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85 CASUALTIES IN AIR RAID ON ENGLAND

SARRAIL LOSES COMMAND OF ALLIED ARMIES IN BALKANS; NEED OF VERDUN TO SUCCEED

Leader of Entente Forces at Saloniki To Be Replaced by Gen. Guilleminet.

London, Dec. 19.—Gen. Sarrail, commander of the Allied armies at Saloniki, has been recalled, according to newspaper announcements in Athens, says a Reuters dispatch from the Greek capital, under date of December 15. The successor of Gen. Sarrail in command of the Macedonian forces, it is said, will be Gen. Guilleminet.

Gen. M. P. Sarrail has been identified with the Allied operations based on Saloniki since October, 1915, when he was sent to command the French expeditionary force engaged in an attempt to secure the Serbians during the Teutonic-Bulgarian drive that resulted in the over-running of Serbian territory.

When Saloniki was turned into an Allied base and active operations on the Macedonian front begun by the Entente forces, the next year Gen. Sarrail directed the united operations of the Allies, and has since remained in command on this front.

Was at the Marne. Gen. Sarrail's chief services previous to going to Saloniki were performed during the battle of the Marne, when he held the German crown prince's army in the Argonne, and prevented the investment of Verdun. He commanded the French expeditionary force after Gen. Dronaud was wounded there, and subsequently relieved in August, 1915.

Guilleminet of Verdun. Officers bearing the name of Guilleminet in the French army, it seems not improbable that the man selected to succeed Gen. Sarrail may be Gen. Guilleminet, who commanded the French army at Verdun during their brilliant operations last summer, when they completed the recovery of virtually all the ground that the Germans had won in the west.

VALUABLE PATTERNS FOR ALLIED POWERS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Work For U. S. Emergency Fleet Corporation Also Burned.

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 19.—Valuable patterns for the manufacture of special equipment of British, French and Italian submarine chasers were destroyed early today in a fire of undetermined origin at the U. S. Emergency Fleet Corporation plant of the General Electric Company.

The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

IRISHMEN OF CHICAGO SEND AID TO REDMOND

Chicago, Dec. 18.—A declaration of sympathy for the Irish nationalist party and charging that any Irishman or organization active in the conduct of the war is committing an act of open hostility to the United States was adopted tonight by the Irish Fellowship Club.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during week: Highest, 36; lowest, 6 above.

HOSPITAL SHIP LANDS CANUCKS AT PORT OF U. S.

Vessel With 2,000 Returned Soldiers Diverted From Halifax.

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 19.—Diverted from Halifax because of conditions due to the recent disaster there, a British ship bearing more than 2,000 Canadian soldiers, invalided home because of wounds or illness, arrived here today.

The men will be sent to Canada by rail.

BIG CROWD SEES PRESENTATION TO F UNIT M. H. C. C.

Troops and Citizens Witnesses to Handing Over of the I. O. D. E. Flagstaff.

PRAISES WOMEN'S WORK

Brig. Gen. L. W. Shannon Commends War Services They Render.

In the presence of the troops quartered in London, members of the headquarters staff, officers and members of the I. O. D. E., officers of the Military Hospitals Commission, and a large crowd of citizens, a hand-

some flagstaff was formally presented to F Unit, M. H. C. C., by Mrs. J. S. Niven, on behalf of the Municipal Chapter, I. O. D. E., shortly after 3 o'clock today, on the grounds of the Central Military Convalescent Hospital, Ottawa avenue.

Brig. Gen. L. W. Shannon, general officer commanding this district, received the flagstaff on behalf of F Unit.

Proceeding from the presentation, the troops marched through the city streets to the Convalescent Hospital, under the command of Lieut. Col. H. L. Milligan, D.S.O., acting commander of the 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. R.

The men of the 3rd Depot Battalion, Canadian Field Artillery, both mounted and unmounted, led the parade, followed by the members of the 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. R., and the men of Army Medical Corps Training Depot No. 1, and they were accompanied by the A. M. C. Pipe Band and the brass band of the 1st Depot Battalion.

Meet Park Troops.

The troops from Carling Heights Camp and those from Queen's Park Camp met at the corner of Dundas and Adelaide streets at 2:30, and proceeded via Dundas and Colborne streets to Ottawa avenue and the hospital.

On their arrival at the Convalescent Hospital they were drawn up to form the three sides of a hollow square, the 63rd Battery on the west side, the W. O. R. men on the north, and the A. M. C. lads on the east side.

The flagstaff was formally handed over to the keeping of F Unit by Brig. Gen. Shannon, who in a few words expressed the pleasure experienced by the members of the I. O. D. E. in being able to provide a flagstaff for the grounds of the convalescent men.

Praises Order's Record.

Replying on behalf of F Unit, Gen. Shannon briefly thanked the members of the I. O. D. E. for their kindness in obtaining the flagstaff, and referred in commendatory terms to the excellent work done by the members of the order during the present war.

At the conclusion of his address the flag was run up on the new staff, while the troops presented arms, and the band played "O Canada."

Returning to camp at the conclusion of the ceremony the troops marched by way of Ottawa avenue, Waterloo, Dundas and Richmond streets, and Queen's avenue to Adelaide street.

SOLDIERS ASSISTING IN RESCUE WORK AT HALIFAX



Advertiser Illustration

HUNS TORPEDOED SPANISH VESSEL

Steamer Noviembre Is Sent Down in Night Without Warning.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The torpedoing by a U-boat of a Spanish steamer Noviembre, 2,554 tons gross, is reported in a dispatch from Biarritz to the Excelsior quoting advices received there from Bilbao. Thirty of the crew have been landed. They say the ship was torpedoed without warning at night, and that they were all thrown into the sea.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER RETURNS TO CAPITAL

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who arrived in the capital from the West at an early hour this morning, spent the day at his home and denied himself to callers.

His private secretary stated over the telephone that the Opposition leader would spend the day attending to correspondence, and that he would not issue a statement bearing on the election result today.

Old French Cruiser Is Torpedoed By U-Boat But "Gets" the Latter

The Chateau Renault Sunk While Acting as a Transport.

Paris, Dec. 18.—The old French cruiser, Chateau-Renaud, employed as a transport, was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean on the morning of December 14, and the submarine which attacked her later was destroyed.

The French minister of marine, according to announcement made tonight by the French minister of marine, the passengers on the Chateau-Renaud, all of whom were either soldiers or officers, were saved. Ten members of the crew were lost.

French cruiser Chateau Renault was laid down in 1896. She was 442 feet long with a beam of 55.7 feet, and displaced 7,535 tons. Her complement before the war was 600 men.

RECEPTION TO SOLDIERS.—All returned soldiers in the city who attend a reception being tendered to them by the Y. M. C. A. on Thursday night will receive a full membership ticket during the evening's entertainment.

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CHRISTMAS BUSINESS HERE REPORTED BETTER THAN EVER BY SATISFIED MERCHANTS

Londoners Have Bought and Bought Well — Jewelers Say That Patriotic Fund Campaign Have Stimulated Trade as Never Before in City's History.

"Even more satisfactory than a year ago," was the verdict of a number of merchants of London interviewed today in regard to the Christmas trade of 1917.

A leading jeweler with a happy countenance explained it this way when the question was raised: "Where do the people get the money? The people have acquired the habit now of parting with money. They make much less fuss now about prices than they used to do. When a person is in the habit of giving sums of money away frequently and getting nothing for himself in return, a piece of jewelry looks like a big value to him, even if he has to pay a good price for it."

With regard to underwear, it isn't silk alone that is in demand this year for gift-giving, but the best quality in wool as well. With all the thousands of boxes that have gone overseas for London for Christmas, the ready response to weekly calls for patriotic purposes, it is apparent that the citizens of London and district are keeping up their old custom of showing love to relatives and friends at home by gift-giving at the season of the year of good-will to man.

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Said one jeweler: "A man will pay \$25 today for a clock that formerly cost \$14, and there will be much less objection raised to the price than there was then." With all the utilitarian goods being bought in big quantities, of electrical conveniences for the house, of superior cooking utensils, of needed underwear of boots and shoes, and so on, ornaments of jewelry, pins, neckties, rings will this year find their way to many Christmas stockings from London shops.

Better Than Last Year.

"On the whole," said one of the street jeweler, "our Christmas trade has been more satisfactory this year than last. It is what we term a 'nicer trade'."

The high price of footwear has doubtless been responsible for the fact that boots and shoes have been bought in large quantities. The shoe dealer is receiving an unwonted share of Christmas trade.

Note-paper is going like ice cream cones in dog-days. Everybody, more or less, is using note-paper, heaps upon heaps of it, and buying it for self use is no joke at present. Boxes of note-paper can be obtained in prices ranging from fifteen cents to fifteen dollars, and they are going at that. The correspondence cards to match are included in many of the stationery boxes. No busy woman needs to apologize for the evening's entertainment.

Books, leather goods, comb, brush and mirror sets to the better quality, china, glass, crockery, neckties, gloves for men and women, scarfs, sweaters, handkerchiefs, toys, games, everything in fact that is giveable, is selling well this Christmas. And in this list must be included the best quality of stationery, and the best quality of stationery, and the best quality of stationery.

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TEN KILLED, 75 INJURED BY AN ENEMY AIR RAID ON ENGLAND; TWO OF INVADERS WRECKED

HAIG CHANGING HIS WAR STAFF

London, Dec. 19.—Field Marshal Haig, commander-in-chief of the British forces in France, the Times says it is understood, is making important changes in his headquarters staff, which up to this time has virtually been unaltered since he took over the supreme command.

London, Dec. 19.—Ten persons were killed and seventy injured in London during last night's air raid. Outside of London five persons were injured.

The following official communication in regard to casualties was given out: "Last night's 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.

PETAIN'S POILUS THROW BACK FOE IN THE ARGONNE

Two Attempts to Reach Positions Repulsed With Losses.

Paris, Dec. 19.—Two attempts by the Germans to approach French positions in the Argonne near Fort de Paris last night were defeated with losses, the war office announced today. The communication follows:

"The enemy's artillery during the night bombarded our first line south of Juvincourt and in the Argonne, and the latter point enemy forces effectively. At the latter point enemy forces which made two attempts to approach our positions were repulsed with losses."

In Lorraine, in the sectors of Flirey and Nauroy, our patrols took prisoners including an officer.

"There is nothing to report from the remainder of the front."

Last night German aviators threw down fifty bombs in the region of Dunkirk. No victims have been reported so far."

ALBERTA'S STANDING GOVT. NINE, LIBS. ONE AND TWO IN DOUBT

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Latest summary of the Alberta standing is as follows: Battle River—W. J. Blair, Unionist, elected.

Calgary East—D. E. Reedman, Unionist, elected.

Calgary West—M. M. Tweedie, Unionist, elected.

Edmonton East—H. A. Mackie, Unionist, elected.

Edmonton West—W. A. Griesbach, Unionist, leading over 800 majority over Oliver; 92 polls to hear from.

Lethbridge—W. A. Buchanan, Unionist, elected.

Medicine Hat—A. L. Sifton, Unionist, elected.

Red Deer—M. Clark, Unionist, elected.

Stettin—J. M. Douglas, Unionist, elected.

Victoria—W. H. White, Opposition, elected by 600 majority with a few small polls to come.

This makes Alberta standing Government 9, Opposition 1; in doubt 2.

Score of German Planes In Six Groups Make Dash On English East Coast, But Only Five Reach London—Two Brought Down and All Defenders Return Safely.

London, Dec. 19.—One of the German planes which took part in last night's raid on England was brought down, and another is believed to have been destroyed, the war office announced. From 16 to 20 raiders, divided into six groups, endeavored to reach London, but only five succeeded in dropping bombs on the city.

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Boxes of 10 range in price 50c, 55c, 65c, 75c, 90c, \$1.00 and \$1.25
Boxes of 25 range in price \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.75 and \$3.00
Boxes of 50 up to \$5.00

CIGARETTES---In Packages and Tins

All Kinds and Prices

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are also always suitable for him. Safety Razors, \$1 to \$5. Shaving Brushes, 25c to \$2.00. Shaving Lotions up to 85c. Razor Strops, Shaving Soap in cakes, powder, cream and stick; Florida Water, Toilet Waters, Talcum, for men, etc.

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THIS CHRISTMAS we offer you the finest assortment of Ebony Goods in Western Ontario. We are pleased, and are sure you will be delighted with the display. We cannot suggest anything more useful or acceptable than a genuine Ebony Hair Brush or a set of Military Brushes, with or without cases. Prices range from \$1.25 up per brush. There are many other items, but space will not permit listing.

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Beautiful satin-lined cases, fitted with either white ivory or ebony pieces will make a handsome gift for her. These we can fit with Comb, Brush and Mirror, odd manicure pieces, and range all prices up to \$20 per case

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A most complete assortment. Prices range from 25c up. Such well-known makers as Corson, Taylor, Ingram, Pivers, Roger & Gallet, Mary Garden, National. We are sure to please you.

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Christmas Plants, 19c up; Baskets of Plants, 50c up; Cemetery and Church Wreaths, 79c up

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CITIZENS ARE TAKING SMALL INTEREST IN MUNICIPAL MEETINGS

Only 26 Attended Gathering in Ryerson School.

THOSE CITY COALYARDS

Ratepayer Declares Candidates Are Deliberately Misrepresenting Situation.

After meetings in the interest of Dominion Parliament candidates filed the largest hauls of the city to capacity, a gathering of 26 in the Ryerson school last night seemed like a family reunion. The interest of those present was keen, however, and compromised somewhat for the attendance.

Mayor Stevenson made the first address. He declared that the city was at the close of the most prosperous year in its history, and that one of the chief factors in attaining this result had been the control exercised over the city's spending bodies. He then delivered a eulogy on the work of the 1917 council, it had secured natural gas, and would have charge of the distribution of it, removing a great industrial handicap from the city.

The Coal Yards.

In aiding the passing of the coal yard bylaw it had further helped the people, although the public utilities commission had been unable to obtain coal, it was getting word for the people.

The coal bylaw also authorized the city to sell food, but only in fish had this right been exercised. Last night 1,000 pounds of this commodity was being sold, and 55,000 pounds were in cold storage to be sold to the citizens during the winter.

The council had also asked for a revision of the municipal act, to the effect that estimates once filed by the city council could not be exceeded by other bodies without the member assuming personal liability.

Voting in Schools.

The council had also obtained for the

THE FAIR

15 DOMINION SAVINGS BUILDING.

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BEST PLACE FOR GOOD TOYS.

36-inch pretty Baby Dolls, long and short dresses, for \$2.00
Dolly's Trunk, with tray 50c
Grief Musical Piano 50c to \$2.00
Folding, substantially-built Dolly's Crib \$1.00
Rocking Horses, very durable and neatly finished, for \$2.00
Teddy Bears, made of best quality plush, with voice 75c to \$2.00
Beautiful Dressed Dolls, unbreakable head, full jointed stuffed body, large assortment of beautiful costumes to choose from, complete with headgear, shoes and stockings \$1.00 to \$10.00
Child's China Tea Sets, Cups, Saucers, Teapot, Sugar and Creams 50c
Real State Blackboards for \$2.00
Cowboy Horse on Rocker, Cowboy Bridle, Saddle, Stirrups and Lasso \$4.00
Horse and Cart, complete with harness \$1.00 to \$5.00
Doll Swings, Toy Violins, Pony Cars, Drums, Come to the Fair for toys.

THE FAIR

15 DOMINION SAVINGS BUILDING, Facing Market Square.

LONDON PRESBYTERY SUSTAINS TWO CALLS TO DISTRICT PASTORS

Rev. A. B. Irwin and Rev. W. A. Bremner To Leave

A special meeting of the London Presbytery took place yesterday in the First Presbyterian Church for the purpose of dealing with two calls to ministers within the bounds of Presbytery.

The first call considered was from Bracebridge to Rev. A. B. Irwin of Hyde Park and Komoka, Rev. D. C. Macgregor appearing on behalf of the call.

Barrie Presbytery supporting the call, and Messrs. D. MacKenzie, W. Weir, Robert Small and G. Blanchard representing the Hyde Park and Komoka churches.

The second call was from St. Andrew's Church, Cobourg, to Rev. W. A. Bremner of Alma street Church, St. Thomas, was next considered.

Rev. D. C. Macgregor, assistant pastor of the First Methodist Church, was present at the meeting and was inroduced as a corresponding member.

Rev. Dr. Silcox may go to England and preach to soldiers.

A number of the members of the First Congregational Church were at the C. P. R. station last evening at 5 o'clock to bid good-bye to Rev. J. B. Silcox, who concluded his pastorate on Sunday, and was leaving for Montreal.

Owing to a misunderstanding in regard to the train on which he was going, many other friends were disappointed in not being present to give him a send-off.

Rev. Dr. Silcox will stay a few days in Toronto, going on to Montreal for a visit with his daughter, Miss Macleay.

His great desire is to go over to England, and to be nearer his sons, who are in France, and possibly have an opportunity of seeing them.

He hopes to be able to preach to the soldiers overseas.

Deep regret is felt by the members of the First Congregational Church over the departure of Dr. Silcox, after a most able pastorate of three years.

Everything possible has been done to make him change his decision to resign his charge. He was asked to reconsider it, and offered a leave of six months or a year, or any assistance that would give him more freedom of movement.

He felt, however, that he could not remain.

In the three years of his ministry, Dr. Silcox, according to a prominent worker in the church, has won the affection and entire confidence of the members of the Congregational Church.

He has also felt proud of his pulpity, and honored by having as pastor a man of such eminence in the Congregational Church of the continent.

Owing to the sorrow and anxiety he has undergone during his pastorate, the congregation has probably been drawn more closely to him than would have been otherwise possible.

Turkeys Becoming Practically Extinct On London's Market

Traditional Christmas Fowl May Soon Be Classed as "Rare Birds."

"The high price of turkeys" is the subject of much conversation and debate among marketers of the city at the present time. Rumblings of dissatisfaction re the turkey market could be heard around Thanksgiving, when it was learned that the traditional turkey, for time eternal the big feature of Thanksgiving dinner, might have to be discarded owing to the tendency of the bird to fly to heights unprecedented in monetary value.

It seems inevitable that the common turkey will shortly be classed with the buffalo, the reindeer and other nearly extinct animals. Prevailing prices for the bird range from 31c to 35c per pound, and according to farmers even before the Christmas poultry demand is over.

There will no doubt be a large number of citizens who will not refrain from buying their traditional Christmas turkey even should the bird register a further advance, but it is certain that the majority of Londoners will perform do without on Christmas day.

Although classed among the "domesticated" and "barnyard" fowl in the latest edition of Encyclopedia Britannica, the turkey is not a native of North America.

According to authorities on the subject the turkey is a native of the Americas, and the feathered bird is apt to create some confusion for historians of the future.

Both for the turkey and the turkey, the native home of both is Turkey and Asia Minor, and the male species of both have since the year one indulged in the luxury of harem.

A few of these nearly extinct birds appear on the local market from day to day. They are generally disposed of to curious marketers, but the majority of London's housewives when in quest of the price, forsake the expected feature of their Christmas dinner for the less expensive barnyard hen.

TAKES OVER 30 YEARS TO REFOREST PULPWOOD

The commission of conservation has been investigating the reproduction and growth of pulpwood forests in the St. Maurice Valley, Quebec, with a view of determining what technical measures are necessary to perpetuate the vast pulpwood forests of Eastern Canada.

Although the investigation is only in its early stages, some startling facts have already been ascertained. It has been the opinion of the lumbermen that the spruce and balsam on these heavily cut lands could be harvested in only 20 years, and as the amount of material obtained is as little as one-tenth of what it was before the cutting.

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FIREMEN'S UNION ELECTS OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR

New 1918 Executive Elected Tuesday Night.

At a meeting last night of the members of the Firemen's Federal Union, No. 24, at central fire hall, the following officers were elected for the year 1918:

President, George Bolton; vice-president, Charles Wray; recording secretary, George White; secretary-treasurer, J. Hamilton; warden, A. Dean; conductor, J. T. Tozer; trustees, Graham, Wylie, Lieut. Gray, auditors, Lieut. S. Scruby and F. Hodge.

Five additional members were added to the membership roll. They were: Firemen G. Alken, A. Hartop, E. Lines, A. Webber and E. Ryckman.

The local union is affiliated with the Dominion Trades and Labor Congress and was organized a year ago.

Often would not close his eyes in sleep all night.

William Dean Tells of His Sufferings.

TANLAC BRINGS RELIEF

Now Sleeps All Night and Can Work All Day Without Tiring.

"If anything I can say about Tanlac will help any other sufferer I will gladly tell you. I suffered from my troubles," said William Dean, an employee of Tambling & Jones, builders and contractors, and living at 384 Grey street, the other day.

"During the past year," he continued, "I had rheumatism in my right leg, so bad that many a night I couldn't get to sleep at all on account of the misery I suffered. By morning I was so tired and worn out that when I went to work I would get so excited I would have to stop and sit down till my nerves got quiet. My appetite was off and my digestion was in such an awful fix that things like potatoes and meats would tear me all to pieces and lie in my stomach like lead. I was almost a nervous wreck and kept it was only a question of time before I would break down altogether."

"I read of a man in Detroit with troubles like mine who got relief through taking Tanlac and that caused me to try it, and I have never rested better in my life than I do since I began taking this medicine. Tanlac has quieted my nerves, so that I sleep all night like a log, and I don't get excited like I did. I eat anything now without having any pain or other trouble, my rheumatism is gone, and I can do a full day's work without getting tired. I am feeling better than I have in a long time and can say that Tanlac has done more for me than anything I ever took before."

Tanlac is sold in London by Standard Drug, Limited, under the direction of a special representative, and by an established agency in every town.

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38 Were New Patients Listed During Seven Days.

76 HOMES ISOLATED

Number of Communicable Disease Cases Totaled 118.

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Some 65 homes were quarantined as a result.

Diphtheria was responsible for ten cases being quarantined at the end of the week, five being in the hospital and a like number at home. In all eight new cases were reported.

Five cases of chickenpox were reported, but only four were left at the end of the week. Two of scarlet fever also developed, making a total of seven. Septic sore throat was responsible for three new cases, and tuberculosis one, making a total of 57 reported for the week.

At its expiration there had been 118 cases of communicable diseases at home, eight in the hospital, or 118 in all. The number of homes quarantined for the different diseases totaled 76.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

BURIED AT WOODLAND.

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FOUR.

TO SUFFER FROM HEADACHES MAKES LIFE MISERABLE

Headaches seem to be habitual with many people. Some are seldom, if ever, free from it, suffering continually with the dull throbbings, the intense pain, sometimes in one part, sometimes in another, and then over the whole head, varying in its severity by the cause which brings it on.

The varieties of headache most common are sick or bilious headache, nervous headache, headache from constipation, debility or indigestion and periodical and spasmodic headache, and before permanent relief can be had.

Burdock Blood Bitters, that has been on the market for over 40 years, removes the cause of the headache, and not only does this, but also restores the entire system to healthy action and buoyant vigor.

Miss Emily Smith, 204 Bellwoods avenue, Toronto, Ont., writes: "I cannot speak too highly of Burdock Blood Bitters. For two years I was greatly troubled with violent headaches, particularly in the morning. I tried everything to cure me until a friend recommended B. B. B. I tried it, and now I am completely cured."

Manufactured by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

Italian Aviator

Rises To Height of 23,048 Feet Reacher the Enormous Altitude in 65 Minutes.

ROME, Dec. 18.—Lieut. Brachpapa of the Italian army and a pilot recently attained a height of 7,025 meters (23,048 feet) in an aeroplane, mounting to this altitude in 65 minutes. This is said here to be a world's height record.

On July 14, 1914, a German pilot named Oelrich attained a height of 25,756 feet, the record, however, not being passed upon by the Federation Aeronautique Internationale in Paris, owing to the outbreak of the war shortly afterwards. H. G. Hawkes, an English flier, reached a height of 23,522 feet on April 26, 1916, at Hendon, England.

KERENSKY BOBS UP AT HEAD OF ANOTHER ARMY OF THOUSANDS

Said To Be Leading Force Against Petrograd.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 18.—A report that former Premier Kerensky of Russia, supported by some thousands of troops, has appeared at the head of a force of 10,000 men in the Finnish frontier, is contained in a dispatch from Helsingfors in Sweden to the Finnish frontiers to the Bolsheviks. The Bolsheviks are said to have sent troops against him.

All advice which has been received recently regarding conditions in Russia have tended to show that the Bolsheviks are strengthening their position and are encountering little opposition, except on the part of the Cossacks in southern Russia. Under these conditions it appears hardly probable that Kerensky could assemble a force of any size and reach the vicinity of Petrograd. After his escape from the capital, M. Kerensky disappeared. He recently was said to be in hiding, in a place safe from his enemies.

HEART BEAT SO FAST COULD NOT SLEEP

HAD TO SIT UP IN BED

Heart trouble has of late years become very prevalent. Sometimes a pain catches you in the region of the heart, now and then your heart skips beats, palpitations, throbs, or beats with such rapidity and violence you think it will burst. You have weak and dizzy spells, are nervous, irritable and depressed, and if you attempt to walk upstairs or any distance you get all out of breath. There is no other remedy will do you so much good, restore your heart to a natural condition, build up your strength, and give you new vigor and vitality, as Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills.

Mrs. A. Russell, Niagara Falls, Ont., writes: "At nights I could not sleep, and had to sit up in bed, my heart would beat so fast.

"When I went to walk very far I would get all out of breath, and would have to sit down and rest before I could go any farther. I was advised to get Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, and before I had used two boxes I could sleep and walk as far as I liked without any trouble."

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are 50c per box at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

Catarrhal Deafness May Be Overcome

A Simple, Safe and Reliable Way That Calls for No Ugly Trumpets, Phones or Other Instruments.

To be deaf is very annoying and embarrassing. People who are deaf are generally mighty sensitive to this affliction. And yet many deaf folk carry around instruments that call attention to their infirmity. Therefore, people who are hard of hearing, who suffer from head noises, or who are actually deaf from catarrhal trouble, will be glad to know of a simple recipe that can be easily made up at home for the relief of catarrhal trouble, and that is a simple syrup made of 4 pint of hot water and four ounces of ordinary granulated sugar. Take a teaspoonful four times a day.

This treatment should be tonic action reduce the inflammation in the middle ear that a catarrhal condition would be likely to cause and with the inflammation, the distressing head noises, headaches, cloudy thinking and that dull feeling in the ears should gradually disappear. Anyone who suffers from catarrhal, catarrhal deafness, or head noises should give Parmit's trial. It is pleasant to take and is quite inexpensive.—Adv.

LONDONER'S BROTHER WINS DECORATION ON THE FIELD OF BATTLE

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NURSES FROM CITY BEING BILLETED IN HOMES OF HALIFAX

Letters From Relief Workers Reach London.

WOMEN'S GREAT SERVICE

Houses In Stricken City and Surrounding Points Opened To Homeless.

A letter received in London today from one of the eight London nurses who went to Halifax some days ago states that two of the nurses have been placed on duty in the Cogswell Military Hospital, which apparently has come through the disaster all right.

The nurses who have gone to the relief of the stricken city from all over the country are being billeted in the homes of Halifax citizens and receiving every possible kindness and courtesy.

The women of Halifax whose homes have almost entirely escaped are giving their services, cooking and serving meals to patients in extemporized hospitals and to the homeless.

Owing to the appalling extent of the disaster, it is further stated, organization is still difficult. A great deal of the injury, particularly to eyes, was caused by flying glass. The number of cases of blindness and injury to the eyes is attributed by the writer to the fact that so many people were watching the boats and looking in that direction.

A member of the city teaching staff has received a letter from her sister in New Glasgow, some 70 or 80 miles from Halifax, telling of the relief work there.

The high school has been turned into a hospital, to which patients have been rushed from Halifax, and the domestic science teacher is in charge of the kitchen, rows and drive away from the center of the town, assisting in the relief of Halifax each have their quota of patients from the explosion.

The board of health held a special meeting this morning to pass an account for \$60 for fees of solicitors, for their fees in connection with the mandamus issued to compel City Treasurer J. S. Bell to pay the accounts for the board of health.

Mayor Stevenson signed the checks, and the suit has been withdrawn. The accounts have now all been paid.

The action was in connection with the overdraft of the board in connection with the outbreak of smallpox.

Mayor Stevenson refused to sign the checks, stating that there was no money for the board. The council transferred a sufficient sum from the incidentals account, and the incident is closed for the time being.

Mayor Stevenson stated that he would sue the members of the board individually for the amount paid on the overdraft.

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SEASON HAS POWER, SAYS PASTOR, TO CONSOLE BEREAVED

1917 Message Issued to the Church by Bishop.

The following is the 1917 Christmas

message of the Bishop of Huron to the

church people of the Diocese of Huron

which will be distributed in the Anglican

churches throughout the diocese on

Sunday next, December 23:

To the Church People of the Diocese

of Huron:

Dear Brethren,—For the fourth time

we are entering Christmastide in the

midst of the great war. In many homes

the shadow of death has cast a gloom,

a gloom that nothing earthly can scatter.

But the message of Christmas has

power to transform it. For it tells us

of the visit to this world of One who

had power over death, to claim our souls

and drive away our fears, even of the

Daypring from on high who hath

visited us to give light to them that

are in darkness. We are so familiar with

the hopes and prospects of life triumph-

ing in Christ that we seldom or never

think of the true and eternal life when

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SIR WILFRID AFTER THE BATTLE.

THE smoke of the battle has cleared away, and the prospect is a compromise between the Borden Government and a Liberal Government. There are many good men in the ranks of the Opposition. Western Ontario is sending a full share of good men, Duncan C. Ross, a tried, experienced member, in West Middlesex; Wm. Forrester in South Perth; A. Atkin in South Essex; William C. Kennedy in North Essex; R. E. Trux in South Bruce, and Archie McCoig in Kent. There was a spirit of success in rural Western Ontario. Had it not been for St. Thomas city Hon. T. W. Crothers would have been defeated. The Maritime Provinces did well. Nova Scotia gave 9 out of 16 seats; New Brunswick 4 out of 11 and Prince Edward Island every member, four. Had there been time to instruct the people of the prairie provinces of the West, and British Columbia, the verdict would have been reversed. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's splendid meetings came too late. His brilliant past speaks for him a brilliant future. He would rather be right than be premier. Throughout his whole life all "have heard his challenge, it is just."

It is a cause for genuine satisfaction to the Liberal party in Canada that their leaders have been men of great ability and high-minded purposes. No country in the world has produced three higher-minded men than Alexander MacKenzie, Scotch; Edward Blake, Irish, and Wilfrid Laurier, French, and all three true Canadian statesmen as well.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier should have been elected premier, but the true knowledge did not reach the West in time. There may be a turn in the wheel, that will bring Carvell, Calder, Fielding and a number of other Liberals, back under his flag. That is where they belong, and where they can do most good, but they may do much good where very much good is needed, in the Union Government. Everyone wants to win the war; no one more earnestly desires to than Sir Wilfrid Laurier. No voice in Canada could more effectively plead for recruits.

"Listen, young heroes, your country is calling! Time strikes the hour for the brave and the true;

Now when the foremost around you are falling, Fill up the ranks that have opened for you."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier will aid the Government by every means in his power to win the war. He has never "feared a foe or failed a friend," and Canada is his friend.

NOW FOR CONSCRIPTION.

THE Canadian people have declared for the enforcement of the conscription act. No matter by what means that verdict was secured, the fact now presented to the country is that a clear mandate has been given to Premier Borden to proceed with his measure for the securing of reinforcements. The people have been told that the men in the trenches have been crying for help, that they must be given help, and that they voted overwhelmingly for Union in the hope of securing that help.

And help they must have. It was on May 18 that Premier Borden announced his stand for conscription. Seven months have passed since that announcement, and no men are in uniform as a result of the law. Farmers have been promised universal exemption, Quebec has not been made to face the task, and the prospect is for the cities and towns of the other provinces to provide the 100,000 men. Figures given out by the military service council go to prove that with farmers exempted, at least one half of this number has not been secured, and perhaps a quarter will not be secured.

Great Britain did not enforce conscription in Ireland. The situation in Quebec is quite as difficult as the Irish situation. The premier faces a task of his own making, and the country, especially Ontario, will look with keen eyes upon the performance of the task.

The premier has decided to take the most precious thing—human life. How far will he conscript the material things in order that life may have its best chance to prevail at the front? Since life is taken, surely profits and pork are not to be protected.

THEY HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY.

HOW will the former Liberals who are now members of the Borden Government acquit themselves? That is a question which is attracting the attention of a good many electors today. If Sir Robert Borden keeps his reiterated promises, they will carry considerable weight in the new cabinet, and will have more than a little influence in directing the policy of the country.

If (how frequently it is necessary to use that word in this connection) they retain any of their Liberal principles, they can demand a reconsideration of the C. N. R. purchase bill, and save the country from the expenditure of many millions of dollars. There is no excuse for neglecting this question now. It has been pleaded that the matter was being ignored because it was unimportant in comparison with the conscription issue, but the latter is settled, presumably, and there is now ample opportunity to take up this and other "unimportant" questions at length and in detail. The wartime election act has fulfilled the cowardly purpose for which it was designed, and may be considered a dead letter.

Soldiers' pensions and pay. That is a subject worthy the consideration of the whole House,

for there can be no doubt that there is room for improvement. Equal pensions for all ranks have been advocated by The Advertiser, and will continue to be urged. The ex-Liberals in the cabinet and in the House have an opportunity to show the high regard and deep affection they have expressed for the men in the ranks by introducing and supporting a motion to have this principle recognized and adopted. If a referendum were held on the question, the result would be certain; there ought to be no hesitation about passing such a law.

As to the pay given soldiers, it is far too small. The constantly rising cost of all necessities makes it almost impossible for a man of no private means to enlist with the certainty that his wife and family will be able to live in comfort. Under conscription there is even more need than ever for an increase. Volunteers had a chance to decide for themselves whether they could enlist and yet provide for their families, and if they could not see their way clear they were not obliged to wear the khaki. But now compulsion is in effect. If the country has the right to take men to fight, the men have an equal right to demand that all danger of their dependents suffering from want be eliminated. They also have the right to demand that the patriotic fund be administered by the Government and given to those for whom it is destined without the objectionable charity tinge which now distinguishes it.

These and many other good works may be undertaken by the ex-Liberals, and will find hearty support from the Opposition side. The whole country will rejoice if the new influence shows good effects, and a large portion of it will feel some surprise.

THE WAR'S OUTLOOK.

FRANK H. SIMONDS predicts that the war will not be ended before 1919, and that Germany's next move will be an attempt to crush France and bring her to that state of weariness which means defeat. He cannot see any possibility of Allied victory until the United States army, at least one million strong, gets to the firing line and throws its weight into the scales. He hopes and believes that Britain and France will withstand the German offensive on the western front, which he takes for granted, until such time as they are enabled to take the offensive with American help.

This is all very plausible, but it is based on the assumption that Italy will follow Russia's example, and will give way before the Teutons, allowing them to inflict a wound through which Italy will bleed to death. The question is whether such an assumption is justified.

Looking on the brighter and quite possible side, Italy may stand firm with the aid she is receiving, and not only stop the Teutonic advance but resume the offensive towards Austria. In that case, Germany's chances of starting a great offensive against the French in the west would be nil. Even with the reserves freed by Russia's defection, she would not have enough men to carry out such a scheme, while her armies were required to bolster up Austria's on the Italian front.

Mr. Simonds may be writing with the object of putting the most serious possibilities fairly before the people of the United States and Canada. He may believe, and not without reason, that there has been too much optimism and too little effort made to provide against the set-backs which may be suffered by the Allies. He prefers to paint a gloomy picture, knowing that this will be more likely to steel the determination of and arouse patriotism and self-sacrifice to the highest pitch in the Anglo-Saxon peoples.

Italy has had her day of indecision, and there is reason to hope that it has ended. The death-dealing German propaganda has been discovered, and is being dealt with in no uncertain way. New spirit has been instilled into the Italians by the arrival of British and French forces, magnificently equipped, to help hold the frontiers, giving proof of the steadfastness and strength of their allies. The spirit of Garibaldi has not died.

Hundreds of thousands of United States troops will be in France early in spring, if they are not there now. Every boatload is an inspiration to the French to hold out with the certain hope of victory ahead. The Americans are no longer strangers on the firing line, and their numbers there must increase steadily. It may be that a decision will not be reached before 1919, but there is no reason to doubt the will-to-win in France, and the ability to hold out against all odds. The French nation, to a man, is aware that it is fighting for its life, and that defeat means slavery. Weariness there is, but not despairing weariness. There is also weariness in Germany, and of a more threatening type. It is not impossible that the Teutonic weariness will cause a decision in 1918.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Sir Newton will be at least as Liberal as Sir Tom White.

Women have cast their first political vote here, yet they appear just as feminine as ever.

John D. Rockefeller's residence has been burned to the ground, but there will be no collection among the neighbors to help him rebuild.

It will be interesting to see how much of the promised exemption policy towards farmers will be carried out now that the election has been won.

The Liberal party has surely got rid of all its convertibles now. There are three ages in the life of Liberalism: Young Liberal, Ripe Liberal, Tory.

There will be soon a new crop of knights in this country. The Borden Government will boost that line of production. Hail, unborn Sirs, still in the womb of time!

The Montreal Gazette says the Union victory was "a great victory against strong odds." Would someone please discover and exhibit a sample of the "odds"?

President Wilson denies having asked ex-Secretary Bryan for his resignation after the notorious Dumba conversation, but he says nothing of having regretted its receipt.

Some Hindus in the United States are complaining that they were sold to the Germans. They have this fact on which they may pride themselves, that there was a demand for them, while Germans could not be given away.

The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

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GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN.
By Susan E. Clagety.

Joshua Chapman thoughtfully turned the envelope in his hand over and over before opening it. It was like other envelopes that he had received during the past months from the woman he expected to marry, and he could recall every word she had written him—meagre words, for her handwriting was large, the correspondence cards she affected were small, and six only had he received during the weeks of her absence. At first he attributed this to want of time, but he felt sure that there was also a hint that she could give him so little time as merely to send an address as she moved from place to place. But at last he accepted the situation, and he opened the envelope, and there was a contraction of the heart as he read the words he believed would give him a glimpse of her.

In this he was mistaken. What he read caused him quickly to leave his room. Two hours later he found himself westward in the grip of a fear like nothing he had ever experienced before. It would be three weeks before he could reach her, and he would have to read the few written lines and concentrate his mind in an effort to disengage himself from the thought of her.

"Dear, dear," she had written, "can you come to me at once? I know you will, but six weeks is long to wait. You cannot reach me in less time, and I need you now."

He had heard when he reached Paris that the hotel he had booked for himself had been burned the month before, and that the hotel he had booked for himself had been burned the month before.

The other inmates, save Harriet Wheeler, were not in the building at the time. She had arrived at the hotel, and with the trip up the Yonkton had fallen into heavy sleep. She roused later, and found the hotel completely wrecked.

The white whips changed to acid smoke, and brought a realization of her danger.

She sprang to the door and tried to make her way out, but the smoke blinded her. She felt her way, and she at last stumbled into an opening that led outside. There, where should have been safety, she was struck by a falling timber.

She knew little for weeks. When consciousness returned she found herself dependent upon the generosity of the kind-hearted people who had taken her in, her letters and credit gone and all else she had with her. A word at a time, as strength permitted, she had written to Joshua night after night, and now looked down upon her she wondered at the inscrutability of fate and the strength of her own emotions.

"Why didn't you telegraph?" she asked. "I could have been here earlier, and you would have been that much nearer home."

"There is a fine physician here, and he has been most kind. I talked with him before writing. He tells me I will never walk again."

"That is not true. When I get you home, I will see that you are cured."

"We must face the facts, Jo. All that I can hope for is to sit in a chair, and realize what that will mean. I cannot, I will, in time, and it will be hard, but harder than this knowledge that your lives must be led apart. I have tried your patience these past months, but I have been obsessed by the fear that I did not care enough to give up my independence and be happy in so doing. It has taken this to make me know."

"How much I cared!" Her voice faltered. "Do not make it hard for me, Jo. I—I cannot bear that just now."

He covered her restless hand with his. You always seemed to me to be a woman of unusual intelligence, Harriet. I find that I am mistaken. Your talk is foolish. I have known you restless in our engagement. You were afraid marriage would curtail your various interests, and you told me you could not escape. That is about it, is it not?

"Dear, did you ever really think what home meant—home, spelled in big capital letters? That apartment; that room in a hotel. But a home with space about it—with roses, with beds of old-fashioned phloxes, with trellises of sweet peas, inside, comfort, not luxury; old-fashioned, with the sun streaming through the windows, the fire in the living-room glowing across the rugs, and the two of us sitting there, contented, I have pictured it too long to give it up. The only difference between anticipation and reality is that the scene changes from the living-room to your own. For a little time you will not move about with your usual freedom. That will right itself, and the sooner we get home the sooner you will be better."

"Put your mind on those rose beds, Harriet." He paused, then went on in a low tone. "Put the whole of your mind upon my need of you. If I knew you would spend the rest of your life as you are living now, I would give you up. Neither of us has any one but the other. Your money will buy you service, I will not buy what I give you with my whole strength."

Her eyes closed with tears. "Greatest love hath no man," Jo, dear, but I cannot let you bind yourself to such a life of sacrifice."

"You would do it for me."

The answer was an unhesitating "Yes."

He bent toward her. "I have never held you in my arms, Harriet; you were not approachable, but now that I have taken you into them now, and I must wait. Neither have I kissed you. That can be remedied, and will give you something to think about, far pleasanter than that tarradiddle of Dr. Marshall's."

"The color flooded her face. 'You wouldn't, I am helpless.'"

"Harriet, I would have said 'will.' Sutting action to words, he kissed her, not once, but many times, then hastily left the room.

But for all his apparent assurance he was troubled. Navigation would soon close, and was imperative they should leave on the next steamer. It was equally imperative that she should marry him, and the only man in town at the time accredited with power to perform the ceremony was a Justice of the peace.

He knew she would object, and to one of less steadfastness of purpose the outlook would have been discouraging as he went to her, his hands full of letters, that for the moment absorbed him, but not to such an extent he did not feel her hand travel down his coat sleeve and come to rest in the broad palm opened to receive it.

She spoke impatiently as the letter still clamped him.

"Jo, when does the steamer leave?" He looked up at that. "Tomorrow."

"Could I go?"

"Of course, I would not leave you." She seemed to weigh something in her mind before speaking again, then said wistfully:

"It would be lovely to live in that old-fashioned house and have such a wonderful garden."

"You are going to live there, Harriet. What is more, you are going to walk about that garden with me and see the wonderful things I have arranged with Judge Harris to call this evening and marry us."

"Judge Harris? There is no question of marriage now. If there was, do you think I would consent to be married by any one other than a minister of my own church?"

"As we are situated, there is no help for it," he answered quietly. "You must reach Joshua Hopkins at the ear-

liest moment. Marbury is on the hospital staff, and you cannot be in better hands. 'Jo! Jo! What do you take me for?' I must not accept that sacrifice, even if I were willing to be married by a Justice of the peace."

"That is a question of sacrifice. It is something deeper. Be sensible. You cannot travel with me unless you bear my name."

"Sensible! I think I lost my senses last night when you kissed me!" He kissed her again. "Two years later, Joshua Chapman crossed the piazza of his old-fashioned house in the Green Spring Valley and called his wife through the open door."

"Harriet, I have brought an old friend home to dinner. Come and welcome him."

"The echo of his voice had scarcely died away in the broad hall before she came toward him, slowly, haltingly, and added by a clutch, but erect and walking. Facing her, a gentleman waited with outstretched hand. For an instant she paused in surprise, then laid her own hand in the one held out to her."

"Ah," she said with the utmost pleasure, "so you could be more welcome at Yarrow than Judge Harris. Against my will, he made me a very happy woman."

Bits of Play by Luke McLuke
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The Kaiser Writes.
"Dear Karamazov, this news is bound to fill our ranks with groans and curses. We're short of shells to hold our ground. So waste no more on Red Cross nurses."

Paw Knows Everything.
Willie—Paw, when is money tainted?
Paw—When 'tain't coming your way, my son.

No Chance.
"While life's a grand sweet song," said Ned.
"To song, I'll bet it's not, by jing. To the poor fellow who has died, a girl who thinks that she can sing."

Correct.
"Give me the pass word," demanded the sentry.
The whimsical man replied the theatrical man. "Oh, yes. The pass word is 'compromisory.'"

Please Pass the Pork!
The Needlework-Pigg Company does a mercantile business in Spadina, Ark.

Fact.
"When you get in a fight," said Bald. Remember, as you spar. The man you're fighting with is scared as badly as you are."

Mean Brute!
The dark-haired Mrs. Smith sniffed suspiciously when her husband came home late at night.
"Do you know that I found a lot of long blonde hairs on the coat of your new summer dress?" she demanded.
"Well, what of it?" demanded Mr. Smith.
"You were a blonde last summer, weren't you?"

Bless His Heart.
A real fine fellow is Bill Platt. The kind of man you're bound to like; He never tells you stories that begin in this way: "Pat and Mike."

Come Right In.
[Houston Post.]
Luke McLuke is there a place in the club for a chaplain? I. B. Manly is one of Houston's new alcohol dealers and his signature is both a name and an assertion.

Good!
El-Jal-Eli says that some folks do not observe Meekness Day. He says he went into a vaudeville house last Tuesday and found the manager serving "hams" to the audience.

Well, Well!
The Ill family in Lexington, Ky., has a doctor named Good, but it always pays cash for prescriptions because the drug-gist's name is Will Dunn.

Atchoo!
Getter Cole of Greenville, S. C., has enlisted in the navy.

Bless You, My Children!
A. Church and Frances Pea and Ima Dunn and Will B. Long have just been married at Johnstown, Penn.

Of Course.
A manful young woman named Penn has a room that resembles a den. She knows where to scratch. When she's lighting a match. She learned how by watching the men. —Cincinnati Inquirer.

Of course, you mean on her feet.
Where the match and the shoe leather meet.
(No remarks from the gallery.)
On drawing my salary.
And have no match-marks on my—
—Sacramento Bee.

Mercy!
Most of us are Hooverding. But we hear that Edward Bush Dines every day in Hillsboro, Ohio.

Firms is Firms.
Goldberg, Pardus & Rich are wholesale grocers at Spartanburg, S. C.

Oh!
Juliet has been dead for a long time. But what we started to say was that A. Bomer has a butcher shop at Peebles Corner, Cincinnati.

Names is Names.
A. Swindler has a hat store in San Antonio, Texas.

Our Daily Special.
Debt Doesn't Look Like Much of a Hole Until You Get Into It.

Luke McLuke Says.
It often happens that the man who thinks a street car is good enough for his wife to ride in also thinks that a taxi cab is good enough for his affinity to ride in.

It always makes a man mad when he realizes that his great-grandfather could have purchased the postage block for a dollar and a half and didn't do it.
We have met a lot of men who claimed to be expert judges of whiskey. But we never met one of these expert judges who wasn't willing to drink almost any kind.

Many a man wishes his credit wasn't so good that his wife could go into a store and have it charged.
Some men are kept in institutions provided for that purpose, while others show skill as left-handed pitchers and are permitted to run at large.

We do not know much, but we do know that everybody despises the man who knocks his home town or his wife.
A wife is a wonderful invention. Hold her hands for one hour and she will wipe them off for you during the other 23 hours.

Some women who wear everything else tight at the top get it loose at the matrimonial tie somewhat loosely.
Can you remember when Father used to take you out the kids eating between meals, and you came home from school

Wait a Minute!
By J. H. F.

Have you seen that German invasion from Chicago yet? By golly, this is terrible. We would hate to have the Germans come here, and not see them.

It has been very difficult to hold one's temper during these last distressing days. However, a wallop in time generally saves a life.

We mentioned some time ago that when ministers went into politics, the devil turned his job over to the office boy. Right once, anyway.

If this election had continued much longer, we would have been compelled to publish a church casualty list, including those wounded, gassed, sick, weary, etc.

We voted for Laurier. Somebody had to vote for him.

Now what are we going to get interested in? Oh, yes, who is going to be premier for Russia during the next week? We have forgotten who's on the job now.

At the time of going to press, the Kaiser is still on the job. Gee whizz, and take that Kaiser during the next week, sure now.

Christmas cheer is upon us. That is one reason why most of us can cheer.

Lament of David and other political candidates. "I said in my haste, all men are liars."

Only thing wrong about David's lament, is that a lot of candidates are saying it, not in haste, but in cold blood, very cold indeed.

We suppose everybody will get codices of coal now. It ought to come.

We are more than ever cured on

and discovered that Mother had purposely left the pantry door open and a big pan of home-made cookies on the shelf? Then was the happy days. Don't make yourself too common. If the dandelion was as exclusive as the rose, it would be grown in hothouses for corsage bouquets.

A man may not be regular in all of his habits, but he is certain to be regular in the bad ones.

It always amazes a pretty man to see what good-looking wives homely men make for themselves.

Man is an ingrate. After he has reached the top he is certain to forget those who held the ladder for him.

An old-fashioned man's idea of a no-count dude is a man who had to have two forks when he eats a meal.

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Now what are

A PAGE OF INTEREST TO WOMEN

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Our readers are invited to phone for all news of this kind to the society editor, Phone 3670.

George Blackwell and Mrs. Annie Blackwell celebrated the 25th anniversary of their marriage on Friday last. The house was fittingly decorated with flowers and ferns. Over fifty guests were present and enjoyed a luncheon and musical program.

Capt. Forbes and Mr. Clark have returned from Chatham, where they were

the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William McKough.

Joseph Henry has returned to town after a short visit in Chatham.

Capt. Percy Forbes is spending a few days in Woodstock.

Miss Margaret Walker has returned to town after a short visit to Woodstock.

A tag day will be held on Saturday for the benefit of the Victorian Order of Nurses. It is hoped that the public will support this society generously.

JIMMY COON STORIES

By Dr. Warren G. Partridge.

JIMMY COON AND PETER RABBIT GET ANGRY.
Well, it was comical to see Peter Rabbit walking to the second-hand clothing store with Jimmy Coon to buy a new pair of pants for Peter. Of course Peter's mother had pinned her new grey shawl around little Peter to make him look as nice as possible. But you know that Peter's hind legs are very long, and the wind was blowing hard, and the blue kept coming unfastened. And Jimmy Coon was anxious, used as they stopped very often, so that Jimmy Coon could pin that grey shawl tight around Peter to take the place of his pants.

Jimmy Coon was almost convulsed with inward laughter, but he was too much of a gentleman to laugh and hurt the feelings of his little chum, Peter Rabbit. So Jimmy Coon looked as solemn as if he was going to a funeral. But it was awful hard luck that they had to go to the second-hand clothing store. Little Peter saw those two rascals coming, and he hung his head in shame. And he pulled one end of his mother's new grey shawl over his face, so that he would not be seen. But that rascal Teddy Possum shouted with a loud voice: "Say, there, Jimmy Coon, who is that nice little girl walking with your side? What a pretty shawl!"



Tomorrow—Jimmy Coon Gets a Pair of Pants for Peter Rabbit.

Wanted—A Baby.
Dear Miss Grey—Do you know where I might write to adopt a baby? We are not very well-to-do, but if they would be willing to pay a little, we would make a happy home for the right baby.

How do you like a fur muff?
BISCUIT.

Ans.—It's just possible some of our pagettes may know of a wee lad or lass very much in need of a home, and if so, I have "Biscuit's" address. Or "Biscuit" might write to Mr. Sanders, Inspector Children's Aid Society, London, making a request for a child for adoption.

What a corner "Biscuit" puts me in when she asks, "How do you like 'Biscuit'?" when she asks me to be done, so I appeal to some of our clever needlewomen to give you directions.

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Christmas CANADA BELGIUM

But for the Heroic Sacrifice of the BELGIAN SOLDIERS early in the war these pictures might have been reversed!

Can you spare a Christmas Gift for the orphans of these soldiers? They ask not toys or luxuries—just money for a little food.

Send your Christmas Gift by cheque or money order to

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or to Local Committees.

Make cheques payable to the Belgian Relief Fund

Don't forget Mrs. Agnes Anderson's Canal Boat Fund for work among Belgian refugees along the tilted line in Flanders

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

She Misunderstood It.

Dear Miss Grey—I'm coming back again. I couldn't stay away after reading "Sunflower's" letter in your issue of Monday 10th. It is plainly seen that she has no vote. There will be thousands of soldiers' mothers who will be glad she hasn't, to say she is glad "none of her boys were there." She should be thankful if they are not called on to go.

She says it is lawyers and doctors they put in Government. They should put some of their own chaps in. What do farmers know about sanitation of all our prisons, asylums etc.? And what do they know about chemistry, which has been so essential in this great war? She says she is the one who feeds the people. Surely she has made a big mistake. It's God who feeds the people. What do farmers know about the knacks in law? Again, she says: "We are the people; the farmer feeds them all." My dear woman, if an army of grasshoppers were to come and take their abode on your farm for a few days, you wouldn't boast of being the people. Or an army of Germans would soon devastate you and your farm. What about the miner down in the earth getting coal not only to keep us warm, but to make our ships steam across the ocean? What about our brave sailor boys and our great British navy? We have a vast country of resources of all kinds too numerous to mention. The farmers are only running the agricultural resources of the country. I would like "Sunflower" to understand we are all working together for a great end to help our Empire.

God bless our Red Cross, and all our brave nurses and doctors, and all who minister to our brave boys, their mothers or any person engaged in this great struggle while she sits at home at home.

Warton.

Ans.—I think you have taken an entirely wrong impression from "Sunflower's" letter, and do you think you are quite justified in accusing her of being a selfish, ignorant, and stupid woman? It's possible they might understand much better than a doctor or lawyer M.P., all about drainage, forestation, improved milk supply for cities, better dairy herds, etc. And do you not think that of importance, too, for the country's welfare?

Re this paragraph about the "home-birds," Sister "Sunflower" had, I'm sure, absolutely no reference to the "stay-at-home" youths of our land. It was just a bit of humor between herself and another Pagette. "Mrs. Home-bird," which I have no doubt the majority of our regular readers understood and appreciated.

How to Fix Veal.

Dear Miss Grey—I wonder if you or any of the Pagettes could tell me how to fix veal so it will keep for a length of time?

I always enjoy the letters of the boys overseas. Some women are most interesting on the H. C. L. question. I have pleasure in reading such letters to my mother. My sister asks me to clip the hair ends so it will be light.

LAUREL.

Ans.—We've had recipes for keeping fresh pork and beef, so we'll hope some one can supply one for the veal. The old belief was that hair should be clipped in the growth of the hair to insure lengthened growth. I didn't know anybody really believed in this today.

Your two requests, for which you send stamped envelope, have been attended to.

Visits Exchanged.

Dear Miss Grey and Readers—It is a long time since I wrote to you page nearly a year, I believe, and God has blessed my husband, though he has been through all the heavy fighting since April of this year.

Miss Grey, I have just visited "156th Soldier's" wife a week ago, and in the past few days have enjoyed a visit to "156th Soldier's" wife and her children. I might say I am not sorry to have met them. We are great friends now. My little son is walking, and is a great comfort to me, more so as the long winter has arrived, and the loneliness is at hand. Will close, wishing you and the readers every success.

A 156TH SOLDIER'S WIFE.

P.S.—Please send me "Khaki Kid's" address, as I would like to have a soldier's letter.

Ans.—How pleasant it is to hear of these friendships, and to know that they were brought about through our Mail-Box. We'll rejoice with "Khaki Kid" in the fact that her husband's safety through many dangers. "K. K.'s" address has been mailed.

Just Learning to Knit.

Dear Miss Grey—I would like very much to get the addresses and names of a couple of your most needy and lonely soldiers. I will try to cheer them up with a letter or box, and probably a pair of socks, as I am just learning to knit, and I like to have fine socks. My first pair, and I am quite proud of them.

Do you recognize my writing, as I have written to you before?

JUST SIXTEEN.

Ans.—Shall send the names just as soon as any additional are received. There's no doubt someone will know of a lonely lad who would welcome those warm socks.

Notes.

A request for "Khaki Kid's" recitation, "The Soldier's Letter," has been mailed to her.

S. S. S.'s Sleeveless Sweater.

Dear Miss Grey—Thank you for assistance in response to the S. S. S. call for help with a sleeveless sweater: 3 hanks of yarn (4 pounds); 1 pair of bone needles (size of hole about 1/2 inch).

Cast on 80 stitches. Knit 2, purl 2 stitches, bind off 24 stitches. Cast on 24 stitches. Knit 2, purl 2 stitches (10 rows) on each shoulder. Cast on 24 stitches. Knit plain for 21 inches. Knit 2, purl 2 stitches for 4 inches. Sew up sides, leaving 9 inches for arm-holes.

To strengthen neck and armholes, either buttonhole with yarn or do two rows single crochet around neck, and one row single crochet around armholes.

Some people use the same yarn as is used for socks, but what I used was much heavier, and made a warmer and less stretchy garment. Where five fingers or ten rows are dotted on the neck, I found it necessary to do almost double that amount, for one must consider the fact that a man's head must go through the opening which is left, and if too small an opening.

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MUTT AND JEFF.—MUTT DOESN'T NEED A GAME BAG, HE NEEDS A TRUCK.



SENIORS DRAW UP THEIR SCHEDULE HERE

Was Drafted by Executives at Tecumseh House Yesterday — Junior Officials Gathered at Woodstock — Northern League Extends Time for Entries.

B. Dawson of Sarnia, convenor, and representatives of the Sarnia, Hamilton, Preston, Kitchener and London Military hockey clubs met at the Tecumseh House on Tuesday afternoon, and after a session which lasted more than five hours drew up the schedule for the group.

The local soldiers play their opening game at Sarnia on January 5, and the first game at home on January 12, against Hamilton. Because of the four-day leave which will be granted to the men at New Year's, it was impossible to give the London squad an earlier opening game.

Q. M. S. Storey, manager of the team, stated that his opening game will be off as long as possible, so that his men might have a chance to get into shape. They were on the ice last night for the first time, while the other teams have been working for some days.

Kitchener will open the group's schedule on December 28 with a game at Hamilton. The schedule closes here with a game between the soldiers and Preston on February 23. In drawing up the schedule the representatives agreed that it should be as elastic as possible, and will be altered once the season gets under way.

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KITCHENER DEFEATS FAST DETROIT TEAM 4 TO 2 IN EXHIBITION

Canadians Put Up Great Game Against Michigan Aggregation.

PLAY GREAT COMBINATION

Keep Yankees Well in Hand All the Time on Their Own Ice.

DETROIT, Dec. 18.—Kitchener's hockey outfit came on the ice to-night determined to break even on the series, and they did it. Score, 4 to 2, with Canada on the big end. From the starting whistle Kitchener was on the aggressive throughout, and pushed the locals back into their own territory time after time, while Hammeier, the Detroit goalie, was hard put to keep the puck out of the cage. Hammeier had a total of 18 stops, while Hainsworth, Kitchener's goalie, made 12.

Kitchener opened with a rush and played a bang-up game from the start to the time the whistle blew ending the first half. Seventeen shots were fired inside the red and white goal during the first period, three of these getting past Hammeier for Kitchener's goals.

Just two minutes had been played when Hammeier took a pass from Parker and slipped one into the cage for the first score. The teams played nip and tuck for the next 20 minutes, though the play was in Detroit's territory most of the time. Hammeier repeated again in 21 minutes, and Solomon followed with another marker for the Kitchener crowd, two minutes before half-time.

During the period the play was unnecessarily rough. Referee Fenwick ruled several players off the ice for unfair tactics. Detroit being penalized four times and Kitchener once.

The arena seven picked up considerably in the final period and played the Canadians a little better than even, though the boys in green seemed to be satisfied with their work in the first half and played on the defensive, a large portion of the time. Solomon skinned on into the net in 12 minutes, and this ended the scoring for the Kitchener team.

Holman, the arena speed boy, took the puck on a pretty pass from Shaw and slipped the first Detroit goal, the past Hainsworth four minutes before the final whistle and followed up with another in last minute of play taking puck through the whole Kitchener team.

As in the games against the De LaSalle last week the arena seven showed a lack of team work, while on the other hand, the boys from across the river had it down to a science, their combination work being a thing of beauty.

Holman, Turnishinsky and Kleban were the outstanding stars of the Canadians, while Holman played a beautiful game for Detroit. Holman is about the equal of any face-off man who has ever appeared in the arena. The summaries:

DETROIT.—Goals: Hammeier, 2; Kleban, 1; Holman, 1. Defence: Turnishinsky, Johnson. Defence: Kleban, Holman. Centre: Leroux, Arthur. Wing: Williams, Parts. Substitutes: Hammeier, 4; Detroit, 2. First half—Kitchener, 3; Detroit, 0. Second period—Goals: Hammeier, 2; Holman, 2; Kleban, 1; Hainsworth, 1. Offsides—Detroit, 4; Kitchener, 6. Penalties—Pletsch, Turnishinsky. Substitutions: Detroit—Johnson for Roberts; Roberts for Johnson; Kitchener—Mokay for Leroux. Referee—Fenwick. Time of periods—25 mins.

Soldiers Hold First Workout Last Night

The London Military Hockey Club of the senior O. H. A. held their first workout at the Westminster Rink on Tuesday night. About 25 would-be soldiers indulged in some puck-chasing under the direction of Q. M. S. Storey, of the W. O. R., who will manage the O. H. A. collection when it is formed. Some of the men displayed fair talent for the game last night. As soon as the boys got at it earnestly, Sergeant Storey expects to have no trouble in getting a speedy aggregation together. With the Inter-Unit League of four teams to draw from he should be able to corner some good men. The enforcement of the M. S. A. is also counted upon to bring some real fast players into the soldier team. Description is expected to bring at least a good goal keeper and another speedy man from Kitchener, and a fast forward from Preston, on the strength of the team here. Sergeant Storey tried to keep the first game of his squad off as long as possible, so as to give them the benefit of the men who will join on January 2.

Two good men now in the army are Sanderson, formerly of Woodstock, and Partridge, a former "pro" with a down-east team. Both are expected to turn out.

Junior O. H. A. Schedule Drawn Up At Woodstock

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 18.—The Junior schedule for the O. H. A. local group was drawn up at Woodstock today by representatives of the clubs from Sarnia, London, Woodstock and Ingersoll. Under the direction of Conover Francis Hyde, The Paris club was not represented at the meeting. Mr. Hyde looking after their interests.

London opens its season at home, going against the Sarnia team on January 11. The schedule on schedule on February 1 at Woodstock.

The schedule follows:

Dec. 22—Woodstock at Ingersoll.
Jan. 4—Sarnia at London.
Jan. 11—London at Paris.
Jan. 11—Sarnia at Woodstock.
Jan. 11—Paris at London.
Jan. 14—London at Paris.
Jan. 15—Ingersoll at Sarnia.
Jan. 15—Ingersoll at London.
Jan. 21—Paris at Ingersoll.
Jan. 21—London at Sarnia.
Jan. 24—Sarnia at Paris.

WITH THE BOWLERS

The Marconis whitewashed the Has-Beens in the City League series last night, winning three games from them. The Marconis had a good top on their totals every time, and the Has-Beens didn't have a show. Some good scores were turned in. P. Mascari did nice work, getting 54 for his total, and 217 as highest for a game. D. Catalano was in good shape and ran 207 for his first game, his total for the season being 584. Smith of the Has-Beens made 192 in his second end, with a total of 584.

The teams and scores:

Marconis:			
D. Catalano	194	182	584
J. Casey	151	133	284
T. Mascari	190	217	407
T. Mascari	174	132	306
Totals	723	728	1451
Has-Beens:			
Lang	129	173	302
Smith	182	192	374
Sheere	161	153	314
Totals	472	518	990

WEIGHMAN HINTS
At Two More Big Surprises Coming

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Charles Weighman, president of the National League baseball club, announced tonight that he was preparing two more baseball surprises which would be on par with his recent purchase of Alexander and Killifer.

LANGFORD WANTS TO MEET WILLARD

DENVER, Col., Dec. 18.—Sam Langford of Boston and "Bill" Brennan of New York, each are anxious for a fight with Jess Willard, the champion heavy-weight boxer, agree to meet at the Chicago Coliseum, and give the entire proceeds to the Red Cross, it was announced today.

HOCKEY STAR'S NARROW ESCAPE AT HALIFAX

INGERSOLL, Dec. 18.—A letter received by Mr. and Mrs. William Moulton from their son, Walter Moulton, Ingersoll's former star hockey player, relates his experience in the terrible explosion which occurred at Halifax. For over a year Walter Moulton has been a wireless operator on Canadian ships connected with the British navy. He states that about two minutes before the explosion occurred he had his breakfast brought to him. When he felt the shock and heard the terrible explosion he was horrified to see the body of the boy who had brought him his breakfast flying through the air. The right arm had been completely torn off and a large portion of the shoulder was gone. Going on deck he found most of the crew dead, and as he hurriedly left the ship he was told to run, as another explosion was about to take place. On every side as they hurried away they saw bodies and the debris caused by the explosion. The writer stated he had a very narrow escape, as his cabin was destroyed. The ship he was on was only about a quarter of a mile from where the explosion occurred.

I.C.I. HOCKEY LOOKS GOOD.

INGERSOLL, Dec. 18.—The team which will represent the Ingersoll Collegiate Institute in the Inter-Scholastic Hockey League has had a splendid work-out on last season's line-up will be available, namely: Francis, Enright, McMurray, Muir and Waterhouse. There are several promising players yet to be given, and it is believed the team will make a good showing.

KID WILLIAMS AND ERTLE DRAW BOUT

Ex-Bantamweight Champion and Claimant Split Honors at Baltimore.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 18.—Dr. Ertle, St. Paul claimant, and Kid Williams, the former title holder, went 12 rounds to a draw in a stirring bantamweight battle last night. From the time they shook hands at the opening bell until the referee Alexander raised the hands of both as a signal that his decision was a draw, there was constant action.

Landing a right-hand smash squarely on the jaw of Williams, Ertle sent the Baltimorean crumpling to the mat in the second round. When he topped to the canvas Williams stretched out and he seemed to be the full count. Just as Ertle was about to raise his hand, Williams was up more quickly this time, but was helpless when the gong sounded, saving him from a knockout.

Displaying remarkable recuperative powers, he safely weathered the third and fourth and in the fifth, again his old self, started in to deal out a terrific assault to the St. Paul lad. Ertle, however, was the stronger, and everything Williams had in stock without going down.

After the fifth, excepting probably the eleventh, when Ertle once more made his knees buckle with a right, Williams did practically all the fighting.

ALEXANDER WANTS SHARE

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Grover Alexander, the Philadelphia pitcher, who, with Cather Killifer, was sold to the Chicago Nationals in a deal involving \$50,000, said today after a conference with President Veech of the Chicago club, that he believed he is entitled to a part of the purchase price. There will be no hitch in the salary negotiations, as Alexander's contract, which does not expire for three years, calls for \$15,000 a year.

STRATFORD JUNIORS OPEN AT KITCHENER

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STRATFORD, Dec. 18.—The Stratford juniors will open their schedule at Kitchener on December 27, being the first game in the schedule for this district. At a meeting of representatives of the clubs this afternoon the schedule was drawn up as follows:

Dec. 27—Stratford at Kitchener.
Jan. 1—New Hamburg at Stratford.
Jan. 9—Kitchener at New Hamburg.
Jan. 17—Kitchener at Stratford.
Jan. 24—Stratford at New Hamburg.
Feb. 1—Stratford at Kitchener.
Feb. 8—Kitchener at Stratford.
Feb. 15—Stratford at New Hamburg.
Feb. 22—New Hamburg at Stratford.
Feb. 29—Stratford at Kitchener.
Mar. 7—Kitchener at Stratford.
Mar. 14—Stratford at New Hamburg.
Mar. 21—New Hamburg at Stratford.
Mar. 28—Stratford at Kitchener.
Apr. 4—Kitchener at Stratford.
Apr. 11—Stratford at New Hamburg.
Apr. 18—New Hamburg at Stratford.
Apr. 25—Stratford at Kitchener.
May 2—Kitchener at Stratford.
May 9—Stratford at New Hamburg.
May 16—New Hamburg at Stratford.
May 23—Stratford at Kitchener.
May 30—Kitchener at Stratford.

HOCKEY SEASON OPENS TONIGHT AT SARNIA CITY

SARNIA, Dec. 18.—The 1917 hockey season opens here Wednesday night, when the local Blue and Whites meet the Kitchener aggregation in a six-man game on the local ice. Kitchener has just been to Detroit, where they were royally liked. Bill Twatts will referee Wednesday's game, and all proceeds of the game are to be donated to the Halifax relief fund. The game with Kitchener will give the fans a chance to size up the local boys and see what their chances are in the senior series, and they should show up in first-class shape considering the practice they have been having for the past ten days. Arrangements are being completed for the local team to play a two-game series in Detroit on Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25.

VISITING INGERSOLL CURLERS DEFEATED HERE LAST NIGHT

London Curling Club Rinks Win Bonspiel 65 to 56.

THREE OF FIVE GAMES

Great Ovation Tendered the Visitors—Pipe Bands and Dancers Were Out.

Five rinks of Ingersoll curlers were the guests of the London Curling Club on Tuesday evening, a big bonspiel being put on in their honor. The visiting curlers were met by representatives of the local club and were escorted to the Grigg House, where a dinner was ready for them. After the dinner they adjourned to the rink, where they were met by Pipe-Sergeant McDonald with his pipe and Highland dancers. A great ovation greeted the Ingersoll men as they took the ice, and after the games a luncheon was served in the clubrooms at the rink. Addresses were made by visiting and local skippers. The local men kept the victory right in London by defeating the Ingersoll men 65 to 56, three of five games.

W. J. Sheelgrove is making the rounds of club members selling "goal" cards. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the season for these goal games.

The rinks and scores for last night's play were:

H. McEwen	W. Allister	W. Allister	W. Allister
R. Warren	H. Aked	H. Aked	H. Aked
R. B. Scott	W. Sheelgrove	W. Sheelgrove	W. Sheelgrove
J. A. Henderson	H. Hindmarsh	H. Hindmarsh	H. Hindmarsh
P. Skip	W. Anderson	W. Anderson	W. Anderson
W. Waterworth	J. Stone	J. Stone	J. Stone
P. Hammell	W. Strong	W. Strong	W. Strong
F. G. Valley	D. Helferman	D. Helferman	D. Helferman
Skip	W. L. Thomas	W. L. Thomas	W. L. Thomas
J. Calgoun	Frank Sage	Frank Sage	Frank Sage
T. Seiden	G. McKay	G. McKay	G. McKay
G. McKay	W. F. Elliott	W. F. Elliott	W. F. Elliott
Skip	Skip	Skip	Skip
Dr. Orr	Skip	Skip	Skip
J. Stalker	Skip	Skip	Skip
N. Petan	Skip	Skip	Skip
Skip	Skip	Skip	Skip
Hamilton	Skip	Skip	Skip
Fairburn	Skip	Skip	Skip
Lee	Skip	Skip	Skip
O. E. Robinson	Skip	Skip	Skip
Skip	Skip	Skip	Skip
Total	65	Total	56

NORTHERN LEAGUE DID NOT ARRANGE GROUPS

STRATFORD, Dec. 18.—The Northern League executive today did not group teams for the season. In view of the fact that they were reports of other clubs desiring to come in, which had not yet entered, the time was extended for a week.

Secretary Bamford of Listowel announced tonight that all entries must absolutely be in on or before December 25.

Schedule and junior teams will comprise the Northern League this season and the prospects look good.

FOR A MAN'S CHRISTMAS

A gift selected from this store is sure to please him. Besides being appropriate, they are useful.

Shirts\$1.00 to \$3.00	Sweater Coats
Neckwear	\$3.00 to \$6.00
50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50	Suspenders50c to 75c
Handkerchiefs, 50c to \$1.00	Garters25c to 50c
Cashmere Socks, 50c to 75c	And numerous other practical and useful gifts.
Silk Socks75c to \$1.00	
Mufflers\$1.50 to \$3.50	

All packed in neat, attractive boxes.

SELAKE, Men's Furnisher
DUNDAS AND CLARENCE STREETS.

WILSON'S "The National Smoke"
Eighteen million "Bachelors" sold annually in Canada

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AN IDEAL GIFT FOR BOY OR GIRL... A Brantford Red Bird Bicycle

Give the boy or girl something useful this year for Christmas. Something they will be able to use day in and day out for years. Something that will give him or her much joy, as well as promote health, save time and money.

The Boy or Girl Owner of a Bicycle Is a Happy Kid

Just put the proposition up to that boy or girl and see how eyes will sparkle and joy abound. It is the great dream of every one of them to own a bicycle. To be like other boys and girls—able to go on little trips of pleasure with their playmates or run messages for mother. It also helps them be on time for school and in a dozen other ways.

THERE IS NO WAITING

The man who uses his Bicycle for business will appreciate our prompt service in this department, as we employ the largest staff in the city in this line. All our work is guaranteed.

We give the same service to work sent us from out of the city. Write us for prices on repairs and accessories.

THERE IS NO EXPERIMENTING.

In buying a BRANTFORD BICYCLE, as they are manufactured by one of the largest concerns of its kind in the world, THE CANADA CYCLE & MOTOR COMPANY OF TORONTO, and backed by a guarantee that is worth something.

Let us show you the many advantages a BRANTFORD BICYCLE has over any other make.

Bicycle & Motor Sales
425-7 WELLINGTON ST. CANADA'S LARGEST BICYCLE MERCHANTS

THE MOST WELCOME XMAS GIFT A BRANTFORD RED BICYCLE

THE ADVANTAGES OF BICYCLING ARE SO NUMEROUS WE CAN ONLY SUGGEST A FEW.

—Saves Time.	—Always Ready to Hurry.
—Saves Walking.	—You Are Independent of
—Saves Car Fare.	Jitneys, Street Cars, Etc.
—Good on Errands.	—Pays for Itself.

OUR CHRISTMAS BUYING PROPOSITION WILL INTEREST YOU.

If you haven't the cash, we will make terms to suit. Do not be afraid to tell us your proposition.

WANTS WILLARD TO MEET WINNER OF FULTON-TATE BOUT

Western Sporting Association Offers to Put up \$60,000 For Red Cross.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 18.—A purse of \$60,000, which would be turned over to the Red Cross was offered here tonight for a fight between Jess Willard and the winner of the Fulton-Tate fight here on Christmas Day. The offer is made by Paul H. Gabriel, secretary of the Army Athletic Association, which has been staging battles in North Little Rock this winter for the benefit of the 40,000 soldiers stationed at Camp Pike. The fight would be staged on March 18 or 19 in an open air arena and would be scheduled for twenty rounds. Gabriel telegraphed the proposition to Willard.

GOTCH'S HOME TOWN PAYS HIM TRIBUTE

Shops and Schools Close While Great Wrestler Is Being Buried.

Humboldt, Ia., Dec. 19.—Humboldt turned from its normal tasks today to place in Union Cemetery here the body of Frank A. Gotch, the man whose wrestling fame had drawn public attention to this little city.

Business paused and the school closed as the city and countryside joined in tribute to the retired world's champion wrestler, who died at his home here last Sunday after a protracted illness.

The Masonic Order had charge of the services.

WINNIPEG ROLLERS ARE CHAMPIONS OF WESTERN CANADA

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Winnipeg has the champion bowling team of Western Canada. It was proved last night when the picked team of this city rolled the elect of Regina, Calgary and Vancouver in the final of the Western Canadian tournament. Winnipeg's five men amassed an aggregate of 2,577 in the three games, while Vancouver finished second with 2,444, Calgary third with 2,633, and Regina fourth with 2,596.

N. Y. YACHT CLUB MEETS

New York, Dec. 19.—When the annual election of officers of the New York Yacht Club is held tomorrow night it is expected that formal action will be taken on the question of yacht racing during the war.

Sentiment among the leading officials and members of the club is said to be against holding races as a club, although this will not prevent individual members from competing with any other club.

CLUB FOR HOSPITAL

Halifax, Dec. 19.—Plans are afoot to turn the sporting center of Halifax, the famous Waquoit Club, into a hospital. Col. McKelvey Bell, chairman of the medical committee, is arranging for the taking over of the club, and it is expected that Major Hough, head of the Rhode Island Red Cross unit, will take charge with his own staff of nurses and doctors.

Realizing the importance of proper consideration of good health, sanitation and housing in the rebuilding of the devastated areas of stricken Halifax, and being anxious to obtain the advice of the best experts possible, he is beginning the work the relief committee have brought Dr. Thomas Darlington, C.E., M.D., formerly health commissioner of New York, to the city to give the committee the benefit of his experience.

WANT CLUBS CLOSED. New York, Dec. 19.—Golf and country clubs throughout the United States have been requested by H. A. Garfield, fuel administrator, to close their clubhouses during the winter months in order to conserve coal.

HUN OFFICIALS GO HOME FROM ORIENTAL JOBS

A PACIFIC COAST PORT, Dec. 18.—Party German embassy at the Orient on a United States army transport, on their way to their native countries.

The party, which women and children, has been guaranteed safe conduct by the Allied Governments.



House Coats and Bathrobes

We have been complimented again and again on the very handsome choice of our selection. The tailoring and fit of our garments are not equalled in the city. Coats \$4.75 to \$10; Gowns, \$4.75 to \$15; Special lines, \$6.50 and \$8.50.

CHRISTMAS GLOVES

Undoubtedly the greatest range we have ever shown. As for values, when you see such handsome Cape Kid, lined throughout, and marked at\$1.50 Guaranteed Washable Cape at\$2.00 Mochas, Kids, Suedes, Bucks in Greys, Tans and Naturals, at practically old prices. English Wool Gloves and Mitts 85c, \$1.00 and \$1.50 Also at 75c and 50c

Fur Overcoat for Father

Or he may prefer one of our very handsome Fur Lined Coats or Fur Collar Coats. We have them in great abundance here, and most of them on 1915 contract prices. Fur Coats\$22.00 to \$32.50 Fur Collar Coats\$11.65 to \$16.50

R. H. & J. DOWLER, LIMITED

PREMIER PLEASED OVER HIS ELECTION IN KINGS

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Referring to his election in Kings County Sir Robert Borden tonight said: "I deeply appreciate the magnificent support that I received in my native county, from which I was absent during the whole campaign with the exception of about twenty-four hours. To the Unionist Association and the splendid elements of the Liberal party which stood for national unity, to the Conservative party which rallied so strongly in the same cause, and last but not least, to the women of the county, who were most earnest in purpose and indefatigable in effort, I send my most grateful thanks. I regard it as a great honor to represent in parliament the county to which I owe my birth and to which I shall give to my best services."

KILLED BY STREET CAR. Ottawa, Dec. 18.—A fatal street car accident occurred on the Britannia line about half past eight last evening, when Mrs. J. Y. Morrison, wife of Mr. J. Y.

BRITISH COMMONS MAY REVISE NATURALIZATION

LONDON, Dec. 18, via Reuters' Ottawa Agency.—In the House of Commons today Sir George Cave, home secretary, intimated that the Government contemplated introducing a bill to enable them to renew naturalization and to carry out denaturalization. But naturalization, he said, was now an imperial matter. It had been considered at the Imperial conference, where representatives of the Dominions had declared themselves prepared to be guided by the British government in their views. "They desired, however, that details of the scheme be submitted to their governments. Steps are taken immediately by the colonial office to send the Government's proposals to the Dominions, whose replies might be expected shortly, so that he should be able to introduce the bill before the end of the present session."

Perilous Trip To Get Soldier Votes Over St. Lawrence

"Liza Crossing the Ice" Outdone in Montreal District.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—The most dangerous work in connection with the elections in this city yesterday was that of Sergt. H. J. Thompson and Pte. Forbes of the military picket on St. Helens Island, who carried over the ballot box containing the votes of the 40 officers and men of the island yesterday afternoon. They had a dangerous trip across the St. Lawrence to the mainland, as the river was running at twelve knots an hour, and ice floes were partially choking the channel. They rowed in their boat until they could get a footing on solid ice then they towed the boat. They were an hour and a half making the trip. Had these 40 ballots been delayed in delivery to Lieut.-Col. Leprohon, the presiding officer for military voting, it would have resulted in a delay in the counting of the entire soldiers' vote at Ottawa.

BOTH WELL KNOWN. SARNIA, Dec. 18.—Wm. J. Walsh, the Grand Trunk engineer, who was killed in a collision near Stony Creek today, resided at 422 Campbell street. The fireman, Percy Ramsey, resides at 147 Kildale avenue, this city. Both men were married.

THE RED RASH OF DYSPEPSIA

Stomach Trouble May Ruin a Most Beautiful Complexion—Prevent Such Disaster With Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.



"It isn't Extreme Care That Preserves My Beauty. It is a Good Stomach Kept Sound by Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets."

Hundreds of otherwise pretty girls have a regular stomach face. Little pimples break out. Then bigger ones, all the result of undigested food in a weak digestive system. If these girls would take a Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablet after meals the pimples would go away, the skin would be clearer and the pinched, haggard expression would give way to smiles. It isn't what you eat, nor the quantity, it is the ability of the digestive organs to turn food into pure blood. When food lies in the stomach and sours, ferments, becomes gassy, causes rumblings and belching, there is trouble ahead unless Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are relied upon. Get a 50-cent box today at any druggist's and avoid spoiling your complexion.

TREMENDOUS PROFITS ON GERMAN PATENTS REDUCED BY STATES

Drug That Sold For \$720 Per Pound Can Be Made For \$65.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Limitation of profits on drugs manufactured in this country on licenses to use German-owned patents is being exercised by the federal trade commission to reduce the high prices which have prevailed since the war began. In announcing today that the Abbott laboratories of Chicago had been licensed to manufacture "veronal," a hypnotic and nerve calmative, the commission said that the drug would be produced for \$20 a pound and sold "at a 15 per cent profit." The present price is \$10 a pound. The drug hereafter will be known as "barbital."

SACRED JERUSALEM IS ENTIRELY INTACT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Major Edward Davis, the American military attaché at Athens, Greece, was with the British troops when they occupied Jerusalem. Dispatches to the state department today said Major Davis reported that the city was undamaged and the inhabitants received the army cordially.

SWISS PLEASED WITH TREATMENT BY STATES

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 18.—The text of the new commercial treaty with the United States was published in Switzerland today and caused an impression everywhere. All the Swiss newspapers express the warmest gratitude of the Swiss people to President Wilson and the American Government. The Bund says: "America has acted toward Switzerland as a real friend in need."

BORDEN CABLES HUGHES RESULT OF ELECTIONS

Says Canada is Watching Campaign in Australia.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Sir Robert Borden has sent the following cablegram to Premier Hughes of Australia: "In yesterday's election the enforcement of compulsory military service to sustain Canada's efforts in the war, and to provide adequate reinforcements for the Canadian army was directly the issue. The Government has been sustained by a majority of at least 50, which will be increased to 66 by the soldiers' vote. The democracy of Canada has magnificently sustained the highest test of its courage, vision and endurance. Canada has watched Australia's magnificent effort with deepest admiration, and we send warmest wishes for every success in the splendid campaign now being carried on in your country to provide reinforcements for the heroic Australian forces, whose wonderful achievements in the cause of liberty and civilization have brought world-wide honor and distinction to your great commonwealth."

Ye Olde Firme The Superlative IN CHRISTMAS GIFTS

When buying a Christmas gift for someone very dear to you, the best is none too good. You want something that will be a constant reminder for years to come of your love and thought. In the

Heintzman & Co. Art Piano Grand or Upright "W. rld's Best Piano"

you have the best piano that man can make or money can buy. "Best" is a word often used but hard to prove. A critical examination of this world-famous piano will convince you that "best" is the only correct term to use. May we demonstrate this great Canadian instrument to you?



GOVERNMENT ENGINES COMMANDEERED TO HELP LIFT FREIGHT BLOCKADE

Philadelphia, Dec. 18.—Thirty Government locomotives built at the Baldwin works here for military railroads in France have been ordered into service in Philadelphia and nearby territory by the Federal Government. It was learned today. This, with about a hundred engines loaned by western railroads to speed up the movement of congested freight traffic, so that coal can be rushed to cities where Government war work is threatened with interference by the shortage of fuel.

FIREMEN WANT MORE PAY.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Demands for wage increases of from 19 to 25 per cent were submitted by 75,000 local firemen on railroads in the United States for a vote today. The demands were drawn up by committees of the trainmen's brotherhoods. Instructions sent to firemen say the vote is not on the question of a strike.

NEW PRINCIPAL OF U. C. C. TORONTO, Dec. 18.—Professor Major Grant was today installed to the principalship of Upper Canada College. The new principal has seen considerable service in France during the present war.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT THE HOUSE OF CASSELMAN

Is made easy, comfortable and pleasurable. The full stock of gift-suggestions in slippers of all kinds for the men, Julietts, Kosys and boudoirs for the ladies, hockey boots and skates for the boys and girls. Tiny comfort slippers for the baby. Everything for use and comfort in footwear of the best quality at reasonable prices with excellent service. Don't put off too long; avoid the rush.

LADIES'

High Cut Kosy Felt, padded heels, colors black, red, grey and pink. Prices\$1.25 to \$1.50 Ribbon Trimmed Kosys, padded heels, in red, brown, black, green, olive and grey. Price\$1.00 Combination Colored Kosys, padded heels, in red, blue, greys and brown. Price85c Felt Julietts, leather soles and heels, fur-trimmed, cherry, blue, grey, brown and black. Price\$2.00 Velvet combination Julietts, with leather soles and heels, in black, ruby, grey, purple, appleblossom, blue, red and Roumanian. Prices\$1.50 to \$1.75 Boudoir Leather Slippers with or without heels, in white, blue, rose, grey and purple, at \$1.50 and \$2.00 Plaid Heavy Warm Slippers, with leather and felt soles, in combination tops in many shades. Prices\$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75

MEN'S

Black Vici Kid Romeos, turn leather sole. Price\$2.50 Black Vici Kid Everetts, turn soles. Prices\$1.75 to \$2.50 Chocolate Kid Romeos, turn soles. Price\$3.00 Chocolate Kid Everetts and Operas, turn soles. Prices\$1.50 to \$3.00 Grey Felt Kosy Welts, padded heels\$1.35 Plaid Buckled Slippers, real warmth, at\$1.50 Plaid Combination, colors\$1.25 to \$1.75 Leather Boots, in black or tan, Goodyear Welts. Prices\$5.00 to \$10.00 Men's Hockey Boots, McCullough pattern\$2.75 to \$5.00

FOR GIRLS AND BOYS.

Girls' and Boys' Hockey Boots, strong and warm\$1.75 to \$4.00 Hockey Boots and Automobile Skates. Prices\$1.75 to \$3.00 Hockey Boots, strong, neat and warm. Prices\$2.00 to \$4.00 Warm House Slippers, made in leather, felt and velvet, black or in any color75c to \$1.25 Buckskin Moccasins90c to \$1.50 Shoe Packs, at\$2.00 to \$2.75

Casselman Bros.

The Shoe Shop of Quality, Value, Service.

171 DUNDAS STREET.

HALIFAX ELEVATOR IS TO BE RUNNING AGAIN THIS WEEK

Trains Again Running Regularly Into North Street Station.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Hon. Dr. Reid, minister of railways and canals, received information today from Halifax that all work in connection with the railway building is progressing satisfactorily, that material and men are arriving, and that the elevator will be operating again this week. When he left Saturday, Dr. Reid said, trains were running regularly into the North street station.

GIRL'S WOULD-BE SLAYER PROVES TO BE AUSTRIAN

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—The man who shot Miss Madeleine Scott and himself on Sunday night, and who, as well as Miss Scott, is in the Royal Victoria Hospital, has been identified as Philip Smaragay, an Austrian, who has boarded on Elizabeth street for two weeks. So far

SWITZERLAND WILL FIGHT IF INVASION THREATENS

President Says Nation Will Defend Her Neutrality.

GENEVA, Dec. 18.—President Felix Calonder, in the first public speech he has delivered since his recent election, said here that the Swiss people were ready to pour out their blood against anyone who made an attempt to invade their country. Switzerland, declared the president, would defend her neutrality to the end.

EULER'S SUPPORTERS DENY WILD STORIES

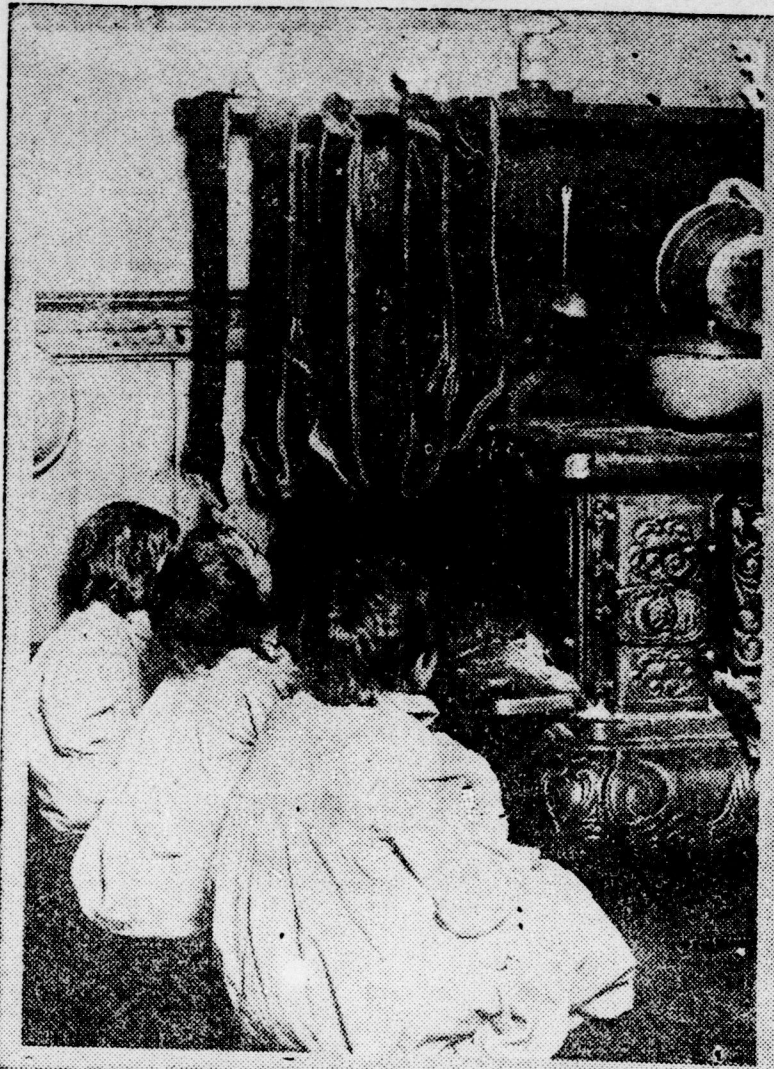
KITCHENER, Dec. 18.—W. D. Euler's supporters emphatically deny that the inscription on the coffin in last night's parade had any reference to Canadian soldiers. They found the original card-boards this afternoon, which read: "Here Lies Billy Weichel."

The complete returns give Euler a majority of 2,333 over Welchel, and plurality over his two opponents of 2,155. Smith, Socialist candidate, secured a total of 238 votes, and will lose his deposit.

CHINESE INVESTIGATOR SLAIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Believed to have been the victim of tong men, George D. Gee, a Chinese employed by the United States Government as an investigator of violations of the opium law, was stabbed to death in his home here. His body was found by his American wife. The slayers left no clue.

SUSPENSE!



In London and other Western Ontario communities canvasses are being made to fill the stockings of soldiers' kiddies. Let none of the eager, expectant ones be disappointed.

HEZZELWOOD'S ASSURANCE OF EXEMPTION REJECTED BY JUDGE; MAN NOT AN ACTIVE FARMER

Real Meaning of Wholesale Telegram Campaign Comes Out in Appellate Court—Recipient Not an "Effective" Farmer, But Employed as Baggageman.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

PALMERSTON, Dec. 18.—A man named Burrett appeared before Judge Barron at the first session of the appellate court to hear appeals from the decisions of tribunals.

He bore in his hand a telegram from Oliver Hezzelwood, the promoter of wholesale exemption, as well as a letter from Lieut.-Col. Smith, much to the same effect.

Judge Barron questioned the man, and discovered that he had not been employed on a farm "habitually or effectively" or any other way since last October, but had been working as a baggageman for the C. P. R. at Bala.

Judge Barron disallowed the appeal, and the man will have to go to war. He was much disturbed after having received the telegram assuring him that he would be exempted.

Another similar case was to have come up, but the man did not appear, and the appeal was dismissed.

All farmers' appeals will have to go to the appeal judges in all parts of Canada.

SCALE OF WAGES IS PUBLISHED TO GET HALIFAX BUILT UP

Col. Low Calling for Many Craftsmen.

MAKES GENERAL APPEAL

Wants Mayors and Postmasters to Make Register of Willing Hands

HALIFAX, Dec. 18.—Col. Robert Low, who has been appointed by the relief committee as manager of the reconstruction of Halifax, makes the following statement addressed to all mayors and postmasters, particularly in the Maritime Provinces:

"Halifax is up against a serious proposition in regard to getting sufficient labor into the city to proceed with the repairs necessary to be done in making the houses habitable. As it will be quite a time before we will be able to put them into the condition as they would get the press of your town to bring this to the notice of all tradesmen and workmen of all classes to register with your town clerk how many of them can proceed to Halifax and help with this very necessary and charitable work."

"We will pay the following wages per hour: Carpenters, 40 cents; glaziers, 45 cents; plumbers, 45 cents; stone masons, 50 cents; bricklayers, 50 cents; laborers, 40 cents; single teams, 40 cents; double teams, 55 cents."

"In other trades standard Halifax union wages prevail. Board, \$1 per week. As soon as you can get this tabulated do not wait more than 24 hours to let us know how many of the different classes you can get, and you can follow it by letter advising us of any others that may register."

PREMIER HAS HIGH PRAISE FOR SUPPORT HE GOT FROM PRESS

Lauds Opposition Journalists Who Closed Door on the Past.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Sir Robert Borden issued two statements today. He bubbled over with satisfaction at the result of the election in the first, and his enthusiasm overlooked his heavy artillery—the press. So the premier issued a second statement to remedy the oversight. He says:

"In a statement which I gave out early this morning, I omitted to pay a well-deserved tribute to the press, a well-deserved and their utmost effort in aid of former political opponents. This spirit is akin to Canadianism which holds the enemy beyond the seas. It signifies a clear comprehension of the higher national duty and a wide vision which looks beyond the ordinary considerations of party or party. It is well to know that among the leaders of Canada there are men who can rise to the height of this great argument."

TO PUT ON FLESH AND INCREASE WEIGHT

A PHYSICIAN'S ADVICE.

Most thin people eat from four to six pounds of good, solid, fat-making food every day and still do not increase in weight one ounce, while on the other hand many of the plump, chunky folks eat very lightly and keep gaining all the time. It's all bosh to say that this is the nature of the individual. It isn't Nature's way at all.

Thin folks stay thin because their powers of assimilation are defective. They absorb just enough of the food they eat to maintain life and a semblance of health and strength. Stuffing won't help them. A dozen meals a day won't make them gain a single "stay there" pound. All the fat-producing elements of their food just stay in the intestines until they pass from the body as waste.

What such people need is something that will prepare these fatty food elements so that their blood can absorb them and deposit them all about the body—something, too, that will multiply their red blood corpuscles and increase their blood's carrying power.

For such a condition I always recommend eating a SALTOGYN tablet with every meal. SALTOGYN is not, as some believe, a drug, but is a scientific combination of the most effective and powerful flesh-building elements known to chemistry. It is absolutely harmless, yet wonderfully effective and a single tablet eaten with each meal often has the effect of increasing the weight of a thin man or woman from three to five pounds a week. SALTOGYN is sold by Standard Drug Company and good druggists everywhere on a positive guarantee of weight increase or money back.



HUNDREDS OF Christmas Gifts At C. H. Ward & Co.'s Jewelry Store

GIFTS FOR LADIES

Diamond Rings	\$5.00 to \$400.00
Diamond Set Pendants	\$9.00 to \$500.00
Diamond Set Bar Pins and Brooches	
Wrist Watches	\$7.00 up
Bracelets	\$2.00 to \$100.00
Fancy Combs	\$2.00 to \$5.00
Fountain Pens	\$1.00 to \$10.00
Mesh Bags, silver and gunmetal	\$1.00 up
Toilet Sets and Manicure Sets, in ebony, ivory, sterling silver	\$15.00 to \$35.00
Umbrellas	\$3.50 to \$15.00
Cameo Rings	\$3.50 to \$15.00
Pearl Beads	\$1.00 to \$10.00
Coin and Vanity Cases	\$1.00 to \$10.00
Bedroom Clocks, in mahogany, white and gilt	\$2.50 to \$10.00
Card Cases	\$12.00 and \$20.00
Pearl Rings, mounted in 14k, single, 3-stone and 4-stone rings	\$3.00 to \$50.00
Earrings	.50c to \$100.00
Jewel Cases, in oak, mahogany and ivory	\$2.00 to \$15.00
Photo Frames, sterling silver, ivory and plated	.50c to \$15.00
Smelling Salts	\$1.50 up
Sterling, gold-filled and solid gold	.50c to \$7.50

GIFTS FOR GENTLEMEN

Watches	\$1.00 to \$100.00
Watch Chains, in Waldemar, single and double	\$2.00 to \$30.00
Cuff Links, silver, gold-plated, gold-filled and solid gold	.50c to \$7.00
Cuff Links, diamond set	\$10.00 up
Tiepins, from	.50c to \$200.00
Military Brushes, in sterling silver, ivory and ebony	\$2.50 to \$15.00
Cigarette Cases	\$2.00 up
Cigar Cutters	\$1.00 to \$2.50
Match Safes	\$2.00 to \$8.50
Canes	\$1.00 to \$20.00
Umbrellas	\$3.50 to \$12.00
Ash Trays	.25c to \$1.75
Smoking Sets	\$3.00 to \$10.00
Shaving Mugs	\$3.50 to \$5.50
Safety Razors	\$5.00
Metal and Ribbon Fobs	\$2.00 up
Lockets and Charms	.75c up
Pocketknives	\$1.50 to \$12.00
Fountain Pens	\$1.00 to \$10.00
Gold-Filled and Silver Pencils	\$1.00 to \$10.00
Pocket Combs	.35c to 75c
Pocket Mirrors	.75c
Signet Rings, good weight	\$3.00 up

Buy a Big Ben Alarm Clock to get the boy up early.

EXTRA SPECIAL

\$5.00 Ladies' Silk and Wool Top Umbrellas, gold-filled or sterling silver mounting	\$3.50
\$6.00 Ladies' Silk and Wool Top Umbrellas, with ring	\$4.00
\$6.00 Ladies' Silk and Wool Top Umbrellas, ivory-mounted handles, with cords; newest designs	\$4.00
\$5.00 Men's Silk and Wool Umbrellas, gold-filled or sterling silver mountings	\$3.50

BARGAIN TABLE SPECIALS

If you can find what you want in our list, you can surely select it from one of our Bargain Tables.

Main Floor \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$4.00 tables

Basement .50c and 75c tables

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DIAMOND MERCHANTS AND JEWELERS
386 RICHMOND ST. PHONE 1084



A Magnificent Gift

Much has been said of having great musicians and artists come to your home to sing and play for you.

The hard, blunt truth of the matter is that they DON'T come to your home unless Mr. Edison has brought them there with his New Phonograph.

All the reasons advanced in favor of having a "talking" machine in the house fall far short of the one great reason for having a New Edison.

That one great reason is that

The New Edison

ALONE RE-CREATES MUSIC—that it alone fills that void and brings to mankind that emotional refreshment and relaxation that is the province of REAL MUSIC.

Real Music! Not an approximate reproduction—not an imitation. That is why the New Edison is not like any "Talking Machine" on earth.

See That W. McPhillips' Name Is On the Lid

A guarantee or a promise is just as good as the man who makes it. Edison's name, of course, is good enough in itself, but I feel that I have a personal responsibility. I expect to go on doing business in London for a good many years to come, and I must make good to my customers. There are a thousand little services to be rendered the customer in the course of the year. I am right here—the factory is a thousand miles away.

To be a customer of W. McPhillips means that his service department and his "Minute Men" are at your beck and call. It means promptness in the delivery of records, it means keeping your instrument timed, tuned, adjusted and oiled without any expense to you.

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Ouch! ? ! ? ! This kind of rough talk will be heard less here in town if people troubled with corns will follow the simple advice of this Cincinnati authority, who claims that a few drops of a drug called freezone when applied to a tender, aching corn stops soreness at once, and soon the corn dries up and lifts right off without pain.

He says freezone is an ether compound which dries immediately and never inflames or even irritates the surrounding tissue or skin. A quarter of an ounce of freezone will cost very little at any drug store, but is sufficient to remove every hard or soft corn or callous from one's feet. Millions of American women will welcome this announcement since the inauguration of the high heels.

KITCHENER FIRMS WILL NOT SUFFER, DECLARES EULER

No Permanent Prejudice
Against Free Voters, Is
Victor's View.

KITCHENER, Dec. 18.—The most dramatic and sensational year in the history of an Ontario municipal council closed quietly tonight. The spectators' chamber, which two weeks ago was thronged with a crowd demanding an apology to Premier Borden, was deserted, and there were no ratepayers present for the passing of a bylaw raising the mayor's salary to \$1,000 a year, only business of a routine nature was transacted.

Complete returns in North Waterloo gave W. D. Euler, Liberal, 5,222 votes; W. G. Weichsel, Unionist, 2,923, and M. Smith, Socialist, 256, giving Euler a majority of 2,298 over Weichsel, and a plurality of 4,966 in a statement today Mr. Euler stated that the vote shows the dissatisfaction over the Government disfranchising so many in the riding, and they also registered their objection to the conscription act.

Mr. Euler stated that he has no apprehension that harm will result to the industry of the riding. "Canadians have a sense of justice and they will not permit permanent prejudice against people who have exercised their rights as free citizens to vote," he said.

Mr. Weichsel felt he did his duty for the riding as a British-Canadian, and had no regrets. "Having done my duty even though the duty was misunderstood by a majority in North Waterloo leaves me proud in the knowledge I was true to my country and myself," he said.

**ENGINEER DROWNED
WHEN LOCOMOTIVE
BACKED INTO RIVER**

Drawbridge at Port Huron
Was Left Open in Fog.

SARNIA, Dec. 18.—When a Pere Marquette engine, which was backing up at the south approach to the Black River railroad bridge, dropped over into the river this morning, Engineer J. H. McIntosh, of 1234 Griswold street, was drowned, and Fireman Gus Henning, of 827 Pine street, had a narrow escape from a similar fate. The accident occurred about seven o'clock.

Owing to a fog the bridge warning signals and the big engine, drawing a string of cars backed along the track just as the bridge was opened to let the ferry crosser go. The train was moving at a slow speed, and engine and tender dropped out of sight into the river.

Both men jumped and started to swim which was almost impossible, owing to floating ice. At present the front wheels of the engine are hanging to the track with the tender and cab submerged. It will require a tug to raise the engine from its position. Henning was rescued, and is suffering from exposure and shock. McIntosh's body was recovered.

**RECRUITING DRIVE IN
DETROIT MAY YIELD
SEVERAL BATTALIONS**

Estimated 20,000 Canadians
of Draft Age Are
Available.

DETROIT, Dec. 18.—Working in conjunction with a number of organizations, including St. Andrew's, St. George's and the Order of Scottish Clans, the British recruiting mission in Detroit tonight at a mass meeting inaugurated a recruiting drive which is hoped will yield several thousand draft age who are living in Detroit.

Major J. P. Templeton, in charge of the campaign, made a strong address in St. Andrew's Hall this evening, using a large lantern with topographical markings to illustrate his arguments.

CAPT. MCKINNON WOUNDED.
PRICEVILLE, Dec. 18.—Capt. H. B. McKinnon, has been wounded. The official message states he was slightly wounded by a bullet in the chest. He is now in the 11th Battalion, Stratford, as supply officer for the 7th Battalion.

On the formation of the 11th he was made adjutant. When the Perth went overseas, he was transferred to the Royal Flying Corps and had been in France since November 5. Prior to enlistment he was on the staff of the Toronto Globe, and conducted the agricultural page under the title of Timothy Spray.

McKinnon was killed in action in October.

BUSY FOR SOLDIERS.
KERRWOOD, Dec. 18.—The Patriotic Circle met at the home of Mrs. Dymond and the members made pillows, quilts and sent away 150 pairs of socks in the last two months. The circle gratefully \$5 from J. J. Foster, sewing donations from Mrs. Langford, and \$1 from Mrs. H. Morgan.

MAJOR VANSTONE.
WINGHAM, Dec. 18.—W. F. Vanstone has word here that his son, Major C. G. Vanstone, of the 11st Battalion, is seriously ill of the 11st Battalion, and is being treated in England.

The major was gazetted in England and was on the staff of the Toronto Globe, and conducted the agricultural page under the title of Timothy Spray.

**GERMAN CITY DWELLERS
ARE FACING FAMINE**

Absolutely Essential Foodstuffs Are
Unobtainable.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 18.—The Berlin Tageblatt severely criticizing the war provision service says that the coming winter with anxious economy and serious fear. The foodstuff prospects are very unfavorable to the time during the war. To the high cost of necessities, which already has become a terrible burden on the masses, is added the danger that not even the most absolutely necessary foodstuffs can be considered as being assured.

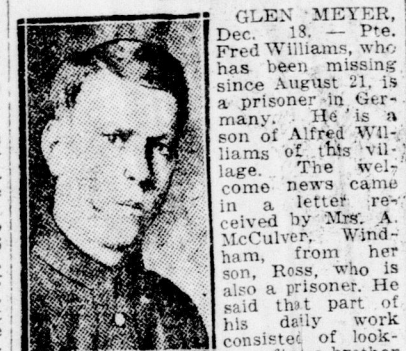
**HUNS SAVED TWO SAILORS
FROM AMERICAN SHIPS**

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.—Two sailors were saved by the German submarine according to an official German announcement received here today.

The Jacob Jones was torpedoed and sunk in the war zone on December 6, and 65 men on board were missing. Survivors reported that one American who spoke German was taken away a prisoner on the U-boat.

PTE. FRED WILLIAMS, LONG MISSING, IS GERMAN PRISONER

Glenmeyer Soldier Is Being
Looked After by
Comrade.



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GLEN MEYER, Dec. 18.—Pte. Fred Williams, who has been missing since August 1916, is a prisoner in Germany. He is a son of the village. The well-known news came in a letter received by Mrs. A. McKinnon, of Wingham, from her son, Ross, who is also a prisoner. He said that part of his daily work consisted of looking after a brother member of the regiment.

**ADMIT PARTICIPATION
BUT DENY KNOWLEDGE
OF DYNAMITE PLOTS**

Defendants Declare They Did
Not Know of Conspiracy.

DETROIT, Dec. 18.—Three of the five persons on trial here with Albert C. Katschmidt, on charges of conspiracy to destroy public and private property in the United States and Canada, today admitted participation in the alleged plots, but declared that at the time they did not know what was being done.

Fritz Neef, Franz Respa, a native of Germany, 70 years of age, and Charles Schmidt, the defendants, who testified today.

Neef testified that Katschmidt told him of dynamite plots, and he protested, saying: "No god would accuse to Germany by killing innocent persons." Neef told Katschmidt, he testified, that he would have nothing to do with the plans. He testified also that a meeting was held at a local hotel at which means of bringing an embargo on munitions ships to the Allies were discussed. Katschmidt, he said, worked hard for this plan.

Respa, through an interpreter, said dynamite was brought to his home by his daughter, Mrs. Carl Schmidt, also a trial, and William J. Rosch, who testified recently for the Government. He did not know, he testified, why the dynamite was brought to his home.

Schmidt testified that Katschmidt asked him to do some work for him. He was asked, he said, to get information concerning railroad tracks, particularly whether they were single or double tracks, at different places. He said he did not know Katschmidt's reasons for wanting the information.

Further evidence tended to show that Katschmidt is charged with having received through German official sources a personal loan. He has introduced at the forenoon session, John Ballantyne, president of a local bank, testified that Katschmidt, in October, 1915, paid \$22,000 to two Toronto men for their interest in his salt factory at Marine City, Mich. The trial will be resumed tomorrow.

**U. S. HOUSE TO VOTE
ON SUFFRAGE ISSUE**

Amendment Will Be Passed
Upon Early Next
Month.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Vote in the House on the woman suffrage constitutional amendment on Thursday, January 19, was assured today, when the rules committee agreed on that date.

TEST VOTE IN FAVOR.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—On a test vote today, indicating sentiment in the House toward the woman suffrage constitutional amendment, the suffragists polled seven more than a two-thirds vote. The question was referring suffrage resolutions to the new woman suffrage committee as the suffragists, instead of the elections committee as the anti-suffragists asked.

**GOVERNOR OF CALIF
TARGET OF BOMBERS**

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 13.—Governor Stevens, whose official residence here was damaged last night by a dynamite explosion, characterized the action in a statement tonight as "probably having been done with a view to terrorizing the chief weapon of an alien enemy."

**U. S. CREATES BUREAU TO
CHECK TRADE WITH FOE**

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The appointment of John Henry Hammond, of the New York banking firm of Brown Brothers & Company, as director of the bureau of enemy trade, with headquarters at Washington, D.C., was announced here today. The bureau is a department of the war trade board, and has charge of the issuing, or refusing, of licenses to deal with an enemy or ally of an enemy.

**ADDITIONAL LIST
OF HALIFAX DEAD**

HALIFAX, Dec. 18.—An additional list of identified dead follows: Charles Moore, Carl Frederick Fisher, Frank Kileen, Alice Faulkner, William Faulkner, Mrs. Catherine Hackett, James Bonnet, George McAlister, William Thomas, Maggie King, William G. Polinghouse, Edward Horner, Walter Hennessy, James Potter, Joseph McIntosh, John Walsh, Vincent Dwyer, Mrs. Joseph Langwith, Helen Langwith, Fred Hinch, Arthur Hinch, Mrs. Morton Schurman, Charles F. Hartley, Miss Emma Stokell, Mrs. Mary Stewart.

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D. McInnes,
STRATFORD,
W. E. McPherson,
MAIDSTONE,
J. R. Shuttleworth.

MISSING
COLLINGWOOD,
E. R. Brown,
EUGENIA FALLS,
H. S. Parliament.

WOUNDED
HESPELER,
L. Groh,
BROWNVILLE,
W. Kaar,
J. D. Newman,
PRICEVILLE,
Capt. H. B. McKinnon,
KINTORE,
J. P. Callaghan,
Capt. H. B. McKinnon.

FRACTURED RIB
LONDON,
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**SENATE OF FRANCE TO
DISCUSS PUBLISHER**

Immunity of Charles Humbert Is
Suspended.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The Senate today without discussion voted to suspend the immunity of Senator Charles Humbert, former proprietor of the Journal, in accordance with the demand of the public prosecutor. In the Chamber, M. Palsant drew a report that he had drawn up for the Chamber's committee of eleven on the question of the suspension of the immunity of Senators Caillaux and Loustalot. The report was adopted by seven members of the committee voting for it and four abstaining from voting. The report requested the Chamber to discuss the report Saturday.

SOLDIERS' VOTE WILL NOT DEFEAT KENNEDY BUT MAY BEAT ATKIN

Col. Wigle Cannot Hope to
Overcome Monster Majority.

WINDSOR, Dec. 18.—That the vote cast by the soldiers will not materially affect the result of the parliamentary election in North Essex for William C. Kennedy, Liberal, over Lieut.-Col. E. S. Wigle, Unionist, by a plurality of 1,382, was admitted today by Barrister F. C. Kirby, a member of Wigle's executive committee.

It is estimated there are between 1,200 to 1,500 soldiers overseas who can be classed as North Essex electors. These men resided in the border constituency more than six months prior to enlistment, which gives them the right to vote here. As Col. Wigle cannot expect to receive all the votes of soldiers who come in the category of North Essex electors, the majority of the Liberal candidate will not be out by more than 1,000 at the outside, Mr. Kirby said, by the ballots cast by men of North Essex overseas, so that the defeat of Kennedy can only be possible by use of the unattached vote.

The greatest surprise of the day was that Windsor gave Kennedy a majority of more than 100, the second time in the history of North Essex federal politics that a Liberal candidate has been so favored by the city electors, indicating that despite the organized effort of several hundred female workers for Col. Wigle, the women relatives of the men serving overseas, numbering 1,200 or more, did not go solidly for the soldier candidate as expected.

According to Col. Wigle, the manifesto issued by Bishop Fallon of London asking Catholic electors of Western Ontario to support Union did not assist the Union cause.

The bishop's appeal for support of Union Government was not heeded by Irish Catholics, and on the other hand, it had the effect of stirring up the French-Canadians," said the defeated candidate as expected.

VETERAN EDITOR DEAD.
CLINTON, Dec. 18.—Robert Matheson, B. A., aged 83, former editor of the Clinton News, died recently in Chicago. He was born at Simcoe, and in 1856 graduated from Toronto Uni-

LATE HENRY FINCH WAS TOWNSHIP AUDITOR

DORCHESTER, Dec. 18.—Henry Finch, aged 73, one of North Dorchester's prominent residents, died at his home in Harrietsville last night, after a two years' illness with pernicious anaemia. He was for many years township auditor.

He leaves his wife and eight children: Mrs. L. L. York, Laurie, Elton and Douglas of Harrietsville; Walker of London, Wesley of Toronto, Hillard of Manitoba, and Claude of Kincardine. Ten sisters and brothers also survive: Mrs. L. McTavish and Miss Nellie Finch, Belmont; Mrs. Pawcett, Toronto; Mrs. S. Ballin, and Mrs. Jackson in the west; Mrs. R. Sherk, North Bay; Denzil and Culver of Mapleton; John of Aylmer, and Galatan of Mandanville.

The funeral will be held from her late residence on Thursday afternoon. Rev. E. S. Clifton will conduct the services and interment will be made at the Union Cemetery.

**RETURNS FROM WEST
SURPRISE SIR WILFRID**

SUBSURY, Dec. 18.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his party passed through Sudbury at 7 o'clock tonight. When asked in his private car if he had anything to say through the press to the people of Ontario, he replied: "I have nothing to say." When informed that the Opposition had only one seat west of the Great Lakes Sir Wilfrid exclaimed: "Incredible! What report is that?"

He was informed that it was the Canadian Press 6 o'clock summary. Hon. Walter Mitchell of Quebec took down the figures and later expressed the greatest surprise with the returns from the West. He told the Canadian Press correspondent that no public man in Ottawa had received the ovations of the public that Sir Wilfrid had on his western trip. Senator Casgrain was dumfounded with the western returns. Hartley Dewar was in the party and went east to Ottawa.

Sir Wilfrid was most cheerful and pleasant.

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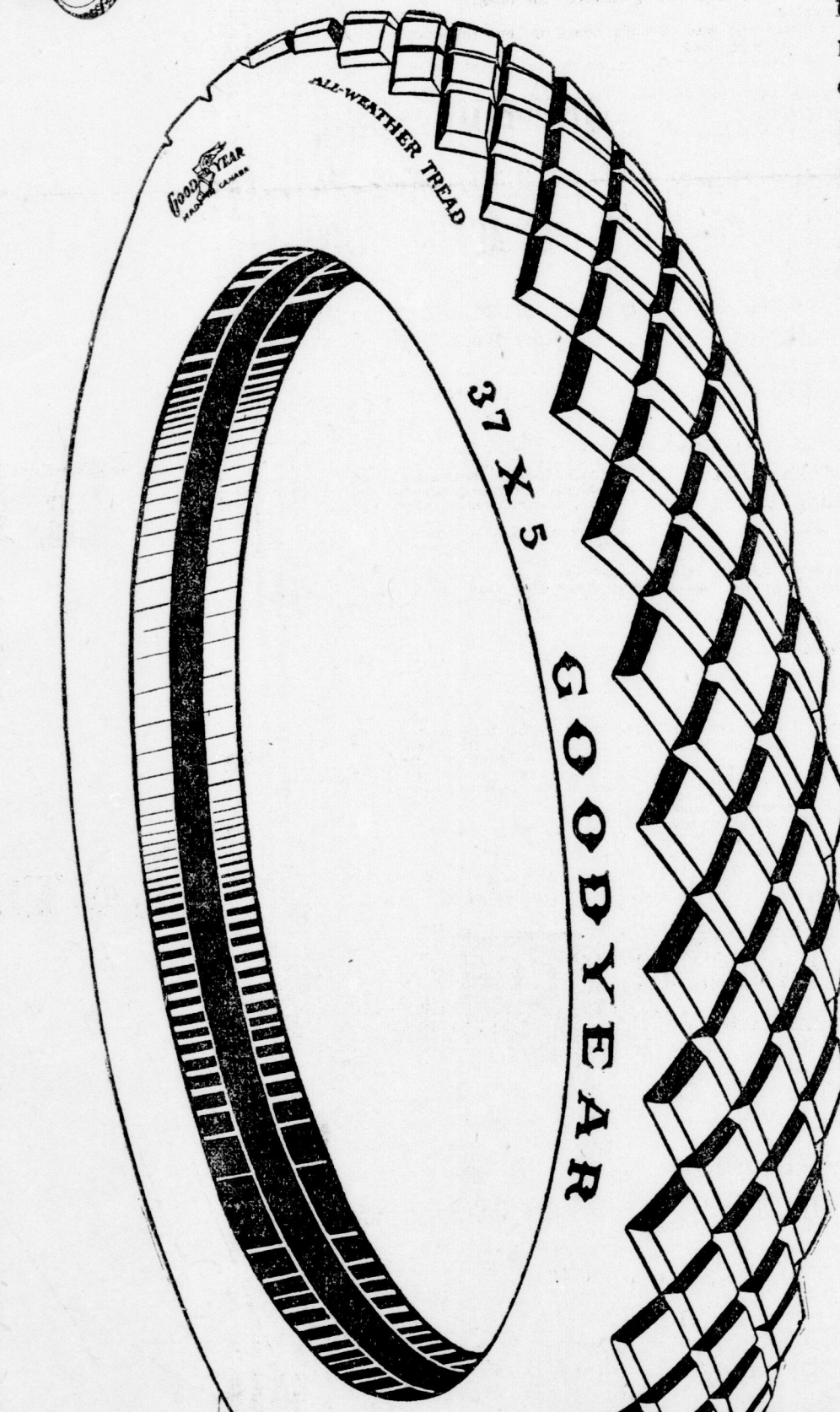
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	All-Weather	30.42	23.00	7.42
32 x 3 1/2	Plain	30.42	21.60	8.82
	All-Weather	35.55	25.90	9.65
34 x 4	Plain	44.46	34.80	9.66
	All-Weather	51.94	41.75	10.19
36 x 4 1/2	Plain	62.62	48.60	14.02
	All-Weather	73.17	58.30	14.87
37 x 5	Plain	76.66	58.55	18.11
	All-Weather	89.70	73.20	16.50

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TO DECIDE ALL SIX MORE CARS CASES ON THEIR MERITS ALONE

Judge Judd Makes This Reply
to Query on Hezlewood
Promises.

SECOND HEARINGS ARE ON 6 More Applicants Face the Judges—No Decisions Announced.

The second session of the local courts of appeals today to hear the claims against the decisions of local exemption tribunals, found another 36 youths of A.2 category gathered in the courtroom waiting their turn to make a plea for exemption.

Judge Judd, when asked what stand he would take in the famous Capt. Hezlewood exemption case, which was sent to him by the court, said that he would take the case on its merits and nothing else, declared the judge. "I mean then that you will not consider the captain's exemptions at all, and they will have no bearing on the case," queried the reporter.

"I did not say anything about the captain," replied his honor, with a smile. "As I said before the cases will be tried on their merits, and we will not know the decisions as soon as they are finally decided on."

Today's gathering of the court room resembled Tuesday's. The boys were in many cases accompanied by their mothers, some of whom were in the judges' chamber with a determined hint in their eyes and came out with sternly stated conclusions. They were hopeful that they will still be able to sport the all colors of the rainbow, while others were sure that they will not be able to purchase that new winter overcoat.

One local bank manager was fairly wrathful. "They exempted a number of my men, the ones that were absolutely useless, and now the military authorities have gone and exempted the good ones. This is a fine way to treat us."

Although the court room, which served as a waiting-room, was crowded almost to capacity, conversational merriment was far from being absent.

YOUTHFUL SOLDIER PLEADS GUILTY TO THEFT FROM BUNKIE

Took Money and Watch—Is
Remanded for Sentence.

Percy Pickett, a youth who confessed to running away from his home in London, pleading guilty in police court today to stealing a wrist watch and \$3.50 in money from a comrade at the Ontario Reformatory at Kingston, Ontario, for one week for sentence.

The charge was laid on information given by Major Osborne, who stated that the owner of the watch had given Pickett a \$5 bill, requesting him to pay for repairs. The prisoner confessed to getting the watch and then selling it, keeping the \$5 bill and the money from the \$5 bill as well as the money from the sale of the watch.

Archibald Keefe, a youthful soldier, who pleaded guilty in Monday's court to discharging a revolver on the street, was allowed to go on suspended sentence on condition that the military authorities deal with his case. This, Major Osborne said, was the first case of its kind in the army during the past eight months. Major Osborne said, had been excellent. When the prisoner was taken away from Galt, his home, and joined the army against his parents' wishes, this was the first case of its kind to be considered against the prisoner.

Keefe was escorted a young woman through Victoria street and was charged in and in order to live up to his duty, charged his revolver. The girl disappeared, and a patrolman grabbed Keefe.

YEAR'S SENTENCE IS IMPOSED TODAY ON 135TH DESERTER

Youth Who Took French
Leave Goes to Burwash.

Ellis Pinkham, St. James' street, pleaded guilty in police court today to desertion from the 135th Battalion, and was sentenced to one year in the Ontario Reformatory at Kingston, Ontario.

Major Osborne representing the military authorities, stated that Pinkham was under military observation for a long time, and that he had been allowed to re-enter the army as he could not be relied upon.

Pinkham, who is 20 years of age, has been absent from the city for some months. A few weeks ago he returned to the city, and was allowed to re-enter the army as he could not be relied upon.

"What was your excuse for desertion?" asked the magistrate.

"You haven't been drunk though for the last year and a half whenever opportunity has been given to men who illegally absented themselves to return," said the magistrate as he imposed sentence.

RECEPTION GIVEN TO
NEW CHURCH RECTOR

Happy Event of Cronyn Memorial Congregation.

A reception to the new rector of the Cronyn Memorial Church, Rev. G. Q. Warner, and Mrs. Warner, was given this week with the anniversary of the congregation and the women's aid. Ven. Archbishop Richardson, for many years rector of the church, performed the duties of rector in a happy manner, and addresses were delivered by Rev. J. H. Walker, Rev. Dr. Tucker and Mr. Warner.

The new rector expressed gratitude for the warmth of the welcome extended to himself and Mrs. Warner, and his appreciation of the congregation and the women's aid. Refreshments were served by the women's aid.

AT SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL.—The Bishop of Huron, Rev. J. H. Walker, is in Toronto today attending a meeting of the Social Service Council of the Church of England of the diocese.

UKRAINIANS SEIZE 72 GUNS FROM THE MAXIMALIST UNITS

Fighting Continues in the Don
Region.

DENOUCE BOLSHIEVIKI Ukraine Radia Will Not Recognize People's Commissioners.

LONDON, Monday, Dec. 17.—Reports on the Russian internal situation tonight indicate that fighting is continuing in the Don region, and that reinforcements have been sent south from Petrograd.

A Kiev dispatch tonight reports that during the storming of the Maximalist units there the Ukrainian troops seized 72 cannons, 150 machine guns and 5,000,000 cartridges.

It is stated in other advices that the Russian Government commissioners are drafting an ultimatum addressed to the Ukrainian Radia recognizing the independence of the Ukraine, but demanding an immediate cessation of the Radia's attitude towards the Bolsheviki authorities.

Recognition is Declined.—The Radia had issued a statement declining to recognize the people's commissioners of the Ukraine, inasmuch as the men, the Caucasus, Siberia and other parts of Russia have their own governments.

In connection with the signing and publication of the terms of the armistice, it is stated that the Russian delegation at Brest-Litovsk has been augmented by two hundred officers and men of the Moscow Soldiers' and Workmen's Council, and others.

General Petain said to me: "Make guns and munitions rather than steel bridges. We are grateful for the little forces you have sent us. The steel of the footfalls carried hope to every heart in France, but it is now that we must have more shells in order that we may be armed to win victory and to defend ourselves."

"The middle heavy is to this war what the steam shovel was to Panama. If we make guns and munitions, we can win the war before the spring of 1918. Without the guns, we shall lose the men and maybe lose the war."

"We must build for ourselves and the Allies 25,000 cannon. This is the best estimate of the military situation in Europe. But apparently we shall have produced practically no guns within a year after our declaration of war."

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WINTER FAIR BLDG. AT REGINA BURNED; USED AS BARRACKS

REGINA, Dec. 18.—Regina's great winter fair building, one of the finest in America, is a mass of smoking ruins today. The fire started from a candle in the kitchen of the building, which was used as barracks for the soldiers.

Ever since the outbreak of the war the building has been used as barracks for the soldiers. Last night several troops were sleeping in the building. When the alarm was given, the soldiers rushed to the fire, and the personal effects and equipment worth several thousand dollars, it probably will be several days before an estimate of the loss can be given. Several men were injured in escaping from the burning building.

No panic was observed. The men were ordered to march through the fire, and the flames were almost at their feet. Seventy-five horses were saved, and all records and documents carried to safety. The building was insured for \$95,000, divided between 96 different companies, equally.

The soldiers are now quartered in the city hall, Knox church and other places. The fire was caused by a candle in the kitchen of the building, which was used as barracks for the soldiers.

PUPILS MARCH OUT OF BURNING SCHOOL IN DOVER TOWNSHIP

Prompt Action of Teachers
Prevented Any Serious
Trouble.

CHATHAM, Dec. 18.—Considerable damage was caused by a fire which broke out while the children were in the school. The pupils were ordered to march out of the burning school, and no serious trouble was prevented.

The fire started in the kitchen of the school, which was used as a classroom. The pupils were ordered to march out of the burning school, and no serious trouble was prevented.

TEACHER'S GOOD EXAMPLE
FOLLOWED BY PUPILS

WABASH, Dec. 18.—Splendid patriotic work has been done by the pupils of the Wabash public school since the outbreak of the war. The pupils have followed the teacher's good example, and have been very patriotic.

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Drop in Price Is Recorded
Locally Today.

The excitement of the election having died down, trading was again on the local market this morning. Grain was the feature of the offerings. Hay sold in large quantities at prices ranging from \$7.50 to \$8.00 per ton. Straw went for \$1.50 to \$2.00 per ton.

Another feature in the price of cow hides was recorded, when No. 1 and 2 grades sold for \$10.00 and \$11.00 per hundred. The price of cow hides has declined considerably. At the outbreak of the war hides began to be scarce, and the price rose to \$15.00 per hundred.

The reaction in hides was not permanent, and the price fell to \$10.00 per hundred. The price of cow hides is now \$10.00 per hundred. The price of cow hides is now \$10.00 per hundred.

Following the 500 drop recorded on the local market Tuesday, the price of live hogs declined in London this morning. From \$15.00 to \$16.00 are the prices for the district market, and these prices are expected to be maintained.

General Petain said to me: "Make guns and munitions rather than steel bridges. We are grateful for the little forces you have sent us. The steel of the footfalls carried hope to every heart in France, but it is now that we must have more shells in order that we may be armed to win victory and to defend ourselves."

"The middle heavy is to this war what the steam shovel was to Panama. If we make guns and munitions, we can win the war before the spring of 1918. Without the guns, we shall lose the men and maybe lose the war."

"We must build for ourselves and the Allies 25,000 cannon. This is the best estimate of the military situation in Europe. But apparently we shall have produced practically no guns within a year after our declaration of war."

One of the finest structures in America. SOLDIERS LOSE EFFECTS. No Panic Among Troops—Men March Through Fire as Though on Parade.

REGINA, Dec. 18.—Regina's great winter fair building, one of the finest in America, is a mass of smoking ruins today. The fire started from a candle in the kitchen of the building, which was used as barracks for the soldiers.

Ever since the outbreak of the war the building has been used as barracks for the soldiers. Last night several troops were sleeping in the building. When the alarm was given, the soldiers rushed to the fire, and the personal effects and equipment worth several thousand dollars, it probably will be several days before an estimate of the loss can be given. Several men were injured in escaping from the burning building.

No panic was observed. The men were ordered to march through the fire, and the flames were almost at their feet. Seventy-five horses were saved, and all records and documents carried to safety. The building was insured for \$95,000, divided between 96 different companies, equally.

The soldiers are now quartered in the city hall, Knox church and other places. The fire was caused by a candle in the kitchen of the building, which was used as barracks for the soldiers.

PUPILS MARCH OUT OF BURNING SCHOOL IN DOVER TOWNSHIP. Prompt Action of Teachers Prevented Any Serious Trouble.

CHATHAM, Dec. 18.—Considerable damage was caused by a fire which broke out while the children were in the school. The pupils were ordered to march out of the burning school, and no serious trouble was prevented.

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TEACHER'S GOOD EXAMPLE FOLLOWED BY PUPILS. WABASH, Dec. 18.—Splendid patriotic work has been done by the pupils of the Wabash public school since the outbreak of the war.

The pupils have followed the teacher's good example, and have been very patriotic. The fire started in the kitchen of the school, which was used as a classroom. The pupils were ordered to march out of the burning school, and no serious trouble was prevented.

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TUG CREW FEARED COLLISION AFTER MONT BLANC CALL

Appeared Nervous on Muni-
tion Ship, Remarked
Captain.

PILOT'S FRENCH WAS BAD

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 18.—That the munition steamer Mont Blanc was traveling at the rate of four miles an hour at the time of her collision with the Belgian relief steamer Ima, in Halifax harbor on December 6, was the opinion expressed by John H. Rourke, chief engineer of the tug D. H. Thomas.

At today's session of the court of inquiry, investigating the fatal event, Rourke and Capt. McLaine, master of the Ima, were witnesses. Both were put on the stand today by W. A. Hendry, K.C., counsel for the government.

McLaine remarked to Rourke, the engineer told the court that the French steamer Ima was traveling at the rate of four miles an hour at the time of her collision with the Ima, and that there was danger of a collision, and Rourke himself commented that they appeared to be very nervous on board the Mont Blanc.

On the speed of Ima. Capt. McLaine told the court that he believed the Ima was traveling at not more than two knots when she collided with the Ima, and the French crew was very nervous on board the Mont Blanc.

Mr. Rourke, counsel for the Ima, cross-examined Rourke, and referred to the testimony given by Pilot Rourke at Monday's session of the court of inquiry. Rourke, who was French language, on Monday, when he brought out that Pilot Rourke, on the Ima, was steering orders in English when neither the captain, signalman nor helmsman knew the language.

French of his own. The pilot had stated that he knew some French, and that he had given the French for "starboard" and Mr. Rourke, seeking further information, had asked the witness if he would say "half-speed" in French. There was considerable laughter in the court when the witness replied, "Gentil-tasse."

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THE SEASON'S CHOICEST OUT FLOWERS

DICKS. The Quality Flower Shop. 235 DUNDAS ST. PHONE 237. 23V

EDWARD CRONYN & CO. INVESTMENT'S

Cronyn Building, 71 Bay St., Toronto.

THE HURON & ERIE Mortgage Corporation

Notice is hereby given that a dividend of three per cent for the quarter ending December 31, 1917, on the paid-up capital of this corporation has been declared. The dividend will be payable at the Corporation's Office in this city on and after Wednesday, January 2, 1918. Shareholders are requested to bring their shares to the office of the Corporation on or before December 15, 1917, to be eligible for the dividend.

By order of the Board,
NATHANIEL MILLS,
Managing Director.

The Ontario Loan and Debenture Co.

DIVIDEND No. 123. Notice is hereby given that a QUARTERLY DIVIDEND of 2 1/2 PER CENT for the three months ending 31st December, 1917 (BEING AT THE RATE OF 10 PER CENT PER ANNUM), has been declared on the paid-up capital stock of this company, and will be payable at the company's office, London, Ontario, on and after the 2nd January next to Shareholders of record of the 15th December 1917.

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Stocks, Bonds, Grain, Cotton. New York Cotton Exchange, New York Curb and Standard, and all other exchanges, on a commission of one-eighth. Unexcelled service. J. M. YOUNG, Manager. Phone 707. 23V

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VICTORY BONDS OF CANADA AVERAGE ONE TO TEN PEOPLE

Latest Returns Place Dominion in Lead.

THANKS GIVEN PRESS
Prior to Big Money Drive Only 41,000 Loan Subscribers in Country.

The latest returns in the Victory Loan campaign show a total of 752,714 subscribers, or one subscriber for every ten people in Canada. This establishes a new record with respect to the proportion of the population of a country subscribing to its war loans.

The previous record was held in Great Britain, where one person out of every twenty-three subscribed to the last war loan. In the Liberty Loan campaign in United States, bonds were sold to one person person out of every twenty-seven of the population.

In many cities, towns and districts in Canada, the proportion of the population buying Victory Bonds was even higher than one in ten. In a number of cases it was as high as one in four. The achievement in connection with Canada's Victory Loan, while primarily due to the splendid spirit of patriotism that pervades the country, is another evidence of what may be accomplished through the advertising, backed by an adequate selling organization.

Prior to the Victory Loan campaign there were comparatively few bond buyers in Canada. The third Canadian War Loan of last spring, which was the most widely distributed bond issue in Canada up to that time, had only 41,000 subscribers. The finance minister deemed it essential that many times that number should subscribe to the Victory Loan. He assigned to the press the task of educating with respect to the loan the great masses of the people who were not bond buyers, and in most cases had only a very vague idea of the meaning of the term "bond" as applied to securities.

For several weeks before the sale of Victory Bonds commenced Canada's need for money to carry on the war and to maintain her agricultural and industrial prosperity was presented to the people of Canada in daily advertisements in the press. Emphasis was placed in those advertisements on the privilege and duty of every Canadian to assist in the war financing of his or her country, and upon the fact that if Canada's financial needs were to be met the great masses of the people would have to buy Victory Bonds. The meaning of a "bond" and the security behind Canada's Victory Bonds were explained in simple, everyday language. Similar educational work was done voluntarily by almost all newspapers and other publications through their news and editorial columns.

By November 12, when the sale of Victory Bonds commenced, the people had been educated very largely to the need for the money, the security behind the loan and the reasons why every person who could possibly do so should buy one or more bonds.

The press publicity created an atmosphere and a knowledge of the situation that in addition to securing large numbers of subscribers without personal solicitation made it possible for the personal workers to do their work quickly and effectively. With the timely greater results than could have been obtained without the educational.

Immense Display of Turkeys, Geese, Ducks and Chickens

ON SALE BALANCE OF THIS WEEK.

Be wise! Shop early for the best selections.

WILSON'S Phone 400-1001.

FOR CHRISTMAS.

Buy a Brantford Bicycle

3 for \$1.00

40-WATT TUNGSTEN LAMPS.

Western Ontario Electric Co.

PHONE 407L 237 DUNDAS ST.

Reliance Garage

Ford SERVICE STATION

P. S. E.

Please shop early. Choose your Christmas cards now.

Our line is complete.

Hay's Stationery

173 Dundas, Phones 150 or 53

Hardwood ANDERSON

Phone 1391, 495 York St.

WATCH THIS SPACE UNTIL CHRISTMAS

THINGS IN LEATHER ARE ALWAYS POPULAR AT XMAS

Don't worry about what you will give. See our Richmond street window. We have a beautiful collection of most useful things, and they are not expensive. Billfolds, Handbags, Purses, Card Cases, Photo Cases, Club Bags, Toilet Rolls, Cigarette Cases.

COOK'S SELECT SHOE STORE

DUNDAS AND RICHMOND STS. THE STORE THAT SERVES YOU BEST.

Christmas Crackers ---the Great Joy-Makers

Fun for all the family, youngsters and grown-ups. Contains hats, caps, toys, jewelry and conundrums. 35c to \$2.50 per box.

Santa Stockings
The joy of the kiddies. Fun-making toys that add pleasure to Christmas. 15c to \$10.00.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS
Layer Raisins... 40c and 50c per lb.
California Walnuts... 50c per lb.
Almonds... 50c per lb.
Brazilia

30c Lb.

PHONE YOUR ORDERS
It gets the same care and attention as though you called.

T. A. ROWAT & CO.
250 Dundas St. Phone 3051-3052.

Inspirational and selling advertisements in the press. At the conclusion of the campaign Sir Thomas White, in a telegram to J. H. Woods, president of Canadian Press Association, Inc. expressed his sincere thanks for the fine spirit and splendid energy shown by the press, and his opinion that the press had every reason to congratulate itself upon the character and effectiveness of the advertising propaganda.

POND MILLS NURSE HELPING AT HALIFAX

WILTON GROVE, Dec. 18.—Nursing Sister Laura Carrothers is in Halifax, helping care for the victims of the recent disaster.

The funeral of Edward Kendrew held this afternoon at Pond Mills Cemetery was largely attended. Mrs. Crawford of Wilton Grove received word from her sisters in Halifax that their injuries were slight. Although miles from the explosion, their residences were almost demolished.

Mr. Johnson, fifth concession, Westminister, had sold his States to Mr. Duncan of Tait's Corners.

SEVEN YEARS TO PASS ON PROHIBITION MEASURE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The constitutional amendments for national prohibition was today finally submitted by Congress to the States for ratification or rejection within seven years. The Senate completed congressional action by passing the resolution passed yesterday by the House, 47 to 8, without a roll call.

NEW ROUTE TO WESTERN CANADA PROVING POPULAR

Runs Through Famous Clay Belt of New Ontario and the Cobalt Mining District.

On your next trip to Western Canada you may travel over a new route, see the wonderful land opened up in Northern Ontario by the Transcontinental Railway and gain a glimpse of the famous Clay Belt and the Cobalt silver mining region.

You may use two famous trains on your journey without any added expense for railway fare, as compared with any other route. The International Limited will carry you to Toronto, where the "National" starts on its westbound flight. The "National" uses the rails of the Grand Trunk to North Bay, the Transcontinental and Northern Ontario (Provincial Government line) to Cochrane, and the Canadian Government Railways to Winnipeg, where it links up with the Grand Trunk Pacific for all important points in Western Canada.

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The three railways have combined to make the passenger service over this new route the equal of that offered anywhere on the continent. The smooth, straight and level roadbed embodies all that has been learned in three-quarters of a century of railroad building. The dining-car service is unexcelled, and the greatest travel comfort is assured. Full particulars from any Grand Trunk ticket agent, or C. E. Horning, district passenger agent, Toronto. D. 22.

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For this year's Christmas trade we are offering a most select and beautiful assortment of

Fancy Boxes Filled With Our Choicest Chocolates

Be sure to see them. The prices are very reasonable.

Peters, London

238 Dundas Street

Give An Everyday Reminder of Your Thoughtfulness---

Consider not alone the gift, but its use—its service—its fitness for the present time.

Will it produce happier hours by being used every day? Or will it go the way of the (too often) useless, impractical gift—to the attic or the rubbish heap?

Because it is so serviceable, a

Hydro-Electric Vacuum Cleaner

wins preference. It is a constant and lasting reminder of the giver.

Cleans carpets, rugs, draperies, curtains, upholstery, blankets, quilts, clothes. Doesn't wear them out like a broom or brush.

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"Almost too good to be true!"

That's what nearly every woman says who attends this sale. They didn't believe it when they read our announcement, but seeing the garment convinced them beyond any doubt. You, too, can be skeptical if you wish, but you can also come and prove with your own eyes that we are actually offering the biggest Ready-to-Wear bargains in London.

Entire Stock Reduced. Nothing Reserved.

Great Xmas Sale of Ladies' Waists

\$1.50 Voile Waists... 89c
\$5.00 Silk, Crepe and Georgette Waists... \$3.45
\$4.00 Jap. Blouses, three styles... \$2.49
Silk Crepe Waists... \$3.95

All Coats at Sacrifice Prices

This sale includes our entire stocks and every garment is thoroughly desirable as to style, material and color.
\$20.00 Plain Coats... \$10.95
\$25.00 Press Plush Coats... \$14.45
\$13.50 Chinchilla Coats... \$7.95
\$40.00 Velour Coats... \$22.45
\$35.00 Suit's Plush Coats... \$22.95
\$70.00 Plush Coats... \$38.50

All Suits Below Cost

All-Wool Serge Suits, black and navy; specially designed to suit outside figures; cut on tailored lines; some with trimmed braid and buttons, all lined with satin. On sale at...
\$37.50 Gabardine Suits, satin lined, made in pleated styles, collar and cuffs, edged with Hudson seal, large buttoned pockets, all colors... \$18.50
\$5.00 Striped Tweed and Poplin Skirts; a very special display. On sale for... \$2.95
\$7.50 Silk Skirts, in different styles, also a few velvets. Now on sale for... \$4.75

Skirts Reduced, Too

Startling Millinery Bargains

Beautiful Dress Hats, in the best shades; purple, burgundy, taupe, light grey, brown, black, etc. Hats worth up to \$2.98, for... \$2.98
Other smart styles... \$1.49
Children's Trimmed Hats, at... .95c
Special Flowers and Feather Trimmings, marked at less than cost.

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Metropolitan Suit Co.

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SQUARE-DEAL TAYLOR Taylor's Drug Stores

Give you Christmas bargains now. This wonderful sale gives you an opportunity to buy beautiful and useful Christmas presents at money-saving prices. You cannot afford to miss the following bargains for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday.

PRICES THE SAME AT ALL SIX STORES

\$1.00 Nuxated Iron, 57c	50c Fruit-a-tives, 28c	50c Chase's Nerve Food, 32c	75c Bisurated Magnesia, 43c	50c Emulsified Coconut Oil, 28c	25c Four T's, 16c	35c Jastoria, 21c	25c Carter's Liver Pills, 2 for 25c
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Every Bottle
of TAYLOR'S THROAT AND LUNG BALM carries a written, iron bound guarantee to cure or money refunded. This wonderful medicine is at least five times as strong as ordinary cough syrups, mixtures, etc., and the dose is very much smaller (just half a teaspoonful). Throat and Lung Balm acts on the eliminating organs of the body, as well as on the throat and lung passages, enabling the system to quickly throw off the worst cough or cold without upsetting the most delicate stomach. It gives prompt relief in asthma and bronchitis. Try a 25-cent bottle on our no-cure-no-pay guarantee. Larger sizes, 50c to \$1.00.

Cigars
All the well-known brands in Christmas boxes of 10, 25 or 50 Cigars, at prices from 50c to \$3. 10c Japs or Simon's Conchas... 4 for 25c
10c Rex, Havana Perfecto, Arab, Mi Linda, Chancellors or Baled Havanas... 5 for 25c
10c Santa Clara, Suns or Gaste's 1492... 4 for 25c or 9 for 50c

Hot Water Bottles
No Christmas present can give more cheer or comfort to the old folks than a good Hot Water Bottle. Taylor's prices guarantee true economy.
\$3.50 Normandie Bottle, 2-quart chocolate rubber, 5-year guarantee... \$2.39
\$2.25 Dr. Morin's Special Hot Water Bottle, 2-quart, 2-year guarantee... \$1.59
\$2.50 Taylor's Special Hot Water Bottle, red rubber, 2-quart, 2-year guarantee, \$1.79
A 35c Flannelette Water Bottle cover free with each bottle sold during this sale.

25c Baby's Own Tablets... 15c
75c Mary Garden Talcum... 48c
35c Syrup of Figs... 28c
50c Syrup of Figs... 19c
50c Dodd's Kidney Pills... 29c

Stationery
Beautiful Christmas packages and paperettes, ranging in price from 25c to \$2.50. A gift that is useful the year round.

25c Electric Oil... 14c
5c Cheating Gums, all kinds... 3 for 10c
25c Minard's Liniment... 19c
35c Listerated Tooth Paste... 24c

Chocolates
A Christmas gift that is always appreciated. Willard's or Cameron's Chocolates, in handsome Christmas packages... 25c to \$5.00
Taylor's enormous turnover insures their freshness.

White Ivory and Ebony
Hair Brushes, Mirrors, Manicure Pieces, Trays, Hair Receivers, Powder Boxes, etc., at Taylor's popular prices.

Perfumes
Special Christmas packages of all the popular Perfumes, Toilet Waters, etc... 25c to \$8.00

Calendars Free
5,000 Art Calendars will be given away to our customers during this sale.

White Pine and Tar, 14c
Household Syringes, 69c
90c Parmit, 69c
25c Witchazel Cream, 16c
60c Dr. Chase's Ointment, 38c
50c Household Ointment, 28c
25c Miller's Worm Powders, 18c
50c Pine, 36c

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MAIN STORE—399 Talbot Street, Opposite Market... Phone 1194
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HAMILTON ROAD—Corner Hamilton Road and Anderson Avenue... Phone 405
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