president's duty now to prove that the Ancona did not flee," it continues. "If he is unsuccessful in this, he will have no alternative in view of his earlier interpretation of international law, to abandoning satisfaction of his demands."

"The Austro-Hungarian government in any case has placed him in the unpleasant position of being forced to receive an invasion to exchange views, rather than the expected prompt reply complying with his wishes."

MRS. ASQUITH

Wife of the Premier Takes Action Against Paper.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
London, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Herbert H. Asquith, wife of the premier, appeared as a plaintiff in chancery court today, demanding an order to restrain The Globe from the publication of alleged libels. Mrs. Asquith's attorney said: "For a whole fortnight before the issue of this writ, Mrs. Asquith had been deliberately pursued in the defendant's newspaper with accusations of disloyalty and of association with German prisoners at Demington Hall. She had been described as a traitor and a disgrace to her sex, and attacked in both opprobrious terms. The attacks were systematically and malevolently maintained and were only suspended after the writ had been issued. The attorney opposed the Globe's request for a postponement, urging the court not to deprive the plaintiff of this opportunity to clear herself publicly."

The persecution of Mrs. Asquith has been going on nearly a whole year, he said. "It began last spring in another newspaper, which the defendant would say was of a lower class than The Globe. That paper had to apologize publicly and, at Mrs. Asquith's request pay £100 to the Red Cross fund. The same people who disseminated these libels, through the Globe, sent sheaves of anonymous letters to the plaintiff and imputations against her were made in social circles. The matter has now come to a head in a form where the defendants can be brought to account and made to give their reasons for the accusations."

Lord Kitchener to Wed 'Tis Said

New York, Dec. 17.—The World this morning prints a report from London saying the announcement of the engagement of Earl Kitchener of Khartoum to the Dowager Countess of Minto is expected in the near future. The countess is a widow. Her husband, Earl Minto, died in 1914. He was a member of the Indian, succeeding Lord Curzon, who resigned because of the home government supported Kitchener in a dispute, and was Governor-General of Canada for six years. The countess is a cousin of Earl Grey. She was noted for her beauty. She is the mother of five children.

Gen. Hughes is in New York to welcome two daughters returning from England.

PURELY CANADIAN

This is the Intention Regarding Fourth Division From Dominion.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—If a fourth Canadian division is placed in the field by Canada, as is not unlikely, it will be purely Canadian. The same may be said of the third division, which is now being organized to take its place on the firing line beside the Canadian army corps already there, and consisting of the first and second divisions.

It has been the practice in the past, of course, to have Canadian units comprise the Dominion's army in the field, but some of the smaller units have been supplied from the Imperial forces. On the other hand the Princess Patricia Regiment, raised in Canada, was for a time brigaded with a British division. Now all branches of the Canadian divisions, no matter how many in number, will be altogether Canadian, according to the statement of the Minister of Militia last night.

General Hughes also commented on the fact that urban recruiting has slightly fallen off lately. He pointed out that under the system of rural and county recruiting now in force men from the country districts formerly credited to the cities are now credited to the centres from which they come. This explains the situation which has led the Toronto authorities to arrange a census of men of military age in that city.

JOHN BULL

Contributed \$120,000,000 to the French War Loan.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Paris, Dec. 17.—In the course of his demand to-day in the Chamber of Deputies, that the chamber grant three months credit on budget account, Alexandre Ribot, French minister of finance, stated that the subscription to the recent French national loan from London alone was 600,000,000 francs (\$120,000,000). The minister said that the calculation concerning the results of the loan was far from being ready and that therefore he would quote no total figure. He stated he could say, however, that the country had answered the call, and that never had there been a similar number of subscribers. He declared that the loan had been made by French savings, that speculation played no part in it and that the subscriptions to it were sincere and genuine.

At another point in his speech, M. Ribot stated that while the war expenditure at the beginning of the conflict was 1,500,000,000 francs (\$300,000,000) per month it was now 2,100,000,000 francs.

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FORD SHIP

Released After Search at Kirkwall.

Contraband on Board, Which Will Go Into Prize Court.

London, Dec. 17.—After being detained at Kirkwall for over twenty-four hours, Henry Ford's peace ship, the Oscar II, was released last night, and according to word received here, started on her way to Christiania. The detention, it is said, was due to the fact that part of the cargo carried by the Oscar II was contraband, and that the whole cargo will have to go into the Prize Court before any of it can be released. Exactly what the character of the contraband is the officials will not divulge. Among the cargo, it is stated, is a shipment of prunes, but these are not on the contraband list. The authorities would have been privileged on finding contraband in the cargo to have it unloaded at Kirkwall in which event the peace pilgrims would have been kept aboard for several days while the unloading was in progress.

It was, however, decided not to detain the ship, but allow it to proceed to Christiania where the cargo will be unloaded and brought back on another vessel. This makes it possible for the Fordites to get to work in their scheme to end the war before Christmas. Had the authorities chosen to hold the ship at Kirkwall, Henry Ford's dream of a strike in the trenches before Christmas would have ended right there.

SEPARATE PEACE

This Movement Said to be Growing in Constantinople.

Athens, Dec. 17.—London Times dispatch—Reports are in circulation here that there is a general movement on foot in Constantinople in favor of a separate peace.

Practically the whole of Greek Eastern Macedonia has been abandoned by Greek troops, causing much satisfaction and relief in allied circles. It is anticipated that energetic measures will be adopted immediately to expel the spies infesting Saloniki. M. Parsaroff, the Bulgarian minister states the pursuit of the allies in Greek territory will be undertaken by Austro-German troops.

LEAVE SALONIKI
It is stated that many families of the upper classes are leaving Saloniki for other parts of Greece and abroad. Local steamship companies have doubled the cost of passage.

Advices from Gievgei state that the governor's residence, railway station and public buildings as well as many monuments of historic interest have been destroyed by the bombardment and fire.

Some thousands of the inhabitants of the town are making their way about to Saloniki.

MARCONI

Has Made His Debut as a Senator.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Rome, Dec. 17.—Guglielmo Marconi made his debut as a senator to-day, speaking on the statement made Dec. 1 by Foreign Minister Conino, relative to Italy's policy. Senator Marconi said that of all the belligerent countries he had visited Italy is the one where the greatest liberty is enjoyed.

The speaker expressed the hope that the adherence of Italy to the London convention would bring about closer co-operation among the allies and a great reciprocal confidence aiming at the defeat of the mutual enemy. He said he thought that the Italians, British, French and Russians fought with equal valor, but all needed perfect reciprocal assistance in the matter of supplies and in the commercial fields. He hinted at the possibility that the Entente governments might requisition all the craft in their mercantile marines with a view of securing lower freight rates for the transportation of the most needed necessities.

Senator Marconi concluded by saying that in all the belligerent countries there exist two large categories of individuals those only aiming to win or to die and those who think they only live for gain. The latter class, he declared, must be transformed into a great disciplined army.

TWO AMERICANS WERE SHOT IN AUSTRIA

THE CANADIANS Drove Home a Successful Charge With the Bayonet.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—The Evening Telegram last night had the following from its London correspondent: "A battalion of Canadians lately greatly distinguished themselves. Ordered to drive the Germans from a strong position at all costs, they charged across the 100 yards gap separating the trenches and forced the enemy at the point of the bayonet, inflicting heavy losses. The Canadian casualties were comparatively slight. The Germans retreated well to the rear."

"The captured enemy position was very strong, and several concrete machine gun emplacements were found. The positions were firmly held by the Canadians."

They Were Accused of Receiving a Letter Hostile to Austrians—No Other Cause.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
New York, Dec. 17.—A cable from London this morning to The Herald says—
The Daily Telegraph correspondents at Milan telegraph—
"Gave revelations are made concerning the reign of terror in Gorizia. Two Americans, members of a shareholders banking firm, which stopped the payment of bills, were summoned before the Austrian authorities and were ordered to resume payment. They declined and were accused of receiving a letter from America hostile to the Austrians. They denied this. Then they were taken before a court martial and condemned to death. They were executed as spies and all their valuables and bank deposits were confiscated. It is understood Washington has the facts in this latest outrage."

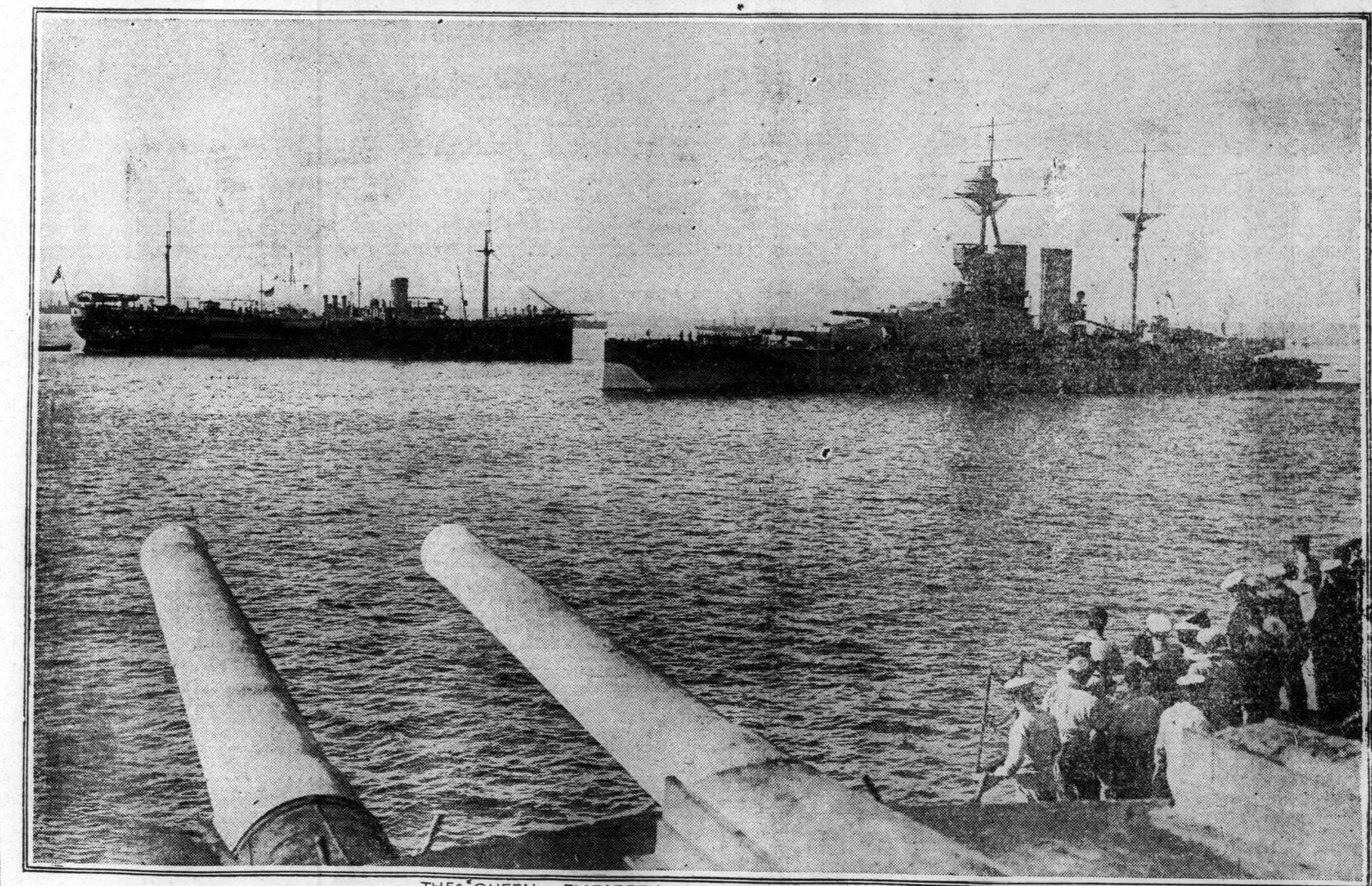
NO COMMENT.
New York, Dec. 17.—A Washington despatch to the Herald says—
Officials here this morning would not comment on the reported shooting by Austria of two American bankers as spies. It is evident from every word and action of the State Department officials, however, that the situation with relation to Austria is one of extreme seriousness.

A QUIBBLE.
New York, Dec. 17.—That Austria's reply to the American note is a quibble and that Washington will not permit the delay in the settlement of the Ancona case which Vienna obviously seeks, is the verdict of American newspapers generally.

It is reasonable to assume that Austria no longer desires to maintain diplomatic relations with the United States. That assumption could be mistaken only in the event that Vienna yielded without quibbling to the American demands, and the brief press summaries of the Austrian reply which have been cabled to the United States indicate that the Austrian answer is little more than a succession of quibbles.

RECEIVED AT WASHINGTON
Washington, Dec. 17.—Austria's reply to the Ancona note was received at the State Department during the night and early to-day was being decided to be laid before President Wilson and Secretary Lansing.

THE GREAT, SUPERDREADNOUGHT, OF THE BRITISH FLEET ON DUTY IN THE AEGEAN SEA



This broadside view of the Queen Elizabeth was obtained from the top of a turret on board another British war ship. The Lizzie is seen to the right, quietly riding the waters of the Aegean in company with a number of other vessels gathered in an island harbor. She shows the now familiar characteristics of modern British battle ships. There are the two funnels coupled closely together; conning tower and bridges are piled up pagoda-like round the forward mast. The four giant bow guns are well shown, the second in such a position that they fire over the lower which, like all the vessels of the allied fleet, has been gallantly doing her "little bit."

Thirty Thousand Italians Have Reached Avlona

Paris, Dec. 17.—The Milan correspondent of The Journal says it is estimated there are 30,000 Italian troops at Avlona, Albania.

While the Avlona position is partly favorable for an offensive movement, he says, the expedition may be regarded as the starting point of operations on a large scale.

HEADQUARTERS TRANSFERRED.
Paris, Dec. 17.—A Havas despatch from Athens says that following the withdrawal of troops from the district between Saloniki and the Serbian border, the headquarters of the Greek army has been transferred to Kozhani, 55 miles southeast of Monastir. The third Greek corps has been ordered to Caterini and the fifth corps to Nigrita. One regiment of engineers and one of artillery remain in Saloniki.

A CAPTURE.
Paris, Dec. 17.—The Saloniki correspondent of The Havas Agency sends the following under date of December 15:

"In the course of the fighting during the Franco-British retirement from Gievgei (Serbia) towards Saloniki, the Bulgarians captured two French machine guns and two batteries of British artillery, as well as 200 British prisoners."

PRISONERS ARRIVE.
Marseilles, France, Dec. 17.—Seven hundred and fifty Bulgarian, German and Austro-Hungarian officers, taken prisoner by the Serbs and forty thousand soldiers captured in Serbia, arrived here during the night on their way to a concentration camp.

INDESCRIBABLE
Paris, Dec. 17.—The arrival at Athens yesterday of A. Nikolitch, president of the Serbian national assembly; M. Trifunovich, former premier; several former cabinet members and a number of members of the Serbian assembly is reported by the Havas correspondent at the Greek capital. The Serbians report that the sufferings of their people during the retreat of the army before the invaders were indescribable.

NEWFOUNDLAND

Will Restrict Export of Cod Liver Oil

By Special Wire to the Courier.
St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 17.—Restrictions by the Newfoundland Government on the export of cod liver oil from this colony were announced today. Because information had been received that a large quantity of oil had found its way to Germany, where the glycerine contained in it would be utilized in the manufacture of explosives, the government cancelled all the licenses under which traders formerly exported the product. Hereafter oil may be sent to the United States only if consigned to the British consul-generals at New York or Boston or to a few firms which have been endorsed by the consulates.

Arrangements have been made for the supervision by the consuls of any re-shipments made from the United States to the other countries. The normal export of cod liver oil from the colony each year is about 87,500 gallons, valued at \$300,000.

A Warning.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 17.—As a sequel to a fistic battle which was staged between Cully Wilson, who had the reputation of being the "Bad Man" of hockey in the east last season, and Eddie Oatman in Seattle, on Tuesday night, a warning to the players in question went out from the office of the president, Frank Patrick, yesterday that a repetition of such a scene would bring down a suspension with the possibility of more drastic penalty. "I do not propose to have rowdyism and rough work in the Pacific coast league."

An overheated stove caused the midnight burning of the home of Emmanuel Bowers of Bancroft.

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WITH THE SOLDIERS

Battalion Orders by Lt.-Col. W. T. Stewart, commanding the 84th Overseas Battalion, C.E.F.

Duties—Subaltern of the day, Lieut. B. N. Barrett; next for duty, Lieut. D. R. Wadsworth.

Men's Mess Room—The Subaltern in charge of the Duty platoon will see that the men's mess room is cleaned out and fit for occupation by 8.30 each morning. This room will be utilized for a lecture room.

Lecture Rooms—The following locations will be utilized for lecture rooms, commencing Monday, December 20th—

No. 9 Platoon—Vacant space at the north end of Armories.

No. 10 Platoon—Men's mess quarters in space by Canteen.

Nos. 11 and 12 Platoons—In mess room.

Nos. 14 and 15 Platoons—Y. M. C. A. lecture room.

No. 16 Platoon—Y. M. C. A. Lobby Base Details—School room of the Grace Church.

Each platoon will consider the appointed place as a lecture room till further orders. On conclusion of duties at the week end, the platoon coming off duty will parade to the location vacated by the platoon going on duty.

Inspection of Messing Quarters—The Subaltern of the Day in future will inspect the messing quarters after 10.15 p.m. and assure himself that all is clean and orderly, and no unauthorized person is sleeping there.

H. Graham Starr, Captain and Adjutant 84th Overseas Battalion C.E.F.

TWELVE MORE

Another twelve men were added this morning to the rolls of the 125th Brant Battalion. Two would-be recruits were rejected, one for slight build and the other for insufficient height. The records are—

George Scott, Scotch, 28, laborer, single, 130 West Mill street.

Thomas Gardiner, Scotch, 38, laborer, single, 10 years Black Watch, 130 West Mill Street.

John Walker, English, 39, blacksmith helper, married, 18 Durham street.

Elmer Brigham, Canadian, 18, poultryman, single, North Park street.

James Cooper, Canadian, single, 19, printer, 155 Sydenham street.

Thomas W. Howell, English, 41, driver, married, 27 Wellington street.

Fred A. Willoughby, Canadian, 44, wagon maker, married, 16 years 38th D.R.C., 4 years Oxford Rifles, three years 39th regiment, 78 Charlotte St.

Arthur H. L. Hills, English, 38, core maker, married, 3 years 38th, 182 Marlboro street.

Charles D. Scanlon, Canadian, 19, confectioner, single, 430 Dalhousie St.

Arnold Humphries, Eng., 24, cutter, married, 18.

Albert Gill, English, 22, cutter, single, Paris.

Lewis Edward Drake, English, 38, carder, married, 2 years Volunteers, England, Paris.

Social and Personal

The Courier is always pleased to see items of personal interest. Phone 276.

Mr. W. L. Hughes is a visitor in Toronto to-day.

Major W. Allan Stroud, commander of C Squadron, now in winter quarters in Hamilton, spent a brief visit with his uncle, F. T. Morrow of Echo Place.

Miss Ethel Ames of Toronto and Mrs. Dr. Hoag of Warton, made a short visit at Mrs. A. L. Baird's, 209 Chatham street, after attending the Wilkes-Ames nuptials.

BRANT THEATRE

An excellent bill is being offered by the Brant Theatre management this half week. Both the vaudeville and picture attractions are exceedingly good.

The La Joe Troupe present one of the cleverest and most skillfully performed cycling acts ever shown here, while Butler and Sawn rank with the best entertainers on the vaudeville stage. A very clever imitation of Charlie Chaplin is given. The Three Musical Kings are also very good and their repertoire is pleasingly varied.

The eighth episode of the interesting "Goddess" series, with other select photoplays formed the film attractions.

Are British Subjects.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Dec. 17.—The attempt to deprive Sir Edgar Speyer and Sir Ernest Cassel of membership in the Privy Council, on account of their German birth, has been defeated. The Lord Chief Justice, Baron Reading, who has had the matter under advisement since arguments were concluded, a few months ago, delivered his judgment to-day. He declared Sir Edgar and Sir Ernest, as naturalized British subjects, had all the rights and privileges of British born subjects, and therefore were entitled to be members of the privy council.

Steamer Sunk.

London, Dec. 17.—The Italian steamer Porto Said, has been sunk it is announced. The Porto Said was 439 feet long and had a gross tonnage of 5,167.

LOCAL OPTION BULLETIN

What The Working Men Are Doing

They are thinking about the liquor business as they have never thought before. They are considering it in the light of common business sense. They are beginning to see as never before that the liquor business is their enemy. What they receive in return for their hard-earned wages spent over the bar does them an injury. They are realizing that they have only one commodity to sell—their power to work. If they are going to secure the highest price for their labor they must be in a condition to render the most efficient service for their employers.

Indulgence in strong drink not only reduces their buying capacity (by the amount spent on liquor), but also reduces their earning capacity through inefficiency.

They are finding that it marks them for a lay-off when there is a reduction of forces, and for a discharge later on.

The sober, industrious workmen see in the liquor traffic another danger—when the victim of the liquor habit has been discharged for drunkenness, he will find it difficult to secure employment. He will work at any wage he can get. The employer who wants to reduce wages will use him until he accomplishes his aim. Thus the liquor traffic has a tendency to reduce the scale of wages by producing a class of workmen who are willing to work cheap.

When the bar-room is voted out money which would be spent for liquor is diverted into other channels of trade which give work to a greater number of employees. This makes Prohibition the friend of the working man by increasing the opportunities for work. When two men seek the same job wages go down, but when two jobs seek the one man wages go up.

Voting out of the Bar-room means voting for more efficient workmen, with more work and better wages.

VOTE EARLY.

(Signed) LOCAL OPTION COMMITTEE

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Christmas Store News

For Saturday's Selling!



Every department has many special lines of merchandise, suitable for Christmas Gifts---
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Specials in Ready-to Wear Dept.

Women's Winter Coats in Black, Mita Lamb, black plush Curl cloth, Chinchilla and fancy novelty tweeds, lined with best Italian lining, all good styles and worth up to \$20.00, Saturday at **\$15.00**

\$13.50 COATS AT \$9.50

Coats made of Chinchilla, velvet cords, bruce cloths and tweeds, French and adjustable collars and belts, several styles to choose from, worth up to \$13.50, on sale at **\$9.50**

SERGE DRESSES AT \$4.50

Ladies' and Misses Serge Dresses in Navy, Black, Brown, made with silk girdle, and flare skirts, others in sailor styles, all sizes regular \$6.00, special at **\$4.50**

SUIT BARGAIN AT \$10.00

Ladies' tailor made suits in chevots, tweeds, worsteds and Venetian cloths, in grey, brown and navy, coats silk lined, tailor skirts. These are worth up to \$17.00, on sale at **\$10.00**

Dainty Silk Waists for Xmas

Pretty waists, made of silk crepes, messaline and ninons, lace. Habitua silk, and many others to choose from in hundreds of styles. These come in black and colors, and prices are \$6.00, \$5.00, \$4.00 and **\$1.98**

Sweater and golf coats for Ladies and Misses, in plain and combination colors, \$7.00, \$6.00, \$5.00, \$4.00 and **\$1.50**

Wool toupes in white, cardinal, grey, tans, etc. at 25c., 35c. and **50c**

Underskirts in satin and moire in black and colors, also plaids \$5.00 to **\$1.50**

Spanish Lace Scarfs in Black and white at \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00 and **\$10.00**

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Handsome silk crepe de chene Scarfs in sky, pink, ivory, helio, grey, regular \$8.00 and \$10.00, all to clear at one **\$5.00**

Ostrich Feather Boas at \$10.00 to \$1.98. Black and colors.

Furs Make Useful Xmas Gifts

Visit our Fur Department and see the large stock which we are showing in neck pieces, ruffs, throws, muffs; also fur and fur-lined coats. Every piece is fully guaranteed and are marked at popular prices. Fur Department Second Floor.

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Thousands of Dainty Handkerchiefs in plain embroidery and lace edges, fine lawn and pure linen. These come in quarter and half dozens, in pretty boxes.

Initial Linen Handkerchiefs at 25c., 35c., and 50c.

50 dozen beautiful Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, choice patterns, worth 18c. to 25c., your choice **25c**

Children's Fancy Colored Bordered Handkerchiefs at 5c., 7c. and **10c**

Dress Goods, Silks and Velvets

10 pieces all wool French Coating Serge, 40 inches wide in black, navy, Copenhagen, saxe, brown, green, topue, wine, cardinal, worth to-day 85c., special at **60c**

27 in. wide Corduroy Velvets, in cream, rose, Alice, saxe, brown, navy, cardinal. Worth \$1.00. Special **75c**

24 in. wide Chiffon finish Costume Velvets, in black and colors, twill back, fast pile. Special at **59c**

36 in. wide Stripe Shot Paillette Silks, 2 yards for waist or 5 yards for dress. Regular \$1.25. Special at **75c**

Black Paillette and Duchesse Satin, 36 in. wide, French dyes, recommended for wear. Worth \$1.50. **\$1.00**

Hand Bags for Xmas

Hand Bags make very useful Christmas gifts. We are showing some very special values at **\$5.00, \$4.00, \$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.00 to 89c**

Neckwear for Xmas

Fancy Neckwear, dainty styles. These come done up in pretty Xmas boxes and at prices from **\$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00 to 25c**

Kid Gloves for Xmas

French Kid Gloves, in black and colors, all sizes, every pair fully guaranteed, 2 dome fasteners. Regular \$1.35. Special at **\$1.00**

Kid Gloves in tan, silk lined, all sizes. **\$1.25**

Fur lined Gloves at **\$2.00 and \$2.50**

Children's Kid Gloves, in all sizes **90c**

Silk Hose for Xmas

Ladies' Silk Hose, "Niagara" make; they come in black and colors, all sizes, each pair in Xmas box, at **\$2, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00**

Cashmere Hose

Ladies' All Wool Cashmere Hose, all sizes, at **75c**

Extra Special Values in Table Cloths and Napkins for Saturday

These lines were bought some time ago at very special prices, and have just come to hand. These make very acceptable Christmas Gifts. Put up in holly-covered boxes. A great variety of patterns to choose from.

Table Cloths all Marked at Special Prices

6 only Cloths 2 x 2 1/2 yds., regular \$3.25 for **\$2.49**
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8 only Cloths 2 x 3 yds., regular \$4.00 for **\$3.29**
4 only Cloths 2 x 2 1/2 yds., regular \$4.50 for **\$3.59**
2 only Cloths 2 x 3 yds., regular \$5.00 for **\$3.98**

Big Lot of Table Napkins at Sale Prices

5 dozen only, 20 in. size, worth \$2.00, for **\$1.30 dozen**
12 dozen only, 20 in. size, worth \$3.00, for **\$1.98 dozen**
8 dozen only 22 in. size, worth \$3.25 for **\$2.29 dozen**
29 dozen only 22 in. size, worth \$3.50 for **\$2.59 dozen**
8 dozen only, 21 in. size, worth \$3.75, for **\$2.98 dozen**

A Large Size White Quilt for \$1.38

Five dozen Heavy Honeycomb Bed Spreads, size 72 x 90 inches. A good heavy quality, well worth \$1.75 each, Sale Price **\$1.39**

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About 50 white or grey flannelette blankets, 60 x 76 size, worth \$1.50 pair, sale **95c**

Pillow Shams and Runners 25c

Lace pillow Shams, with runners to match same, worth 40c. to 50c. each, Sale Price each **25c**

White Bath Towels 50c pr.

A big white Bath Towel, extra heavy quality of Terry, worth 75c., pair, Sale **50c**

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Two pieces white Table Damask 72 inches wide, in rose and pansy patterns, good heavy quality and easily worth 75c. yard, Sale Price, yard **50c**

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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTHWEST LAND REGULATIONS

THE sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years of age, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta.

AUCTION SALE OF HIGH CLASS STOCK

Mrs. Barton, Brantford, has instructed Welby Almas to sell by auction, at her farm, situated on River Road, one mile east of Newport, better known as the Benedict Farm, on Monday, Dec. 20th, commencing at one o'clock the following stock.

MARKETS

BRANTFORD MARKETS.

Table with columns for Fruit, Vegetables, and Dairy Products, listing items like Grapes, Apples, Potatoes, etc. with prices.

FISH

Table listing fish prices: Fresh Herring, Salmon, etc.

EAST BUFFALO MARKETS

East Buffalo, Dec. 17.—Cattle, receipts, 300 head; slow and easy. Veals—Receipts, 800 head; active, \$4 to \$11.50.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Cattle, receipts, 2,000; market steady, western steers, \$6.00 to \$11.00; cows and heifers \$2.80 to \$3.25.

Hail, Canada!

A tribute to the Honor and Bravery of our Canadian Soldiers. (By Rev. H. J. Fair, Arkona.)

Have you heard the call from the heights above.

Which has come to you to-day? A call made pure by the hearts of love Who are fallen in the fray.

Your children's children yet shall tell

With hearts made all aglow, The wonderful story how they fell With faces to the foe.

Old World Notes

A singular tragedy occurred the other night in a tramcar in London. One of the passengers suddenly turned on his fellow passengers and fatally stabbed him in the neck in the presence of the victim's wife.

A large measure of success is attending the efforts now being made to establish the crushing of palm kernels as a permanent industry in the United Kingdom.

A curly-headed girl climbed up the steps of a signal box between Nottingham and Derby the other day and told the startled signaller that she had fallen out of a train.

An old prisoner of the Kaiser's was recently married in England. He is commander Vivian R. Brandon, R.N., one of the two British officers sentenced in December, 1910, to four years' detention in a German fortress for espionage.

The newly elected Mayor of Maidstone, who is a bachelor, and only 33 years of age, explained at a meeting of the town council that before he consented to accept office he was medically examined and declared unfit for military service.

Liverpool University has taken steps for the adoption of a new ordinance to enable the university to cancel a degree, a diploma or other distinction of any one guilty of conduct discreditable or detrimental to the university.

A case of interest to married men who joined the army for the duration of the war on faith of a promise of continued payment of wages by their employers, recently was decided in Belfast.

Brantford Municipal Railway

For Paris—Five minutes after the hour. For Galt—7:05 a.m., 9:05 a.m., 11:05 a.m., 1:05 p.m., 3:05 p.m., 5:05 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 9:05 p.m.

Wood's Peppermint Cure

The Great English Candy. This medicine invigorates the whole system, restores the vitality of the blood, and cures all ailments arising from its deficiency.

ing uprooted and much shipping wrecked along the coast. In Dublin, the Liffey and its tributaries overflowed their banks.

Two German spies captured in the battle of Loos are to be sent to Dublin for exhibition. The choice of a site for the trophies is now exercising the minds of the authorities.

A fatal quarrel occurred between two prisoners in Barlinnie prison at Glasgow the other day. A squad of the prisoners was at work when two of the men began fighting.

Drastic suggestions bearing upon the question of public economy have been made in the House of Commons. One member suggests that it should be made a penal offence for any household to introduce into his house, or any tradesman to sell, meat at the rate of more than three-quarters of a pound for each occupant.

Grand Trunk Railway

6:50 a.m.—For Dundas, Hamilton and East. 7:28 a.m.—For Toronto and Montreal. 7:58 a.m.—For Hamilton, Niagara Falls and East.

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S. G. Read & Son Agency

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We have been instructed to offer for sale by tender Houses Nos. 170 and 172 Prospect St., Hamilton, Ont. These are good properties and situated in one of the best residential districts of Hamilton.

50 ACRES

at a bargain, good for stock, poultry or gardening, seven miles from city, good bank barn, spring creek, comfortable frame house. Only \$2500.

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136 Dalhousie Street Phone: Office 1533, Residence 1309 Open Wednesday and Saturday Evenings.

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3 acres good garden land, with 1 1/2 storey brick house, 7 rooms, two small barns, quantity of small fruit, in village of Mount Pleasant, near station, school and post office.

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Friday, December 17, 1915.

The Situation.

The latest word is that the Italians have commenced to send troops forward to the help of Serbia. The number is not given. Meanwhile additional French and British forces continue to land at Saloniki, and without doubt the work of entrenchment there is going steadily ahead. It is stated that the Bulgarians have issued a pledge to Greece that they will not give battle on Greek soil. How much that promise is worth remains to be seen; probably not much. It seems to be the general impression that there will not be much fierce fighting in this district for a while.

Talk of the Turks creating serious trouble in Egypt and tying up the Suez Canal, is again renewed. Such a move would be one of far-reaching consequences, and would of course, have German backing.

Neither from the French nor the Russian fronts is there anything recorded of any moment. General Townshend reports the loss of one thousand Turks during the recent heavy fighting. He seems to be stirring up matters a good deal more since he assumed command.

Bourassa's Buncombe.

Hnri Bourassa is a Canadian nuisance, not to say menace, and ought to be suppressed.

A despatch from Montreal gives this report of a speech which he made in that city last night:—

"There is no public man in Canada who can pretend that Canada is obliged to help Britain in this war.

"There are many people to-day who accused French-Canadians of not running to arms and shedding their blood for England, for not being martyrs. We have not to keep together, with our blood, the empire which Britain has not the force or ability to keep herself.

"Two hundred thousand French-Canadians are to-day living under worse oppression in the Province of Ontario than the people of Alsace-Lorraine have been subjected to for 40 years under the iron heel of Prussia."

This statement was greeted with "Shame, shame," from invited guests on the platform.

Canada, putting it on the bald and unpatriotic basis of a Bourassa, certainly is not "obliged" to help, and as a matter of fact, she was not asked to help, but by all the instincts of a common brotherhood and the bonds of Empire, co-operative assistance was freely offered. Right now, had it not been for John Bull and the British fleet, Canada would without doubt be devastated very much after the same manner as Belgium and Serbia. Some who go about their daily vocations in peace and quietness, do not stop to think of this—men of Bourassa's calibre have not enough esprit de corps or common decency to do so.

As a matter of course he had to bring up the school question in Ontario, and to make the declaration that 200,000 French-Canadians to-day are living under "worse oppression" in this province than the people of Alsace and Lorraine had been subjected to for forty years "under the iron heel of Prussia."

Arrant rot.

The situation in Ontario is that in the public schools, English has been insisted upon as the language of instruction, and very properly so too. To draw any parallel between this proper condition of affairs and the case of Alsace and Lorraine, two French provinces placed under Prussian domination, simply serves to show what an egregious ass Bourassa can make of himself, even without half trying.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

The Manufacturers' Life has secured a place in the Sun.

Only six more shopping days to Christmas.

Obeys that impulse and get those gifts. Courier advertisements tell you where.

General Joffre continues to fire other Generals. Like most housewives, he will tell you that good generals are hard to get.

That is a point worth thinking over which Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P. made in his interview regarding proposed selling of the Galt to Paris end of the Municipal road. He pointed out that the Grand Valley runs a good distance into Waterloo County and

that it is very questionable how far such a range can be regarded as Municipal.

President Wilson gets married tomorrow, and thus takes up another white man's burden in the White House.

The late Elbert G. Hubbard left \$387,848 and his wife \$123,506, or \$521,354 in all. Pretty fair for a man who used to preach the community interest idea at East Aurora.

Hon. Mr. Blondin declares that the heart of Quebec is true to the Empire. What the rest of us would like to hear, is the tramp from there of more feet of enlisted soldiers.

Rumor has it once again that Kitchener is to be married, this time to a widow with five children. Meanwhile the sceptical will still continue to believe that the call to arms in a military sense is the only kind which appeals to him.

Struck a Mine.

London, Dec. 17, 12.35 p.m.—The Belgian relief committee's steamer Leven Poole from New York for Rotterdam has been beached on the British east coast in a sinking condition as the result of striking a mine. The Leven Poole is a British steamer of 4,844 tons gross and 376 feet long, was built in 1911 and is owned in West Hartlepool. She sailed from New York, November 24, arrived at Falmouth on December 11 and was to proceed thence to Rotterdam.

Major Campbell, D.S.O., MP, for North Ayrshire, has appeared in the House of Commons in the uniform of his regiment, this being the first time that a member has sat on the benches in his kilts.

Chas. P. Griffin, a G.T.R. brakeman of Hamilton, was killed, when he slipped while coupling cars.

Military Wrist Watches

Nothing is more suitable for the Soldier Boys this year for a Christmas Gift.

Waltham Wrist Watches \$9.00 to \$15.00

Elgin, \$9.00 to \$15.00

Others from \$5 to \$18

May We Show You Our Line

Every Watch we sell is Fully Guaranteed and will be exchanged if faulty in any way.

E. H. NEWMAN & SONS Manufacturing Jewellers Engraving Free

The Lord Mayor and the sheriff defrayed the entire cost of entertaining 3000 east end poor at dinner on Lord Mayor's Day at the great Assembly Hall, Mile End.

LOCAL OPTION NOTES

VOTE EARLY. It is not temperance people on this board who are driving men out of the liquor business. It is yourselves—you are the men to blame.—Chairman Fialle.

More than 500 Ontario municipalities are without the bar-room. There is not one case of any having been adversely affected by Local Option.

One good, sound Brantford boy is worth more than all the money the bar-rooms have handled in their existence in Brantford.

Six thousand people have died in Canada of alcoholism since the war began. German bullets have not killed that many Canadians in the same time.

The bar is the poor man's club, we are told. Yes, it clubs him into the ditch, into jail, into the poor house. It clubs his wife and family. The bar is a club but it is not the poor man's club. It is the devil's club and about the best club he has. Smash it with your ballot.

The bar is well named. It is a bar to happiness, peace, comfort, purity, decency—to everything desirable and good in life.

Blind piggers do not last long under a law which provides \$300 fine for the first offence and jail for the second.

Ontario shows many instances of neighboring towns, one under local option and the other under license. IN EVERY CASE the local option town is the more progressive.

VOTE EARLY.—Advertisement.

The Mercantile Marine Association whose headquarters are at Liverpool, have been the means of securing nearly 500 recruits for the Inland Water Transport Corps, a special branch of the Royal Engineers.

PARCEL POST

Used to Send Food From the States to Germany.

London, Dec. 17.—"Considerable quantities of food are being sent to Germany by parcel post from America, and we are in communication with our ambassador at Washington on the subject," Lord Robert Cecil, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, informed the House of Commons yesterday in reply to certain questions.


The Under-Secretary added that other steps had been taken to deal with the matter effectively. Asked if special instructions in this connection had been given to the British navy, Lord Robert Cecil said he was of the opinion that it would not be convenient to specify what instructions had been given to the navy.

The Citizens' Committee for food shipments to Germany and Austria announced in New York last week it had delivered to the United States postoffice its first packages of food, consisting of condensed milk, lard and rice to be shipped as first-class mail. These parcels, the committee said, were for starving children in Germany and Austria.

Recent despatches from Berlin said the parcel post services from Germany to America had been suspended owing to British interference, but that the British had refrained from seizing packages from the United States to Germany.

The Rev. Wm. Britton, late tutor of the Church Missionary College, Islington, and formerly curate of Holy Trinity, Marylebone, has been appointed to the living of St. John's, Reading.

Niagara Falls city council voted \$350 to spend on Christmas luxuries for families of soldiers at the front.



INDEPENDENCE

Every sensible person desires to be independent. The surest way to become so is to save your money.

The Royal Loan & Savings Company

accepts deposits of One Dollar and upwards.

38 - 40 Market Street

Favors Allies.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, Dec. 17.—The young emperor of Abyssinia is so favorably disposed towards the entente allies that he has not only resisted efforts of German agents to induce him to abrogate treaties with Great Britain, Italy and France last year, but offered 200,000 soldiers to be used by the allies as their military necessities demanded, according to Pierre Alype, a member of the colonial committee of the Chamber of Deputies.

A shorthand document recently figured in a case for costs in Dublin Appeal Court. The costs in question were in connection with a sale of property, and the interesting point arose as to whether a certain document drawn up in shorthand should be charged for as a legal document. The notes taken in shorthand were those of the abstract of title and conditions of sale, and the point raised was that it was not a document which could be inspected by intending purchasers, as they could not read it. The court unanimously decided that a document which was to be inspected by other persons should be written in a language which they could understand.

HOCKEY SHOES.

Skating is here, and we have the hockey boots. You know that little brother would appreciate a pair for his Xmas gift. Coles Shoe Co., 122 Colborne Street.

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Only 6 Days More

To Collect Those Christmas Gifts --- Our Store is a Bevy of Suggestions for Every Member of the House



HANDKERCHIEFS

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Hand crochet, Armenian edge, pure linen, dainty patterned handkerchief; a large assortment. Prices are \$1.25, \$1.00, 75c., 50c., 40c. to

Ladies' "Pure Linen" hemstitched hand embroidered, initial handkerchief, 12 1/2c

Prices are 25c., 20c. to

Men's Pure Linen hemstitched hand embroidered, initial handkerchiefs, 25c

Prices are 40c. to

Good assortment of Ladies' fancy handkerchiefs in embroidered corners, lace and embroidered edges. Price 3 for 50c

A dainty assortment of hemstitched and embroidered edge handkerchiefs, 5 for 50c

Price

Large range of Children's colored border handkerchiefs, put up 3 in a box 20c

Price per box

Ladies' pure linen handkerchiefs, box of dozens, half dozens, and quarter dozens. 5c

Prices each 25c., 15c. to

Thousands of Other Handkerchiefs at Special Xmas Prices

Boudoir Caps

Daintily Boxed Make a Very Acceptable Gift

Large and beautiful, indeed, is the assortment of Boudoir Caps collected here for the Christmas trade; dainty flowered crepe de chene, nixon, and Georgette Crepe, plain and fancy net, plain and fancy silk, finished with dainty little silk flowers, French bow knot of ribbon.

PRICED FROM

\$1.98 to 60c

Crepe de Chine Scarfs, Etc.

A dainty, acceptable gift, neatly boxed with Christmas tags.

Dainty indeed are the beautiful Silk Crepe de Chine Scarfs, plain and fancy, in a varied assortment of designs and colors. Then there is that popular ICEWOOL Scarf or shawl in black or white, with an assortment of silk Shawls. Prices...\$5.75 to \$2.50

About Parcels

You can help us, our help, and our delivery, during the Christmas rush, by kindly carrying all small parcels. We ask you this favor, during this season, on account of the thousands of parcels that have to be delivered.

WHY NOT FURS?

'Twould indeed be hard to find a more serviceable, practical or acceptable gift.

Children's and Misses' White Thibet Sets. \$3.95

Price.....\$8.75 to

Imitation Seal Sets, women's and misses'. \$3.75

Very handsome Natural Wolf Sets, large full ruff and large cushion muff, beautifully marked. \$18.75

Price.....\$35.00 to

Magnificent Black Lynx, Wolf and Fox Sets, beautiful large full pieces; an ideal gift, a set of these. Prices.....\$75.00 to \$35.00

Very fine sets of Mink Marmot, the popular fur large and small neckpieces, with large new style muff. Price.....\$18.00 to \$6.95

KIMONAS

Floral Wrapperette Kimonas, either Empire or loose effect, all colors. Price.....\$1.00

Plain and floral Crepe Kimonas, some satin, some self trimmed, others with handsome embroidered yokes and shirred satin trimming.....\$5.00 to \$1.25

Heavy Eiderette and Eiderdown Kimonas, plain colors, floral and Indian designs.....\$8.50 to \$2.95

A very choice range of Silk and Silk Crepe-de-Chine Kimonas, plain colors and handsome, neat floral designs. Priced.....\$10.00 to \$3.95

MOTOR RUGS—A very useful gift. Priced.....\$2.25 to \$10

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What Could Be More Acceptable?

A list of every article needed for the dressing table.

Hair Brushes.....\$3.50 to \$1.25

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Hair Receivers.....\$1.95 to 50c

Combs.....75c to 35c

Baby Brushes.....85c. to 45c

Men's Hair Brushes.....\$1.50

Shaving Brushes.....\$2.25 to \$1.25

Clothes Brushes.....\$1.95 to \$1

Powder Boxes \$1.95 to 50c

Hat Brushes.....85c

Manicure Knives 85c to 75c

Everyone of these articles is guaranteed to be of the finest workmanship and the brushes contain the best bristles.

OGILVIE, LOCHHEAD & CO.

Another new shipment of Toys just arrived in Toyland. The children's delight, this is. We welcome them at this time, it being the only time in the year when we display goods for the kiddies. Send them or bring them to Toyland. THEY ARE ALL WELCOME.

LOCAL

A DIRECTOR.

Col. A. J. Wilkes of this city has been elected to the office of the directors of the Mutual Life Insurance Co. which merged with the Sun Life.

DISBURSEMENTS

The treasurer's disbursements for the month of November were reported by City Treasurer Bunnick to the city clerk's office this morning amounting to \$132.50.

MEASLY OUTBREAK

Inspector Glover reports morning that he had dealt with seven or eight cases of measles, mostly all in Victoria. He is busy with the quarantines.

STREET RAILWAY DEAL

Much interest is taken in the proposed Street Railway deal. The speakers expected to be Messrs. Turnbull, Hartman, Calbeck, Hebragg and Dowling. The public are cordially invited.

PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE.

On Thursday night Dec. 23 will be a big progressive euchre at the Borden Club rooms. Attractive prizes will be given. Borden club and members of ious Borden euchre teams. A ing to take part should send names to the secretary not later Wednesday, Dec. 22nd.

TRAINING GUN

Colonel Stewart of the 84th ed a metal periscope this morning. He has also made arrangements for the 86th machine gun battery Hamilton to get a dummy gun for training purposes. A copy of the latest type, the model.

A PROMINENT VISITOR

Colonel W. K. McNaught is going to visit Colonel W. art on Saturday and will spend day as his guest. Col. Ste entertain him and several leaders at the officers' mess of Colonel McNaught is very popular in military circles in Ottawa. He is Assistant Adjutant of Battalion.

NOTHING BETTER FOR XMAS

For Mother, Father, Sister, brother or friend than a pair of Jarvis' Glasses. For those who need them it means a present and pleasure-giving gift, in ending comfort to the wearer. No Xmas gift would be appreciated.

THAN JARVIS' GLASSES

Jarvis' Glasses cost as low as \$2.00.

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STREET RAILWAY DEAL. Much interest is taken in the meeting at the Borden Club to-night when the proposed Street Railway deal will be discussed. The speakers are expected to be Messrs. Turnbull, Bunnell, Hartman, Calbeck, Hollinrake, Bragg and Dowling. The general public are cordially invited.

PROGRESSIVE EUCHRE. On Thursday night Dec 23rd there will be a big progressive euchre game at the Borden Club rooms when very attractive prizes will be given. The game will be open to members of the Borden club and members of the various Borden euchre teams. All desiring to take part should send their names to the secretary not later than Wednesday, Dec. 22nd.

TRAINING GUN. Colonel Stewart of the 84th received a metal periscope this morning for field practice work for his battalion. He has also made arrangements with the 86th machine gun battalion of Hamilton to get a dummy machine gun for training purposes. It will be a copy of the latest type, the Lewis model.

A PROMINENT VISITOR. Colonel W. K. McNaught, C.M.G., is going to visit Colonel W. T. Stewart on Saturday and will spend the day as his guest. Col. Stewart will entertain him and several leading citizens at the officers' mess of the 84th. Colonel McNaught is very prominent in military circles in Ottawa, and his son is Assistant Adjutant of the 84th Battalion.

NOTHING BETTER FOR XMAS. For Mother, Sister, Brother or Friend than a pair of Jarvis' glasses. For those who need them it means a practical and pleasure-giving gift, never-ending comfort to the wearer. No Xmas gift would be more appreciated.

THAN JARVIS' GLASSES. Jarvis' glasses cost as low as \$2.00.

Chas. A. Jarvis OPTOMETRIST Manufacturing Optician 52 MARKET STREET Just North of Dalhousie Street Both phones for appointments Open Tuesday and Saturday Evenings

VERY CONCISE. The Manufacturers' Committee held a very short and concise meeting last night in the City Hall. Nothing but routine matters were considered.

PLEASANT PARTY. A delightful surprise party took place last evening at the home of Mrs. J. Russell, 278 Wellington St. It was held in honor of Pte. G. E. Stephenson of the 128th Brant Battalion. About twenty young people enjoyed an evening of games and music.

WILL MAKE TOUR. The Railway Commissioners met last evening in the city hall and held a quiet business meeting. It was decided that on Monday, a tour of the Brantford Municipal Railway would be made in a special car by the members of the City Council, Board of Trade and representatives of the Trades and Labor Council.

A LONG COURT. An all day session was held in the County Court yesterday, while the Crawford vs. Blow case was tried. The jury finally brought in a verdict of \$50 to the plaintiff, however. The case was sent down from Oxford county and consisted of a dispute over the supplying of some logs and water. W. S. Brewster, K.C., appeared for the plaintiff, while Mr. W. M. Charlton acted as counsel for the defendant.

MISSION CIRCLE. The Colborne St. Mission Circle had its monthly meeting on Tuesday evening at the home of Miss Bedford when a goodly number were present to hear Miss Preston a returned missionary from Japan. The speaker was full of zeal for her work and aroused her listeners as she told stories of the Japanese girls and of the work which must be done for them. She had many photographs and curios, which proved an added attraction. During the evening Miss Maysie Walton sang a most suitable solo.

CANNOT BEAT THE 125TH. Colonel Cutcliffe attended a recruiting meeting in Toronto yesterday at which about thirty officers were present. All the commanding officers of overseas battalions in Division 2 and representatives of recruiting committees made up this number. The meeting was held at the National Club. Ideas were exchanged but no one could boast of a better record or system than that of Col. Cutcliffe's, as the 125th has done remarkably well since its organization. Some other battalions have not yet started to recruit, while the Brant Battalion have nearly half the required men already.

PEDDLER STOLE \$60. There have been several cases of theft in one district of the East ward recently, and they have all been perpetrated by peddlers and bill deliverers. These fellows, on the pretense of distributing their bills, etc., go up to a house and if there is no response to their knocks, they try the door and enter. This is not always possible, but a surprising number of doors are left unlocked.

Another theft was committed yesterday afternoon in this manner, on Victoria street, at the residence of Mr. Haddow. The people were all away and the peddler, finding the door unlocked, went in and stole \$60 in cash and jewelry.

Some protective measures should be taken by the city. It would not only be an advantage to the public, but also a help to the police, if each peddler was forced to wear a badge with a number on it. Such badges would cost the city very little.

IN MEMORIAM GODFREY—in loving memory of our dear ones, who departed this life: Mother—Dec. 17th, 1913. Irwen—June 8, 1911. Freddie—April 22, 1908. So sadly missed.—Father and Bertha.

COMING EVENTS.

SATURDAY'S HOSTESSES at Crompton's Tea Rooms, Miss Marion Watts, convenor, assisted by all the girl members of the Chapter. 3.30 to 6 p.m.

LOCAL OPTION Mass Meeting, Victoria Hall, Sunday afternoon, 3.45 p.m. Three Galt business men will speak. Ex-Mayor Patterson, P. A. Rutherford and S. Clark.

A KING OF EVERY DAY—By Vera Reding, A Christmas play of youth, love and happiness. Best local talent, music specially composed by Miss Ena Coyne, Victoria Hall, Dec. 21st. Admission 25 cents.

A CLEAN SLATE. There was a perfectly clean slate at the police station this morning, and not even a case of drunkenness was tried. Chief Slemmons' effort is certainly keeping excellent order in the city.

THE TURKS. Alleged Violation of International Laws.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Berlin, Dec. 17.—The charge that Russian warships several months ago destroyed a building flying the American flag is made in an official publication of the Turkish government. The Overseas News Agency announced today the statement, dealing with various allegations of violations of international law by enemies of Turkey, follows: "The Turkish government has published reports concerning violations of international law by the enemy. Among them are the following: "On July 16 and 17 enemy airmen shelled the hospital at Havouselou-Dortnop.

"Turkish prisoners were treated inhumanely by the French and British and forced to assist in front of the works near Seddul Bahr. "The enemy fired with machine guns on peaceful inhabitants of Dikili, in Karasi, Asiatic Turkey. "On July 5, Russian torpedo boats destroyed a United States building flying the United States flag.

THE PROBS. Toronto, Dec. 17.—The disturbance mentioned yesterday now covers the great lakes and the Mississippi Valley causing strong winds and snow and rain over Ontario. Elsewhere in Canada the weather is fair and nowhere very cold.

FORECASTS. Strong breezes to moderate east to southwest winds, sleet or rain. Saturday, Strong west to north-west winds, local snow falls or flurries, but partly fair and a little colder.

BIG CROWD. At the Boxing and Wrestling Entertainment.

There was a big crowd at the Opera House last night when boxing and wrestling bouts were put on by the soldiers, proceeds to go for smokes to be sent to the Brantford boys at the front. There were a large number of men in the King's uniform in attendance and they sang many choruses during the evening with "We'll never let the Old Flag Fall" as a favorite. Many were present from Paris and Hamilton.

Jack Maynard, 86th Hamilton, downed Sgt. Curtis of 84th Brantford in four rounds of great boxing match. Jack McCracken, C.M.R., Hamilton, scheduled to meet Rollins, 86th Hamilton, but Rollins did not put in an appearance. Wilson of the same battalion took him on. McCracken won out. In the fourth Wilson made things lively.

Durham, 84th Brantford, and Sgt. Munton, 86th Hamilton, put on the best boxing bout of the evening after a strong battle it was decided a draw. Two wrestling matches were put on and lasted 20 minutes each, both going to a draw. Jack O'Brien, of Rochester, and Banty Lang, of Hamilton, put up a snappy match, both being very fast. Ed. Goulding of Brantford, gave 20 pounds to Sam Zeller, of Hamilton, and even at that kept him hustling. Zeller had no desire to stop but the crowd took Goulding's side.

Major Spence, between the portions of the program, made a very neat recruiting speech.

The founder of the War Seal Foundation for the provision of suitable flats for permanently disabled soldiers and sailors has received from a lady an offer to defray the cost of the first flat, on the condition that ten other people will do likewise. She would like to dedicate the flat "to sweet memory of the martyred Nurse Cavell."

Too Late for Classification WANTED—Maid for general household work in small family. Mrs. John Muir, 185 Chatham St. f35 JUST ARRIVED FROM ENGLAND Broadbent has just received a shipment of beautiful neckwear, from London, England.

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A Christmas Presentation of WINTER SUITS AND COATS



A stylish Coat or Suit is always acceptable. Special preparations have been made here to supply you with suits and coats of uncommonly good styles, so that they will be doubly welcome when presented.

A Nice, Heavy Winter Weight Coat in the tweed cloth, made in the long loose lines in front, full flare back and finished with velvet collar and buttons. This coat sells for \$8.50

A Very Pretty Coat in the two-toned curl cloth, one of the very latest designs. This coat has pleats back and front, with wide belt and fancy pockets. Collar can be worn in the military style or turned down, giving a very dressy appearance. At \$9.50

A Stylish Coat of the warm, all wool chinchilla cloth; it is cut 48 inches in length, has semi-fitted back and loose front, high military collar fastening with fancy buttons and loops; the sleeves have the large armhole and finished with deep cuffs. At \$12.50

SMART SUITS SPECIALLY PRICED

A Very Stylish-looking Suit of blue all wool poplin, three-quarter length, coat belted in at the waist; a nice flare skirt with inverted pleats to form a panel in back. Collars and cuffs have trimmings of fur \$16.50

A Suit of Navy Blue Serge in the very latest cut, skirt in the full flare style, coat has long, very straight lines, with straps of self material; collar can be worn military or turned down forming lapels, making a very dressy suit. At \$13.50

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The Housewife who prides herself on her cooking will find here the very kind of cooking necessities that will make the Christmas dinner a success.

Staple Groceries of all kinds—but of Standard Quality only—are carried in great variety. YOU ARE INVITED TO GIVE US A TRIAL ON YOUR NEXT ORDER.

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- Nuts, Mixed, choice assortment, per lb. 20c
Walnuts, three kinds, at, per lb. 20c, 25c and 35c
Brazilis, large, washed, per lb. 25c
Almonds, meaty and fine flavor, per lb. 25c
Filberts, per lb. 18c

ORANGES

We have a large stock of the best Navel Oranges. Special prices to-morrow.

TABLE RAISINS

A choice line in packages or bulk.

FIGS AND DATES

Figs in small and large drums and in bulk. Dates in packages and bulk.

CANDY

A choice range of Chocolates, Creams and a special line for the Christmas stocking, from 12 1/2c to 60c per lb.

CHEESE

Old Canadian, Roquefort, Edam, Swiss and Cream.

SWEET BISCUITS

Finest Canadian and English makes.

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

Funny Crackers, Fancy Crackers—a fine selection.

CHRISTMAS DAINTIES

Plum Puddings, Fruit Cake, Blanching Almonds, Cranberries, Grapes, Mince-meat, Grape Fruit, French Cherries in bottle, Glace Cherries in bulk, Bananas, Oysters, Celery, Lettuce, Fowl.

OUR COFFEE WILL BE APPRECIATED EXTRA SPECIALS FOR SATURDAY

- Sugar, Granulated, with \$2.00 orders, 10 lbs. for .68c
Eggs, Cooking, very special, at, per dozen .33c
Prunes, 3 lbs. for .25c
Mince Meat, choice, 2 lbs. for .25c
Corn Meal, 8 lbs. for .25c
Rolled Oats, 6 1/2 lbs. for .25c
Catsup, Snider's, large size, per lb. .20c
Honey, 5 lb. pail, pure, very choice .70c
Broom Special—40c Broom for .35c
Broom Special—30c Broom for .25c
Toilet Paper, large roll, 6 rolls for .25c
Icing Sugar, 3 lbs. for .25c
Loaf Sugar, 2 1/2 lbs. for .25c
Lard, pure, 1 lb. package .17c

New Neckpieces---Daily

Some exquisite new styles arrive daily. It may be a new form, a new color, some variations of an existing style or some revival of a long-ago period. The Neckwear Section is a source of never-ending interest to lovers of loveliness, latest arrivals.



Pretty Swiss Embroidered Collars, of organdie or voile, in great variety of pretty designs, all the newest styles, high military effects, slightly rolling and perfectly flat collars, splendid styles to wear with the military coat or dress. Price .25c each

The New Convertible Collar, made of fancy voile, finished with dainty cord edge and fancy buttons, can be worn in high military effect or flare, white only. Price .50c each

The Lotus Collar, made of embroidered organdie with lace edge, also fine Brussels lace, the fashionable collar for military coats, collar and furs. Prices .25c and 85c

Large Assortment of Vestees, in organdie, voile or fine Brussels lace, in high or flat effect, in cream or white. Your choice .50c

Lovely White Voile Collars in flat effects, hem-stitched and daintily embroidered in black. Prices .50c to 85c each

Dainty Silk Crepe Collar, in the new high, semi-high and flat effects; some are finished with hem-stitching, also the fashionable fur trimming, can be worn with dress or coats. Prices .50c to \$1.50 each

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"Glove certificates are MY pet gifts," said the Busy Woman, whose days are too full for lengthy shopping tours. "Gloves are always welcome—that I know; I give glove certificates with a clear conscience and the pleasurable realization that my friends will get the gloves they really want, not the gloves I might think they want."

The number on the card is the only identification of the money value of these cards, and this is known only by the purchaser and ourselves.

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Hard and Soft Felt Hats. Regular up to \$4.00. For \$1.57	Rain Coats. Regular \$10.00 and \$12.50. For \$6.95
Fine Madras Shirts. Regular \$1.25. For 89c	Pique, Pleated and Plain Shirts. Regular \$1.50 and \$1.75. For \$1.19
Silk Lined Gloves. Regular \$2.25. For \$1.79	Silk Lined Dogskin Gloves. Regular \$1.50. For \$1.19
Mocha and Kid Gloves, wool lined. Regular \$1.50. For \$1.19	Kant Crack Collars. 19c each
English Cashmere Hose. 5 pair for \$1.00	Fine English Cashmere Hose. Regular 50c line. 3 for \$1.00
Tru-Knit Pure Wool Underwear. Regular \$2.25. For \$1.89	Pen-Angle Underwear. Regular \$2.25. For \$1.89
Heavy Combinations. Regular \$2.00. For \$1.39	Any Cap, large choice, for 57c

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A RAILWAY PRESIDENT'S VIEW

By SIR THOMAS SHAUGHNESSY

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Sir.—The prophet who, in olden days, was not honored in his own country, very often deserved his fate, for those people who are apt to foretell some wrath to come, or impending ruin, are not pleasant company.

In Canada, however, we are incurable optimists, and there are few of us unprepared to hasten the future in colors of the rainbow. There is, indeed, a tendency to prophesy too much and to do little, waiting for the war to end and for the return of the tide which is to bring once more the flow of men and capital to our farms, our mines, our forests, and our factories. Whereas in reality our future is based on our present, and unless we have a secure foundation, the superstructure to which we put our labor and the capital must be unstable.

The potential wealth of Canada lies in her immense natural resources, but these must remain merely potential till they have been developed with the aid of human labor, which in turn must be paid its wages. Some day when her population is sufficiently large, and her people have put aside more savings, Canada may herself provide the capital to develop her own resources, but for many years to come a large proportion of this capital must come from outside, and be paid for in interest duly earned. Our credit, therefore, is our chief concern, and it is the first duty of every citizen to exact careful and economical expenditure in Government, municipal and public company expenditure, to be merciless on graft, to insist on a lynch-like and perpetual audit even in the days of record earnings, bumper increases and untaxed war profits. The spendthrift nation gets short shrift from the foreign banker who, in his turn, is put out to interest the savings entrusted to him by his own thrifty customers. Our credit now is of the most urgent importance, for the enormous cost of the war has made it difficult, if not impossible, for Great Britain and other European countries to continue that investment in Canadian securities on which the development of Canada depended so much in the ten years preceding hostilities. The sentimental interest taken by the Mother Country in Canada accounted to some extent for the readiness with which the British investor bought our securities. If, as is likely, we have to turn now for our loans to New York, we can no longer count on sentimental sympathy, but must be able to guarantee that the money we desire to borrow will be carefully and economically spent on enterprises which are immediately

productive. Extravagant promotions, born only to serve a political end, must be vigorously stifled at their birth, and those unhealthy offshoots which have been spoon-fed by too lenient subsidies or Government guarantees, must be reduced to sterner tutelage—in some cases perhaps handed over to the guardianship of an official receiver.

The business man of the United States is essentially an individualist, and never has shown much belief in state socialism or any form of commercial enterprise operated by Government officials, however upright or well-intentioned. Where, on the other hand, there is scope for a well-arranged private business or industry, with the prospect of good returns, no one is more ready than the American to stake large sums of money without hesitation. Mortgages on farm lands are also a favorite form of more conservative investment south of the border, and such mortgages often provide the farmer with funds useful for increasing his live stock or better cultivation of his land. Our lands, particularly in Western Canada, are still assessed on a comparatively low valuation, so that the security we have to offer in this field is good. The migration of farmers from the United States to Western Canada shows no sign of falling off, and there is no doubt that considerable capital for the development of our agricultural land will follow in their footsteps.

If then we see to it that our security and our credit are good, I see no reason to fear that the progress of Canada will be hampered by lack of capital, even though the European investor may be cut off by the present war. The uncertain element in the supply of labor, and till the issue of the war is decided, one can only hope for the best. It is, however, a historic fact that European wars during the past century have been followed by emigration to the North American continent. An important factor in these migrations has been the heavy taxation which resulted from war. Although there is reason for believing that the rates of wages in European countries may soon approximate to those now current in the United States and Canada, the taxation required to pay for the war will tempt many to transfer their homes across the Atlantic. Much of this movement from Central Europe will be directed no doubt to the United States, but any further immigration through the ports of Boston and New York will only increase the westward pressure of population which is already resulting in an over-

flow from the middle western states into our prairie provinces.

The future of Canada, therefore, depends largely on the ability with which we handle the incoming population, the preparedness we make for absorbing the heterogeneous elements whom we may be called upon to assimilate after this terrible racial eruption in Europe. During the past thirty years Canada has more or less successfully absorbed a very large immigrating population, but much energy has been dissipated through lack of co-operation shown between the Dominion Government, the Provincial Governments, and the transportation companies. We should be busy now thinking out and formulating an organization which should place upon the land, or in the industries for which they are fitted, with the least possible friction or loss of time, those individuals or families which come to make a new home in Canada. In the past we have been slow to let the immigrant shift for himself and find his place by himself. As a result, many a good farm laborer has been lost to the land, and has helped, in times of economic stress, to overcrowd our cities. We have said to the mechanic: "Take the first job that is offered to you," instead of having a carefully organized bureau which would tell him of the place where his skill was needed. This war has accelerated many manufacturing activities in Canada, and there is a possibility of a greater demand for highly skilled labor than was the case when Canada depended more completely on her agriculture. Even in the case of the immigrant farmer from Europe, we have not always been ready with the expert advice which would enable him to adapt himself to the conditions. We have let men with invaluable knowledge of intensive farming go to waste on homesteads remote from the markets, and have not sufficiently posted our settlers on climatic and soil conditions. The knowledge of which is essential to their success as Canadian farmers, we have, as it were, brought from Europe and planted them indiscriminately in a garden which had not been prepared for them—a method of culture which could only result in a heavy percentage of waste. There is so much to be done to develop this future to be as great as any waste of energy should be avoided. We must conserve that energy just as much as we must conserve our credit, if our future is to be as great as any waste of energy should be avoided. We must conserve that energy just as much as we must conserve our credit, if our future is to be as great as any waste of energy should be avoided. We must conserve that energy just as much as we must conserve our credit, if our future is to be as great as any waste of energy should be avoided.

Yours truly,
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What the Chimes Say
"Do Good! Do Good!"
They Ring Out at Christmas.

HOW plainly the Christmas chimes seem to ring out to all, both rich and poor:
"Ye who would be truly happy, do good, do good! Live not for yourselves, for there is no joy in selfishness. Dispel the grief and want of others, comfort, cheer, and gladness. Give freely of what you have and thereby lay up treasures in heaven."
Thus chime the bells, and he who heeds their solemn warning while merrily they ring may have his Christmas blessing if he will.
Happiness is a divine gift, and man is godlike if ever, when he fills some human heart with joy.
What was it but a laudable desire to render all mankind joyful at Christmas which impelled people in the olden time to open their homes and their hearts as well to all alike at Christmas as they might enter and share the Christmas feast? Friend or stranger, it mattered not, the master welcomed all, and all men who would partook of his bounty. No man sat down alone beside his Christmas fire, wrapped in his own selfishness and careless of others' comfort. No, the great Yule log was brought with pomp and much rejoicing from the wildwood, a mighty fire was kindled upon the hearth, and the whole neighborhood gathered around to share the genial warmth, while bright eyes danced with glee as the Christmas chimes rang merrily in the ruddy blaze. The flush of joy was on every cheek, and every honest heart throbbled with gratitude and homely pleasures. The wassail bowl went round, bilbe carols were sung, and merry lads and maidens danced until the dawn.

MORNING, noon and night, for breakfast, dinner and supper, the first thing on awaking and the last thing on going to sleep, every hour of every day of every week of every month of the year we wait the spirit of Christmas, for it is the spirit of ministrations, of giving, of service, of doing for others.
—Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark.

AND did you ever think what a peculiarly blessed sound in the ears of those watching shepherds of the valley of Bethlehem was the announcement of the angels, "Christ has come." Ever since the gate of paradise was shut against our first parents his advent had been looked forward to as the hope of a lost world.

STILL there is call for strenuous endeavor and constant fight against evils without and within, as though God would remind us that this is not our rest, that the true holiday is daily, as it used to be written is above at his right hand.—Rev. Dr. P. S. Henson.

WASSAIL! Drink! Still in some old European families at Christmas, succeeded the skull of the real holiday, the wassail bowl. In these old wassail bowls, some specimens of which are of brown ware and others of massive silver, were placed the ale, the ginger, the sugar, the nutmeg and the roasted crab apples. Where the old custom still prevails, the ale is served spiced and sweetened in the wassail bowl, but the apples are omitted.

THE ancient Christmas ceremony of bringing in the Yule log is regularly performed on Christmas afternoon in the hall of Queen's College, Oxford, England. The head is borne in on a silver dish, shoulder high, at the head of a procession formed by the college choir augmented for the occasion singing "The Boar's Head Song."

Guelph's surplus of receipts over operating expenses for the radial railway for this year is more than \$10,000.

MERRY

CHRIST'S coming inaugurated among men a new era of good will, and as a consequence thrones are tottering, chains are loosening, prison doors are opening and practical Christian beneficence is flooding the world with sunshine and fills it with songs of gladness.—Rev. Dr. P. S. Henson.

HERE is that "glad tidings," that gospel of "great joy" of which the angels speak to the wondering shepherds—this announcement of God's love for man and man's sough to God. And these "glad tidings" are for "all people," so the angel said. "There is not a single soul to whom the tidings of Christmas come that is not assured of the love of the almighty and infinite Father."

REFORM ye, then—so sounds the voice of the Eternal Spirit, the power back of evolution—Reform ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand! So we may gird ourselves to every task of reform with new hope and fresh enthusiasm and ring our Christmas bells again.—Rev. Dr. R. Heber Newton.

IT may be that in every gift with which at this blessed Christmas tide we gladden our children's hearts we are the Magi again offering treasure to the Holy Child. We may make it so. But richer gifts than these will be required. Our endurance shall be our gift to him who gave himself. Is there toil for us, that we may honor him? Is there self-denial? Are there holy consecration and humble service, that shall make the world at last a spotless sacrifice to him who purchased it?

SO we keep Christmas because of its good tidings of great joy. The season of its occurrence is the time of the year when the north wind and the snow in that wind have made us what we are. It drove us to the hearth, to the sacred fires of the inner circle, to the building of the keystone in the arch of our civilization, the home of the Christian man.—Rev. Dr. S. P. Cadman.

TODAY all institutions are beginning to imitate the wise men from the east, who brought to the Divine Child their gold and aromatic spices, their frankincense and treasure. Christ's estimate of the value of childhood has conquered the world. His thought of childhood is the very heart and genius of Christian civilization.—Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis.

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REMEMBER OTHERS! SHOP EARLY!

The spirit of Santa Claus pervades the whole city, bringing kindly thoughts and kindly actions, cementing friendship and burying enmities.
It is inevitable, of course, that as Christmas draws nearer the crowds should increase, and that the duties of those who serve them grow increasingly onerous.
In the stores we can do much to lighten the task of those who serve us, and when at the same time we know that we are also helping ourselves we will (at least all who are able to) gladly do so.
TAKE AS MANY OF THE SMALL PACKAGES AS YOU CAN WITH YOU.
This will help the young men employed on the delivery systems, add an extra hour to their much-needed rest, by getting through the work that much earlier.

SHOP IN THE MORNING IF YOU POSSIBLY CAN.
You find the store free from the large crowds; the merchandise is displayed at its best, and the salespeople are able to give you undivided attention.
And you have the pleasure of knowing that you are one of the great number of people who are directly and materially helping to lighten the labors of the young men and women who serve behind the counters of the stores of our city, at this the busiest season of the whole year for them.
Let us all reflect the smile that Santa Claus sends round the world.

OLD WORLD NOTES

Dundee architects held a meeting recently for the purpose of considering recruiting in the profession in Dundee, under Lord Derby's scheme. It was agreed to form a committee of all members ineligible under the scheme to undertake without remuneration the conduct of the business of those members who enlist.

"Shell Town" is the name of a new and thriving centre of industry that sprang up within a couple of weeks, some miles from Glasgow. Grass still grows between its many wooden houses and along the main street, and just near its new railway station may be noticed derelict turnips, overlooked remnants of the crop which flourished on that spot only a few weeks ago. It needs only a grain elevator to pass for a prairie township of Western Canada. It was the rush of shells that began "Shell-town" and in selling that began the town of wood pulp. Here will be filled with explosives some of the tens of thousands of shells that are being made every week in the engineering shops of Scotland. There is no resident population, though Shell-town never is idle, day or night. Its shift of ammunition girls are brought in by train every day and taken home at the end of their shift by trains which have brought in workers of the next shift.

In a Highland church on a recent Sunday the movements of a robin proved a source of great interest to the congregation. The bird had evidently found its way into the church some time before the service, and appeared not the least put about by the presence of the congregation. So tame, in fact, was it that it had no hesitation in taking up positions close to the occupied pews. Towards the officiating clergyman it displayed the greatest friendliness and confidently perched on the pulpit gas brackets, over the reading desk. From these points of vantage it calmly surveyed the minister and congregation. The robin seemed to consider it a duty to take a part in the singing, and on each occasion when a hymn or psalm was being sung its cheery notes were heard accompanying the congregation.

Shetland cattle are becoming quite popular in many districts of Scotland. The board of agriculture is lending every encouragement to the development of this hardy stock. Considering their small size, the cows are excellent milkers and yield milk of good quality. It is claimed that the breed is free of tuberculosis, and this fact has undoubtedly made it popular. The board of agriculture for Scotland have established a herd at their farm at Beechwood, and it has been noted there that the cattle respond quickly to the treatment of better grazing which they get on the mainland. Several of the cows have proved to be milkers and they can be kept much more economically than breeds of a larger size. They fatten easily.

A baptismal ceremony of unusual interest took place the other Sabbath morning in South Morningside United Free church, when the minister baptised boy triplets. They were named respectively, not as the pastor suggested, Peter, James and John, but Douglas, James and William. Hanson & Co., of Edinburgh, has been acquired by a London firm, and it is expected that the plant will be moved to that city. Walter Scott's printers, and the press which printed "Waverley" is one of the relics in the firm's counting house.

Zeppelin drill has become a routine practice in many hospitals. At a children's hospital in the London district everyone, from the senior surgeon down to the small boy porter, the physician in attendance having intimated this notable addition to the nation's future manhood, his Majesty the King graciously bestowed the usual King's bounty.

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An erroneous impression exists that very few farm servants in Scotland have enlisted. As a matter of fact, out of 72,000 male members of the Scottish Rural Workers Society, 7,000 have already joined the army, while out of 6,351 male members of the Scottish Landed Estates Friendly Society, 1,098 recruits have been found. As a very large proportion of

GERMAN PRISONERS

Are Well Treated in Great Britain—Some Might Say Too Much So.

London, Dec. 17.—The most enviable role in the war unquestionably is that of the German military prisoner in Great Britain. The remarkable treatment which the Kaiser's soldiers receive after they have been captured by the British troops is one of the greatest wonders of the war.

This was clearly demonstrated during a thorough investigation of a British camp for military prisoners which a newspaper correspondent was authorized to visit by special courtesy of the War Office.

The camp visited was at Dorchester, four hours by train from London, where there are at present almost four thousand German soldiers captured on the battlefield of Belgium and France, particularly about Loos.

These men live their own lives, do what they wish with their time and receive practically no orders save from the handful of British officers in charge of the camp. These officers have wisely adopted the system of leaving the entire discipline of the camp in the hands of the German non-commissioned officers.

There is absolutely nothing in the camp to justify the use of the term "prisoners" beyond the few guards surrounding the enclosure. No orders or restrictions whatever interfere with the daily life of these men. They live as they please and do as they will.

EVERY COMFORT OF LIFE

The British government provides them with every comfort of life. They are quartered in large airy houses, specially constructed, well heated and equipped with every modern comfort. Shower baths with hot and cold water, and steam-baths are at their disposal as often as they please. Nothing which might add to their personal comfort is omitted. Wholesale food of the very best quality is supplied to the men in abundance, and the cooking is done by their own cooks. For this work these cooks, who are also German prisoners captured at the front, receive compensation from the British Government of six shillings a week. All the other men performing work of any description for their fellow-prisoners, such as shoemakers who repair their boots and the tailors who patch up their uniforms, also receive special wages for these services.

Not one German prisoner is employed on work of any description beyond the actual cleaning of his own quarters without receiving compensation in the form of weekly wages.

The amazing freedom left to these men was evidenced on all sides during the tour of the camp. In the sergeants' mess was a Christmas tree prepared by the men. The prisoners have organized a band with instruments generously supplied by the British. On these instruments they play daily their national anthem and German tunes.

The correspondent spoke at great length to many of these prisoners. Infantry men from all parts of Germany and sailors from German submarines and cruisers, everyone expressed great satisfaction at the treatment he was receiving, and, although unwilling to say openly, many intimated that they were glad to be away from the fighting line and to be living in such safe and comfortable quarters.

ALL ARE CONTENTED

The correspondent had a long talk with Sergt-Major Emil Hutter, who is warrant officer of the entire camp and who was captured at La Bassée. The Sergt-Major had no hesitation in saying that all the men were happy and contented.

Several told the correspondent confidentially that before they arrived in England many months had gone by since they had received their daily rations such as the British government supplies. But, comfortable quarters and excellent food are not all that falls to the happy lot of these prisoners. Few men, indeed, would not feel at ease, and even proud, to wear the fine appearing and well tailored brown corduroy suits, the warm flannel underwear and the shapely shoes which the Germans receive from the British Government as soon as their uniforms begin to wear away.

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To The Editor

The call having come for 500 loyal Indians to enlist in the 14th Battalion a grand recruiting meeting was held at Ohsweken Council House on Dec. 8. The response of the young men was characteristic of the race, who have never been backward in upholding the cause of the British nation, and of right and justice. More than thirty splendid examples of young manhood were signed up and examined during and immediately after the meeting. It is noteworthy that there was only one rejected and this man was not an Indian. The spirit of their forefathers is not dead in the Six Nations of today, and these splendid boys will give a good account of themselves, never fear. Recruiting has been proceeding rapidly since then.

But, alas, there are a few, we are sorry to say, whose incentive ideas are greatly dwarfed. There are men some of them holding chieftainships or public office, are so "yellow" that they have no intention of enlisting themselves, but are endeavoring to discourage better men than themselves from answering the call of their country. Thank God, the spirit of freedom and right is so strong that their efforts will be unavailing. Still these men should not be allowed to carry on their propaganda unopposed. The great majority of the people of the Six Nations of military age and others, were greatly surprised and incensed at the remarks of H. Martin.

While upon the one hand it is thought that the erratic expressions of these champions of the German cause will not do a great degree of harm, yet upon the other hand, it is considered that it is the duty of all loyal Indians of the Six Nations, that those who will persist in talking anti-British and pro-German, should be at once arrested for "lese majesté" and the majority of the nation would desire this done.

The Six Nations are proud of the deeds of valor performed by their forefathers in the past three centuries and their descendants to-day, as ordinary military men are proud to don the khaki uniform of their King and to once again defend the British Empire in modern warfare.

It is a sorry fact to be noted that a few of the Six Nations' Council of Chiefs, are willing to let their warriors go to the front, owing to a foolish notion that the Imperial and Canadian Governments, have not fulfilled their Treaty rights, pledges.

This is not a time for any citizen or any Chief to dampen the loyal spirit and ardour of our young men, who are pleased to note, are coming forward proudly and manfully to the "call of the colors," and to offer themselves loyally in the defence of the British Empire, as their forefathers did in the three centuries past. It is well that the pro-German members of the Council have so little weight, and that the majority without question, are as loyal as our forefathers in the past, and are quickly filling the ranks of the 14th Battalion, under Colonel Baxter, who has the full confidence of his officers, non-commissioned officers and men.

We have no doubt that our young warriors, who we send out to-day in defence of our common country and empire, will "acquit themselves like

The following offices have been closed at Vernon, B.C., on account of the establishment of rural deliveries and mail for them is to be sent to Nelson, Cedar Point, Kokanee, Molly Gilsbon and Willow Point.

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The Queen has been carrying out many of the King's duties, since his accident at the front. It was his intention to visit Salisbury Plain the other day for an inspection of troops, but as his illness necessarily cancelled the arrangement, the Queen undertook to make the inspection for him. Accompanied by Princess Mary, and some personal attendants she made the journey to Wiltshire by train, and then drove to the parade ground on other day for an inspection of troops. To the great delight of the men, the inspection was carried out with as much thoroughness and detail as though the King had been acting in detail. The Queen has a keen eye for the intiae of military parade, and she expressed to the officers her cordial appreciation of the bearing and general smartness of the troops.

TWO MEETINGS

Held on Behalf of Local Option—Rev. Beverly Smith and Mr. Davis, Speakers

Two successful mass meetings in the interests of local option were held last night, the one at Wesley Methodist church, Eagle Place, and the other at the Spydeman St. Church, Terrace Hill. The speakers in both instances were Rev. Beverly Smith, West Toronto, and Aubrey Davis of Newmarket.

REV. MR. SMITH said that no doubt the majority of those present had already decided to vote for the Act. That being the case, the next thing to do was to get out and work in its behalf—persuade one person to vote for the measure at any rate. He earnestly believed, in fact knew, that local option would benefit Brantford just as much as it had West Toronto. Local option advocates had nothing to say against hotels or hotel-keepers as such, but they were imbued with the desire of death to the bar-room. They were schools to make drunkards and criminals, to sap manhood and to make men irresponsible to the extent of committing crimes which they would otherwise not think of. Talk about compensation! Let the hotel men first compensate the ruined homes caused by their trade before they asked for their own consideration. Any other business could tell with pride of its products. What about the bar-room? The boys of the land were their grist, and that grist went to the penitentiaries. It had been hard to oust the traffic because of the enormous capital involved therein—it cost Carada last year \$100,000,000 for drink. Just think of that and what that money would have meant expended in proper and sober channels? Any employee found in a bar-room during business hours was instantly dismissed by men who ran their business on a right basis, on

tario wanted the hideous business stopped. In the last ten years 1,049 places had a chance if they desired to seek to repeal Local Option, but only 44 had tried, only to have the refusal in practically all cases to again legalize the trade. The speaker in his closing remarks made a strong appeal to the people of Brantford to rise to their opportunity on January 3rd and close the bar rooms of the city forever.

MR. DAVIS said he came from a local option town and was a traveller. Moreover he partly owned a hotel in Newmarket himself. It was not the hotel-keeper who was chargeable with the open bar, but the citizens. It was a false feeling to have sympathy with men who had investments in hotels. A hotel could be made a paying proposition without a bar room. This had been proved in the case of Newmarket. A committee there went into the hotel business, and for every year of the past six years the dividends had been at the rate of 6 per cent. He quoted men of prominence who stood for total abstinence and in this regard mentioned Kitchener and Jellicoe. Six years had elapsed since Local Option passed in Newmarket and everybody was thorough satisfied. It would be the same in the case of Brantford.

CHURCHILL HAD A REAL NARROW ESCAPE

London, Dec. 17.—Winston Spencer Churchill, who resigned the portfolio of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in order to join his regiment at the front, had a narrow escape a few days ago, according to wounded men who have arrived at home.

These men say that Mr. Churchill's dugout was hit by a German shell.

Sidney Preston, brother of J. J. Preston, M.P.P., is dead at Millbrook.

New post offices will be opened at Chief Lake, B. C. to be served from Prince George, and at Dunstun to be served by the Pacific Great Eastern R.R. post office.

ONE THOUSAND

The Loss of Turkish Forces in a Severe Fight.

London, Dec. 17.—A British official statement issued to-day says: General Townshend reports from Kut-el-Amara that, according to Arab reports, the Turks lost 2,000 men in their attack on the evening of December 12. General Townshend cannot affirm this, but he himself estimates that the Turks lost fully 1,000. They have not resumed their attacks since.

American Arraigned.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Dec. 17.—Cedric Erlund, described as an American business organizer was remanded in custody in Bow Street court yesterday on the charge of unlawfully proposing to deal in large quantities of war material without a permit. Sworn information was produced to show that Erlund was in possession of documents referring to proposals to deal in New York with very large quantities of shells, rifles and picric acid.

RAILWAY BY-LAW.

At the Liberal club rooms on Saturday night a meeting will be held for a ventilation of views on the proposed railway sale. The event will be entirely non-political. Among the speakers invited are—A. K. Bunnell, C. Hartman, W. Turnbull, W. Bragg, N. R. Thompson, Mayor Spence, J. Robertson, H. Symons.

EFFICIENT YEAR CLOSED

A very successful meeting was held last night by the Board of Works. The business matters for the year were straightened up and a clean slate left for the succeeding board.

Ald. F. J. Calbeck was in the chair and is to be congratulated on the exceedingly efficient way in which he has conducted and controlled the business of his board during the year. He has effected many splendid changes for the welfare of the city along corporation lines. He has always been untiring in his efforts to improve the city.

A very complete report of the year's work was read and submitted by City Engineer Jones, which will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Regarding the St. Paul's avenue subway under the G. T. R. line, Ald. Calbeck stated that the matter was in the City Solicitor's hands and would be placed before the railway committee for settlement.

Insulted Men in Khaki.

Berlin, Ont., Dec. 17.—Walter Meyer, a young man of this city, was found guilty in the Police Court yesterday morning of making a seditious statement regarding the wearers of the khaki. Pte. A. Stewart of the 118th Battalion was the complainant, and informed the court that Meyers called the soldiers a lot of bums. The accused stated that he meant that some of them were bums. Magistrate Weir remanded the accused until Monday for sentence.

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A Record.

Paris, Dec. 16.—According to The Matin, the stock of gold held by the Bank of France reached a total of 5,600,000,000 francs (\$1,000,000,000), a world's record.

The appeal to the public to turn in its gold brought in 1,300,000,000 francs in 24 weeks. Last week alone more than 60,000,000 francs in gold was exchanged for notes.

The great American invasion of 1855, a peaceful one, gave the real start to the lumber industry. Bronson and Weston built the first extensive mills at the Chaudiere in 1855. A. H. Baldwin also began business in the same year, as did J. M. Currier. Levi Young established his mills in 1851 and E. B. Eddy the same year. Perley Pattie and Brown started in 1859. J. R. Booth in 1855. The first firm to ship lumber to the United States was that of Harris and Bronson. Up the Gatineau, Gilmour and Company began business in 1841. All about the Ottawa valley lumbering had, however, been conducted on a smaller scale by a large number of individual firms, the Mackays, Skeads, Egans, Tumonds, Aylens, Ryans, McLarens, McLachlins, Wrights and Moores, among others. The great fortunes accumulated in this business by many operators were the wonder of Canada and the Gatineau and Ottawa valleys became the Eldorados of sixty years ago. Thousands of men were employed, huge limits purchased and worked while countless rafts of square timber and logs choked the rivers. Fortunes were made in supplying the shanties and the lumber jacks, and Ottawa developed from a slab town to the capital of Canada. Bytown was a jest to other places in the province and in Quebec, but all had to admit the greatness of her industry and the preeminence of her wealth—or rather that of her lumber kings.

Baseball

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The end of the baseball war came in sight last night when American League magnates at their annual session here agreed to the peace terms arranged at New York between the Federal and National Leagues. Within a few days, according to President Johnson, the details of agreement which does away with the Federals as an independent league, will be arranged, the American League having consented to appoint a committee to meet envoys from the others.

The peace proposals of the Federals were announced at the American League meeting by Barney Dreyfuss, who came from the East as a messenger of peace. For an hour Mr. Dreyfuss addressed the American League Club owners, explaining in detail the agreement. Its terms were not made public, but it is generally understood that the consolidation of the National and Federal is the basis.

President Johnson declared that there would be only two leagues, the American and National. The joint peace session probably will take place within a week, according to Mr. Johnson, at New York or Chicago. The feeling that peace was about to be concluded, put a stop to a good deal of the trade talk which preceded the meeting. That the effect of the war's end would be to create an "easier" market for ball players was admitted and all concerned denied that any trades had been arranged.

The peace terms as previously given out by members of both the National and Federal Leagues included the purchase of a large interest in one of the New York clubs by Harry Sinclair, the purchase of the Chicago Nationals by Chas. Weeshtman and his associates; the sale of the Browns or Cardinals at St. Louis to Phil Ball and Otto Steifel, and the amalgamation of the Brooklyn Nationals and Federals. Neither Mr. Dreyfuss nor the American League leaders would verify these statements.

The peace protocol ends a war that began to attract attention just two years ago this month. The Federal League had been in existence then a year, but not until Joe Tinker, unable to reach terms with the Brooklyn Nationals, had agreed to join the Chicago Federals, did it look serious. Tinker induced a number of players, from both rival leagues, to join the new league, and its organizers succeeded in attracting additional capitalists as backers.

The new league then expanded, putting teams in Brooklyn and St. Louis, in addition to its former circuit and one by one gathered into its folds some star ball players.

The legality of contracts brought the fight between the Federals and organized ball into the courts in several cases, the climax coming with the anti-trust suit filed before Judge Landis, about a year ago. This case came to trial last January, but Judge Landis has never handed down a decision and some baseball men thought he was hoping for the success of peace negotiations, since, during the trial he declared he was against anything calculated to tear down this structure known as baseball.

HOCKEY SHOES.

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is the music and the words you will want when you die. It is the great message of Salvation to the lost, of comfort to the sorrowful, and peace to the troubled soul. Perhaps that is the reason why so many people want to hear it. A great musical triumph was achieved last evening for the leaders and for the united choirs of the Brant Avenue Methodist and the First Baptist choirs, when this great oratorio was effectively rendered in the First Baptist Church. For some time the choirs have been at work under separate leadership, but last night's performance showed how carefully they had been drilled and what painstaking efforts had been made to make the production as perfect as possible. The united choirs sang as one voice and many of the selections rendered were moving in spirit as well as musically correct. The chorus sang with a zest and fervor seldom attained, and from start to finish there was a swing of victory which reflected well for the leaders who had succeeded in enthusing the singers with the same spirit that possessed themselves. Both Mr. Higgin and Mr. Schofield know the oratorio thoroughly and showed great skill in the interpretation and execution of it last evening. These two musicians are a great boon to our city and music lovers in Brantford can expect treats in the days to come if we can judge from last night's performance. The church was well filled, only a few undesirable seats about the altar rail being unoccupied. Many came from a distance. The first five who came, remarked to the ticket seller at the door, "We have come 18 miles to hear this." They were not disappointed. No one was disappointed in the music last evening. "It was great," "it was fine," "splendid," were expressions heard from many as they passed

out. Mr. Higgin, the conductor, and Mr. Schofield, the accompanist, worked together last evening like two hands. The work of the organist was all that could be desired. Many of the accompaniments were especially fine, notably the opening overture and the pastoral symphony. Mr. Higgin's work with the baton is well and favorably known in this city, but he never appeared to better advantage than last evening, when he led that splendid massed chorus on to victory in the singing of the Messiah. The response of the choir to his every movement was marked indeed and many of the climaxes were thrilling. The choruses "Unto us a Child is born," "Behold the Lamb of God," "Surely He hath borne our griefs," "All like sheep," "The Hallelujah Chorus" and "Worthy is the Lamb," were all very fine and it would be hard to say which was the most effective. In the noted Hallelujah chorus the pyramid of tones piled up were indeed glorious, and those who heard this great song will never forget it. When Handel wrote it, he said he saw heaven opened and God on his throne, and it was not difficult last evening to enter somewhat at least into the feelings of the great composer in this matter, as the chorus poured forth its volume of tone. "Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!" The soloists all did their part well. Mr. J. Pickering sang his difficult selections in excellent voice and with clear enunciation. Especially good was his opening solo, "Comfort my singing, and my teacher, Mr. J. T. Schofield may indeed feel proud of her work. She sang her selections with ease and strength. Her voice is smooth and rhythmic, and her long sustained and full tone did justice to her important solos in this great oratorio, "He shall lead His flock," and "He was despised," were especially well rendered. Mrs. Arthur Secord is a great favorite with Brantford audience in the different parts she is able to take with such grace and sweetness. Last evening was the first time she was heard in oratorio, and her splendid voice never worked upon a nobler theme than she found in the soprano selections in the Messiah. "There were Shepherds," and "I know that my Redeemer liveth," were delightfully sung. Mrs. Secord has a voice of unusual range and sweetness, and her long and faithful work upon it came out last evening in these and other solos she so effectively rendered, adding greatly to the evening's success. Mr. Edgar Fowlston, of the Conservatory of Toronto, recently from England, sang to the delight of all. His work in oratorio is of a very high order, and seldom has a more finished and forceful singer appeared in our city. He sang with the confidence that comes from long training and intimate knowledge of every detail of the work in hand. Especially fine were his two solos, "Who shall abide the day of his coming?" and "Why do the nations so furiously rage to-

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gether?" He will be heard here later with the Schubert Choir, and all who heard him last evening will want to hear him again.

After the recital, the ladies of the First Baptist church entertained the united choirs and their friends in an informal luncheon down stairs in the school room, where a very dainty luncheon was served. During the festivities, two prize boxes of chocolates were awarded the two young ladies who had sold the largest number of tickets. Miss Eva Lister was the prize winner for the First Baptist church, and Miss Wilma Jones for the Brant Avenue choir. Congratulatory remarks were made by Rev. A. E. L. Rev. L. Brown, Mr. J. W. Widdup, Rev. David Alexander, Mr. Clifford Hig-

gin and Mr. J. C. Schofield. The gathering broke up by heartily singing "Should auld acquaintance be forgotten?"

RURAL DISTRICTS

Are Now Showing Better in the Recruiting.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.—Although some of the cities now report a falling off in recruiting, the Militia Department reports that recruiting in the rural districts is picking up. In places like Toronto, Winnipeg and other large centres where recruiting efforts hitherto have been most strenuous and probably most successful, the supplies of available men have been apparently temporarily exhausted to some extent.

Recruiting officers are now devoting more attention to the rural parts, and their efforts are bearing good fruit. In the Maritime Provinces and in the Province of Quebec recruiting is reported to be specially brisk at the present time. One reason for the picking up of rural recruiting is the policy adopted last fall by the Militia Department of quartering smaller local units in the various towns and local centres throughout the country, instead of concentrating enlisting at only a few of the large centres.

General Hughes, speaking yesterday of the enlistments from his own county, Victoria-Haliburton, declared that there were now over three thousand men from his county serving with the colors. Hundreds of them, however, had gone to Toronto to enlist, and consequently that city got perhaps more credit than the facts of the case actually warranted in connection with total enlistments.

A remarkable antique ring is included in an exhibition in London, organized by the committee of the Polish Victims' Relief Fund. This ring, which has been given for sale, is symbolic of the restoration and the old political status of the kingdom of Poland. A miniature coffin with a cross emblazoned on the lid takes the place of a stone. On pressing an eagle at the foot of the coffin the lid lifts and a tiny figure representing Poland

The "shop early" movement, which has been received with such enthusiasm by London has produced a marked difference in the appearance of the chief West End shopping centres during the mornings. Everywhere there are crowds of eager shoppers to be seen at an hour at which a few months ago there was scarcely anybody in the streets except visitors from the country. The shops are thronged soon after the doors are opened in the morning.

A German employed on a Russian ship was detected by his accent at Liverpool recently when he was sentenced to six months for making a false statement. The prisoner whetted his nationality was said he was a Canadian born in Nova Scotia. An aliens' officer told him that his accent was very German, and the prisoner replied that it was acquired during the time he resided in Germany. He afterwards admitted he was a German.

A daring act was recently performed by Col. Maitland, of the Royal Naval Air Service, who jumped with a parachute from an aeroplane, which was 10,000 feet in the air. He landed safely. "Some one has to do it," he said before he made the attempt. "There is only one person I care to ask. I will make the attempt myself." It took the Colonel fifteen minutes to make the descent.

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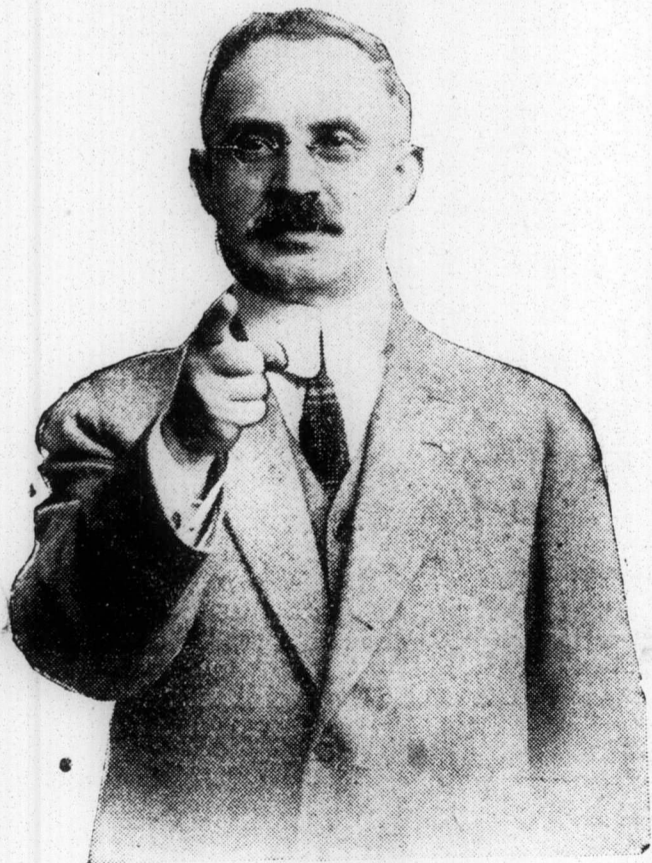
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BOARD OF WORKS WITHIN APPROPRIATION

Annual Report of City Engineer Jones Demonstrates This
—Also Street Watering and Oiling Outlay.

At a meeting of the Board of Works Committee held last evening, City Engineer Jones submitted the following report for the year in connection with the Municipal Works Dept.

To the Chairman of the Board of Works:

Gentlemen: I submit herewith a report covering the work in Board of Works and City Engineer's Department for the year 1915.

The total expenditure under the control of the Board of Works was \$118,485, of which \$79,824 was spent in labor and \$38,661 in material.

The appropriation of the Streets Department was \$32,565, and the expenditure, including pay list of Dec. 11th \$32,155, being a balance on hand of \$409.

I have already submitted a report to the City Assessors, giving lengths and costs of all Local Improvements, including concrete walks, curbs, storm and sanitary sewers, and I submit herewith the following schedules.

Schedule "A" giving summary of Board of Works Expenditure for the year amounting to \$118,485.

Schedule "B" giving details of expenditure on Streets amount to \$32,155.

Schedule "C" giving details of special work on streets, amount to \$6,024.

Schedule "D" special work done for St. Railway Commission and other Boards, \$5,411.

Schedule "E" three pages Report to Treasurer on material account and details of expenditure in all departments.

Streets—The work is set out in schedule "C" and includes the grading and macadamizing of Albion St., West Mill St., and Erie Avenue.

Street Oiling and Watering—A by-law was passed fixing a frontage rate of 3 cents per lineal foot for all streets oiled, which included all but the paved streets. A report to the Board dated July 15th, 1915 sets out in detail the different streets oiled, their length, width oiled, number of square yards and cost of oil and application. It will be seen that the length of streets oiled amounts to about 33 miles.

From Schedule "E" page 2, it will be seen that the total cost of Street oiling and watering, including the flushing of pavements, was \$10,067, and the receipts as per tax collector are \$10,321. The cost of oiling was \$7,654, and the cost of watering, including \$1,240, paid for water was \$2,413.

House Sewers and Maintenance—This includes the construction of house sewers and the maintenance of the sewer system and the inspection and recording of all sewers built on private property. The length of the Sanitary and Storm Sewers now amounts to 66 miles, there being 254

flush tanks requiring constant attention. 566 house sewer connections were made, having a total length on the street of 26,488 feet or over four miles. The policy has been adopted this year of constructing the street portions of house sewers when the street mains are laid, 370 of these connections being made.

Plumbing Inspections—Before connecting any house with the sewer, plans are filed by a licensed plumber and the plumbing inspected; 160 water tests and six smoke tests were made.

Sanitary Sewers local improvements—18 Sanitary sewers have been constructed by the city, the length being 8,990 feet and the total cost being \$16,276.

Storm Sewers, local improvements—16 storm sewers have been constructed by the city, the length being 11,945 feet and the cost \$21,958.

Concrete Walks Local Improvements—All the walks this year were constructed by the city, the total length being 16,248 feet and the cost \$8,748.

Concrete Curbs and Gutters Local Improvements—These were constructed by the city the total length being 19,820 feet and the cost \$4,225.

Building Permits—The number of building permits issued was 247 and the estimated cost \$225,000.

General—The question of the removal of poles on Colborne Street between Lorne Bridge and Bain street, was taken up with the different companies interested. A report on the cost of this work and the best method of carrying it out was obtained from the Hydro Electric Commission. After further negotiations failing to bring about an agreement with the different companies it was decided to appeal to the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission and the Board of Railway Commissioners for orders for their removal. This application is pending.

A complete new deck has been placed on Lorne Bridge and tar and sand used for the top dressing.

A contract has been let to A. J. Cromar for the rebuilding in concrete of the end pier and abutment of the sluiceway. This work is approaching completion.

The old storage shed in West Brantford was burned down and a new corrugated iron shed 27 feet by 100 feet was constructed at a cost of \$1,384. On March 16th, 1915, the City Engineer submitted a report in reference to an improved method of payment of the men by the issuing of pay checks. Payment is now made by the treasurer instead of the time-keeper. A card system has also been installed by means of which the cost of labor and material of each separate work is immediately available.

The Streets Department did the

grading and excavating for the Street Railway in connection with the Railway extension.

The widening of Erie Avenue to the north of Eagle Avenue was carried out and an exchange of land made with the Massey-Harris Company permitting the extension of South Market street to Ontario street.

Broken stone instead of gravel has been largely used in connection with the repair of streets.

A great deal of Engineering work has been carried out by the Department in connection with the extended of the Waterworks System, the preparation of plans and descriptions in connection with the L. E. and N. Ry. and the Survey of Mohawk Park.

I remain, gentlemen, Yours faithfully,
T. Harry Jones,
City Engineers Office, December 15th, 1915.

SCHEDULE "A"
Summary of Board of Works Expenditures for 1915.

Streets Department \$ 32,155
Special work for other boards 5,411
Streets watering and oiling 10,067
Sidewalks, Local Improvements 8,748

Curbs and Gutters, Local Improvements 4,225
Sanitary Sewers Local Improvements 16,276
Storm Sewers, Local Improvements 21,958

House Sewers and Maintenance 9,700
Reconstruction Sluiceway dam, in progress 2,745

\$118,485

Destroyer

Sunk by Floating Mine
When Rushing to Help
of a Steamer.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Rome, Dec. 17.—Details just announced concerning the sinking of the Italian Transport Re-Umberto and the Italian Destroyer Intrepid, in the Adriatic Sea recently, show that the destroyer was blown up by a floating mine when she rushed to the rescue of the steamer after the latter had struck a mine and was about to go down.

The captain and the crew of the Re-Umberto remained aboard the vessel until the last moment. The commander was assassinated by the military chaplain, Father Pio Parotini, a relative of the late Pope Pius X. As Father Parotini was standing on the deck of the sinking ship he saw that some sailors, who were struggling in the water would drown unless they received aid. Removing his own life preserver, he threw it to the men, who seized it and were saved. The captain and the chaplain were the last to leave the steamer which sank immediately after they had got away.

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THE SERBIAN RETREAT INTO THE MOUNTAINS



A NIGHT BINOUAC DURING RETREAT OF SERBIAN ARMY

In the above picture, drawn especially for this newspaper, the New York Herald and the London Sphere, we see a number of King Peter's soldiers grouped around a campfire during the retreat into the mountains. One of them is reading the aged monarch's now historic message to his people, which he issued on the occasion of the previous great stand of the Serbians—"Heroes! You have taken two out—me, your King; the other to your country. I am an old and broken man, on the brink of the grave, so I release your oath to me; but from the other none can release you. If you feel that you can endure no more, go to your homes, and I swear that after the war, if we survive it, no evil shall come to you. But I and my sons remain here."

LAW OFFICERS

In the Old Land Have Big
Salary Cuts.

London, Dec. 17.—The attorney-general, Sir Frederick Smith, stated yesterday in the House of Commons that he and the solicitor-general, Sir George Asquith, recommended to Premier Asquith immediately after their appointment that the salary of each of them be reduced by £1,000 (\$5,000), and that a large reduction also be made in the scale of their fees. The net result, he estimated, would be a saving of at least £10,000 (\$50,000).

At the same time, Sir Frederick said, they informed the premier they were prepared to consent to any further reduction which the Cabinet of the House might believe to be required by the necessities of the times.

It was the first information that the amount of the reduction in the salaries of the law officers of the crown was £10,000 per year, as Premier Asquith's statement of last week of the cuts to be made did not give the amount.

Sir Frederick's statement was received with cries of "Hear, hear" from an appreciative House.

The usual salary of the attorney-general is £7,000, that of the solicitor-general £6,000. In addition, each receives fees of large amounts.

GRAND JURY

Make Their Presentment at
at General Session.

May It Please Your Honor:
We, the Grand Jury empanelled at this Sitting of the County Court, beg to report as follows—

It is a source of great satisfaction to your Grand Jurors to note the absence of criminal cases from the calendar of the present sessions.

We first visited the House of Refuge, where we found the inmates (two of whom were sick), comfortable and well-cared for. The building inside and out is clean and tidy and the management of the institution under Mr. and Mrs. Storey all that could be desired. We recommend that a window be cut on the south side of the room used as a chapel, the window on the west side being so near to the adjacent building that sufficient light is not obtained through it, thus necessitating the use of the electric light at all the services. We recommend also that a suction fan be placed in the kitchen to carry away the fumes of cooking, the same being very noticeable throughout the entire building. We strongly urge that the arrangements already commenced to connect the sewerage system with that of the city be completed at as early a date as possible.

We visited the gaol which we found exceedingly clean and tidy, the ventilation good and everything in a very satisfactory condition. The only recommendation the jury would make

is the removal of the shed in the gaol yard.

In conclusion, we desire to record our appreciation of our Honor's remarks in reference to the great struggle in which our Empire is now engaged and we feel that every citizen should recognize his personal responsibility and contribute in whatever way possible to the successful termination of the war.

All of which is respectfully submitted.
Signed on behalf of the Grand Jury,
William Kilgour,
Brantford, December 16th, 1915.

During the past sixteen months more than 10,000 men from Vancouver and district have been enlisted for active service, and recruiting is still going on vigorously.

The home of fashion for men's wear is London, just as Paris still leads the feminine modes. It was stated the other day that the American Ambassador at Berlin had asked his Government to intervene with the British Government in order that he may obtain certain articles of clothing which he had ordered in London. In this connection it is stated that even at the present time many London tailors have their travellers continually voyaging between France, Holland, Spain, Portugal and other countries, while some notable houses have branch establishments on the Continent which, notwithstanding the war, are doing a good business. It is said that before the war all the uniforms for the German Embassy were made by a Piccadilly firm of tailors, and the staffs of almost all the Embassies in London patronise London tailors.

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Manufacturers Life Amalgamates With Sun.

Capt. Gooderham, Managing Director of Manufacturers, Going to Front.

Toronto, Dec. 17.—Following a meeting of the board of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company yesterday afternoon was made an agreement ratified at that meeting between the company and the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada, under which these two outstanding corporations will amalgamate and

the business of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company will be reinsured in the Sun Life of Montreal.

The managing director of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company, Captain M. Ross Gooderham, son of the late Mr. George Gooderham, founder of the company. Captain Gooderham is leaving shortly for active service overseas, and it was stated unofficially, but authoritatively, that the contemplated resignation of his office consequent upon his taking up active military duties abroad was one of the main reasons which impelled the directors of the company to enter into the agreement with the Sun Life. It was stated that when the decision of Captain Gooderham to relinquish his large financial responsibilities, the chief of which is the Manufacturers' Life, to go to the front became known, the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company received

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several offers to sell out its business, some of which, if accepted, would have resulted in the control of the company falling into undesirable hands.

The business of the two companies will be merged, and the united company will be stronger than either. The union means a lower expense ratio and greater profits to the policyholders of both companies. The Manufacturers' policyholders are particularly well cared for by the agreement. Each one will receive from the Sun Life a certificate of guarantee, directly assuming all liability under his particular policy. In the distribution of surplus the abstainers' section of the Manufacturers' is to be treated as a separate class as heretofore. The expense ratio of the Manufacturers' Company has averaged thirty per cent. of the premium income. The Sun agrees to manage this business for ten per cent. The result is an annual saving of twenty per cent. The profits paid by the Manufacturers in its ordinary branch have averaged perhaps sixty-five per cent. of those paid on similar policies of the Sun Life. The profits to Manufacturers' policyholders are to be at once raised to not less than eighty per cent. of the Sun Life scale, and in a very short time they will be placed on full equality with policies of the Sun Life.

TERMS OF AGREEMENT.

The shareholders of the Manufacturers' Life will receive the amount of their paid-up capital—\$300,000—and the amount to which they are entitled up to Dec. 31st, 1915, as provided by the Insurance Act. They will continue to participate in the profits of the business of the Manufacturers' Life for a further period of three or four years. And in addition they will also share with the policyholders in the extent of seven per cent. and one-half per cent. for one year. These amounts will not be definitely ascertainable until after the books of the company are closed on December 31st next. The Sun Life Shareholders will receive no percentage of profits on the business of the Manufacturers' Life on which the shareholders of the Manufacturers' Life receive their share. After the capital stock of the Manufacturers' Life is entirely liquidated the percentage of the profits on the business of the Manufacturers' Life to which the shareholders of the Sun Life may be entitled in the future is expressly limited by the agreement to five per cent., although under the terms of the Insurance Act the amount which may be so credited is fixed at ten per cent., as was drawn by the Manufacturers' shareholders. The arrangement between the two companies is a most natural one, as the business of the Manufacturers' Life has been developed along very similar lines to those of the Sun Life.

FEWER BIRTHS

Despite an Increase of Marriages—The British Figures.

London, Dec. 17.—The Registrar-General's return of marriages, births, and deaths in England and Wales recently issued, which covers April, May and June, shows a striking increase in marriages. On the other hand, the birth rate during July, August and September reached a low record point never before touched.

The marriage record has been established principally owing to the war, many young men going through the ceremony of marriage to save their sweethearts from falling into other hands while they are in the fighting field, and others going through the form of marriage to escape the recruiting officer's attentions, as the unmarried men naturally are to be called upon to serve before the married men. London has led the way in creating this marriage record.

The following figures show how the marriage rate has fluctuated in each quarter for the last ten years—1906 to 1915:

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ONONDAGA COUNCIL

Onondaga, Dec. 16.—The last meeting of the council was held on Dec. 14th in the afternoon, with all the members present.

A communication was received from the Creosoted Block Paving Co. of Toronto, and ordered filed.

Mr. T. Howden, chairman of the board of health, read the report of Dr. Maw, M. H. O., which stated that the general condition of the township during the year had been excellent. Some few cases of contagious diseases that had arisen were isolated and controlled.

Mr. Howden also asked the council for the usual grant of \$10 to the Victoria Library, which was granted and ordered paid.

Mr. J. Richardson and Mr. F. Martin interviewed the council and made affidavits, the former claiming compensation for six sheep killed and injured, and the latter for 1 sheep killed by dogs. Both claims were allowed. Mr. Richardson's claim being 23 value of \$120, and Mr. Martin 23 of \$12. Both claims were ordered paid.

The Reeve issued his order for the following accounts, viz.—J. Millar, repairing road scraper, \$2.40; N. McPhedrian, account, \$1.25; Wm. Ludlow, 210 feet plank and placing same on Howell bridge, \$12.05; W. Peddie, account, 35c; Ed. Deagle, rebate of tax, error of assessment, \$3; J. Knox, planking bridge, \$3.50; W. H. Johnson, 60 loads of gravel, \$15; R. Dougherty, postage and stationery, \$3.10; A. Burrill, postage, \$2.15; salary and reporting, \$97.50; H. Hamilton, lowering culvert on Beat 24, \$5; J. Walker, telephoning, \$1.30; R. Allan, balance on Allan bridge, \$1,000; R. Dougherty's note \$1,200; interest on same \$15.63; salary, \$60.00; W. R. Hamilton, salary, \$60.00; A. W. Vansickle, salary for Councilors \$125; Quintan McBlane, salary for Councilors in Committee, \$100. The following accounts were paid to the Council: M. N. Simpson for timber, \$12.00; C. Burrill for crushed stone, \$3.45; Robt. Allan for land near Allan bridge \$82.00.

A by-law was passed for holding the nominations, the place being Onondaga Town Hall; time 1 to 2 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 27, and in case of an election, on Jan. 3, 1916. A Barton was appointed D.R.O. and G. Woodcock, polling sub-division one, and Mitchell, D.R.O. and C. Deagle, clerk for Division Two.

The council adjourned and stands adjourned sine die.

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Former Brant Player Dies in Brockton, Mass.

Rudolph Cassavant, a former member of the Brantford Canadian league team, died recently at his home in Brockton, Mass. He made a reputation as an all round athlete in high school and in the Brockton Y. M. C. A. He also played ball in Lynn, Fall River and New Bedford in the New England league.

Last season Cassavant was in the Colonial league, the Federal nursery in New England. Deceased was an infielder.

Play in Cleveland in Defiance of the O.H.A.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—A deft to the Ontario Hockey Association was launched last night by the National team of the Montreal teams in the Quebec section of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association. A National team left last evening for Cleveland, where they will play exhibition games this Friday evening and Saturday.

The Nationals before leaving secured permission from T. Yates Feaster, the local representative of the Canadian Hockey Association, to play at Cleveland.

Welsh and White Have Five Offers

New York, Dec. 16.—Nate Lewis, manager of Charley White, blew in yesterday from Chicago, to meet Harry Pollock, manager of Freddie Welsh. The two impresarios immediately got busy and opened the bids received for the battle between Welsh and White for the lightweight title.

The following offers were received: Tia Juana, Mexico—80 per cent. of the gate receipts and 80 per cent. of the pictures. No guarantee. Any date agreeable to the management.

Denver—\$12,500 to Welsh and \$2,500 to White. \$500 extra to Welsh for expenses.

Buenos Ayres \$25,000 for the match the fight to be held in May.

New Orleans—Wait Welsh to fight Joe Mandot in a championship battle. If Welsh retains the title will make a very liberal offer for him to fight White.

Juarez—Formal bid to be handed in through Charles Harvey, either Saturday or Monday. Representatives from the Mexican city will arrive within a few days and discuss the matter with Harvey.

No action was taken on the offers, as both managers agreed to wait for the next proposition. In all probability the scene of the battle will be announced the early part of next week. The agreement calls for the fight to take place six weeks after bids are opened.

Child Hid Himself in Burning House

Stratford, Dec. 17.—A fire which did \$100 damage to the home of Philip and Mrs. Schlattman, Jarvis Street, yesterday afternoon, came near terminating the life of their little four-year-old son.

The child had been year-old son. The child had been playing with matches in one of the upstairs bedrooms, when he ignited the quilts on the bed. Instead of giving the alarm, the child ran out of the room and crept into the bed in the next room and pulled the quilts over his head. In the excitement of saving the furniture the child was forgotten by the parents, and it was not until the firemen arrived that he was discovered and rescued from the smoke-filled room.

A GRAMMAR LESSON

The teacher looked over her new class and felt sure she was going to get along nicely with the children, for they all looked so bright.

"Now, Jimmy," said the teacher, "let us take the verb to be. What is the past of is?"

"Was," said Jimmy.

"Very good," said the teacher. "And what is the past of be?"

"Buz!" roared Jimmy.

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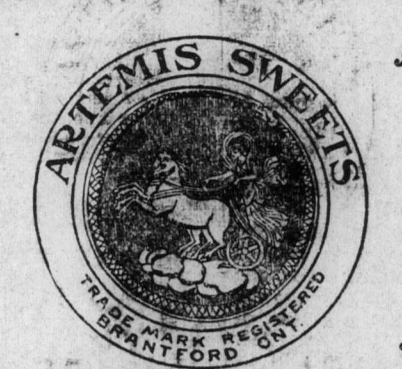
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Young Duck, Stuffed, au Jelly 40c

Young Chicken and French Dressing 30c

Prime Ribs of Beef, Horseradish 30c

Roast Leg of Pork, Apple Sauce 30c

SALADS.

Chicken Salad, Mayonnaise 40c

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Salmon Salad, Royal Dressing 30c

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Breaded Pork Tenderloin, Tomato Sauce 40c

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Broiled T Bone Steak, Fried Onions 50c

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Cold Chicken, Potato Salad 40c

Cold Ham, Pork, Veal, Lamb or Beef, with Pickled Red Beets. 30c

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Boiled or Mashed Potatoes, Stewed Tomatoes, Cabbage Salad...

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AIR RAIDS

On the City of London— Series of Questions in Parliament.

London, Dec. 16.—The public anxiety as to the defenses of London against air raids again became evident at the opening of the House of Commons session. The admiral's report was bombarded by a series of questions, a part of them concerning the present position of Rear Admiral Sir Percy Scott, former commander of the aerial defense of London. The opening question was:

"Can the admiralty, with a view of reassuring public opinion, state whether the provisions for the anti-air craft defense of London and the eastern countries have been proved to be satisfactory?"

Thomas J. MacNamara, financial secretary of the admiralty, replied that he could add nothing to the statements already made. In answer to a question regarding the statue of Rear Admiral Sir Percy Scott, Mr. MacNamara said that he was still in charge of the gunnery defenses of London, but that the transfer of the guns to the war office was expedited shortly and Sir Percy's continuance in that work would then be a question for examination.

Replying to another question, Mr. MacNamara said he could not make a fuller statement regarding impending changes in the personnel of the anti-air craft service. He also declined to answer a question as to whether there had been seven or eight abortive Zeppelin raids since October 13.

Harold J. Tennant, parliamentary under secretary for war, made the announcement in the House of Commons Monday that the anti-air craft corps in London, was in sole control of the War Office and that Rear Admiral Sir Percy Scott no longer was in charge of it. Mr. Tennant said that the defense of London from aerial attacks had been under the divided responsibility of the admiralty and the war office, and this fact had been the basis of many criticisms.

With the Famous

It pleases the instinct of analogy to picture the Grecian Queen as a modern Helen, because of woes innumerable, of fierce, vain battle, says the New York World. The likeness, it says, may be overworked, but it exists.

Greece lives at the mercy of sea power. Her people were always sailors; their merchant fleet is huge, their navy weak. Less than half the race are on the mainland. By joining the Allies, Greece could have had Cyprus at once, and later, much of the Syrian coast. The powers that at Narvarina made her free could at Smyrna have made her united. No wonder the people were fired with the vision of a Venizelos!

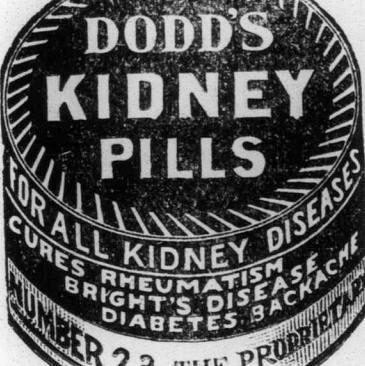
As it is, Greece may stay on the island, not much longer. If her king pushes her off on the German side she may starve under blockade. Britain may retake Caria, which she ceded only on condition of the constitutional government that the king denies. Italy and France may divide almost at will Syria and the Aegean Islands. Serbia may yet have Saloniki if the Allies win.

Is it not astounding that when honor and advantage point a nation's way so clearly, it can be controlled by the stale old trick of imperial marriage; by planting on a strategic spot, long before, the daughter of a modern Grand Monarch, and about her court building up a structure of intrigue and bribery and usurpation in the interest of autocracy against the people?

Some say women have little political power; here is one by whose influence, and what it represents, a million men must needlessly die and her land risk ruin. For if Greece had carried out its promise at the Dardanelles—if even she had kept her King's own treaty with an ally—the war need not have looked so long and dark and terrible in prospect as it does to-day.

Jean Marie Ferdinand Sarrien, premier of France in 1906 and a member of several cabinets, has just died in Paris. M. Sarrien held office in four different cabinets before he himself became premier of his country. Later he was a candidate for the presidency of France but was defeated by M. Fallieres. After his retirement from office a few years ago he took no further interest in politics. During the Franco-Prussian war he served as a captain of militia.

Mr. J. W. Flavell, the new chairman of the Munitions Board is one of the best known business men in the Dominion. As president of the National Trust Company, of the William Davies Co., of the Harris Abattoir Co., and a director of the Canadian Bank of Commerce and other corporations, his interests cover a wide field. Mr. Flavell was born near Peterboro in 1838. As a young man he moved to Toronto, securing employment in the William Davies Company, of which he eventually became president. He is equally prominent in religious and philanthropic work, being one of the leaders of the Methodist Church in Canada, and a generous contributor to hospital work.



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Sing a song of Christmas,
Gladdest day of all;
O'er the hills and valleys
See the splendor fall.
Sing of gleaming holly,
Sing of mistletoe—
Sing a song of Christmas
Everywhere you go.

Sing a song of Christmas,
Holy, happy day,
Sing of Bethlehem's manger,
Where the Christ Child lay.
Sing of love unbounded,
"Peace, good will to men."
Sing a song of Christmas
O'er and o'er again.

Sing a song of Christmas:
Even on this glad day
There are griefs and heartaches
All along the way.
Hearths that wait the uplift
Of your note of cheer—
Sing a song of Christmas,
Strong and sweet and clear.
—Edith Virginia Bradt in Ladies' Home Journal.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT



The Christmas Forest

[The region between Jerusalem and Bethlehem was formerly covered with a forest of pines, which has since entirely disappeared.]

The forest in a whisper spoke,
Vine to flower and pine to oak,
From holy hills Jerusalem
To where, upon its leafy hem,
The humble village clung—
Calm Bethlehem, dark, yet like a gem,
Enwrapped with light, as jewels are,
By trembling radiance of the star.

The trees a coming wonder told
While yet the birds, their songs unsung,
Dreamed of the coming of their young.
But, though of splendor bright
The forest unwashed, its boughs were hung
With sable shade; no taper's beam
Cast through that dusk its happy gleam.

The angels sang; the shepherds came;
In the tones manger shone a flame
That burned with supernatural light,
The pine trees whispered through the night,
And, though the Saviour's birth
Changed not their shadowy gloom to white,
They in a patient darkness still
Bowed, sighing, and obeyed his will.
And whither that old forest now
And withered wholly, root and bough,
Yet in all Christian realms of earth
Springs a new forest, full of mirth
That lights with radiant cheer
The evergreen's enduring worth,
And to that whispering prophet brings
A glory of the King of kings.

For all our merry Christmas trees
Grow fair with flame and revelries
That cluster round them year by year,
And fir and pine, or far or near,
Live upright, gladly die,
Knowing that they to God are dear,
And lying to man, illuminate
A torch that leads to heaven's gate.

Even so the measure slow of time,
Like a rhythm closed with rhyme,
Raises the patient soul on high,
Brings joy to life, even from a sigh,
And in conclusion sweet
Dark grief with gladness can ally.
So shines the forest when we meet
With light and song, Christ's birth to greet.
—George Parsons Lathrop.

The Singing of Carols.

The custom of singing carols is still maintained in Italy—indeed, on the continent carolling at Christmas is almost universal—and particularly in Rome, where, during the season of Advent, many a carol may be seen and heard performing their novenas.

These pilgrims, who, by the way, are shepherds from the Calabrian mountains, annually flock to Rome at this season. Their picturesque costume is thus described: "On their heads they wear conical felt hats, adorned with a frayed peacock's feather or a faded band of red cords and tassels. Their bodies are clad in red waistcoats, blue jackets and small clothes of skin or yellowish homespun cloth. Skin sandals are bound to their feet with cords that interlace each other up the leg as far as the knee, and over all is worn a long brown or blue cloak, with a short cape buckled closely round the neck. Sometimes, but rarely, this cloak is of a deep red with a scalloped cape."

There are many beautiful stories associated with the origin of the first Christmas tree. One legend says that on the holy night all nature, even the animals and the trees, was rejoicing and that the cedars, instead of pointing their branches upward as pointed, slender trees, spread their branches wide to protect the mother and her new born child.

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Constantinople, Dec. 15.—Via London, Dec. 16.—The following Turkish Official statement was given out here today: Mesopotamian theatre: The further houses of Kut-el-Amara, situated on the right bank of the Tigris were taken by storm, December 13. One of the hostile monitors was sunk. Caucasus front: Nothing of importance has occurred. Dardanelles front: "There have

been artillery engagements and conflicts with bombs and aerial torpedoes." Strike Conspiracies New York, Dec. 16.—The grand jury, which has been investigating the Franz Von Rintelen conspiracy to investigate strikes in munition factories, will reconvene on Monday, it was stated at the federal building today. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will be the first witness called before the jurors. Gompers has notified the federal officials that he will be here at the end of this week. Several other witnesses will be examined in addition.

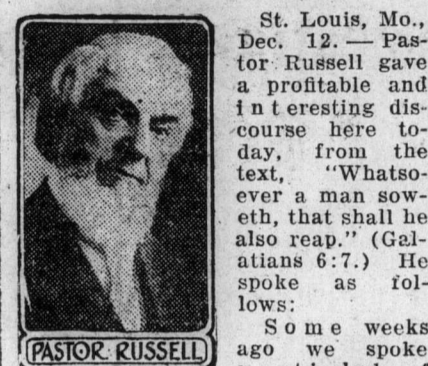
tion to Gompers, but United States Attorney Marshall expects that the grand jury will complete its work before Christmas. Curtiss Aeroplane Co. Gets Big British Order New York, Dec. 16.—It was said in the financial district today that the Curtiss Aeroplane Company has closed a contract with the British Government for \$15,000,000 worth of aeroplanes. In the fiscal year ended October 31 last the company produced more than \$6,000,000 worth of aeroplanes and motors most of which went to the British Government.

A SUNDAY SERMON BY PASTOR RUSSELL

CHURCH OF CHRIST REAP AS THEY SOW

The Responsibility of the Spiritually Illuminated.

Christians Now on Trial for Life or Death—The Illumination of Jesus at Jordan—The Illumination of the Church—Jesus Sowed to the Spirit—His Footstep Followers Do Likewise—Both Reap Glory, Honor, Immortality—Suffering First, Glory Afterward—Riches of Grace in Future Ages for God's Faithful People.



PASTOR RUSSELL

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 12.—Pastor Russell gave a profitable and interesting sermon here today, from the text, "Whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7.) He spoke as follows: Some weeks ago we spoke particularly of the world's sowing and reaping. Today we shall apply our text more especially to the Church of Christ. Thus applied, the Apostle's thought would be that whatever a Christian sows that shall he also reap; and we are now on trial for life or death eternal. The world is not now on trial. If the Christian lives according to the Spirit of God, he shall receive life everlasting; but if he sows the things of the world, he shall reap corruption—everlasting death.

He had with the Father, had humbled Himself to come down to earth and be made flesh. (John 1:4.) As a man He was perfect, and in addition had the illumination which had come to Him as a spirit-begotten New Creature. This was instructing and guiding Him. From that time forward His life was one of daily guidance by His Spirit of continuous enlightenment.

How Jesus Sowed to the Spirit. This enlightenment was with respect to the Father's will. He had for His aim to do the will of My Father in Heaven. What He did was to sow to the Spirit. His Father's proposition to Him was that He should present His body a living sacrifice, and be faithful unto death. He was not to settle beforehand how it should be done; for the Father would direct that matter. He kept looking into the Word of God. His mind was kept open to see what the Word instructed Him to do; and thus He was guided by the Word. He ordered His life by the Father's will. He did these things which the Scriptures said that He was to do.

This course led the Master to be out of accord with the people of His time; and this meant that those who would be in harmony with Him would be out of harmony with men. His followers were to have only one Master, Christ. Our Lord had only one Father, and that was God. He set us an example, that we should walk in His steps. Having received the invitation to cast in our lot with Him, to consecrate our lives as He did, we are called to share with Him in the sufferings of this present time, that we may share in the glory that shall follow. The one depends upon the other.—Romans 8:17; 2 Timothy 2:11, 12.

The Spirit-Begotten Are Illuminated. Some of us have accepted this offering. We have consecrated ourselves to God and have received the illumination from above. When we received this enlightenment, our minds began to open to see the things of God as never before; and we are now seeing truths which our neighbors, children, parents, and others do not see. Having the illumination of the Holy Spirit, we have the mind of Christ. The Heavenly illumination makes clear the will of God for us. Because we have taken the proper steps, He has accepted us and has given us this earnest of our inheritance—the Holy Spirit—through which we are enabled to discern His will. This causes the true Christian to be separate and distinct from the world.

Blessed are your eyes, for they see; and your ears, for they hear," said the Master. Others did not hear nor see. The great majority of those who heard our Lord Jesus did not comprehend His teachings. Those who could comprehend, blessed were they! It is for those illuminated ones to sow to the Spirit, and not to the flesh. They are to use their will, their talents, and their influence for the spiritual things, but not for the earthly things. The Holy Spirit gives the spiritual things, the things of the earth. Of course they must have the necessities of life; but our Heavenly Father has promised to give His children what they need of our inheritance—what things we have need of.—(Matthew 6:32.) We cannot tell Him what we need; for we are not wise enough to do so. He knows, and all we have to do is to trust in Him. He will give us all that we need, and we will be able to discern His will. We will feel all the more fearful lest we should make a mistake in using them.

Whatever may be our talents, they are given to God; and we are to use them to His glory. According to our use of them we are sowing either to the natural, earthly things or to the spiritual, Heavenly things. If we are sowing to the Spirit, we are using our time, our talents, etc., to the best of our ability as God would have us use them; and He will be very gracious in dealing with us.

There is no standstill for the New Creature. He must go on and reach a certain standard of perfection; else he cannot be accounted as one of the Kingdom class. So we must surely do the best that we are able to do, and then leave the matter with the Lord. But if we should give our lives over to the flesh, to live according to our own natural preferences, to live in the base of the brain, minding natural, earthly things—if we should give time and attention to get cats, dogs, automobiles, fine clothes, fine earthly appointments, and the pleasures of life, sowing to the gratification of the human nature—we would be sowing to the flesh, even though we do not murder, steal, lie, etc. And "if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die."—Romans 8:13.

Should anyone ask why God would destroy a consecrated Christian who lived according to his natural inclinations, we reply that the Christian is on trial for life or death. He has consecrated himself to God. The world has not. He has been begotten of the Holy Spirit. The world has not. Mankind are not now in the condition wherein they are on trial for life. But the Christian has volunteered to give up these natural, earthly things in order to get the spiritual things. The fact that God has given of His Spirit to this class is no inducement to their acceptance of Him. Therefore if any of them should turn back, should break his contract with the Lord by minding earthly things, he would die. During the Millennial Reign of Christ, the world will be on trial for life or death everlasting. Then no one may live a thousand years unless he shall be obedient to the laws of the Kingdom, and unless he shall turn to the Lord, shall seek to do the will of the Lord and shall manifest, at least outwardly, the Spirit of the Lord. At the end of the thousand years those who outwardly obey only will not be accounted worthy of everlasting life. By that time all should have the Spirit of God; for during that period He will pour out His Spirit upon all flesh—the Spirit of the Lord in the human nature. Perfect human nature will be able to have the Spirit of God working perfectly in the human body. But if at the end

of the thousand years anyone shall choose to live according to the flesh, he will not be granted everlasting life.

Choosing the Better Part. Those who now choose the spiritual things are wise, for "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard" the glories and blessings in store for the Church of this Gospel Age. (1 Corinthians 2:9.) When our great Redeemer shall present His faithful Bride class blameless and irreprovable in the presence of Jehovah God, then they will receive their reward who have lived according to the Spirit, who have willingly and gladly sacrificed the earthly things, who have continued to dwell in the secret place of the Most High. They will be of the Jewel class, cut, polished, and mounted to shine forth to all eternity, a diadem in the hand of our God.—Malachi 3:17; Isaiah 62:3.

To the Church the great Apostle said: "We are God's workmanship." (Ephesians 2:10.) When the Church shall have been fully completed and glorified, then truly we shall exclaim: "What hath God wrought!" We are the children of God, begotten by His own Spirit, to reflect His glory throughout all eternity. He is showing us exceeding great favor now, but this is only a prelude to the future glories, "the things which He hath prepared for them that love Him." "In the ages to come He will show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us through Christ Jesus."—Ephesians 2:7.

St. Paul does not attempt to tell us what these riches are. He would have us see that our God is rich in mercy, rich in grace, rich in every other estimable quality of character, and would have us trust that so rich a Father will do for His children "exceeding abundantly more than we could ask or think." Indeed, he assures us elsewhere that it is impossible for him to explain or for us to comprehend "the riches of our inheritance."—Ephesians 1:18-23.

Riches of Grace in Future Ages. "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him; but God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit." Nevertheless, this revelation is only an approximate one. We cannot clearly discern the unseen things; we cannot comprehend them with our finite natural minds. But with the new mind we can, even though but vaguely, grasp the thought of our Heavenly Father's riches of grace and love, and can draw analogies from the things of the present life. Thus we can gain some faint idea of the glorious things which await the Church; and thus by faith we are enabled as New Creatures in Christ to see the things which are invisible and to rejoice in the wonderful things which are only partially disclosed at the present time.

As we gaze up into the starry heavens, we see great constellations of fixed stars, slowly revolving about their central centre. Astronomers tell us that the use of powerful telescopes has revealed the fact that these stars are suns, and that around each one of these one hundred and twenty-five millions of suns revolves a planetary system similar to our own. This would mean that there are probably one billion other worlds than ours. So far as we know, these worlds are uninhabited. But it seems reasonable that God's work will one day extend to these planets. The foundation may have been already laid and the glorified Church of Christ may have a work to do in connection with them—all under our Father's direction and in association with our Lord Jesus.

"In the ages to come He will show us the exceeding riches of His grace toward us" according to His loving kindness in Christ. Day by day we are coming to know our Heavenly Father better; and as we see more and more of His loving kindness it begets this same spirit in us. He first loved us; and the more we know of His love, the more we love in return.

"What Shall the Harvest Be" With Each? When we consider all our present favors from the Lord, and all the possibilities of the future, what do we purpose to do? Shall we sow to the flesh, and reap corruption—death eternal? Or shall we sow to the Spirit, and reap eternal life? This is the question. But let us remember that "he that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap bountifully." There will be a great difference in the reaping.

Those who sow sparingly shall not reap any share in the Messianic Kingdom. Many spirit-begotten ones will not reign with Christ in that Kingdom. While they do not repudiate the Lord, yet they are measurably unfaithful to their covenant. Through great chastening they will wash their soiled robes in the blood of the Lamb, and will come in as honored servants of the King. They will be bridesmaids to "the Bride, the Lamb's Wife." (Revelation 7:9, 14; Psalm 45:14, 15.) But the Father has invited us to be of the Bride class.

It is in vain that we profess to be the Lord's people, profess to be the servants of righteousness and truth, profess to love these principles, if our conduct clearly demonstrates that we love unrighteousness. For such persons, to claim to be God's people is to mock our God by assuming that He cannot read the heart, and that what may be hidden to some extent from earthly beings is equally hidden from the Almighty. He that doeth righteousness is not necessarily he who is absolutely perfect, but rather he that doeth righteousness to the extent of his ability and trusts in the Redeemer's merit to compensate for unintentional shortcomings. Such are righteous in God's sight; such are approved. Let us then, while rejoicing in the Divine favor, see to it that we walk circumspectly. Let us be sure that our walk in life is not after the flesh, which eventually leads to death everlasting, but after the Spirit, which leads to life eternal with our dear Redeemer.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson XII.—Fourth Quarter, For Dec. 19, 1915.

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Text of the Lesson, Luke II, 8-20. Memory Verses, 13, 14—Golden Text, Luke II, 10—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

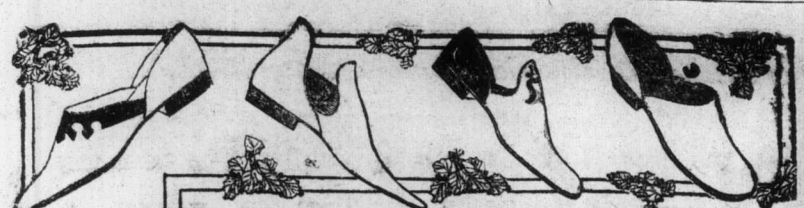
The regular lesson in 11 Kings xvii tells of the consumption of israel's sin under Hosea, their last king, until the Lord removed them out of the sight. There was none left but the tribe of Judah only (xvii, 18). Judah also kept not the commandments of the Lord, but sinned more and more, with but few exceptions as to their kings, until they, too, were carried into captivity (xvii, 19; II Chron. xxxvi, 15-19). It is refreshing to turn from such a record to the story of the birth of their long promised Messiah, of whom it was foretold that He would be born of a virgin, in the town of Bethlehem, of the line of David (Isa. vii, 14; Mic. v, 2). So it came to pass that "When the fulness of the time was come God sent forth His Son, made of a woman, made under the law, to redeem them that were under the law" (Gal. iv, 4, 5).

God moved the world by a decree from the ruler of the world, in order that this blessed Virgin Mary should come from Nazareth to Bethlehem; that this wonderful babe should be born in the place foretold by the prophet. And so it came to pass that while they were at Bethlehem she brought forth her firstborn son, * * * and laid Him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn (Luke II, 1-7). The only babe that was ever born whose birth did not mean the beginning of his existence, for of this child it was true that His goings forth were from the days of eternity (Mic. v, 2). He had walked in human form with Adam in Eden, had eaten Abraham's food, talked with Joshua, Gideon and Manoah. Truly great is the mystery of godliness. God was manifest in the flesh (I Tim. III, 16).

We are not required to understand it, but simply to believe it, as little children who believe what they are told, for these things are hidden from the wise and prudent and revealed unto babes. These shepherds were like babes, for when told the wonderful tidings they did not for a moment question, but said, "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us" (verse 15). They came with haste and found it just as the angel had said, and then they made known abroad that which they had seen and heard (verses 16, 17). When the disciples were sent to bring the ass colt for Him to ride upon and to find the room where they might prepare the last passover, it is written of each event that they found as He had said unto them" (Luke xix, 32; xxii, 13). As to making it known, we think of Peter and John and hear them saying, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts iv, 20). All shall come to pass as it is written in the book, and we shall find in this world and in the ages to come just as He has said.

If we were as simple minded believers as these shepherds we would be ever glorifying and praising God for all the things heard and seen, as told us in His Word. Some would only wonder, but some would, like Mary, keep the words in their hearts and tell. He will watch over His word, and it will always accomplish His pleasure (Isa. lv, 11; Jer. i, 12). The shepherds were quietly occupied with their regular work, keeping watch over their flocks, when the messenger from heaven came to them with the wonderful tidings. So it was with Moses and Aaron and Miriam; all were going about their ordinary work. The angel came in the night. The world was still and unexpected. When our Lord shall come again it will be in such an hour as we think not. There was a glory with the angel which made the shepherds sore afraid, but the first word was the oft repeated "Fear not." How many do you know? How many have you appointed and laid to heart? The good tidings of great joy were not only for them, but for all people. Can the tidings be really joyful to those who profess to believe them, but are doing nothing to help all people to know?

Can people now Jesus Christ the Lord as their own personal Saviour, who forgives and saves them, and not desire above all things to make known this great salvation? It does seem impossible. But how explain the indifference of the vast multitude of professed believers? Are those who are not interested in making known the glad tidings real believers? God only knows. Suddenly a multitude of angels join the first angel, and all unite in proclaiming, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Not peace, but glory to God, is the first thing, and there can be no peace until we are willing to glorify God by honoring His Son. He must be seen by faith and accepted as truly man of supernatural birth, truly God manifest in the flesh, a Saviour, the only Saviour; not one who helps people to save themselves, but a Saviour who saves the hopelessly lost, and saves wholly by His great salvation, which He had Himself accomplished and bestows freely upon all who receive Him.



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The Diamond From the Sky

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while chattering some excuse, the fair Vivian lavished her smiles upon the pawnbroker, Blair stepped be-



Vivian and Blair Stanley Board the Train.

hind the unsuspecting Ike Bloom and throttled him with the chain of the handcuffs.

Then they bound, gagged and blindfolded the unfortunate and fright- ened Ike Bloom. From his varied and wonderful stock of goods in pawn the two adventurers were not long in selecting complete disguises. Vivian attired herself as a natty youth, crown- ing her disguise with a boy's curly wig, "hooked" but this same day by a stranded vaudeville actress.

Blair arrayed himself in a somber frock coat, a silk hat, and a black cravat. With cosmetic from Vivian's tribe, taking dress suit cases, with their own and such other attire as struck their fancy, shut the spring lock door on the bound and indignant pawn- broker.

With the passengers that took the 3:10 a. m. train north was a natty col- lege boy and a bent gentleman of mid- dle age of clerical aspect, evidently the collegian's father.

Blake had stepped a few yards away to get a view in the light of the faces of a young married couple, leaving Abe Bloom to scan the other passengers.

"They didn't get on this train," splut- tered Mr. Bloom, "but I wish I had that young fellow by the neck that dropped a cigarette in my eye from the car window as the train pulled out."

"That young fellow" was Vivian Marston.

In the gypsy camp the proximity of the Romany people brought no return of mental health to the afflicted Hagar. In the trying days that followed the devoted Esther would have given way to despair, but for the cheering pres- ence and loyalty of her new and faith- ful friend and servant, Quabba, the hunchback organ grinder.

Seidition was at work among Hagar's tribe. Everywhere Luke Lovell was whispering evil counsel. He had de- termined to wrest the reins of power falling from the hands of Hagar. Once leader of the gypsies, he felt it would be an easy thing to coerce Esther into marriage and thus be assured of his Romany kingship.

Hagar's wealth was a proverb among the gypsies, and while they loved Es- ther, they listened to Luke when he whispered to them that now that Ha- gar was bereft of her reason her wealth belonged to and should be shar- ed by the tribe.

Quabba sought in every way to cheer Esther. While Hagar sat in her van moaning and muttering for a child, a son that none had ever heard had been born to her, Quabba would take Esther for walks upon the mountains, know- ing Hagar was safe among the gypsies, attended by the elder women waiting and watching faithfully near by at such times.

The favorite spot where Esther and Quabba daily climbed to talk of Arthur and to wonder where he was and when they would hear from him was to the mountain's top, where a great balancing rock swayed to the lightest touch and had menaced the valley be- low for centuries.

Upon such occasions they took field glasses with them and would watch the roads for miles away, wondering if every distant rider were Arthur re- turning to them.

Upon one such occasion Quabba turn- ed the glasses upon the gypsy village in the hollow at the mountain's foot. There was some excitement in the camp, it was evident. The figure of Luke Lovell on an eminence in the cen- ter of the camp could be plainly seen. The gypsies had gathered around him, and it was evident Luke Lovell was haranguing them to some evil purpose of his own.

Esther and Quabba ran down the mountain, arriving breathlessly at the camp just in time to find Luke Lovell leading the gypsies to Hagar's van to despoil it of Hagar's supposed wealth and divide it. For this Luke was to be made chief of the gypsies, king where Hagar had been queen and Esther princess.

When Esther and Quabba pushed themselves through the circle of gyp- sies, Luke had brought out the sup- posed treasure chest from the van without protest from the crazed Hagar. It was a brass band box, of which Esther had lately carried the key.

Esther had seen the box open and had noted it contained only some pa- pers, yellow with age. These she had not deemed it her province to examine until Arthur returned.

But now she stepped forward, backed by the active and determined Quabba, and defied Luke to open the box.

"I have the key!" she cried, produc- ing it from her bosom. "And you!" and she turned an indignant glance upon the gypsies—"if you have no respect for your queen or for me and listen to the words of Luke Lovell I will open the box!"

(To be continued.)

BY-LAW NO. 1354 of the Corporation of the City of Brantford

To provide for the sale of a portion of the Brantford Municipal Railway System to the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company.

Whereas the Corporation of the City of Brantford is the owner of the System of Railway now known as The Brantford Municipal Railway System and comprising the Street Railway System within the limits of the City of Brantford and the line of Railway from the City of Brantford through the Town of Paris to the Town of Galt,

And whereas a Commission was ap- pointed to manage and operate said system, and such Commission has re- commended to the Corporation of the City of Brantford the sale of a por- tion of said Railway System:

And whereas it is advisable that such recommendation be approved and a sale be authorized in ac- cordance therewith.

The Municipal Council of the Cor- poration of the City of Brantford therefore enacts:

1. That the rails, ties, poles, wires and other materials owned by this Corporation and pertaining to that portion of the said System of Rail- way between the point to which such Railway runs in the Town of Galt and a point distant nine hundred and twenty-four feet Westerly from the Westerly limit of William Street in the Town of Paris together with the right and title of the Corporation in the right of way upon which said por- tion of the Railway is constructed, and also the right and title of the Corporation in the right of way of the Blue Lake Siding as constructed (but excepting the rails, ties, poles, wires, and other materials thereon which are hereby reserved by the Corporation) be sold, assigned, con- veyed and transferred to the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Com- pany in consideration of the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars, (\$30,000.00) and of an agreement on the part of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company, its successors and assigns, that it shall and will equip its railway from its terminus in the Town of Galt to its terminus in the Town of Port Dover for operation by electric power, and that it shall and will from time to time and at all times here- after operate its Railway System be- tween Galt and Port Dover by elec- tric power only, and of an agreement that the said Company, its successors and assigns, will not operate its Rail- way within the district in the Town of Paris known as the Flats and being the district through which the line of Railway of the Corporation is con- structed, except for freight traffic only and upon such further terms and conditions as shall be approved by the Municipal Council of this Cor- poration.

2. The agreement for sale herein referred to shall be subject to ratifi- cation by the shareholders of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company, and by Special Act of the Parliament of Canada and to the ap- proval of the Board of Railway Com- missioners for Canada.

3. Such agreement for sale and indentures of conveyance as shall be required to convey and assure to The Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company the property purchased shall be executed by the Mayor and the Clerk of this Corporation under the Corporate Seal thereof.

4. This By-Law shall take effect from and immediately after the final passing thereof.

Passed this _____ day of _____ 1915.
CLERK. MAYOR.

NOTICE. Take Notice that the foregoing is a true copy of a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the City of Brant- ford to be submitted to the votes of the electors at the same time and at the same places as the annual election for the Municipal Council and the De- puty Returning Officers appointed to hold the said election shall take the vote.

And that the 30th day of December A.D. 1915, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon at the City Hall, in the said Municipality has been fixed for the appointment of persons to attend at

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the polling places, and at the final summing up of the votes by the clerk.

And that if the assent of the electors is obtained to the said proposed by-law, it will be taken into consid- eration by the Municipal Council of the said Corporation at a meeting thereof, to be held after the 'expira- tion' of one month from the date of the first publication of this notice, and that such first publication was made on the 6th day of December, A. D. 1915.

H. F. Leonard,
City Clerk.

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BOY WANTED—Apply G. N. W. Telegraph; can learn telegraphy. m33

WANTED—A good smart woman. Apply Oak Park farm, on Grand Valley Line. Phone 994 r 2 and 3. f33

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WANTED—To hear from owner of good farm for sale. Send cash price and description. D. F. Bush, Minneapolis, Minn.

WANTED—Live pigeons by Dec 25th for Eagle Place Gun Club; 25c per pair, delivered at R. H. Martin's, 66 Erie Ave. mw33

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JUBILEE SERVICES will be celebrated in the Congregational church at all services next Sunday. Rev. W. E. Gilroy, of the First Congregational Church, Hamilton, will preach, and Miss Edith Whittaker, soprano soloist of the First Methodist Church, Hamilton, will sing at both services. Come and enjoy a treat.

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ECHO PLACE NEWS

The Ladies Aid of the Anglican Mission journeyed to Paris to the home of one of their members, on Dec. 15th and spent a most enjoyable time. Master Lawrence McCormick is ill with the measles. Mrs. Webster has gone on a trip to the Old Country, to spend Christmas with her husband. She expects to return some time in February. Miss Edna Smith is expected home from the hospital the last of the week. Word has been received from Captain C. V. Lester, that he is well and that he very much enjoys camp life. The scholars of the Anglican Mission are looking forward very eagerly to their tea and entertainment to be given here on Wednesday afternoon and evening, Dec. 29th in the Mission school rooms.

The Ladies of the Elm Ave. S.S. will meet at the home of Mrs. Murray Smith Saturday evening, Dec. 18th to make bags for the Elm Ave. Christmas tree.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at its next session for an act to enable the Corporation of the City of Brantford to make, complete, own, equip, operate, alter, maintain, manage and extend the railway, which was the railway of the Grand Valley Company, an undertaking for the general advantage of Canada under the name "Brantford Municipal Railway system," with one or more sets of rails or tracks to be worked by power or force of electricity or steam and commencing in the town of Galt, passing through the Township of North Dumfries in the County of Waterloo, and the Township of Brantford and South Dumfries and the Town of Paris, in the County of Brant to the City of Brantford and within the said City of Brantford as fully and effectually as the said Grand Valley Railway Company might do, with power to construct, operate, and maintain all necessary bridges, roads, ways and ferries, and to build, equip, operate and maintain telegraph and telephone lines in connection with said railway, and to construct, acquire and lease terminal stations, facilities, wharves, docks, elevators, warehouses, etc., to carry on the business of common carriers of passengers and goods and of forwarding and selling said goods, and wharves, wharfmasters and wharfmen, and absolutely or conditionally, of the whole or any part of the said railway on terms approved by-law of the Municipal Council of the said City of Brantford and by order of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada.

Dated at Brantford this Fourteenth day of December, A. D., 1915.

Wilkes and Henderson, Of 116 Dalhousie Street, Brantford, Solicitors for the Applicant.

Auction Sale

Estate of the late A. J. Misner, deceased, late of the Township of Ancaster. See bills. Threshing and clover outfits and other chattels, horses, etc., on Tuesday, Dec. 21st, 1915. Welby Almas, Auctioneer.

Notice is also hereby given that all persons having claims, accounts, notes, judgments, claims for wages, etc., against said Estate, will please send in their claims, properly itemized, accompanied with a declaration or affidavit, verifying their claims, to J. G. Cochrane, agent for the Estate of the said late A. J. Misner. No claims will be paid unless satisfactorily verified and strictly legal. As soon as practicable after said 21st day of December, 1915, the agent will proceed to distribute said Estate, as far as possible, having regard only to such claims as may have been received and properly verified. Dated at Jerseyville this first day of December, 1915.

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Special Wire to the Great London, Dec. 18.—The German minister at Athens has made to the effect many would be compelled to drive out the allies if the fortification of that island, brings the Austro-Germans cross-frontier, will apparently show soon they are able to fiftion the Alps.

The Post's Athens' correspondent says the fact that an attack on Saloniki has not yet begun in diplomatic circles is in which the German and of concentrating supplies, pairing communications, and the allies and Serbians are ang up of sufficient supplies, but the German government made these preparations will be begun and pushed.

Despatches to The Daily Athens, estimate the 100 German forces at 200,000 ever, are fatigued by mountain marching and the intended German retreat is reported, have been Rastchak, to meet an ex-Serbian menace.

According to the Athens ministerial organ, the entment will address a letter to the Entente powers asking Saloniki.

BOUND FOR SALONIKI, Greece, Dec. 17. Dec. 18.—Despatches received from Athens, estimate the arrival at Sofia, Bulgarian batteries, each made up of inch guns, which are bound for Saloniki.

The work on the fortifications being pushed in Macedonia. German officers are in the newspapers for what are employing on the walls who are not subject to the army. Entente is expected complete control of the station and the railway was taken over by the Anglo-Germans Sunday. Entente munitions continue to arrive GERMAN SCHOOLS.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The respondent of the Havre sends the following: "A representative of the order officially to turn over allied military authorities roads of central Macedonia. Greek government will an agent of the public work onik, owned by strange the consequences of war."

"The German schools have closed their doors. organizations coming in have received an order immediately for Durazzo."

WHAT GERMAN M SAID.

RETURNED TO PARIS, Dec. 18.—A German Havas Agency from Athens Thursday, says: "The ministers of the Entente called again on yesterday regarding the mandated for the Entente in Macedonia. The German called on M. Skouloudis day."

IS STATIONARY Paris, Dec. 18.—The respondent of the Times' date of the 16th, cor fighting along the Serbo-Greiner, says that the situation. He continues: "The French and Entente have settled north of Serentrenching is being cautiously. The Bulgarians actively in the Serbo-Greiner. Their number is estimated. It is confirmed that and Bulgarian government cord to create a neutral and the boundary line so as accidents between the pick two armies.

Information is still as to what the German invaded Serbia. According to reports which ably true, German forces Serbia for other fronts—manian, and, in part, Fr