

PEACE PROPOSALS FROM THE CENTRAL POWERS TO THE ENTENTE

Submarine Campaign is Failing, Says Lloyd George

AUSTRIANS MAINTAIN PRESSURE

Italians Offer Desperate Resistance Upon Northern Front ENEMY LOSSES HEAVY

Austro-Germans Checked in Attempts to Cross the Piave

Rome, Tuesday, Dec. 18.—The Italian war office to-day issued the following statement on military operations:

Yesterday, the seventh day of the battle between the Brenta and the Piave, the enemy concentrated his efforts almost exclusively on the Monte Solarolo salient.

The former, which advanced from the southeastern slope of Monte Solarolo, was captured by our artillery and a most effective and concentrated fire from French batteries.

Berlin, Tuesday, Dec. 18.—Via London.—The text of the official statement issued by the German war office to-day reads:

The artillery activity was moderate owing to the storm and blizzard in Flanders and west of Cambrai.

There was a slight increase in the firing toward evening. Reconnoitering detachments of Pinon on the east bank of the Meuse and southwest of Thann (Alsace) brought in British and French prisoners.

There is nothing new to report. "Macedonian front."

Peace Proposals Coming From Teutons, Russia Hears; Asked to Help Negotiations by Sounding the Allies; Ukraine Defies Bolsheviki

By Courier Leased Wire. Petrograd, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—According to press reports Russia has been informed by the Central Powers that they intend to make peace proposals to the Allies.

This report is published in The Evening Post, which says the representatives of the Central Powers at the first preliminary peace conference with the Russians, held yesterday, announced that their governments intended on principle to put the question of peace before all the powers, and that they had asked their allies to do likewise.

Petrograd, Dec. 19.—The Rada, the governing body of the Ukraine, has sent a negative answer to the ultimatum of the Council of People's Commissaries, the Bolsheviki Government.

The Ukrainian Rada and the Bolsheviki Government in Petrograd have been at odds since the successful revolution of the Maximalist early in November.

In its official announcement concerning the counter-revolution and since that time the Bolsheviki government has claimed that the Ukraine was aiding the Cossacks and the Constitutional Democrats.

The Ukraine, which means a frontier, is part of the old kingdom of Poland. It is made up of parts of the governments of Poland, Kiev, Odessa, Kharkov, Ekaterinoslav and Kherson.

These governments have a combined area of about 120,000 square miles, and a population of about 25,000,000.

London, Dec. 18.—The Bolsheviki government, according to Petrograd advices, has sent an ultimatum to the Ukrainian Rada. It demands that within 48 hours a decision be made whether the Ukraine will cease to assist General Kaledines by sending troops while forbidding passage to Bolsheviki government troops, and also whether it will stop disarming troops in the Ukraine.

Negotiate with Russia. London, Tuesday, Dec. 18.—Peace negotiations between Russia and the Central Powers, an armistice having been reached, are assuming an aspect of importance.

TRUE PATRIOT.

By Courier Leased Wire. Geneva, Switzerland, Tuesday, Dec. 18.—General Leman, known as the hero of Liege, for his defence of that city at the time the Germans were going through Belgium in the first months of the war, was expected to arrive in Switzerland yesterday.

Two more seats for Union Govt. Indications That Alberta Holdings Have Returned Union Men

Winnipeg, Dec. 20.—The complete returns from the four constituencies in Western Canada, which have been in doubt, would seem to indicate that Battle River and Bow River (Alberta) have elected the Unionist candidates, while Victoria (Alberta) and Skeena (British Columbia) have elected the Opposition candidates.

On this basis, and without the soldiers' vote, the standing in Western Canada, and the Ontario boundary, is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Province, Seats, Party. Yukon 1, 1; Manitoba 13, 1; Saskatchewan 16, 1; Alberta 11, 1; B. Columbia 12, 1.

Veritable Flame Fighting Tank for Brantford Fire Department

The shipping bill for the new combination chemical, hose and motor pump truck that is to be added in the course of a few days to the equipment of the fire department.

Three Italian Vessels Lost in Past Week

Rome, Dec. 19.—The weekly report of shipping losses shows that two sailing vessels of more than 100 tons and one of less than that size were sunk. One steamship was damaged by a mine, but reached port.

Bolsheviki Rule Once More Menaced by Counter Agitations; State of Siege in Petrograd; Cossacks Have Defeated Maximalists at Rostov-on-Don

A state of siege has been proclaimed in Petrograd and the Ukrainian Rada has refused to obey an ultimatum presented by the Bolsheviki Government.

Rostov-on-the-Don, recently reported captured by the Bolsheviki, is now said to have been occupied Monday by the Cossacks of General Kaledines, who, according to another recent rumor had been arrested by his own officers.

Relations between the Ukraine and the Bolsheviki Government have not been cordial. The Ukraine has refused to permit Maximalist troops to cross its territory to attack General Kaledines and several days ago Bolsheviki troops attacked the Rada as it was sitting in Odessa and were defeated by Ukrainian troops.

Petrograd, Wednesday, Dec. 19.—The Bolsheviki newspapers are complaining that the presence of the allied military missions in the Ukraine is encouraging General Kaledines, leader of the counter-revolution against the Maximalist Government.

Recently the water commissioners have completed a booster pump on Albion street for the convenience of the Terrace Hill district.

When the new truck arrives the firemen will be able to dispose of a hose cart, another harness and a set of double harness and the equipment of the one team of horses.

The purchase of the truck was made almost necessary through the demands of the underwriters, who pointed out that in practically every city on the continent of the size of Brantford, the fire department possessed more modern equipment, including a pump.

Wherever the firemen are called to a blaze nearby a stream or a well, it will be only necessary to lower a line of hose into the water, start the pump, and immediately four streams of hose will be available with a strong pressure, and independent of the city waterworks system.

The truck is finished in brass and is a handsome item of equipment of which the city may well be proud. It will weigh in the neighborhood of eight or ten tons, and will be of much the same dimensions as the present truck, perhaps a little longer.

ENGLAND IS WINNING IN WAR ON SUBS

Margin of Losses at Sea are Narrowing, Declares Lloyd George

Russ Collapse Responsible For Failure of Allied Hopes

London, Dec. 20.—Complete restoration of the territories taken by the enemy, together with compensation, was demanded by Premier Lloyd George in explaining the war aims of the government.

Paris, Tuesday, Dec. 18.—Close co-operation in utilizing means of Maritime transport has been realized by the allies, says an official note issued here to-day.

The council will draw up schedules for the division of tonnage in accordance with the needs of each country for food supplies and war purposes.

Austria is on the verge of starvation

Children of Tender Age are Poisoned Through Eating Bad Food

Police Commission

NOON-DAY CLUB

Vertical advertisements on the left margin including 'Harvey', 'Wanted', 'Cleato', 'Learn', 'Wages to', 'Foreman', 'Office', 'ANADIAN NORTH REGULATIONS', 'LANDS', 'Can Supply You', 'KE BRAND CEMENT', 'PORTLAND CEMENT', 'Zimmie'.

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New Address Khaki Sweater Coats

NEWS OF NORFOLK

Poultry Show on at Simcoe This Week—Large Entry List

(From our own Correspondent) Simcoe, Dec. 20.—The annual poultry show is in full swing today, with the largest entry for years, and a splendid lot of birds. The heaviest entry is in white rocks with white barred rocks second and white leghorns third. There are few geese and ducks and no turkeys. Utility birds predominate.

Mr. Cadman Ostrander got well along with the judging yesterday, and was at work again this morning as soon as there was sufficient light to work. The show is in charge of the following:

Officers Hon. Presidents, H. H. Groff, L. C. Gibson.

President, H. A. Carter. 1st Vice-Pres., H. A. Widner. 2nd Vice-Pres., H. L. Johnson. Sec-Treas., A. E. Culver.

Directors—Thomas Evans, W. J. Trinder, H. E. Sherk, E. McCarty, Geo. Eatwell, Archie Andrews, Fred Lockhart, John Garland, N. C. Butler, Wm. Burgess.

Supt., W. C. Everett. Asst. Supt., Thomas Evans. The Christmas market is on today and tomorrow in the same building, and bids fair to be an unqualified success.

Transportation Swift "Just got a consignment of goods from Toronto," said a grocer yesterday morning. "Shipped seventeen days ago and are frozen."

"That's nothing," said a customer, "my wife wrote to Simcoe from Waterford two weeks ago, and the letter came to hand here just yesterday."

So we'll have to get the mail in over the L. E. and N. There is Mr. Charlton's first task as representative of Norfolk.

Bad Accident Erastus Swick, teamster, while bringing out on Tuesday a load of sawlogs to Fick's mill, from the Sovereign bush farm north of the town, had his foot caught between two shifting logs when the load on which he was sitting tipped, and the ligaments were completely torn from the left ankle, allowing the foot to turn completely out of position. He is lying at his home on Talbot St. north, nursing an injury much worse than a broken ankle.

Deaths of the Week Mrs. Margaret Austin, aged 90, of Woodhouse, died at 11:30 a.m. H. Vernal Pettit, aged 82, of Simcoe, 16th inst.

Victoria Baptists had a full house at the Tuesday night Christmas tree.

Enquiring for Friends. On further inquiry we learn that the late Miss Sampson, who was found dead last Friday morning one mile out of Normandale, was a daughter of Theophilus Sampson, who lived years ago in Galt. From letters found among the personal effects it is learned that her mother died there. Her father was buried at Normandale.

Tried in Jerusalem. A sister was buried in Jerusalem, having died on a trip to the Holy Land. Letters indicate that relatives have lived at Kingston and Buffalo also and give much information regarding the family.

Odd Ends of News. The silent policemen have disappeared. There was lively discussion, but little accomplished last night at the meeting held to discuss the question of getting factories on our vacant sites. The Board of Trade is to be once more revived. There was a good turnout of representative citizens.

On the afternoon of Tuesday, Hon. W. A. Charlton called on Mr. Wm. Pratt, who under physical difficulty went out with Mrs. Pratt and their daughter to the polls on Monday, but true to lifelong traditions. The incident has received much favorable comment.

Cordwood is being shipped north from Simcoe over the L. E. and N. The new school will not likely be completed before Easter.

Yesterday's thaw took the sleighing away and the wheeling is not good.

I. O. D. E. Notes. The chapter has recently shipped: To Pte. R. W. Oliver, 15 pair of socks. To Pte. Jack Golding, 14 pairs of socks, 1 cap and 1 pair wristlets. To Canadian Red Cross: 3 dozen suits pyjamas; 5 dozen personal property bags; 7 dozen wash cloths; 3 dozen towels; 31 dozen handkerchiefs.

SEVERE RHEUMATIC PAINS DISAPPEAR

Rheumatism depends on an acid which flows in the blood, affecting the muscles and joints, producing inflammation, stiffness and pain. This acid gets into the blood through some defect in the digestive processes, and remains there because the liver, kidneys and skin are too torpid to carry it off.

Hood's Sarsaparilla, the old-time blood tonic, is very successful in the treatment of rheumatism. It acts directly, with purifying effect, on the blood, and through the blood on the liver, kidneys and skin, which it stimulates, and at the same time it improves the digestion.

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COUNTY COUNCIL

This morning's session of the County Council was devoted mostly to the preparation of reports by the various committees that will be presented to the Council as a whole this afternoon.

A deputation representing the British Sailors' Relief Fund waited on the Council yesterday afternoon and made application for a grant to this cause. The delegation was headed by Postmaster W. G. Raymond, who addressed the councillors. He himself had been a member of the navy in his younger days, and hence understood the problems with which the sailors cope. He pointed out that every week from 14 to 40 merchantmen were sunk, and that no provision was made for the care of the dependents of the sailors who manned these boats.

Frank Cockshutt, Christopher Cook, Harvey Watt and Logan Watrous from the Board of Trade and Mrs. Gordon Duncan, Mrs. Andrew MacFarlan, Mrs. N. D. Hill and Mrs. Gordon Smith, representing the I. O. D. E., were the other members of the delegation.

Warden Rose assured the deputation that the matter would be fully considered, and that the needs of the sailors would be given every reasonable recognition.

Secretary J. L. Axford of the Children's Aid Society waited on the council this morning and outlined the work that had been accomplished during the past year. The county, when the estimate was struck early in the year made provision for the Children's Aid Society and set aside a grant of \$200, but some of the councillors this morning expressed the opinion that if the \$200 grant was not sufficient, that more would be forthcoming. Nothing definite was decided upon this subject, which will be taken up before the council closes.

Schluber Choir

Full details of the concert to be given by the Schluber choir early in the New Year are now obtainable. The date is Tuesday, February 19th, and the place is the Grand Opera House. As the principal soloist who is an American-born artist, has, we believe, not yet appeared on this side of the border, and as she comes with a great reputation, her debut is anxiously awaited. Miss Betsy Lane Shepherd, the New York coloratura soprano, the soloist engaged, will give several solos, as well as sing the soprano role in the Elgar Trilogy. She has already been engaged for the season of 1918 in nearly every American city where she appeared last season, which speaks well for her success. The critics in reviewing her performances speak in high praise of the wonderful control of her high notes, and the marvellous manner in which she ripples up the scales, and add that she is a charming personality with a winsome stage presence. She sings for the Edison Gramophone Co., New York. The subscription lists are now in the hands of the members and the demand for tickets is expected to be unusually great.

WEDDING AT PARIS

Miss Daisy Folseter Became the Bride of Clarence Pottruff

(From our own Correspondent) Paris, Dec. 20.—A quiet wedding took place this afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. McGill. The bride, Miss Daisy Folseter, and the groom, Clarence S. Pottruff. The bride wore her travelling suit of purple broadcloth, with chic hat to match, and grey furs. Mr. and Mrs. Pottruff left later on a trip to Toronto and points East. Upon their return they will reside on the groom's farm in South Dumfries.

The monthly meeting of the Falkland Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. J. McGill. The president, Mrs. Ed. Midgley, presided, and considerable business was transacted. Much interest is being taken in the domestic science class, which was started by Mr. Roy Schuyler next month in town. Quite a number expressed their willingness to join. Competition in plain sewing resulted: 1st prize being awarded to Maud H. Ferris; 2nd prize to Miss Agnew McNath.

A splendid collection of clothing, toys, candy, etc., were brought in for the Children's Shelter Christmas program. The following interesting program was then given: Roll Call—Christmas suggestions, Reading, Mrs. John Elms. Solo, Mrs. George Knill. Current events, Mrs. Austin Clement.

Paper, "Evolution of the Country Woman," Mrs. G. Knill. Reading, Miss M. Dep. w.

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"The beating of Germany has taken a long time and I believe it is going to take a long time yet. I don't want to be pessimistic, but we should look facts squarely in the face. There is a terrible onslaught coming on the western front, and pray that God may give His special grace to the gallant defenders of the western front."

Captain the Rev. C. E. Jeakins speaking at the Sons of England concert held in the Temple Building last night, thus gave his opinion of the situation in the western theatre of war, as a soldier who has been over there and is familiar with the front line of defence.

The concert was throughout a great success and was held by the S.O.E. as a means of securing funds for a memorial tablet that is to be erected to the honor of the men of the organization who have heard the call of the Empire, and their names will be inscribed on the tablet.

The Rev. C. E. Jeakins acted as chairman, and while not exactly pessimistic in his outlook on the war situation warned his hearers that in the year 1918 dark days might be anticipated.

As a Yorkshireman, the chairman considered himself the typical Englishman, but thought that every Englishman was to-day proud of the record of the motherland. Blood, said the speaker, was thicker than water and as the result of the war every Englishman entertained a higher respect for his fellow countrymen. Those who had been back to the motherland within the past few years knew the determination that had seized upon every English soul to see this, the greatest war of all time, through to a successful conclusion.

Capt. Jeakins paid an eloquent tribute to the devotion, sacrifice and loyalty of the women of the British Empire to that part of the forces of the nation that simply wait. The speaker outlined the service that was being done for the Empire by the women. They were taking men's places in the factories, and lately a unit of 35,000 Englishwomen had crossed the channel to relieve their menfolk. They would

MARKETS

TORONTO CATTLE MARKET.
 By Courier Telex Wire
 Toronto, Dec. 20.—The trade at the Union Stock Yards this morning was generally slow. Shipments were very slow, prices about the same as yesterday. Receipts, 215 cattle, 42 calves, 102 sheep and 4,212 hogs.
 Export cattle, choice, \$12 to \$13; bulls, \$9 to \$10; butcher cattle, choice, \$10.50 to \$11.50; common, \$6 to \$6.25; butcher cows, choice, \$8.50 to \$9; medium, \$7.50 to \$8; canners, \$6 to \$6.25; bulls, \$7.50 to \$8.25; feeding steers, \$8.50 to \$9.75; stockers, choice, \$7.75 to \$8.75; light, \$6.25 to \$7; milkers, choice, each, \$100 to \$120; springing cows, \$55 to \$75; sheep, ewes, \$12 to \$14; bucks and culls, \$7.50 to \$9.50; lambs, \$18 to \$18.25; hogs, fed and watered, \$18; calves, \$14.50 to \$16.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.
 By Courier Telex Wire
 Chicago, Dec. 20.—Cattle, receipts, 15,000; market, firm; beefs, \$7.25 to \$14.35; western steers, \$6.30 to \$12.75; stockers and feeders, \$6.25 to \$10.25; cows and heifers, \$5.10 to \$11.20; calves, \$9 to \$16.50.
 Hogs, receipts, 44,000; market, weak; light, \$15.20 to \$16.30; mixed, \$15.70 to \$16.50; heavy, \$15.70 to \$16.50; rough, \$15.70 to \$15.90; pigs, \$11 to \$16.40; bulk sales, \$15.85 to \$16.40.
 Sheep, receipts, 18,000; market, slow; wethers, \$9 to \$13; lambs, \$12.50 to \$16.60.

not be in fighting in the front-line trenches it was true, but they would be in the danger zone behind the lines.

There is coming upon us a great onslaught on the western front," continued Capt. Jeakins, "and please God that the same courage and grit may be shown in the days to come as in the past, in the early days of the war when the contemptible little army stemmed the tide of German advance. I believe that the retreat from Mons, paradoxical as it may seem, was a defeat for Germany, for her advance to France and the sea coast was halted. The beating of Germany has taken a long time and I believe it is going to take a long time yet. I don't want to be pessimistic, but we should look facts squarely in the face. There is a terrible onslaught coming on the western front and pray that God may give His special grace to the gallant defenders of the western front."

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act and think and speak in a manner worthy of what they have done. They appeal to us with a silence that is more awful in its intensity than any speech. Are we playing the game here at home as they played it on the Western front?

"Listen to the call of the wounded. They should be looked after by the people and hence by the government and should see to it that the wounded receive proper treatment when they come home. The wounded call to us to live worthy of the sacrifices that have been made for us. What will they think if they come back and find us living lives of ease and luxury? Let not the wounded come back home and say, 'Is this the Canada we have been fighting, battling and dying for?'"

"We are going to travel through dark days in 1918, but let your spirit correspond to these heroes of our Empire, the unreturning brave, the wounded and the men still carrying on," concluded Capt. Jeakins.

The balance of the program comprised musical numbers, readings, a brief address by John Hill and songs by Mr. Roy Griffin, the Brant Theatre tenor.

Those participating in the program were H. Copperthwaite, accordion solo; Miss Johnson, recitation; A. G. Pickles, song; Mrs. Scatergood and Mrs. Tyler, vocal duet; Miss Della Riley, gold medal elocutionist, reading; Miss Ormany and T. Darwen, piano duet.

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Thursday, Dec. 20th, 1917.

THE SITUATION.

After fierce fighting on the mountain front the Austro-Germans succeeded in taking and maintaining ground in the Monte Aelone zone. Berlin also claims the securing of three thousand prisoners.

There is a slight falling off in the official record of British vessels sunk last week the record reading at fourteen of over 1,500 tons and three under that figure. Meanwhile it is announced that the launching of new vessels has commenced to keep pace with those destroyed by submarines.

It is announced that the food question in Great Britain is rapidly approaching a crisis, and that rich and poor alike are commencing to stand in line for tea, butter, sugar and other necessities. It is realized that compulsory rationing will have to be introduced in place of the voluntary method.

Heavy snow is reported on the British front with drifts on the roads in many places. Fighting, however, still continues.

It is estimated that with the reinforcements from the Russian area the Germans now have two million soldiers on the Franco-British front. This number equals any they have yet had. French and British forces remain confident.

Secretary Daniels announces that the United States is speeding up the construction of vessels and now has 424 of various classes in building.

A NOTABLE VICTORY.

The figures of the Returning Officer give the official majority of Mr. W. F. Cockshutt as 2,200 and confirm the fact that each of his two opponents lose their deposits. This notable result it should be emphasized was achieved with the overseas soldier vote yet to come and this should add a thousand or more to the lead of the Union Government candidate.

It will be noticed that Ward One gave him his biggest total, 1,020; Ward Five next, with 929; Ward Four, 845; Ward Two, 758, and Ward Three, 525. He led handsomely in every division and among all classes.

In the Brantford Township divisions he also topped the list by the narrow majority of only one over Mayor Bowlby it is true, but in other contests that section of the riding had always gone quite heavily against him. Oakland Township as usual stood very much as usual.

It will thus be seen that the emphatic all-round endorsement of himself and the Union Government leaves no reason whatever for any doubt as to the sentiment in this time of crisis of the residents of the Brantford constituency.

THE WOMAN VOTE.

Now that a large number of women have voted in a Dominion contest without dislocating the constitution, or causing the earth to wobble on its axis, a great many people are wondering why the right was not extended before.

During the campaign they showed an intelligent grasp of the issues at stake and in the marking of the ballots spoiled very few indeed. The circumstance is recorded of one patriotic dame, with sons in the trenches, who came out of a booth and triumphantly exclaimed that she had made her vote for Cockshutt emphatic by inscribing two crosses. Her action of course spoiled her ballot, but not her zeal and she was able to rejoice with the rest over the final outcome.

That all of the fair sex should have the voting privilege is now the general belief. Their capability in this regard has long existed, but it took the war to drive home the fact that they are the equals of men in bearing state burdens and responsibilities. The Courier hopes also that in the future they will not be backward in running for the many public positions which are open to them and in which without doubt they would discharge their duties with tact and ability.

On Monday Mr. F. R. Lalor, the popular M.P., for Haldimand, was divided between rejoicing over his victory and the arrival of a young son. The boy and his dad's big majority landed at the same time.

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WHY THE STATES HAS NOT DECLARED WAR ON THE TURKS.

The statement given out by Dr. James L. Barton of the American board for foreign missions probably discloses the nature of the influences and argument which persuaded President Wilson not to recommend that Turkey and Bulgaria be included in the declaration of war. Dr. Barton says that if the United States should declare war, it would afford the Germans means for strengthening their hold on the Turkish Government; that the buildings of the American missionary colleges and other institutions would be seized and that the remaining non-Moslem population would be savagely maltreated, if not generally massacred.

Of course, these missionaries are in position to know more about conditions in Turkey than are any other Americans. They represent the principal American interest there. They are entitled to have their judgment respected so long as it is not contradicted by ascertained facts or does not clash with the general interests of the country.

It is particularly interesting to find that Dr. Barton puts the blame for the Armenian massacres and similar horrors rather on the German officials than on the Turks. No more awful indictment of the German Government has yet been published by a responsible man than the following words by Dr. Barton: "It is a matter of history that Germany desired to rid the country of these people (the massacred ones) in order that the Berlin-to-Bagdad domination might not have the problems of various unassimilated nationalities to deal with. Turkey acted at the beginning of the war under the advice and direction of Berlin in starting deportations and in perpetrating the atrocities which have shocked the civilized world."

Civilization hitherto has held Germany blameworthy to the extent that she could have stopped the massacres by exerting her influence with the Turkish Government, but this is the first assertion that the Germans were the plotters and instigators of the massacres.

Moreover, Dr. Barton declares that conditions are now better as a result of the weakening of the German hold on Turkey and he hints at the possibility that Turkey may be detached from the German alliance. A separate peace which would leave a Turkish power in control of subject people would be unthinkable, but a free Turkey, limited geographically to the territories mainly inhabited by Turks, can be granted. It is not impossible that the British victories in Palestine and Mesopotamia may bring some unexpected results in Constantinople. Turkish fighting power appears to be about used up.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

An official majority of 2222 is certainly something to be about.

Buffalo Express—The defeat of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's anti-conscription policy in the Dominion on Monday, demonstrates that Canada's best is to be her best. The Canadian people are not alone in being tired of the war, but they are determined to stick to the fight to the fullest extent of which they are able until it is won. The victory for the Unionist government is decisive and the 250,000 soldiers' votes yet to be counted may even add to his major-

THE OFFICIAL MAJORITY OF W. F. COCKSHUTT IS ANNOUNCED AT 2,222

Returning Officer Wade Declares the Figures—Spoiled Ballots Were Surprisingly Few

Returning Officer Wade opened the ballot boxes at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and after a couple of hours scrutiny, made the official announcement that the majority of W. F. Cockshutt in the recent contest was 2222. Considering the large number of new voters there were very few spoiled ballots. The vote of the overseas soldiers has yet to be counted and they will add several hundreds more to Mr. Cockshutt's plurality. Here are the official figures:

	Bowlby	Cockshutt	MacBride
WARD 1.			
Sub. 1	39	161	35
Sub. 2	49	210	32
Sub. 3	68	227	104
Sub. 4	70	118	41
Sub. 5	48	120	49
Sub. 6	71	93	39
	345	929	300
WARD 2.			
Sub. 7	35	103	56
Sub. 8	39	126	54
Sub. 9	51	105	46
Sub. 10	61	130	29
Sub. 11	60	98	37
Sub. 12	75	196	38
	321	758	260
WARD 3.			
Sub. 13	31	63	18
Sub. 14	57	102	28
Sub. 15	46	123	24
Sub. 16	89	114	49
Sub. 17	71	124	50
	294	526	169
WARD 4.			
Sub. 18	70	143	54
Sub. 19	70	142	61
Sub. 20	69	131	75
Sub. 21	62	152	57
Sub. 22	51	161	54
Sub. 23	46	116	112
	359	845	413
WARD 5.			
Sub. 24	48	116	37
Sub. 25	46	115	51
Sub. 26	44	101	29
Sub. 27	69	151	78
Sub. 28	54	123	84
Sub. 29	57	164	85
Sub. 30	48	89	58
Sub. 31	59	161	98
	425	1020	520
Total for city	1744	4078	1662
Majority for Cockshutt over both 773.			
TOWNSHIP OF BRANTFORD			
Sub. 1	49	48	4
Sub. 2	27	27	0
Sub. 3	43	38	4
Sub. 4	55	66	5
Sub. 5	55	16	2
Sub. 6	30	66	10
Sub. 7	25	29	3
Total	284	285	28
TOWNSHIP OF OAKLAND.			
Sub. 1	79	21	1
Sub. 2	82	27	1
Total	161	48	2
Total for riding	2189	4411	1692
Majority of Cockshutt over Bowlby, 2222.			
Majority of Cockshutt over MacBride, 2719.			
Majority of Cockshutt over Bowlby and MacBride combined 530.			

ity in the House of Commons. The war party, vindicated, has clear sailing ahead for at least four years in the prosecution of a vigorous war policy."

It is good news that Dr. Michael Clark, of Red Deer, is once more in the House, despite the bitter opposition of the Oliver crowd. The doctor was backing Borden and Un'on Government long before any of the rest of them.

Brantford city council has not isolated itself in any degree by taking action regarding the attitude of Kitchener toward Premier Borden on the occasion of his visit to that city, and in the recent election. In

Manufacturers, located in Kitchener, to move to Brantford, this city will find an echo in Brantford as the following despatch indicates: Stratford, Dec. 19—Manufacturers of this city held a protest meeting this morning in reference to the conduct of Kitchener citizens on election night in insulting, as is alleged, Canadian soldiers. A resolution declaring for a retaliatory boycott was discussed, but final action was deferred for a few days pending developments in Kitchener. Strong feeling prevails that Monday's incident should not go unmentioned.

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PASSED MEDICAL EXAMS.
Three Brantfordites are the examination results for the Ontario College of Pharmacy. Francis Chatham street, was in the province for first-class while Messrs. T. Irwin and Taylor were also successful in the examination.

TO SECURE PASSPORTS.
For the convenience of wishing to secure passport crossing the border to the States, Immigration Officer Scruton will be at the Customs Department, Postoffice Building Saturday afternoons from half-past four o'clock.

MONEY FOR GUARD OF
Cash covering the expense war veterans who formed the of honor to H.R.H. the Devonshire on the occasion unveiling of the Bell Memorial been received from militia quarters by E. A. Hollister urer of the local branch G. W. V. A. The members constituted the guard may see at the G. W. V. A. head Saturday night.

OFFICERS ELECTED
Officers for the year 1918 elected at a meeting of Car Woodmen of the World, Tuesday night. Considerable business was transacted. Aspects augurs well for the year. The officers elected were: Commander, Sov. A. B. Iviser; Lieutenant, Sov. Harry H. B. Beckett; clerk, Sov. Fry; watchman, P.C.C. A. phenson; secretary, Sov. managers, Sovs. Duncan John Moffatt and Friends; to head camp. A. B. Lee.

MARGARINE.
Oleomargarine has not ed any disturbance in market in Brantford and ants if any have yet offered substitute for sale. One dealer who intends handling margarine, stated this morning had placed an order with a firm for the highest quality margarine manufactured in the States, but could not state what the retail price would be though he was of the opinion it would range from thirty-eight cents. One firm that is manufacturing margarine in Canada, soliciting the city during the latter part of the year, had quoted a figure of thirty-half cents.



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Oleomargarine has not yet created any disturbance in the butter market in Brantford...

TO REMBURSE FOREIGNER.

The city solicitors have written the City Council requesting that Mike Koenig, the alien interned by the local police...

BUYING FROM CANADA.

J. D. McGregor, assistant food controller for the Western provinces, yesterday received a telegram from Food Controller Hanna...

OATMEAL SHOWER

The oatmeal shower at Zion church was a great success. Several hundred pounds of meal was sent in...

HAMILTON RADIAL TICKETS.

Brantford and Hamilton Radial tickets, single and return (Hamilton only), are now on sale...

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Ald. W. J. Bragg is strongly opposed to the purchase by the city of the Paris and Cocksbutt toll roads...

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

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HIGH SCHOOL CLUB.

Meetings of the High School Club have been discontinued until after the Christmas holidays.

A GOOD SHOW

Manager J. T. Whittaker of the Grand Opera House, has received the following telegram from B. C. Whitney, proprietor of the new Princess Theatre, Toronto...

EVERYBODY WORKING.

The industry of Brantford's younger generation is indicated in the falling off of attendance at the Y.M.C.A. that ever popular resort during the last few days...

DEPARTURE DELAYED.

Flight Lieutenant Arthur Hardy, who expected to leave Toronto yesterday for overseas...

ENGINEERS WANTED.

With the first draft of recruits to be called to the colors on January 3, there remains but little time in which men may still choose their own branch of the service...

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RELIGIOUS Y.M.C.A. WORK

The religious work committee of the Y. M. C. A. held an enthusiastic re-organization meeting last evening preparatory to the opening of the activities in that branch of the work with the first week in the New Year...

It was decided to hold a men's song service every Sunday in the rotunda, commencing on January 6th.

The schedule of men's Bible classes is also being given special consideration on Saturday evening dealing with the Sunday week lesson for the week.

The subscriptions for the foreign work are coming in, and if all repeat their gifts of former years, Brantford will be able to meet its pledge to the support of its representative, J. H. Crocker.

A religious work conference is being arranged in connection with the visit of Dr. John Brown, National Secretary, early in January.

FOR ALDERMAN.

In response to numerous requests, particularly by the War Veterans, Mr. A. E. Boddy has consented to run as Alderman in Ward 3.

SENT TO KINGSTON.

In charge of County Constable Taylor and Governor Jones of the male quartette consisting of Messrs. Mason, Johnson, McLeod and Martin, whose work was prominent.

SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD.

Nominations for trustees for the Separate school board will be held in St. Basil's school on Wednesday next, Dec. 26. In the event of an election being necessitated, it will be held on January 2...

CENTRAL COAL DEPOT.

City Clerk F. Leonard is a busy man these days. In addition to his duties as administrator-general of the civic stone pile, he is besieged with inquiries regarding the coal supply by citizens who are short of fuel and who consider the city clerk a general advisory council of one.

BETHLEHEM TABLEAUX WERE GIVEN

Pupils of Mohawk Institute Presented Nativity Play—Last Night

An audience which thronged the Conservatory of Music witnessed the Bethlehem tableaux, presented by the pupils of the Mohawk Institute last night.

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DIED.

BOWMAN.—In Brantford, on Wednesday, Dec. 19, Jane Bowman, age 77 years; widow of the late Peter Bowman, of Woodstock. Funeral private from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. A. Wright, 178 William Street, on Friday morning, the 21st, to Paris Cemetery. Please omit flowers.

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G. C. ANDERSON, Superintendent
Post Office Department, Mail Service Branch, Ottawa, 21st November, 1917.

THE CITY OF HALIFAX
Made a Busy Port Through the War—Studded Constantly With Troop Laden Transports and Munition Freighters—Millions Invested

Halifax is built on the eastern slope of a peninsula in Halifax harbor. The harbor consists of a neck of water a mile wide and six miles long, which ends in Bedford Basin, a large sheet of water open all the year and affording a safe anchorage for vessels of any size.

Hills on either side of the narrow harbor for miles calculated to increase greatly the violence of any large explosion in the waters of the harbor. Since the war Halifax has grown from a comparatively small port of provincial importance to one of the greatest gates of ocean traffic in North America and its waters have been constantly studded with transports and freighters carrying munitions and supplies. Most of the Canadian troops now in Europe, supposed to number about 400,000, sailed from Halifax harbor.

In 1911 Halifax had a population of 47,000, according to the census of that year, but this is believed to have more than doubled, with the enormous growth of the military and naval importance of the city. It is the nearest North American port of connection to Europe, and this combined with the fact that it possessed a magnificent natural harbor and was the terminus of the great Canadian railroad systems, produced its great importance since the summer of 1914. It is the eastern terminus of the Canadian government railroads, and local lines.

Planes in Devastated Area
Steamship lines operate between the port and points in Newfoundland, Great Britain, the United States and the West Indies. The greatest developments which have taken place since 1914, have been the building of piers, warehouses, shipyards and railway facilities to handle the vast streams of munitions and troops bound for Europe. These structures were naturally the most exposed to destruction from an explosion on the water.

The most important part of the waterfront lay in the area of damage from the explosion, despatches indicate. In addition there were many churches and schools, the main railway station, some of the government dockyards, Wellington Barracks, the Admiralty House (the official residence of the Admiral in command of the North American British squadron), the Military Hospital, Garrison Chapel, the Post Office, the Provincial Parliament Building, the City Hall, and Ordnance Department, most of the large stores, all of the telegraph and cable buildings, and a few hotels. One of the industries in the area is the Dean and Dumb Asylum and the Home for Aged Women. A large cotton mill and a sugar refinery were among the chief manufacturing plants.

Most of the devastated section was the old part of Halifax, in which are many buildings erected by the original settlers. The section is thickly populated. The lay of the streets and the character of the buildings were such as to increase the danger from a conflagration. Many of the buildings were frail wooden structures, crowded together, and the blocks were separated only by narrow streets. Hollis street, the principal business thoroughfare, had many substantial buildings and many of the residence streets were lined with fine homes.

Within the area damaged as indicated in despatches, is Citadel Hill, the eminence which dominates the entire city. This is 225 feet above the sea. It was frequented by tourists because of the magnificent view which it commands of the town and harbor. This has been a military strong point since the French and Indian war, and was heavily fortified in 1778. Near the head of the harbor stands the Halifax County Academy, a large and handsome building, in red brick. Near it are extensive barracks which were occupied before the war by the Royal Engineers and Artillery.

One of the principal buildings in the stricken area is the Dominion Building built of brown freestone on a granite basis, with the Post Office and Customs Department on the ground floor and the Provincial Museum upstairs. The museum is famous for its collection of Indian curios and historical relics. Nearly opposite this on Hollis street, is the imposing Provincial Parliament House, finished in 1818. Another handsome edifice on this street is the Halifax Club. Near it are the Queen and Halifax Hotels. The Government House, dating from 1800, also is on this street.

Some of the other places in the ravaged area are the Presbyterian Ladies' College, the Waverley Hotel, the St. Paul's Old Churchyard, St. Matthews' Presbyterian church, the Brigade Office, the Academy of Music, the Globe House, St. Mary's Cathedral, the most conspicuous church building in Halifax, with an imposing granite front and a tall white spire; the City Club, St. Mary's Hall and the Church of England Institute. One of the architectural curiosities of the city is St. Paul's church, a large wooden structure built in 1750.

A group of new buildings were constructed in 1914 for the Dalhousie University. Other seats of learning and public institutions in the city are the Nova Scotia Technical College; the Convent of the Sacred Heart, St. Mary's Hospital, Presbyterian and Catholic theological schools, the Victoria General Hospital, and the Children's Hospital. There were in all a total of 23 public schools in the city. Halifax is the seat of the Anglican Bishop of Nova Scotia, and Prince Edward Island and of the Roman Cath-

olic Archbishop of the Diocese of Halifax.

Even before the war began Halifax was growing rapidly because of its importance as a railroad terminal. Early in 1914 there were being constructed, under contracts involving many millions of dollars, piers, breakwaters, railway extensions and a union passenger depot. The railway piers were large enough for the accommodation of the greatest transatlantic liners, a fact which became of immense importance when the transportation of troops began.

Most British City in America
The export trade of Halifax in agricultural produce, lumber and fish has been considerable. Its main industrial establishments, before the war, were foundries, machine shops, soap, and boot and shoe factories. The value of its manufactured output in 1910 was \$12,140,400, compared with \$6,927,552 in 1900.

Long before the war Halifax was known as "the most British city in America." This was because it was used as a British naval station and a British garrison post. The city was always full of officers and men of the British army and navy. Its comparative meagerness of communication with the rest of Canada and its intimate connection with Great Britain contributed to maintain this characteristic of the city.

In 1906 the Canadian Government took over the naval and military establishments and manned them with Canadian soldiers and sailors, reducing somewhat the British social strength in the city, but British warships continued to make regular visits to the city.

The city was founded in 1749, when the British Lords of Trade sent a body of 2,376 immigrants under Edward Cornwallis. They forced their dominion over the Indians and the French colony of Acadia. It became the leading naval station of Canada, and was the rendezvous for the fleet and army which captured Louisbourg in 1758, and for Wolfe's army which seized Quebec. It was one of the chief bases of operations against the Americans in the War of Independence and in 1812.

During the Civil War Halifax was the starting point of many Confederate blockade runners, business enterprises which laid the foundation of the fortunes of some of the leading families of the city.

To The Editor of The Courier

NEVER LIES ABOUT ANYTHING
Editor Courier:

Dear Sir,—I had the honor to receive a letter signed by Mr. Harvey T. Watt, for whom I entertained a very great respect, and by Mr. John H. Spence, who preceded me as mayor of this city, vouching for the information that I had during a speech etc., stated "That women who drew money from the Patriotic Fund were threatened with the cutting off of their allowance if they did not support Cockshutt." What I really did state, amongst other things, was that a woman with tears running down her cheeks, who had a husband and a son on the firing line, had stated to me that she was told that if she did not promise to vote for Cockshutt, she would get no more from the patriotic fund.

This statement of mine was made before an immense gathering of a great many hundreds of people. I was further informed by this precious letter that I was either to give proof of your (my) assertion or publicly retract the same." Well, well. Did it ever occur to these gentlemen that I was never known to lie about anything. And that it was

Printed will forms, ready to be filled in, were severely condemned at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, yesterday at Mr. Justice Middleton, sitting at the hearing of a motion made by M. W. McEwen of this city, acting for the executors, for a probate of the will of the late Elizabeth Charlton. The testatrix influenced by a wish to adhere to the rules of economy in disposing of her \$8,000 estate, purchased a printed will form for 25 cents and proceeded to fill in the blanks. As a result, her estate yesterday was forced to bear in which five lawyers participated. W. A. Hollinrake, registrar of the Supreme Court here, where application for probate was filed, stated that the will was greatly confusing and difficult to interpret.

In his written judgment, Mr. Justice Middleton says: "In this case the testatrix has caused much trouble and expense to her estate by the use of a printed will form. The great vice of this absurd form is that it begins with a declaration of trust, so concealed and lost in bombastic and idle verbiage that the unskilled do not apprehend its existence, and gifts that are intended to be beneficially enjoyed are defeated. In this case I think that the intention of the testatrix can be gathered from what she has written and that the greater part of the printed and noxious rubbish may be ignored. . . . I hold that the gifts to the nieces, the brother, the church and the hospital are absolute, and free from any trust of Mrs. McDonald. In to receive the \$10, as she is living, and the balance is to be equally divided between the four named nieces (after providing for the \$25 if that is payable). Costs out of the residuary estate, which passes as on an intestacy. The order should declare that those served adequately represent all those who share in the estate, as to which there is an intestacy.

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Tutela Women's Institute
A very pleasant and profitable afternoon was spent on Tuesday, Dec. 18th, at the home of Mrs. Robins, 157 Marlboro street, when the Tutela Women's Institute held a talent tea. There was a large attendance of members and friends, and an enjoyable programme was given during the afternoon. Mrs. Cromar and Miss Robinson gave instrumental selections, and vocal solos were given by Miss C. Heath in her usual pleasing manner. Home-made cooking and fancy work were on sale and refreshments were served by the hostess. The sum of \$20 was realized.

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REMARKABLE FEAT OF AN ESSEX MAN

Jack Miner Succeeded in Domesticating Shyest of Wild Creatures
BIRDS HIS FRIENDS
Fifteen Hundred Wild Geese Visit His Farm Annually

The study of birds and bird life has interested many a naturalist, in fact, anyone who is disposed to study the mysteries of animate creation. It is a subject, however, that must be pursued at long range, because our feathered friends, as a rule, object to a too close scrutiny of their life and habits. A few years ago a man in London, England, excited the wonder and admiration of visitors to Hyde Park by calling down large flocks of birds which he chid on his shoulders and which fed from his hands and from the ground at his feet. He was some time accomplishing his object, but he provided one fact, at least, that even birds are to distinguish between a friend and an enemy. These birds, however, had long been accustomed to the haunts of men and were to an extent domesticated. Were we to suggest establishing an intimate acquaintance with wild geese, those shy and wary creatures that inhabit the most inaccessible districts of the continent and by their sagacity are able to elude the gunshot of an expert marksman, he would be regarded as "going some" in the pursuit of bird life. Such, however, is what Jack Miner, of Kingsville, Ont., has accomplished, and that, too with real far north in summer and the south in winter.

Became Birds' Friend
Jack Miner, who is regarded as an authority on birds and bird life, is a resident of Essex County, about two miles south of the beautiful town of Kingsville, on Lake Erie. Here he has a fine large farm and also a tile works, where pipe for under-drainage is made. He was born in Ohio, but came here when young. In early life he became an expert shot and was a lover of shooting. As he himself says, he was regarded by all birds as their enemy. He began reading on bird life, and as a result experienced a complete change of heart, and instead of an arch enemy became an ardent friend of the feathered world. In the Spring of 1904 he decided to try his luck with wild geese. He purchased seven of the birds in that year, clipped their wings and built a pen for their use. They remained until 1905 with the usual increase. In that year they were joined by eleven of the same species, in a wild state, who remained for a few weeks and then took their departure, only to return the next year, bringing with them twenty-one new visitors. The following year, 1910, the number had increased to 350. About this time Mr. Miner began to wonder not about how many he could attract, but how he could feed them. He solved the problem, and to-day he has from 1,000 to 1,500 visitors, much of them coming twice a year. To such an extent has Mr. Miner's farm developed that over 100 bushels of corn is necessary to feed them, and the Ontario Government has assisted him to the extent of establishing a danger zone of two miles around his farm where no guns are to be discharged. Mr. Miner is now

contemplating asking further assistance in the way of feed.

Genes Are Sagacious
The success which he has attained along this line, Mr. Miner attributes solely to the fact that the birds regard him as a friend and not as a foe. They readily distinguish between himself and any member of his family, strangers, and they are regarded by him as the most sagacious, devoted and interesting of birds. So familiar is he with them that he can distinguish different broods and even differ at a glance the same brood, though they number up in the thousands. For further identification he has adopted a system of tagging, and each year tags a large number and from these he has received tags from Hudson Bay to the Atlantic Ocean. To catch them for this purpose, a gate shuts and confines them. He also retains a certain number each year by clipping their wings.

The pond is 100 feet in diameter and 15 feet deep, and, as may be imagined, presents a very animated scene during the busy season. The visits last from two months to ten weeks. Sometimes they arrive as early as February and remain until April. This depends largely on the weather and their state of health when they arrive, and the patron asserts that he can tell by their conversation, days in advance, the time of their departure. He has also many interesting reminiscences of visits. One may be related—Old Mag, who is now a pensioner on her patron's bounty, arrived early one morning, about four years ago, very much worse for the journey. One wing was broken by a shot and she suffered from other lesser injuries. How far she had travelled is not known, but she was tracked six miles. Good care and attention soon restored her, however, and she is now happy and contented.

Jack Miner has succeeded far beyond his expectations in his ventures in bird life, and his experiment is not confined solely to geese. A species of bird life receive his attention and his farm presents an ideal spot for their comfort. Trees, hedges and nooks are provided in plenty for their protection, and a grove of 15 acres has been planted for this purpose. Jack Miner is now writing a book on "The Value and Intelligence of Birds," in which he will detail the vast amount of knowledge which has taken years to acquire, and which will, without doubt, be a valuable addition to our fund of nature study.

Birds alone do not hold the attention of Jack Miner. How to keep the boy on the farm is another problem which he is solving with success. His home is an ideal resort and the centre of Christian home life. The writer, on his visit, felt the influence of this distinctly, although there was a complete absence of form or parade. Athletic grounds, picnic grounds, and all forms of outdoor and indoor amusements make of country life an attraction which would lead many to exclaim, though not Jack Miner. "The problem is not how to keep my boys on the farm, but how to keep my town friends in town."

NORSE SHIPS LOST.

By Courier Special Tuesday, Dec. 18.—The loss of two small Norwegian steamers is reported by the Norwegian foreign office. The Maidag, of 1,250 tons was torpedoed with the loss of three men. Twelve members of her crew were saved. The steamer Naron struck a mine, five members of her crew being killed.

GALE AT QUEENSTON

By Courier Special Tuesday, Dec. 18.—(Delayed)—A northwest gale, accompanied by snow and extreme cold, swept Queenstown Saturday night, according to a Central News despatch from that Irish port and which was delayed on account of wire trouble. Many persons were injured in the streets. St. Coleman's Cathedral was damaged and the police barracks and many houses were unroofed. Giant waves swept over the vessels in the harbor and for several hours they were cut off from communication with the shore.

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BLIND JESUIT'S DREAM COME TRUE

Will be First Sightless Priest—To be Ordained on Christmas

New York, Dec. 20.—This Christmas will be the happiest that has ever come into the life of "The Blind Jesuit" of St. Francis Xavier's College, for his dream through seven years of darkness is about to come true. Yesterday the appeal of the Jesuit Fathers in the college was answered by Pope Benedict, who sent a cable from Rome, which announced that Henry J. Westing, instructor of the class for converts, was to be ordained to the priesthood, the first time this honor has ever been conferred upon a blind man by the Roman Catholic Church.

Father Westing was born a little over thirty years ago in Boston. He grew to manhood blessed with unusual physical advantages, for he is over six feet in height and built in proportion. His choice for his life's work lay in the priesthood, and toward that he mapped out his career in Boston colleges so that his starting as a priest would be on Christmas day.

Interested in chemicals he went to Canisius College in Buffalo to take a course. While experimenting an explosion occurred that put out his eyes and since that time he has been blind. He believed, all hope that he would even be able to attain his place in the church for which he was working. But although he could see no chance of attaining his desire, he kept his work for the church in any place where he would be found. To St. Francis Xavier College, in West Sixteenth Street, he went as an instructor of those who were starting as he had started years before. His kindly nature and brilliant work in the college endeared him to his brother scholars and the Jesuit Fathers so that his election to the priesthood that it had blasted his career became a constant source of grief to them. Unknown to the Rev. Father Mass, a provincial at the college, headed a appeal to Pope Benedict that the blind man's dream be made to come true.

Yesterday a cable message was brought to Father Mass from Cardinal Caspari, the Pope's Secretary of State in Rome, and contained the news that Henry J. Westing was to be ordained a priest. All that is lacking for the order to be carried out is the arrival of certain necessary papers and documents. "It will be my happiest Christmas," said "The Blind Jesuit" to a reporter last night as he sat in his study at the college. It has been arranged that if the papers arrive in time, which he will be formally admitted into the priesthood at about that date.

"It will be the happiest Christmas in the lives of all of us," added Father Mass.

Rippling Rhymes

When anything goes wrong with me I don't rise up and curse, but I think of chaps across the sea who suffer nine times worse. I have rheumatism, in my bones, these marrow-bones of mine, and sometimes I would hand out groans and shed some tears of brine; and then I think of men who fight in trenches far away; they crouch in water through the night, and toil through mud by day. They have so many kinds of aches, so many sores and sprains, they think rheumatic twinges fakes, mere imitation pains. Then I'm ashamed to roar and beef, and cuss my luck till I starve; I take my little tinhorn and plant it in the yard. Sometimes depression comes along, and burdens down my soul; I feel that things are going wrong, and hope is in the hole. Presentiments of coming ill all through my being flow; and I think of Kaiser Bill, who has cornered human woe. How long would any ill of mine compare with his? And now the sun begins to shine, and I remark, "Gee whizz! Though you may feel misfortune's prod, affliction's jolt and jar, if you will only look abroad, you'll see how blest you are."

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SCOTLAND

(From our own correspondent)
Mr. Alton Fiddin of Brantford, spent over Sunday in the village. Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Silverthorn, spent Saturday with their daughter in Hamilton. Miss Clara Niles returned on Saturday from a visit with her sister in Hamilton. Mrs. Hunter's sale on Friday was a good success. It was lively around the village on Monday. Messrs. Bowby and Doran meeting on Friday night was well attended. We are glad to report that Mrs. Lundy is improving in health. Mrs. Elgin Malcolm spent part of last week visiting relatives in Brantford. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Haight of New Durham spent one day last week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Smith.

LESS IN STORAGE.
A big decrease in the quantity of eggs and butter in cold storage on December 1 as compared with November 1, is shown in the monthly report of the acting commissioner of the Minister of Labor re cost of living. The figures are: Eggs, November 1st, 14,917,224 dozen; December 1st, 6,819,165 dozen; Butter, November 1st, 17,023,477 pounds; December 1st, 13,934,202 pounds. The December figures include the reports of 140 cold storage plants and cover 99 per cent. of all the cold storage companies in Canada.

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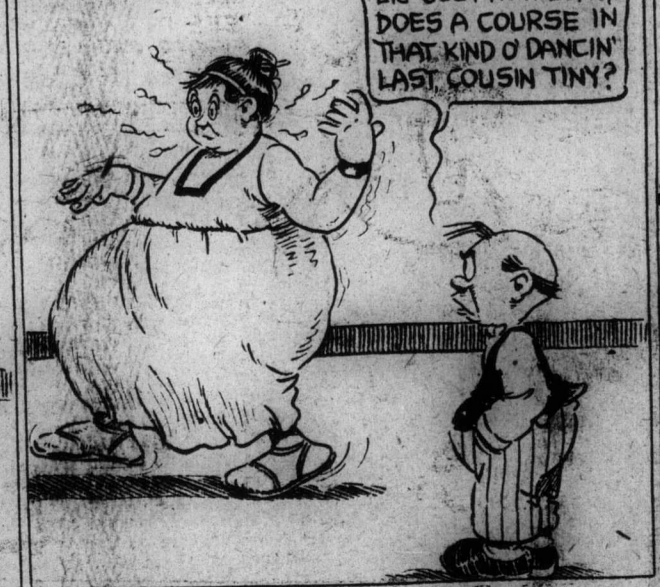
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The trainmen were badly scared, but were able to give a partial description of their assailants. Both bandits wore slouched hats and had handkerchiefs tied over the lower parts of their faces. One was short, stout and had black hair, while the other was tall, square-shouldered and blonde. That was not much to

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almost before he realized what he was saying.

Things were coming to a crisis very rapidly. Here was the second name mentioned in the dispatch from Furlong. The important thing now was to catch Lowe. If he could be traced, it would be hard to prove a case against Eberling, but with both of them in custody the chances of clearing up the mystery would be very good indeed. The assistance of the local police was invoked, and in a comparatively short time Lowe was taken into custody. Dixon came back to St. Louis with the two crooks. It was a triumphal return. The train robbery had been played up strongly by the newspapers, and the public was very much excited over the capture of the two suspects.

But there was some loose ends to be cleared up before it was deemed expedient to go to trial. Suddenly and unexpectedly Lowe broke down and made a complete confession. He told of a place in South St. Louis where the guns and masks employed in the robbery had been hidden. They were recovered and helped to complete the chain of evidence. Also it was proved that they had originally been brought to the two robbers by a younger brother of Billy Lowe. The trial was brief and to the point. Both men were convicted. It developed that they had robbed eleven trains. Lowe was given 43 years and Eberling 18 years in the Leavenworth Penitentiary.

Furlong, when asked how he had named the guilty men so quickly, replied:

One of the descriptions told of how a certain kind of one of the robbers was bound in linen. I immediately remembered that Lowe had visited me in my office the day before the Glencoe affair, and that his right hand was bandaged on account of a burn on his wrist. So the call that was intended to establish his alibi really proved to be his undoing.

I. O. D. E. MET

Brant Chapter, I. O. D. E., held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, December 18th, in the club room of the Y. W. C. A. The regent, Mrs. Gordon Duncan, presiding. After the report of the secretary, and treasurer were read and adopted, the enrollment of eight new members took place and seven additional members were voted on and admitted to membership. In the communications appeals from head office were read, urging contributions to the Halifax sufferers, also to the British and Foreign Navy Relief Fund (Canadian branch) for sailors' dependents and sailors' homes. Fifty dollars was voted the Halifax relief, and in connection with the Navy League fund, a committee of four, the regent, secretary, Mrs. Gordon Smith and Mrs. I. McFarland, was appointed to interview the Mayor and City Council with regard to a grant from the city, also to the necessity of increasing same, to the grant last year being \$500. It was decided to approach the city authorities at the Council meeting at night. On motion of Mrs. Brooke, seconded by Mrs. McFarland, \$50 was voted from the chapter funds for this most worthy object. This was supplemented by a voluntary collection from the members present, by which \$10.05 was raised, and it was also embodied in the motion, that a box be placed on the table, at the next two following meetings, thereby giving those who had not already contributed, an opportunity to do their bit for the brave members of our navy.

A letter from Capt. Cornelius, of the G. W. V. A., was read, voicing the thanks and deep appreciation of himself and soldier members for the chapter's contribution toward the furnishing of the home, namely, the billiard room.

Mrs. Leonard reported 100 pairs of socks sent December 3rd, in addition to nine mufflers and six sweaters. Another bale is expected to be ready for shipment by the first of the New Year.

As the sanitarian visitors for the past month were absent, Mrs. Mitchell, the convener, gave their report. Mrs. Jones and Mrs. John McLaren (a visitor in town from Detroit), visited, taking the usual duties, oysters, fruit, etc., to the eighteen patients now in residence. The visitors for the current month will be Mrs. Brooks and Mrs. Gordon Smith. The members present, following the usual custom of Brant Chapter, generously promised to provide the Christmas dinner for the patients and staff.

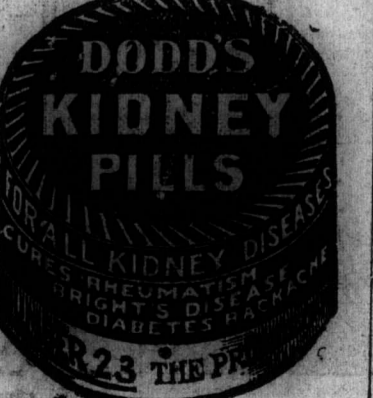
Talent money to the amount of \$20 was handed in by the members. A concert to be given by Madame Gardin, under Brant Chapter auspices, is booked for January 31st, instead of February, as previously decided upon, the change being made so as not to conflict with the annual concert by the Schubert Choir. A committee was struck to look after the program and other arrangements connected with the affair. Mrs. Gordon Smith is convener of this.

The chapter also voted \$5 towards the G. W. V.'s Christmas tree for the children of the soldiers, also donations of cooking were promised for the Christmas dinner to be given by the veterans on the evening of December 31st.

A kindly remembrance in the form of a most artistic card of Christmas greeting from Lieut.-Col. Cutcliffe of the 125th Brant Battalion was received and much appreciated by members.

The regent took occasion to speak of the regrettable omission in the Christmas Expositor article of the name of Mrs. Herbert Yates (who, owing to ill health, resigned office as regent in October last), to whose credit and under whose regime many of the patriotic undertakings mentioned were successfully carried out.

The singing of the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close.



BIG SCHEME FOR LEAVENWORTH ONTARIO

Million Dollar Pulp and Paper Plant for Kapuskasing WILL HELP VETERANS

1,740 square miles of land to be cleared.

\$1,000,000 pulp and paper plant to be established, employing 200 hands.

Market created for produce raised by returned soldiers on New Ontario farms.

Estimated, \$4,500,000 or \$5,000,000 additional revenue for the Province of Ontario.

These are features of a big new scheme, details of which were made public yesterday by the Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines for Ontario, when the tender of Messrs. Mundy and Stewart, 84 King street east, Toronto, was accepted with respect to the Kapuskasing River pulp and timber limit.

The successful tenderer enters into an agreement with the Crown requiring him to erect within the limits of the territory covered by the right to cut pulpwood, or at some other place approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council, a pulp mill costing, with the equipment thereof, and machinery contained therein, not less than one million dollars, and will operate the same so that at least two hundred hands on an average shall be kept employed in connection therewith for at least ten months of each and every year.

"In writing tenders we asked for a straight flat rate," said Mr. Grigg, the Deputy Minister, "which means that the Government will receive the same price for all classes of wood. The price in the present case is 75 cents per cord for all classes of wood, spruce, balsam, poplar, jackpine, etc., and \$15 a thousand feet for pine."

Near Soldiers' Colony

An interesting feature is that the new pulp and paper plant will be located near the returned soldiers' settlement at Kapuskasing, so that not only will it be the means of establishing a market for the farm produce the soldiers will raise, but in the winter months, when things are quiet on the farm, they will be able to secure it in the pulp and paper mill.

It is estimated that the Province will receive an additional revenue of \$4,500,000 or \$5,000,000 as a result of the agreement just concluded, in connection with the Kapuskasing scheme.

Another tender accepted yesterday was that of the Port Arthur Pulp & Paper Company for timber in the township of Sibley, district of Thunder Bay. The prices were: Pine, \$7.50 per 1,000 feet; spruce pulpwood, \$11.10 per cord; balsam and poplar, 90 cents per cord.

rate of two to the minute. This production is positively one of the events of the present theatrical season. For an entire year it charmed all New York at the Forty-fourth Street Theatre, Boston and Chicago for long engagements, and drew crowded houses nightly. Its twenty brilliant song hits are being whistled and sung by society wherever it has been produced. Art critics and people in general are talking of the wonderful scenery and especially of the Sunset scene over the Mediterranean Sea, where an electrical clock-like device is used behind the curtain to produce not only rippling waves but sunlight glittering on the water, and the afternoon brightness fading into twilight tones and then to dusk, with twinkling stars peeping out behind clouds and the village lights appearing. Theatre parties were nightly features during "The Lilac Domino" engagement in all the large cities and prominent leaders of society engaged boxes for the entire engagement, reveling in the seductive charm of the music, brilliant comedy and lyrical score. Among the most popular numbers are, "Song of the Chimes," sung by Mr. Duffy and Miss Pringle to the accompaniment of silver chimes; "Lilac Domino," "Let the Music Play," "True Love Will Find a Way," "Where Love is Waiting," "On the Sunny Rivera," "What is Done You Never Can Undo," and a score of others. There is dancing

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Washington, D.C., Dec. 20.—An official despatch received here to-day from France says that the Turks before surrendering Jerusalem to the British brutally mistreated Christian priests, carried off the famous treasure of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, valued at millions of dollars and sent to Berlin the church's celebrated ostensory of brilliants.

Monsignor Camassei, the Patriarch of Jerusalem, is said to have been deposed from his office, and Father Piccardo, an Italian priest, to have died from the effects of Turkish brutalities.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre had remained unmolested heretofore during all the centuries of Moslem occupation of Jerusalem.

The same despatch told of indignation among Mussulmans of Asia Minor over the action of a German general in establishing staff headquarters in the great mosque of the City of Aleppo, near the Syrian border.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre was consecrated in the year 336 on the traditional spot where Christ was buried. In the year 614 the buildings comprising the church were destroyed by the Persians. The original building was in the form of a rotunda, the shape of which survives in the existing complex construction, which assumed various forms in the course of re-building during the middle ages. The edifice was badly damaged by fire in 1808. The Greeks contrived to secure to themselves the principal right to the buildings, and with the Armenians contributed most of the money for the erection of the new church. The dilapidated dome, beneath which the sepulchre is situated, was restored by architects of various nationalities in 1868 as the result of an agreement made with Turkey by France and Russia.

The chief entrance to the church is from a court on the south. The court is paved with yellowish slabs of stone and is infested always by traders and beggars.

In the interior is the sepulchre proper, enclosed in a sixteen-sided chapel resting on eighteen piers and containing a great number of chapels appropriated to different creeds or nationalities, or marking various spots traditionally connected with the Saviour's presence.

SIDE TALKS

Did you ever think as you saw some white haired old lady, some white bearded old man sitting nursing, while the young life eddied and swirled about them and yet left them aloof, what a volume each, one is of old romances and tragedies, and sorrows outlived and strange experiences, and fulfillments and disappointments?

Did you ever wonder why we younger folks talk to and of ourselves and leave those precious volumes unopened?

Out of the emptiness of a few shallow years we chatter. We wear out our few experiences by telling them over and over, and eke out our conversation with our ready opinions on things of which we know so little that it is easy to be positive.

Why Do We Prefer Made-up Stories? And then we turn to books and magazines and read the stories that some man spins out of his brain—pale reflections of life.

While all the time these living books lie neglected on the shelf. A little old lady in a lavender dress and a white and lavender jersey and a crown of silver white hair, started this train of thought. She sat by the fire knitting for the soldiers, set apart from the rest of us in the double isolation of age and a slight deafness.

We had been chattering the usual chatter—our likes and dislikes in the way of food, our opinion of the conservation programme and how it was being handled; a Red Cross argument; and then somehow, one of us happened to ask Madame how many children she had had. "Six," she said, "eight of us used to sit down to the table regularly."

Sometimes I Dread to Live And Yet—

"She has but two now, and is a widow. That thought in itself opened a vista. I sometimes find myself dreading to live because sorrow of some kind must come to me. I have not had my share, it must be waiting for me around the corner. How shall I bear it? And this woman has lived through all that and yet her face is serene and not unhappy."

Again, in answer to some question she told us about her youngest baby who died when he was a year and a day old. "And I was away at the time on a long journey," she said.

We Could Fill Up That Silence The mothers drew sharp breaths at that thought. "Everything was done for him," went on Madame, "but of course—" her voice trailed away, but out of our hearts we could fill up the silence.

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Why don't we open such books oftener?

JOSEPH HOBSON DEAD

Noted Engineer Had Reached Advanced Age of 84 Years

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For many years he was chief engineer of the Grand Trunk and after retiring from active service was employed in a consulting capacity. Mr. Hobson had charge of the construction of the Sarnia tunnel. After completing this big engineering feat, Mr. Hobson was offered a knighthood, but refused it.

Robert Hobson, general manager of the Steel Company of Canada, is a son.

Deceased was born near Guelph, educated at Toronto and later joined the firm that built the Grand Trunk from Toronto to Guelph. In 1870 he was appointed chief engineer in charge of building the bridge across the Niagara River at Buffalo. In 1873 he became chief Grand Trunk engineer, succeeding Sir John Kennedy. In 1896 he was appointed chief engineer of the Grand Trunk system and occupied that position ten years.

Mr. Hobson had charge of many important engineering works, including the replacing of the old suspension bridge at Niagara, designing and building the St. Clair tunnel and rebuilding the old Victoria Bridge across the river at Montreal. His younger son, J. Irvine, is treasurer of the Canada Steamships Company at Montreal.

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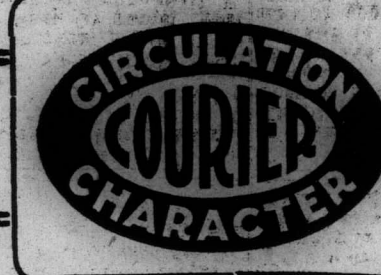
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Male Help Wanted

- WANTED—Pattern makers at the Brantford Pattern Works. M18
- WANTED—Experienced lathe hands, and experienced shaper hand. Steel Co. of Canada. M12
- WANTED—Two handy men for wood department. Apply Supt. Cockshutt Plow Co. M4
- Wanted—A porter, one familiar with horse and driving a steam boiler. Apply Kerby House. M14
- WANTED—Good strong boy. Apply Brantford Stationers, Ltd., Wharf Street. M34
- WANTED—Carpenters and Millwrights. Apply Waterous Engine Works. M34
- WANTED—Two Men for finishing department. Apply, Slingsby Manufacturing Co. M34
- WANTED—At once a few laborers and fitters. Apply Cockshutt Plow Co. M28
- WANTED—One good teamster. \$18 per week. Geo. Yake, 1 Grandview St. Phone 926. M38
- WANTED—Two men for dye house, steady work, good wages. Slingsby Manufacturing Co. M26
- WANTED—Boy to drive delivery wagon. Apply 180 Nelson. W. T. Pearce. M18
- WANTED—For Junior position in office, youth from fifteen to seventeen years of age. Apply Waterous Engine Works. M32
- WANTED—Boys about 16. Apply Ball department of A. J. Reach Co. corner Edward and Gordon Sts. M34
- WANTED—Men wanted everywhere to show samples or mail circulars for large Mail Order House. Permanent position will pay \$20 weekly. The Consumers Association Windsor, Ontario. M26
- WANTED—First class core maker, no others need apply. Highest wages and steady work—Box 372, Courier. M12
- WANTED—Boys with bicycles to do messenger work. Salary \$20.00 per month and splendid chance to learn telegraphy. Apply Dominion Messenger and Signal Co., 153 Colborne Street.

Legal

- BREWSTER & HEYD—Barristers, etc., Solicitors for the Royal Loan and Savings Co., the Bank of Hamilton, etc. Money to loan at lowest rates. W. S. Brewster, K. C., Geo. D. Heyd.
- ERNEST R. READ—Barrister, Solicitor, Notary public, etc. Money to loan on improved real estate at current rates and on easy terms. Office 121-2 Colborne St. Phone 487.
- TONES AND HEWITT—Barristers, etc., Solicitors for the Bank of Nova Scotia. Money to loan. Offices: Bank of Hamilton Chambers Colborne and Market Sts. Bell phone 604. S. Alfred Jones, K.C., H. S. Hewitt.

Elocution

MISS SQUIRE will resume her classes in psychology, elocution, oratory, dramatic art, and literature on Monday, October 1st. All subjects are taught on the Mind Development principle. Studio 13 Peel Street.

Boy's Shoes

HAND MADE, machine finished, all solid leather, sizes 11 to 5. All shoe repairing of all kinds. W. S. Pettit, 10 South Market Street.

For Rent

- TO RENT—Barn. Apply 37 Colborne St. T18
- TO RENT—Furnished Cottage on Brant avenue. Apply Jno. S. Dowling & Co., Limited. T 222
- TO RENT—Two unfurnished rooms. Apply 41 Duke St. T30
- To Let—Two furnished bedrooms, ten minutes walk from Market. All conveniences. Phone 1116. T14

Chiropractic

CARRIE M. HESS, D. C. AND FRANK CROSS, D. C.—Graduates of the Universal Chiropractic College, Davenport, Ia. Office in Ballantyne Building, 195 Colborne St. Office hours, 9 a.m. to 11:30 and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Evenings by appointment. Phone Bell 2025.

Female Help Wanted

- WANTED—Two girls to learn spooling, steady work, good wages. Slingsby Mfg. Co. F122
- WANTED—Woman to clean, highest wages. Phone 2257. F128
- WANTED—Capable housekeeper by a family of two. Middleaged woman preferred. Apply Courier Box 380. F122
- WANTED—A woman for Sorting Department. For particulars, Apply Slingsby Manufacturing Co. F26
- WANTED—Dining room maid. Apply Ontario School for the Blind. F30
- WANTED—A housekeeper. Apply 14 Brock Lane, J. W. Turner, colored. Any nationality; come and see the home and be satisfied. F16
- WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply 15 Albion St. F36
- WANTED—Lady Clerk for position in Cost Department. One with Office experience preferred and quick at figures. Apply Waterous Engine Works. F32
- WANTED—Maid, for family of 3 adults. Must be good plain cook. No washing or ironing. Good wages. Apply Mrs. Reville, 76 Dufferin Ave. F34
- WANTED—A thoroughly competent maid. Good cook, wages \$20 per month. Apply 266 Park Ave. F14
- WANTED—A respectable widow; middle aged, wishes position as housekeeper. Box 384 Courier. F36
- WANTED—Experienced weavers, and apprentices, steady work. Highest wages paid. Apply Slingsby Mfg. Co., Ltd. F36
- WANTED—Young girl for putting glue in packages. Clean congenial girl. Apply Canada Glue Co., Limited. F30
- WANTED—A housemaid. Apply Belmont Hotel, Colborne Street. F6

Miscellaneous Wants

- WANTED—To buy, used records. Apply Box 376 Courier. MW12
- WANTED—One or two respectable gentlemen borders in a private home. Apply 277 Murray. F16
- WANTED—Board for two young ladies in private family. Apply Box 381 Courier. MW22
- WANTED—Room and Board wanted with private family in English place. Apply Box 383. MW 26
- WANTED—Work of any kind by middle aged man. Can take a place as night man. Experienced, references furnished. J. T. Gray, 17 George street, room 8. SW20
- WANTED—Housekeeper, by working man with child 4 years. No 5 Crandell Ave., off Mohawk Road. Apply noon or after 6. F14
- WANTED—Horse for his keep for winter months, light work. Box 377 Courier. MW14
- WANTED—Private board for young business man. Apply Box 374 Courier. MW10
- WANTED—All A. R. men in Brantford to join A. R. Club. Meets every Friday evening returned Soldiers home, Dalhousie. MW13

ROOM and Board Wanted, for gentleman in nice private family. Best local references. Courier Box 370.

WANTED—Book-binding of all kinds. Magazines, law books and music neatly bound. F. J. Banks, 50 Henrietta, Bell phone 1855. MW24

WANTED—Old False Teeth; don't matter if broken. I pay \$2 to \$15 per set. Sent by parcel post and receive check by return mail. F. Tori, 483 N. Wolfe St., Baltimore.

Architects

WILLIAM O. TILLEY—Registered Architect. Member of the Ontario Association of Architects. Office, 11 Temple Building, Phone 1997.

Contractor

JOHN MCGRAW AND SON, contractors. Get our tender before you build. Office phone 1227. Residence phone 1225, 5 King Street.

Articles For Sale

- FOR SALE—Good bicycle. Apply 231 Darling. H16
- FOR SALE—Grafonola and 95 records, 14 Russell street, Grand View.
- FOR SALE—30 White Leghorn Pullets. May hatch, also pen Buff Leghorns \$15 125 Oxford St.
- FOR SALE—Belgian Hares and English Gray hares, breeding stock also young stock. Apply 19 Lawrence St., after 4 p.m. A26
- FOR SALE—McClary Gas range and double burner heater. Apply 73 Brant Ave. A30
- FOR SALE—Potatoes, (while they last) \$2.25 per bag. 135 Spedham street, or 161 Erie Ave. Phone 621 or 2474. A22
- FOR SALE—Modern Cottage, 14 Strathcona; easy terms. L. Parsons, owner, 39 Superior Street. A34
- FOR SALE—Set new Manitoba bull sleighs 2-1-2 runners. Telephone 1353. A28
- FOR SALE—Man's Overcoat, \$5.00 slightly worn. Courier Box 375 A12
- FOR SALE—A genuine leather couch, good as new, also a velvet-covered easy corner, cheap if sold at once. Apply, 185 Chatham Street. A34
- FOR SALE—Get Delone's Maple Oil for Lumbago, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Bronchitis, Inflammation, Croup, Etc. Gives immediate relief. For sale at all leading druggists.
- FOR SALE—If you are looking for a complete cottage see 14 Strathcona Ave. and then see L. Parsons, 39 Superior. Phone 1742.
- FOR SALE—Louden Farm, 110 acres, part lot 47, 2nd Concession Brantford Township, 5 miles north-east of Brantford. Good grain and stock farm. Apply, Andrew L. Baird, K.C., Brantford.
- FOR SALE—Stove wood, any length. All beech and maple, \$7.00 a cord delivered in the city; \$7.50 outside city limits. Also furnace chunks. Apply Thos. W. Martin 543 Colborne St. Phone 2450. A44
- FOR RENT—Cottage, comfortably furnished. Gas and electric light, in West Brantford. Two rooms reserved. Apply Box 371, Courier.
- FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE—For City property 6-1-2 acres. House all modern conveniences, 1-1-4 miles from market. Apply Courier Box 373. R10
- FOR SALE—Dodge Bros. Roadster, has only been driven short distance, A1 condition. Apply, Box 382, Courier. A24
- FOR SALE—Ford Touring Car; first-class condition; easy terms. Apply, Box 379, Courier. A24
- FOR SALE—Dodge Bros. Touring Car; splendid condition. Apply, Box 388, Courier. A24
- FOR SALE—House for sale with large lot, side drive, good barn and drive shed. Buildings in good condition. In good locality, price \$1650 good bargain. Apply to 25 George St.

FOUND

- FOUND—Ewe lamb, from premises of Frank Birckett, West street. Finder phone Bell 272 or 1955. L18
- FOUND—Brown collie dog, answers to the name of "Peggy". Finder kindly phone W.C. Burrows, 365 or 688. L20
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YOU CAN MAKE \$25 TO \$75 weekly, writing show cards at home; easily learned by our simple method; no canvassing or soliciting. We sell your work. Write for particulars. American Show Card School, 801 Yonge street, Toronto. SY—Feb 28

Homework

WOULD you like \$1 or \$2 daily at home, knitting war socks on Auto Knitters? Experience unnecessary. Send 2c stamp. Dept. 25C, Auto Knitter Company, College St., Toronto. DIV

Business Cards

BRANTFORD BOTTLE EXCHANGE—I am buying all kinds of bottles, glass, metal and waste products, paying highest market prices. Apply 155 Terrace Hill or phone 2185, and our wagon will be at your service.

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DR. C. B. ECKEL—Eye, ear, nose and throat, specialist. Office 65 Brant Avenue. Bell Telephone 1012. Machine 101.

Shoe Repairing

BRING your Repairs to Johnson's Electric Shoe Repair store, Eagle Place. Satisfaction guaranteed. Phone 497 Machine.

Dental

DR. RUSSELL, Dentist—Latest American methods of painless dentistry, 201 Colborne St., opposite the Market over Wetson's Counters. Office, Phone 292.

Lost

- LOST—String of Gold Beads. Return to Courier. Reward. L18
- STRAYED—From the premises of Mrs. A. Ramsay at Langford, a black and white yearling heifer. L24
- LOST—Post Office deposit book much worn. Reward at Courier Office.
- LOST—Ladies' wheel, taken from outside Y. M. C. A. Kindly leave at 101 Lyons Avenue, and save further trouble. L16
- LOST—Tartan bag, containing slipper, etc. Return to Apartment 5, 42 Colborne Street; reward. L34
- LOST—Black handbag, containing five dollar bill and change, between Lorne Bridge and Crompton's. Reward return to Courier. L12
- LOST—On Saturday between Mt. Pleasant and Wm. Patterson's sum of money. Finder kindly leave at Courier. Reward. L22
- LOST—Between Concession 4 and Woolworth's small brown purse containing sum of money. Reward at Courier. L22
- LOST—Ladies ribbon handbag in Eagle Place containing two small purses with money. Return to 55 Cayuga St. Reward. L22
- LOST—Saturday night, between Gordon and Colborne streets, on way to Soldiers' Home, two \$10 bills. Liberal reward at Courier. L12
- STRAYED—On the premises of A. W. Hamilton, two-year-old black and white heifer. Phone 980—1-3. L10
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TEAR KILLED IN RAID ON LONDON

Seventy Injured Within City and Five in Other Places

By Courier Leased Wire
London, Dec. 19.—Ten persons were killed and seventy injured in London during the late air raid. Outside of London five persons were injured.

The following official communication in regard to casualties was given out:

The air raid casualties were: "Ten killed and seventy injured in London; only five injured outside London."

"Several fires occurred. The material damage was not serious. There was no damage to naval or military establishments."

The text of the statement issued today by Lord French, commander of the British home forces reads: "The latest reports indicate that from 16 to 20 enemy airplanes took part in Tuesday night's air raid. Three groups of raiders crossed the Kent coast between 6.15 and 6.25 p.m. The other groups crossed the Essex coast between 6.10 and 6.45 p.m.

"All six groups made towards London. Most of the raiders were turned back by gunfire at various places, only about five machines actually reaching and bombing the capital between 7 and 8 p.m. O'night."

"After the main attack on London had terminated a single airplane made its way over the capital about 9 p.m.

"The raid, hit by gunfire, finally came down in the sea off the Kentish coast, two of its crew of three men being captured alive by an anti-aircraft battery. There is reason to suppose that another enemy airplane came down in the channel, but this has not been confirmed up to the present."

ONONDAGA COUNCIL

Onondaga, Dec. 14th, 1917.

The final meeting was held in the Town Hall, all the members being present.

A grateful reply was received from Albert N. Abbott, secretary of British Red Cross, thanking the Council for check of \$400, also one from Ceil G. Williams, Secretary of Navy League of Canada, extending to the Township the thanks of the Executive for the cheque of \$100.

The report of Mrs. Miller, caretaker of the Hall, was accepted, the receipts being \$28.25, and expenses \$17.75, leaving a balance of \$10.50 for the Township; \$4.00 was also received from W. Ludlow for plank for the town hall, furnished on Town Hall.

John Deagle was refunded \$7.50 for statute labor performed, and Charles Deagle \$5.00. The following accounts were also paid: C. C. Edwards, posts for beat 36, \$5.69; W. Brown, repair on road scraper, \$6.00; D. W. Moore, printing, \$5.09; R. Jamieson, repairing road machine, \$5.50; Clerk's salary and machine, \$112; stamps, \$3.35; British Bank loan, \$2,500; interest, \$48.15; R. Dougherty loan, \$1357; interest, \$42.10; Treasurer's salary, \$50; Collector's salary, \$50; Reeve and Councilors, \$300.

The Council adjourned sine die.

LANGFORD

(From our own correspondent)
Rev. Mr. Bowers was in charge of the service on Sunday morning.

Several from here attended the meetings held in the city by Dr. Hanley.

Mr. R. Vanderlip returned last week from Cleveland, after spending a couple of weeks there.

Mrs. D. Stuart spent Sunday in the city.

Mr. George Thompson fell and hurt his shoulder one evening last week.

Mr. Weatherall returned last week to her daughter, Mrs. E. Muligan, after spending a couple of weeks in the city, with her daughter there.

Several are having very bad colds at present.

Langford's Woman's Institute was held last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Howard Vanderlip, with a good attendance. They also had theirazaar with a nice lot of things for sale and a good sum of money, after which the directors served lunch.

BURFORD

(From our own correspondent)
Mrs. Brennan has returned from a visit to Ottawa.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Elliott and little daughter from Saskatoon, are visiting Mrs. Ed. Pierson.

The sale held in Brantford by the Women's Institute, was a grand success, the ladies taking in over \$300 last Saturday.

Mr. Chas. Howey has taken a position in Hamilton and will move there in the near future.

Mrs. Foster, of Brantford, is the guest of Mrs. Douglas.

Mrs. M. Campbell and daughter, of Cobalt, who have been visiting here, will spend the holiday with Mrs. Edwards in Woodstock.

Mrs. Sharpe is visiting her son at Kitchener.

A concert will be given by the scholar of the Methodist Sabbath School Friday evening. No charge for taking part.

These will be forwarded to the Children's Shelter, Brantford, on Saturday.

Good Night Stories

BLUE BOTTLE FAIRY

Bobby never took his eyes from the blue bottle that stood on the dresser. And when mamma left the room he drew up a chair and soon had the longed-for bottle in his hand.

Out of the top of the bottle popped a tiny head. So very tiny it was that Bobby could scarcely see it.

"Hello, Bobby!" exclaimed a happy voice, and the tiny fairy stepped out of the bottle and walked up Bobby's hand and sat down on his thumb. Her little blue dress looked just like the pretty light that shone from the blue bottle when the sunlight fell on it.

Bobby stared until the fairy began to laugh.

"You think it funny, seeing a fairy in a bottle? Well, you wouldn't if you'd ever visited Bottle Town," she laughed.

Bobby asked where Bottle Town was, and how she came to be closed up in a bottle.

"I can plainly see you haven't been in Fairyland very often," replied Blue Bottle Fairy, "or you wouldn't ask such foolish questions. I'll take you with me if you care to go."

Bobby's curiosity noddled his curly head before out of the window they sailed right into the ocean of blue sky. Soon they reached the most beautiful garden Bobby had ever seen. Lovely flowers grew everywhere, and out of each blossom peeped a tiny fairy.

An old woman sat stirring a big kettle of broth, and as her great big spoon went back and forth the air was filled with the most delicious fragrant perfumes of flowers imaginable. When the broth was finished tiny Eflins pulled bottle after bottle up and held them while the old woman filled them from her kettle. Eager little fairies from the different bottles and the Eflins hauled them away.

"What are they doing?" asked Bobby.

"Making perfume from the beautiful flowers," whispered his companion. "In every bottle nestles a crowd of tiny flower fairies, who are sent out to keep the perfume well stirred all the time so it will always be fragrant."

The crowd of flower fairies in their eagerness to be first in the bottles pushed Bobby almost into the broth, and no telling what might have happened if Bobby's companion hadn't pulled him back into his mamma's bedroom.

"That was a narrow escape!" exclaimed Bobby, and he popped the blue Bottle Fairy back into the bottle just as mamma came into the room.

Mamma had a good laugh when Bobby told her about the trip to Bottle Town.

"You're the queerest little boy," laughed mamma, "but you may have some of the flower perfumes," and she sprinkled a few drops of the perfume over Bobby's curly head until he smelled like a big flower garden himself.

Mrs. Carter has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Metcalfe at Ottawa.

A FOUR-COLUMN WANT AD.

Clothing factories in Baltimore experience difficulty in obtaining enough woman operatives to keep their factories running. Constantly the classified columns of the newspapers teem with "want Ads" for this class of help, and all sorts of inducements are held out. Sunday issues of Baltimore papers recently carried a 4-column advertisement of this class, probably the largest "classified advertisement" ever printed in the newspapers.

You Needn't keep on feeling distressed after eating, nor belching, nor experiencing a cures dyspepsia-it strengthens stomach and other digestive organs for the performance of their functions. Take Hood's.

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El Fak Cheer Havana Cigars 10 to 25 cents
Fak's Havana Bouquet Cigars 10 cents straight
Manufactured by
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Bell Phone 560 - Automatic 560

The Gentlemen's Valet

CLEANING, PRESSING, DYEING AND REPAIRING, LADIES' WORK A SPECIALTY.
Goods called for and delivered on the shortest notice.
G. H. W. Beck, 132 Market St.



Girlish Dignity

is considerably enhanced by the wearing of glasses. But, apart from the dignity, the absence of headaches is alone a good reason for wearing them. It is a well-known fact that many feminine headaches particularly are the result of disordered vision. Relieving the eye strain relieves the head. Come for an examination and we will prove it.

Dr. S. J. Harvey

Manufacturing Optician. Phone 1478
8 S. Market St. Open Tuesday and Saturday evenings.

Girls Wanted

Girls for various departments of knitting mill, good wages, light work. Previous experience not necessary. The Watson Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Hamilton.

TINSMITHS

Roach & Cleator

Late Howie and Feely
PHONE 2482
Rear of Temple Bldg.
The Fall is here. Cold weather will follow. Look to your repairs. Furnace work a specialty.
Agents for "New Idea" Furnace
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To Learn Printing Business

Good Wages to Start

Apply: Foreman, Courier Office

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By Courier Leased Wire

London, Dec. 21.—Although hopes had not been realized of the Russian collapse, Lloyd George told the Commons yesterday that the men had not been able to get their own in the west. He that it was "idle to pretend the hopes formed at the beginning of the year the army was better equipped any period of the war and the situation had been realized. The Anglo-French and Italian had been beaten in many campaigns in France had had been military success permanent effect on the world. The Premier referred to the capture of Jerusalem, adding:

"These two great victories more to the prestige of Great throughout the world than in the whole course of the good deal has been said. The Premier declared that the fact that the aggressive building at the present time of persons' wrongs labor was above the border 1913 and declared it was a creditable performance."

"The destruction of Germany during the year. The remarkable and encouraging it showed how admirably ping controller really was with the most successful fronted in this war."

The effect of government of shipping, the Premier tonnage was down by 20 per cent. Great Britain only six per cent of last year's tonnage. This was only six per cent of last year's tonnage. The planing had been headed have been impossible Britain to carry through and to help the Allies she had."

The Premier expressed it would not be necessary government, with the power to do so and would if food was not distributed."

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