

SWEDEN'S PEACE NOTE DELIVERED TO ALLIES

MORE TALK OF AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC BREAK WITH GERMANY

SWEDISH NOTE SIMILAR ONE TO THAT SENT BY PRESIDENT

Urges Consideration of Terms
of Peace by Belligerents.

SUPPORTS SWISS MOVE

Press Statement Announces
This, Says London Paper.

FRENCH ARE SUSPICIOUS

Notes Coming From Countries
Where German Influence Is
Strong Raises Doubt.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Official information has been received here that Sweden has addressed a peace note to the belligerents and sent copies to neutrals urging consideration of terms for peace.

HANDED BELLIGERENTS.

Berne, via Paris, Dec. 27.—The Tageblatt announces that the Swedish diplomatic representatives have handed to both belligerents and neutrals a note in support of those of President Wilson and the Swiss Government. The London Daily Telegraph stated this morning that it understood that the Swedish Government had sent a note to the belligerent nations similar to that dispatched by Switzerland.

GERMAN PRESSURE SHOWN.
New York, Dec. 27.—The following dispatch from an official source in Paris is published in New York today:

Paris, Dec. 26.—President Wilson's note has been followed by Switzerland's note. In this document the federal government declares that it has been in contact with President Wilson.

On the other side, there are in Paris some indications that a very strong pressure is exercised by the German government on neutral governments to induce them to use their action in favor of peace. It is known that similar steps will be taken by other governments in countries where the German influence is notoriously very strong.

Suppliants of States.
In these conditions the understanding which Switzerland claims to have with the United States throws in the mind of the French public a certain suspicion on the American intervention. Public opinion in Paris seems in all this the first act of a concerted manœuvre between neutrals. What has not been decided by the French public opinion coming only from America will strongly hurt that opinion if one can suppose that there is an organized pressure.

KILLED BY TRAIN.
Richmond, Que., Dec. 27.—O. Greig, an employee of the Grand Trunk Railway, was run over and killed here this morning in the train yards by a Sherbrooke and Richmond train.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 25; lowest, 10.

The official temperatures for the 12 stations to 8 a.m. today were:

Highest, 35; lowest, 23.

TOMORROW—COLDER.
Toronto, Dec. 27.—3 a.m. forecasts.

Today—Bitter, with occasional sleet or rain.

Thursday—Westerly winds; colder.

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Weather Notes.
A fairly important disturbance centered near Lake Superior has caused snow in Manitoba and Northern Ontario and sleet and rain in the Lower Lake Region.

In Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, and also in Alberta, the weather is the best for cold.

WOULD FOSTER PEACE

The Hague, Dec. 26.—Via London, Dec. 27.—The Dutch section of the world's union of churches held a crowded meeting tonight in the largest church in the city. The speakers endorsed President Wilson's "act of faith" in the sending of his note to the belligerents and exhorted their brethren in belligerent countries to foster an atmosphere in which the idea of peace might be developed.

COLLAPSE WILL BE INEVITABLE IF PEACE FAILS

Austria - Hungary Can No
Longer Stand Burdens of
War Pressure.

GREAT DEMONSTRATIONS

Prospects of Early Peace Ex-
cited Populace to Emo-
tional Outbreaks.

London, Dec. 27.—(New York Times cable.)—A dispatch to the Morning Post from Budapest says:

"Since the peace offer was made, King Charles has been in constant consultation with his advisers. He saw Count Tisza twice. Count Berchold is almost always in attendance, and as is well known, he has great influence with the emperor, who considers him the most able diplomatist of the monarchy.

"Among the many and most difficult problems confronting the emperor are grave international questions, the turning question of man power, and the overhanging political crisis in Austria.

Burden Too Great.
"In all these super tasks the question of peace seems to occupy first place in the best minds of the monarchy at present. Everybody feels that unless the peace movement is successful the coming military efforts as well as the sacrifices demanded of the people will far overtax their strength and resources and will place the burden on the nation, especially as regards Hungary, which it is unable to bear, and that a collapse will be inevitable.

The newspapers are not all wed, although they have tried, to say how and why the people go so anxiously for peace. Today almost everyone of the morning papers appeared with the first page blank, the leading articles having been censored out entirely. But they were permitted to describe the scenes and conversations, and these are quite adequate to reveal what the people feel and what they expect.

ULSTER INCLUDED

IN NEW PLANS OF
IRISH HOME RULE

Informal Discussion for the
Settlement of Whole Question
Now Proceeding.

London, Dec. 27.—Informal discussions and consultations are proceeding for settlement of the Irish question, says the Manchester Guardian. New proposals which are being considered provide for something in the nature of a new arrangement for Unionists and Nationalists in an Irish parliament. Home rule for all of Ireland is the basis of the suggestions which do not contemplate the exclusion of Ulster.

AMERICAN RAILWAYS IGNORE 8-HOUR LAW

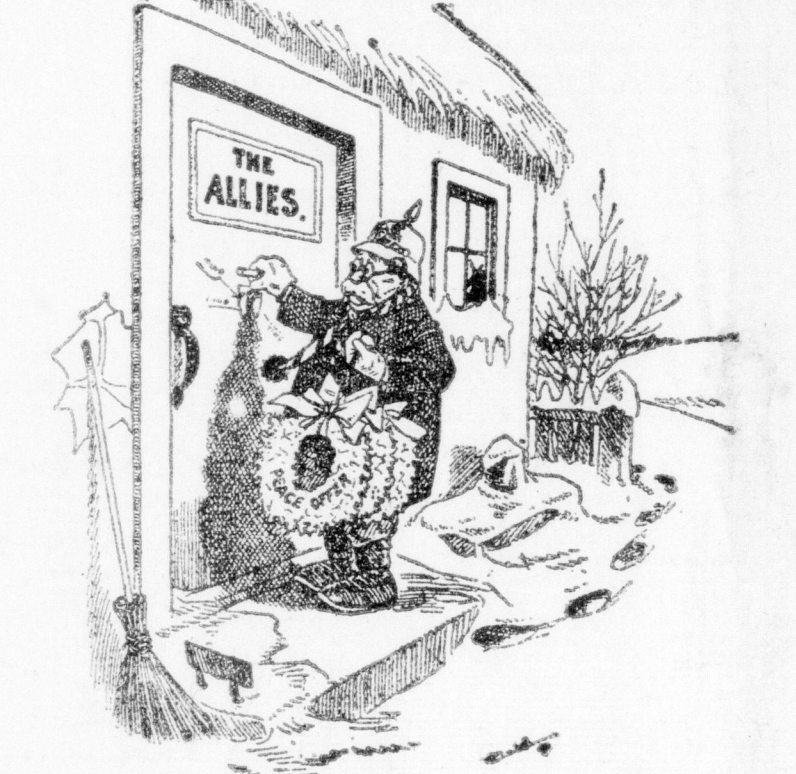
Refuse to Consider It Pending
Supreme Court Ruling.

New York, Dec. 27.—Pending the decision of the supreme court of the United States on the question of the constitutionality of the Adamson 8-hour law, the railroad managers declare they will not be parties to any action that might tend to nullify or anticipate in any way the court proceedings. The railroad workers of the country are being notified that the Adamson law will be ignored in making up payrolls after January 1, and until such time as the issue is finally determined in the courts.

The notices contain the first formal declaration that pending the decision of the court there will be no compromise on hours or wages between the railroads and the brotherhoods.

SOLDIER FOUND SHOT.
Sherbrooke, Que., Dec. 27.—Joe Sequin, a soldier on his way to join his regiment at Montreal, was found lying in the snow wounded in the hand here last night. He claims to have been shot by an unknown man.

WONDER IF THERES ANYBODY HOME?



Advertiser Illustration. —Rochester Herald.

TWIST PEACE NOTE TO OWN ENDS, SAYS NEW YORK TRIBUNE

German Eagerness in Answering
Document Brings This Comment
---Issue Evaded, Say Others

New York, Dec. 27.—Editorial comment on Germany's reply to President Wilson's note, is published here this morning as follows:
World: Germany's answer to President Wilson's note completely evades the issue. The president requested from each of the belligerents a definition of the objects of the war and the terms upon which it would consider peace. Germany replies by proposing an immediate conference "of delegates of the belligerent states at a neutral place," knowing that this proposal had already been emphatically rejected by the Entente governments.

AMERICAN NOTE SUPPLIES MUCH NEEDED WHITEWASH FOR GERMANS

Pall Mall Gazette Declares It Is Triumph for Germany To
Pull Wires of Power Who se Subjects her Subs Sank
With Impunity.

London, Dec. 27.—The promptness of the German Government's reply to President Wilson's note is characterized by the evening newspapers today as evincing Germany's eagerness to bring the war to an end. The standard says: "It would be a mistake to neglect the German peace manœuvre, but it would be even more fatal to waste time over them. We trust the Government will give President Wilson a perfectly courteous but also a definite reply, and then get on with the war as energetically as possible."

MONASTERY AT OKA DESTROYED BY FIRE

With Chapel. Building of Trappist
Monks Goes Up In Flames.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—The monastery and the chapel of the Trappist Monks at Oka was destroyed by fire this morning.

The fire began about 5 o'clock this morning in some newly constructed work in an outbuilding used by the lay helpers of the monks. It spread rapidly through a corridor connecting with the monastery and seized upon this building and chapel adjoining. When the fire broke out the monks were all at prayer in the chapel. They fought the flames vigorously but were unable to control them owing to the poor water pressure. One hundred monks resided in the monastery. The buildings destroyed were erected on the site of a monastery burned down in 1902. They were completed in 1912 at a cost of \$400,000. A famous library of old manuscript was lost. The monks saved a part of the valuable sacred vessels, the gifts of patrons in Canada and the United States.

The winter supplies of the monastery connected with the monastery were not touched. The students were not in residence owing to the Christmas vacation.

FISHERMEN SALVAGE "SINKING" SCHOONER

Bring Three-Masted, Reported Sunk,
Into Harbor.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 27.—The fisher folk of Great Point gained a rich prize today when they brought into port here, apparently seaworthy, the 3-masted schooner Roger Drury which was abandoned yesterday by her crew. The schooner was reported to be in the small steamer Petrel, however, found her riding the seas easily. The Roger Drury was bound from New York for St. John, N. B.

The schooner Daniel McLeod and pavolet, the latter of British registry, which were thrown on the Rip at Great Point in the day with his opening argument for the prosecution.

WAITING VICTORY BEFORE MAKING DEFINITE TERMS

Allies' Peace Reply Now Re-
fers Only Generally
To Objects.

WILSON ANSWER LATER

No Action On Neutral Moves
Until Central Powers
Replied To.

London, Dec. 27.—Communications continue to pass between the capitals of the Entente Allies regarding the reply to be made to the peace proposals of the Central Powers and their allies. The answer has been prepared in Paris and is now the subject of discussion between the various ministers.

It is unlikely that any steps will be taken by Great Britain and the other countries of the Entente with regard to Mr. Wilson's note and its Swiss counterpart until the Entente Allies have dealt with the German proposals. It is understood here the reply does not give specific terms, but refers generally to the objects of the Allies.

Those participating in the discussion speak of the difficulty of expressing the general purposes in concrete form, so that the reply may be definitely responsive and as the same time convey to neutral countries an adequate idea of the aims and purposes for which the Entente Allies are contending.

The reason for not stating the specific terms is said here to be that the terms of the Allies largely depend upon the extent of the military victory which they confidently expect and that any statement of terms now would be upon a basis which would be open to question. Therefore it is held that Germany is in a position to state her terms whereas the Entente terms become definite when military successes have been achieved.

IMPOSSIBLE TO FIX TOTAL DEATH TOLL CAUSED BY TORNADO

Central Arkansas Wire Com-
munication Wiped Out.

SETTLEMENTS ARE GONE

One Negro Colony Loses 17
Members—Fears For State
Convict Farm Entertained.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 27.—Reports today from Central Arkansas, which was swept by a tornado yesterday, show that ten persons are known to be dead and that a score of others may have lost their lives. Of the known dead five are white and five are negroes. Wire communications with parts of the district swept by the storm has been cut off, and it may be a day or two before the exact number of dead is known and the property loss established.

RESCUE STEAMERS CANNOT DISCOVER MISSING VESSEL

Maryland Is Not in Position
From Which She Sent
Out S. O. S.

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 27.—The steamer Maryland which reported by wireless on Christmas night that she was sinking had not been found today. The coastguard cutters Albatross and Gresham which had proceeded from Woods Hole and Boston, respectively, to the position approximately 200 miles southeast of this island. Waters the Maryland sounded her distress calls, sent word this morning that they had found no trace of the steamer.

\$639,300,000 IN GOLD IMPORTED INTO STATES

Huge Shipments Sent From Canada
Swell Total of 1916.

New York, Dec. 27.—With only three business days of the year remaining after today, gold to the amount of \$639,300,000 has been imported into the United States from all sources during 1916. This includes a fresh consignment of \$4,600,000 from Canada, deposited at the Philadelphia mint to the account of J. P. Morgan & Co. The total of gold imports was brought up to \$639,300,000 with the arrival at the assay office here today of \$50,000,000 from Canada consigned to the same firm.

HELD UP BY SUB

Four Greek Steamers Sent Into Canary
Islands by Germans.

Madrid, Dec. 26.—Via Paris, Dec. 27.—Four Greek steamships, the Omirites, Aristides, Icaropina and Contandaris, have arrived at Las Palmas, Canary Islands, two of them bound from America with cargoes of wheat and corn after having been stopped by a German submarine. They were permitted to enter Las Palmas only on condition that they should discharge their cargoes at that port.

GERMANS SO ANXIOUS FOR PEACE THEY ARE ARRANGING MEETING

Have Already Sent Delegates to The
Hague to Arrange Accommoda-
tions---Wish Is Father to
the Thought.

London, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from The Hague to the Exchange Telegraph Company says German agents have arrived at The Hague to make preliminary arrangements for German delegates to the peace conference suggested in the German reply to President Wilson's note. The dispatch says:

"In view of the preparatory meeting of the delegates to a peace conference suggested in the German reply to President Wilson, German agents have arrived at The Hague, and are making inquiries for hotel accommodations for German delegates."

SERIOUS BREAK IN HYDRO LINES HOLDS UP MUNITIONS WORK

Hundreds Thrown Out of
Work in Toronto.

NO CIVIC CARS RUNNING

Ice Is Blamed For Bringing
Down Circuits Near
Cooksville.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—A serious breakdown in the provincial hydro lines early this morning has put hundreds of munition workers and other factory employees out of work for the morning. The trouble commenced about 4 a.m., when the power went off for about five minutes. After an interval of about an hour it went off again and stayed off till 6:30, when domestic lights went on, but the lighting in the streets was very dim, the candlepower. After a short interval all lights went out, and people going to business had to grope their way in the darkness at 7 o'clock.

In the portions of the city served by the civic cars the greatest inconvenience was suffered, all the cars being put out of commission and motorists had to walk to the nearest point where they could get a taxi. Many, however, did not trouble to do this, as walking was extremely difficult on the ice-covered streets, which in some places had a glass-like surface and made the operation dangerous.

Blame It On Ice.
It was stated at the hydro offices at 9:30 a.m. that the trouble was on the line between Cooksville and Dundas. The wires were brought down by the accumulated weight of ice. Sir Adam Beck, who reached his office early this morning, announced that two circuits were down between Cooksville and Dundas stations. He credited it to the sleet storm last night. At 10 o'clock he stated that the service would be restored in half an hour.

Chief Engineer Gaby of the hydro commission stated that between 40,000 and 50,000 horsepower was cut off by the break in the line.
Calls It Unfortunate.
"Most of the munition factories and other works are at a standstill this morning, as well as the civic cars," said Charles P. W. Ellis of the Toronto commission. "It is a very unfortunate occurrence, as the hydro has been giving excellent service. At 11 o'clock the power came on again. The double transmission line had been broken between Dundas and Cooksville, both lines at the same point by the weight of sleet."

LONDON UNAFFECTED.

According to an official announcement made by Chief Operator C. H. Colby of the city hydro department, London was unaffected by the break. The only interruption to the service here was a five-minute break at 4:35 this morning.

"We are on another circuit, and would therefore be unaffected by the Cooksville break," was Operator Colby's explanation.

\$1,000,000 LINKS FOR N. Y. CANADIANS

Extriated Some of Dominion Plans
Wonderful Golf Course.

New York, Dec. 27.—One of the finest golf courses in the country with initial expenditures amounting to more than a million dollars is to be laid out on 1,400 acres of ground, near Somerville, N. J., for the benefit of wealthy Canadians residing in New York and Philadelphia.

COMPLETING JURY

Small Murder Case May Start in Earn-
est Today.

Onsleepe, N. H., Dec. 27.—Efforts to complete the jury which will sit in the trial of Frederick L. Small, charged with the murder of his wife were continued today. Four jurymen were accepted yesterday. County Solicitor Phil said he thought it possible that the actual work of the trial might be started late in the day with his opening argument for the prosecution.

BREAK CERTAIN IN RELATIONS WITH GERMANY IF PEACE FAILS

No More Note Writing by
America Will Follow.

OUTLOOK SEEMS GLOOMY

Violation of Pledges or New
Sub Campaign Will Un-
settle States.

AN EDUCATIVE CAMPAIGN

Wilson's Peace Note and Lan-
sing's Statement Charac-
terized as This.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Washington, Dec. 27.—

One of the highest U. S. officials told the United Press today that present plans call for no more note writing to Germany. He added, if the Marins, Arabia and other cases develop clear-cut violation of Germany's pledges as in the Sussex case, or if Germany starts a new submarine campaign in case peace fails, then a break in relations can be the only answer. He declared that President Wilson's "peace" note and Secretary Lansing's subsequent "verge of war" statement were in a measure educational, so that the country would not wonder what it was all about in event matters came up to the breaking point.

CABINET CAREFUL IN ITS REPLY TO LABOR PROTEST

Afraid To Say Too Much or
Too Little On Registra-
tion Objection.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—A very carefully framed reply will go from the prime minister to the labor men of the country who have protested against compulsory service and have asked for an open and public definition of national service.

A meeting between Premier Borden and the labor representatives took place yesterday. An understanding was reached which the prime minister was to embody in a letter. The letter was to have been sent yesterday afternoon, but the delivery of phrasing a reply is shown by the fact that it has not yet been forwarded. Instead of the matter being closed up and pecked away, the whole cabinet is in session this morning writing the letter to President J. C. Walters of the Trades and Labor Congress.

It is to be the act, in the reply, to say neither too much nor too little. The Government has to look carefully at both sides of the situation.

The labor representatives have declared against compulsory service. It is assumed that the Province of Quebec shares this view.

BRITISH CABINET MEETS TO DISCUSS SITUATION

New York, Dec. 27.—According to a news agency dispatch from London this afternoon, a ministerial conference on the international situation was held at Premier Lloyd George's official residence, 10 Downing Street, today.

Foreign Secretary Balfour made his first appearance in conference since his recent indisposition.

SMOKES FOR RETURNED MEN.—Through the generosity of the business men of London, every returned soldier in the city is being supplied with either 50 cigarettes or 10 cigars. Many of the men have already received their present. The packages are being distributed through the Soldiers' Aid Commission.

"EDDIE" MCKAY WILL BE DECORATED FOR VALOR, SAYS FRIEND

Now Certain That He Helped
Kill Capt. Boelke.

HAS WONDERFUL RECORD

Is Known Everywhere To the
French and British as
Among Best.

Joseph McKay, one of the leading aviators of Canada, and brother of Flight Lieut. Eddie McKay of this city, whose exploits on the western front have thrilled Londoners, was in the city last night on a business trip to Detroit.

Mr. McKay was just received a letter from his brother, in which the latter stated that the general under whose command the aviators of his division operated, had announced that it was now fully confirmed that Capt. Boelke, foremost of German aviators, was killed in the combat with Lieut. McKay and another aviator, as has been previously described. Lieut. McKay has been mentioned in orders for his work, and a letter received by his brother from another officer at the front stated that both "Eddie" and his companion were to be decorated by His Majesty King George within a short time.

The same officer stated that Lieut. McKay was regarded as one of the foremost fighting aviators on the western front, and that his name was known everywhere to French and British. Few of those who enter this air service are chosen to operate the fighting planes of the British, which are described as small, but faster, than any other aircraft. The pilot must not only direct his craft, but must also be fighting an enemy who is fighting in the air.

Lieut. McKay has been in countless attacks and raids, and on one occasion flew more than a hundred miles into territory occupied by Germans.

Several orders commending the young aviator have been received by his brother at Cobalt, and the latter has received many letters of congratulation for the plucky young London athlete.

PROFESSOR EASTMAN HAS JOINED UNIVERSITY UNIT

Will Take Officers' Training for Active
Service—Was Pacifist.

Dr. Frank Eastman of the chair of history of the university of British Columbia, Vancouver, who has been granted leave of absence for overseas service, in a letter to relatives in this city states that he has enlisted with a company of the Queen's Own Rifles, and has been recruited in Vancouver, and arrangements have been made to allow him a six weeks' training course in Victoria, after which he will be sent to the front.

Dr. Eastman is a graduate of Toronto University, subsequently spending four years in historical research work in France, in connection with the Sorbonne.

An ardent pacifist previous to the outbreak of war, and strongly advocating universal disarmament in both lectures and articles, when war was declared, the righteousness of the cause of the Allies immediately recognized and the call of king and country sounded, Dr. Eastman was the first to declare, and do his part in establishing permanent peace and making universal disarmament possible. He was not accepted at the time owing to physical disability which has in the meantime been overcome.

He has been doubly impatient to go overseas, owing to the fact that his many friends in France and England, particularly were called to the colors early in August, 1914.

Dr. Eastman is the only son of Rev. Dr. Eastman and Mrs. Eastman of Port Stanley and brother of Miss Katherine Eastman of the city teaching staff.

THURSDAY IS BIG DAY IN MUNICIPAL ARENA

Thursday is the big day of the week in municipal matters, many meetings having been arranged for that day.

At 4 o'clock there will be sessions of all the council committees to pass accounts and clear up the tax ends of business. At 5 o'clock there will be a meeting of the council to pass accounts and several local improvements before the council.

The utilities commission will meet at 2:30 o'clock to discuss applications for the new hydro shop, and will authorize the calling for tenders for the construction of the building.

GO IN BY ACCLAMATION.

EXETER, Dec. 26.—The following have been returned by acclamation: Reeve, B. W. Beavers; council, Thomas Huxton, John Huxton, C. B. Snell, Louis Day, school trustees, R. N. Creech, S. Martin, Frank Wood and H. Huxton. The hydro and waterworks commission bylaw will be voted on January 1, Stephen and Elzabeta Township reeves and councillors were all elected by acclamation.

OVERLOADING THE STOMACH

Causes Incomplete Digestion, Weakens
the System, and Breeds Dyspepsia.

Trial Package of Stuart's Dyspepsia
Tablets Free.

Gulping is as vile a sin as drunkenness and its evil results are more terrible and far more numerous. The digestive system turns from 7 to 35 pounds of digestive fluid into your stomach. If you cram your stomach with food and you exhaust these juices, if your stomach cannot digest the food because it lacks juices to do it with, you should either eat less or make more gastric fluids. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets give you 5,000 grains of fluid of which will digest 5,000 grains of food. With Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets in your stomach the evil effects of overeating are removed, for these little tablets when dissolved stick to the food and digest all the food from it. They won't abandon the stomach and leave a mass of decaying undigested food to rot and irritate the mucous membrane lining. They give greater quantities of gastric fluid, help the intestines enrich the blood, prevent constipation, and glutiny, while still may yet be made less harmful by the use of these tablets.

Every drugist carries them in stock; price 50 cents per box, or send us your name and address and we will send you a trial package free by mail. Address, F. A. Stuart Company, 242 Stuart Building, Marshall, Mich.

DR. R. SHAW INSISTS HE IS ELIGIBLE FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

Claims Term of Trusteeship
Had Expired.

OTHER OPINIONS DIFFER

A. M. Hunt Says He Could
Have Been Unseated On
Same Count.

Dr. R. W. Shaw, a candidate for the board of control, contends that he is perfectly eligible to be a candidate, in spite of the charges made against him. According to the municipal act, a candidate for any other municipal office must resign from the board of education ten days before nominations for other positions.

Dr. Shaw contends, and his legal advisors so tell him, that his term of office has expired. He was elected for two years, and his term as a trustee of the board of education, he says, is over. He cites the case of Controller Gammage, saying that he was not disqualified. It is pointed out that Mr. Gammage would probably have been dismissed had he failed to resign. Dr. Shaw also contends that the law was framed to prevent a man from holding two offices. For instance, if a trustee was elected for two years and desired to be a candidate at the end of one year, he would, of course, have to resign as a trustee. Dr. Shaw is of the opinion that the act does not apply to a candidate whose term of office has expired.

It is known that Lieut.-Col. C. M. R. Graham understood that he would have to resign from his position of education when he entered the majority contest, and he did resign.

"I was advised that I could have been unseated last year because I had failed to resign from the board of education," said ex-Ald. A. M. Hunt. "It would have been an easy matter. I was attacked on different grounds, however, when I could certainly have been unseated because of my failure to resign from the board of education. That was the advice given to me."

It is probable that proceedings will be taken to determine Dr. Shaw's standing, now that it has become considerable interest.

In case Dr. Shaw is elected, and subsequently unseated, the council will have the right to name his successor. It will not necessitate an election.

WAR TAX STAMP CASES NOW BEFORE MAGISTRATES

Four Businessmen Charged With a
Breach of Act by Inspector.

After five adjournments, covering a period of seven weeks, the cases against four local businessmen, each charged with failure to pay the necessary war stamp under the war revenue act, was heard in part today in police court. After the evidence of the prosecution, represented by H. F. Grayson, Esq., was submitted, another adjournment was made until 3 o'clock this afternoon, when the defence in two charges will be introduced and the cases brought to a close.

The defendants who appeared in court today were W. H. Thornton of Thornton's Fair, corner of Dundas and Ridout streets; Gordon Lamb, barber, 137 Dundas street; E. C. Lewis, manager of the Canadian Smallwares Store, 137 E. Jones, manager of Wood's Fair, East London.

George S. Gibbons, representing the prosecution, requested the adjournment today, and this afternoon will produce defence witnesses.

J. Dager, inspector for the Ontario inland revenue department, testified that he had taken the Thornton's Fair, corner of Dundas and Ridout streets, one bottle of Castoria for which he had paid 30 cents.

Castoria, he said, was registered as a proprietary medicine, and according to the war revenue act a stamp should have been affixed, which he claimed was not attached.

The charge against Gordon Lamb, barber, was called by Inspector Dager testified that on October 14th, he had purchased from the defendant a bottle of perfume to which, he claimed, there was no war stamp attached.

The charge against E. C. Lewis, manager of the Canadian Smallwares Store was called next.

Inspector Dager gave evidence that he had purchased a bottle of perfume, and a package of tooth paste, neither having the necessary war tax stamp affixed.

RESCUER OF DAMES ON MARKET SQUARE AMONG DUTIES OF THE CLERK

"Charlie" Maker Brings In One, Stranded
on Slippery Sidewalk.

The tasks of Market Clerk Charles Maker are many and varied at this season of the year. This morning the water-covered ice was slippery around the poultry building that he found necessary to scatter sand over it. It was not long before a woman came along and, having strayed from the sand-covered area onto the slippery section of the sidewalk, was unable to move either one way or the other, forward, backward or sideways. The fact that the pavement slants sideways as well as forward added to her difficulties. A move would have meant a tumble, but Mr. Maker, in true knight-errant manner, a la movies, ran to her assistance, in the meantime calling to her to "hold fast." This lady lay until the gallant Mr. Maker arrived on the scene, and by clever maneuvering managed to get her back into the safety zone, where the sand made walking possible.

SHIP INDIAN'S BODY, PARTLY BY DOG-TRAIL

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—The death occurred at the base hospital today of Pte. B. Nacogoi, an Indian member of the 22nd New Ontario Battalion, who succumbed to pneumonia. His home was in Moose Factory, in the Hudson Bay region. It is probable that his remains will be sent home for interment. Part of the journey will be made over the northern dog trails, and the time required to complete the trip will be two weeks.

FALTERING FRIENDSHIPS

(BY AGNES HALL.)
Tossing about on the sea of life,
Worn and weary from toil and strife,
Looking around for a floating spar
Of sincerity, where the breakers are
We find no more currents and shoals
For loyal, if sometimes misguided, souls.
The buoy of friendship, moored near by,
Falls, and withdraws when waves ride
High.

Just when that buoy is needed most
To counsel a soul too near the coast,
Mocking at trouble it turns away,
Saying to Faith: "Let come what may,
I no longer your beacon light;
Steer for yourself from morn till night."

Consulting her compass, Faith sees afar
A Pilot in calling across the bay:
"Mind not the shoals or quicksands deep,
Or the faltering friend with soul asleep,
Though father and mother and friend
 Forsake,

We into this port the mariners take."

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Shoemaker Is Liable.
To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Would you kindly give me your advice in the following:

A party phoned a local shoe repair to call for two pair of shoes to have the heels repaired. The boy called, and received the four shoes, and tying the four single strings together, left. When he reached the shoe store he had only three shoes. He fully admits receiving the two pairs, and says he must have dropped one, but he failed to find it. His employer sent him back with the odd shoe, and says he can do nothing concerning the missing one.

Now, what I want to know is whether the shoe repair is responsible for shoes after they leave your house? If he is, they will have to make good, will they not?

Kindly answer in tonight's Advertiser, and oblige. A READER.

The shoe repairer is liable to an action for damages.

A Youthful Soldier's Service.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

My comrades and I desire to express before you and the people of London our deep appreciation of the services of Pte. Sydney H. Slingerland of Mount Dromedary, who enlisted some time ago with the 7th Battalion, under the command of Lieut.-Col. R. J. Towers. He was one of the first men to leave his battalion to go to France. He was wounded at Ypres, but has now recovered.

I also wish to state that Pte. Slingerland was only sixteen when he enlisted, having spent the greater part of his life in Mount Dromedary, where his uncle, Edward Gilders, lives. We are glad to say that Pte. Slingerland is well again and ready to go back to France at any time. Yours truly,

MAJOR OWEN.

Hastings, Eng., Dec. 7, 1916.

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AMERICAN NOTE

virtues. It would teach the world that, by letting the Americans do the talking, Germany understands how to get her own way eventually in the sphere of practical politics.

The studied impartiality of the American note supplies Germany with a coat of whiteness of which she was badly in need. Germany proposes an armistice, and the American note, which appears to her to be the most promising way of promoting a future in the Entente, the Allies have only one possible attitude to this, i.e., they will hold no discussion with an unpunished criminal or with a power whose most solemn engagements are mere scraps of paper. If Mr. Wilson's real object was to elicit a plain statement of the aims and terms of both sides, Berlin's answer shows that he failed.

"It did not require a note to procure a plain statement of the Allied cause. It was made by summary dismissal. The ill-considered note has been translated and the most dignified course now would be its frank withdrawal."

Germans Welcomed It.

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RESCUER OF DAMES ON MARKET SQUARE AMONG DUTIES OF THE CLERK

"Charlie" Maker Brings In One, Stranded
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The tasks of Market Clerk Charles Maker are many and varied at this season of the year. This morning the water-covered ice was slippery around the poultry building that he found necessary to scatter sand over it. It was not long before a woman came along and, having strayed from the sand-covered area onto the slippery section of the sidewalk, was unable to move either one way or the other, forward, backward or sideways. The fact that the pavement slants sideways as well as forward added to her difficulties. A move would have meant a tumble, but Mr. Maker, in true knight-errant manner, a la movies, ran to her assistance, in the meantime calling to her to "hold fast." This lady lay until the gallant Mr. Maker arrived on the scene, and by clever maneuvering managed to get her back into the safety zone, where the sand made walking possible.

SHIP INDIAN'S BODY, PARTLY BY DOG-TRAIL

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ARMY POTS PROVIDE 115 BASKETS FILLED WITH GOOD THINGS

Adjutant Laymon Finds Less
Need for Christmas Help
Than Usual.

Though the total amount received by the Salvation Army for Christmas cheer and winter relief work for the poor of the city, through the pots, boiling on the streets last week, was \$15 below last year, the givings averaged higher per day than any former year. The guardians of the pots were out two full days less than previous years, consequently those in charge of the army relief work are feeling especially grateful for the generosity of the public. The total amount taken in was \$665.01.

Saturday was a particularly good day, crowds gathering around the tripods, attracted by the musicians who nobly did their part in influencing the public to assist in keeping the pots boiling.

Thanks to the kindness of Randall Brown, a store at 237 Dundas street, was available last week for the Salvation Army for the distribution of the Christmas cheer.

A couple of days were spent in preparation, buying and bundling up groceries, meat, etc. Saturday was devoted to the giving out of the baskets, 115 in all, each containing a roast of meat, a Christmas pudding, canned goods, rolled oats, a paper bag of potatoes, candies, fruit and bread, the last donated by the bakers. In cases of sickness, a fowl was added.

Adjutant Laymon, who has been given entire charge of the winter relief work, stated today that there were fewer demands for Christmas cheer than formerly. He attributes this to two reasons. In the first place, there is plenty of work for anyone who can work, and in the second, prohibition has had a marked influence in bettering conditions.

Old age, infirmity and sickness are the three causes of need this winter. In the army relief work and preparation of Christmas cheer, Adjutant Laymon has been assisted by the members of the League of Mercy, led by Mrs. David Andrews.

The women of the League of Mercy, indeed, made all the Christmas puddings for distribution, as well as a winter hat and bundling up the groceries for the baskets.

NEW ASSEMBLY PLAN

Montreal, Toronto and Winnipeg to
Come Ford Assembling Centres for
Surrounding Territory.

Under a new plan of distribution, Ford cars are now being assembled at Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg in the large branch factories at these points, and thence distributed to the dealers. In consequence, the assembling of cars for these territories at the Ford, Ontario, factory has been discontinued.

Anticipating a record-breaking public demand this year, the Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited, has put this plan in operation to fortify itself against the spring rush season of 1917 and subsequent ones. It will thereby cut down the time in which cars are in transit from the factory at Ford, Ont., to their final destination.

Manufactured parts are now being shipped to the Toronto, Montreal and Winnipeg branches in carload lots, 36 carloads of parts being required for the assembly of 400 Ford automobiles. A heavy outlay for buildings and equipment necessary to provide additional assembly facilities has been made and it is calculated that the saving of time on deliveries will more than recompense for the expenditure.

The strategic value of the new arrangement will be apparent when it is pointed out that this permits direct shipment from the factory to the dealer, territorial centres, instead of one central point for all Canada, as before. It will eliminate delays caused by short-ages of freight cars and congested traffic.

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YEAR-END SALES IN LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR

We have been busy since Christmas in this section grouping, sorting and listing for this great year-end clearance—and in most cases the price is just half regular. In this section particularly the necessity of this is most apparent, as preparation for the great January white sale is now under way, and every available yard of space is needed on this floor; as only a few days remain to make this clearance, the prices are more sharply cut and should bring an early response tomorrow. Dresses, Suits, Skirts, Blouses, Petticoats, Underwear and Millinery are strongly featured in this sale.



Ladies' Suits, Dresses and Skirts Half-Price



All odd lines and accumulations of broken size ranges have been grouped for speedy clearance tomorrow at half-price. We cannot give individual descriptions of each as the assortments are too varied, only a few of each, in some cases individual models, but these are new and correct in style—eighty garments in all to go at half-price tomorrow, as follows:

30 Ladies' Suits in Cheviot and Serge, Navy and Black, Prices \$15 to \$25, Year-End Sale Half-Price, \$7.50 to \$12.50

25 Dresses in Taffetas and Crepe de Chines, in navy, rose, reseda, grey; regular \$12.50 to \$25.00. Special \$6.25 and \$12.50
25 Ladies' Dress Skirts in silk and serge; regular \$7.50 to \$15.00. Special \$3.75 and \$7.50

Year-End Sales Already Announced

DRESS GOODS, SILKS, HANDLED FANCY LINENS, CARPETS, RUGS, FURNITURE, ETC.

Final Year-End Sale Millinery



Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats to be cleared at almost give-away prices tomorrow. In many cases the price is not one-quarter the cost of the article, but the time is now for final clearing, and as is our unalterable rule, particularly in this department, no shapes or trimmed hats to be carried from one season to the next. Come early tomorrow.

Untrimmed Shapes 69c and \$1.29

All are here, black and colors, and you know what expensive shapes have been shown this season; some of these are up to \$5.50. They have been grouped into two lots. 69c and \$1.29

Trimmed Hats \$1.29 and \$2.49

Two tables—these should create a sensation—beautiful winter models, and many are looking for a fresh hat to finish the winter. The shape, ornament or trimming on these hats is worth many times the price.

One table Trimmed Hats. Sale price..... \$1.29
One table Trimmed Hats. Sale price..... \$2.49

SECOND FLOOR.

Last Week For Special Subscription Offer for the "Designer"

AT Pattern Counter.

House Dresses 98c

One table of House Dresses, made of percale or gingham, light and dark shades, all broken lines, but sizes up to 44 bust; regular price up to \$2.00. Special 98c

Petticoats 89c

Another table of Satene Petticoats, black only, made with neat frills of tucks and accordion pleating at bottom; regular \$1.25; odd and broken lines. Special 89c

SECOND FLOOR.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM

Chocolate Blanc Mange in Cup, Whipped Cream Christmas Cake, Cup of Tea or Coffee 20c
Grapefruit and Apricot Salad 15c

The Power Behind the Strong Vigorous Iron Men of Today

Dr. Ferdinand King, a New York City physician and author, says: "There can be no strong, vigorous, iron men, nor beautiful, healthy, rosy-cheeked women without iron—pure Nuxated Iron, taken three times per day after meals, will increase the strength and endurance of weak, nervous, run-down folks 200 per cent in two weeks' time in many instances. Avoid the old forms of metallic iron, which may injure the teeth and corrode the stomach, and thereby do more harm than good. Take only organic iron—Pure Nuxated Iron." Standard Drug Co., Limited, can supply you.

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CHILDREN HELP HOSPITAL.

CLINTON, Dec. 26.—The annual offering for the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto was taken in Waterloo Methodist Sunday school on Sunday, and amounted to \$75.

This Sunday school has been supporting two cots in the lakeside home for twelve years, and last year a third one was added through the generosity of one of the members of the school. The spirit of giving is emphasized in the school as Christmas time rather than getting.

A PAGE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO WOMEN READERS

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

[Correspondents are requested to make their inquiries as brief as possible, and to write on one side of the paper only. It is impossible to give replies within a stated time, as all letters have to be answered in turn. No letter can be answered privately.]

Who Knows One?

Dear Miss Grey—Does any one of the readers know any soldier boys of the 5th Battalion now in France? I have a friend who has been in France for nine months, he is having a rest in England now, so you know how happy I will be when the war is over. I know how to sympathize with those left behind.

Can you tell me what will take varnish out of white silk?

What day did February 15, 1938, fall on, also February 28, 1938, and January 28, 1937?

Will close for this time hoping to see this in print, and wishing you and all the readers a Merry Christmas. I remain,

A LONESOME VILLAGE MAID.

Ans.—Sometimes an application of turpentine or other softens the varnish, and it may then be removed by washing with soap and water. You could try it at least.

S. Sunday, Tuesday, Friday.

A Poor Life-Note.

Dear Miss Grey—This is my second letter to the Mail-Box. While reading the letters of your page the other night I saw a letter from "A Friend of Timothy," which made me sympathize with her. The farm is not a place of idleness I'll tell you that, for I live on the farm myself. When a young couple start up and have nothing much to live on, it takes all the money they can make to live; they have to be at work all the time, and not be too well clothed at that. The townspeople laugh at some of the poor farmers who have to save every cent they make to live. If it were not for the farmers the wealthy people in towns would not be there today.

The farmers grow the wheat which they eat, and what's more, when the farmers take to their wheat to sell, they weigh it and give them their price, and when they buy flour, the miller weighs it out again for them and makes the farmers pay his price. Why not the farmers put a price on it themselves? Alas! If they did the miller wouldn't take it and keep the flour. They are not making enough to suit themselves. Turn about is fair play, but the farmers are classed as the lowest people in the country.

Now for a few words about conscription. I saw a letter in the paper which I did not agree with. If all the

boys fit for military service went to the war there would be none left to defend our own country. If anything should occur. Nowadays everything has war tax on it, and people go around begging for Red Cross affairs. Well, this is all right, but if people would give to everything that goes along, they would soon give themselves away. I heard a man say that the more he can keep the better, because the Government is going to get the money out of the people anyway. Now, Miss Grey, I have said enough. My writing is poor and I want you to give your opinion of it. May I call again?

ONE OF THESE FARMERS.

Ans.—Your writing is not very fancy to look at, but it's not hard to read, and that is what counts with the printer. As for it being best to "keep all you can get" that seems a poor life-philosophy to me. One can't keep it for a few penny pence, anyway, and it's left behind for others to scrap over—and spend. And don't you know there is nothing more beautiful than to "give oneself" for the happiness of good of others? Think about these things a little—and call again.

England's Share.

Dear Miss Grey—Don't you think a "Friend of Timothy's" is certainly wrong when she (or he) quotes us as "English blockheads"? We were always inclined to say England, for England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, and as for England not being very much in this struggle, I cannot understand what she means. What would Belgium have done if not for the British—and the British are the English? Also France—now could the Allies, without the help of England, have saved the situation? It's for Canada just as much as England that the Allies are fighting.

Why, then, cannot Canadians more willingly help save their own by going over now, instead of waiting to fight here, which "Timothy's Friend" says they are quite willing to do? I have one brother-in-law and four sons in France, three cousins in the English navy, and have the honor of knowing four other cousins gave their lives for England's glory. My husband also is wearing the King's khaki, and nephew, both awaiting further orders. Now, Miss Grey, why are we called blockheads? Is it because we are lured to Canada, hoping to find ways and means better, and to our horror find the agents in England have too much point on the scene, or because our hats and dresses are not up to the style? Or is it because we are fish, on the average, are silly enough to have large families, keeping us poor by struggling on to pay our way, which some Canadians do not worry about?

It was told when I first came here, "Took what odds to owe a few dollars, as long as you can save!" I do not see where we English need more Canadians to help us yet.

AN ENGLISHWOMAN, AND PROUD OF IT.

To Brighten His Life.

Dear Miss Grey—Will you kindly send me the name and address of a lonely soldier in France, preferably one without relatives or friends? I shall try to brighten up his life a little, and if I succeed I'll send for another one. To give sending the parcels direct than giving money. Yours sincerely,

THE GIRL OF THE LIMEBLOST.

Reading for "Warespite."

Dear Miss Grey—I am inclosing a copy of the reading, "Ample and Willie's Prayer," as requested by "Warespite," in yesterday's paper, and hope "Warespite" will receive it in plenty of time to use this Christmas. Yours truly,

KIRKMUIR.

Ans.—The reading, so kindly copied, has been forwarded to "Warespite."

He Was Surprised.

Dear Miss Grey—I was greatly surprised to see "A Friend of Timothy's" remarks concerning the Englishman who came out here to earn an honest wage, and who also gives an honest day's work in return. As for calling us blockheads, I would like to ask "A. F. of T." why so many Canadian girls show their preference for the poor Englishman. I myself think they have without doubt, done the wisest thing they could do, for the English are home-makers in the world than an

Advertiser Patterns



A SIMPLE, ATTRACTIVE STYLE.

1852—Ladies' Dress, with Sleeve in Either of Two Lengths.

As here portrayed, striped gingham was used, with collar of white plaid. The right waist front is shown on the left. The long sleeve has a deep cuff. In short length, the sleeve is finished with a smart turnback cuff. The skirt has three gores, and a shaped yoke over the back. The pattern is cut in six sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. It requires 3/4 yards of 36-inch material for a 38-inch size.

A pattern of this illustration mailed to any address on receipt of 10 cents in silver or stamps.

ADVERTISER PATTERN DEPT.

Please send above-mentioned pattern, as per directions given below, to:

Name

Address

Province

Age (if child's or misses' pattern)

Measurement: Bust Waist

Caution: Be careful to inclose the above illustration, and send size of pattern wanted. When the pattern is pasted into your paper, use only mark 12, 24 or whatever it may be. When in waist measure, 22, 24, 26 or whatever it may be. If a skirt, give waist and length measure. When misses' or child's pattern, write only the figure representing the age. It is not necessary to write "inches" or "years." Patterns cannot reach you in less than one week from date of application.

Englishman, who is always kind, loving and willing to share wages, etc., without the wife having to almost beg and pray for a nickel, she wants to spend, and then like a schoolgirl, have to give account for the spending of same, for that is a very common thing among the class that "A. F. of T." certainly seems to be a member of.

Of course we must make allowance for, as no doubt she is jealous of the "home and love of an Englishman and wife." As for the smart Canadian, I bet her man must be one of them, a few of the like I've met that just eat and sleep all day long, once in a while they manage to go out and smoke their pipe, and like a well-trained dog, go back and curl up again. Hoping this will find a space in your paper, also wishing you the season's greeting, I am,

A SON OF ENGLAND.

Fighting for Canada.

Dear Miss Grey—I have often thought of writing to your page, but "A Friend of Timothy's" letter put me right in the notion. She must be very small-minded if she thinks the Canadians who have gone from here to Europe to fight in this great war are fighting for England. It is England that is protecting

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A letter from "Keep Smiling" has arrived for "My Friend of the Wide Plains." Will this correspondent who thus designated herself please send her address, so I may forward "Keep Smiling's" letter?

"Lambton's Drummer Girl"—A Lonely Lady's address has been sent you.

us. What on earth would Germany want with England—a country too thickly populated already? It is Canada they want, and I should think it is better for our men to go there and fight than have the Germans come here and murder women and children, and burn buildings and destroy everything they see. But then I have heard people talk like her before, and you generally find out they are ones who read very little and really don't know the situation.

Shake hands, "Bonnie Dundee"; you express my feelings perfectly about the ending question. I am in favor of conscription. I don't see why my only brother should go when there are two and three boys in another family staying at home.

Now, Miss Grey, for a question: In what form are birth announcements wanted? Hoping I haven't taken too much space, I will sign myself,

MAPLE LEAF.

Ans.—If you inquire at a stationer's or printing shop you will see various styles of birth announcements. Cards. One way is to have a square or oblong about four inches in size, bearing the announcement after this fashion: "Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hart of Toronto, Ont., announce the birth of a son, John Matthew, on December 20, 1916." The words are, of course, arranged on the card after the usual fashion of any announcement.

Another form is to have the mother's name and address on a square of Bristol, and tied to the upper of this by a narrow white satin ribbon, a tiny card bearing the child's full name, with the date of birth in the lower left-hand corner.

Ruby's Recipe.

Dear Miss Grey—I wish to thank "Rusty" and "Duncan Polite" for the recipes they sent me, but what I asked for was "Rusty's" place and the other. I just forgot the name of it, but thought it would be "comic" so would be glad to get them yet. I think "Some-One's" husband wrote a fine letter; would like to have the exact recipe for her meat loaf and shouldn't it be cooked? I wish others would send me more plain ways of making every-day meals. I like to help with the cooking.

(1) Would someone send in some ways of a dinner for a little girl for school? She never seems real hungry and is not very strong. (2) Will some good cook from this page write to me and send me a list for a "tea for about 30 people"? Will leave Miss Grey my address.

RUBY.

Ans.—Maybe some kind reader will copy that piece for "Ruby".

I shall gladly print any suggestions for the girls' lunch basket. Wonder if she would like a list of date loaf? Here's how it's made: One cup yellow sugar, shortening size of an egg, cupful of dates (remove stones and cut in half), one-half cup walnut meats cut finely, two cups Graham flour, one cup milk, (or a little more if flour requires it), level teaspoon soda. Bake in moderate oven for an hour, in well greased pan. Sweet milk and baking powder (two teaspoons) can be used with equally good results. If preferred, too, omit the nut meats.

Think of the Lonely.

Dear Miss Grey—It has been so long since I visited the Mail-Box, though I would call and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We must all remember the wives and mothers who have loved ones far, far from home. At this time of the year it seems more lonely without them. It will be a sad Christmas in many homes. An ending snot pudding recipe. I know it is all right.

NEAR COULAM.

Suet Pudding.—One cup of suet, one cup molasses, one cup sour milk (or buttermilk), one teaspoon each cinnamon and cloves, a little salt, one teaspoon soda, three leaping cups of flour, one cup of currants, one cup of raisins. Steam four hours.

Ans.—A copy of "Ample and Willie" had been reached on the previous mail, and forwarded, but your copy will doubtless come in very handy for some time. Thanks for your hint about the lonely ones! It may help one of them just to read the loving thought.

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DAILY BIBLE QUESTION CLUB

By Rev. T. S. Llewellyn, D.D.

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The six daily studies for this week constitute the International B. S. Lesson for next Sunday. Read the Bible Story on which this study is based, as you ponder the following questions:

Review: "Christ's Coming and Coming to Christ." Reading lesson only, Rev. xlii, 1-14; 19-21.

Golden Text—"The spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him come; and he that is athirst, let him come; he that will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. xlii, 17.

Oct. 29—"The Voyage." Acts, xxvii, 1-38. Golden Text: "Commit thy way unto Jehovah; trust also in him, and he will bring it to pass." Psalm, xxxviii, 7.

Nov. 5—"Shipwrecked at Malta." Acts, xxvii, 39-xxviii, 10. Golden Text: "Jehovah redeemeth the soul of his servants; and none of them that take refuge in him shall be condemned." Psalm, xlii, 32.

Nov. 12—"When facing a great disaster, there are at least two things we can do: write our hands and bemoan our fate, or be cheerful and work hard." Psalm, xlii, 32.

Nov. 19—"World's Temperance Sunday." Rom. xiv, 13-15. Golden Text: "It is good not to eat flesh, nor drink wine, nor to do anything whereby thy brother stumbleth." Rom. xiv, 21.

Verse 13—"If a good man smokes and a boy wishes to smoke from his example, and he habit leads to bad company, and that leads to drinking, to what extent is the good man responsible?"

CLEAN-UP SALE

of Women's and Misses' Winter Coats and Women's Silk and Serge Dresses

Owing to the fact that the color and size range in these different lines is more or less broken, we've decided to clean up the balance of garments in stock at greatly reduced prices, commencing Thursday morning.

Women's Coats Reduced as Follows:

Women's Winter Coats in chinchilla and soft-finished wool materials, with belts and in belted styles, in navy, grey, brown and black; regular \$10.50. Sale price \$7.85

Women's Winter Coats, in a brown wool mixture, made with large collar, combination of velvet and material, two large pockets, belted across front; sizes 38 and 40; regular \$18.50. Sale price \$9.75

Women's Coats in chinchillas, fine curl cloths, beavers and tweeds, in black, navy, brown and grey, belted and loose-faring styles, large stylish collars in different styles; regular \$18.00 and \$20.00. Sale price \$13.50

GIRLS' COATS
REDUCED IN PRICE

Winter Coats in chinchillas, and curl cloths, some lined throughout, others half-lined, plain and belted styles, in navy, grey and green, for girls 8, 10, 12, 14 and 15 years; regular \$9.00. Sale price \$6.75

WOMEN'S SILK
AND SERGE DRESSES

Clearing at the Following Prices

Women's Silk Dresses of fine quality paillette, made with self girdle and sailor collar either of self or in white, in the following sizes and colors only: size 16, in black; sizes 16 and 18, in Copenhagen; sizes 18 and 20, in brown; regular \$10.00. Sale price \$6.95

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It is very hard when you live in an apartment-house to love your neighbors as yourself. It may be because you seldom know your neighbors. I am not entirely sure this is the reason, however, because it sometimes seems as if it would be comparatively easy to love a person you didn't know. But it is hard to begin loving any person who seems so contented without being loved, as a neighbor in an apartment-house.

For instance, there is the blonde lady who lives across the court. She hasn't the least realization of the interest I feel in her. And yet how could anyone fail to be interested in a person whose hair, when first I saw her through the window, was a gleaming, dancing gold, but has gradually grown darker and darker, till at the present time it approaches jet black? You can't help wondering in such case if she isn't going to put any more on and what the psychology of the experiment may be. Did she try it just this once, and not like the effect? Something about the little lace-trimmed pink dressing jacket she wears in the morning makes me think she is a bride.

Or perhaps husband is the kind of a man who reacts unpleasantly to extremely yellow hair. At any rate, yellow hair or black hair, the woman in the flat dressing jacket across the way is an interesting neighbor. I like the way she fries the bacon, giving an efficient and sportsmanlike jerk to the handle of the pan every once in a while. She has a vigorous way with her, too, when it comes to slicing bread, and the pieces of butter which she serves are generous.

It was just the other day that she washed and ironed her curtains—blue flowered ones for the bedroom and white dotted ones for the kitchen—and a woman like that is an inspiration to all the dwellers in an apartment-house. There is a positive contagion about clean curtains which is as difficult to escape as it is hard not to yawn when some sleepy person has set the example. One by one the pairs of curtains came down, and one by one they went up.

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A. M. HEAMAN SKIPS

WINNING THISTLE RINK

Second Prize, Awarded by W. T. Strong, Goes to A. D. McLean's Rink.

At the Thistle Curling Club last evening a rink skipped by A. M. Heaman carried off the honors with a score of plus 23. Second prize, donated by W. T. Strong, was awarded to the rink skipped by A. D. McLean. On Thursday night the Thistle Ontario tankard rinks will have a workout, when all members of these rinks are requested to attend.

The following were the scores:

F. T. Ashplant	George Stark
J. Lashbrook	W. G. Murray
N. H. Keene	George English
A. M. Heaman, sk	W. T. Strong, sk
Plus 23	Minus 8
J. Plith	John Doherty
B. W. Youngs	P. C. Powell
A. M. Trick	Chas. Stealing
A. D. McLean, sk	W. A. McCutcheon
Plus 3	Minus 7
Gordon Grainger	George Grainger
W. Mortimer	A. C. Gibson
C. H. Bluet	George Gibson
John Purdon, sk	F. N. Allen, sk
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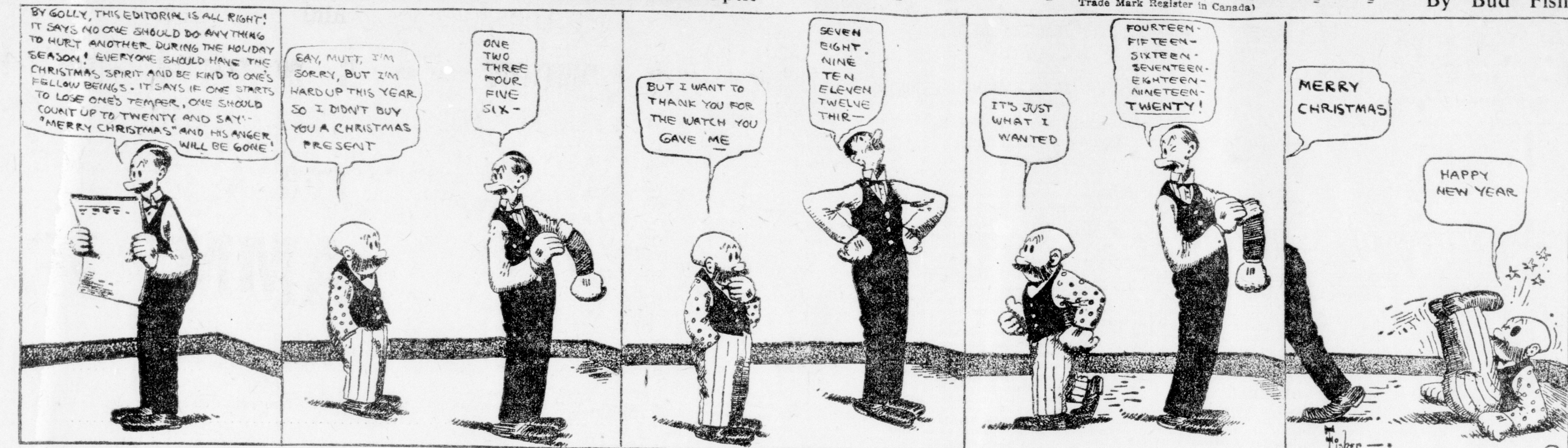
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Australia No Longer Mecca of the Boxers

Darcy's Migration and War Have Put Damper on Pugilistic Game That Form erly Thrived Here.

James Lester Darcy is a better financier than a patriot. Of course, pecuniary motives do not excuse him for fleeing his native country on the eve of being called to the colors, but they may account for his secret departure. Despite vigorous denials of Snowy Baker and others interested in the promotion of boxing there, Australia is no longer a land of wealth and plenty for pugilistic stars.

Following is a letter just at hand which was written at the time Darcy made his exit. It is from a certain American, who is prominent in international boxing circles, and who is "in the know" of things in Australia. Naturally he prefers to have his name withheld. He has waxed prosperous in the land of the kangaroo, and does not wish to lose the natives' good opinion by knocking. Darcy's description is old news now, but our correspondent springs some enlightening and interesting information about that event, boxing conditions generally on the island continent, and American expatriates of the scene.

"Well, with Darcy gone, the backbone of the game has been broken. He

was the only real big card in the country. The war, too, has had a disastrous effect upon the sport, and it is nothing to what it was before.

"Jimmy Dime and his stable are planning to get away at the first opportunity. I understand that they are making arrangements to leave on the Sierra, which will carry this letter. There is no one left here with whom Chip could draw anywhere near the rate he would attract with Darcy. Dime's contracts with Baker call for a few more matches, but I imagine Snowy would gladly release him from them, as he hasn't a card here now that would draw enough to enable him to break even on his guarantees.

"Dime, I am told, will endeavor to get that return match for Chip with Darcy as soon as he arrives in America. It would be a great fight. Chip would surely have a good chance, although Darcy certainly cannot be held cheaply. If he ever gets to hitting all those fellows, he is a wonderfully rugged fellow and has all kinds of stamina.

"KITTY" BRANSFIELD, FORMER BIG LEAGUE PLAYER MADE UMPIRE



J. W. GRIFFITH'S RINK WINS CURLING PRIZES

A rink captained by J. W. Griffith won the curling prizes at the London Curling Club bonspiel last evening.

The following were the scores:

Frank Sage	C. W. McLean
F. H. Hindmarsh	N. K. Wanless
A. D. Hoffmann	A. D. Hoffmann
Alfred Tory, sk	W. A. Richardson
Won 2, plus 2	Won 1, plus 1
R. R. Sutherland	F. H. McMahon
N. K. Lowry	N. K. Allister
W. A. Richardson	A. G. Wanless
D. McDonald, sk	W. Lashbrook, sk
Won 2, plus 4	Won 1, minus 5
D. E. Wanless	E. Yealland
J. Shergrove	M. J. Morrison
Dr. Bell	F. S. Ashplant
J. W. Griffith, sk	G. E. Coombs, sk
Won 3, plus 10	Won 0, minus 9

Bowling

CITY LEAGUE THE STANDING.

Won	Lost	P.C.	
Has-Beens	21	9	700
Blacks	18	12	690
Nationals	17	13	587
Brumwicks	15	15	590
St. Peters	11	14	440
Blue Labels	8	25	242

THREE FOR THE HAS-BEENS.

The Has-Beens trimmed the Blue Labels last night in the City League when they took three games from the latter.

Walter Primeau won the honors of the evening, making the highest total score with 551, and the highest individual score with 214.

The teams and scores:

Has-Beens	Blue Labels
W. Primeau	183
C. Lindsay	118
E. Heard	201
K. Murray	155
A. Sheere	211
Totals	868
Blue Labels	151
Crawford	122
Fanney	125
Penza	194
Yohn	189
Shaw	188
Totals	821

MANUFACTURERS' LEAGUE The Standing.

Won	Lost	Pct.	
Empire Brass	6	0	1000
Scott-Chamberlain	6	3	667
Hyman	4	2	667
Murray Shoe	5	4	556
McClary	2	4	333
Whites	2	4	333
Covans	1	5	167
Blue Labels	1	5	167

MURRAY'S WIN TWO.

The Murray Shoe Company took two out of three games from the Scott-Chamberlain Shoe Company last night in the Manufacturers' League.

W. Arnold won the honors of the night by making the highest total score with 471, and the highest individual score with 175.

The teams and scores:

Scott-Chamberlain	Murray Shoe
J. Rose	150
W. Donohue	137
H. Davis	104
J. Crundwell	149
W. Arnold	146
Totals	656
Scott-Chamberlain	136
S. Minister	129
A. McKitterick	150
H. Wilson	127
D. De Marco	161
Totals	703

Manager Sheere failed to make high score last night.

Ernie Heard bowled a splendid game last night against the Blue Labels.

The Empire Brass meets the McClary five tonight in the Manufacturers' League.

There are no more games this week in the City League.

The Has-Beens sure have a winning streak. Another three games last night.

FOOTBALL PLAYERS MAKE GOOD MACHINE GUNNERS

Gridiron Game Develops All the Qualities That Are Required.

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—The 25th Tiger Battalion of Hamilton has been selected as depot machine gun battalion for No. 2 Military District. All machine gunners from the local divisional area will be drafted from the "Hamilton footballers," where they will be developed. The instructional staff, now at Exhibition Camp here, will be transferred to Hamilton in about ten days. The instructors are all men who have seen service at the front.

Machine gunners must be men of resourcefulness, quick to think and to act. In England, sportsmen's battalions have been selected for depot duty. The 180th Sportsmen's Battalion of Toronto, included from almost all branches of Canadian athletics and not a few champions, are now in England. The Hamilton Tigers will make worthy substitutes. The gridiron game develops the qualities required of machine gunners, and there are many football players in the Tiger battalion.

SIX TEAMS EXPECTED FOR ANGLICAN HOCKEY LEAGUE

A meeting of the Anglican Hockey League was held last night in Cronyn Hall. As there were only five teams represented at the meeting it was decided to hold another meeting on Friday evening, and then draw up a schedule for the season. In the meantime efforts will be made to get another team to make a six-team league. It is expected that Cronyn Memorial Church will enter a team to make up the sixth.

SPRINGWOOD GUN CLUB HOLDS ANNUAL SHOOT

The Springwood Gun Club held their annual Christmas shoot on Christmas Day.

Many members being out of city the attendance was small.

The scores were: Day, 68x75; Hutchison, 44x75; Jordan, 45x50; Roy, 45x55; Clinger, 69x75; Webb, 28x50; Walde, 38x50; Aldon, 23x40.

Mr. Aldon was a guest of the club and for his first experience showed remarkable adaptability to the sport.

MIKE GIBBONS ACCEPTS OFFER TO FIGHT DARCY

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 26.—A local fight promoter announced today the receipt of a telegram from Mike Gibbons' manager at St. Paul, accepting the offer of a New Orleans club for a fight here during February with Les Darcy, Australian middleweight. A \$15,000 purse was offered.

MANY FROM DISTRICT ARE REGISTERED AT D.H.A. HEADQUARTERS

Hamilton Battalion Team Wants to Play With Paris.

GAMES TO AID BELGIANS

Collingwood Is Trying to Organize Series for Patriotic Work.

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—The St. Patricks-Dentals O. H. A. senior game scheduled for Thursday night has been postponed owing to the absence of the student-players of both teams from the city. The game will be played later in the season.

The 164th Battalion of Hamilton wants to enter a junior team in the O. H. A. and be grouped with the Paris and Brantford clubs, who have a double schedule. It is up to the clubs interested as to the admission of the soldiers.

Markdale has been taken into the O. H. A. intermediate series with Owen Sound and Meaford, and a three-cornered schedule has been arranged.

The Belleville O. H. A. junior team has amalgamated with the 25th Battalion team, and will play under the battalion colors. Sgt. H. Kingscott of the 25th has been appointed manager of the juniors.

To Aid Belgians.

The Collingwood club is trying to organize a soldier-civilian team to play in the O. H. A. intermediate series in aid of the Belgian relief fund.

The arranged schedule in group No. 2, O. H. A. intermediate series, called for Lindsay to play at Cobourg tonight, but the game was postponed owing to the lack of time for arrangements.

Players registered at O. H. A. headquarters today are as follows:

New Hamburg (Junior)—Ralph Dietrich, Harold Pfaff, E. Hordetich, D. A. Hendrich, Leslie H. Israel, Milton Chienbacher, Albert Siegner, Clarence R. Hildebrand, Henry G. Kallbelsch, Wilfrid L. Berger, Edwin Berger.

Lindsay (Intermediate)—Arthur W. Carow, C. O. Longhlin, J. R. Hough, C. McElroy, Charles Carow, W. Griffith.

Kitchener (Junior)—Allister Huesen-gard, Gerald N. Schmar, Edward Nowak, Raymond Louis Keller, A. Sieling, Carl Y. Gidner, Walter Wm. Dauberger, N. E. Bry, Christian Harnock, Walter J. Sattler, Arnot Hannenberg, Earl K. Jamieson.

Blenheim (Intermediate)—Kenneth Dumble, E. D. McQuay, Wm. McVittie, John Hawgood, Roy Gray, Percy Minch, Wm. Lindsay Shillington, Wilfrid P. Janner, Wm. J. Ruseborough, J. L. Rutherford, Lyle Huffman, James D. Smith.

227th Battalion, Hamilton (Senior)—W. T. Green, W. J. Drury, R. A. McKinnon, Geo. Duncan, A. Wright, J. J. Cavanagh, J. J. Donnelly, W. R. Blaney.

Lindsay (Intermediate)—Clarence Frank Road, H. E. Norton.

St. Patricks (Senior)—H. D. Cameron, G. T. Dickson.

Stratford (Junior)—Gordon Brickman, Albert J. Harris, James A. Thorns, Russell R. McDonald, J. Walsh, Douglas Moore, David K. Humphrey, James G. McArdle.

Stratford (Intermediate)—W. E. Stow, F. M. Riggs, A. H. Harvey, W. C. Dunt, Leonard S. Lavette, V. S. Mohan, R. E. McArdle.

L. A. A. A. PLAYERS, ATTENTION!

All members of the L. A. A. A. hockey team are requested to be present at Sarnia Rink this evening for practice between 8 and 9 o'clock. Don't overlook it, boys! It's practice that makes the winners.

SARNIA HOCKEYISTS ROUNDING INTO SHAPE

Line-Up on Both Intermediate and Senior Teams Soon To Be Announced.

SARNIA, Dec. 26.—After two weeks' workout on ice, the local hockey squads are fast rounding into shape, and the make-up of both intermediate and junior teams will soon be announced by the respective managers. In intermediate circles, the newcomers are showing up well, their speed and stick-handling coming in for special praise.

Members of last year's champions who are still in the city have been attending practice regularly and will be in condition to put up a strenuous argument in their first contest. The Aura Lees of Toronto, and the Riversides of the city are the angling squads with the local septette for some time, and it is probable that a game will be arranged for Saturday, December 30, with the first-mentioned team of puck-chasers, but nothing definite has been given out by the local management at the time of this writing.

Both junior teams, the Sarnia Juniors and St. George's Juniors, are laying plans for the initial contest of their schedule and workouts are being held nightly, both on and off ice. With the passing of the holiday season, with its consequent rush of business, the thoughts of the boys will turn to the great winter pastime, and there is no doubt but that the staging of a contest on Saturday would draw an enormous crowd, who will be anxious to see the newcomers in action and get a line on the ability of the local team and their probable chances for the championship.

"KITTY" BRANSFIELD APPOINTED UMPIRE

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—William E. ("KITTY") Bransfield, former Pittsburgh and Philadelphia National League player, and who last season umpired in the International League, has been appointed umpire by President Tener of the National League. It was announced here this afternoon.

LES D'ARCY AND GIBBONS MATCHED.

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 26.—James W. Coffroth, head of the Tinian Juicy Club, tonight said he has telegraphed Charles J. Harvey, his New York representative, to transmit bids for a bout of 25 rounds between Les D'Arcy and Mike Gibbons.

Coffroth plans, if successful, to stage the match on February 22 at Tia Juana, Mexico, where there is not limit on the number of rounds in a boxing contest. He would not make his bids public.

GREG OUTPOINTS MOHA.

BUFFALO, Dec. 26.—Harry Greg of Pittsburgh decisively outpointed Bob Moha of Milwaukee in a ten-round bout here tonight. Greg carried the fight on a knock-out throughout, and the Milwaukee man did not show his best form until the last two rounds. Greg weighed 160 pounds, Moha 167.

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BERTHA WALSH WINS 2:10 PACE ON THE ICE

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—The three events carried over from the Toronto Driving Club's holiday ice racing were decided here today before a small crowd. Results:
2:10 Pace, Purse \$400; Three in Five. Bertha Walsh, grm., G. 1 2 1 1. Walsh, Tillsbury (W.) 1 2 1 1. Acorn, b.h., D. H. Mulcahey, New Hampton (Pleasant) 3 1 7 2. Musselshell, ch.h., Fleming, Dundas (Fleming) 2 6 2 4. Standfield, b.h., J. O'Connell, Mount Forest (McDowell) 4 3 3 3. Polly Ann, br.m., E. B. Jernyn, Seranton (Terrell) 6 4 4 5. Time—2:17 1/2, 2:20, 2:19, 2:19.
2:20 Pace, Purse \$400; Three in Five. Dan Forrester, b.h., J. Carman, Inkerman (Powell) 1 2 1 1. Juliet Peer, b.m., C. Lindberg, Brockville (Lindberg) 2 1 2 2. Stevesayre, b.h., W. T. Muller, Collingwood (Muller) 4 3 4 5. Kitty Wilkes, b.m., J. Rysdale, Niagara Falls (Rysdale) 3 4 5 3. Geo. Locando, b.g., McDowell, Toronto (McDowell) 4 5 3 4. Time—2:23 1/2, 2:23, 2:22, 2:22.
2:17 Trot, Purse \$400; Three in Five. Guy Boy, b.g., R. Stewart, Los Angeles (Stewart) 6 7 1 1 1. Sanatell, b.m., S. McBride, Toronto (Ray) 1 3 4 4 2. Jean T., b.m., J. Black, Fergus (Eason) 4 1 6 6 6. Little Hall, br.m., E. B. Seranton (Terrell) 3 2 3 2 5. Patricia, blk.m., A. Collins, Toronto (Collins) 2 4 7 7 4. Phillip Ha Ha, b.g., J. W. Curran, Toronto (Curran) 5 6 3 3 3. Nancy McKay, b.m., I. A. Mabey, Aylmer (McCall) 7 5 5 6 7. Time—2:23 1/2, 2:25, 2:26, 2:26.

FAMOUS GOLF PLAYER DIES OF PNEUMONIA

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26.—While Smith, a golf professional of international reputation and formerly national open champion of the United States, died here today of pneumonia. Smith played in the open championship tournament of Great Britain at St. Andrews, Scotland, in 1913.

NO BOXING BOUTS AT HYMAN HALL TONIGHT

There is no boxing exhibition to be staged at Hyman Hall tonight. This is a direct contradiction of a sporting item that appeared in Tuesday evening's and this morning's Advertiser, but is fact, according to one who is helping to arrange all these events staged by the Liberal Club.

The information that a boxing bout between Brennan and Deroux, and other special events, were to be put on tonight, was brought to The Advertiser by an apparently reliable person, but proves to be a mistake. The only activity is a workout among local athletes.

In the near future it is hoped a match will be arranged between Deroux and Jenkins of the Scottish Borders, but this has not yet been settled.

FAMOUS SCULLER OF AUSTRALIA DEAD

Man Who Lost Title to Ed Hanlon Dies in New South Wales.

New York, Dec. 27.—News of the death of Edward Trickett, the noted Australian sculler at Uralis, N. S. W., reached here today. Trickett, who was born at Sydney, N. S. W., was the first man to win the professional sculling championship from England in 1876. In June of that year he defeated England and defeated Joe Sadler, the English champion over the Thames course, and it was not until Ernest Barry, the present champion, defeated Dick Armat in 1912 that the title was regained for England. Trickett lost the title to Edward Hanlon, the famous Canadian oarsman in 1889 over the Thames course.

HAS FIGHTING CHANCE.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26.—H. Savage, manager of the Portland team of the P. C. H. A., has a good fighting chance for his life, according to his partner, H. C. Major of New Westminster, who made a special visit to the Rose City last week, when he received word that the manager of the coast hockey champions had been injured in a jockey accident. Savage, according to a wire received by his sister today from Major, is suffering from a broken nose and jaw and is improving. But, if he recovers he will be disgraced for life.

KNOCKS OUT DAN KETCHEL.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 26.—Ernest Beauchamp of Winfield, Iowa, knocked out Dan Ketchel of New York in the fifth round of a scheduled ten-round boxing contest here tonight. The men are light heavyweights.

NATIONAL SERVICE IDEA EXPLAINED TO LABORITES

Promises to Communicate With Men Today.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—Following the conference of the labor delegates with Sir Robert Borden and R. B. Bennett, P., regarding national service, it was stated the situation had been explained satisfactorily. It was also stated the premier would send a letter to the labor men, but Sir Robert Borden has found it impossible to do so tonight, but has promised to communicate with the delegates tomorrow, after which time they will issue a statement.

TABLOID NEWS OF CANADA, THE WAR AND THE WORLD

WESTERN ONTARIO

Footprints in the snow lead to the discovery of the drowning of Alexander Warner in the Little French River near Parry Sound.

Sarnia police are suspicious of the many visits paid by Austrians there across the border, and Magistrate Gorman has threatened to intern the offenders.

Because of the scarcity of prospective timber another nomination is necessary at Lucknow.

Judgment handed down by Mr. Justice Kelly at Toronto forces Norman Allan of Windsor to pay his cousin \$3,000. Miss Helen Francis sued for the amount, claiming that her uncle promised it to her. Her cousin gave her an agreement to this effect when his father did not make the promised bequest in his will.

Reeve John B. Woodhal of Thorndale will, it is expected, be the next warden of Lambton County.

Returned soldiers in St. Thomas are now making arrangements to secure club rooms.

Thomas Mather of Tilbury West has been accused by his wife of arson. He is alleged to have fired their house. The loss was \$2,000.

Windsor's mayoralty fight will be three-cornered. H. W. Wilson, Frank J. Mitchell and Charles H. Tison are in the field.

Police are investigating a \$2,000 fire in the Family Theatre at Walkerville. It is alleged that it was caused by someone who entered the theatre and tampered with the projecting machine.

Sufficient "new blood" has been nominated for the Woodstock council to provide for an entire new council for 1917. The two aldermen, Alfred H. Clynick and Samuel Waud, who were elected by acclamation for St. Andrew's Ward, are both new men.

The first annual banquet and election of officers of the Kitchener Commercial Travelers' Association was held last night. John H. Loughton of London was one of the speakers, and he complimented the Kitchener men on their organization.

Kitchener's municipal fight is one of the hottest in years. Aid. W. E. Gallagher, who is running for mayor, is on an out-and-out British platform.

Peter Alderson, an employee of the table factory of the Canada Furniture Company at Windsor lost his life in the \$75,000 fire which destroyed that plant. It is supposed that the dead man went back to rescue his tools. The fire was discovered at noon when the plant was in full operation.

CANADIAN

Two men were killed yesterday morning in the Tofield, Alta., G. T. P. yards, and a third so badly injured he has since died, when a hand-car being propelled by the trio was struck by a light switch engine returning from Edmonton. The men were all section hands.

Sachioe Cornien, aged 6, of Regina, is dead, his mother is not expected to live and a younger brother was seriously burned as the result of pouring coal oil on the kitchen fire.

AMERICAN

The arrival of the steamer Huron at Detroit on Monday night closed the Great Lakes season in reality.

One man was burned to death and three seriously injured in a fire which destroyed the Hotel Bronson at New Haven, Conn., yesterday.

The Norwegian freighter Thorjerd, beset by a succession of storms on a voyage from Quebec to New York, anchored off Bayhead, Mass., yesterday, and signaled for a supply of coal, her bunkers having been swept bare and all available deck fittings burned as fuel.

Right Rev. Henry J. Richter, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Grand Rapids, died in Grand Rapids yesterday of pneumonia. He was taken to a hospital Sunday night and his condition grew steadily worse. Bishop Richter was born at Neuenkirchen, Germany, in 1838, and went to the United States in 1854.

According to statements given out at Washington, Villa is now endeavoring to corner Carranza forces in Mexico. He has cut the railway in the direction of Saltillo and is threatening the line to Tampico.

Alexander McEwan, ex-mayor of Bay City, Mich., and a wealthy lumberman, committed suicide yesterday when his wife died from natural causes.

Advice received at New York announced that the Greek steamer Patris, bound for New York via 600 passengers, has been detained by the British at Gibraltar.

Rev. Lot E. Doty, a Baptist minister of St. Louis, is in a serious condition from a gunshot wound inflicted by a patrolman, who Tuesday night mistook the clergyman for a robber when he was making a purchase in a store. The patrolman said Doty had been pointed out to him as a robber and that he shot when the minister refused to comply with his command to hold up his hands. Dr. Doty was putting some change into his pocket, and the patrolman said he

believed he was drawing a gun.

Gen. Edwin A. Merritt, formerly consul general at London and surveyor and collector of the port of New York, died at his home in Potsdam Tuesday. He was born in Sudbury, Vt., 38 years ago and was in the Civil War.

School children of Berlin subscribed 1,000,000 marks to the fifth German war loan, according to the latest figures made public, says the Overseas News Agency.

The Croatian opposition party of Hungary has declined to attend the coronation celebration of Emperor Charles on the grounds that such lavish pomp is improper at this time. Most elaborate preparations for the ceremony have been made.

A Polish rate bank, backed and created by Germany, has been established, it is announced, to improve the credit system of the country.

Lloyds reports the sinking of the Norwegian steamer Sno, 1,823 tons gross.

United States Ambassador Gerard attended the Christmas celebration of the interned British civilians at Ruhleben, Germany. In spite of all the hampering circumstances the prisoners arranged an imposing Christmas program, and thanks to parcels from home were able to enjoy a fairly merry Christmas as far as creature comforts were concerned.

THE WAR

"There have been desultory actions along the whole front, interfered with somewhat by bad weather," says yesterday's Italian statement. "On the Cervo, south of Montefelt, we straightened our lines by a surprise advance to a depth of 200 metres. In one of the craterlike hollows in the area occupied by us we found 150 cases of artillery ammunition, which had been abandoned."

GERMANY INTERESTED IN ARMING ORDERS

Press Comments on Sir Edward Carson's Announcements.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—Via Sayville.—German newspapers comment on the statement made in the British House of Commons on December 21 by Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty, in which he defended the right of the Government to arm merchant ships for defensive purposes. Specifically alluding to this part of Sir Edward's speech, in which he said that "merchant captains enjoy an inalienable right to defend their vessels against attack, visit or search, but they must not seek out the enemy to attack him, that function being reserved to ships of war," the Overseas News Agency quotes the German press as saying:

"By this official utterance the British Government openly admits that merchant ships have been armed for attack. The statement that they must not seek out the enemy in order to attack him indirectly means that an attack would be permitted if hostile forces were encountered by accident." The newspapers, adds the news agency, consider this admission to be an extremely important one.

CRUSHED UNDER PIANO.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 26.—Thomas MacIntosh, aged 26, was killed today when a piano fell on him. He was trying to lift the piano out of a wagon when it toppled over, and the lad was instantly killed.

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PREMIER'S SUMMONS BECOMES EFFECTIVE DURING PARLIAMENT

Not Later Than End of February, Is Word.

FOSTER MAY LEAD HOUSE

Not Likely Session Will Be Adjourned—Importance Emphasized.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—The conference of the war cabinet of the mother country and representatives of the overseas dominions to consider urgent questions affecting the war's prosecution is to be held not later than the end of February. In a cable to the governor-general given out tonight the colonial secretary makes this announcement, and explains that the prospective gathering is not that of the ordinary imperial conference, but rather a special war conference to deal with war problems. The attendance of the prime minister is urged. The cable reads:

"Special Continuous Meetings. I trust to explain that what is contemplated by His Majesty's Government is not a session of the ordinary imperial conference, but a special war conference to deal with war problems. The Government therefore wishes your prime minister to attend a series of special and continuous meetings of the war cabinet in order to consider urgent questions affecting the prosecution of the war, the possible conditions on which in agreement with our allies we could consent to its termination, and the problems which will then immediately arise."

Member of War Cabinet. "Your prime minister, for the purpose of these meetings, would be a member of the war cabinet."

"In view of the extreme urgency of the subjects of discussion as well as of their supreme importance it is hoped that your prime minister may find it possible, in spite of serious inconveniences, to attend at an early date—not later than the end of February. While the presence of your prime minister himself is earnestly desired by His Majesty's Government, they hope that if he sees insuperable difficulties he will carefully consider the question of nominating a substitute, as they would regard it a serious misfortune if any dominion were left unrepresented."

Parliament Will Be On. With the session of Parliament coming on probably February 1, the attendance of Sir Robert Borden will not be without difficulty, but the importance of the war conference is so great as to suggest the certainty of the premier going across. Two courses would be open in that event—leaving the leadership of the House to one of Sir Robert's lieutenants or adjourning Parliament pending his return. Which line of action will be taken is not yet announced or decided. There is a widespread opinion that the conference sitting at the same time as Parliament, the deliberations of the latter will be considerably influenced. Before the session it is quite possible that there will be pourparlers between the party leaders as to the sessional program and developments.

Foster May Lead House.

Sir Robt. Borden will likely accept the invitation to attend, leaving Sir George Foster to run Parliament during his absence in case the House should not decide to adjourn meanwhile.

To Have Smooth, White, Soft Skin All Winter

Does your skin chap or roughen easily in this weather, or become unduly red or blotchy? Here is a quick easy way to overcome the trouble and keep your complexion beautifully white, smooth and soft all winter long. Get an ounce of ordinary mercurized wax at the nearest drug store and use a little before retiring, as you would cold cream. Upon arising, remove the coating with soapy water. The wax, through some peculiar action, locks off the rough, discolored or bluish skin. The mercurized wax simply hastens Nature's work. Used as required, it keeps the face constantly free from weathered, aged, muddy, freckled, pimpled and all unbecoming complexion.

Some skins wrinkle easily in winter. There's an excellent remedy in a harmless wash lotion made by dissolving 1 oz. powdered salicylic in a half-pint witch hazel. This will quickly eradicate every line.—Advt.

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GALT,
Lieut. Fred Watt.
OWEN SOUND.
Pte. G. W. Day.

SERIOUSLY ILL
WOODSTOCK.
Pte. Stuart McDonald.

HOLLAND ASKS GERMANY TO MODIFY HER REPLY

Wants Decent Answer to Protest Regarding Deportations.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 26.—The Telegraaf says it has reason to believe that Germany's reply to Holland's note regarding the deportation of Belgian workmen is named in such terms that it will be inadvisable to communicate it to the Dutch Parliament, and that the Government has requested Berlin to alter the reply in such a manner that it may be presented to the parliament.

The Dutch Government last month instructed its Berlin representative to notify Germany that the Belgian deportations had caused a painful impression in Holland. A Rotterdam dispatch to the London Times on December 5 said Germany had responded in words which were tantamount to saying, "Mind your own business."



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CHAS. G.

MOORHEAD

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Must We Permit Sister Cities to Continue to Outrival Us, to Gather to Themselves Industries, Wealth and Influence?

LONDON NEEDS MORE ENERGY
IN THE MAYORS CHAIR

IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE

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AND PROGRESS

YOU VOTE FOR-----

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP. MUNICIPAL PAVING PLANT.
DAY LABOR ON PUBLIC WORKS.

WHEN YOU VOTE FOR THE RE-ELECTION OF

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WILL CONTINUE WAR UNTIL VICTORY WON, SAYS RUSS MINISTER

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GREAT AFTER-WAR UNION

Entente Powers Will Be Allied In An Economic Alliance.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Russian foreign minister, M. Pokrovski, invited the representatives of the press at Petrograd yesterday to an interview, at which he outlined his program and his ideas in regard to the present political situation. Reuter's Petrograd correspondent says that in general the ministerial declaration, which seems to have been made to take the place of the usual speech before parliament, consisted of a few clear propositions.

First, there has been no change in the relations between Russia and her allies.

Second, the minister declared with assurance that after the war the military alliance of France, England and Russia would be consolidated in a close economic union.

Third, the war will be continued, according to this declaration, till a decisive victory has been won.

Wilson's Motives Good.

M. Pokrovski then discussed the three great questions of the day—the German peace proposals, President Wilson's note and the attitude of Greece. After recalling the recent Dutch declarations in regard to the German peace note, M. Pokrovski passed to the action of President Wilson, saying that he was highly appreciative of the good-will and the lofty humanitarian motives of the president's note, but he declared it could affect in no way the political situation created.

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COUNTER CHARGES TO BE DEFENCE OF GERMAN PLOTTERS

Alleged Breaches of Neutrality To Aid Britain Rejected.

INSTANCES SUBMARINES

Shipment of Parts and Workmen to Canada Figuring in 'Frisco Conspiracy.'

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Counter accusations of violation of neutrality are expected to continue today at the trial of Franz Bopp, German consul general, and his assistants, who are charged with conspiracy to violate American neutrality by hampering shipment of munitions to the Entente Allies. Consul Bopp, whose cross-examination was completed yesterday, said that American manufacturers were not over-observant in their regard for strict observance of neutrality, and that in various ways they sought to aid enemies of the United States.

Theodore Roche, chief of counsel for the defence, introduced correspondence yesterday from the department of state to Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, on the subject of American-built submarines of the British Government. Inducements of the Union Iron Works, it is to be explained, that they would continue the war until occupied territories had been restored and until there had been created a state of affairs in which the existence of small nations would be assured, and in which a new world-wide confederation would be impossible.

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Newspapers Instructed To Declare It Was Finished.

FRENCH OPINION DIFFERS

Soldiers in Front Line Know Ascendancy Over Enemy Has Been Won.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—Via Sayville wireless.—The almost complete cessation of the fighting on the Somme front during the past four weeks has enabled the Germans to complete a new system of trenches, which have been terminated, and declare that the fact of the Germans being enabled to reconstruct their line means the end of the efforts and losses of the five months of fighting of the Entente forces was in vain.

As to the new defences, the writer says they have been perfected to such a degree that even the foremost trenchers are now protected by barbed wire, and that the troops there occupy dugouts. Moreover, he asserts the new defensive line are stronger than the old one, and that the line trenchers, which were constructed under hostile artillery fire, are more than a dozen of the strongest sort of defensive lines which have been built, and have saved the capital of the country from humiliation and despair.

Regarding the Rumanian campaign, the military critic points out that navigation on the Danube for the Russians has been stopped, and the occupation of Tulchita by the Bulgarians, leaving the Russians only the railroad lines to Rens and Jassy, while the Russian troops in Dobruja have been driven into the extreme northwestern corner of the province.

GERMAN PRESS "INSTRUCTED."

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam today says: "German newspapers are being instructed to declare that the Somme battle has now been really finished. They say that the German position is now stronger than on July 1, and that behind the foremost German line are more than a dozen very strong defence lines."

SOMME AND VERDUN BRING PEACE NEARER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A news agency dispatch is published here today as follows: "With the French armies in Alsace Lorraine, via Belfort and Paris, Dec. 25.—France's soldiers celebrated Christmas with the conviction that they were nearer peace than at any time in the war. They were all certain the victories along the Somme and at Verdun have gained such an ascendancy over the enemy that France and her allies would be able to bring peace nearer."

Especially was the conviction of peace within a year, through France's victory, strong in trench number four at Belfort. There the soldiers spent their Christmas defending first-line positions.

"It's the men who are closest in the fighting contact with the enemy who feel most strongly that they have won a moral and military superiority over the enemy that makes a victory certain," explained the officer commanding this trench. "All my men during the last few days have been expressing the firmest assurance that they will pass next Christmas at their own firesides."

It was this conviction, felt by every soldier, that made every soldier rise to exceptional efforts to render today's celebration memorable.

DIDN'T SINK FREIGHTER BECAUSE OF HER FLAG!

HAVE, Dec. 27.—Capt. Plater of the American steamer Sacramento, who arrived here from Buenos Ayres with a cargo of wheat, reports that he was stopped in the English Channel by a German submarine. The commander of the submarine ordered him on board with his papers, and after examining them, said: "You are carrying wheat, which we consider contraband of war, to France. It is lucky for you that your ship is American, otherwise we should have torpedoed you with great pleasure. You can proceed. Good luck to you."

The only steamer of the name of Sacramento listed in available maritime registers is reported by New York Maritime Register to have been recently transferred from American to British ownership. She was blacklisted by the British admiralty in April, 1916, on charges of aiding German ships, and was removed from the blacklist last October.

SEED WAREHOUSE BURNED.

STOUFFVILLE, Ont., Dec. 26.—Fire which broke out in the warehouse of Toed & Co., grain and seed merchants, at this place, between 6 and 7 o'clock this evening, completely destroyed the structure. The loss is estimated at \$10,000, partly covered by insurance.

FRANCE EXALTS ITS FAMOUS COMMANDER; JOFFRE IS MARSHAL

Hero of Marne Victory Adds to His Laurels.

OTHER DECREES REVOKED

Appointments as Commander-in-Chief and Technical Adviser Cancelled.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The Government today decided to raise Gen. Joffre to the dignity of marshal of France in recognition of his eminent services to the country. A decree nominating him will be submitted for the ratification of parliament as soon as possible.

The title of marshal of France has fallen into disuse since the establishment of the third republic. A bill in regulating the army grades retained the title, but it was not until the decree under which it could be conferred be fixed by a supplementary bill. That bill, however, has never been proceeded with.

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Paris, Dec. 27.—In addition to a decree creating Gen. Joffre a marshal of France, the Government today revoked other decrees of December 2, 1915, and December 12, 1916. The first of these appointed Marshal Joffre commander-in-chief of the French forces in the west, in Alsace and Morocco, the second said: "Gen. Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French forces, will act as technical adviser to the Government in all concerning the direction of the war."

The high command as now settled finally consists of the war committee composed of Premier Briand, Gen. H. Lyautey, minister of war, Rear Admiral Lacaze, minister of marine, and Gen. Thomas, minister of national manufactures; Alexander Ribot, minister of finance, and President Poincare.

The duty of the minister of war is to coordinate the military and administrative general commands and to take measures to insure their concerted execution. In addition he is responsible for the military and administrative of the nation's military forces and resources. There are two general commands, Gen. Nivelle of the forces of the northeast, who also assures a liaison with the allied staffs, and Gen. Sarrail of the army of the Orient, who, as already announced, is no longer available to grand headquarters, but directly to the minister of war.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL

THE LOCAL MARKET

There was little or no produce offered on the local market today. The key grain and the poor condition of the roads evidently prevented the farmers from starting out with their loads. The large quantity of wheat is sold Christmas week also usually leaves things rather quiet during the following week.

Only one load of hay was offered, and it sold for \$13 a ton. This is about the same price as was paid yesterday. No vegetables are also offered, and were hard to obtain this morning. From \$2.10 to \$2.25 per bushel. Creamery butter brought from 47c to 48c per pound, and dairy butter, in rolls, brought 46c and 47c for 40c to 45c.

No poultry was brought in, but the price of a little easier, the wholesale price of dressed chickens being 18c to 21c per pound. Ducks are selling for 18c to 20c, geese for 18c to 20c. Wool and butchers' meats remained stationary in price.

Grain, Per Cwt.

Oats, per cwt., \$2.00 to \$2.00
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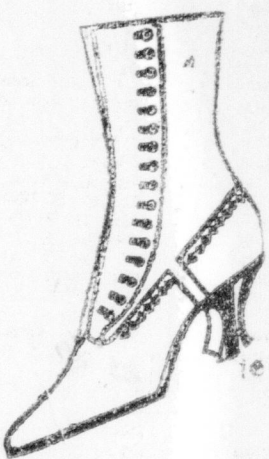
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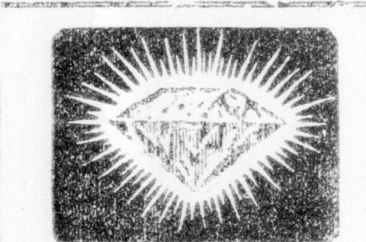
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ELECTED NEW OFFICERS

R. H. Scott is Chief Ranger for Coming Year.

At the annual meeting of Court Forest Queen, No. 5583, Ancient Order of Foresters, held in Dowler's Building, the following officers were elected for 1917:

F. C. R. W. C. Buchanan, S. C. R. Gordon; inch: financial secretary, R. H. Brock; L. W. A. Carmichael; J. B. Dr. U. E. Bateson; C. R. R. H. Scott; treasurer, S. W. Ball; S. W. Harry; S. B. Thos. Berry; recording secretary, W. Brimblecombe; trustees, Dr. A. O. Jeffery, F. R. Howard and J. M. Moore; auditors, Wm. Brimblecombe, R. Lucas and J. R. Depette; suspension committee, S. W. Ball, Dr. Bateson and J. R. Depette; juvenile committee, R. H. Brock, W. C. Buchanan and Henry Scott; union committee, W. C. Buchanan and Harry Herwig; rule committee, Dr. Bateson, J. W. Ball and R. H. Brock; correspondent to A. O. F. papers, Henry Scott; medical officer, Dr. U. E. Bateson.

Dear Friends:
I am coming to the Lyric Theatre, New Year's Day, for all the week in my latest and best picture "Less Than the Dust." I'm glad, aren't you.

With love,
Mary Pickford.

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PURSE FOR TEACHER

Pupils of S. S. No. 8, Westminster, Had Christmas Celebration.

The closing exercises for the year were very successfully held in connection with S. S. Nos. 19 and 6, Westminster. The school room was very attractively decorated for the occasion, one of the features being the artistic work done by the pupils.

After the singing of the "Maple Leaf Forever," J. W. Cook, the chairman, after a few opening remarks, introduced a program, including drills, dialogues and recitations.

A speech given by Kenneth Macfarlane on "Aircraft," and also an essay given by Arthur Rossel were greatly enjoyed.

Mr. Adams and Isaac Baker, also the teacher, were called upon to address the audience.

After these addresses an old-fashioned spelling match took place. At the close of the program the presents from a heavily-laden tree were distributed. The children showed their appreciation by presenting the teacher with a handsome morocco leather purse.

Stevenson's Re-election Means Cheaper Paving

His Worship Announces That He Will Take Voice of People As An Effective Mandate.

That he will regard re-election as a mandate from the people to succeed with the establishment of a municipal paving plant, was the announcement made yesterday by Mayor Hugh A. Stevenson, M.P., to a deputation of citizens.

The Mayor's decision amounts to a reversal of the unpopular action of the City Council in refusing the people the privilege of voting on this question. His Worship stood out to allow the people a voice, but the majority, who evidently favor a continuance of traffic, declined to give the contractors, prevailed. Condemnation of the action has been heard at every municipal campaign meeting and in labor unions since that time, and the opportunity given the people of instructing the new council on the point meets the case most satisfactorily.

"I will regard re-election as a mandate to go ahead with a public plant," said His Worship last night. "With the people behind me, I will oppose the granting of any further work to the private profiteers. The city engineer's figures show that thousands of dollars have been saved to the property-owners. Why, then, should we throw tax money to the contractors?"

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BELIEVE MISSING CHILD TO BE NOW IN CHICAGO

Theory of London Girl's Whereabouts Advanced—Another Sent For Trial.

[Special to The Advertiser.] CHATHAM, Dec. 26.—The fourth member of the Woods family was today committed for trial in the action which Jacob Fox of London is prosecuting, alleging that his daughter Helen Fox, aged 11, is being unlawfully detained by the family.

James Woods, arraigned in the police court today, was charged with removing the child from Chatham. The three other members of the family, Thomas, Charles and Mrs. Charles Woods, were committed to jail on charges of intent to deprive Fox from having custody of his child.

The whereabouts of the child is still unknown, though it is believed she is in Chicago.

SCHOONER SOLD.

The schooner *Sepia*, owned by a syndicate headed by W. A. Martin, this city, has been sold to parties in Nova Scotia, and will be taken to the coast for ocean trade in the spring.

The *Sepia* is known as one of the staunchest sailing vessels on the lake and has just completed a most successful season.

CARD OF THANKS.

I desire to thank the citizens for the honor done me by re-electing me for a further period of two years to the Board of Trustees of Victoria Hospital, a position I value more highly than any other in the gift of the people.

I have given freely of my time during the past six years, and have derived a great deal of satisfaction in the work, and feel that by the experience gained I am, I hope, better qualified to serve in that important sphere of service.

It would give the Trustees pleasure if greater interest were taken by the citizens in that important institution, and a visit of inspection would amply repay them for the trouble and work, and sure would enlarge their knowledge as to the facilities available for their comfort.

Sincerely yours,
W. M. GARTSHORE.

BIG INCREASE IN INDIAN OCEAN FREIGHTS.

Teas, during the past seven weeks have advanced at the auctions in London, Calcutta and Ceylon, from six to ten cents a pound. In addition to this sea freights have advanced two and one-half cents a pound. Inevitably this means dearer tea for the consumer, but "SALADA," so far, has only advanced five cents a pound, and whatever the price at any time, the quality will always remain exactly the same.

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Spats add much to the finish of a costume. They are also most comfortable. With spats and rubbers you can wear your old low shoes, and keep your feet and ankles warm, and at the same time maintain your general, smart appearance.

Black Spats for ladies, in fine English cloth, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, according to the quality desired. In popular shades of fawn and browns, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50. In lighter weights, poplins come in grey, champagne and fawns, at \$1.75.

Spats in fawns and browns, \$1.65, for the young men. Very natty, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

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HELPED SICK COMRADE.

The sick benefit society of the Murray Shoe Company raised \$100 through the raffling of a fancy cushion. The money was presented to one of their members, along with other dainties, as a Christmas gift.

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MUSICAL ART SOCIETY.

The organization of the Musical Art Society has given a greater impetus to the development of music in London than has any other factor. The choir of the society is larger and more representative than any previous choir.

The symphony orchestra recently formed gives every promise of being the finest local orchestra the city has ever had. The Musical Art Society, however, has plans even broader than the organization of the local forces. It is the intention to bring to London artists of international and world-wide fame to give the highest class of entertainment possible and at the same time allow the music student the opportunity to hear at home what the wealthy citizen can hear by going to Boston or New York.

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BELGIAN PATRIOTISM IS GREATER THAN EVER

People Are Sure That Allies Will Ultimately Triumph.

According to a dispatch from Havre, news has just been received there of the offences for which the city of Brussels has had new penalties imposed upon it by the German authorities. It is stated that the Belgians are given new manifestations to support the old saying that they are the most obstinate people in Europe, and that patriotism is exalting the country more than ever.

On King Albert's dedication day, November 15, they carried out great patriotic celebrations. All over the city of Brussels the Te Deum in the church was the occasion of thrilling enthusiasm, and immense crowds sang with the organs the Belgian national song, concluding with the shout, "Long live the King! Long live Belgium!"

The same scene occurred in other districts. Indeed, according to witnesses, these scenes were "the most noble of a people, momentarily captive but indomitable, stronger than its adversary, sure that the cause of justice will overcome falsehood and iniquity." It was for these patriotic celebrations that new penalties were put on the city of Brussels.

It is the spirit of this wonderful people that Germany is trying to break by a deliberate scheme to starve the Belgians. The organized ruin of Belgian industries, the accompanying by a slave trade such as flourished in the time of Nineveh, have greatly accentuated the want of the people during the present war. Thousands of families have had their menfolk taken away to these slave raids, and the mothers and children are left without income, without means of subsistence, with nothing but death and a miserable death but the charity of the Belgian Relief Commission.

There are local committees all over Canada for collecting funds to help on the noble work of this commission. A contribution from you would be welcomed, or contributions may be sent to the Central Belgian Relief Committee, 69 St. Peter street, Montreal.

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CANDIDATES TELL CITIZENS ABOUT PLANS FOR REFORM

East End Meeting Last Night Fairly Well Attended.

CO-OPERATION IS NEEDED

Speakers Favor Both the Industrial and Hydro Bylaws.

There was a fairly good attendance of citizens at a municipal meeting in the east end town hall last night, when candidates for the city council outlined their platforms.

"Good municipal government doesn't come, it has to be taught," said W. W. Gammage, candidate for mayor, in opening his address. "My policy will be to advance the co-operation and co-ordination of bodies governing the municipality."

"A civic plan or program is needed, and I believe that as a municipality we must be united. There must be co-operation and co-ordination of the different bodies. There is no doubt we will have better council, the utilities commission and other bodies. At present they are all independent, without any interest in the other. A plan of co-operation would be in the interest of all."

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CANDIDATES TELL CITIZENS ABOUT PLANS FOR REFORM

East End Meeting Last Night Fairly Well Attended.

CO-OPERATION IS NEEDED

Speakers Favor Both the Industrial and Hydro Bylaws.

There was a fairly good attendance of citizens at a municipal meeting in the east end town hall last night, when candidates for the city council outlined their platforms.

"Good municipal government doesn't come, it has to be taught," said W. W. Gammage, candidate for mayor, in opening his address. "My policy will be to advance the co-operation and co-ordination of bodies governing the municipality."

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