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## GERMANY'S REPLY EVASIVE; GOV. DISCUSS IRISH PROBLEM

**Hungarian Premier Urged to Work for Peace—Britain and Allies Will Not Accede to Tentative Proposal for Peace Conference—German Ambassadors Already Seeking Hotel Accommodation for Peace Conference at The Hague—Heavy Artillery Engagements at Verdun Front—Gen. Joffre's New Position as Adviser to Government—The Irish Settlement.**

### BRITAIN CONSIDERS GERMANY'S REPLY EVASIVE.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The British press today is unanimous in condemning Germany's reply to President Wilson as evasive and lacking sincerity. The Entente Allies it is believed will not accede to the Teutonic proposal for a conference of delegates of the belligerent nations.

### GERMAN DELEGATES ON WAY TO HAGUE FOR CONFERENCE.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A despatch from The Hague reports that German agents have arrived there in search of hotel accommodation for the German delegates to that peace conference proposed in Germany's reply to the Wilson note.

### AUSTRIAN EMPEROR IN DAILY CONSULTATION WITH HUNGARIAN PREMIER.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A despatch from Budapest states that Emperor Charles since the peace offer made has been in daily consultation with the Hungarian premier, who is being urged by the Hungarian people to work for peace.

### HEAVY ARTILLERY ENGAGEMENTS ON VERDUN FRONT.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The French War Office reports heavy artillery fighting on the Verdun front last night from Vacherauxville to Vaux.

### SWEDES HAND NOTE TO NATIONS IN SUPPORT OF WILSON'S ATTITUDE.

BERNE, Dec. 27.—The Tageblatt announces that the Swedish diplomatic representatives have handed to both belligerents and neutral states a note in support of those of President Wilson and the Swiss government.

### GERMANY'S ANSWER TO WILSON'S NOTE.

BERLIN, Dec. 27.—The answer to President Wilson's note was taken to the United States embassy today by foreign minister Zimmerman personally. No indication of its tenor appeared in the German papers today. Its text will be published tomorrow.

### JOFFRE APPOINTED TECHNICAL ADVISOR.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—In addition to being created a marshal of France, Gen. Joffre, it is announced, will act as technical adviser to the government in all matters concerning the direction of the war. The high command as now settled finally consists of the war committee, composed of Premier Briand, Gen. H. Lyautey, Minister of War, Rear-Admiral Lachze, Minister of Marine, Albert Thomas, Minister of National Manufactures, Alexander Ribot, Minister of Finance and President Poincare.

### DISCUSSION OF IRISH QUESTION.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Informal discussions and consultations are proceeding for the settlement of the Irish question, according to the Manchester Guardian.

### NORWAY TO JOIN IN URGING PEACE.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen today, says:  
"Dr. Mowinkel, president of the Norwegian Storting, in the course of an interview on his country's attitude concerning peace discussions, declaring that Norway, in common with the whole neutral world, had greeted the idea of peace 'as one greets the dawn of day after a stormy night.'"  
"Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg's latest utterances, so far as they referred to the future relations between nations" Dr. Mowinkel added, "were similar to the statements in that respect made by President Wilson and Viscount Grey, the former British foreign minister, and I, therefore, hope that the possibility of finding a common oasis for negotiations is not far distant."  
From the recent speech of David Lloyd George, the British Premier, M. Mowinkel said he gained the impression that the reply of the entente allies did not exclude further peace discussions.

### BRITISH MAKE ADVANCE BELOW KUT-EL-AMARA.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—An official statement on the Mesopotamia campaign was issued last night reading:  
"On the 22nd British detachments advanced to the right bank of the Tigris. Their position subsequently had been consolidated and extended south and southeast of Kut-el-Amara. The enemy's trenches on the right bank of the Tigris, southwest of Kut, have been systematically bombarded. Our cavalry by a night march reached and destroyed Grassabs fort,

20 miles southeast of Kut which had long been a base of operations of the hostile Arabs. Sixty tons of grain were destroyed, cattle were captured and a number of hostile Arab encampments were burned."

### PAPERS WERE TAKEN FROM MARTIN'S DESK.

REGINA, Dec. 27.—The McGuire royal commission appointed recently to investigate the "high official source" from which The Regina Daily Post newspaper has obtained information in an article which stated that the question of a rural credits bill for Saskatchewan was being discussed in executive council, has made a report, which was made public last evening. After going into the evidence in detail the report finds the "high official source" mentioned was not Hon. W. M. Martin or any other member of the government of Saskatchewan, and that the source of the allegations was a typewritten memorandum, and the pencilled memorandum thereon and attached were abstracted from a drawer of the desk of Mr. Martin's private office. The report is signed by both commissioners—T. H. McGuire, ex-chief justice of the North West Territories, and J. H. Parkes, master in chambers.  
Chief Justice Wright of The Post, in testifying, said that "his high official source" was Premier Martin.  
Premier Martin, under oath, denied giving the information to Wright and told of a theft from his private office of certain notes dealing with the rural credits question, and also that the article in question bore a striking resemblance to these private notes.

### CONFERENCE OF ALL DOMINIONS IN FEW WEEKS.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The secretary of state for the colonies has sent a telegram to the Dominions explaining the purposes of the forthcoming imperial conference announced by Premier Lloyd George. The telegram explains that what the government contemplates is not an ordinary imperial conference, but a special war conference of the empire.

### BERLIN CRAFTY IN ANSWER TO WILSON'S NOTE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Germany's reply to President Wilson's note regarded here as having advanced the peace movement another step, despite the fact that it disappoints in not yielding a suggestion for an armistice.  
The reception Germany's reply receives among the Entente Allies whose spokesmen publicly declared against such a program now becomes the point upon which a further move is hinged. The German note probably is the prelude to a series of carefully considered delicate moves in the great game of world diplomacy, all possibly leading to an approach for a real discussion of peace terms on grounds which all the belligerents may feel can place them at no disadvantage.

### NEUTRAL DIPLOMATIC QUARTERS, TOO, REGARDED THE NOTE AS A STEP TOWARD PEACE.

The view of the Entente ally embassies, frankly expressed, was that the note was not an answer to President Wilson's communication, but rather a document for circulation in Germany and in neutral countries with the object of molding opinion to place the responsibility of continuing the war on the Entente.  
Among the Germanic diplomats the only view expressed was one of surprise that the reply had preceded receipt of the Entente's response to Germany's original peace proposal of Dec. 12. It was everywhere agreed that the principal sticking point was the lack of a definite statement of terms such as President Wilson asked, and such as Lloyd George declared the Allies would require if they were not to put their "heads in a noose with the rope end in the hands of the Germans." It is not beyond the realm of diplomacy, however, to find a way to bridge that difficulty, and Germany's failure is not regarded as a block to the negotiations, although it makes them exceedingly difficult.

### FOE ONSETS IN EAST ROUMANIA GAIN SLIGHTLY.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—According to the German official communication issued at Berlin last night, the Russians have been ejected from several positions in Great Wallachia.  
As the Germans do not specify these positions, and do not claim that they have pierced any Russian lines, it is presumed that the operations have merely consisted in the driving of Russian detachments towards their main positions. It is also considered probable that the Russians are fighting a delaying action in order to give time for the completion of prepared positions in their rear and for adequate reinforcements of men and guns to arrive. At any rate the German advance has been steadily slowing down until it is nearly stopped.  
The Russian description of the fighting on the Roumanian front shows that fierce attacks are being made by the enemy at the source of the River Srisitha, in the Dragosatzoff region, Roumanian troops holding the lines repelled the foe and captured three machine guns.  
The Russian advanced posts at the source of the Rimnik River were pressed back by the enemy on their main position, Petrograd announces. All the German attacks, the Russians say, were repulsed by their fire in the Kilnau valley, west of Rimnik Sarat.

### ECONOMIC UNION TO FOLLOW WAR.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Russian foreign minister, M. Pokrovski, invited the representatives of the press at Petrograd to an interview at which he outlined his program and his ideas in regard to the present political situation. Reuter's Petrograd correspondent says that in general the ministerial declaration, which seems to have been meant to take the place of the usual speech before parliament, consisted of a few statements:  
First, there has been no change in the relation between Russia and her allies.  
Second, the minister declared with firm assurance that after the war the military alliance of France, England and Russia would be consolidated in a close economic union.  
Third, the war will be continued until a decisive victory has been won.

### LARGE GREEK STEAMER IS HELD AT GIBRALTAR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Greek line steamer Patris with 600 passengers aboard bound from Piraeus to New York, is detained by the British at Gibraltar. It was learned today from N. A. Galanos, local agent of the line. The British government having declared a blockade against Greek shipping, the Patris, we presume, will be detained until the blockade is lifted.

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THE BRITISH NAVY AND ITS FIGHT AGAINST THE ENEMY.

The miraculous creation of the new British armies and their evolution in a few short months from a handful of men, to the millions now scattered throughout the various theatres of war, is now a familiar story.

The life and training of a soldier, the nature of the fighting in which he engages, are matters of common knowledge to every citizen of the Empire, for the gradual growth of our new armies and their organization has taken place under our very eyes.

The corresponding history of our Naval Forces during the same period, is shrouded in mystery. But we know that when Germany let loose the horror which is now threatening civilization as never before it was threatened, the British Navy was ready, and silently took up its appointed task.

We know that it guards the shores of this Empire sleeplessly by night and by day. We are aware that without it no army could have left Great Britain, no soldier could have crossed the Atlantic to protect the shores of this Dominion from invasion by a cruel and a ruthless foe. But for the work of the British Navy, munitions of war could not leave this Continent, nor those vital supplies of food, without which the Mother Country would starve in a few weeks. By the might of British sea power, German commerce, second only in magnitude to our own, lay suddenly paralyzed.

From the moment of the outbreak of war, no German ship dared leave the shelter of its harbor, until the much vaunted Deutschland sneaked forth, and dodging beneath the surface brought a few tons of cargo unheard of cost to the shores of America. On the back of the Navy, millions of soldiers have safely crossed the oceans, and thousands of millions of dollars' worth of supplies and munitions have been safely carried, while under its protection the armies of the Allies have been free to fight wherever they were needed.

By the power of the Navy the resources of the whole world are at the disposal of the Allies, and are denied to the enemy. Food, cotton, and rubber for Great Britain, without which she must lie at the mercy of the Hun. Coal and iron from France, to take the place of her own supplies cut off by the invading enemy. Arms and munitions for Russia, enabling her to utilize the overwhelming man power of her teeming population. All this, vital as it is to every man, woman and child of this Empire, is carried out so silently as to be in danger of being forgotten. Sometimes the veil is lifted, and we obtain glimpses of the Navy at its work. Through the eyes of some privileged correspondent we see the ceaseless activities which the maintenance of naval supremacy entails, or the censorship permits the relation of some encounter with the enemy, seen or unseen.

Some months ago, Mr. Arthur Balfour, the then First Lord of the Admiralty, announced that since the outbreak of war one million tons had been added to the Navy, while its personnel had been doubled in numbers. This despite the fact that the British Navy was already the strongest in the world. What a mighty increase to an already all-powerful instrument of war. That which it implies can only be guessed at, and the process still continues. Measured in vessels of the most powerful type, the increase in tonnage would amount to some forty Dreadnoughts. As to the growth of personnel, while the services of practically every man and boy in the British Isles whose bread is earned on deep waters have been secured for the navy, with the exception of those who supply the essential needs of the Mercantile Marine, there are further many thousands of men, formerly civilians without any sea experience, who have become bluejackets in Britain's fleet. These men, clerks, shop assistants, factory hands, dock laborers, men of almost every calling, have been absorbed into the service, and in their turn have absorbed its great traditions, and taken their places among those bred to the life from their boyhood up. To quote a single instance some two thousand young men of good education, city bred, for the most part Londoners, passed through the Signal School established in London soon after the outbreak of the war, and from thence to coast signal stations, and as they became sufficiently expert, to the Grand Fleet itself.

Day by day, in the countless yards of the

greatest shipbuilding country of the world, new vessels are launched for the many purposes of coast and commerce protection, of naval offence and defence, as these ships are completed, crews must be ready to man them. For the smaller vessels, and those destined for specialist work in various branches, are needed seamen of long experience, who must be drawn from the populations of our coasts. Such will man the minesweeper and submarine destroyer, who labor ceaselessly to keep open trade routes along which travel food, men and munitions for the armies of the Allies. In the larger ships can be placed recruits with little or no training or experience, where side by side with their seasoned comrades, the traditional British bluejackets, knowledge of life and fighting routine on a battleship can be acquired by the intelligent and keen recruit, much more quickly than would be possible by a landsman in the battlefield.

The sources from which keen and intelligent young men, such as are required, have been hitherto derived in Great Britain, are now dry. Every man under the age of forty-one is fighting or training in the army to fill the gaps in France, Greece, Egypt, or Mesopotamia. Next year the ships will still be coming off the stocks, and the Motherland appeals to the Daughter Country to send her sons now, that they may be trained, and ready to fill the empty places in the Navy's personnel. Here lies the opportunity for young Canada, not yet in khaki, to don the suit of blue, to wear the three white stripes in token of Nelson's three great victories, and the black silk in perpetual mourning for Britain's naval hero, to stand by the giant guns as true sons of the great Mistress of the Seas.

In vain, the enemy has sought by violating all the laws, not only of sea warfare, but of humanity, to break the steel chain which binds together the Allies all over the world and links the Mother Country with the Daughter Nations across the oceans. Sea power remains unshaken in the hands of the descendants of Raleigh and of Drake; handed down through generations of roving and seafaring people who braved the oceans' perils to lay the foundations of British freedom in a new world.

Canada will respond to that call eagerly and cheerfully. Her sons in their thousands already stand gallantly in trenches across the seas, gloriously upholding the honor of the Dominion, and laying down their lives for their King and their Flag. When the message rings forth from Atlantic to the Pacific, that the Empire needs her Canadian sons to help man her iron walls of defence, the call will not be in vain, and they will come as readily as their brothers now fighting on land, to serve in the ships of that mighty fleet, upon which, under the Providence of God, the safety of our Empire chiefly depends.

H. C. OR COLDS.

Why not reduce your holiday expenses by cutting on the h. c. of your annual cold? If you are a person of normal health, you probably manage to keep well up to Christmas, and then you succumb to a cold in the head, or to the grip, or bronchitis, or tonsillitis, or influenza.

And you do not work very well for a few days while you are coming down with your cold; then you stay away from work a few days more; then you work badly while that mean feeling lasts; and then there is the doctor's bill and the drug store expenses.

Common colds have been estimated to cost the population of Ontario \$3,000,000 a year. Really, considering the advanced prices of medicine, and the wages lost, only the well-to-do can afford to catch cold.

But in this matter the poorest can become philanthropists. Whoever manages to get through the winter without his annual sneezing or coughing spell is conferring a benefit on the whole community.

There are two ways of cutting the high cost of colds for your own sake and of proving yourself a public benefactor as well:

1. Avoid exposure to infection when a member of the family brings a germ cold into the house, and if you catch a cold, sneeze and cough behind your handkerchief and avoid infecting others.
2. Drink two quarts of water a day; sleep with your bedroom windows wide open—never mind the snow outside—cover up; sit, stand and walk erect, and walk every day in the open air; keep clean; eat slowly and do not eat too much. The Christmas feast is responsible for many a hard cold.

Build up your vitality and your physical resistance and taking cold will cease to be a part of your yearly health history and a tax on your income.

AS A WAITER, HE MADE GOOD.

George was a waiter—a peach of a waiter. He always brought what you ordered when you were ready for it. The napkin over his forearm was always clean. He never stuck his finger in the soup.

His interested but impersonal deftness won him many a tip from some of New York's most notorious closefists.

Little did these tippers know they were



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For George, we have said, was a good waiter. Had he been a poor waiter, he probably wouldn't have been paid for much at anything. Being such a good waiter, he didn't remain a waiter long. Instead, he went to Texas—a young, beardless boy of 18 or so, only a few years over from his island home somewhere off East Prussia.

There he failed in a chicken farm. But remember, he had been a success as a waiter. He next tried being a cowboy. He became a judge of fine horses. But knowledge he had picked up as a waiter kept calling. He went back east and became steward of the exclusive Clover Club in Philadelphia.

He was a good steward—a peach of a steward.

Influential Clover Club members backed him in the purchase of a large hotel.

Some of these same influential members, and many other big men who had become his friends in later years, sent wreaths of flowers and telegrams of condolence to be read at his funeral the other day.

His wealth was estimated at \$30,000,000; a great university had benefited by his generosity in building dormitories; but, most important of all, the hotels of a continent and of some European cities had imitated his first New York venture, and the world admitted he had exerted a greater influence than any other man in developing the modern hotel as a place of comfort instead of a collection of rooms and beds—a civic institution instead of a place to stay over night.

He was George O. Bond, proprietor of the Waldorf-Astoria, New York.

SAVE THE BOYS.

All over Canada are scattered homes where each day the tidings of the war awaited with eager and anxious interest. Each day brings sorrow to some, to others added suspense or relief. And each succeeding day the sustained anguish in many hearts is pregnant with one hope that a son or a brother or a husband may be spared to survive the end.

As a nation we have passed through that period in the early days of the war when the news of our own casualties was received with a shock while we were callous about the losses of the foe. As long as the war lasts the sacrifice of human life will continue. We in Canada today along with the people of Britain have one plain course upon to us. Our men are thousands of miles away fighting. We do not hear the sound of the guns, but we cannot fail to hear that urgent, insistent, imperative demand that the guns be fed. The armies of the Empire will never reach their maximum striking force until every pound of iron that we can put into a projectile is on its way to the battle front.

Anyone who reads the war news carefully from day to day can reach only one conclusion. We are facing a most critical time. Flesh and blood have withstood the iron onslaught long enough. Now we must match iron with iron.

Competent observers who have recently returned from the front warn us that the end is a long way off. Germany is at bay, fighting, as it were, with her back to the wall; she will put her most desperate effort forward, will scruple at nothing, will hesitate at no sacrifice of men or material. Two years more they say the war will last. Two years to what end? There must be only one end; there can be only one end if we as a nation act and act now.

The public man who buoys up with the platitude "We will win" should be driven out of town should he fail to say what in this solemn hour is our responsibility. Munitions, more munitions and still more munitions! That call must sound throughout the length and breadth of the land; it must be heard at every fireside; it must echo through every factory; it must be consecrated on every altar.

Those in high places know too well the need. They appeal to us in words of solemn warning. We must be up and doing. It is time for decision; it is a time for action; it is a time for devotion.

Now will the H. C. of L. kindly make some peace proposals?

AS A WOMAN THINKETH.

By Helen Rowland.

SOMETIMES I wonder why I LIKE men! They always call it inopportune times. When I have just let down my hair and slipped into a kimono and am dying to finish a novel.

And stay away at other times when I am dressed up and lonely and restless, And take me to plays I don't care to see and to cafes that bore me.

And NEVER invite me anywhere that I am particularly longing to go.

And most of them have little bald spots on top of their heads, And smell of tobacco and bay rum, And talk about THEMSELVES, Or about other women, And are sentimental at the most impossible and preposterous moments, And disstrait, or indifferent, or grouchy at the most romantic moments.

If they try to flirt with me it makes me indignant, And if they don't it makes me furious. If they fall in love with me I am always unhappy in the end, And if they don't I am unhappy from the beginning to the end, If I marry one of them I know I shall be sorry, And if I don't I know I shall be utterly miserable!

And YET, After all, They are the only things there ARE to flirt with, Or to fall in love with, Or to marry, And, next to a baby or a kitten, the nicest thing there is to kiss, And there are times when NOTHING on earth will take the place of one of them, Not even ART or a pomeranian! Because a pomeranian never calls you pet names,

Nor take you out to dinner, Nor send you candy and violets. And Art is SO impersonal. You can't run your fingers through its hair. Nor talk baby talk to it, Nor quarrel with it when you need a little excitement, Nor make it miserable by flirting with somebody else.

And there is nothing in the whole wide, wonderful world so comforting As a nice, rough, shaggy coat-sleeve TO CRY ON!

So I have decided That there is a real NEED in the world for men— Even for husbands And BACHELORS!

A CHRISTMAS-TIME JINGLE.

My dears, do you know, one short Christmas ago There were two little children named Jimsy and Joe, Who were stolen away by their Uncle that day, Who drove round and carted them off in a sleigh.

And the two little chaps, rolled in buffalo wraps With their eyes in the furs and their hands in their laps, He whizzed down the street, through the snow and the sleet, At a gait old Kriss Kringel himself couldn't beat.

And their uncle yelled "Ho!" all at once, and then "Whoa!" Mr. Horses, this store is where we want to go." And as the sleigh stopped, up the little heads popped, And out on the sidewalk the old uncle hopped, And he took the boys in, with a wink and a grin, And had 'em dressed clean up from toe-tip to chin, Then he bundled 'em back in the sleigh, and cur-rack! Went the whip; and away they all went whizzin' back.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Nothing official has come ad-ropo to show when the belligerents will reply to President Wilson's note urging discussion of peace, or what the nature of the responses might be. The London news despatches indicating that an early reply was unlikely, because of the necessity of consultation between the Allies, agreed with a view prevailing here.

Apparently the administration, having despatched the note, and in the interest of caution having taken steps to see that no misconstruction abroad was placed on the president's purposes, now is carefully watching the expressions of opinion, particularly in the British press. As the attitude of the Teutonic allies had been clearly foreshadowed in advance and the president, in the note specifically disclaimed any association with that attitude, the interest of American officials centered on the reception of the note in the entente countries and among the European neutrals.

It was recalled, as the London despatches, most of them hostile, arrived, that similar expressions greeted the original proposals of the entente allies, but that the views were moderated in the British press and among the Entente diplomats here after reflection and discussion.

The suggestion from London that the manner of replying to the president's note will differ from the form of replies to proposals of the German allies corresponded with official expectations. It is thought here that the Entente Allies might not make an extended answer to the proposals of the central powers but would deal with the whole peace subject in their response to the U. S.

The German view is that whatever the reply of the Entente allies, the relations between Germany and the United States will have been immeasurably improved, provided to the point of assisting careful study by the Berlin Government to make any such conditions as led up to a crisis which threatened a break in diplomatic relations.

Entente diplomats, while they apparently had decided to accept the president's attitude in good faith, had not wholly disposed of their own that it might redound to the advantage of their enemies.

The President's Error.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The "Globe," which carries great political influence, after alluding to what it terms the "courteous and precise form of President Wilson's note," says: "It certainly seems that the Washington Cabinet in its desire for peace has neglected to look the problem in the face and weigh the real evidence. President Wilson's note is a fundamental error dates far back, to his refusal to pass upon the initial responsibility for the war. Judge what the two groups of belligerents say and think about peace. Do you forget that one of them deliberately broke the peace, while the other did everything to keep it?"

MINISTERS HONORED.

Retiring Prime Minister Names Men to Become Peers.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—In accordance with custom, when there is a change in the Government, the King has conferred honors on various persons recommended to him by the retiring Prime Minister: Lord Sandhurst, former Lord Chamberlain; Lewis Harcourt, former First Commissioner of Works, and Lord Cowdray, made viscounts; and Joseph Albert Pease, former Postmaster-General; Arthur Dewar, former Solicitor-General for Scotland; Sir Thomas Dewar, M.P., and Sir Edward Parthington, director of the Manchester and Liverpool District Bank, are made barons. A number of minor honors also have been conferred by the King.

Mr. Harcourt in a letter to his constituents announcing his resignation from the House of Commons, says that in his person the old family peerage will be revived. Mr. Dewar's promotion is said to be due to his agricultural experiments.

The Western Front.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The following is an official communication: "In the course of the day rather spirited artillery fighting took place in the region of Hautmont work, Leveumont, and the Chambrettes Farm (Verden region). "Several surprise attacks which were carried out to the east of St. Mihiel, to the Gerechtens Wood, at Chesapeake, north of Celles (Voages) and in the Fave Valley, enabled us to destroy small enemy outposts and to bring back some prisoners. On the rest of the front there was intermittent cannonading." Belgian communication: "On the southern portion of the Belgian front the bomb and artillery struggle has been very violent. Our field and trench batteries silenced the enemy artillery."

Portuguese Rebels Defeated.

MADRID, Dec. 26.—El Imparcial's Lisbon correspondent telegraphs that the Portuguese Government is entirely master of the situation resulting from the revolutionary outbreaks in various parts of Portugal. The attempts of Machado Santos, at the head of a small band of rebels, to enter the town of Abrantes, eighty miles north-east of Lisbon, resulted in no casualties. Machado Santos, who is a naval officer, will be tried by court-martial.

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ALBERT
Reopens after Christmas
vacation
Full courses in Calligraphy, Bookbinding, Penmanship, Organ, Piano Culture and Violin; Expression Art and Commercial under competent teachers.

Frank McGinty of Kingston, is in town.

Pte. Caron of Toronto is in Belleville.

Mr. F. Dolan of Port Arthur is in town.

Mr. Col. Barragar was in town yesterday.

Mr. R. Palos spent the holiday in Belleville.

Mr. Ernest Bawden of Vancouver, is in town.

Mr. George Bawdon of Port Arthur is in the city.

Mr. Davey Carr of Toronto is visiting in the city.

Miss Violet McKee spent the holiday in Belleville.

Mr. H. R. Wilson spent the holiday in town.

Major R. D. Ponton was in Belleville for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. S. McGuire spent Christmas at Madoc.

Leon Goyer of Welland was at home here for Xmas.

Mr. T. Walton of the Haines' Co. spent Christmas in Peterboro.

Mr. Henry Martin of Toronto, is spending the holidays in town.

Miss Anna Cronin of Rochester, N. Y. is visiting friends in the city.

Mr. J. O'Brien of the Ritchie Co. was in Peterborough for Christmas.

Miss A. Malloch, of the Ritchie Co. was in Peterboro over the holiday.

W. K. Wims and F. P. Wims, of Montreal spent Christmas in the city.

Mr. Roy Hadley of Frankford is visiting Mr. Allen Meagher of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Bowie were in Peterborough for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Hardley Wilmot of Detroit is visiting his mother and sister, Trenton Road.

Mr. H. Wolfe of the Ritchie Co.'s men's store was in Peterboro over the holiday.

Mr. E. Kidd of the Ritchie Co.'s men's department holiday in Peterborough.

Miss L. Fluke of the Ritchie Co. spent Christmas with her parents in Peterborough.

Mr. Plumpton of the Merchants Bank staff, Kingston, spent the weekend in the city.

Mr. Percy Bell, formerly of this city, but now of Kingston was in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Wotton spent Christmas with the former's parents in Peterborough.

Mr. G. L. Bird of Toronto, is spending the holidays with his parents on Sinclair street.

Miss Louise McCabe of Harold was the guest of Miss Rose Bailey, Motra Street, on Saturday.

Mrs. (Rev.) A. P. Daulton, of St. Ois. is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wooton, Catharine St.

The "Peg of the Ring" series will be shown at the Palace Wednesday only this week, matinee and night.

Capt. E. D. O'Flynn, of the 247th Battalion, Peterborough, spent Sunday and Christmas at his home here.

Miss Josephine Tickell of Victoria University, Toronto, is spending her holidays at her home on Church St.

Mr. Samuel Macdonald, of New Rochelle, N.Y. is spending the holidays with his nephew, Mr. Stephen Haight.

Miss Edith Trux and Miss Sybil Ross of Oshawa spent Christmas at the home of the latter on Catharine Street.

Pte. S. Johnson of Frankford has arrived home from England.

GERMANY REPLY TO PRES. WILSON'S NOTE

Special 5 p.m.
BERLIN, Dec. 26.—Germany and her allies, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey today replied to President Wilson's note requesting that the belligerent nations should state aims for which they were fighting, by proposing that a conference of delegates of the belligerents be held immediately in a neutral city. The task of preventing future wars, the official statement says, can be begun only after the end of the present struggle.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES FOR THE CITY OF BELLEVILLE FOR CURRENT YEAR, 1916.

Table with columns for Receipts and Expenditures. Receipts total \$220179.68. Expenditures total \$220179.68. Surplus \$2887.53.

H. F. KETCHESON, Mayor.

Miss Mary Burns of Kingston and Miss Gussie Taylor of Detroit are visiting Miss Elsie Vallance, Commercial Street.

Miss Florence Newton of Western Hospital, Toronto spent Xmas with her parents here, Chief and Mrs. Newton.

Mr. Henry Sculthorpe, seed merchant of Port Hope, spent the holiday with his cousin, Mr. Charles Grass, Charles street.

Mrs. P. E. Swetman and daughters, of Tweed spent Christmas with Mrs. Swetman's sister, Mrs. Wm. Schryver, Yeomans street.

Mr. William Schryver, Yeomans St. who has been seriously ill for several weeks past, is making satisfactory progress towards recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Lowery spent the holiday with Mrs. Lowery's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Thompson, Sinclair street.

Mrs. W. O. Kerr (nee Gertrude Thompson) and little son Edgar, of Ernford, Saskatchewan are in the city visiting Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Thompson of Sinclair street.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wallace, of Lindsay, and two daughters, May and Ruby spent Christmas with Mrs. Wallace's sister, Mrs. R. Snell, Charles street.

Dr. Connor was called to Chatterton on Friday night owing to the very serious illness of her mother, Mrs. William Connor, due to a sudden attack of pleurisy.

The 50th annual convention of the Dairyman's Association of Western Ontario will be held in Woodstock, Ont., on Wednesday, and Thursday, Jan. 10th and 11th.

Mr. Earl Chapman of the Sales Department of the Ford Motor Company, Ford, Ontario, is spending several days' vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Chapman, Charles street.

Mrs. (Rev.) A. W. Main, Philadelphia, nee-step-daughter, Miss Georgia Main, Montreal, are in town, the guests of Mrs. Main's brother, Mr. Stephen Haight, of the Post Office staff.

Mayor Ketcheson's father was yesterday a guest at his son's and was seized with an illness that he had to be removed to the hospital and at once was operated on. Mr. Ketcheson is 78 years of age and yet possesses great strength.

UNDERWENT OPERATION

DEATH OF WM. DEAN

Wm. Dean, son of the late Judge Dean, died in New York City. His remains will arrive here next Thursday afternoon.

SOLDIERS GIVEN SUSPENDED SENTENCES

Ptes. George Buck and Edward Pippin, two soldiers who were last Saturday fined \$25 and costs each for drunkenness and pleaded guilty to destroying windows in Mr. W. Day's shooting gallery, Front street, a week ago last night, were this morning let go on suspended sentences on payment of fines and costs and \$24.50 compensation for the destruction of glass. The boys expressed a willingness to return to their regiment and were advised to cut out Jamaica ginger, which they said made them drunk.

NOMINATIONS

LIKELY A CONTEST
Present indications today point to contest in Thurlow for the reeveship and deputy reeveship.

NOMINATIONS
Kingston
Kingston, Dec. 22.—Dr. A. W. Richardson and Ald. J. M. Hughes will contest for the mayoralty, the former for a second term. Kingston goes back to the one-year Aldermanic term in 1917. H. W. Newman J. W. Litton and P. B. Chown were re-elected Aldermen in Victoria ward by acclamation.

Port Hope
Mayor R. A. Mulholland, Reeve G. A. Smith, Deputy Reeve, J. H. Rosewater and Water Commissioner L. B. Chalk and George Millward were returned by acclamation. For the council there are sixteen contestants.

Deseronto
Mayor, E. Arthur Rixon, reeve, T. Taylor; councillors, M. Hunt, C. J. Brennan, Thos. Fox, Geo. E. Clement, Wm. H. Haundreich, W. H. Richardson, (all acc.)

Ameliasburg
Reeve, W. W. Anderson, J.H. Parliament, Geo. Cunningham, W. E. Anderson; deputy Reeve, George Cunningham, R. C. Hubbs, F. Chase; councillors, Jas. Robinson, R. C. Hubbs, Mahlon Eckert, Charles G. Sprague, H. Fox, V.S.

Madoc Township
Reeve, Simeon Fox, Chas. Thompson; Deputy Reeve, W. H. Kells, Fred A. Comerford; councillor, Jno Miller, Jas. Kincaid, Hercules Rollins, Harry Jones.

Madoc Village
Reeve, E. C. Tufts, Thos. H. Thompson; councillors, Frank Dafeo, Walter Whytock, Chas. Hart, W. J. Atkins, W. B. Blair, C. R. Ross, Carl McCoy, Jno. Robertson, Jas. Burns.

Huntingdon
Old council reelected by acclamation as follows: Reeve, William J. Jeffrey; councillors, Robt. S. Wood, Jas. W. Haggerly, Jno. M. Geen, Chas. A. Mitz.

Trendinaga
Whole council elected by acclamation, reeve, Peter MacLaren, deputy reeve, J. V. Walsh;

THANKS FOR EMPLOYERS.
Munition Workers Grateful For Generosity of Marsh and Henthorn's Ltd.

The employees of Marsh and Henthorn's Limited wish to thank the President and Directors for their generous Christmas Gift of a day's pay to each of their employees.

At the Christmas dinner, it will be a pleasure to each of us to enjoy a measure of hospitality of Marsh and Henthorn and yet feel assured that we have been serving our country in piling up munitions.

We all join in wishing the Board of Directors and staff a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year. Signed on behalf of the employees of Marsh and Henthorn.

FIRE PROBE ADJOURNED
Pending Recovery of Employees Whose Testimony is Required

Peterboro, Dec. 23.—The Provincial Fire Marshal's investigation into the Quaker Oats building fire was resumed on Thursday morning, and after evidence, was postponed indefinitely pending the recovery of employees now in the hospital, whose evidence is required. Meantime the Crown Attorney and the Fire Chief will be on the lookout for further evidence.

Mrs. Hopcroft, who lives across the river opposite to and in full view of the buildings, saw flames through the windows of the room next to the boiler room, the grinding room, followed at once by an explosion that blew out the side of the building.

James Pakenham, millwright, had seen fire coming out of the discharge end of the grinder, a flash that went out with a few sparks. Ground hulls were blown out on the floor, and easily put out. To Mr. Heaton witness said that the little fire of a month ago was not an uncommon occurrence in the mill.

Alex. Reid, expressman, while delivering parcels at Driscoll Terrace, across the river opposite mills said there came a flash like lightning, followed by an explosion that blew out the walls.

Robert Stewart, inspector with the company twenty-eight years, said a magnet was placed in the grinders to attract bits of nails that escaped the sieves in the cleaning house. Great care was taken by the company to keep strangers out of the plant.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL ENLISTS.
Bancroft, Dec. 23.—R. M. Sarles, Principal of the public school here; Roy Thompson, relieving agent at the C.N.R., and Irwin Price have all signed up with the 235th battalion. Mr. Sarles is continuing his work until a new principal can be secured.

COL. ADAMS EXPECTS TO GO TO FRONT AFTER CHRISTMAS.

Mr. Hiram Ellis, Picton, recently received the following letter from Lt.-Col. Adams, O.C., 155th: Bramshott, Nov. 30, 1916.

Dear Hiram:—The 155th is about all shot to pieces. Day before yesterday we sent our machine gun officer and 25 men to the machine gun depot at Crowborough. Today we are getting 340 men ready for France. They will leave here day after tomorrow. The Brigadier has definitely assured me that the officers and staff will all remain together and that we will be filled up to strength again right away. He says that he will send me to France right after Christmas for a month at least and that I will have an opportunity of being right up in the front line all the time. I have a letter from Arnold almost every day. So far he is all right. He is now second in command of his company and so has a lot of work to do which makes the time pass very much faster than the last time he was over. Our Brigade Major—whose name is Adams, was in the 14th Battalion when Arnold was wounded. He was in command of Arnold's company and helped to lead him out after he was wounded. English weather is beastly. It is damp, cold and foggy all the time. The people over here do not know anything about heating their houses. All they use is fireplaces. These make you warm on one side only and two-thirds of the heat goes up the chimney. Milton.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS.
The editor of The Ontario gratefully acknowledges the receipt of Christmas greetings from Mr. N. W. D. Rowell, K.C. M.P.P., Lt.-Col. J. A. V. Preston and officers of the 39th Overseas Battalion, Major J. M. Wilson, A.D.D.S., and staff of the Canadian Army Dental Corps, Military District No. 3, the President and Directors of the National Exhibition, Toronto, Mr. Maurice D. Lynch, Chicago, as well as from many other personal friends.

SCHEDULE REARRANGED WHEN PICTON CLUB QUILTS SERIES.
Peterboro, Dec. 23.—Owing to the fact that Picton has dropped out of O. H. A. Group No. 2, the intermediate schedule has been rearranged as follows:

- Dec. 26—Lindsay at Cobourg.
Dec. 29—Cobourg at Lindsay.
Jan. 2—Lindsay at Peterboro.
Jan. 5—Peterboro at Lindsay.
Jan. 8—Cobourg at Peterboro.
Jan. 12—Peterboro at Cobourg.
Jan. 15—Peterboro at Cobourg.
Jan. 19—Cobourg at Lindsay.
Jan. 23—Lindsay at Peterboro.
Jan. 26—Peterboro at Lindsay.
Jan. 30—Cobourg at Peterboro.
Feb. 2—Peterboro at Cobourg.

NEWSPAPERS AND LIQUOR ADVERTISING.
Tuesday's issue of the Daily Ontario has an editorial on the advertising pages of those journals that advertise intoxicating liquors for sale. The Review commends a careful perusal of the editorial to every person who claims to have at heart the suppression of the use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage. The content of the Ontario is that a newspaper that lends its columns to the advertisement of liquors so attractively presented is assisting in doing a work much more dangerous than that of the open bar, and one likely to bring prohibition into disfavor. The question which every advertiser and every subscriber must answer to his own conscience is "Do I by patronizing these papers become directly or indirectly responsible for bringing these liquors into Canadian homes?"—The Review, Madoc.

MESSAGE FROM MISS GUEST
A former pupil in this city has received a message from Miss E. J. Guest, M.A., formerly of Belleville H. S. staff, in which she states that she is at the War Hospital, Dunston, Northampton, England, in the Voluntary Aid Department, where there are a thousand beds and all kept full. Corporal Ernest Carr, of the 34th Battery, who suffered terrible injuries, resulting in the loss of both legs, was one of the patients there when he was undergoing treatment.

A Simple and Cheap Medicine.—A simple, cheap and effective medicine is something to be desired. There is no medicine so effective a regulator of the digestive system as Parmelee's Vegetable Pills. They are simple, they are cheap; they can be got anywhere, and their beneficial action will prove their recommendation. They are the medicine of the poor man and those who wish to escape doctors' bills will do well in giving them a trial.

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ROCHON, Que., March 2nd, 1915.

"I have received the most wonderful benefit from taking 'Fruit-a-tives'. I suffered for years from Rheumatism and change of life, and I took every remedy obtainable without results. I tried 'Fruit-a-tives' and it was the only medicine that really did me good. Now I am entirely well—the Rheumatism has disappeared, and the terrible pains in my body are all gone. I hope that others, who suffer from such distressing diseases, will try 'Fruit-a-tives'. MADAME ISABE ROCHON. 50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa.

CHRISTMAS RIFLE SHOOT

At the armouries last evening many participated in a Christmas rifle shoot for turkey. Several members of the ladies' club also took part and made fine scores. For the first bird, Messrs. G. B. Smith and A. R. Symons tied but Mr. Smith modestly retired in favor of Mr. Symons. The second bird was tied for by Miss Milburn and Miss Lazier with 97 points scored. The winner of this will be decided later. Owing to the late hour, the shooting for the last bird was confined to a competition of five shots each with no sighting shots and this was won by Mr. Symons with a score of 48 out of 50.

First Bird—A. R. Symons 97, G. B. Smith 97, H. Day 96, H. Hall 96, G. D. Gratton 96, M. Dafeo 96, W. J. Andrews 95, J. Douch 95, B. Parks 93, C. C. Hayes 93, H. Sneyd 92, J. C. Willis 91, J. Woodley 90, C. J. Willis 89, J. W. Davison 89, W. Potts 79, J. Osborne 76

Second Bird—Miss Lazier 195; Miss Milburn 95, Miss McCarthy 93, Mrs. Hyman 92, Miss McLean 90

Third Bird—A. R. Symons 48; G. B. Smith 47, J. Douch 47, J. C. Willis 45, C. C. Hayes 46, G. D. Gratton 44, Miss McCarthy 44, J. W. Davison 44, M. Dafeo 43, H. Hall 42, Miss Milburn 42, Mrs. Hyman 42, Miss McLean 41, H. Day 41, W. Andrews 41, B. Parks 40, W. Potts 39, C. J. Willis 37, J. Osborne 35, J. Woodley 35.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition hearing will be destroyed forever. Nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by Catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

UNCLE AND NEPHEW FINED
James Wims and his nephew James Wims were arrested shortly after midnight in a stable on Front street under the influence of liquor. Two bottles were found with them.

This morning they pleaded guilty in police court to being drunk in a public place contrary to the new Temperance Act. Both were fined \$15 and costs or 15 days.

In passing judgment the Magistrate declared that there was not a case of simply getting drunk and being picked up on the street. They were reported in a livery stable. The reports brought to the authorities were that the men deliberately went to drink in the place where drinking was unlawful. The nephew was probably a little more to blame, but still the fine would be the same.

DESERONTO BOYS IN COURT
In Deseronto yesterday before Magistrate Bedford, two boys named Fred Wilkes and Fred Laundry were committed for trial on charges of shop breaking. They were arrested as a result of a series of deprecations by some boys in that town. Mr. Carnew represented the crown.

MIDNIGHT MASS
St. Michael's church on Sunday midnight, was crowded with worshippers for the Midnight Mass. Exquisite music was rendered by the choir. The rector, Rev. Father Kilbeon officiated.

RAIDING HUN TRENCHES

British Troops Active on Franco-Belgian Front.

There Was No Christmas Truce This Year, and During the Holiday Much Damage Was Done to the German Defences by the Guns of General Haig's Artillery.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Further official details are given in the War Office statement issued under Sunday's date of the daylight raid recently conducted by British troops on the Franco-Belgian front north of Arras. A successful raid carried out on Saturday night in the vicinity of Hebuterne is also reported. The statement reads:

We entered enemy trenches last night in the neighborhood of Hebuterne. Dugouts occupied by the enemy were bombed and prisoners were taken. Gas was successfully discharged by us Saturday evening against the enemy's trenches west of Messines. Saturday night the enemy fired a comical shot at Sorrell. No damage is reported.

Intermittent artillery activity continued particularly on the right of our line between the Somme and Hebuterne. North-east of Morval an enemy working party was captured by our fire. Our heavy artillery shelled enemy battery positions opposite Neuve Chapelle and Festubert.

Further particulars regarding the raid by us north of Arras, and reported in the communiqués of the 20th and 21st show the operation was more successful than at first reported. The raid took place in the afternoon, in broad daylight, after careful preparation. Two lines of enemy trenches were penetrated on a 490 yard front, and all the objectives aimed at were reached. Our troops remained in the enemy's trenches which were badly damaged, for a period of 2 1/2 hours. All his dugouts were methodically searched and blown in before returning. One German officer and 57 men of other ranks were made prisoners.

The official statement from British headquarters Christmas night reads: "In successful raids during the night (Sunday) against the enemy's trenches west of Arras and south of Armentieres, we took a number of prisoners. The enemy this morning (Monday), exploded a comical shot south of St. Eloi. The damage was slight."

"There has been considerable artillery activity at intervals during the day along our front north of the Somme, where the enemy defences and headquarters were systematically shelled by us. Much damage was done to the enemy defences. Elsewhere the usual artillery activity continued, being most marked in the neighborhood of Ypres and also south of Armentieres, where we bombarded the buildings occupied by the enemy in the rear of his lines.

Three German Aeroplanes in One Day.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The bulletin issued by the War Office Monday night reads: "The day was relatively calm along the whole front. On the Somme front three German aeroplanes were brought down by our pilots on Dec. 24. The first machine fell in flames south of Epinacourt, the second crashed to earth near Omeicourt, the third fell in the direction of Liencourt."

"On the night of December 24-25 one of our air squadrons bombarded the enemy airdrome at Vialignes, as well as ammunition depots at Athies, Ennemain, and Monsec-Chaussee. "Eastern theatre: A violent artillery struggle took place in the region north of Monastir. "Belgian: There is nothing to report."

Romanian Confident as to Future.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A Reuters despatch from Jassy, dated Dec. 25, says that the Rumanian Parliament was opened there on that day by King Ferdinand. The despatch says that the king, in a speech from the throne, said that the war has shown that Austria-Hungary in her present condition could no longer exist as a factor in the equilibrium of Europe. The king said that the Rumanian Army had struggled against the forces of four combined enemies in a manner justifying Rumania looking to the future with absolute confidence. According to the despatch, the king was given an enthusiastic reception by the Senators and Deputies.

Holland in Favor of Peace.

BERLIN, Dec. 26, via Sayville.—The Overseas News Agency gives out the following regarding the peace reports: "The Berne (Switzerland) Tagblatt reports that the Scandinavian governments, according to rumor, will in the immediate future hold a conference in order to foster peace negotiations by common proposals. "Likewise, The Neue Zurichser Zeitung reports from The Hague that Holland will probably issue a note similar to that of Switzerland."

Replace Austrian Minister of War.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—The Austrian Minister of War, General Ritter von Krobath, is to be replaced by Field Marshal von Schreyer, according to a Vienna report published in The Yossische Zeitung, and given out by the Overseas News Agency.

Captain Cecil Walford Ward has been granted a discharge of bankruptcy debts, aggregating £18,000, by the English courts, with assets £94, a dividend of about a penny in the pound will be paid. The debtor formerly practiced before the British Columbia Bar. He formed the Canadian Real Properties Syndicate, and was connected with many other real estate ventures which collapsed in 1912.

FOUR SORROW QUEENS

TRAGIC FIGURES IN THE HISTORY OF TURBULENT MEXICO

Women Who Once Ruled Proudly in the Rich American Country Are Now Either Exiled or Mad—Senora Madero Was the Mexican Joan of Arc.

THE recent Mexican practice of putting presidents in and out of office with dizzying rapidity has had, of course, its comic side, which appealed to writers of musical shows and short stories; but it has also had another phase, which spells tragedy for four women who once ruled in that turbulent land.

When a President went out of office, it usually called for more than a mere change of rank for his wife. Too often it meant exile, or even widowhood.

Mexico has a record for unhappy rulers' wives. As they are named in the account, they include: First, the mad Carlotta, Empress of Mexico; then Carmen Romero Rubio de Diaz, the widow of the "Iron Man" of Mexico; Mrs. Francisco I. Madero, the widow of the "Little dreamer," and widowed by assassination; is the third, and the last of the quartet, Senora Emilia Aguila Huerta, widow of Gen. Victoriano Huerta, the "old Indian" dictator, who died a prisoner in the United States and left his widow an exile there.

Probably it would be difficult to say which of Mexico's four queens of sorrow is the most miserable. In the case of the poor Carlotta, insanity kindly cast a curtain over her mind. She, at least, may not be able to realize just how full is her cup of sorrow.

For more than fifty years now the mad Empress Carlotta has sat upon her throne of make-believe in the Chateau de Bouchard, a remote and forest-hidden palace near Brussels, where she was left unharmed when the Germans swept through Belgium.

The second queen of the quartet of the queens of sorrow is Senora Carmen Romero Rubio de Diaz, the widow of Porfirio Diaz, dictator of Mexico for more than thirty years, and who died an exile in Paris last July.

To-day Senora Diaz is without a country. She is the former "Carmelita," beloved of all Mexico, and in whose honor the organization known as the "Daughters of Carmelita" was named.

The aged Diaz, yielding before the forces of Madero, put Victoriano Huerta, his trusted general, in charge of his military escort on the train that took him to Vera Cruz. When this train was attacked the old "Iron Man" and his general fought side by side. Huerta finally saw Diaz made a prisoner of war which carried him and his "Carmelita" into exile.

A few years before the Diaz Government was overthrown a very close friend of General Porfirio Diaz, who calls himself "a soldier of the old guard," wrote the biography of the former Mexican dictator, in which he paid the following tribute to Senora Diaz:

"A factor which always has an important bearing upon the life-work and destinies of General Diaz is that of his noble and exemplary wife, Madame Diaz, who loved and adored the Mexican people, who loved and admired her for the noble example she has set and for her many quiet and unostentatious acts of real charity. The remarkable energy and endurance which characterized the life and work of General Diaz are to a great extent attributable to that perfect and harmonious home atmosphere and influence which Madame Diaz has known how to exercise."

Assassination made Senora Sara Percy Madero the third member of the queens of sorrow quartet. She is now an exile in New York. She is the woman who has been called the Mexican Joan of Arc. She sold her own jewels to pay the soldiers who rose against Porfirio Diaz. She followed her husband tirelessly from camp to camp through the long campaigns, nursing the wounded, solacing the dying, holding up the hope of freedom to the fighters who were left.

Senora Madero in the woman who went to the foreign districts with the capital at the time when the Madero rule was threatened. She begged these at the embassies to save her husband, for she feared for his life. They smiled indulgently at her. They could not believe she was prompted by anything more than the senseless fears of an overwrought woman. We learn:

"They will surely kill my husband!" she cried. "You can stop them. Your Governments will not allow this thing to be. Save him!" "Senora, they would not dare to commit violence," she was told, soothingly.

Then came the tragic ten days in February, 1913, when thousands were slain in the streets of the City of Mexico. Madero gave his defence into Huerta's hands. After a frightful bloodshed, Huerta turned traitor, and Madero was imprisoned in the National Palace.

Within a few days Madero, while his frail wife was pleading on her knees for her husband's life, was shot "while trying to escape," all of which was according to the Mexican leyenda, the legend of flight.

Senora Madero is small and slight in stature. She does not look strong, and has a strained, startled look of questioning misery in her eyes.

Upon the death of Madero, Huerta seized the Mexican Presidency, but after a stormy career of less than two years he was forced to flee the country. He and all whom he had known of his family managed to escape from Mexico to Spain, from which country they came to New York in May, 1915.

Huerta then purchased a home at Forest Hills, Long Island, but last

July decided to establish his home in El Paso. Last June he was arrested on the Texas border on the charge of being involved in a conspiracy to violate the United States neutrality laws by planning a revolution in Mexico.

Huerta was imprisoned in Fort Bliss, near El Paso, and his wife hastened to his side. It was said that as a result of his arrest, Huerta aged twenty years within a few days and his iron constitution began to break. A fatal artery developed, and after a number of operations, he died last January, a prisoner in an alien country.

General Huerta's wife held his hand to the end. The windows of the death-chamber opened toward Mexico, and in his last moments of consciousness, Senora Huerta held her dying husband's head in her arms and turned his face so he could look out to the Mexican mountains and the land of his birth where he so recently ruled as dictator.

As the end came, the life companion of the "Old Indian" sat quietly. She shed no tears, for long ago her well of tears had gone dry. Like the stoic women of her land, she sat in silence. On that day she recalled, perhaps for the first time, the bitter verse of Daniel, another famous exile:

"Thou shalt find out how salt to the taste is the bread of others, and how bitter is the path of him who goes up and down others' stairs."

CENTURY OLD DISPUTE.

Where Are the Bones of Christopher Columbus?

The discussion has been revived, if indeed, it has ever subsided within the century, as to the burial place of Christopher Columbus. This is a period of interest in relics, sites, mementoes and memorials having historic significance, and wherever one mentions the grave or the bones of Columbus historians and antiquarians resume the century-old dispute. It is a controversy that has not been settled, and the prospect that it ever will be settled is not encouraging to those who would have the bones of the great adventurer and discoverer remain at rest in one place. Spain claims to possess the remains of the celebrated explorer in the city of Seville. Dominicans are usually sure that the remains of the discoverer of America are in their possession.

Columbus died, and was buried at Valladolid, Spain, in 1506. That is a fact which has passed beyond the region of dispute. It is related by adequate authority that seven years after his death his bones were removed to Seville, where the bones of his son Diego were also laid. About thirty years later both bodies were exhumed and taken over to Santo Domingo, where they were buried in the cathedral. The bodies reposed undisturbed until 1588, when the English and Dutch sailed the city, and the residents fearing that the tomb might be desecrated, destroyed all evidence of it and hid the bones in some spot in the cathedral which later could not be found. This is the way the narrative, which is accepted as history, runs.

It is further related that in 1795, when Santo Domingo was ceded to France, certain remains found in a vault of the cathedral were taken to Havana, Cuba, and there interred as the bones of Columbus. It was these bones which at the close of the Spanish-American war in 1898 were exhumed by Spanish authorities and removed to Seville, where they now rest. Soon after this certain Dominicans discovered near the altar of the cathedral a leaden casket containing bones, a bullet and a silver plate on which was an inscription to the effect that the bones which, at the close of the Spanish-American war, were taken to Cuba, were those of the son of Columbus. The weight of opinion seems to be that the bones of Columbus rest in the cathedral in Santo Domingo, and that the bones removed by the Spanish to Havana in 1795 were the remains of Columbus' son, Diego.

The Speed of Birds. There is nothing more wonderful in nature than the power of flight possessed by birds, and no subject which yields more startling facts upon investigation.

"The way of an eagle in the air" is one of those things of which Solomon expressed himself ignorant; and there is something truly marvelous in the mechanism which contrives the scythe-like sweep of wings peculiar to most birds of prey. Yet even naturalists of the first order have had little or nothing to say about the power of flight in birds, while some of them speak of very insufficient evidence.

Witness Michelet's statement that the swallow flies at the rate of 340 miles an hour. Roughly this gives 1,000 miles in four hours, but naturally, even in its swiftest dashes, the swallow does not attain to anything like this speed. But the Duke of Argyll is rather under than over the mark when he computes the speed at more than one hundred miles per hour.

The mechanism of flight in the swallow is carried through an ascending scale, until in the swift it reaches its highest degree, both in endurance and facility of evolution. Although there are birds which may, and probably do, attain to the speed of 150 miles per hour, this remarkable rate is not to be looked for in any of the birds of the swallow kind. In the migrations swallows stick close to land, and never leave it unless compelled. They cross straits at the narrowest part, and are the most easily fatigued of all birds. Apparently, though they possess considerable speed, they have no powers of sustained flight.

Showers Evaporate. Raindrops and snowflakes are cloud particles which, in virtue of their size and other favorable conditions, succeed in falling to the earth. Many a shower of rain or snow never reaches the earth, but evaporates in mid-air.

STORY OF AUSTRALIA.

A Country That "Drifts" Into Human Knowledge.

Australia, which of late has figured so prominently in the news of the day, should be reckoned, geologists tell us, amongst the oldest land in the world. As far as annals are concerned, however, it is, of course, the first country with which the great continent is a question still unsettled, and is likely, as far as can be seen, to remain so; but one thing seems to be certain enough, and that is that for many centuries before its coast was sighted and explored by Europeans, the fact of its existence was generally known in both East and West. The Chinese, who have managed to forestall Europe in many things, had certainly some knowledge of it, as far back as the Thirteenth Century. The Malays were probably acquainted with the northern coast, and Marco Polo, the traveler of the Thirteenth Century, makes reference to the reputed existence of a vast southern continent.

There was no great dramatic discovery of Australia, such as there was in the case of America. It seems somehow, to have straggled into the knowledge of the West by way of ships blown out of their courses, and through tales carried overland from the East.

Early in the Seventeenth Century, however, Philip III. of Spain took the matter in hand. He sent out an expedition of discovery from Callao, Peru, under Admiral de Torres, to search for the great Southern Continent. The little fleet, consisting of three vessels, sailed from Callao on the 21st of December, 1605, and, the following year, reached one of the islands of the New Hebrides, which was at once hailed as, indeed, the land for which they were searching. Torres then sailed north towards the Philippines, and may, possibly, have caught sight of the northern coast of Australia on his way. He did not, however, reach the continent. The next few years were fruitful in discovery. In the same year that Torres sailed from Callao, the little Dutch vessel, the Duyfken or Dove, sailed from Bantam, in Java, on a voyage of discovery. The voyagers in the city were reaching the north shores of the continent, and explored a considerable stretch of the Gulf of Carpentaria. This was followed by several other enterprises undertaken by Dutchmen, and by 1666 the Dutch possessed rough charts of almost the whole of the western coast; whilst the mainland itself they had given the name of New Holland.

The first Australian navigator to sight the Australian Continent was William Dampier. This was in 1688, and, on his return to England, the account he gave of his voyage resulted in his being sent out in the Roebuck, in 1699, to prosecute his discoveries further. Dampier carried out his commission to good purpose, explored some 900 miles of the western coast, and made several discoveries. He was not favorably impressed with the country as far as he could see it. He described it as barren and sterile and almost devoid of any importance whatsoever, and creature which in walking used only its hind legs and carrying twelve or fifteen feet at a time." In this description he was not much difficult in recognizing the kangaroo.

It was, however, after the famous voyage of Captain Cook, in 1769-70, that Australia began to take its place as one of the great facts of the world. As the immediate object was to observe the transit of Venus; but he was also commissioned to ascertain "whether the unexplored part of the Southern Hemisphere be only an immense mass of water, or contain another continent. The transit was observed from the Island of Tahiti, and then Cook commenced beating about the Pacific on his great quest. On the 19th of October, 1769, the coast of New Zealand was sighted, and two days later the great navigator cast anchor in Poverty Bay, so called because of the hostility of the natives. He observed four enemy machines. He attacked three, one after another, and put them to flight, the fourth in the meantime being engaged by another Englishman. The following day he fought two enemies, brought one down, forced the other to begin, continuing his successful career by again bringing down a Boche the next day. Lieutenant Boche Evans, during one fight, conquered four French men, crashing them to earth.

Another great feat was accomplished by an aviator named MacLaren. Flying over an enemy aerodrome he noticed a machine about to rise. Pilot and observer were in their places, mechanics held the wings. The Englishman came gently down to within 30 yards and dropped a bomb. Aeroplanes, pilot, observer, and mechanics were pulverized, but MacLaren went serenely on his bombing way, set fire to a hangar and destroyed the aerodrome. Among the many heroic exploits of our Allies there is one which would have inspired the admiration of Edgar Poe. An English aeroplane, carrying 2,000 metres above German territory, was reconnoitering. Suddenly a shell burst near it, killing the pilot instantly, severely damaging the machine, but not injuring the observer, Lieut. Howey, in any way. The aeroplane tipped nose downwards and fell 2,000 yards. Howey during this terrific fall performing a veritable gymnastic feat. He succeeded in slipping from his place to that of his comrade, unclipped his dead hands, sat upon his knees, and in spite of the appalling situation, seized the controls and in a cautious manner righted his machine just the moment it reached the earth after a veritable plunge to death. Howey was taken prisoner, but he was uninjured.

The Famous Mme. Sevigne. Marie de Rabutin Chantal, known to the world as Mme. Sevigne, is supposed to have been born in Bourdeaux in 1626, though both date and place are somewhat obscure. In 1644 she married the Marquis de Sevigne. Her unhappy marriage was terminated by afterward in a duel. The young widow then devoted herself to her children. When her daughter was married to the Marquis de Grignan, the subsequent separation caused the correspondence, which although not intended for publication, made her name celebrated, for she associated with the principal actors in the civil war of the Fronde.

Letters in "Broken" Arm. A nurse entering Holland from Germany had a "broken" arm that was encased in plaster of Paris. Arriving at the frontier, where every one has to submit to search, the military guard demanded that the casing be ripped open. As the cast was broken some 80 letters lay exposed. The arm was perfectly whole and healthy.

Flying Men Are Heroes

UNDER the title of "English Aviators—Who They Are and What They Do," The Mattin of Paris recently published an appreciative article from which we take the following quotations. The statements, however, should not be accepted as authoritative or official, although from what we have heard of the heroic deeds of British flying men, we see no reason to doubt their accuracy.

The English aviators are entrusted with the same mission as the French, the same halo of brilliancy encircles their names, and they share the same glorious results, and yet there is an indefinable something which distinguishes them from their French colleagues. What is this elusive quality which enables one to distinguish the nationality of the aviator, such as there are, and yet there is an indefinable something which distinguishes them from their French colleagues. What is this elusive quality which enables one to distinguish the nationality of the aviator, such as there are, and yet there is an indefinable something which distinguishes them from their French colleagues. What is this elusive quality which enables one to distinguish the nationality of the aviator, such as there are, and yet there is an indefinable something which distinguishes them from their French colleagues.

On August 11, during a reconnaissance in Egypt, an aeroplane was attacked by two enemy machines. A bullet broke the English pilot's jaw, several other enterprises undertaken by Dutchmen, and by 1666 the Dutch possessed rough charts of almost the whole of the western coast; whilst the mainland itself they had given the name of New Holland.

Attacks on trains are very popular with the R.F.C. In spite of the bad weather Lieutenant Owen Tudor observed four enemy machines. He attacked three, one after another, and put them to flight, the fourth in the meantime being engaged by another Englishman. The following day he fought two enemies, brought one down, forced the other to begin, continuing his successful career by again bringing down a Boche the next day. Lieutenant Boche Evans, during one fight, conquered four French men, crashing them to earth.

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Art of Conversation. The art of conversation was not always possessed by literary men. Charles and Marjorie were said to absorb so much time on an interesting subject that they were generally regarded as bores, whereas Robert Browning, with all his cumbersome poetry, was fascinating in his talk.

A PERILOUS JOURNEY.

British Unit of Armored Cars Joins Russians.

One of the most striking features of the war is the manner in which the forces of the various belligerents are mixed up with one another. On the western front, for instance, Russians are fighting with French and British; including Colonial and Hungarian troops, against the Germans. On the Italian front Italians, assisted to a certain extent by British Red Cross detachments, are struggling with Austrians, Germans, and Bulgarians. North of Salonica, British, Montenegrins, Serbians, Russians, and Italians, assisted by Greeks, are matched against Bulgarians and Germans, while on the Russian front English units are to be found fighting with the Russians against the Turks. The Russians, in company with Roumanians, are also opposed to Bulgarians, Turks, Germans, and Austrians.

One of the British units above mentioned is a detachment of armored cars. This small force is with the Grand Duke's army in Armenia. Particulars of how this detachment reached its destination, like the journey of the Russians to Marseilles when the story comes to be told, will make interesting reading. The unit was organized and is commanded by Commander Oliver Locker-Lampson, M.P., and included officers as well as men from England. The expedition journeyed from England to Russia by the White Sea and was forced to spend the winter in the Arctic. In the spring, however, the men were able to land all their guns, cars, and equipment, receiving a great ovation after their arrival at their destination. After a short stay in Petrograd, where several of the members of the party were decorated by the Czar, the unit crossed the Caucasian Mountains and went into action against the Turks. Correspondence from members of the party show that the unit underwent ceaseless training in the Arctic. They also did valuable salvage work, and the credit of saving one ship with a cargo worth £250,000 was in no small measure due to their efforts.

While on the Kola peninsula the unit also carried out important work in guarding German prisoners and in transporting material for the Russians overland by sleigh. Another party was occupied for a couple of months in assisting the Russians to complete a section of the new railway connecting Kola with Petrograd. Towards the end of their sojourn in the Arctic, firewood ran out and all had to subsist on black bread and biscuits. At the end of May preparations were made for the departure of the unit from the Kola peninsula, and eventually the force reached Archangel. During the embarkation operations at Alexandrovsk a boat containing one party broke up and had to be abandoned. Its occupants were exposed for 24 hours until rescued by a British trawler.

From Archangel the squadrons proceeded in a train of carriages on their long journey to Vladivostok, meeting everywhere with an unprecedented welcome. On the arrival of the force at Vladivostok the Grand Duke sent a telegram of welcome which said: "With my whole heart I welcome the arrival of the armored car detachment from England, the great ally of our glorious army. The Cossack army of the Caucasus I greet them."

Battlefield Memorials. In a graveyard west of Vimy, in France, there are buried 1,320 French soldiers and more than 600 English, says the London Times. The earth is bare on most of the English graves; the French ones are older, but all are cared for alike by the Englishmen now in charge of the place. "We leave you our trenches and our dead," a French officer said to an Englishman, "when our army took over this part of the line, and both parts of the trust are discharged with a will. What this means for the French one feels when he visits the graves of French soldiers' friends to their graves. The other day a French woman in deep mourning came here with a basket of flowers to place upon one of these. One of the usual little bareheaded processions came into the cemetery—an N.C.O. showing the way; then an English chaplain; then, on a stretcher, the body, a big Union Jack lying over it; then half a dozen privates. The French woman rose and fell in at the rear of the procession, with some of the flowers still in her hand. When the service was over she came close to the grave and dropped the white flowers in. One felt the truth of Sir Douglas Haig's saying that a kind of tribute to the successful termination of the war "may still have an extraordinary moral value to the troops in the field, as well as to the relatives and friends of the dead at home."

Bars and Bars. A grimy-looking stranger wandered into a certain seaside cafe the other day. He looked about him in an inquiring way for a second or two, then turned to the waitress, said, rather sharply: "I say, miss, where's the bar?" "What kind of a bar?" queried the waitress in return, and as icily as she could she replied: "Why! A liquor bar, of course!" "What sort of a bar did you suppose I meant?" "Well, she said, and her eyebrows arched slightly, "I didn't know, but I thought perhaps you might mean a bar of soap."

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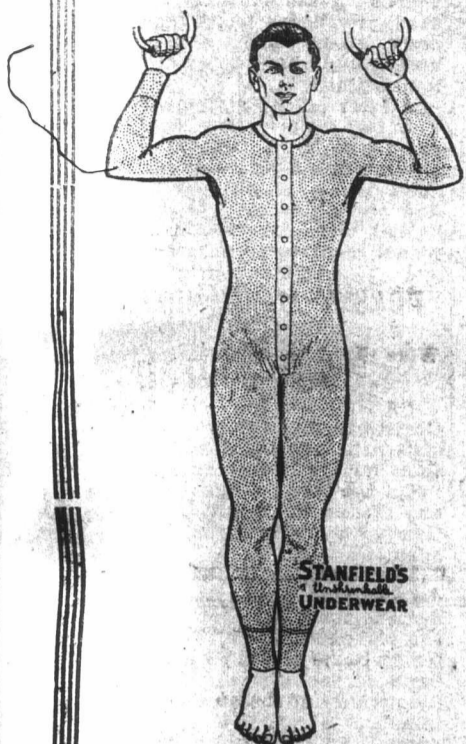
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A most interesting gathering occurred at the home of Mrs. M. B. Roblin, John street, on Tuesday afternoon, December 26th, this being the day on which she was eighty-five years young.

Her ladies' class, which she has led for over twenty years, went in a body to her home, accompanied by their pastor, Dr. Scott, to congratulate her and to present flowers.

Mrs. F. E. O'Flynn presented Mrs. Roblin with a beautiful bouquet of flowers, during the reading of the following address:—

Dear Mrs. Roblin,  
Your class have had the happy thought to rejoice with you on this anniversary of your natal day. We join with your hosts of friends in understanding and always rewards the faithful sower.

Mrs. Roblin then spoke of the complete surprise this had been to her but one of great satisfaction and joy. She must ever speak of those years of associations as years of loyalty and love to her, as leader of the class.

This very enjoyable gathering

love and good wishes, and we wish to present to you these flowers as a token of our esteem. You seem to us to be akin to these precious emblems of a pure life. As the faces of these flowers are always turned to the sun, and their bright cheer gladdens the hearts of all to whom they have endeared yourself to the many hearts, which have come under the spell of your life—truly turned to the Sun of Righteousness. From the Sun of Righteousness you have caught the cheer, that has brightened so many lives and endeared you to us in the bond of Christian fellowship.

That you may still be spared for service is the earnest prayer of your class. The company sang "Nearer my God to Thee" and Dr. Scott, who was then called on, gave a very helpful address on service and its reward. He expressed the thought that while the results of service are not always in evidence to the one who toils, and the heart often becomes discouraged, yet the reward is sure. Although the faithful sower does not always reap the harvest of his own sowing, and others garner in this harvest, yet God was then concluded by the hymn: "Blest be the tie that binds" and prayer by Dr. Scott.

### FRANKFORD.

Christmas service was held in Trinity church at 8.30 a.m. on Christmas morning.

Miss Ada Munn of Belleville spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Munn.

Miss Viola Hadley of Toronto is holidaying with her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. Hadley.

Mr. and Mrs. Meyers and Lulu spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Vanderroort in Trenton.

Mr. Farry and Lena took Xmas dinner with Dr. and Mrs. Tweedy in Stirling.

Some of our townspeople attended the Haggerty and Parry wedding on Xmas night in Murray.

Miss Bella Ostrom is spending her holidays with her uncle at Alexander.

### THOMASBURG.

The annual Christmas entertainment held on Christmas night was a great success. The receipts at the door totalled \$72.00.

A number from here attended the concert at Bethel on Friday night.

A number of young people of the vicinity surprised Miss Blanche Trampour with a kitchen shower, a week previous to her wedding.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized on Dec. 20th at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Morton, Thomasburg when Mrs. Morton's sister Miss Blanche Trampour, was married to Mr. Harvey Vance, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Vance of Thomasburg.

The bride leaning on the arm of her brother, Mr. Milton Trampour of Montreal entered the drawing room to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Mary Lee. The ceremony took place under a beautiful arch of Christmas decorations. The Rev. R. Richards officiated. The bride wore a lovely white Georgette crepe and lace gown over white silk with bridal veil and orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of chrysanthemums. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Mrs. R. Richards sang "Because." After congratulations the guests repaired to the beautifully decorated dining room where a sumptuous wedding supper awaited them. Later in the evening Mr. and Mrs. H. Vance left mid showers of confetti for Elmvale, where they will spend their honeymoon with the groom's sister, Mrs. J. Thompson. On their return they will take up their abode in our vicinity.

Miss Lillie Bateman of Bolton is spending her Xmas holidays under the parental roof.

Mr. Roy Blakely of the North West is visiting his uncle, Mr. H. Blakely.

Miss Crow of Elmvale who has been spending the last few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. J. Vance returned home today.

Miss Hazel Prindle of Castleton is visiting her parents.

We are glad to hear Miss M. Embury is improving.

Every one seemed to enjoy the fine day and good roads on Christmas day.

Mr. Harry Ellis, of St. Catharines, is in the city renewing old acquaintances.

## ELECTION CARDS.

To the Electors of the Township of Thurlow:—

Having been nominated for the office of Reeve of the Township of Thurlow for 1917, I respectfully solicit your votes and also your influence to secure my election.

I have been many years a member of the Township Council and, if elected, will serve the Township to the best of my ability free from the influence of family, clique, sect or party.

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To the Electors of the Township of Thurlow:—

Having been urged by a large number of the electors to run for the office of Deputy Reeve for 1917, I have decided to do so, although personally I have little taste for public office. The waste and extravagance of public money has become so great of late that I feel that some protest must be made and with that end in view I respectfully request your support and influence to secure my election.

**Alex. Moore.**  
d27-4td,ltw.

### STOCKDALE.

The Women's Institute held an "At Home" at Mr. D. Frost's on Tuesday evening. A very enjoyable evening was spent and a splendid program was rendered. During the evening the president, Mrs. Frank Terry gave a very interesting report of the convention which was held at Toronto.

Several from here spent the day in Belleville on Tuesday last.

Mrs. T. Floud and daughter Iida are visiting friends in Saginaw, Mich.

Mr. Faulkner of Foxboro spent Thursday at Mr. S. R. Osterhout's.

Several from here attended the Christmas trees at Tabernacle, and Zion on Wednesday and Thursday nights respectively.

Mr. Leslie Frost had the misfortune to have a runaway on Friday. Fortunately no damage was done beyond a few slight cuts on the horses.

Mrs. Stoneburgh of River Valley was buried here on Thursday last.

Miss Gertrude Keene who has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Williamson returned to her home in Madoc on Saturday.

Misses Mildred and Gladys Osterhout who have been away teaching have returned home for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gay of 4th Con. Sidney visited at Mr. J. Williamson's on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Murney Foster of Frankford visited at Mr. Jas. Foster's on Sunday.

Our public school closed on Friday noon for the Xmas holidays.

Miss Theima Fox, teacher at Blairhampton returned home on Saturday for the festive season.

Miss L. Davidson, our junior teacher here has returned to her home in Campbellford to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Thos. Sargent who is employed at the Trent River Paper Co's plant in Frankford had the misfortune to have his hand smashed on Thursday night.

Miss Elsie Wood who has lately been in Trenton is home for Christmas.

Mr. Joseph Hubble and Miss Mabel Walt attended the Wooler Christmas tree on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson attended Moose Jaw and Miss Essie Twiddy of 7th of Murray on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron of Toronto spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Rosebush.

Mr. Wm. Jandreu and son of Ottawa spent Christmas with his brother Mr. Charles Jandreu.

Miss Olivia Sanborne is home for the holidays.

Christmas trees are the order of the day now.

## WEDDING BELLS

Among the events of the Christmas season, one of special interest to the large number of friends and acquaintances of the contracting parties took place at noon of Christmas Day, when Rev. J. D. P. Knox of the Frankford Methodist Church, united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Mr. Walter E. Twiddy, of Swift Current, Sask., and Miss Olive Esther, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Twiddy, of Murray. The marriage was solemnized in the home of the bride's parents in the presence of a small number of invited guests. The ceremony, usually deeply impressive, was on this occasion, rendered more so, as the bride is the only child of affectionate parents, whose hearth and home she leaves for her new one in the far west, where her husband is a prosperous young farmer and business man. Immediately after the ceremony, all sat down to a dainty repast which was followed by earnest prayer for the welfare of all present and especially for the two whose young lives had so recently been united until death them no part. Mr. and Mrs. Twiddy left in the afternoon to spend a few days among relatives and friends before leaving for Saskatchewan. They will be followed to their new home by the earnest prayers of many who will always have a deep interest in their best welfare.

## MITCHELL—HINDS

In Frankford on Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m. Mr. Gilbert Mitchell and Miss Ila Maud Hinds were united in holy matrimony by the Rev. J. D. P. Knox of the Frankford Methodist church. A dainty repast was served immediately to a number of invited guests in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Hinds, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell left on the morning train for a trip and a visit with friends. On returning they will reside in Frankford for the present. The young couple have the hearty good wishes of a large number of friends and acquaintances.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Wood, Sr., Crookston, Wednesday, noon, December 20th when their youngest daughter, Margaret Estella, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. J. R. Bick, to Mr. Robert A. Downey of the same place. The wedding march was played by Miss Tillie Wood, cousin of the bride. The bride who was given away by her father wore a charming gown of white crepe de chene trimmed with French knots and silver lace and wore the customary veil held in place by a wreath of orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of white tulips. Little Miss Marjorie Wood, niece of the bride made a charming flower girl and carried a basket of white and pink carnations in which was concealed the wedding ring. After congratulations the guests numbering about one hundred and thirty retired to the dining room, where they partook of a sumptuous wedding dinner. Four of the bride's classmates, the Misses Lena, Elsie, Tummam, Stella (Patrick) and Myrtle Holland acted as waitresses. Amid showers of confetti the happy couple left on the afternoon train for a sojourn to Toronto and other western points. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome pearl necklace. The many beautiful presents which the bride received showed the high esteem in which the young couple are held.

## CHAPMAN

The fall of snow on Thursday and Friday made the roads excellent for sleighing and the sound of bells is again to be heard.

Miss Helena Fluke is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. W. Laughlin, Marlbank.

Our Christmas tree entertainment which was held at Bethel church on Friday night last proved a great success. A good program was furnished and Santa Claus distributed gifts to all his friends. All enjoyed themselves greatly.

Word was received that Privates George Darling and Percy Maines were among the boys of Tweed of the 156th battalion who were recently drafted to the trenches. We all wish for their safe return.

A number of our girls and boys who have occupations are spending Christmas at their respective homes.

We wish all our readers and the Ontario staff a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

## GRAVEL ROAD

Mr. and Mrs. John Exley, Shanville spent Xmas with Mrs. A. Exley.

Mr. John Drumme with his son John, Coteau Landing.

Joseph Brickley of Guelph spent a few days under the parental roof.

Messrs. F. O'Sullivan, Bernard McGuinness spent Saturday in Napanee.

Mr. Jack Meagher spent Xmas with his sister, Mrs. Scanlon, Grafton.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Sullivan spent Christmas with the former's mother at Lonsdale.

Mr. F. Oliver is having an auction sale on Jan. 3rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Drumme and daughter Lulu spent Christmas at Mr. Jas.

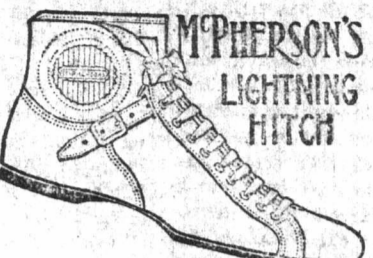
Darcy's.

Arthur Dafee has arrived home from the west.

Sores Flee Before It.—There are many who have been afflicted with sores and have driven them away with Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil which acts like magic. All similarly troubled should lose no time in applying this splendid remedy, as there is nothing like it to be had. It is cheap, but its power is in no way expressed.

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**254th NOTES**  
The 254th band is playing this afternoon at the I.O.G.E. patriotic tea in Belleville club.  
Lieut. Robert Cook was in town to-day.  
Lt. Geen now on his way home has been transferred to the 254th battalion. His brother Capt. P. Geen and his sister Celestina Geen are both overseas.  
The 254th band will give a patriotic concert on Sunday evening in Griffin's theater. It is likely there will be no speaking.

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ENGINE STRUCK EXPRESS TRUCK

Three Canadian Express Men Were Injured—E. James, L. Callaghan and P. Burnett.

On Thursday's Daily. From Christmas morning at the G. T. R. station three Canadian Express Co's employees were injured while engaged in moving baggage and express, a light engine off No. 13 backed down and struck the truck with which the men were engaged and knocked the expressmen down. Edward James had his right arm fractured; Percy Burnett was bruised about the head and face and complained of pains in the back, and Leo Callaghan suffered injuries to his right hip. The exact nature of his injury is not yet known; at first it was feared that it was fractured. The men were attended by physicians who soon reached the scene. Edward James was taken to the city hospital for treatment.

Mr. Fred Wooton of Winnipeg is in the city.

Harry Hopkins of the Artillery at Kingston, is in the city.

Mr. Russell Woodley is home from Peterboro Normal School.

Mr. Kenneth Prentice of Bowmanville is visiting in town.

Mr. Wendell Osborne now of Osmonds Hall is in the city.

Mr. Wm. J. Embury of Queen's University, Kingston is in the city.

Lt. Eric Keeler of the 207th Battalion, Ottawa, is in the city on Xmas leave.

The police force are grateful to Mr. Henry Sneyd of the Merchants Bank for a handsome cheque.

Mr. Egbert Demorest and daughters of Northam, Ont. are visiting on College Hill with friends.

Mrs. Warde Johnston of New York City is the guest of Miss Eva Panter, Murney street.

Mrs. A. E. Johnston (nee Bessie Demorest) of Rosebush, Mich. is visiting her mother on College Hill.

Miss Helen Palen of Toronto, is spending the holidays with her sister, Miss Palen, Bridge street.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Robb, Montreal, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Spalding, Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Roughton, of Kingston with their children are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. Burrows, Bridge street.

Miss Helen B. Hunt from Toronto and Lieut. Harry K. Hunt from Calgary have arrived in Belleville to spend the Christmas vacation at home with their parents. Lieut. Hunt is rapidly recovering from his recent severe illness and expects to report for duty about the end of January.

CITY'S DONATION ACKNOWLEDGED.

Parliament Buildings, Toronto, Dec. 15th, 1916. David Price, Esq., Belleville, Ont.

Dear Sir: I have pleasure in enclosing herewith my receipt to cover remittance of \$3,237.86, forwarded by you recently, in aid of the British Red Cross Society, and the Order of St. John. His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, and the other members of the committee, desire to thank you and all those associated with you in the work of raising this contribution. Also, accept my personal thanks in this connection.

Yours very truly, (Sgd.) M. M. McGarry, Treas. British Red Cross Fund, Prov. of Ontario.

YOUNG GIRLS IN THE TOILS

The police last night raided a house and took in tow four young girls. One of them Mrs. Ruby Moore was charged in police court this morning with keeping a disorderly house. She pleaded guilty. Teresa Solych and Mary Gordon pleaded guilty to the charge of being inmates. Another girl of tender years will be given a chance to redeem herself and will be allowed to go under her parents' control. The other three were remanded until Dec. 30th for judgment and sentence.

G. T. R. CASE POSTPONED

The cases in the alleged thefts from the G.T.R. have been postponed until Thursday, Jan. 4th.

TRENTON

Mr. J. D. Evans and Miss Annie Evans expect to spend Christmas in Belleville with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Evans. A very pretty but quiet wedding was solemnized at St. George's Rectory by the Rev. Canon Armstrong at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20th, 1916. The bride was Miss Marjorie E. Smith, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ryerson Smith, of Trenton, the groom, Mr. James E. Hill, of Ottawa. The bride was married in her travelling suit of navy blue cheviot, dainty pink silk blouse and black velvet hat with white plume. She wore a bouquet of white carnations and ferns. The bride was assisted by Miss Pearl Rusk and the bride's brother, Clinton, acted as best man. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome diamond ring, to the bridesmaid a beautiful gold necklace and to the best man a set of initialed cuff links. The happy couple left on C.P.R. train No. 20 for Ottawa, where they will spend their honeymoon with Mr. Hill's parents. On their return they will reside in Trenton. Their many friends wish them a long and happy married life.—The Courier

CAMPBELLFORD

In the action of Doxsee vs. Montgomery before the Peterboro County Sessions, the jury returned a verdict of \$212.39 for the plaintiff, Mrs. Doxsee of town, on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Mrs. Doxsee had entered action against Mr. Montgomery for damages to her car resulting from a collision with the car of the defendant.

A gloom was cast over the entire community on Tuesday when word was received that Donald Waters of Montreal, eldest son of the late Geo. W. A. Waters and Mrs. Margaret Waters of town, had succumbed to an attack of pneumonia.

He was taken ill on Wednesday last with what was considered a heavy cold but which developed into pleurisy and then into double pneumonia, and his death resulted very suddenly as a consequence. After Donald was taken sick, his sister, who is a trained nurse in New York, immediately proceeded to Montreal and was with her brother during his last hours, and she accompanied the body from Montreal on Tuesday night.

The deceased was a young man of 25 years and was well and favorably known in Campbellford, where he spent his boyhood days. After graduating from the local High School, he entered the service of the Bank of British North America and after a few years here was transferred to the Halifax branch and then to Weston. For the past three years he has been a member of the head office staff of the bank in Montreal. While in the local branch, Mr. Waters' courteous manner and unassuming nature won the respect of all his acquaintances. Besides his mother, the deceased is survived by two sisters, Jean, of New York, and Margaret, at home, and one brother, Signaller Allan Waters of the 33rd battery, who is at the present time on active service in France.—The Herald.

As was forecasted in Saturday's issue there has materialized a lively contest for the reeveship and deputy reeveship of Thurlow. For the first time in many years an election will take place. Mr. Nathaniel Vermilyea, the dean of the county council, and one of the best known municipal parliamentarians in Ontario will have as his opponent, Mr. Dan Foucher, of Thrasher's Corners, a leading citizen of the township and a severe critic of the county's expenditure on the O'Brien's bridge repairs.

Mr. J. G. Sills, who has been deputy-reeve for some years past, is being opposed by Mr. Alex. Moore, of Plainfield. The councillors elected are as follows—W. B. Tufts, R. J. Garbutt and Dan Macdonald.

Some soldiers went into the Boston Cafe on Saturday at 12.10 and refused to pay for their meal. Before the police arrived the men had made themselves scarce.

QUARREL IN RESTAURANT

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M. DOOLITTLE DEAD

Marenius Doolittle died on Sunday evening at the age of 69 years at his residence of his son, Benjamin Doolittle, Sinclair street. He was born in Hillier, Prince Edward and lived the greater part of his life in Belleville. Mourning his death are two sons, Benjamin and Beecher, both of Belleville. Burial will be at Burr's cemetery.

The worms that infest children from their birth are of two kinds, each and those that are found in the intestines. The latter are the most destructive, as they cling to the walls of the intestines and if not interfered with work havoc there. Miller's Worm Powders dislodge both kinds and while expelling them from the system serve to repair the dam-

MISSING SON IS NOW FOUND

Pte. H. Watkins Was Wounded In Action Over Five Weeks Ago.

On Sunday afternoon, Mr. Delos Watkin, 17 Queen Street, got a most pleasant surprise when he received a telegram regarding his long missing son, Harry and relating how he was wounded. The message was dated Dec. 23rd and read:— "Cable received today states No. 410430 Pte. Harry Thomas Watkin, Infantry, previously reported missing, now officially reported wounded Nov. 18th, 1916. Will send further particulars when received. "Officer in charge of records."

MARRIED

In Emmanuel Church, Dec. 23rd, by Rev. A.M. Ruby, Harold Renell and Minnie Green, all of Belleville.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT WEST BELLEVILLE CHURCH.

The evening service at West Belleville Methodist church on Sunday partook of the Christmas character and was very interesting and impressive. The special music by the augmented choir was both pleasing and well rendered. The two anthems—"Unto Us a Child is Born" and "Holy Night" were given with fine expression, as was also the octette, "No Room in the Inn," Mr. Pimlott's solo, "No Room in the Inn," was one of the best features of the service.

Rev. Mr. Clarry chose for his text, Luke 2: 10-11. "For behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Mr. Clarry invested the old, but ever new story of the Nativity with fresh interest and drew from it many appropriate lessons for the present day.

BLACK PRECEPTORY INSTALLS OFFICERS

The following officers have been installed for the coming year for the Royal Black Preceptory No. 853, Belleville, by Past Preceptor D. Farrell.

- E. G. Kerr, W. P. E. Bell, D. P. F. Bell, Chaplain; F. M. Clarke, Registrar; L. Soutles, Treasurer; S. D. Lewson, 1st Lecturer; C. Reid, 2nd Lecturer; C. B. Bonisteel, 1st Censor; Charles Boyle, 2nd Censor; Jos Alexander, 1st Standard Bearer; H. Brown, 2nd Standard Bearer; E. Guss Porter, Pursuivant; W. C. Mikel, 1st Committeeman; R. G. Graham, 2nd Committeeman; C. A. Rutan, 3rd Committeeman; L. Vanallen, 4th Committeeman; W. C. Reid, 5th Committeeman; P. G. Rutan, 6th Committeeman; R. A. Adams, 7th Committeeman.

MADOC'S REEVE ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.

The expected contest for the reeveship in Madoc village will not take place. Reeve E. C. Tufts has retired thus leaving ex-Reeve Thomas H. Thompson elected by acclamation. There will however be an election for the position of councillor, a large ticket for this post of honor being in the field.

SUPERIOR OF HOTEL DIEU IS DEAD.

A Loveable Character Has Been Removed from Community

Shortly after seven o'clock Saturday morning, Rev. St. Power, superior of the Hotel Dieu passed away. Deceased was one of the best known of the community and won the respect and admiration of all by her truly Christian life and her devotedness to the sick and suffering. Her influence in the community and her executive ability were such as to single her out for the highest post in the Hotel Dieu on two occasions. Twice was Sister Power raised to the position of superior, and her faithful discharge of the duties has done much to place the institution in its high place. By her many friends in the city and district Sister Power will be mourned and by her sisters in religion her splendid ability and powerful example will be missed. Deceased was from the Trenton district and she is survived by two nieces, both graduate nurses.

TYENDINAGA'S COUNCIL

Tyendinaga's council for 1917 is as follows: Reeve—P. McLaren; Deputy Reeve—J. V. Walsh; Councillors—Chas. Osborne, John Campbell, James Eaton. Mr. Orwell Ashley, councillor for some years retired, leaving the place to Mr. Eaton.

CHRISTMAS WEDDING

On Christmas day, a few minutes before high noon, Mr. William Hogen of Tyendinaga and Miss Ethel Maude Yorke of Thurlow were united in the bonds of holy matrimony at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson Yorke of the fifth line Thurlow. While the wedding which was played by Mrs. Nellie Yorke, the bride looking very charming and beautiful in a gown of shadow lace over charmeuse trimmed with seed pearls, and leaning on the arm of her father presently took her place, which had been arranged beneath a tasteful arch of evergreens. The brief and impressive marriage ceremony was immediately conducted by the Rev. Mr. Wilson of Cannifton. After congratulations and the customary signing of the marriage register, which was done while Miss Ethel Prindle sang a beautiful solo selection with impressive sweetness. The bridal party then entered the dining room for refreshments, and within a brief hour afterward, amid showers of confetti were conveyed to Belleville, where they took the train for points in Eastern Ontario for their honeymoon. The young couple are well and favorably known in the Gilead community, as was evidenced in the numerous beautiful and costly presents received by the bride. Among them was a necklace of pearls, the gift of the groom. The bride will be very much missed at Gilead where she has been a most interested worker in the church life of the community, particularly in the choir and Sunday school. Hosts of friends wish the happy couple bon voyage as they face together the joys or cares of a future.

Away with Depression and Melancholy.—These two evils are the accompaniment of a disordered stomach and torpid liver and mean wretchedness to all whom they visit. The surest and speediest way to combat them is with Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, which will restore the healthy action of the stomach and bring relief. They have proved their usefulness in thousands of cases and will continue to give relief to the suffering by its low price.

FOXBORO

We certainly had plenty of snow for Christmas. We were very sorry that the evening of the Methodist Xmas Tree was so stormy. A very good crowd was present in spite of all. A well practised programme was given.

Mrs. Davis and Mr. Bird also Burton of Madoc Jct. spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Neil Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rose, Morris and Flossie spent Christmas with relatives in Belleville. Mr. Kenneth Prentice of Bowmanville is visiting in our village. Miss Peters of Muskoka Hospital, former teacher of our public school is visiting Mrs. John Gowsell, sr.

A good crowd attended the Presbyterian Christmas tree on Monday night. Mrs. Walter Wickett and Merle and Alfred spent a few days with relatives at Madoc.

Mrs. Leslie Ashley and Douglas spent over Sunday with her sister, Mr. Clarence Lang of Toronto is spending the holidays with relatives here.

Miss Rith Metcalf of Michigan, left for her home on Tuesday after spending several weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. Chas. Hoggate.

Miss Agnes Marnar and brother Fred spent Xmas with friends here.

OBSEQUIES LATE MRS. PERCY MITCHELL

The funeral of the late Mrs. Percy Mitchell took place on Saturday afternoon very largely attended. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. E. C. Currie. There were many beautiful floral tributes. Interment took place at Foxboro cemetery. The bearers were Messrs. Earl Sills, Leslie Ashley, Geo. Raynor, T. O'Hara, Ted Austin and Harry Moorman.

PAT BOLAND CABLES

Mrs. John Boland on Christmas Day received the following cable from her son Pat: London, Dec. 24th, 1916. Mrs. John Boland, 129 Dundas St. Belleville, Ont. "On furlough, London, A Merry Xmas."

PAT BOLAND

Capt. H. L. Hyman reports recruiting brisk at Stirling for the 254th. Most of the men of this battalion was on leave over the holidays. The 254th received a Xmas greeting from His Majesty King George and Brigadier-General Hemming.

CONTENTS OF CAN WAS FATAL

Howard Clarke Died Before Doctor Arrived.

Howard Clarke, the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clarke, 498 Park street, Peterborough, died Friday night at the family home after being ill only a short time. S. J. Clarke, of Corbyville, the lad's grandfather, who was called to the city Saturday morning, told a reporter that early Friday evening the boy was given some canned tomatoes to eat and he was seized with pains in his stomach. The mother gave him hot cocoa, and the lad vomited and appeared to be very sick. The father went in search of a doctor, but before Dr. M. J. McCulloch and Dr. Greer arrived the little sufferer passed away.

A search for the empty can, which apparently had been thrown away by the deceased was made but no trace of it could be found. The parents are heartbroken over the death of their son, who was their only child. A funeral service was held at the family home Sunday night at 8.30 and the remains were sent to Corbyville for interment on Monday. Saturday morning at Bellegheem's undertaking rooms, Dr. Greer opened an inquest. The body was viewed by the jury and the inquest was adjourned to Monday, January 8th, in the city council chamber.

The personnel of the jury is: W. J. Steacy, foreman, J. E. Firih, H. Beal, Wm. Menzies, A. Brown, S. Houlihan, T. Borland, R. Sutherland, W. H. Lytle, A. Guerin, J. Malane, and E. White.

The remains were brought to Belleville yesterday and taken by Messrs. Ticek and Sons' Company to Elmwood cemetery, Corbyville, where Rev. Mr. Pimlott conducted the burial service.

DIED AT GREAT AGE

Lucius Hyland Root, died late Saturday night at the home of his daughter at Rednersville. Death was due to old age, for having been born in 1825, he was 91 years and eight months of age. A native of the United States he was brought to Canada as an infant. Mrs. Root preceded him to the tomb about five years ago. He was a Methodist in religion and a lifelong Liberal in politics. He leaves five sons, Wilmont of Minnesota, John of Southsburg, Prince Edward, Erasmus of Picton, Stillman of Rossmore, and John, of Rossmore, and six daughters—Mrs. Leslie Parliament, Rednersville, Mrs. James Garrison, of Belleville; Mrs. Ridley Wood, of Southsburg; Mrs. Robert Symons, of Belleville; Mrs. Philip Tice, Frankford and Mrs. John Carter, Picton.

MRS. EMMA J. CANNIFF

Mrs. Emma Jane Canniff, died on Saturday at midnight at the age of 67 years. Her husband passed away 32 years ago. She was a highly esteemed lady whose death is deeply mourned. She was born in Cannifton but had lived the most of her life in Belleville. Mourning her loss are two sons and three daughters—Lisle Vivoman Canniff, John Edgar Canniff, of Belleville; Mrs. J. Stortta, of this city, Mrs. H. Leavens, Toronto and Mrs. I. O. Frost. The funeral is being held this afternoon.

SUDDEN DEATH MRS. ARMITAGE

Husband is Now Overseas with the 155th Battalion at Bramshott.

From Thursday's Daily. Mrs. Florence M. Armitage died suddenly on Sunday morning at her home 34 Great St. James Street, after a few days' illness. She was the wife of Sergeant W. E. Armitage of the 155th Battalion, Bramshott Camp. Born in Islington, London, England and a daughter of the late Eugene Henry Coeuret, she came to Belleville about six years ago. She was a Presbyterian in religion and a member of John St. Presbyterian church. Besides her husband, she leaves an infant two years old, one brother in England, and two sisters, Mrs. Edgar Stapley and Miss Lena Coeuret of this city.

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Miss Martha Jane Pitman died this morning at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. R. Gibson, 7th of Tyendinaga. She was born Nov. 6th, 1862. Mourning her loss are one brother, John of Thurlow and two sisters, Mrs. J. A. Mills, Latta, Mrs. R. Gibson of Tyendinaga. She was a Methodist. She had been ill for many years, death being due to heart failure.

FRANK MACDONALD RETURNING.

Trooper Frank MacDonald who left here with the Mounted Rifles, and has been in hospital since summer, is returning to Canada and is expected almost any day. He is a son of Mr. William Macdonald. His brother Harry is a prisoner of war in Germany.

RAWDON'S REEVE AND DEPUTY ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.

In Rawdon township Thomas Montgomery and Chas. W. Thompson were elected by acclamation to 1917, respective offices of reeve and deputy-reeve.

XTMAS MUSIC AT BRIDGE ST.

Choral Programs on Sunday Morning and Evening.

From Thursday's Daily. Bridge Street Methodist Church on Sunday celebrated Christmas with a suitable musical program besides impressive sermons on the meaning of Christmas—"A Christmas Message," and "No Room in the Inn." The music of the day was as follows:—

Morning Organ Voluntary—"Morning"—Greig Hymn—"Angels from the realms of glory." Anthem—"It came upon the midnight clear"—Sullivan.

Miss Maysel Stork and choir. Gloria Patri, choir and congregation. Carol—"A Legend"—Tschalkowsky. Organ, offertory—"The Holy Night"—Dudley Buck.

Hymn—"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus." Solo—"The First Christmas Morn"—Ernest Newton.

Miss Theima Flemming. Hymn—"To Us a Child of Royal Birth." Benediction and Two-Fold Amen. Organ Postlude—"Marche Pontificale"—Tombelle.

Evening Organ Prelude—"Largo" (from the New World Symphony)—Dvorak. National Anthem and Invocation. Hymn—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

Prayer, concluding with The Lord's Prayer. Carol—"Holy Night, Silent Night." Christmas Music—Selected from Handel's Messiah.

Recitative—"Comfort Ye My People" Aria—"Every Valley Shall be Exalted"—Mr. Staples.

Chorus—"And the Glory of the Lord" Recitative—"Behold! a Virgin Shall Conceive"—

Air—"O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion"—Miss Gertrude Price. Chorus—"O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings." Organ Solo—"Pastoral Symphony." Recitatives (a)—"There were shepherds abiding in the field; (b) and lo! the Angel of the Lord came upon them; (c) and the angel said, unto them, fear not. (d) And suddenly there was with the angel."

Miss Maysel Stork. Chorus—"Glory to God in the Highest." Hymn—"Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices." Solo and Semi-Chorus—"O Holy Night"—Miss Maysel Stork and choir.

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TOOK 1,100 PRISONERS.

British Follow Up Victory Scored at El Arish.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Following up their victory against the Turks at the capture of El Arish, 80 miles east of the Suez canal, the British forces in Egypt have captured a strong Turkish position at Maghdabab, 20 miles to the south-east of El Arish, taking some 1,100 prisoners, two guns, and quantities of war material, the War Office announced Christmas day. The official statement reads:—

"On Friday afternoon British mounted troops carried a strong enemy position at Maghdabab, 20 miles south, south-east of El Arish, after an engagement beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning. Five hundred prisoners were taken. Aircraft co-operated, attacking with bombs and machine gunfire from a low altitude."

A later official statement says: A full report from Maghdabab is not yet at hand. The total captures are now 1,130 prisoners, at least two guns, and a large quantity of arms and war material. The enemy's casualties were considerable. Our airplanes continue to harass the enemy.

DEADLY HAND GRENADES.

Were Used to Repulse Surprise Attack of Germans.

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TWO TOWNS EVACUATED.

Ground Yielded by Russian Main Attacks by Enemy Repulsed.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 26.—(British Admiralty, per wireless via London.)—Renewed heavy fighting is in progress in eastern Wallachia. The Roumanians were forced to yield ground at some points, and the Russians lost a height north of the Busuiuc-Rimnik road, but repulsed all other attacks. The evacuation of Tulchita and Isakchita, in Dobruja, is announced. Attempts by Austro-German troops to recapture heights occupied by the Russians near the national valley were repulsed sanguinously. The Russians capturing two guns and more than 200 prisoners.

AMSTERDAM NEWS

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The eagerness of the German Emperor and his advisers for peace, according to the best advice to hand here, is undoubtedly inspired to a very considerable degree by the likelihood of a break, which is becoming increasingly threatening, with Austria. Throughout the Dual Empire there is a clamor that the war be brought to a conclusion, which no effort on the part of the Government can restrain, and which can no longer be concealed from the world. Austria in fact is close to secession, owing to economic distress, no less than to the national resentment at Germanophile policies, which has been pursued during the past year by the Vienna authorities.

Xanthi Station Raided From Air.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The official British statement on operations in the Macedonian front issued under Sunday's date is as follows:—"On Saturday we raided an enemy position north-west of Zeres on the Struma front. Our aircraft successfully bombarded Xanthi station and an enemy transport column there. One enemy airplane was destroyed and a second brought down by our airplanes."

Sunday's official statement on the Macedonian operations reads:—"On the Doiran front we successfully raided the enemy's main line trenches between Lake Doiran and Doldzell, inflicting serious losses and destroying several gun emplacements."

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Ald. Duckworth, chairman of market and city property and Ald. Earle of Parks have withdrawn from the council leaving room for the newcomers, Ald. E. O. Robinson and Ald. Albert Marshall.

This is the first acclamation for a council within many years. For some reason there seems indifference. Mayor Ketcheson on Saturday evening after the election of the aldermen by acclamation expressed himself as much preferring an election.

However there is this much consolation that the city will save about \$400 election expenses. Mayor Ketcheson looks upon the coming year hopefully and what with new industries and other good things which he is likely to secure for his townsmen, the year 1917 under his guidance is likely to be one long to be remembered.

TEACHING SOLDIERS' WIVES.

Aside from looking after the immediate financial wants of the dependents of Canadian soldiers, the officers of the Canadian Patriotic Fund have, where practicable widened the scope of its energies so to embrace the moral and social welfare of those whose the exigencies of the war have thrown into their keeping. In hundreds of cases soldiers will return from the war to better wives and to better homes. The fund workers are grappling at the very roots of the social problem when they disregard the child and at once seek the cause. A peaceful home is not an atmosphere of serenity and calm.

The Canadian Patriotic organization aims to lift its charges not only above war while their husbands are battling for our freedom across the seas but with a far-sighted vision of the future is enhancing the home environments of wives and children so that in the years that are to follow this exhausting struggle the present youth of the nation will become an asset to the State.

In thousands of homes throughout Canada women are being taught domestic science, the care of children, buying and the keeping of house accounts. Charity is not bestowed on these dependents. They are simply given an opportunity to become better citizens, the effect of which will obscure for the moment, will yield rich results in generations to follow.

When the Patriotic Fund is supported by those of us who cannot fight we are helping ourselves, not only the recipients.

254th BATTALION NOTES. Lieut. Ingram spent Christmas at his home here. Stirling reports that twenty-two recruits have enlisted with the 254th and all have successfully passed the doctor.

Among the new recruits at Stirling is Wilfred Graver, an English boy, whose family presents a recruiting record that is probably unique. This boy has six brothers already on active service. In addition his father is serving with the colors. But the record is even better still for his father's five brothers are also fighting in various services for King and Country. The uncles were all veterans of the Boer war.

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NEWS TOPICS OF WEEK

Important Events Which Have Occurred During the Week.

The Busy World's Happenings Carefully Compiled and Put Into Handy and Attractive Shape for the Readers of Our Paper—A Solid Hour's Enjoyment.

WEDNESDAY.

Two more Canadian soldiers have escaped from German prison camps. Russia has instituted reprisal for sparing of her officers in German camps.

The Lewis machine gun was rejected by the United States War Department. The United States Government has protested to Turkey against the starving of British prisoners.

Toronto teachers passed a resolution against the transfer of medical inspection in the schools to the Department of Public Health.

Hon. Joseph Ryan, Judge of the County Court for the Central Judicial District of Manitoba, retired after a service of more than thirty years.

Stamford Township Council began the year with an overdraft of \$8,840, and closes with a surplus of \$10,353, without seriously curtailing expenditures.

The Toronto Local Council of Women fixed a price of 35 cents for turkey for the Christmas trade, and asked affiliated societies to co-operate in this move.

Waterloo County Council passed the by-law drawn up by the recruiting leagues of the county, providing for dependents of unmarried soldiers who are killed or die through the war.

The Intercolonial Railway's freight and passenger earnings this year show large increases, due partly to war business and partly to good business conditions generally in the Maritime Provinces.

Hon. F. W. Crothers, Minister of Labor, has taken up the case of a retail grocer to whom a western Ontario retailer is alleged to have refused to sell sugar because the retailer lowered the price.

THURSDAY.

Russian troops gained a notable success near Stanislaw. The Austrian artillery was very active against the Italian positions.

The tax on excess profits yielded the British Government £78,899,000. Thousands of children of soldiers received gifts at Masey Hall, Toronto.

Turkey is holding several American prisoners. Professor Creelman accepts the post of Commissioner of Agriculture for Ontario.

The contributions to the British Red Cross campaign in Ontario now amount to \$1,657,900. President Wilson made an appeal to the fighting countries to get together and advance terms of peace.

The Red Cross Society at Galt gave a grant of \$10,000 to aid the St. Dunstan Hostel for the Blind in London. Brantford Council decided for mechanical filtration of the water supply, and created the position of City Auditor.

Shopbreakers bored through the floor to get at \$200 in the vault of the store of Mr. R. A. Sevigay, tailor, in Toronto.

Three pilots from the Long Branch Aviation School made a peaceful air raid on Toronto as a demonstration of their ability. S. A. Armstrong, Assistant Provincial Secretary of Ontario, has been appointed Director of the Military Hospital Commission.

Hon. W. D. McPherson, K.C., the new Provincial Secretary, spent a busy day at the Parliament Buildings after taking his office chair for the first time. Thomas White, an old man of 63, was arrested charged with stealing money from the Christmas mails in Toronto. He was a trusted post-office mechanic.

Wholesalers stated that the boycott of turkey at more than 35 cents a pound ordered by the Local Council of Women should have come before the farmers got their money. Ald. Geo. E. Kerby, of Saratoga 69 years of age, died suddenly while decorating his home for Christmas; he is the fifth member of Saratoga Council to pass away suddenly during the year.

The Hydro-radiol question was vigorously discussed at St. Catharines before a large audience by a number of opponents and by Mayor Burgoine, Engineer F. A. Gaby, and Sir Adam Beck for the project.

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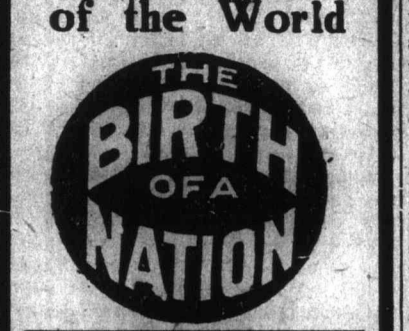
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MUSIC & DRAMA

THE BIRTH OF A NATION AT GRIFFIN'S, BELLEVILLE.

Many of the critics who have been sternest in their exactions of American dramatists announce their belief that D. W. Griffith has "put over" the great American play at last. Mr. Griffith's wonderful spectacle-drama, "The Birth of a Nation" is the unique offering at Griffin's Opera House, Belleville, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, with a special matinee on Saturday at 2.30.

For many years American dramatists wrote able plays of particular States, cities or localities, ranging from "Alabama" to "The Henrietta" and from "Way Down East" to "The Great Divide." But no one man seemed to grasp the whole spirit and genius of America until David Wark Griffith picked a suggestion for his theme out of Dixon's "The Leopard's Spots" and "The Clemens" and started to develop it.

A remarkable thing about Mr. Griffith's plan is that words (except for leaders and titles) did not enter into it. Perhaps words had cramped rather than aided previous fictionists and dramatists, at any rate, he replaced speech by music, and the old-fashioned stage action and scenery by the pictorialized action of thousands of players in the great Out-of-Doors. In brief he staged the great battles, struggles and critical events of 1861-70 under natural conditions as nearly as possible similar to the original.

The result of Mr. Griffith's efforts is a new and stupendous art for which no adequate name has yet been found. "The Birth of a Nation" combines spectacle, romance, domestic drama, comedy, tragedy, music and mechanical effects into a harmonious ensemble that captivates equally the eye and the ear. In a presentation lasting 2 hours and 45 minutes, it epitomizes the life of a nation. This is something the old art could never do. The obsolete so-called "stage units" are thrown to the winds, and Griffith carries the magnificent story from the introduction of African slavery right down through the Civil War and Reconstruction days to the final real union of South and North in the bonds of love and peace.

Among the distinguished actors in the cast are Henry Walthall, Lillian Gish, Max Marsh, Miriam Cooper, Mary Alden, Josephine Crowell, Ralph Lewis, Joseph Henabery, Ralph Walsh, Donald Crisp, Howard Gaye, George Seigman, Walter Lord, Elmer Clifton, and Robert Harron. Eighteen thousand people, 3,000 horses and no less than 5,000 scenes went to the making of the big spectacle.

A symphony orchestra of 27 musicians is carried with the spectacle.

DECEMBER REPORT.

Belleville Cheese Board Red Cross and Patriotic Association. The following letter has been received from the French Emergency War Relief: Dec. 11th, 1916

Mrs. Lazier, 186 John Street, Belleville, Ont. Dear Mrs. Lazier, I was most delighted to receive 3 cases containing such excellent supplies for the hospitals and coming from the River Valley Women's Institute and Roslin Institute and the Tweed Red Cross Society.

May I ask you to convey to all the ladies who so kindly made and donated these excellent things the sincere thanks of the Committee of the French Wounded Emergency Fund, and assure them that we will send the things to France as soon as possible, choosing the most needy hospitals requiring this help?

Our delegates report a great deal of distress through lack of warm clothing in Brittany and in the south-east of France, especially in the smaller towns and villages where there is no wealthy population to assist in keeping up the supplies for the hospitals and we are also being asked for a good many instruments, as well as hospital appliances of all kinds, which, through constant use have deteriorated very much after two years' of warfare.

It gives me very great pleasure as a Canadian to receive bales such as yours from my own country, and I have been most gratified by the many donations sent from Canada to our work.

We are expecting this morning a visit from H.R.H. the Duchess of Connaught, who has kindly consented to become our patroness. I shall have much pleasure in telling her of the consignment received from Belleville district, as I know she is still keenly interested in all that concerns Canada and its people.

Sincerely yours, C. M. Dobell, Hon. Sec. for Canada.

Also letter received from Lady Drummond acknowledging with thanks \$10. from Women's Institute of Wallbridge for prisoners of war, and saying that the boxes would be forwarded upon arrival. Letter also received from The Canadian War Contg. Association saying that all Christmas boxes would be forwarded upon receipt of shipment. Fourteen cases forwarded to following hospitals: 7 cases to Queen's Military Hospital, France. 2 cases to Canadian Convalescent Hospital, Bromley, Kent, England. 1 case to No. 2 Canadian General Hospital, Boulogne, c.o. Nursing Sister C. Geen. 1 case to Dublin Castle Hospital. 3 cases to Canadian War Contingent Association. These supplies were made by the following societies: Bayside Women's Institute—2 special Xmas boxes, 5 pr. socks. Plainfield Women's Inst.—45 towels, 13 sheets, 12 pr. pyjamas, 24 pr. socks, 12 pillows. Feathers donated by Mrs. Herman Hodges, also 2 pr. socks. Queen Alexandra Red Cross Society—(Omitted from October report) 52 night shirts, 40 towels, 32 pr. socks, 1 trench box from Mrs. Perry. Salem Red Cross Society—40 pillow covers, 30 towels, 10 hospital shirts, 120 handkerchiefs, 85 mouth wipes. Shannonville Red Cross Society—5 pr. socks. Stockdale Women's Inst.—14 hospital shirts, 12 pr. socks. Wallbridge Women's Inst.—6 khaki flannel shirts, 6 pr. socks. From Mrs. Rose, one Christmas box. Wicklow Women's Institute.—1 dressing gown, 3 hospital shirts, 17 khaki flannel shirts, 28 pr. socks. Tweed Red Cross Society—13 dressing gowns, 11 pr. socks, 4 doz. towels, 15 laparotomy stockings, 216 large pads, 648 small pads, 14 kits, 306 doz. compresses, 456 flannellette bandages, 600 machine bandages. Moira Red Cross—\$5.00 to Y.M.C.A., England, c.o. Capt. R. L. Barclay, Y.M.C.A. National Headquarters, 12 Russel Square, London, for special work for the troops.

HEARD OF THEM FROM BROTHER

Why Mrs. Marchbank Used Dodd's Kidney Pills

She Found Quick Relief and Now Recommends All Women Who Suffered As She Did to Use Dodd's Kidney Pills.

St. Martin's, St. John Co., N.B., December 25th, (Special)—Mrs. Violet Marchbank, wife of a well-known farmer living near here, is telling her neighbors of the splendid results she has got through using Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"My trouble started from a cold," Mrs. Marchbank states. "I had backache, my joints were stiff and my muscles cramped. I was irritable and always thirsty. My appetite was fitful and I felt heavy and sleepy after meals. Rheumatism was added to my troubles as well as headaches, and heart flutterings made me a very anxious at times.

"I suffered for about two years and was far from being a well woman when my brother told me what great things Dodd's Kidney Pills had done for him and I made up my mind to try them.

"I sent and got three boxes and they helped me right from the start. I can recommend Dodd's Kidney Pills to all women who suffer as I did."

Every one of Mrs. Marchbank's symptoms was a symptom of kidney trouble. That is why she found such quick relief in Dodd's Kidney Pills.

GREETINGS FROM HIS MAJESTY

Sent to all Battalions—Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas.

The following message from His Majesty the King has been received by the officers commanding battalions in Belleville:— Headquarters Military District No. 2 "Kingston, Ont. 25th Dec., 1916. "From the General Officer Commanding Military District No. 2, Christmas Greetings, His Majesty, The King.

The following extracts from communications received this date, from Military Headquarters, are promulgated for the information of all concerned. It is desired that all commanding officers make the contents thereof known to all ranks under their respective commands.

"London, Eng., 23rd Dec, 1916. "I send you, my sailors and soldiers, hearty good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. My grateful thoughts are ever with you for victories gained, for hardships endured and for your unflinching cheerfulness. Another Christmas has come around

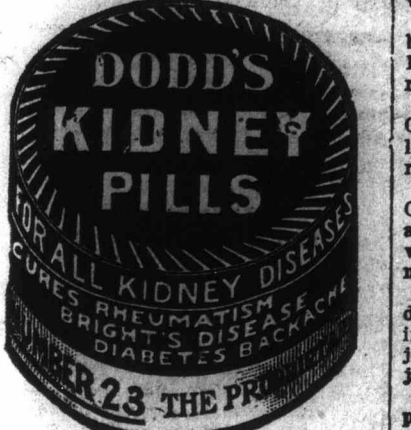
PTE. DAWKINS MAKING FINE PROGRESS. Mr. George H. Dawkins, George St. has received the following very gratifying letter in reference to his son, whom we reported about a month ago as being very dangerously wounded, Duchess of Connaught Hospital England

Mr. Geo. H. Dawkins, Belleville, Ont. This hospital was visited yesterday by our Red Cross visitor who reports that your son as wounded in abdomen and right arm. He was kept in hospital in France for three weeks and came to England on the 10th. He is receiving every care and attention and we shall send him anything he may require. He is feeling quite cheery and is apparently well over the worst."

Beatrice Caverhill. SCHOOL MEETING LARGELY ATTENDED. The annual meeting of the Cannifton and Corbyville school known as Section No. 6, Thurlow, was held this forenoon. There was an unusually large attendance of ratepayers. The routine business was disposed in quick time. There was much interest in the contest for the position of school trustee. Mr. J. Ed. Shorcy, the retiring trustee and candidate for reelection was opposed by Mr. Alfred Horn. Mr. Shorcy however, won in a walkover. The teachers for this coming year will be Mr. Earl Practies of Foxboro and Miss Cowan of Tweed. Mr. Practies has already given excellent satisfaction in other schools and will no doubt do well in his new position. His predecessor was Mr. Wilson of Guelph. Miss Cowan was in this same school last year.

Mr. F. E. O'Flynn goes to Napanee this evening to install the officers of Napanee Lodge A.F. and A.M. Mr. O'Flynn is a past district deputy of Prince Edward District.

Holloway's Corn Cure takes the corn out by the roots. Try it and prove it.



WIM'S STORE NEWS

Month End Sale

Special values in every Department. You can save money at this store. 2 pieces Black Fallette Silk good wide, regular value 1.50, on sale at 1.25 yd. 6 pieces Corduroy Velvets only 65c yd. 10 doz. Men's Wool Sox only 10c pr. 10 doz. Wool Hose for Women and Children 35c pr. 3 prs. 1.00 5 doz. Men's Heavy Wool Mitts only 35c pr. 4 doz. Men's Leather Mitts, Wool lined the best value in the city 75c pr. 5 doz. Horse Hide Mitts, Wool lined only 1.50 pr.

Table Linen 35, 45, 65, 85c the best values in the trade 10 doz. Blouses values up to 2.75 on sale at 1.50

Sweater Coats For Men, Women and Children splendid values

Right Goods Right Prices



Surplus Poultry

eat up the profit from the whole flock. We will pay you according to quality for five chickens and hens delivered at our store. If delivered on or before Wednesday of each week the price will be 10c per lb. higher than if delivered later in the week. Bring your Clover, Alsike, Hides, Butter, Beans, etc. to us.

THE W. D. HANLEY Co

PUBLIC MEETING

A meeting of the ratepayers of the Township of Thurlow will be held in the school house at Point Anne, Friday evening, Dec. 29th. Reeve and Deputy Reeve and Mr. Poucher will be invited to attend.

ALEX. MOORE. d28-1w.

FARM FOR SALE

Consisting of 120 acres being the west half of lot 20 in the 3rd concession of Huntingdon, containing 50 acres. On the farm is a large brick house, a barn 30x50, pig pen and horse stable 30x36, wagon house, 28x45, a never-failing well with water to barn and pasture field, and the west part of lot 20 in the 2nd concession, being 70 acres, 15 acres in wood, the rest in work land and pasture. Apply to Frank Morton, Thomasburg, Ontario. d28-wf.

FORK FOR SALE

Cheese-maker for Albert Factory Make 160,000 lbs. Tenders received up to Jan 4th.—J. V. Walsh, Pres. and Sect., Marysville. D12-31w

A NUMBER OF PURE BRED AYRSHIRE cattle. Registered. Apply to W. H. C. Roblin, Ameliasburg. o28-2d-wf

100 acres of good land in a square block, well watered and fenced, five acres of orchard, good buildings, etc., in County of Prince Edward nine miles north-east of Picton in the village of Dempseville, Ontario. Further reference apply to U. Nelson, Dempseville, Ontario. A31-wf

LOST.

ON MONDAY NIGHT, BLACK Robe, trade mark, Bishop brand. Finder please leave at Ontario Office; reward. 19-8&w-tf

OYSTERS For the Holidays

Try our Coast Sealed, Solid Meat Oysters. They are the best. Chas. S. Clapp

MONEY

PRIVATE MONEY TO LOAN ON Mortgages on farm and city property at lowest rates of interest on terms to suit borrowers. F. S. WALLBRIDGE, Barrister, &c. Corner Front and Bridge Sts., Belleville, over Dominion B. k.

MASONIC INSTALLATION

The Masonic lodges will have their installation of officers this evening at the temple.

CHINESE DOCTORS.

Their Weird Ideas About Disease and Its Remedies.

PUNCH HOLES IN PATIENTS.

To Perform This Operation They Use Eight Different Styles of Needles, Some Two Feet Long, and the Bigger the Punch the Greater the Doctor.

The bigger the needle with which a Chinese doctor punctures his patient the higher the charge, for the bigger the needle the more distinguished is the physician. If the doctor wears a straw hat, that signifies he is a prosperous doctor and his charge is a little more. If he comes in a sedan, the patient must pay for the chair.

Dr. Franz Otto Koch, writing in the Popular Science Monthly, gives a description of the Chinese physician and how he practices. "The native Chinese doctor is a curiosity," writes Dr. Koch. "He passes no examination; he requires no qualifications; he may be a failed business man and set up as a physician. In his new profession he requires little stock in trade, medical instruments being almost unknown.

"Acupuncture, as it is called, is one of the nine branches recognized in medical science among the Chinese. It is of most ancient origin, having been in use from time immemorial. There are 537 markings to be learned. Every square inch on the human surface has its own name, and some relation to the internal parts, purely imaginary, is assigned to it. The user is cautioned against wounding the arteries; hence he must know the position of the blood vessels. By close study of a mankin pierced with holes the Chinese physician learns where to drive his needles. Parts of the body are selected which may be pierced without fatal results. Sometimes heat is applied to the outer end of the needle, and this is called a hot acupuncture, but the needle is never heated before insertion.

"The needle used looks very much like a sewing machine needle, but it is longer and coarser. Some of the Chinese doctors have needles two feet long and are supposed by ardent admirers to be able to drive these instruments entirely through the patient's body. The great size of the needles is in reality intended to represent the greatness of the owner's skill and reputation. The needles used are of eight forms, as follows: 1. Improved, blunt puncturing, spear pointed, uniform round, capillary, long and thick. The point of insertion, the depth and direction are all important. The method is usually to drive the needle through the distended skin by a blow from a light mallet.

"If he can get an old book of prescriptions from a retiring practitioner so much the better for the Chinese doctor. He is now equipped to kill or cure, as chance or his ignorance may dictate. The doctor most entitled to confidence in the sight of his countrymen is the man whose father has been a doctor before him. Confidence in him knows no bounds should his grandfather have followed the same calling. This is not mere fatuous belief in heredity, but is based on the supposed value of old prescription books passed on from grandfather to grandson.

"Fees vary according to the physician's social class and that of his patients and also according to the physician's place of residence. The enormous sum of perhaps 15 American cents or half a dollar at the most may be charged for a visit if the doctor comes in a sedan chair. Of this amount a large proportion goes for the chair. Should the doctor belong to the number ranks and come on foot his fee is proportionately less. He assumes a solemn air and owl-like look as he peers out of the semidarkness of a Chinese bedroom through great goggle shaped glasses—two inches across and set in huge mounts of copper frame.

"Most important in diagnosing a case, according to Chinese ideas, is the feeling of the different pulses of the human system. The pulse at each wrist is felt. By thus feeling the pulses the states of a dozen real or imaginary organs are determined. Having thus learned by the pressure of these pulses the seat of the disease, a few questions may be asked, but these are considered scarcely necessary. A prescription sometimes calling for the most horrible and nauseating compounds is prepared in large doses, for the native believes that the larger the dose the more likely it is to prove efficacious. In prescribing for natives the foreign doctors have to give the strictest injunctions that the paper box in which the pills are contained is not to be swallowed.

"The manner in which the Chinese treat their physicians is characteristic. Should a speedy cure not result from the doctor's treatment the patient calls in another. If he does not improve he calls in a third. Thus the medical skill of the whole neighborhood may be drawn upon.

Sound to Have Change. In the absence of her husband the fascinating young married woman went boating with an old admirer. "Ah," sighed the old admirer, "if only you had married me instead of Wilkinson." "Then I should have been with Mr. Wilkinson at this moment instead of you," said the fascinating woman. "How strangely things turn out!"

Where there is much light the shadows are deepest.—Goethe.

THE HOLLYHOCK.

A Flower That is Intertwined With Our Colonial History. The hollyhock gets its name from two words that indicate its origin in the Holy Land and its membership in the mallow family. But apparently it was known in India before it flung its cheerful banners to the air in Palestine.

Wherever its first home was, it has become thoroughly acclimated in New England. We think of it as a characteristic New England flower. It decorates our colonial history almost back to the days of Governor Bradford and Roger Williams. It is forever peering out of the pages of New England fiction and poetry. There is no flower that more completely embodies the spirit of our eighteenth century romance.

Some of the old colonial blossoms are shy and modest, but the hollyhock has the courage of its convictions. It knows its beauty, as it should, and has no mind to hide it under a bushel or beneath a hedgehog. It is the province of loveliness to display itself, not vauntingly, but with a due sense of its worth. And the hollyhock, the sturdiest of our "old fashioned" flowers, aspires unabashed.

In two books of "popular quotations" there is no reference to the hollyhock, though the holly has its fair share of space. But it can afford to be thus ostracized.

FAMILIAR PHRASES.

A Few of the Many Gems We Get From Alexander Pope.

With the exception of Shakespeare, Pope is the author of more familiar phrases than any other writer of modern times. Here are a few of his gems: "Shoot folly as she flies." "Hope springs eternal in the human breast." "Man never is but always to be blessed." "Whatever is right." "The proper study of mankind is man."

"Grows with his growth and strengthens with his strength." "Order is heaven's first law." "Worth makes the man and want of it the fellow." "Honor and shame from no condition rise; act well your part—there all the honor lies." "An honest man's the noblest work of God." "Tis not wit your guide, philosopher and friend."

"Woman's best is contradiction still." "Just as the twig is bent the tree's inclined." "Who shall decide when doctors disagree?" "A little learning is a dangerous thing." "To err is human, to forgive divine." "Beauty draws us with a single hair." "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." "Damn with faint praise." "The many headed monster."

The Blow on the Jaw.

A man struck with any degree of force upon the mental area of the jaw, although he may be in perfect physical condition, instantly collapses and falls to the ground, says a medical journal. The attitude assumed in recovery, which may be instantaneous or delayed some minutes, is most characteristic. He squirms about, raises his head and rolls his eyes in an attempt to locate himself. He tries to get on his side and elbow, he endeavors to rise upon his hands and knees. If he regains his feet he staggers like a drunken man. The blow is practically never fatal; the heart's action is never unduly accelerated; the pulse and respiration are normal; the pupils are normal; there is no headache, no sweats, no cold extremities, no pallor—none of the ordinary signs of shock or concussion.

How to Be Happy.

There are two ways of being happy. We may either diminish our wants or augment our means. Either will do. The result is the same, and it is for each man to decide for himself and do that which happens to be the easier. If you are idle or sick or poor, however hard it may be to diminish your wants, it will be harder to augment your means. If you are active and prosperous or young or in good health it may be easier for you to augment your means than to diminish your wants. But if you are wise you will do both at the same time, young or old, rich or poor, sick or well, and if you are very wise you will do both in such a way as to augment the general happiness of society.—Benjamin Franklin.

A Celebrated Suicide.

Haydon, the celebrated historical painter and writer, at a time in his life when he was overcome by debt, disappointment and ingratitude, laid down the brush with which he was at work upon his last great effort, "Alfred and the Trial by Jury," wrote with a steady hand, "Stretch me no longer upon this rough world," and then was a pistol shot put an end to his unhappy existence.

Dressing the Pillow.

A little child, not three years old, was sleepy, and his mother carried him to his crib, but the pillow had been removed by the maid for the laundry, and the child, looking up beseechingly into his mother's face, said pleadingly, "Please put a shirt on my pillow."

Remembered Too Well.

Howard—Did you not remember you had a bill? Henry—She sure did. Directed her executors to collect all the loans she had made me.—Puck.

Holding His Own.

"Sting, isn't he?" "You're said it. Why, he holds fast to everything he gets his clutches on and even bolts down his dinner."

Public opinion, though often formed upon a wrong basis, yet generally has a strong underlying sense of justice.—Abraham Lincoln.

COUNCIL RECEIVE MANY BOUQUETS

Mayor Ketcheson's Administration Lauded—Public Works Expenditures

THE SNOW BY-LAW

City Fire Protection to be Reported On—Uniform for City Curator and Messenger.

Mayor Ketcheson, his council and the city officials were the recipients of many kind remarks at the last meeting of the 1916 council held last evening. Every alderman was present.

Ald. Woodley was the mover of a very hearty vote of thanks to His Worship for the able manner in which he has conducted the business of the city. The mayor has secured good results. This is a united council, shown in the manner in which the public have reacted practically all by acclamation.

Ald. St. Charles in seconding the resolution, said he had a pleasant year. "You're a dandy," he told the mayor. So pleasant had his time been that he had attended every meeting.

Ald. Smith in endorsing the resolution congratulated Mayor Ketcheson on his business acumen and courtesy. The tide has now turned for Belleville for our mayor has met problems with a decision worthy of a chief magistrate.

Ald. Deacon said the mayor had had the co-operation of the council. He and the chairman of the executive had met the tax collection problem and for the first time in recent history, Belleville is closing 1916 with a balance. The mayor has been an indefatigable worker. Ald. Deacon handed out the best wishes of the council to Mayor Ketcheson and his family.

Ald. Parks said he had supported Mayor Ketcheson in many things and any opposition he had offered had been in good faith.

Leaves Council Reluctantly

Ald. Earle agreed with all that had been said about the Mayor's administration. He regretted that he had been unable to attend sometimes owing to business. "I leave the council reluctantly and hope that this year will show even greater importance."

Ald. Whelan as a new man congratulated Mayor Ketcheson on his administration. The people in this city considered him a progressive mayor.

Ald. Platt heartily commended the mayor for his capable management of the affairs of the city. We would look forward to the future with a great deal of pleasure.

Great Foundations Laid

Ald. Duckworth—"I think myself that there have been great foundations laid this year. We cannot point to any great outstanding monuments, but we expect to see them completed in 1917. The mayor has been patient to listen to get our ideas. I have always been actuated by a sense of duty to the city. The mayor has been so capable an administrator that several aldermen rushed in to the city building at the last minute to qualify for another term under Mayor Ketcheson."

The vote was put to the council by the city clerk and was carried with musical honors, the council standing and singing ("He's a Jolly Good Fellow.") As the vote was passed City Clerk Holmes said that under no former mayor was council meetings so well attended. "The foundation of things have been laid this year."

Mayor's Praise for Aldermen

"I trust that my conduct during the year has merited a little of the good things you have said. I have tried to do my duty and if I have failed it is due to my inability. I want to tender to you, gentlemen of the 1916 council my sincere congratulations as being the best council making for prosperity the city has had for a long time. At the start we had a great many hard nuts to crack. One was the large outstanding tax accounts. The city had made a mistake in allowing arrears to run. Yet with the help of the chairman of the executive, the taxes have been collected with few seizures. In four years it is estimated that in 1911, \$2000 more would have been collected if taxes were immediately paid; 1912 \$4000; 1913, \$1900 more and 1914 \$600. Practically none is lost of the 1915 roll. Then besides the interests on these outstanding taxes was lost. By the end of this year the 1915 taxes will be collected and when the roll for 1917 is given out the 1916 roll will be all completed. I want the citizens to know that you belong to the credit along with the mayor for what has been done. The coming of the Wilson factory was the work of the entire council. I am sorry to lose Ald. Duckworth. He has not always a-

greed but I know he was honest in his convictions and I honor him as a personal friend. To Ald. Earle I say the same. I know that he has been busily engaged in business and in the reorganization of his business which made attendance at council meetings difficult.

The Dawn is Coming in Belleville.

"I am going to prophesy. I think the dawn is coming for I believe 1917 is the year in which Belleville is going to reassert herself. The people around Belleville within three or four hundred miles talk of our boom. Belleville district is the most beautiful and richest. Business men say that the week before Christmas was a banner week in business in Belleville. The progress rests with the city council for it can make or mar. There has not been an unkind word in this council during the year. It has been a pleasure for me to be here. Knowing the seven who will remain and the two who will come in to support us I believe the city can look hopefully forward."

City's Courteous and Honest Officials Ald. Woodley moved, seconded by Ald. Whelan that a resolution of thanks be tendered the officials.

Ald. Deacon paid high tribute to the officials who are a splendid class of men. "You must hold up their hands and support them and not expect too much of human beings."

Ald. St. Charles added bouquets to the city officials.

The mayor paid a tribute. He started his term of office with the idea that officials would not give out much information. But he was a greatly surprised and daily visited the city hall. "I found them courteous I think we ought to be thankful to have honest conscientious officials. The city audit proves the loyalty and honor and integrity of the city officials in the present and past.

After the resolution was passed Mr. J. W. Holmes, city clerk, said he felt the council appreciated his work.

City Assessor Kerr Gratified.

City Assessor J. A. Kerr is the second oldest official in the city's employ. The bouquet was encouraging for he felt that everybody was down on the poor assessor. Since he took over the assessment seven years ago, the assessment has just about doubled in assessing one had to strike a happy medium. He would have been happy to meet the special assessment committee. "I would not ask any better officials to work with than those around the city hall. I was glad to see you pay the boys a little more money. It does not make me jealous. I think even now the salaries are not high enough. I must thank the aldermen for the courtesy they have shown me."

Mr. J. S. Henderson paid a tribute to Ald. Whelan, public works chairman, and the courtesy of the council.

Mr. Jesse Harris, curator, thanked council and said he had always been left to his own initiative in making the city building and rooms comfortable. This was due to the confidence of the council and he had tried to fulfill his duty.

A vote of thanks on motion of Ald. Parks was also passed to the press to which replies were made by representatives.

A report from the city engineer was read as follows:

Public Works Approximate Report.

General repair work ... \$1069 33 Maintenance of roads ... 1252 92 Cleaning streets ... 2518 08 Oiling streets ... 75 07 Repairing walks ... 311 89 Snow shovelling ... 889 15 Repairing lower bridge ... 200 00 Footbridge repairs ... 743 99 Coleman street sewer ... 120 20 Repairing West Bridge St. ... 34 60 Bumbaca & Wilde Act. ... 49 50 Repairing Catharine St. ... 272 02 Repairing Foster Ave. below Dundas ... 487 85 Repairing Station Road B. of G. T. R. ... 1002 30 Charles St. pavement ... 1464 77 Chatham St. pavement ... 1464 77

Total ... \$10778 08

The taxes were remitted on assessment of \$5400 on the milling property of L. B. Cooper for the year 1915.

Ald. Parks asked if anything was going to be started in the water pipe break near the Anglo American hotel.

Ald. Deacon had drawn attention to the leak.

Ald. Parks asked if we were going to have the snow bylaw enforced.

Ald. Whelan—"I have a motion dealing with that."

Ald. Earle said Mr. Alford was speaking of a tree that was to be removed.

Mr. Henderson said he was so occupied that he had not been able to get the tree cut. It will soon be cut down.

Sinclair's Sinclair's

Last Week of 1916

For the Last Week of the Year

1916 We Offer Many Attractions In

- Ladies' Push Coats; from \$22.50 to \$75.00 Ladies' Cloth Dresses; from \$7.50 to \$16.50 Ladies' Cloth Coats from \$10.00 to \$24.50 Ladies' Silk Dresses from \$13.50 to \$22.50 Misses' Cloth Coats from \$7.50 to \$15.00 Ladies' Silk Waists from \$1.98 to \$10.00 Children's Cloth Coats from \$3.50 to \$7.50 Ladies' Dress Skirts from \$4.00 to \$12.50 Ladies' Tailored Suits from \$15.00 to \$35.00 Ladies' Evening Dresses from \$17.50 to \$22.50

WOOL SERGES 75C TO \$3.50 VIYELLA FLANNELS 65C

The war has made no difference with us in the matter of Dress and Suit Serges, as we show hundreds of prices of all wool Serges all wool Dyes that we can guarantee, at every price from 75c to \$3.50 yard. Do you know that Viyella Flannels are absolutely Fast Colors and also unshrinkable and for Day and Night wear are most servicable. We show Viyella Flannels in: Plain Colors, Stripes, Checks and Plaids, with 75 pieces to select from, all 65c



GIFT GOODS

This is the Week for Gift Goods

Toys, Dolls, Games, Sleighs, Horses, Toy Books, Books, Bibles, Hockey Goods, Purse, Hand Bags, Baskets, Mirrors, Trays, Cut Glass, China, Fancy Goods of all description.

THE BEEHIVE CHAS. N. SULMAN

speaker informed him that he would have to put men at the tree to remove it.

Ald. Woodley moved, seconded by Ald. Smith that the mayor receive the usual grant—carried.

Ald. Deacon moved, seconded by Ald. St. Charles that the city clerk write the Commission of Conservation at Ottawa asking that their representative, Mr. J. G. Smith pay a visit to Belleville and report on our present fire protection.—Carried.

Ald. Parks moved, seconded by Ald. Earle that the city council provide a uniform and cap for the janitor, caretaker and messenger for the city building.—Carried.

Bylaws were passed regulating firemen's salaries and officials' salaries. The city salaries were made at City Clerk \$1200 per annum Tax Collector, \$1200 per annum Manager Gas \$1300 per annum City Treasurer \$800 per annum City Treas. for waterworks, \$440 per annum.

John Golden increase \$5 per month City Street Surveyor \$90 month Ald. Parks wanted to know why officials' salaries had been given increases this year.

Because of the cost of potatoes, eggs, butter, and flour said the mayor Ald. Parks thought waterworks men should get more.

Ald. Deacon said he had an understanding with Mr. Colcen The executive recommended that the Walker Foundry Company and the J. C. Wilson Foundry have their assessments fixed at \$3750 each on plant and \$2,250 each for business assessment, these not to interfere with the school assessment and taxation.

MAYOR KETCHESON BY APPOINTMENT

No Opposition For Excitement Get Acclamations Honored

(From Friday Mayor H. F. Ketcheson, the gold chain for the morning at ten o'clock chamber he by Mr. John Elliott Johnson, M.P.P. for the case in sight and at City Clerk J. W. Mayor Ketcheson received.

This is perhaps the nation in Belleville's time vigor and enthusiasm have gone. At eleven o'clock made his drive present the following, City Assessor J. A. Kerr, Mr. W. J. Diamond, member of the Board of representatives later three other Mayor Ketcheson.

Last evening went to the rink to be present at a but I think I will be going to Ottawa. A hospital on municipal Education are: Foster Ward—F. Samson Ward—F. Ketcheson Ward—Baldwin Ward—Bleeker Ward—Coleman Ward—Murray Ward—High School—C. McCordan.

There was no pulling the clerk's No School Trust Between twelve o'clock the retiring members of Education were a demonstration as follows: Foster Ward

F. Sharpe, proposed seconded by J. Samson Ward F. H. O'Flynn, proposed seconded by Ketcheson, seconded by

Ketcheson Ward A. McGee, proposed seconded by Baldwin Ward B. Mallory, proposed seconded by L. C. Bleeker Ward John Muir proposed seconded by J. Coleman Ward L. R. Terwilliger R. McCreary, seconded by

British Forces British Ocean Sunk—Heavy Reject Proprietment W President W

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PREMIE TORONTO, D minion in which the national regi of Canada and M National Service here tonight.

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TREAS CLEVELAND lashed today by safety of shipping



MAYOR KETCHESON REELECTED BY ACCLAMATION FOR 1917

No Opposition For Chief Magistracy of Belleville—Entire Lack of Excitement at Nominations Today—Retiring Trustees All Get Acclamations—Twenty-Eight Nominated for Aldermanic Honors.

(From Friday's Daily) Mayor H. F. Ketcheson will wear the gold chain for a second term. This morning at ten-thirty at the city council chamber he was nominated by Mr. John Elliott and Mr. J. W. Johnson, M.P.P. for the highest honor in the city's gift. No opposition came in sight and at eleven o'clock City Clerk J. W. Holmes declared Mayor Ketcheson reelected by acclamation.

FIERCE FIGHTING ALONG THE MACEDONIAN FRONT

British Forces Now Actively Engaged Along Struma River—British Occupy El Arish in Arabia—German Submarine Sunk—Heavy Artillery Fighting North of Verdun—French Reject Proposal to Form National Assembly—British Government Will Make No Statement at Present Regarding President Wilson's Note.

FRENCH DEPUTIES DECLINE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. PARIS, Dec. 22.—The proposal to form a national assembly of the Chamber and Senate has been rejected by the committee of deputies to which it was referred.

DEATH OF NOTED IRISH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT LONDON, Dec. 22.—James O'Kelly, 71, Nationalist member of the House of Commons, died this morning. He was widely known for his adventurous career.

PREMIER SPEAKS AT TORONTO TONIGHT. TORONTO, Dec. 22.—After a sixteen days' tour of the Dominion in which time they addressed 20 meetings in support of the national registration scheme, Sir Robert L. Borden, Premier of Canada and Mr. R. B. Bennett, K.C., M.P., Director-General of National Service arrived in Toronto this morning and will speak here tonight.

MASONIC HOME BURNED DOWN: TEN LIVES LOST. WICHITA, Kansas, Dec. 22.—Ten persons, eight children and two aged women, perished in a fire which early today destroyed the Kansas Masonic home here. The property loss will reach \$175,000.

TREMENDOUS BLIZZARD ON LAKES. CLEVELAND, Dec. 22.—Lake Erie and Northern Ohio are lashed today by a tremendous blizzard. Fears are felt for the safety of shipping still on the lake.

ADDRESSES AND PRESENTATIONS

Fine Program at Y.M.C.A. Last Night Accompanied Two Presentations.

(From Friday's Daily) The dormitory flat of the Y.M.C.A. was last night the scene of great mirth and jollification when a fine program was rendered and addresses were read and gifts presented. Mr. Lloyd Kribs of the Steel Company of Canada, who is about to embark upon the matrimonial sea, was presented by his fellow dwellers in the Y.M.C.A. with a beautiful writing desk and a casserole.

ANZACS HAVE DONE BETTER

Maintain 50% More Men At Front Than Does Canada.

A college man who has been in the trenches almost since the beginning of the war has sent to his friend in this city the following very plain-spoken letter. It tells to the complacent stay-at-homes in Canada a few things that need to be told to them. To the man at the front the talk about "what Canada has done" sounds very funny, as he faces the facts and realities.

CITY OFFICIALS' SALARIES GO UP

According to Recommendation Made Last Night—Purchases Only By Order Forms.

(From Friday's Daily) The executive committee last evening recommended: "That the salaries of city officials be as follows: City Clerk \$1200 per annum, Tax Collector \$1200 per annum; City Treasurer \$800 as treasurer clear of his salary from the Water-works and Gas Works Departments.

EL ARISH CAPTURED BY BRITISH YESTERDAY. LONDON, Dec. 22.—It is announced that El Arish, 90 miles east of Suez Canal was captured by British yesterday.

ALLIED DESTROYERS SUNK GERMAN SUB U-45 LONDON, Dec. 22.—A despatch from Paris reports that the German submarine U-45 which recently torpedoed a steamer off St. Nazaire, has been sunk by allied destroyers.

NEW DEMANDS UPON GREECE. LONDON, Dec. 22.—The new note of the Entente Allies to Greece, which according to the understanding here was presented today, includes, says Reuter's Telegram Co., the following principal demands:

Wilson's Note is Insult to Allied People. LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Daily News which is the nearest to pacifist among the London newspapers, says today regarding President Wilson's note:

"No one can fail to appreciate the spirit in which the proposal is made or approve the cautious terms in which it is couched. The history of the great struggle in his own country is too recent and too memorable for President Wilson to be unaware of the perils of too hasty intervention. From our side it was the spectre of European that haunted Lincoln, especially in those days when the cause of the north was passing through its darkest phase.

"Mr. Wilson is far too wise to add that trouble to the enormous burdens of the nations engaged in the struggle for liberty not less vital and far greater. He is taking soundings. If he finds the water still too deep he will withdraw his plumbline and wait until a more favorable opportunity."

The newspaper says the central powers would accept the note eagerly, and, despite their arrogant tone, the door should not be barred and bolted in their face. If they have terms to offer the allies should table their own proposals.

The Daily News says there is no suffering in America comparable with that in Lancashire during the cotton famine brought about by Lincoln's blockade, and says it does not believe the American people will put the disability they are suffering in the scale against victory of human liberty over despotism.

The Daily Chronicle says: "As a Liberal newspaper, which has always made a special feature of endeavoring to bring Great Britain and America closer together, and through evil report as well as good has championed the progressive ideals of the United States in this country, we ask our friends across the Atlantic to believe us when we say no American state paper in our generation has been calculated to cause so much pain, not merely to Englishmen, but to Liberal opinion throughout southern and western Europe.

"The note is, in effect, however different be its intention, an appendix to that lately received from Berlin."

Saying that it is not based on the grounds of humanity or injury to the United States, The Daily Chronicle says: "We are bound to observe that, with only the recent exception in the matter of the Belgian slave raids, in which the enemy flouted his remonstrances, President Wilson never in the face of unparalleled openings intervened on the ground of humanity before."

The newspaper considers President Wilson's statement that the objects of both belligerents are virtually the same, is most painful for European Liberals, and adds:

"The President did not intend his words as an insult, but they are deeply insulting, none the less, and none of the allied peoples can be expected to relish them. The good intentions of the note we do not impugn. Behind all its infelicities, its gross inopportune stands. The figure of the statesman we respect, but he has made a profound mistake."

UNITED STATES HAS NO DESIGN TO ENTER WAR. WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Wilson's note to the belligerents, urging discussion of peace, was officially interpreted today as not bearing any threat that the U.S. might be forced to enter the war, because of the continued invasion of its rights by the warring powers on both sides.

This interpretation was made late yesterday by Secretary of State Lansing in a formal statement issued to overtake what were characterized as widespread misconstructions placed on one given out earlier in the day saying that because of the increasingly critical position of the U.S. as a neutral, it was entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks in order that it might regulate its conduct for the future.

Mr. Lansing's first statement, made orally and of which no official copy was distributed, led to exaggeration of its language and purpose throughout official Washington.

BRITISH FORCE LAYS SEIGE TO KUT-EL-AMARA. LONDON, Dec. 22.—The British army on the Tigris River is engaged in bombarding the Turkish works thrown up in defence of Kut-el-Amara and Sannaiyat, and their aeroplanes and batteries have also bombed and bombarded Turkish shipping north of the town, according to a British official communication concerning the operations in Mesopotamia. The communication follows:

"During the night of Sunday British aeroplanes successfully bombed the enemy's river craft west of Kut-el-Amara. Monday and Wednesday strong reconnaissances were made to the west of the Shumran bend of the Tigris.

"During the last few days the enemy's positions about Sannaiyat and Kut and his shipping west of the latter place were heavily bombarded with satisfactory results.

"The bridge over the Hai River, nearer its junction with the Tigris was destroyed by our fire."

NO STATEMENT BY BRITAIN UNTIL AFTER CONSULTATION WITH ALLIES. LONDON, Dec. 22.—In the House of Commons today Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced that the government would make no statement regarding President Wilson's note until after consultation with the other members of the Entente.

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Wishing you and yours a happy Christmas and New Year, Yours signed— E. F. Milburn W. W. Knight M. F. Libby C. Hitchon R. G. Tompston A. C. Haynes N. A. Irwin E. E. Delmage D. M. Clark A. L. Hotson O. B. Ritchie.

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REFLECTIONS

At present we are in a quiet spot, a regular health resort. Have no idea for how long it will be though. Fritze doesn't waste any shells on us here—he evidently needs them too badly elsewhere. All he throws are "rumjars" and such like, filled with old nails, door knobs and junk of scrap-iron. They only have a range of a few hundred yards so its the man in the front line only who has to worry. In many parts of the line the front line is the safest.

Well, old boss, here's wishing you a very Merry Xmas and Happy New Year.

Yours, Mac. 235th AND CHRISTMAS

REFLECTIONS

At the armouries last night there was a good attendance of members with the following result. Possible—

H. Hall—99 J. C. Willis—99 G. D. Gratton—98 A. Harman—97 J. Douch—97 W. J. Andrews—97 A. R. Symons—94 M. Datoe—94 J. S. Peck—93 C. J. Willis—93 M. Wright—90 J. Woodley—90

ONLY ONE TO QUALIFY

Up to the hour of going to press ex-Ald. Robinson was the only candidate to qualify for aldermanic honors.

TRENTON MAN DIES OF WOUNDS

Today's list of casualties contains the name of Sergt. H. S. Hayes of Trenton and reports that he had died of wounds. He belonged to the artillery branch of the service.

THE WEEKLY ONTARIO.

THE DAILY ONTARIO is published every afternoon (Sundays and holidays excepted) at The Ontario Building, Front Street, Belleville, Ontario. Subscription \$3.00 per annum.

JOB PRINTING—The Ontario Job Printing Department is especially well equipped to turn out artistic and stylish Job Work. Modern presses, new type, competent workmen.

THE WEEKLY ONTARIO and Bay of Quinte Chronicle is published every Thursday morning at \$1.00 a year, or \$2.00 a year to the United States.

W. H. MORTON, Business Manager. J. O. HERTY, Editor-in-Chief.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1916.

TO DESTROY PROHIBITION.

There is the best of evidence for believing that there is a hard and fast alliance between a large group of newspapers in Ontario and the organized liquor traffic. The object of the alliance is to discredit and destroy prohibition.

When the prohibitory act came into force in September, The Ontario warned its readers that the new broom would sweep very clean for a time, but, after a certain period had elapsed, law-breakers would become more numerous and defiant of regulation, and serious defects would be discovered in the law.

There is no individual who has looked the facts fairly and squarely in the face who can honestly say that the new law, imperfect as it is, has not worked an amazing social and economic revolution. Even with the great quantities of liquor stored in cellars and private houses, there has not been, until recently, more than a small fraction of the riotous drunkenness that used to be so frequent a feature of the scenario of our local streets.

But of late conditions are by no means satisfactory. Every day the express delivery-wagons are piled high with cases and packages of whiskey and other alcoholic liquors, brought in from Montreal to slake the thirst of the drought-stricken at Belleville. Intoxication is becoming a more frequent sight than for some weeks past on our streets and it is rumored there is considerable illicit sale.

These general results could not have been brought about except with the co-operation of newspapers which have loaned and sold their advertising pages to give to the public minute directions as to the prices of the various brands of liquors, the street and number in Montreal and how the wet goods may be brought by express right to the door of the prospective consumer.

There is more in this movement than appears on the surface—far more, indeed, than the profits that may accrue to a few liquor dealers in Montreal or to newspaper publishers who sell their space to the traffic at greatly enhanced prices. Those are merely incidents in the purely commercial end of the business.

Behind the scenes there is the fixed determination of the outlawed liquor trade, and of that section of the newspaper press that hates prohibition, to bring about a state of affairs in Ontario that will disgust everybody with the prohibitory law and insure its defeat when it comes to the referendum in 1919.

Yesterday, on its front page, in bold type, The Toronto World displayed the following significant announcement:

"Beyond completing less than a dozen accepted contracts for comparatively small amounts of space The Toronto World and The Toronto Sunday World will carry no more liquor advertising."

The Toronto Mail and Empire contained a similar announcement.

On Sunday night a leading clergyman in one of the Toronto churches, exhibited a roll on which was pasted liquor advertisements cut from a single issue of one of the Toronto papers. The roll, the report stated, was long enough to reach across the church. Questioned by a member of the congregation as to what paper had been reaping the easy harvest, the preacher replied that it was The Sunday World.

We do not know if The World has met with a change of heart on the prohibition issue, for there is no editorial pronouncement. But as this journal had all along been an uncompromising opponent of prohibition we fancy the change in policy has been brought about by pressure on the part of subscribers and advertisers. It is well known that several of the largest users of advertising space, notably the Eatons, are pronounced in their views in favor of prohibition. It may be pressure from this potent source, or it may have been strong disapprobation expressed in the most effective manner by subscribers, or The World and The Mail may have discovered that clean advertising columns are becoming absolutely essential in twentieth-century journalism.

Whatever the motive may have been we welcome The World and The Mail to that rapidly growing list of papers that decline to become

counterfeit barrooms or silent salesmen for booze, that look upon this fight for freedom in Europe as their fight, that will not at any price loan their columns for the treacherous purpose of attempting to destroy a great, patriotic war measure, that will not assist, during the gravest crisis that has ever faced mankind, in the promotion of the worst form of national waste and the fruitful cause of national inefficiency. The people have the matter in their own hands. It is for the people themselves to say whether or not they desire to have this great war measure destroyed by greedy, irresponsible and unpatriotic newspaper publishers in alliance with the brewers and distillers of Ontario and the keepers of whiskey dives in Montreal. The people themselves have it to say whether or not these bogus bars shall or shall not do business, right in their own homes, by denying papers admittance that defile their columns in this way for a price.

Mr. J. D. Flavell, chairman of the Ontario License Board has suggested another method in which the same result can be brought about. Speaking yesterday in Toronto, Mr. Flavell said:

"Speaking not as a member of the Board but as a merchant, I think it is up to the business men all over the Province to say to publishers of newspapers that they will refuse to advertise in a newspaper which accepts liquor advertising while a measure of prohibition is in force in this Province."

Commissioner Ayearst was quite as emphatic when he said:

"A Billy Sunday revival is needed to convert certain newspaper publishers and make them ashamed to accept the money of liquor firms for advertising space."

Less than thirty years ago Brazil revolted against the Emperor Dom Pedro, drove him so hastily from his country that his empress a few weeks later, suffering from the effects of exposure, died in exile. Now Brazil having built one of the finest royal tombs in the world is taking the remains of the emperor and empress back from Portugal for burial in the soil of the last monarchy overthrown in the western hemisphere. Some people see in it an indication that the Brazilians are tired of a Republican form of government and desire a return of the monarchy. If this is true the Monroe Doctrine is in for another jolt.

That money-making is no sinecure is evidenced by the number of casualties in Wall Street at this time, and they are steadily increasing. Few of the leading houses in the Street have not one or two clerks or partners who have had to take in definite "vacations" as a result of the tremendous strain of the last two years, and there are hundreds of customers who have made so much money that it will be a long while before they will be in shape to enjoy it. Irregular meals, lack of sleep and long working hours, coupled with the great nerve tension over a long period, has broken many an excellent constitution. One leading physician recently remarked to a friend that the Wall Street crowd, in his opinion, was remarkably healthy and that the number of nervous breakdowns were few in comparison with the work and strain involved. But the strongest will succumb to the tension after a while and a great many men in the Street have been under as great a strain as some of the soldiers in the war zone; and evidently it is not alone bullets which kill.

At the convention of the Ontario Provincial Women's Christian Temperance Union, held in Hamilton, from Oct. 30th to Nov. 4th, a high tribute was paid by the members of convention to those newspapers which had refused to allow liquor advertisements in their columns. Knowing the financial loss that this attitude entailed, and also believing that it did much to create public sentiment in favor of prohibition, I was instructed to advise you of their appreciation of your very decided stand on this question, and to wish you every success in your work.

Yours on behalf of the Ontario Prov. W.C.T.U., H. M. S. Dettor, Cor. Sec.

THE CHRISTMAS STOCKING.

Last night I stayed awake to see what Santa Claus would bring.

I heard a noise above me, and the merry sleigh bells ring.

Perhaps it was a reindeer's hoof That made the snow fall from the roof.

And then I heard a gentle step. I thought that it was he.

The door was softly opened, and my mother peeped to see.

If I were sound asleep in bed— Or Santa wouldn't come, she said.

I tried to look as if I slept, and shut my eyes up tight.

And when I opened them once more, the sun was shining bright.

He hadn't made a bit of noise, But filled the stockings full of toys!

It bulges here, it sticks out there, and here's a ball, I know!

On top there is a Teddy bear. What can be in the toe?

I think it has the nicest feel, The whole way down from top to heel.

I'm glad it's mother's stocking for my socks are very small.

I wonder how he knew that I was not so big and tall.

For everything he brought, I see, Looks just as if he thought of me!

THE ONLY MEDICINE THAT HELPED HER

"Fruit-a-lives Again Proves Its Extraordinary Powers"

Rochon, Que., March 2nd, 1915. "I have received the most wonderful benefit from taking 'Fruit-a-lives'." Suffered for years from Rheumatism and change of life, and I took every remedy obtainable without results. I tried 'Fruit-a-lives' and it was the only medicine that really did me good. Now I am entirely well—the Rheumatism has disappeared, and the terrible pains in my body are all gone. I hope that others, who suffer from such distressing diseases, will try 'Fruit-a-lives'." MADAME ISABEL ROCHON. 60c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ottawa.

FOUND TRACE OF MISSING SISTER.

Search for Miss Rachael Pickett—Trace Has Been Found at Picton

After about two months of patient searching for some trace of Miss Rachael Pickett, who was sought by her brothers William Pickett of Watertown, after a separation of almost a lifetime, a clue has been received from Mrs. Leslie Minkler, Picton, who stated that some time ago Miss Pickett lived with a family near Picton. A short time ago she left there, but friends in the Picton district are confident that they can reach the lady and communicate the news to her that her brother is seeking her.

Almost two generations ago the brother and sister were inmates of the Orphan's Home here and were separated, going into different families by adoption. Some time ago, William Pickett undertook to find his long lost sister. Since then the search has been going on quietly, with the above result, and it is confidently expected that the brother and sister will soon be reunited.

ONTARIO WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN TEMPERANCE UNION.

North Bay, Nov. 20, 1916 To the Editor of The Ontario, Belleville, Ont.

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FLORIDA UNDER EXPERIENCED PERSONAL ESCORT

With the advent of Winter, the questions arise "How shall one escape the cold winds and snows of February and March" and "Where shall one go?" Florida is the nearest summerland, being only 36 hours' distance by luxurious trains. Travel this winter promises to surpass all records, and Europe being still "closed" railway and hotel accommodation to Florida will be at a premium.

Because of such conditions, the Tour under experienced personal escort with consequent relief from worries, and the certainty of good hotels reserved long in advance is attractive. The independent travellers, hotel accommodation will be well nigh impossible to procure since many places report they are booked full now.

A party limited to 20 members, arranged and conducted in a high grade manner leaves Toronto on February 14th to spend six weeks in leisurely

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The committee recommend that the programs consider all departments of League work. They suggest a round table conference as to ways, means, difficulties and methods of overcoming said difficulties, members of both Leagues to take part in the discussion.

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travel down the fascinating St. John's River, and in motoring extensively over the finest roads through picturesque and romantic Florida, with nearly two weeks' stay at Daytona, St. Petersburg, DeLand and a few days at St. Augustine.

This tour will appeal to the discriminating travellers for the details are as far removed from the commonplace as the itinerary. The most desirable features of Florida travel are included and the requirements of each member receive careful attention. Leisure, comfort, and consideration are thereby effectively secured.

Full particulars with descriptive itinerary and booklets furnished by Miss Florence Withers, B.A., 130 Hazelton Ave., Toronto, Phone North 7610.

CITIZEN WEST INSANE.

For some days a man who recently removed to Belleville from the country has been acting queerly, owing to mental derangement. He is a man of gigantic proportions and last evening created a disturbance in which it is said he threatened to choke his wife. Some time ago it is said, he spoke of firing a plant at which he was employed, because it was, he declared, no good. The police took him in charge last evening and it is expected he will be sent away to an institution.

CAPT. MCCORKELL RETURNS

Capt. Joseph McCorkell who left Belleville as a lieutenant of the 39th battalion returned this afternoon and was given a grand welcome at the G.T.R. depot.

Pte. Melburn Sprague a returned prisoner of war was not on the train but it is expected he will be here in a day or so.

Piles Cured at Home by New Absorption Method

If you suffer from bleeding, itching, blind or protruding Piles, send me your address, and I will tell you how to cure yourself at home by the new absorption treatment; and will also send some of this home treatment free for trial, with references from your own locality if requested. Immediate relief and permanent cure assured. Send no money, but tell others of this offer. Write to-day to Mrs. M. Summers, Box P. 37, Windsor, Ont.

OF INTEREST TO BELLEVILLE DISTRICT.

In compliance with the resolution of the district meeting, held at Foxboro on November, to the effect that the district executive of the Epworth League meet and arrange a plan of visiting for the Leagues, and if possible for those interested in Young People's work at all the appointments.

And whereas the said district executive in committee appointed the President and Secretary to conclude such plan, we, the said committee, recommend the following to be carried into effect if possible not later than the middle of February. Carmel and Bridge St. to visit Stone Church. Kingston Rd and Tabernacle to visit Cannifton.

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CASTORIA For Infants and Children. Mothers Know That Genuine Castoria Always Bears the Signature of J. C. Fitch. For Over Thirty Years CASTORIA. Exact Copy of Wrapper.

UNION BANK OF CANADA. Are Your Children Learning to Save Money? Each maturing son and daughter should have a personal Savings Account in the Union Bank of Canada, with opportunities to save regularly, and training in how to expend money wisely. Such an education in thrift and saving will prove invaluable in later life.

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CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY. Effective March 1st 1916. Table of departure from Belleville station to Toronto and other points.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY. CHICAGO-MONTREAL THROUGH SERVICE. Table of departure from Belleville station to Chicago and Montreal.

Norway Honors Great Man

In connection with the one hundredth anniversary of the Norwegian politician, Johan Sverdrup, Prof. Halvdan Koht, in an interesting article in The Tidens Tidning, writes: 'Henrik Wergeland, Johan Sverdrup, Bjornstjerne Bjornson, no names appeal more strongly to the Norwegian nation than these three. Wergeland, the spring gale sweeping over our national "new land," the Norwegian flag over our new-found liberty, Bjornson, the heart of the people in the midsummer of our national strength, and between these two radiant figures, their equal, Johan Sverdrup, the statesman who put into action what the other two had preached and summed up steadily, shining light in our fight for political freedom. His life is the political history of Norway in more than one generation. Nobody consolidated and organized the strong hopes and longings of our people and shaped their future, our present day, as he did. "It was in the Storting," the professor continues, "that Sverdrup's work was done, it was there that his life mission was carried out. It has rightly been said of him that he raised the Storting from a county council to a genuine national assembly. As a result it is no longer a link in the State machinery, it has indeed become a power in the State and its political work, and the rise of the Storting is to be attributed to the growth of the people. Sverdrup's work was not confined within its four walls. The greatest of his achievements was the political emancipation of the Norwegian people, among whom he fostered a political will. He was a politician—the first real politician of our present time, the first to make politics his life-work. "The deeper one penetrates into Sverdrup's life, the more clearly it is seen how he carried politics with him into every relation of his daily life. One rarely finds great personalities does one find their entire energy concentrated on a single task, and never previously had there been such a power in Norwegian politics. It was by this power that he was able to force the entire nation to concentrate its whole attention on the great and vital political questions of the day. The papers he left behind show clearly what his daily thought was—the education of the people to self-government. But it became a hard task to create a politically self-conscious people. He suffered disappointment on disappointment, defeat on defeat in the struggle. The loss of the party in the Storting, the fact that he never gave up the work, and slowly and by degrees, it was achieved. "He it was who formed a genuine Left (Liberal) party in Norway. He organized this party in the Storting, and amongst the people, and which was still more, he clearly defined the line for Norwegian Liberal, Democratic and national politics to follow. The main point in his program was the simple demand, contained in the word 'Statsraadskaeg,' 'The case of the Cabinet ministers,' or 'Cabinet ministers to sit in the Storting.' "It is very important to see how the cause, and thereby the cause of the Left Party. The humiliating defeat of Norway in the controversy with Sweden on the question of the visegency taught Sverdrup the danger of the Government not being closely allied with the Storting. He had previously voted against Cabinet ministers having a seat in the Storting, because he did not want to have members of that assembly elected by the Crown. Henceforth, however, he voted for this measure because he wanted to bring the Cabinet under the influence of the Storting; he never forgot to emphasize the fact that this was likewise a national question, that it was necessary for the country's liberty, her independence and honor back on the will of the Norwegian people. "Thus democratic and national politics became identical. Sverdrup became the leader of Norway, not merely a party leader, and the clearest advocate of national demands in the question after another: in the controversy relating to the union with Sweden, in railway construction, in measures of national defence, all national demands which were at the service of the nation. "After a struggle of more than 30 years, Sverdrup carried his program to victory. What he sacrificed of personal welfare and happiness can scarcely be measured. Finally he became chief of the Government, and the people went to the polls on the program 'confidence in Johan Sverdrup.' Higher has no man stood in Norwegian politics. When we look back on the life-work of Johan Sverdrup, it is the unity and integrity of it that most strikes one. He looms greater when seen from a distance. His noble usefulness, his chivalrous fidelity to his friends and his unbounded faith, his dauntlessness in the fight, all this has again made him great and endeared him to the people. He rallied us to a fight in a degree not excelled by the Manchus. However, throughout all this struggle between parliamentarians and the military struggle, it was possible to detect a growing love of independence and of country, which has finally resulted in the firm establishment of President Li Yuan-hung in the affections of the public. "That might work once. "I don't see how you got that boy to take the castor oil." "Easy enough. I told him to try some first and see how he liked it, and if he didn't like it he needn't take it."—Life.

AN ANGLI-SPANISH SOCIETY Important Organization Recently Launched in England.

The following is a draft of a scheme for the formation of an Anglo-Spanish Society recently organized in England with the support of the Spanish ambassador. Members of Oxford University are largely responsible for the scheme. The society is to be founded in recognition of the cordial sympathy which Spain and the Spanish-speaking peoples have extended to the British empire in this crisis of its fortunes, and of the immense economic interests which the British and the Spanish races have in common. The object of the society will be to promote more intimate relations, both intellectual and commercial, by offering hospitality and opportunities of social intercourse to Spanish-speaking visitors in the British Isles; by fostering in Great Britain and Ireland the study of the Spanish language, literature, art, and history; and by assisting British scholars to enter Spanish lands. It is proposed to establish a similar society in Spain. The British society will seek to secure an adequate number of teachers of the Spanish language and literature in universities, colleges, schools, and centres, holding day and evening classes. This point is of interest to the British people, who desire to see Spanish studies in the schools of the Dominion instead of German. The society will advocate the endowment of professorships and lectureships in Spanish studies, as also provision of travelling scholarships for students who have shown proficiency in the Spanish language. The university schools of Spanish studies in London, Liverpool, Oxford, Cambridge, Manchester, Leeds, Birmingham, and elsewhere will give the sympathy and support of the society. It will co-operate with all existing agencies which have the same object in view—e.g., with special sections of the Royal Society, with institutions providing courses of classes in modern languages, and with geographical and other learned societies. The society will furthermore study the facilities available to Spanish-speaking students for study in British universities, secondary schools, technical schools, and schools of commerce. It will endeavor to help in the same manner students who propose to follow regular or special courses already provided in Spain. It is hoped that it may be able to foster interchange of students between British and Spanish-speaking universities; also the interchange of teachers. Other English Crises. The notion is pretty commonly held that England has passed through no time so rarely comparable to the present crisis—probably because most of us soon forget the little history we learn at school. Yet of the period of the American Revolution, the time was approached when our island, while struggling to keep down the United States of America and pressed with a still nearer danger of the too just discontents of Ireland, was to be studied by the Spaniards, Spain, and Holland, and to be threatened by the Armed Neutrality of the Baltic; when even our maritime supremacy was to be in jeopardy; when herds of sea were to command the Straits of Calpe and the Mexican Sea; when the British flag was to be scarcely able to protect the British Channel. The same historian thus described the result of that tremendous struggle: "England had passed through a perilous crisis. She had indeed, maintained her place in the foremost rank of European Powers; and the manner in which she had defended herself against fearful odds, her inspired surrounding nations with a high opinion both of her spirit and of her strength. Nevertheless, in every part of the world, except one, she had been a loser. Her studies had been compelled to acknowledge the independence of thirteen colonies peopled by her children and to conciliate the Irish by giving up the right of legislating for them in the Mediterranean and the Gulf of Mexico on the coast of Africa, on the continent of America she had been compelled to cede the fruits of her victories in former wars."—Manchester Guardian.

GADSBY'S LETTER

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Conservative members of the Canadian House of Commons who are overseas in connection with the Expeditionary Force, are to be met in Ottawa at the next session of Parliament, ostensibly because they have been refused an extension of their leave, but really because they have decided that they have enjoyed their plums long enough. Other words Conservative M.P.'s who have been holding down safety-first colonelcies, majorships, and captaincies in Lunnon will be given a chance to go to the front as lieutenants and to get off the uniform. The Piccadilly-party, Canadian colonel who had no intention of getting any nearer the front, has long been a byword and a hissing with the London newspapers, who are taking up from time to time that he was taking up too much room and eating too much food for a non-combatant. Including the M.P. colonels, majors, and captains, there are two hundred of these "detached" Canadian officers in England, who are all dressed up and have no place to go. They draw full pay for having no work to do. Colonel John Currie of Simcoe was gassed at Ypres and is now home on leave. Major (Dr.) Stewart of Lunenburg, N.S. is an industrial member of the Army Medical Corps. The remaining sixteen Conservative M.P.'s in uniform and on full pay but without commands are Colonel Harry Macleod and Colonel George Fowler, New Brunswick; Colonel John Stanfield and Colonel Tremaine, Nova Scotia; Major Gauthier, Quebec; Colonel George Bradburn, Manitoba; Colonel Sam Donaldson, Saskatchewan; Colonel J. D. Taylor, British Columbia; Colonel William Sharpe, Colonel Sam Sharpe, Colonel J. J. Carriek, Colonel James Arthur, Colonel William Smyth, Colonel Gerald White, Major Burnham, Major Eshburn, Ontario. As members of Parliament and members of the Expeditionary Force—with the force in abeyance—these gentlemen are entitled to two envelopes, the seasonal indemnity of \$2,500 and their active service pay which is considerably better. They stung their beloved country twice in the same place. It is not on record that any of them have returned to take their share of the other of their two blessings. Every last man of them will be found in company with the last dollar that is coming to them. The legislator-colonel is what you might call a poor man. Some of them are rich. Colonel Geo. Fowler is a prosperous contractor. Colonel John Stanfield, the chief of the Archduke's staff, is a wool-manufacturer. Colonel Sam Donaldson is the hero of the Prince Alfred townsite, which must have stood him in half a million. Colonel J. J. Carriek is a big real estate operator, who has acted as postscript to the Eye Witness, accompanying Sir Max on at least two of his personally conducted trips to the front. 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News Notes From the Countryside

SPOCKDALE.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Gay, Miss Essie Tweedy, Mr. W. Tweedy, of Moose Jaw, Sask., also Rev. R. M. Paterson took dinner at Mr. John Williamson's on Wednesday.

PLEASANT VIEW.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Tucker was invaded on Friday night last when over a hundred of their friends and neighbors met to give a shower to the girls, Miss May Tucker and Miss Retta Read, who were to be married the following Wednesday.

BAYSIDE.

The Bayside Women's Institute held their regular meeting on Wednesday at the home of Mrs. D. Gunn, Sr. There was a good attendance and a lot of work was done.

PICTON.

After over two years' absence with the Canadian Overseas' forces, Capt. Kenneth D. Ferguson reached his home in Wellington on Sunday last. Capt. Ferguson, who was wounded some months ago and has since been recuperating in the hospitals in England, had been absent for some weeks, but it is generally understood that he is to be transferred to the new 254th battalion as second in command.

STIRLING.

The many friends of Rev. W. H. Stevens, formerly of this place, but now of Bristol, Wis., will be interested in knowing that his second son, Frank, is with the 118th battalion, now in training in England. He en-

joined the city. This paper was established over fifty years ago and since 1895 Mr. Wildman has been owner and manager. During this time he has served in the Detroit Council as alderman for a number of years, President of the Board of Supervisors for two terms and also a member of the County Poor Commission for a long time.

Word has been received in Stirling on Monday, Dec. 4th, that Pte. Harold Constable, of the 80th Battalion had been killed in action on Nov. 18th. Mr. Constable who was born in England came to this country with his parents, settling in the Maritime Province where his father and mother still live.

Among the missing and believed to be dead as a result of the fire at the Quaker Oats Company's plant, is Mr. Ernest Stanton, brother of Mrs. J. P. Archer of town. He was 37 years of age and unmarried.

Ex-Councillor Chas. Palliser will again run for municipal honors. Capt. E. H. McLean, paymaster of the 254th battalion will be in town Friday to pay the men of No. 2 Co. Mr. C. Long received word from Ottawa last week that his son, Pte. Clarence Long, who had been suffering from gun-shot wound in the low abdominal wall, at the 4th Northern General Hospital, Lincoln, Eng., was transferred to the Canadian Convalescent Hospital, Woodcock Park, Epsom, England, on Oct. 28, 1916.

If the statement made by Lt.-Col. Allen as reported be true "that the 254th is the only Battalion authorized to billet the men in their home towns in the county," then it ought to be scattered broadcast, but if not then it ought to be corrected forthwith in honor of that event.

Charles Stevens, who we reported last week as having been wounded, has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for conspicuous services. Although twice wounded he remained at his post and carried messages under heavy fire. He captured two un wounded prisoners.

Mrs. W. Deacon who has been in Kingston for a couple of months returned home last Saturday. She was accompanied by her daughter Mrs. Floyd Lovelace and little daughter Mr. and Mrs. T. Naylor, who have been residing in Oshawa for some time and are spending a few days in Marjora before moving to Trenton. Last Thursday evening a band con-

cert and recruiting rally was held in the town hall by the 235th battalion. The band is a good one and was much appreciated by the large number present.

Lieut.-Col. Scobell, commanding officer of the battalion, gave a very forcible and impressive address closing with a strong appeal for recruits but without any result.

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In the Field, France, Nov. 24, '16. Mrs. A. Reid. Napanee, Ont. Dear Madam. I regret to have to inform you that your friend, Pte. A. Chisholm was killed a few days ago by the bursting of an enemy shell so close that the force of the concussion was fatal.

He was held in very high regard, both by his company commander and myself, as he was one of the most conscientious and reliable soldiers in the battalion and had won the general esteem of his comrades in the platoon.

Mr. F. Oliver has his farm for sale also his farming implements. It is rumored he intends going out west. Arthur G. Dufoe, V.S., has arrived from the West. James V. Fahey is home from Toronto. Mr. P. Papineau and family spent Sunday with friends in the Reserve. Mr. and Mrs. W. Alexander spent Sunday at Mr. J. Topping's. Gibbs Campbell returned to Toronto by G.T.R. he having sold his auto on his way down. Miss M. Hunt spent Sunday with Miss M. Cassidy. The tiny youngsters are anxiously waiting for Santa Claus. Mr. and Mrs. S. Harvey, Deseront visited with Mr. and Mrs. F. Harvey. The many friends of the late Mrs. J. McAuley and family were greatly shocked to hear of her sudden death. We wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy to the family mourning the loss of a kind and devoted mother.

Mr. Hubbard Faulkner of Foxboro is visiting at Mr. S. R. Osterhout's. Mrs. Arthur Chase spent Friday with her mother, Mrs. E. Way. We are pleased to see Mrs. Sanborn out again after her recent illness. Mr. Levi Trumble of Springbrook is visiting his brotne Mr. Dexter Trumble. A few from here attended Mr. Frank Collins sale on Tuesday. Mrs. C. Johnson spent a few days with her daughter Mrs. Tom Sargent last week. We are sorry to report Mr. Wm. Roffe laid up with an attack of erysipelas. Don't forget the Xmas entertainment on Dec. 28th. A good program is being prepared.

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BRIGHT PUPILS WHO PASSED

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The Taming of Red Butte Western

FRANCIS LYNDE

CHAPTER XII THE PLEASURES

THE freight wreck in the Crosswater hills, coming a fortnight after Ruford's arrest and deportation to Copah and the county jail, rudely marked the close of the short armistice in the conflict between law and order.

Thirty-two boxes, gondolas and flats, racing down the Crosswater grades in the heart of a dawless, crystalline summer afternoon at the heels of the Clay's big ten wheeler, suddenly left the steel as a unit to heap themselves in chaotic confusion upon the right of way and to round up the disaster at the moment of impact by exploding a shipment of plant powder somewhere in the midst of the debris.

Lidgerwood was on the western division when the news of the wreck reached Angles, where it was not until the following morning that he was able to leave the headquarters station on the second wrecking train bringing the big 100 ton crane to reinforce McCloskey, who had been on the ground with the lighter clearing tackle for the better part of the night.

McCloskey's men were hard at work picking up what the fire had spared when Lidgerwood arrived. "Pretty clean sweep this time, eh, Mac?" was the superintendent's greeting when he had penetrated to the thick of things where McCloskey was toiling and sweating with his men.

"So clean that we get nothing much but scrap iron out of what's left," growled McCloskey, climbing out of the angle of crushed cars and bent and twisted iron. "I don't wonder they call it the Red Butte Western."

"Double!" Lidgerwood agreed, and now he was not smiling. The little side light on the former Red Butte Western method—and upon Gridley—was sobering.

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"Best place," said the recent one shortly. Lidgerwood was looking at his watch.

"Williams will be due here before long with a special from Copah. I don't want to hold him up," he remarked.

"Thirty minutes?" inquired the fireman without taking mind or eye of his problem. "Oh, yes; forty or fifty, maybe."

"All right, I'll be out of the way," was the quiet rejoinder.

"Yes, he will!" was McCloskey's ironical comment when the draftsman had gone around to the other side of the great crane. "That crane won't pick up the 105 clear the way she's lying."

"Won't it?" said Lidgerwood. "That's where you are mistaken. It will pick up anything we have on the two divisions. It's the biggest and best there is made. How did you come to get a fool like that on the Red Butte Western?"

McCloskey grinned. "You don't know Gridley yet. He's a crank on good machinery. That crane was a clean steal."

"I mean it. It was ordered for one of the South American railroads and was on its way to the coast over the P. S. W. About the time it got as far as Copah we happened to have a mixup in our Copah yards with a ditched engine that Gridley couldn't pick up with the sixty ton crane we had on the ground. So he borrowed this one out of the P. S. W. yards, used it, fixed it and kept it, sending our sixty-ton machine on to the South Americans in its place."

"What rank piracy!" Lidgerwood exclaimed. "I don't wonder they call you buccannery over here. How could he do it without being found out?"

"That puzzled more than two or three of us, but one of the men told me some time afterward how it was done. Gridley had a painter go down in the night and change the lettering on our old crane and on this new one. It happened that they were both made by the same manufacturing company and were of substantially the same general pattern. I suppose the P. S. W. yard crew didn't notice particularly that the crane they had sent out of the through westbound freight had shrunk somewhat in the using. But I'll bet those South Americans are saying pleasant things to the manufacturers yet."

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"That proves nothing more than poor spike holds in a few dry rotted cross-ties," Lidgerwood objected.

"No; there were a number of others further along also turned over and broken and bent. But the first one was the only one that broke."

"How was that?"

"Well, it wasn't either broken or bent, but when it turned over it not only uncracked the nuts of the fish-pole bolts and threw them away—it pulled out every spike on both sides of itself and hid them."

Lidgerwood nodded gravely. "I should say you guessed already. I've fixed myself in all kinds of jams of the man who loosened the fish-pole bolts and pulled the spikes."

"That's about all."

The superintendent's eyes narrowed. "Who was missing out of the Angles crowd of trouble makers yesterday, Mac?"

"I hate to say," said the trainmaster. "I don't want to put it all over any man unless it belongs to him, but I'm loosed every time it comes to that kind of a guess. Every bunch of letters I see isn't just my name."

"Go on," said Lidgerwood sharply. "Hullo! come somewhere up this way on the 202 yesterday."

"I know," was the quick reply. "I sent him out to Navajo to meet Crulkshanks, the cattleman with the long claim for stock injured in the Gap wreck two weeks ago."

"Did he stop at Navajo?" queried the trainmaster.

"I suppose so. At any rate, he saw Crulkshanks."

"Well, I haven't got any more guesses, only a notion of two. This is a pretty stiff up grade for 202. She passes here at 2:30, just about an hour before Clay found that loosened rail, and it wouldn't be impossible for a man to drop off as she was climbing this curve."

But now the superintendent was shaking his head.

"It doesn't hold together, Mac. There are too many parts missing. Your hypothesis presupposes that Hulloek took a day train out of Angles, rode twelve miles past his destination, jumped off here while the train was in motion, pulled the spikes on this loosened rail and walked back to Navajo in time to see the cattleman and get in to Angles on the delayed 105 this morning. Could he have done all those things without advertising them to everybody?"

"I know," confessed the trainmaster. "It doesn't look reasonable."

"Without suspecting it the trainmaster had found the weak joint in the superintendent's reasoning. For the company's sake the personal point of view must be ignored."

"It is such a despicable thing," he protested, as one who yields reluctantly. "And if, after all, Hulloek is innocent—"

"That is just the point," insisted Lidgerwood. "If the weak joint is found, and Hulloek is innocent, he will be done, and Hulloek will become a witness for instead of against him."

"Well," said Lidgerwood, and what more he would have said about the conspiracy was cut off by the shrill whistle of a downcoming train.

"That's Williams with the special," he announced when the whistle gave him leave. "Is your dog out?"

"Sure. It's up around the hill with a safe man to waggle it."

The main line was cleared before Williams swung cautiously around the hill with the private car. In obedience to Lidgerwood's uplifted finger the brakes were applied, and the Nadia came to a full stop, with its observation platform opposite the end of the wrecking track.

"A big man in a soft hat and loose bow dust coat, with twinkling little eyes and a curling brown beard that covered fully three-fourths of his face, stood at the handrail."

"Hello, Howard!" he called down to Lidgerwood. "By George, I'd totally forgotten that you were out here! What are you trying to do? Got so many cars and engines that you have to throw some of them away?"

"Hello, Howard?" he had not been thrown away upon the trainmaster. "It looks a little that way, I must admit, Cousin Ned. We tried pretty hard to get it cleaned up before you came along, but we couldn't quite make it. Coming over to camp with us awhile? If you are I hope you carry your compass along. Angles will starve you otherwise."

"Don't tell me about that tin canned tape village, Howard. I know. I've been there before. How are we doing over in the Timanyoni foothills—getting much ore down from the Copper ette? Climb up here and tell me all about it, or better still, come on across the desert with us. They don't need you here."

The assertion was quite true. With Dawson, the trainmaster, and an understudy Judson for boss, there was no need of a fourth. Yet intention or whatever masculine thing it is that stands for intuition prompted Lidgerwood to say:

"I don't know that I ought to leave. I've just come out from Angles, you know."

But the president was not to be denied.

"Climb up here and quit trying to find excuses. We'll give you a better luncheon than you'll get out of the dinner pails, and if you carry yourself badly, someone may get a dinner invitation after we get in. That ought to tempt any man who has to five in Angles the year round."

great fear held him upon him. None the less, the president's invitation was a little like the king's—it was in some sense a command. Lidgerwood merely asked for a moment's respite and went down to announce his intention to McCloskey and Dawson. Curiously enough, the draftsman seemed to be trying to ignore the private car. His back was turned upon it, and he was glooming out across the bare hills, with his square jaw set as if the ignoring effort were painful.

"I'm going back to Angles with the president," said the superintendent, speaking to both of them. "You can clean up here without me."

One-minute later the superintendent would have given much to be safely back with McCloskey and Dawson at the vanishing curve of scrap heaps. In that half minute Mr. Brewster had opened the car door and Lidgerwood had followed him across the threshold.

The comfortable lounging room of the Nadia was not empty, nor was it peopled by a group of Mr. Brewster's associates in the copper combine, the alternative upon which Lidgerwood had hopefully hung the "wags" and the "w's."

Seated on a wicker divan drawn out to face one of the wide side windows were two young women, with a curly headed, clean faced young man between them. A little further along a rather austere lady, whose pose was of calm superiority to her surroundings, looked up from her magazine to say, as her husband had said, "Why, Howard, are you here? Just beyond the austere lady and dozing in his chair took up a claim on the western slope of the ridge directly opposite Flenster. This man struck it pretty rich, and Flenster began to bully him on the plea that the new discovery was only a continuation of his own vein straight through the hill. You can guess what happened."

"Fairly well," said Lidgerwood. "Flenster lashed the other man out."

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"No; I never properly live here. I existed there for a few weeks until Mrs. Dawson took pity on me."

"Ewan him!" scoffed Miss Brewster, still muzzling "jeh, me, Howard, as Mrs. Dawson a charming young wid-or."

"Mrs. Dawson is a very charming middle aged widow, with a grown son and a daughter," said Lidgerwood, a little stiffly. "It seemed entirely unnecessary that you should ridicule him before the athletes."

"And the daughter—is she charming too?"

"I don't know that he has any partners," Somebody told me when I first came over here that Gridley, our first mining man, was in with him, but Gridley says that is a mistake; that he thinks too much of his reputation to be Flenster's partner."

"Thank Gridley," mused the president. "Thank Gridley and his reputation! It would certainly be a pity if that were to get corrupted in any way. There is a man who properly belongs to the stone age, what you might call an elemental scoundrel."

"Ever hear of the story of his marriage? No? Remind me of it some time and I'll tell you. But we were talking of Flenster. You say the Wire Silver has turned out pretty well?"

"Very well, indeed, I believe. Flenster seems to have money to burn."

"He always has his own or somebody else's. It makes little difference to him. The way he got the Wire Silver would have made Black Beard, the pirate, turn green with envy. Know anything about the history of the mine?"

Lidgerwood shook his head.

"Well, I don't just happen to. You know how it lies on the western slope of Little Butte ridge?"

"That is where it lies now. But the original openings were made on the eastern slope of the butte. They didn't pan out very well, and Flenster began to look for a victim to whom he could sell. About that time a man whose name I can never recall took up a claim on the western slope of the ridge directly opposite Flenster. This man struck it pretty rich, and Flenster began to bully him on the plea that the new discovery was only a continuation of his own vein straight through the hill. You can guess what happened."

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Impressive Funeral Service

(From Thursday's obituary column) and worth of the impressions at the funeral at West B church yesterday who had known the his long and devoted Methodist ministry, with the added gift of knowing how to handle men.

"You are generous, Mr. Lidgerwood, to be so kind to call him my friend, Miss Holcombe." "His college, Mr. Lidgerwood—do you chance to know where he was graduated?"

"At another moment Lidgerwood might have wondered at the young woman's persistence, but now Henson's story of Dawson's terrible misfortune was crowding all purely speculative thoughts out of his mind.

"He took his engineering course in Carnegie, but I believe he did not stay through the four years," he said gravely.

Miss Holcombe was looking down at the table, down and across to where her father was sitting at Mr. Brewster's right. When she spoke again his personal note was gone, and after that the talk, what there was of it, was of the sort that is meant to bridge discomfiting gaps.

"The pastor of the N. Clarry in a few months the faithful Christian character had passed from our arena memorable, and the imminence of a could place a hard death, thus far she farther." Mr. Dupra call. He, the speaker upon occasions of the necessary to give a of grief but should give utterance to the faith.



(To be Continued.)

MANY ELOQUENT TRIBUTES PAID

Impressive Funeral Service at Holloway Street Church Yesterday For Late Rev. S. A. Duprau.

(From Thursday's Daily) A magnificent funeral service was held at the late Rev. S. A. Duprau at the impressive funeral service at West Belleville Methodist church yesterday afternoon.

The deceased was for many years prominent in the Orange order and for five years Grand Chaplain and the brethren of the local lodges paraded to the church and took charge of the service at the grave.

The pall-bearers were all brethren of the clergy of the Methodist church—Revs. Wm. Pinloot, W. D. E. Wilson, Benj. Greatrix, A. R. Sanderson, S. C. Moore and W. Elliott.

The pastor of the church, Rev. J. N. Clarry in a few fitting words eulogized the faithfulness and earnest Christian character of the one who had passed from earth.

So many homes could testify to the loving ministrations of the departed. The two outstanding characteristics of his religious experience were his belief in the fact of his conversion and his faith in the efficacy of prayer.

He admitted Mr. Duprau as a man. When he entered the pulpit he seemed filled with the fire, the energy and the power.

The funeral notice said "no flowers" but notwithstanding this intimation there were many beautiful floral tributes.

Interment took place at Belleville cemetery. Away with Depression and Melancholy—These two evils are the accompaniment of a disordered stomach and torpid liver.

The Belleville Juniors and the 235th Battalion intermediates turned out last evening at 6.45 at the arena for their first work out.

The Editor, Ontario:—Kindly permit me on behalf of the Management Board of the Children's Shelter to acknowledge the following gifts and tender their sincere thanks to the donors.

From the Women's Missionary Society (Methodist church, Frankford) and many other friends of Frankford.

For having liquor in his garage in Peterboro, M. W. Porter was fined \$300 and \$16.20 costs by Police Magistrate Dumble in the police court.

Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Badgley and grandson, Perry, have just returned from Moscow, visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson.

WEDDING BELLS An event, as pleasing as it was interesting, took place in the parsonage, Cannifton, on the evening of Wednesday, the 20th inst., when the marriage of Mr. C. A. Farnham and Miss Katherin Gavin was solemnized by the Rev. M. E. Wilson, M.A., of Cannifton.

The contracting parties both belong to families well known and long resident in the village of Cannifton. While the young people themselves are deservedly popular and respected by all who know them.

RETURN OF 93rd BAND The 93rd Battalion band, which left Barriefield camp early last summer for overseas, has returned to Canada, and will be made the band of the 247th battalion of Peterboro.

HEAVILY FINED FOR SUPPLYING LIQUOR On Saturday a man who is employed at the Dominion arsenal Lindsay, was fined \$200 and \$3.40 costs for supplying a Cambay resident with liquor.

MEETS PAL AFTER YEARS Dustin Farnum, "Iron Strain" Star, Has Interesting Encounter With Frank Campeau.

CAPT. M' CORKELL WAS WELCOMED 39th Battalion Officer Home On Furlough For Few Months.

FIRM PROTEST BY WILSON IS DEMAND MADE NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A petition calling on the President of the United States "to throw the whole influence of his office against the deportation of the Belgians by the German government."

FOE INTERPRETATION OF BRITISH PREMIER'S SPEECH BERLIN, Dec. 21.—The Berlin press having received the entire text of Premier Lloyd George's speech, discusses it at length today.

DIED PALMER—In Kingston on Wednesday, Dec. 20th, 1916, Private Frank Palmer of the C.E.F., third son of Mr. R. R. Palmer, Corbyville.

TABERNACLE XMAS TREE

A Grand Evening of Entertainment Spent With The Children.

(From Thursday's Daily) The Tabernacle S. S. last evening held their annual Christmas tree, Mr. Harry Moorman playing the role of the welcome old saint, Santa Claus.

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WE CELEBRATE THE SPUD.

The spud, the murrhy, the Irish apple, the lowly potato is coming into its own! What with soaring prices of all foodstuffs, and potatoes selling by the dozen instead of the peck, the humble tuber is taking its place with hen-fruit, alligator pears, turkey steak and nightingale's tongues among the viands of the gods.

All over the highlands to the north of Belleville, and among the Oak Hills we may expect potato kings to rise up, with high-power automobiles in their farmyards, and diamonds in their crowns. One jubilant plutocrat from Pancake Hill in Huntingdon township informed The Ontario that he had five hundred bags of potatoes that he grew on his farm this year!

The deserted farms, that we heard so much about a half-a-dozen years ago in North Hastings, are becoming potato ranches; and soon, if the prices keep up, these potato ranches will become the landed estates of newmade nabobs. Among our local celebrities we may look for such appropriate titles as Sir William Tuber, Bart., Baron Murphy and the Duke of Spud.

In New Brunswick we read how old, stony works of farms are being tilled and the profitable tuber is taking the place of the prolific weed.

The farmers of Maine are not growing this year, for two things are making them happy. One is that they have had one of the best potato crops on record, and the other is that they are receiving fabulous prices for those potatoes. One farmer sold out his crop for \$62,000 and another for \$88,000. In the first week of November 1896, Maine farmers sold their potatoes for eighty cents a barrel. They thought they were doing pretty well in 1901 when they received \$1.65 a barrel, and in 1911 they chuckled because they sold for \$1.90 but in the Fall of 1916 they have been selling for \$4 to \$4.35 a barrel.

In Michigan there's a potato boom almost as exciting as Edmonton real estate, Calgary oil or Porcupine gold stocks were in the recent past.

In Colorado and Montana potato-raising has become a science, ranchmen vying with one another in the production of great, long, evenly shaped potatoes which they wrap in colored paper and sell in fancy packets to hotels and buyers for railroad dining cars.

If you are rich and can afford to look the potato in the eye these days, you've a great deal to be thankful for, but even then you've got to look with respect.

THE FOOD HOG WE HAVE ALWAYS WITH US.

A loaf of bread is worth the amount of good it will do the eater. A dozen eggs are worth the amount of nourishment they contain. A quart of milk is worth the amount of bone and sinew it will build up.

Food values no not fluctuate. Only prices fluctuate.

The loaf of bread for which you now pay fourteen cents does you no more good than the bread you formerly purchased for ten cents.

Butter for which you pay fifty cents a brick will butter no more bread than that for which you paid twenty cents, once upon a time.

Yet there are people who contend there is no wrong in storing up foodstuffs while there is plenty and selling them at a high profit when famine stalks or threatens to stalk in the land and the war is multiplying costs, charges and prices.

A fire some weeks ago in a cold-storage plant at Lindsay is said to have destroyed more than a quarter of a million dollars' worth of cheese, butter and eggs. What patriotic purpose did the proprietors have in the accumulation and monopolising of all this food?

Food hogs are not modern in development. They had them in the days of wise old Solomon. But in those days men who cornered food were cursed for their unrighteousness. Now we appoint them to positions in the Dominion and Provincial cabinets.

Listen to Solomon, the maker of proverbs—you can find his words in the Bible; eleventh chapter of Proverbs, 26th verse:

"He that withholdeth corn, the people

shall curse him; but blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it."

AN INVULNERABLE COMBINATION.

In warfare it is laid down as a fundamental principle that "the full power of an army can be exerted only when all its parts act in close combination." This applies not only on the firing line but throughout the whole national organization. Away back at the base—in Britain and here in Canada—it is equally true. In the furnishing of supplies and munitions there must be the same close combination of effort.

In Great Britain and France men and women are laboring to increase the daily output of shells so that the striking power of the army shall be maintained at maximum efficiency. In Canada, too, men and women are working for the same end.

But with all this we have not done enough. The war has lasted over two years and the time has arrived when every ounce of energy must be thrown into the balance. Germany is making her last desperate stand. Man for man and gun for gun Germany is outclassed. Men, money and munitions will accomplish the final result. Today the Allies have the men, and proof of that is seen in the frantic efforts of Germany to recruit fresh armies to take the places of those who have fallen in the mad assaults on the western front. Britain is maintaining her premier position as the money power of the world. The call now is for munitions, more and more munitions as the war goes on.

The efforts of the Imperial Munitions Board to increase the output of the Canadian shell factories is worthy of every support and co-operation that the public can give. By the dilution of male labor that can be accomplished. It is simply the application of untrained labor, under the direction of skilled labor, to the operation in shell factories. The need for shells is undeniably great, and in the days that are coming this need will increase. It is the duty of the people of Canada to supply that need. Shall we be found wanting in the day of trial?

"In view of the Prohibition Act being a war measure, the people who induce citizens of Ontario to purchase liquor by means of newspaper advertisements are doing that which has in it at least the element of treason. For my own part I shall see to it that no liquor advertisements come into my house."—Rev. Dr. J. C. Speer, Toronto.

Yesterday's despatches contained the suggestive announcement that the British government had during the past fiscal year collected the enormous total of \$365,000,000 in taxes from the excess profits of those having war contracts. This worthy example should give to Sir Thomas White, our resourceful finance minister, a valuable idea. So far the genius of Sir Thomas seems to have been devoted to the discovery of the best method of extracting the coin from laborers, mechanics and citizens in humble life. If he will now train his guns upon the Colonel Allison and the other war profiteers he will discover there a vast mine of wealth, as yet untapped. But then that would be an act of base ingratitude to "patriots" who helped to give Sir Thomas his post of honor in the Fall of 1911.

CHRISTMAS TIME IN IRELAND.

At Christmas time in Ireland how the holly branches twine

In stately hall and cabin old and gray! And red among the leaves the holly berries shine,

At Christmas time in Ireland far away. And brighter than the berries are the kindly Irish eyes,

And cheery are the greetings of the day— The greetings and the blessings from the Irish hearts that rise

At Christmas time in Ireland far away!

At Christmas time in Ireland you can hear the chapel bell

A-calling ere the dawning of the day; You can see the people thronging over field and over fell,

To the "early Mass" in Ireland far away; And saintly are the soggarths that before the altars stand,

And faithful are the flocks that kneel and pray—

Ah, surely God must show'r His choicest blessings on the land

At Christmas time in Ireland far away!

At Christmas time in Ireland there is feasting, there is song,

And merrily the fife and fiddle play, And lightly dance the colleens and the boys the evening long,

At Christmas time in Ireland far away. There is light and there is laughter, there is music, there is mirth,

And lovers speak as only lovers may— Ah, there is nothing half so sweet in any land on earth

At Christmas time in Ireland far away!

—By Denis A. McCarthy.

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MADAME ROCHAT TELLS OF FRANCE

Former Madoc Lady Tells of Interesting Tour Through the War Zone.

We are indebted to "Varsity," the newspaper of the undergraduates of Toronto university, for the following interesting report of a travel talk by Madame Rochat at the Victoria Women's Literary Society.

Madame Rochat, nee Miss Darce, is a daughter of Dr. Darce of Madoc. Her husband, a French reservist, went to his country when war was proclaimed, and the Toronto Board of Education, gave her the position he occupied at Harbor Collegiate Institute as she had proper qualifications. She went to France last summer during vacation.

The lecture was reported for "Varsity" by a former talented student of Belleville High School who is now a member of the editorial staff of "Varsity."

As is customary once during the fall term the Alumni took charge of the programme at the Women's Literary Society last Thursday. Miss Walker, who occupied the chair, stated that the aim of this practice is to form a link between the graduates and undergraduates.

Madame Rochat then gave a most interesting and inspiring talk on her trip through France last summer. Very vividly she pointed out the French spirit, which is national rather than individual. We can scarcely conceive of the significance "patrie" carries to the ear of the French, brought up as they have been in constant danger from foreign attacks. Paris is the same, yet not the same as it was before the war. The streets and buildings still exist, but the foreigners are gone, the art galleries are closed, and men in uniform are to be seen everywhere. The streets are continually the scenes of pathetic war incidents. Every man in France is a soldier and every family is in mourning; yet there is no personal sense of sorrow, but a great national sense which fills one with humility. The Frenchman now makes no comment on circumstances, just simply narrates facts.

Mme. Rochat then touched on the achievements of the women of France, which were evinced by the well-kept fields and vineyards, and the unusually heavy crop of wheat in Normandy. In one place she was entertained by a woman who after eleven hours work per day in the city, walked one and a half miles to take care of a market garden. At the beginning of the war there was no trained nurses in France. Now they are numerous and the nursing is of a very high standard.

Just before the Somme advance, Mme. Rochat was working in a foyer near Verdun. Here some 11,000 soldiers used to come each day. A noticeable characteristic was their love of collecting bouquets, and adding them to their 24-h pack. These bouquets varied in form from German helmets to rescued kittens and birds. The men seemed to experience some difficulty in finding a name for these good women who fed them so well, and acted as general information bureaus. They usually called them "mademoiselle," "tante," or "grand mere" as age seemed to justify.

After July, Mme. Rochat obtained permission to enter the war zone. Here she visited two large prison camps. The difficulty of guarding the prisoners is greatly diminished by the use of large dogs, "Ambusc," a term frequently heard in France, was explained by Mme. Rochat as meaning a man who has sought out for himself an easy job behind the lines. At the beginning of the war there were many such, but the scorn shown for them is so great that now none are to be found.

All the French people have given up their savings of gold and are proud to hold certificates stating the fact. A visit to the war orphanages was another interesting privilege. Here the children are open for adoption, but it is a strict rule that they may not be taken out of the coun-

try. Instead they are trained to become useful citizens for the France of the future.

At the close of the talk which was very much appreciated, vocal quartets were rendered by Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Page and Miss Parlow. These added greatly to the enjoyment of the meeting.

Letters to The Editor.

WOULD GIVE SOMETHING MORE TANGIBLE

Editor Ontario, Belleville, Dec. 15.

After reading the very able letter of Mr. Scantlebury concerning Melburn Sprague, re reception on his arrival home in such a battered condition, I would say to give him a rousing reception, certainly on the lines laid down, but I for one would give him something more tangible in the way of a generous purse made up by subscription by the citizens of Belleville. Get a committee to canvass the city for the purpose. He has given all but his life itself for King and country and deserves the best we can give him. Hoping for spontaneous action, I am yours, Thanking you for space in your valuable journal.

One Whose Only Boy Has Been Doing His Bit For Two Years.

FRANK PALMER.

Driver Frank Palmer, of Corbyville, an artilleryman at Barriefield and Kingston, died yesterday at Kingston General Hospital. He was born in Corbyville in 1890 and was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Palmer of that place. Before enlisting in 1915 he was employed by the Belleville Hardware Company. He was single and a Presbyterian. Besides his parents he leaves four brothers—James E., Rochester; Arthur C., now in France; S. B. of Corbyville, who has been relieved from Barriefield for the winter, and Allan C. in France with the C.E.F. Three sisters, of whom one is Mrs. James Tierney of Belleville also survive. One brother J. J. Palmer was killed in action in France a few months ago.

The body of the late Pte. F. Palmer arrived here at three o'clock this afternoon, and was taken to Corbyville to his late home.

MRS. PERCY MITCHELL'S DEATH

Mrs. Percy Mitchell passed away this morning at the family residence 28 Cedar Street, after a week's illness with pneumonia. Deceased whose maiden name was Kathleen Allison was twenty-five years of age and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Allison of Clive, Alberta. She was born in Minnesota. Besides her husband and one son aged five months, and her parents, she leaves three sisters and two brothers—Mrs. Bate-man, Spring Valley, Minnesota; Miss Esther Allison, Clive, Alberta; Mrs. Scott of Calgary; William Allison of Clive, Alberta and Ezra Allison of British Columbia.

The late Mrs. Mitchell was a Presbyterian and a member of John St. Presbyterian church.

MR. CALDER'S PROMOTION

Mr. A. B. Calder has been appointed Assistant General Passenger Agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway with offices at Montreal. The appointment takes effect January 1st, 1917. Already there are four assistant passenger agents, but the growth of passenger traffic has made it necessary that another be appointed. Mr. Calder is well known in Winnipeg and Western Canada, and has been connected with the C.P.R. since the early days of construction. He joined the staff of the company on construction work, and in October, 1888 he entered the Winnipeg office as ticket clerk. In 1889 he was made ticket agent at Tacoma. After gaining experience as Travelling Passenger Agent at San Francisco and Seattle he was appointed to the position of General Agent at Seattle in 1904. In 1910 he was made General Agent at Chicago. Leaving Chicago he returned to Winnipeg for a time where he performed special work until his present appointment.

BELLEVILLE MAN STORM CENTER

J. W. Matheson, Formerly With the G.T.R. Here Causes Political Tempest in Nova Scotia.

It is not generally known here that the resignation of John Stanfield, member of parliament for Colchester N.S. and chief whip of the Conservative party at Ottawa, was due to the appointment of a Belleville man, but such is the case.

Mr. Wm. J. Matheson, who is the storm center of the political tempest in Nova Scotia was until a few months ago yard-master at the Grand Trunk station here. Owing to some misunderstanding with his superiors he retired from his position. About a month ago, through the recommendation of Hon. rank Cochrane, he was appointed by Mr. F. P. Gutelius, manager of the government railway system, to the office of assistant superintendent of the Halifax and Truro division of the Intercolonial.

Mr. Frank Stanfield the Conservative member for the constituency of Colchester in the Nova Scotia Legislature had another candidate in view for the position. He recommended a Mr. McNutt who already held a responsible position on the Intercolonial system. Mr. Gutelius would not listen to the Stanfield recommendation and therefore Mr. Stanfield sent to the executive of the Conservative Association of the county his resignation as member of the Legislature. The resignation of Mr. Frank Stanfield was followed by that of his brother, Mr. John Stanfield, M. P., chief Conservative whip.

Now the fat is in the fire and the return of Sir Robert Borden is awaited to straighten matters out. This is but another indication that the G.O.P. ship is fast drifting towards the rocks.

ROSSMORE RED CROSS REMEMBER SOLDIER BOYS IN FRANCE AND ENGLAND

The ladies of Rossmore Red Cross Society on Wednesday afternoon held a tea at the home of their convener, Mrs. Norman Post. A good number attended and the proceeds go toward buying hospital supplies to be sent to France. Great interest was taken in a box of Red Cross supplies ready to be shipped, also a number of soldier socks and with each pair a Christmas card and present to be sent direct to the trenches. This is the fourth box to be sent from Rossmore. These will be shipped to their destinations in a few days. In particular all extended to Mrs. Post thanks for her kindness in opening her home for the occasion. May there be many more such gatherings, where social interview may be combined with work. Mrs. M. Root, Secretary of the Red Cross Society of Rossmore, Ont. received the following letter from the Canadian War Contingent Association:

Dear Madam: A case of hospital supplies has just been received from your society. I am directed to convey through you to all concerned, the grateful thanks of this Association. Everything checked up correctly with the enclosed list, and all the articles were received in good condition. With grateful thanks Sincerely yours, Eleanor McLaren Brown. Hon. Sec. L.C., C.W.C.A.

Rossmore Ladies Red Cross Society is shipping the following articles to the Association in England: 9 dozen and eight 36 inch slings; 1 doz. 40 inch slings; 13 table covers, 15 beam cloths, 9 dozen 1 1/2 yards body bands, 2 dozen 1 1/2 body bands, one duster, one dozen 3 1/2 inch roll bandages, one doz 2 1/2 in roll bandages, 15 odd roll bandages, 270 mouth cloths, 9 back pads, 67 post cards, 1 can talcum powder, 3 cakes of castile soap, 8 writing pads, 8 pencils, 3 packages of gum, 3 pair of towels, mop cloths, 15 tray cloths.

The ladies are sending direct to Pte. Clayton Belpay who is in the trenches, 10 pair of home knit socks each pair to contain 1 candle 1 cake soap, 1 wash cloth, 1 package tobacco, 1 package cigarette papers, 1 pad 1 pencil, envelopes. These will be given by Pte Belpay to those who have no person to send to them or to any one in need of them. The Society was very sorry to learn of Pte. Peo. Moy being no better. It extends to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Moy sympathy and trusts he may return home to them again. Intelligence please copy.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson XIV.—Fourth Quarter, For Dec. 31, 1916.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Rev. xvi, 6-14 Quarterly Review—Memory Verses 12-14—Golden Text, Rev. xvi, 17 Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Lesson I.—A plot that failed, Acts xiii, 14-24. Golden Text, Jer. 1, 19, "I am with thee, saith Jehovah, to destroy thee." All the purposes and plots of men against God and His people will in due time fail and come to naught, but every purpose of the Lord will stand. The greatest verse in this lesson to me is verse 11, the visit of the Lord Jesus and His wonderful personal message, "Be of good cheer, Paul!"

Lesson II.—Paul before Felix, Acts xxiv, 10-21. Golden Text, Acts xiii, 16, "Herein I also exercise myself to have a conscience void of offense toward God and men always." A man who believes God fully is able to be meek under strong persecution, especially after a direct message from the Lord Jesus.

Lesson III.—The appeal to Caesar, Acts xxv, 1-12. Golden Text, Matt. 7, 25, "It is enough for the disciple that he be as his teacher and the servant as his Lord." The devil and his followers are persistent persecutors, and as he has the power of death (Heb. 11, 14), he uses it liberally, but only with God's permission.

Lesson IV.—Paul's defense before Agrippa, Acts xxvi, 1, 24-32. Golden Text, Acts xxvi, 19, "I was not disobedient unto the heavenly vision." A splendid opportunity to testify before earth's dignitaries, and Paul certainly did improve it, and all who heard it might have become the Lord's people if they had been willing.

Lesson V.—The voyage, Acts xxvii, 13-26. Golden Text, Ps. xxxvii, 5, "Commit thy way unto Jehovah; trust also in Him, and He will bring it to pass." This voyage is suggestive of the voyage of life, which is often very stormy, but if we can truly say of Him, "Those I am and whom I serve," we should also add, "I believe God; that it shall be even as it was told me" (verses 23-25).

Lesson VI.—Shipwrecked on Malta, Acts xxviii, 38; xxviii, 10. Golden Text, Ps. xxxiv, 22, "Jehovah redeemeth the soul of His servants, and none of them that take refuge in Him shall be condemned." One man brought good cheer to 275 others because he had a message from heaven. He also brought tidings of the Living God and His salvation to the people of Malta. Let us be such messengers.

Lesson VII.—World's temperance Sunday, Rom. xiv, 13 to xv, 8. Golden Text, Rom. xiv, 21, "It is good not to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor to do anything whereby thy brother stumbleth." The first thing for any kind of sinner is to be born again, redeemed by grace (Rom. iii, 19, 24). Thus because of the judgment seat of Christ for all His redeemed (xiv, 7-12) we must live unto Him, not to self.

Lesson VIII.—From Malta to Rome, Acts xxviii, 11-31. Golden Text, Rom. 4, 14, "I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth." Whether in Jerusalem, or on shipboard, or at Malta, or in Caesar's household, Paul could honestly say, "I am debtor; I am ready; I am not ashamed" (Rom. 1, 14-16), and it was always the kingdom and the Lord Jesus (xxviii, 23, 31).

Lesson IX.—A living sacrifice, Rom. xii, 1-8. Golden Text, Rom. xii, 1, "Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service." Because of all the benefits of His grace, as set forth in chapters 1 to viii, we are asked to let Him have full control of all that He has purchased, that He may prove to us and to others through us His perfect will and love, to His glory.

Lesson X.—Jesus Christ, the first and the last, Rev. 1, Golden Text, Rev. 1, 17, 18, "Fear not; I am the first and the last and the Living One, and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore." Note all the wonderful names of the wonderful Prince of the kings of the earth and the chosen of believers with Him and remember that He is always in the midst, even where only two or three are gathered.

Lesson XI.—Faithful unto death, Rev. 11, 1-7. Golden Text, Rev. 11, 19, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life." Note specially His various titles in the seven epistles and the promise to the overcomers. He reveals Himself to each company and to each individual believer according to our need. Distinguish between the crown of life of 11, 10, and eternal life of John 3, 25.

Lesson XII.—The Holy City, Rev. xxi, 1-4, 22-27. Golden Text, Rev. xxi, 3, "Behold the tabernacle of God is with men, and He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His peoples." This is the New Earth beyond the thousand years when He shall have subdued all things unto Himself and God shall be all in all (1 Cor. xv, 28). See the light of that city make us blind to all else.

Lesson XIII.—Unto us a Son is given, Isa. ix, 2-7. Golden Text, Isa. ix, 6, "His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." He was born in Bethlehem, whose going forth was from the days of eternity, was born to rule in Israel, and He surely will, according to the prophets and also the words of Gabriel to Mary (Luke 1, 32, 33).