

FORTY-SIXTH YEAR

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Warning to the Entente Powers Sounded by Leading French Journal

OTHER DANGER If Peace is Refused, Germany Will Plead Law of Necessity

Paris, Dec. 18.—(New York Times cable)—The Temps, in a leading editorial to-night headed "The other danger," suggests that the German peace manœuvre possibly hides preparations for a further crime in the violation of Switzerland. It says that Germany will be able to say that the whole world was warned that if the Allies refuse peace they must accept the consequences that will base her action on the dictum that necessity knows no law, which was the excuse for the violation of Belgium.

"After fruitless tactical successes," it says, "Germany is ready to do anything for a strategic decision. It is inconceivable that the unprovoked violent acts Germany threatens as calculated consequences of her pseudo-peace proposals, justify this anxiety. If Germany thinks it necessary to destroy the rights of neutrals in order to obtain a decision, she will neither shrink nor hesitate.

"The risk here is not platonic. It is immediate. The Allies must not ignore it. Switzerland knows she has everything to fear from her German neighbor, and knows the value of a Berlin scrap of paper."

TEUTONS CHECKED

Russian Fire Halts German Advance In Roumania

London, Dec. 18.—2.10 p.m.—The Teutonic offensive in Roumania has been arrested by the Russian fire, the Russian war office announces. The British Admiralty and collected by the Wireless Press, was made public to-day.

ing out against the two mightiest enemies, thereby covering the rear of the troops in the East and making possible the splendid successes in Roumania and providing grounds for a basis of victory which enabled the peace offer to be made.

"The Kaiser also will hold that the readiness to make peace means also a readiness to continue the war and demonstrates that Germany has a will to fight to a victorious finish in the peace offer is rejected."

Germany Hopes

New York, Dec. 18.—A wireless to the Tribune from Berlin via Sayville says:

The Central European peace offering was exceedingly well accepted by Germany's population, though the cabinet is not yet ready for peace. The Stock Exchange is rather optimistic, selling war favorites and buying "peace" securities, such as shares of navigation companies. The sudden and rapid drop of retchmark exchange is now replaced by the rapid rise in Holland and Switzerland, proving that such change is often caused by trifles.

CARPETBALL

Two games were staged in the City Carpenters hall on Saturday evening, the feature being the encounter between the 215th battalion Team No. 1 and the Sons of England, captained respectively by Pte. Bert Fuller and Thos. Brown. This game was one of the most intensely exciting of the entire season, the soldiers finally winning the encounter by the close score of 36-35. A. B. Lee refereed the game.

FINAL MEETINGS

The board of works and the finance committee of the city council will hold their last meetings for the present year this evening, in the city hall. The final meeting of the council will be held on Wednesday evening, and if necessary will be continued the following evening.

BUILDING PERMIT

A permit was issued at the office of the city engineer this morning to Mr. Wm. H. Force, for the erection of a frame garage at 80 Victoria St. to cost \$40.

Let Broadbent show you suggestions for his present.

Courier Christmas Number Created Record Demand

"Went like hot cakes," is the old saw, but hot cakes were like icicles alongside of the manner in which The Courier Christmas number was snapped up.

Every regular subscriber received a copy without charge and in addition there was a very large extra edition. The number proper—that is the complete issue with two colored sections—was sold out by 5.30 on Saturday afternoon and many orders after that could not be filled.

Realizing at the last moment how abnormal the demand would be The Courier prepared an extra number of copies of the issue, omitting only the book and comic sections, but containing the full military and news section. These also were purchased with avidity and only a few (125) are left at time of going to press.

The Courier hereby acknowledges the many warm words of praise, not only for the excellent letter press work, but for the completeness of detail and the immense amount of readable matter.

Morale of Enemy Badly Broken; French Drive Comes as Answer to German Overtures For Peace

London, Dec. 18.—The morning papers comment with enthusiasm on the French victory at Verdun and pay the heartiest tributes to French leadership, valor and skill. The opportunity is taken to re-discuss the peace offer in the light of this blow inflicted on the Germans, which is regarded as demonstrating that the latter's morale is seriously undermined. It is also claimed that the battle puts the actual position as between the Central Powers and the Allies in a truer perspective than that afforded by the Teutonic successes in Roumania.

The Telegraph says: "It comes at the right moment as a pledge and earnestness of allied success. We can imagine no more eloquent answer to Chancellor von Bethmann Hollweg than that furnished by General Nivelle's victory."

(By G. H. Ferris)

With the French Army near Verdun, Dec. 17. The great battle of Verdun, where the French army struck, was another deadly stroke at the forces still nominally commanded by the German Crown Prince. The enemy received a very heavy blow. The time when German men and officers generally died fighting has passed. As to the men, there is a good deal of evidence that they now stand in open fear of our allies. There are strong elements among them, but they are not numerous enough to sustain the weak stuff that has been mixed with them.

Allies Warfare More Scientific

Decline of the morale is marked. Their organization is still formidable, but it develops no new resources or quality to meet the increase of material strength of the allies, and our superiority in practically every specialist service and tactical science, in which our French friends are the first masters in recent actions on the Meuse. The Germans have tended to revert to the earlier practice of holding the foremost trenches in strength, perhaps because the thinly-held lines could not be trusted to resist at all. The only result so far has been to increase their losses of all kinds, as on the last occasion on which Douaumont was recovered.

WATERWORKS REPORT

The special committee appointed from the city council to consider the report submitted recently by the Medical Health Officer and the city engineer upon the waterworks system met this afternoon for consideration of the report.

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LOYD GEORGE WILL SPEAK

Premier to Announce Policy of Government To-morrow

London, Dec. 18.—10.08 a.m.—Premier Lloyd-George was much better this morning and his secretary said that he would certainly make the promised statement in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

London, Dec. 18.—3.43 p.m.—Chancellor of the Exchequer, A. Bonar Law, announced in the House of Commons this afternoon that Premier Lloyd-George would be present in the House on Tuesday to make his statement regarding the British Government's Policy.

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Woe is Me.



Yesterday I was too proud to fight. Today I am too fat to fight

STARVATION PROMPTED GERMAN PEACE PROPOSALS

TOTAL OF PRISONERS

Over 11,000 German Captured by French in Three Days

Paris, Dec. 18.—2.10 p.m.—French forces have taken a total of 11,887 German prisoners on the Verdun front since the 15th of December, according to the announcement made by the French war office this afternoon.

A violent German counter-attack on the Meuse has resulted in German forces securing a footing at the Chambrettes Farm.

RESTRICTIONS ON FOOD IN FORCE

Three Course Dinners Are Highest Allowed in England

London, Dec. 18.—11.30 a.m.—The first food restriction went into force in England to-day. Hotels and restaurants are now forbidden to serve more than two courses for breakfast or luncheon, and three courses for dinner, and three courses for breakfast or luncheon, and three courses for dinner, and three courses for breakfast or luncheon, and three courses for dinner.

The meatless day which is expected to follow shortly will prove a more difficult problem for restaurants which make a specialty of roasts.

AFTERNOON SERVICE

The regular Sunday afternoon service in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. was in charge of Mr. A. G. Olive yesterday afternoon. The meeting was addressed by the Rev. W. H. Wrighton, of the Park Baptist church, who based his remarks on the subject, "Christ is a light to our feet and a lamp unto our path." During the service a beautiful solo was rendered by Miss Agnes Heath.

GROUP SUPPER

The final group supper of the Junior Department of the Y.M.C.A. was held in the rooms of the Junior Department on Friday night, when the usual good-time was enjoyed by all who turned out. The hostesses for the evening were Mesdames, Loughhead, Calbeck, Oslvie, Dowling, Sanderson, Malcolm and Mrs. Dr. Hart.

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Entente Beaten, But Will Not Realize It

German General Cannot Understand Intellectual Neurosis of the Enemies of the Central Powers.

By Courier Leased Wire. Berlin, Dec. 17.—via London, Dec. 18.—"Among the many new phenomena in this war," writes Lieut. Gen. Baron von Freytag-Loringhoven, vice-chief of the general staff, in a newspaper article, "the most singular is the intellectual neurosis of our masses among our enemies. With a few isolated exceptions their newspapers and statements, despite defeats and fiascos without number suffered by their forces, speak still of nothing but victory and put forth demands in shrill contrast with their military and economic position."

Referring to Germany's position, Baron von Freytag-Loringhoven continues: "Our vital force is in no wise exhausted, our armies are growing daily stronger and the technical equipment, including munitions, are approaching a limit never before reached. If our enemies were to sacrifice new human lives before our lines by a method of warfare which, according to the judgment of a captured officer, cannot be classed as tactics but human slaughter, our armies will not only not yield, but inflict upon them far greater losses than heretofore. If they want further losses of ships our submarines will appear everywhere to inflict them. It was from such grand and proud feeling and consciousness of victorious power that our offer of peace was made from motives of the purest humanity."

Economic Condition of Central Empire Very Bad

ACUTE CRISIS

Is Impending Unless Peace Comes Almost Immediately

London, Dec. 18.—(New York Sun Cable)—The correspondent of the Times at Amsterdam telegraphs as follows under Sunday's date: "The fact emerges with increasing distinctness, from examination of the circumstances attending the German peace proposals that unless peace is obtained the economic condition of the Central Empire is such as to threaten an acute domestic crisis."

"That Germany is rapidly exhausting her reserve food supplies is evident. The harvest is completed and even The Krause Zeitung has admitted that the situation is very serious. Food Minister Betschold addressing the Berlin editors on the eve of the Chancellor's speech in the Reichstag, stated that the potato crop this year is 30,000,000 tons, against 50,000,000 tons last year. He estimated that the shortage of potatoes in food value is 8,000,000 tons of cereals. As, however, the increase in the German cereals harvest amounted only to 3,500,000 tons, there remains a deficit equivalent to 1,500,000 tons of cereals compared to last year."

"It is announced in the German press that after January 1, no more potatoes will be employed in bread-making. Its place will be taken by barley, which has proved unsatisfactory for bread-making purposes, but which, nevertheless, is a valuable food substance when suitably treated. Oatmeal will also be utilized.

"It should be noted that Germany has not enough barley or any other cereal to make up the deficiency it hoped to derive from the supplies taken in Roumania. The Cologne Gazette learns from Berlin that in the most-favorable circumstances only 1,000,000 tons of barley can be obtained from Roumania. Assuming that the whole quantity will not be employed as a substitute for bread-stuffs, the shortage in the most favorable circumstances will be 500,000 tons.

"Germany has promised to increase meat rations in February. This will be done by a more extensive slaughter of animals. This will only bring relief temporarily, for the motive for slaughtering is the impossibility of feeding the stock, which will be killed, all of them, lean. Recognition of these facts is undoubtedly the chief reason for the proposed collective meals throughout Germany, but already even many large cities have pronounced this impracticable."

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PROBS

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The disturbance which was over Nova Scotia Sunday morning has remained stationary and another is centered over Georgia. Snow has occurred in the Maritime provinces and in some sections of Ontario. Cold weather prevails from Manitoba eastward.

Forecasts. Strong north and northwest winds; local snow flurries, but generally fair and decidedly cold to-night and on Tuesday.

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"PEACE WITHOUT REPARATION IMPOSSIBLE"--LOYD GEORGE

Premier Makes Long Expected Announcement in House of Commons

BRITAIN PLANS INCREASE IN NATIONAL FOOD SUPPLY

Sigs of Preparation Found in Fact That Land is Being Laid Aside by Municipalities For the Production of Grain

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 19.—10:55 a.m.—The first appearance of David Lloyd George before the House of Commons as premier, was made to-day in circumstances seldom, if ever, faced by a new holder of the office. Even if the peace proposals of the Central Powers had not intervened, his statement of the policy of his government, which was chosen in reply to a public demand for more vigorous prosecution of the war, would have marked an important step in the world conflict. The peace note, however, shifted the interest and every corner of the world awaited the announcement as to the British attitude towards the move of the Central Powers. The secret was so well kept that the best informed parliamentary correspondents differed as to the treatment the peace proposals would receive. The London papers which support the Lloyd George Government most strongly expressed the view that the government had decided a conference on Germany's terms would not be considered. Even the moderate provincial papers warned the pacifists they had best make up their minds that a prompt refusal would be forthcoming. But the hope was expressed in many quarters notwithstanding the fact that the German note contained no terms, that Premier Lloyd George would be a little more communicative and give the Central Powers some hint as to what they would have to give as the price of peace.

Only End of the War Must be a Complete Guarantee Against the Disturbance of Europe by Prussian Militarism

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FRANCE WOULD LOWER RATE OF INCOME TAX

Chamber of Deputies in Session Considers Appropriations For the First Quarter of Coming Year

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, France, Dec. 19.—The Chamber of Deputies was occupied yesterday with a consideration of appropriations for the first quarter of 1917. Raoul Peret, reporter for the budget committee, explained that the sum required, had risen since he made his report by eight and a half million francs on account of various amendments adopted, and expenses arising out of changes in the composition of the ministry. The principal interest in the debate centred on modifications in the income tax. The government proposed to lower the amount of income exempted from 5,000 francs to 3,000, to increase the rate and to make a declaration obligatory. These changes were adopted after some discussion by 478 to 5. The Chamber also voted for an amendment introduced by Deputy Dubois suppressing the posts of chief of the general staff, hitherto held by General Castelnau, and inspector-general of services at the base.

ADRIATIC WAS FOLLOWED

Vessel Probably German Raider, Pursued White Star Liner

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 19.—An unidentified ship having one funnel and two masts, in general answering the description of the German raider of which entente vessels have been warned by wireless during the past ten days, followed the White Star Lines-Adriatic last evening, according to passengers when she arrived here to-day from Liverpool. The ship was sighted off the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, the passengers asserted. It appeared shortly after a wireless warning to look out for a raider had been received. The Adriatic, under full speed, changed her course and her wake indicated she steamed in a great circle. The stranger for a brief time followed the Adriatic and then bore away in a different direction. The Adriatic carried a gun mounted astern for defense purposes. She was three days late arriving here.

Horrified at Latest Excesses

Vatican Is Not Impressed By Germany's Attempt to Evade Responsibility for the War

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 19.—(New York Times cable)—A Rome despatch to The Daily Chronicle says: "The Vatican is not impressed by Germany's attempt to evade responsibility for the war. The Pope's attitude towards an initiative for peace is unchanged. While he earnestly desires the cessation of the war, he will participate in no peace movement unless he is assured of the consent and desire of both sides. Germany's plea of throwing the blame on the Allies for continuation of the war has no effect at the Vatican, which is horrified at the latest German excesses, particularly at the French and Belgian slave raids."

Seizure of Dutch Mails

Discussed in Holland, Torpedoing of the Palembang Rouses Comment

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 19.—A Reuter's despatch from The Hague says that, replying to a committee report on estimates of foreign affairs in 1917, the foreign minister said that the British government had not replied to the Dutch note of April 11th regarding the seizure of mails. "He said that in reply to a Dutch protest in November, Great Britain had declared her readiness to come to an understanding similar to that reached with the United States, by which universities and public bodies in overseas countries might obtain German scientific and technical publications, this arrangement including certain private persons. Regarding the torpedoing of the Palembang, the minister said that he was unable to adduce facts to contradict the positive declaration of the German admiralty, and that the German government was not ready to submit the case to an international committee. In respect to the sinking of the Bloemerdijk, questions were referred to an Orange book, which will be published shortly. The Dutch steamer Palembang was lost in March, 1916, and was unofficially reported to have been torpedoed while lying alongside a British destroyer, engaged in picking up mines. In reply to enquiries from the Dutch government, the German admiralty declared that no ship belonging to the German navy was near the spot where the Palembang went down at the time. The freighter Bloemerdijk was one of the ships sunk off Nantucket in the raid on shipping on this side of the Atlantic by the U-53. The Bloemerdijk carried grain consigned to the Dutch government, as well as other cargo. In reply to a protest from The Hague, the German government agreed to pay for the ship and grain, leaving the question of the remainder of the cargo to a German prize court."

SPANISH STEAMER SUNK

London, Dec. 19.—11:25 a.m.—Lloyd's shipping agency announces that the Spanish steamer Ason has been sunk. The steamer Ason of 2,084 tons gross, built at Cadiz in 1901, was last reported as arriving at Bordeaux on November 25 from Ayr, Scotland.

Preservation of Game to be Ended

In Great Britain, Another Instance of How War Heals Social Dissensions

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Dec. 19.—A London cable to The Tribune says: "Captain Bathurst, secretary of the Board of Agriculture, in announcing in the Commons yesterday that the Government was about to end the preservation of game, really gave another instance of the way the war is healing the social dissensions of Great Britain. During Lloyd George's land campaign in 1909 unexampled bitterness was displayed because the country dweller frequently was unable to obtain the tiniest patch of land to cultivate, while hundreds of thousands of acres were devoted solely to game reserves. If the order remains in force after the war, the whole character of agricultural England will be changed."

Palermo Sunk Without Warning

Italian Steamship Torpedoed off Spanish Coast Made no Attempt to Escape

By Courier Leased Wire. Rome, Dec. 19.—The United States Ambassador is gathering evidence from the 25 American hostlers on board the Italian steamship Palermo, which was torpedoed and sunk recently off the Spanish coast. This evidence tends to show that the steamship was sunk without warning and without having attempted to escape. MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY. A Christmas dinner will be served at "The Korby" from 1 to 2, Dec. 25th, \$1.00 per plate. Please make reservations early.

WIDE AWAKE

Dr. Kippax has gone to Washington, D.C.

SAD OCCURRENCE

Mrs. R. C. Burns Has Her Clothes Ignited. Passersby upon Palmerston avenue this morning, summoned by cries for help to the residence of Mr. R. C. Burns, 69 Palmerston avenue, were horrified to find Mrs. Burns almost at the point of unconsciousness in a hallway, her clothing a mass of flames and causing her the most intense suffering. The unfortunate woman was alone in the house at the time, and while tending a gas grate in the sitting-room had apparently, from a fainting spell, fallen upon the gas grate, and, finding her clothes ablaze, had been unable to extinguish them. Swift aid was rendered by those summoned by her to the scene, among them being Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Farrar, but little could be done to alleviate the sufferings of the unfortunate woman, who was burned so severely that small hopes are entertained for her recovery. Dr. Pearson was summoned to the scene, and Mrs. Burns conveyed at once to the hospital. Latest word this afternoon stated that Mrs. Burns was in a very low condition.

SINKING OF COLUMBIA

Germany Replies to American Note On That Subject

By Courier Leased Wire. Berlin, Dec. 19.—(By wireless to Saville)—The German Government's answer to the United States regarding the sinking of the American Steamship Columbia by a German submarine has been handed to the American charge d'affaires. The note states, according to Overseas News Agency, that at the time the incident occurred it was impossible on account of the weather to see for a distance of three nautical miles. The wind and sea were rather high. After a warning shot and the setting of the signal, "Send your papers on board," the Columbia set the signal: "I cannot discern your flag," the note continues. This answer seemed to be justified on account of the relative position of the ships and the direction of the wind, which directed the flying flag toward the steamer. The submarine therefore approached under the water and through its periscope made a closer inspection of the steamship, which had stopped. The submarine then emerged near the steamer. While the submarine was proceeding under water it was observed that the steamer carried the American flag and bore the name "Columbia, N. York," and also had wireless apparatus. Judging from her course, the steamer had come from an English or French port. On account of the difficulty of having boats come to the submarine for the purpose of making an investigation, the commander of the submarine gave up his intention of inspecting her papers and signalled to the steamer "You are dismissed," and running above water, left the steamer. Thereupon the steamer resumed her former course.

CAPT. BEAUCHAMP KILLED

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Dec. 19.—Captain De Beauchamp, who in November made a flight to Munich and dropped bombs on the town, as he killed. He met his end in an air fight near Douaumont, his machine falling within the French lines. In his flight to Munich, Captain De Beauchamp crossed the Alps and covered a distance of 437 miles.

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LOYD GEORGE IN CHARACTERISTIC ATTITUDE

"PAPA" JOFFRE

Hands Over Command to General Nivelle

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Dec. 19.—General Joffre handed over the command of the French armies of the north and northeast yesterday morning to General Robert George Nivelle, recently appointed commander-in-chief of those armies. In a brief speech General Joffre congratulated General Nivelle upon his appointment. The principal officers of the grand headquarters staff, who will remain at their posts until General Nivelle forms his own staff, likewise tendered their congratulations. General Nivelle replied expressing admiration for the high military qualities of the victor of the Marne, whose selection as president of the Allied Military Council he alluded to as a merited promotion.

CONGESTION IN WALES

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 19.—The Chronicle says that owing to the shortage in ships for the transportation of coal an extraordinary chaos of congestion exists in South Wales. Miles of sidetracks at Cardiff and Newport are choked with coal-laden trucks which have been accumulating for many days with the result that there is now a shortage of trucks. Some of the pits are consequently idle and there has been a loss in production of a million tons in three weeks. The Chronicle claims that the exportation license system has resulted in some ships sailing from coal ports in ballast.

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John Bull—"Say, Bill, did you think you could play the Santa Claus game and shove that into my stocking while I was asleep?"

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HEREDITY vs TRAINING

Mothers Should Teach Children To Be Self Reliant and Independent

Children respond very easily to the atmosphere which surrounds them. The baby's mind, at birth, is like a blank page, upon which, even in the earliest infancy, the mother and those who are about him can inscribe what they will. It is the action and speech about him which make the first impression on the young mind.

This is why every young mother should realize fully the grave responsibility entrusted to her with the birth of a babe. The infant is as susceptible to the influences about him as the wet clay is to the fingers of the sculptor. The parents as surely fashion their youngster's character in infancy as the potter moulds the clay. Far, far more important in the shaping of character is the influence of surroundings and companionship than heredity itself.

It is true that heredity traits seem to crop out at times in the most unexpected manner, but often these traits can be traced as the effect of the parent's model offered to the youngster since birth. For instance, you have surely heard some mother of another say, "My boy certainly inherits his father's temper," when the boy gives way to a burst of rage. It does not occur to his mother that the example of his father's frequent outbursts of anger may have had much more to do with fashioning the boy's temper than heredity.

Inherited Traits

Or the girl who is said to inherit her mother's style in dress or perhaps her untidiness, whichever it

may be, is much more likely to have acquired the habit of dressing smartly or of carelessness in her home or on her person through seeing the model set by her mother all throughout the years of her infancy and childhood than by the so-called force of heredity.

Mother do not try to blame heredity if your children are not successful. You have only yourselves and your husbands to blame, for the child's parents are the greatest forces in its life. One sees so often in adult failings which could easily have been overcome in childhood, but neglected and allowed to grow unheeded they become serious faults with the coming of the years.

Take, for instance, fear. Every one loathes and condemns the man or woman who is a physical coward. Yet this very trait could have been entirely wiped out in childhood. With judicious handling no child need grow to man or womanhood a coward.

Teach independence. Teach your boy to be self-reliant and independent. You can do it if you will. You will find when the little one is still in his infancy that he is not afraid of anyone, but is friendly to all. But as the baby grows a little older and his mind becomes more active he learns to discriminate between the familiar faces always about him and strange features. Then come the first signs of timidity.

Now, fear is only an aggravated form of timidity. An extremely sensitive, shy boy is very apt to grow up to that most despised of mor-

als—a coward. And it is your place as his mother to see that your boy gets over his timidity and learns self-reliance.

When you see your child begin to hide behind your skirts, no matter how cute you may think it is, discourage it at once. This is the time. When you see the first signs of the child's future character and you do not want your boy to be a shrinking, timid man, always ready to hide behind his mother or someone else.

Do not coddle your child. When he is old enough to play around with other boys you will find him engaged in more than one fist fight. Do not sympathize over his cuts and bruises, nor rail at his opponent. You don't want your boy to be pugilistic, but boys' scraps will only help to make him manly.

A FINE CONCERT

Given at the School For the Blind—Principal James, the Staff and Pupils Come in For Deserved Praise

There was a very large attendance last evening at the Christmas concert given annually by the pupils of the School for the Blind. Everyone in attendance was delighted with the exceptionally fine program. Major James, the new Principal was introduced to the audience by Assistant Principal Wickens. Mr. James paid a high tribute to the members of the staff and especially mentioned Capt. W. N. Andrews, the musical director. He also spoke of Mrs. Young, the new teacher of elocution and physical exercises.

Congratulatory speeches were made by Rev. Mr. Woodside, Father Burke, W. G. Raymond, T. H. Preston and Chief Stelm, all of whom paid high tribute to the teachers and pupils and the marked success which had already attended the school under Major James. The following was the excellent program:

- PART I.**
1. Organ—Prelude, G. Major—(Bach)—Roy Tomlinson.
 2. Part Song—"Little Jack Horner"—(Hall)—Choral Class.
 3. Recitation—"The Dead Cat"—Grace Gill.
 4. Piano—"Le Cascade"—(Paur)—Mary O'Neill.
 5. Violin—"Eleanor"—(Deffin)—Kathryn Sells.
 6. Trio (Vocal) "Spinning Wheel Chorus"—(Wagner)—Gladys Bickerton, Winnie Davison, Doris Hawley, Blanche Kaufmann, Susan Miller, Beatrice Kaufmann, Susan McGillivray, Gladys Slay, Gladys Woodcock.
 7. Recitation—"The Way of the British"—(Anon)—Leonard Sherman.
 8. Song—"The Way Thro' the Wood"—(Salton-Dobly)—Gladys Slay.
 9. Organ—"Andante in G"—(Battiste)—Beatrice McCannan.
 10. Piano Quartette—"Pique Dame"—(Von Suppe)—Doris Hawley, Lillian Hardwick, Willie Metcalfe, Leonard Paul.
 11. Duet (Vocal)—"A Perfect Day"—(Jacob Bond)—Greta Lamme, Susan Miller.

- PART II.**
1. Duet (vocal)—"Excelsior"—(Bailie)—Walter Lowe, Leonard Paul.
 2. Recitation—"Xmas at Grandma's"—(Anon)—Kathryn Young.
 3. Song—"Angels Guard Thee"—(Godard)—Violin Obligato—Susan Miller, Agnes MacGillivray.
 4. Piano—"Calliope"—(Chamling)—Kathryn Sells.
 5. Reading—"Saunders McGlashan's Courtship"—(Anon)—Ethel Squair.
 - 6.—Dance Minuet—Senior Girls—A. Brunsden, B. Kaufmann, G. Lamme, Susan Miller, Agnes MacGillivray, Gladys Slay, Kathryn Sells.
 - 7.—"Smile, Smile, Smile"—(Powell)—Leonard Paul.
 - 8.—Part Song (a) "Where are the Boys of the old Brigade" (Caldcott) (b) "Good Night" (Pinsitt) Choral Class.
 - 9.—Piano Quartette. "Marche Hongroise" (Liszt) Roy Tomlinson. God Save the King.

BARS NEW BREAD

By Courier Lensed Wire.
Berlin, Dec. 19.—via Paris.—The Swiss Government has decided to prohibit the sale or consumption of new bread in order to economize the stock of cereals. According to official figures, Switzerland has purchased since the beginning of the war, 540,000,000 francs worth of American wheat, but it is impossible to import such quantities in the future.

HUN GENERAL DEAD

By Courier Lensed Wire.
London, Dec. 19.—General Von Fabeck, commander-in-chief of one of the German armies on the western front, is dead, according to German newspapers, says a Reuters dispatch from Amsterdam. An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam says that General Von Fabeck commanded on the Somme front, and that he became sick after the summer fighting.

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- 54 inch wide navy, brown and black French Coating Serge (fast dyes) worth today \$3.20, special \$2.50
- Tartan Plaid dress goods, all wool at 75c, \$1, \$1.25 to \$2.50
- Shepherd Checks in black and white, at \$2.00, \$1.50, \$1.25, \$1.00, 75c, 50c and 25c
- French Coating serge, in black, navy, wine, green, open, and brown, special \$1.25

Silk Specials

- Black Paillette, rich bright satin finish, 36 inches wide, recommended for wear. Full range of colors, special \$1.25
- Black Paillette, 36 inches wide, pure silk, French dye, special 85c
- Black Duchess Satin, heavy quality, 36 inches wide and worth \$2.25, special \$1.75
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Who's Who

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Who's Who in the New British Cabinet

Brief Character Sketches of Less Important Members of New Ministry

London, Dec. 19.—Of the less well-known men in the new Cabinet the majority of them seemingly are well qualified from practical experience for their respective posts. Baron Rhondda before his elevation to the rank of nobleman in December, 1915, was David A. Thomas, head of the Cambrian coal combination, and was known as "The British Coal King." He sat twice in parliament as a Liberal member. He was one of the survivors of the steamer Lusitania when she was sunk in 1915. Later he was sent across the Atlantic to represent the munitions department of the British Government in the United States and Canada. On his return to England he was created a baron by King George.

Sir Albert Stanley is general manager of the underground railway system of London. He was educated in American technical schools and for a number of years was the manager of the street railways in Detroit and of the public service railways in New Jersey.

John Hodge is Labor member of Parliament. He is Secretary of the Steel Smelting Amalgamation Association.

Dr. Christopher Addison is qualified for his new position, having held the post of Parliamentary secretary of munitions. He is a doctor of medicine and has written extensively on anatomy.

Baron Devonshire is chairman of port authority of London, and has

ment's committee for soldiers' and sailors' pensions and allowances. Gordon Hewart, the solicitor-general, is a well-known barrister. He holds the Liberal seat in Parliament for Leicester. Likewise the Lord Advocate, James A. Clyde, is a lawyer. He has been Dean of the Faculty of Advocates since 1915. He is a Liberal-Unionist, representing Edinburgh West in Parliament. Thomas B. Morrison retains the post of solicitor-general for Scotland, which he has held since 1913.

The Right Honorable Henry E. Duke has been chairman of the Royal Commission on defense of the realm since 1915. He is the Unionist member of Parliament for Exeter.

Sir Ignatius J. O'Brien is retained as Lord Mayor of Ireland, a post he has held since 1913. He is a well-known Irish lawyer.

Sir Robert Bannatyne Finlay, new lord high chancellor, has been M.P. for Edinburgh and St. Andrew's Universities since 1910, is a Unionist, and has twice before held positions in the Government. He was graduated in medicine at Edinburgh University, and later took up the study of law, and was called to the Bar in 1887. He was M.P. for Inverness, Burghs, 1885-92, and 1895-1900. He served as solicitor-general of Edinburgh University 1902-03, and attorney-general from 1900 until 1906.

The Right Hon. Sir George Caye P.C., secretary for the Home Department in the New Government, has been Unionist M.P. for Kingston Division, Surrey, since 1906, and attorney-general since 1914. He has had a brilliant career at the Bar and is the author of several legal treatises.

The Princess Chimay

Death Announced of a Well Known Character

By Courier Leased Wire. Detroit, Mich., Dec. 19.—Princess Caraman Chimay, formerly Miss Clara Ward, of Detroit, died at her villa in Italy yesterday, according to advices to The Detroit Free Press. The cause of death is not given.

The Princess Chimay was born in 1873, the daughter of Eber B. Ward, millionaire shipbuilder of Detroit. At fourteen she was sent to a European convent and subsequently, while still a young girl, inherited the millions of her father. When she was eighteen she married Joseph De Chimay, a Belgian prince. Later she was divorced and became the wife of Jancsi Rigo, a Hungarian violinist. Four years later she was again divorced and married Giuseppe Riccardi from whom she also separated.

By Courier Leased Wire. With the British Armies in Franco Dec. 18, via London, 11.23 p.m.—a staff correspondent of the Associated Press—Soldiers from British and Canadian troops at the front, have been voting during the past week on a referendum involving prohibition and women suffrage in their own province. It is said that they have voted largely against prohibition and in favor of suffrage.

The voting at the front was accompanied by many picturesque incidents. Temporary polls were often established under the shelter of some shell wrecked house in one of the ruined French villages just behind the front line. The men were brought in from the trenches in squads of twenty and thirty. All appeared to enjoy the unique experience of voting on such subjects as prohibition and suffrage while German shells went whistling and whining overhead. Each soldier had to mark his ballot and place it in a special envelope on which he wrote his rank and the number of his company and battalion and other military information, together with his home address and his former voting place.

EMPEROR REVIEWED ARMIES By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 19.—Emperor Charles of Austria, has reviewed the Austrian armies on the Trieste front, according to a Reuter's despatch from Amsterdam, quoting a Vienna telegram. The Emperor, accompanied by General Borovich, commander of the Austrian forces on the Isonzo, first visited troops on the line of that river and later went to Trieste where he is reported to have received an enthusiastic reception. The notables were presented to the monarch in the government building and he addressed former Burgomaster Sandrini in Italian. Afterward he visited the troops on the Carso plateau.

NOTICE is hereby given that the business carried on by James S. Howie and John C. Feely, in partnership under the firm name of Howie and Feely, was on the 31st day of August, A.D., 1916, dissolved. All accounts owing by the said partnership shall be payable to the said James S. Howie. Dated at Brantford this 29th day of November, A.D., 1916. Witness: J. C. Feely, W. A. Hollnake, James S. Howie

MARKETS

Apples, basket	40 to 50
Apples, bushel	\$1.00
Pears, basket	50 to 60
Bacon, side	\$0.31 to \$0.32
Bacon, half	\$0.14 to \$0.15
Beef, per lb.	0.10 to 0.20
Beef, hinds	0.14 to 0.16
Butter, each	0.75 to 0.80
Dressed pork	0.80 to 0.90
Dry salt pork	0.18 to 0.20
Lamb	0.22 to 0.32
Kidneys	0.23 to 0.30
Live Hogs	30.40 to 0.00
Smoked shoulder	0.18 to 0.00

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK. Chicago, Dec. 19.—Cattle, receipts 8,000; market steady; native beef cattle \$7.00 to \$11.65; western steers \$7.00 to \$10.00; stockers and feeders \$5.00 to \$8.00; cows and heifers, \$3.85 to \$10.00; calves \$8.00 to \$11.50; hogs, receipts, 50,000; market steady; light \$9.20 to \$10.00; mixed \$9.55 to \$10.20; heavy \$9.70 to \$10.25; rough \$9.15 to \$9.55; bulk of sales \$9.75 to \$10.10; sheep, receipts 18,000; market weak; native wethers, \$8.85 to \$9.80; lambs, native \$11.00 to \$13.00.

EAST BUFFALO MARKET. By Courier Leased Wire. East Buffalo, Dec. 19.—Cattle—Receipts 1,500; slow and steady. Veals—Receipts 500; active; \$4.50 to \$14.25. Hogs—Receipts 10,800; fairly active; heavy \$10.70 to \$10.80; mixed, \$10.60 to \$10.70; yorkers \$10.50 to \$10.60; light yorkers \$9.50 to \$10.00; pigs \$9.50; roughs \$9.40 to \$9.50; stags \$7.50 to \$8.25. Sheep and lambs—Receipts 4,000; slow; lambs \$8.50 to \$12.75; yearlings, \$7.00 to \$11.75; wethers \$9.50 to \$10.00; ewes \$4.50 to \$9.00; mixed, sheep \$9.25 to \$9.50.

TORONTO CATTLE MARKET. Toronto, Dec. 19.—Receipts 725 cattle, 99 calves, 896 hogs, 343 sheep. Trade in cattle was fairly active at the Union Stock Yards to-day and prices were steady at yesterday's decline. Hogs advanced. Export cattle, choice \$8.75 to \$9.25, butcher cattle, choice \$8.25 to \$8.50; medium \$7.25 to \$8.00; common \$6.00 to \$7.00; butcher cows, choice \$6.75 to \$7.25; medium \$6.25 to \$6.75; stokers, choice \$5.50 to \$6.00; light \$5.00 to \$5.50; milkers, choice \$5.00 to \$6.00; springers \$5.00 to \$11.00; sheep, ewes \$8.75 to \$9.25; bucks and culls \$3.00 to \$8.50; lambs \$8.00 to \$12.75; hogs, fed and watered \$12.00; calves \$5.00 to \$12.00.

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SCARED THE KAISER By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Dec. 19.—Captain De Beauchamp, the aviator who bombed Essen and Munich and whose death has just been announced, on one occasion dropped bombs on the headquarters of the German Emperor, last exploit was performed in April 1915, when the Emperor was stationed at Meziere-Charleville. The paper says the bombs fell right on the house in which the Emperor's staff had its offices and as a result the Emperor withdrew six miles from the city.

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THE SITUATION

The French have regained the entire occupancy of the well-known Chambray farm, North East of Verdun and continue to hold all the ground recently taken by them. The number of prisoners taken has now reached a total of 11,387 including 204 officers. In addition 115 big cannon and 107 machine guns have fallen into their hands.

It is announced that King Ferdinand's main army is now safely entrenched behind the Sereth River, where the troops are to be refitted and re-equipped. Russian forces are holding the lines to the south and south west of there. Recent Berlin reports only claim minor successes in this area.

The British are bettering their lines on the Tigris and the expedition is manifestly on a far better basis than the former ill starred effort.

King Constantine has shown his teeth once more by ordering the arrest of Venizelos on charges of treason and libel. The Greek monarch has always hated this progressive statesman, but he will reap a terrible retribution for any indignity placed upon him.

A SIGNIFICANT VOTE

The Provincial (Liberal) administration in Saskatchewan is doomed. The Bradshaw charges disclosed a sad state of rottenness, with more than one government member under impeachment. That the people intend to discard the whole outfit at the first opportunity has been abundantly disclosed by a recent bye-election there. Hon. J. D. Sheppard, the new speaker and J. E. Christolm (Conservative) were the contestants and the riding which in the previous contest went Grit by four hundred majority, was carried by Christolm by 82 according to the official English speaking poll of the riding Mr. Christolm had a majority vote—300 in the French-Canadian district and also a substantial lead in the Austro-German settlements of the riding.

What will happen when a general contest comes on is a foregone conclusion.

SIR THOMAS WHITE'S DENIAL

It was scarcely necessary for Sir Thomas White, Finance Minister, to issue a denial of the contemptible story circulated by the Toronto Globe and other Liberal sheets that he was seeking to supplant Sir Robert Borden in the premiership. The origination and circulation of such a totally unwarranted yarn, constitutes still one more evidence of the depths to which certain individuals are willing to descend in order, if possible to create distrust and ill-feeling with regard to the Dominion Government during this war period. Such conduct deserves an even harsher name than unapatriotic.

Last night, in Toronto, the Finance Minister delivered a vigorous speech with regard to Canada's duty at this period. He closed as follows:

"The message which I should like to give to the people of Canada to-night is that we are fighting for those heroic men of ours who are fighting for us in the trenches. We must back them with reinforcements to fill the gaps and strengthen the line. We must back them with munitions which will save their lives and help to shorten the war. We must back them by tenderly caring for those loved ones they have left behind. And we must back them when they return victorious to Canada, which their sacrifices have enabled, and their valor will have saved for ourselves and for our children and the generations which are to come."

Words such as these have the true note about them, and they should reverberate in every heart to the stimulation of additional purpose.

A GREAT MIX UP

Just where the Liberal party of Canada is supposed to be at on the trade question, it would puzzle the most astute of Philadelphia lawyers to define.

Before Sir Wilfrid Laurier got into power in 1896, he was going to destroy protection root and branch. He was bound to introduce "Free trade as they have it in England to-day," and he sported a Cobden medal with great unction. He was successful at the polls in the year named, and he

very promptly gathered protection to his bosom holus bolus. The only thing put on the free list was binder twine, with the result that most of the Canadian establishments in that line of production went down like nine pins, and the farmer did not get the product any cheaper, as U. S. combines dictated the price. By all the laws of precedence and promise, Sir Richard Cartwright should have been made his Finance Minister, but it was feared that he would endeavor to turn the Free Trade talk into action, and for this reason he was given a kick in the political shins and sent bumping down the back stairway of that office. It was an awful jolt, and Sir Richard was never the same man afterwards. Then came the foolish reciprocity pact which threw the party out of office and now the different grit leaders are singing tunes on the subject out of all variance the one with the other.

Hon. Mr. Graham said recently that the war had changed the attitude of the party on the tariff and Sir Wilfrid and the Toronto Globe still cling to the reciprocity idea. Hon. Joseph Martin not long ago at Vancouver stated that he had it on the authority of Laurier that if he got back into power British Columbia would be given free mine, farm and fishing material, whereas at a recent convention of Young Liberals in London, and at which Sir Wilfrid attended Mr. H. J. Pettypiece ex-Liberal, M.P.P., was refused permission to move the following resolution:

"That this meeting of the Ontario Liberal Club's Federation hereby ask the Dominion Leader of the Liberal party, in order to stimulate increased food production, to adopt a policy of tariff revision, such a policy as will free our declining industry of agriculture from any and all fiscal taxation except the war tax."

On the Liberal plan, the talk in British Columbia was not deemed to be expedient in Ontario. And so it goes on. The Laurierites have a different message for each section of the Dominion and right within their inner councils there is nothing but discord with regard to this trade issue.

Meanwhile the Conservative party remains true and undivided on the basis of adequate protection for industry and labor and the great producing classes.

COUNTY COUNCIL

The final meeting of the Brant County Council for the year 1916 was held in the Court House to-day. The morning session was devoted to the consideration of communications.

The Canadian Patriotic Fund wrote, outlining the work done by their organization, and mentioning the fact that further contributions would be solicited in the near future. At the present time 60,000 families, exclusive of Manitoba, are being assisted, for which \$930,000 is required monthly, while it is estimated \$1,000,000 per month will be required in 1917. The council is now contributing \$2,000 monthly, and the Patriotic request that if possible this amount be raised to \$3000 or \$3,500 for the same period.

Communications were received from the Townships of South Dumfries, Oakland and Onondaga dealing with the proposed good roads scheme.

South Dumfries has accepted the improvement allotted to them while the Township of Oakland have taken no further action.

"That this council is not in favor of going into the Good Roads scheme at the present time or till after the war, and that the Reeve be instructed to use his influence to prevent the scheme passing the county council. It is self explanatory of the attitude of the councillors of Onondaga to the matter."

Westworth County Council waited upon Hon. F. Macdormid regarding rural highways, to ask that the Government bear a greater share of the cost of construction.

Elmira will have another new industry soon. The installation of a creamery and machinery for a creamery is well under way. The special committee appointed by the Guleph City Council to consider the high cost of living has called upon the ladies of the city to come to its assistance.

A mix-up among Windsor fire apparatus delayed arrival at a blaze which did \$2000 damage to Thomas Maw's home in the early morning.

Hon. Robert Rogers, in an address before the St. Lawrence and Cartier Conservative Association, Montreal, denounced the German peace proposals.

Open Evenings

The Courier Business office and Advertising Department will be kept open every evening till 7.30 for the convenience of both subscribers and advertisers. (Telephone 139.)

NEWS OF NORFOLK PREMIER MAKES LONG CLAIM OF HUNS IS REFUTED

Norfolk House, Pioneer Hostelry of Simcoe, Passes Out of Existence.

(From our Own Correspondent) Simcoe, Dec. 19.—Sam King has emptied the Norfolk House. The big building is ready for conversion at any time into a factory. Some have suggested that the Boverington and Robe people of Deseronto might investigate the building as an advantageous home for their future business. The passing of the Norfolk House naturally throws many old citizens here in a reminiscent mood. Like most of the other, the Norfolk House pioneer hostelry the old "Norfolk" has its history and legends and it is difficult to-day to distinguish the one from the other. The first Masonic Lodge of Simcoe is said to have once occupied a comfortable home on the upper flat of the building. The first building on the present site, whether the first or second, there was very imposing in order. It was built in 1856. A wall map of the County issued in that year shows the proprietors to be Messrs. Mead and Brown. In 1863 this building was burned. The County Court House was first consumed, and considerable of the building, including the Opera House which joined the hotel on the south. Later in the day this material set fire to the hall and the Norfolk House went with it. That day is well remembered by many in Simcoe. Among subsequent proprietors of the house were Messrs. Livingstone, Livingstone, the Berlin Brewing Company again appeared on a charge of selling liquor for re-sale, and was remanded until Saturday. Mr. Fred Montgomery of this city appeared on the same charge, it being alleged that some of the beverages dispensed by him were over the required strength. He will also appear on Saturday, when the matter will be finally settled.

Ultimate Victory. Speaking of the Western front, Mr. Lloyd George referred to the growth of the British armies there and continued: "I am convinced ultimate victory is sure if the nation shows the same spirited endurance and readiness to learn as the mud-stained armies at the front."

Turning to the more purely political of the domestic problems before the new ministry, Mr. Lloyd George said: "We are anxious to avoid all controversial questions. The functions of the Premier and leader of the House of Commons have been separated because it was believed the double tasks were too much for one man. The organization of the new cabinet is best adapted for the purpose of war. In war you want prompt decision, and the allies have suffered disaster after disaster from tardiness of decision."

EVENING SUPPER

Every evening from 6 to 7.30 a wholesome home-cooked supper will be served in the Restaurants on the third floor for Christmas shoppers at 30c. Store will be open every evening to accommodate Christmas shoppers who cannot shop during the day. E. B. Crompton and Co., Limited.

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POLICE COURT

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A meeting of the creditors will be held at the office of W. A. HOLLINRAKE, 12 Market Street, in the City of Brantford, on Thursday the twenty-eighth day of December, A. D. 1916, at the hour of Two o'clock in the afternoon, to receive a statement of affairs, to appoint inspectors and to fix the remuneration, and for the ordering of the affairs of the estate generally.

Creditors are required to file their claims with proof and particulars thereof required by the said Act, with the Assignee, on or before the date of the said meeting.

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W. A. HOLLINRAKE, Assignee. Dated at Brantford, Ont. this 18th day of December, A. D. 1916.

CLAIM OF HUNS IS REFUTED

French Admiralty Denies Report of Sinking of French Battleship

Amsterdam, Dec. 18.—via London.—A French battleship of the Patrie class was torpedoed by a German submarine in the Mediterranean on December 12, according to an official statement issued in Berlin to-day. The statement also reports the torpedoing on December 11 of the armed French transport Maghelen, a six thousand ton vessel, having on board 1,000 troops.

Bulletin, London, Dec. 18.—It was stated by the French Admiralty to-day that there is no French man-of-war of the Patrie class was damaged on December 12, and that the loss of the Maghelen already has been reported.

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As there are only three Liberals to fifteen Conservatives on military duty overseas, it will be seen that twelve Conservative members must remain unpaired under the Liberal whip's ruling to refuse pairs in other cases.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

ELECTED MEDICAL OFFICER
Court Endeavour No. 5987, A. O. F., at the adjourned election of medical officer for the ensuing year, Dr. W. D. Wiley was elected.

WARDEN'S DINNER.
Warden Harris has issued invitations for the "Warden's Dinner" to take place in the New American Hotel on Thursday, Dec. 21st, at 8 o'clock p.m.

NOTES OF 215th.
Forty N.C.O.'s and men have been detailed to attend a course in bombing at St. Catharines. The course commenced yesterday. Lt.-Col. W. O. Morris returned from Toronto yesterday, and left again this morning for the same place, with the officers from headquarters who were in the city yesterday.

WESLEY EPWORTH LEAGUE.
"Whatever Christmas means to us this year," was the topic at Wesley Epworth League at the regular meeting last night, which was taken by Miss Johnson, who delivered a very interesting address on the subject. Miss Minnie Barton read the lesson. A violin instrumental by Mrs. Donaldson and Mr. Gordon Cook, was very much enjoyed. Miss Edna McGowan presided.

DIRT IN FURNACE PIPES.
At about twenty minutes after one yesterday, the firemen went on a miniature housecleaning tour, necessitated by a small blaze in the building occupied by the Dominion Flour Mills, on Market street. An accumulation of dust and other matter in the furnace pipes had become ignited in some manner, and was smouldering, causing smoke to issue from the registers. The firemen removed the burning matter, no damage being done.

BOARD OF WORKS.
The final meeting for the year of the Board of Works, was held last evening, when a considerable amount of business was transacted. The report of the City Engineer, covering the work for the year, was presented and was considered of the most satisfactory character. The report showed a substantial surplus. Commenting on the work of the year, Ald. Ward, chairman of the Board, made a warm tribute to the faithfulness and efficiency of City Engineer Jones and the two overseers, Messrs. Unger and Sutch.

FIRE AND LIGHT.
The fire and light committee of the city council will meet in the City Hall to-night.

BELGIAN RELIEF.
The Courier acknowledges receipt of \$5.00 for the Belgian Relief Fund from Mrs. Wm. Riddle, R. R. No. 1, Brantford.

COUNTY SCHOOLS CLOSE.
Inspector T. W. Standing stated this morning that the county schools would close on Friday, December 22nd, for the Christmas holidays, to re-open on January 3rd.

ACKNOWLEDGE CHEQUE.
The Standard Underground Cable Company, of Hamilton, have written City Clerk H. F. Leonard, acknowledging the receipt of cheque for \$284.15, covering the city's account with that company.

FOR THE RED CROSS.
As the result of a collection taken up among the members of Miss King's class, in school section number sixteen, three dollars was raised in support of the British Red Cross Fund.

BOWLING.
On the Y.M.C.A. bowling alleys the "V" team finished the 12th series with a 2 to 1 defeat over the Pratt and Lethworth quartette. Royal Cleator performed par excellence for the P. and L. team, while Ernie Moule starred to a lesser degree.

FOR ALDERMANIC HONORS.
Mr. William Kilgour, who was a candidate from Terrace Hill, for Ward 2, just year, has decided to seek a seat on the Aldermanic Board at the polls again this year. Mr. John W. English of Terrace Hill, has also yielded to the urgings of his many supporters and will contest for Alderman in Ward 2.

JITNEY BY-LAW.
The Canadian Electric Railway Association of Toronto, through the agency of Mr. Acton Burrows, has written the City Clerk, asking that a copy of any by-law ordinance or other regulations respecting the operation of jitneys of buses in this city, be forwarded to them.

NICKEL QUESTION.
A copy of a resolution passed at a recent meeting of the Board of Trade of Duncan, B.C., was received at the office of the city clerk this morning, accompanied by the advice that a similar resolution be passed here and forwarded to the proper authorities. The resolution deals with the nickel question, which is reviewed therein, and concludes by urging the Government to take steps to erect a nickel refinery in Canada, and in the meantime to control the export of the metal in question.

WANT TRANSFER.
The regulations which have recently been passed at Ottawa concerning the transfer of members of infantry units to the Canadian Engineers, has already had effect here, where several members of the 215th have put in an application for transfer. Two such applications were received at the armories to-day, and in the course of a few days will be announced on the orders. In addition to the recruit signed on Saturday by the Canadian Engineers, John Frederick Wheeler by name, have been transferred, and will report after the holidays. The latest acquisition is a motor machinist, single, and resides at 57 Sarah St.

SPECIAL TOYS.
Many specials in Toys, including the Ouija Fortune Telling Board that will answer any questions. Priced at 95c. Kindergarten sets in two sizes, specially priced at \$1.69 and \$2.15 per set. E. B. Crompton and Co., Limited.

During a severe thunderstorm Monday afternoon the Canfield public school was struck by lightning and four boys were severely and six others slightly injured.

NIGHT PARADE BY THE 215TH

Battalion Put in Trench Work Under Supervision of Staff Officers

Brigadier Col. McClaren, accompanied by four officers from headquarters, visited the 215th battalion yesterday and conducted a thorough examination of various departments of the training. In the afternoon, the battalion was paraded shortly after one o'clock and attended a lecture given by the Y. M. C. A. by Capt. Matheson on "Trench Warfare." As well as being of an instructive nature, the address was exceptionally vivid.

Under the supervision of Capt. Matheson, and Lieuts. Herbert Frid, and Bevan, a night parade was held, when three working parties were formed and taken to the Workman brickyard, where trenches were constructed, and other tactics gone through. A trench was constructed and two communication trenches built, the men carrying bags containing sand for a distance of from three quarters to a mile, each load weighing only five to a hundred pounds. The operations were carried out in total silence, particular instructions having previously been issued to the men in this regard.

The conditions under which the directions of the instructors were executed were exceptionally difficult, on account of the frozen ground and the low temperature.

The officers expressed satisfaction at the outcome of their visit, remarking especially on the manner in which the difficulties under which the men labored, had been surmounted. In no other battalion where the same test had been held, had it been done under such adverse conditions.

The party, consisting of Col. McClaren, Major Meggie, Capt. Matheson, and Lieut. Frid and Bevan, returned this morning to Toronto on the 10:29, accompanied by Lt.-Col. Morris.

Here is an opportunity for the students and clerks, of Brantford, shopkeepers assistants or any young man above the age of 18, to serve his King and Country. We offer you special inducements by promising to teach you a trade. We will teach you the semaphore Morse, (with one flag) telegraphy and lamp signaling. The Morse code is the same as the Continental Morse, (same as wireless and cable codes). For this branch of the service, we want high school graduates, electricians, telegraph operators, electricians, motor cyclists and horsemen.

This is one of the most interesting and educational departments of the service. If you have tact and ability, now is your chance. It is interesting because it is figureative, nerve system, the whole of the British and Canadian army at the front, branching out from every divisional head, connecting up every brigade, and going to make up every division on the field. You learn to establish and operate every line, all communications are carried by you, telegraph, telephone, telegraph, lamp signal, despatch riding or motor cycle. This is the nature of your training and study, therefore I say if you have brains and want to use them, take advantage of this offer it may never occur again.

The Imperial Government is asking the representatives of the Government of Canada, especially to call upon the young men throughout this country to join this very special and responsible department. That responsibility can be imagined when it is known that the Divisional Signaller is the only possessor of the secrets of the entire military staff at the front. Your comrades who, have already gone have done well, they have surpassed the expectations of the world, and their accomplishments in this department alone will go down to history to the undying fame of the land of the maple leaf.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said this is my own native land.

Laid at Rest. MRS. RIPLEY. The funeral of the late Mrs. Jennie Ripley took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 222 Darling street, to Mt. Hope cemetery. The services at the house and the grave were conducted by Rev. G. A. Woodside of Zion Presbyterian church.

PTE. DOWLING SERIOUSLY ILL

Mr. B. Dowling, 22 Lorne Crescent, this morning received the following telegram from the Militia Department, Ottawa:—

"Sincerely regret to inform you that Pte. Charles Dowling, Infantry, officially reported admitted to Fourth General Hospital, Wimerex, Fever, severe. Will send further particulars when received."

Pte. Dowling, who is a brother of Ald. Dowling, was associated with the latter in business, being a director of J. S. Dowling and Co., Limited. Feeling that he should do his bit at the front, he enlisted some two years ago with some of his workman friends in Toronto, becoming a member of the Governor General's Body Guard. They were merged into the Mounted Rifles, and went overseas with the Fourth Mounted Rifles. After arriving in England, he met with a severe motor accident, and was in hospital for several months. After recovery, he was put on munition and staff transport, and was in the thick of things at the front for over a year. Latterly he had been transferred to the flying corps. He is 32 years of age, unmarried, and a member of Zion church. His widow, Mrs. Dowling, will hope for better news later.

COAL SHORTAGE

The Mayor is Asked to Take Action

A local coal dealer in conversation with a Courier man to-day, in speaking of the shortage in this city, stated that three firms alone have a thousand tons held up at Black Rock. The Grand Trunk seems to be unable to release these cars and further shipments can be made until they are moved out.

They have applied to Mayor Bowley, who is acting on behalf of the Municipality in order to try and secure relief in the name of the city. Coal stocks in Brantford are seriously low and some of the drivers have been laid off.

Music and Drama

The Brant. A powerful drama of the superstitious Puritan colonies of New England in the latter days of the 17th century is that to be witnessed at the Brant theatre this week, with the Brant Ward in the leading role. "Witchcraft" is a gripping, yet simple story, and when combined with the winsome personality of such a melodramatic star as Miss Ward, has power to hold the interest and attention of all throughout its telling.

Other motion pictures included in the Brant's bill are a mirth provoking Christie comedy, "His Baby" and the seventh episode of the new melodrama series, "The Scarlet Runner." First night pictures star as Miss Ward, present a sensational club swinging performance of exceptional ability, while Samson and Douglas appear in a clever and very good duet singing and a clever and handsome transformation effect.

EVERING SUPPER. Every evening from 6 to 7.30 a wholesome home-cooked supper will be served in the Restaurants on the third floor for Christmas shoppers at 30c. Store will be open every evening to accommodate Christmas shoppers who cannot shop during the day. E. B. Crompton and Co., Limited.

Speaking at Cobourg, Brigadier-General Hemming, officer commanding Third Military District, said the great wave of indifference over the country the past few months was possibly partly due to the optimism of the Canadian press, giving inflated prominence to events termed victories for the allies and minimizing reverses.

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Laid at Rest MRS. RIPLEY. The funeral of the late Mrs. Jennie Ripley took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence, 222 Darling street, to Mt. Hope cemetery. The services at the house and the grave were conducted by Rev. G. A. Woodside of Zion Presbyterian church. SPECIAL TOYS. Many specials in Toys, including the Ouija Fortune Telling Board that will answer any questions. Priced at 95c. Kindergarten sets in two sizes, specially priced at \$1.69 and \$2.15 per set. E. B. Crompton and Co., Limited. NOTICE. The installation of the officers of the various Courts in Brantford and District, will take place in the A. O. F. Hall, Dalhousie street on Friday, January 5th, 1917, when the High Chief Ranger, Bro. A. Martin is expected to be present on this special occasion, and take charge of the installation.

WANTED—Fathers and mothers and sisters and brothers, uncles and aunts and cousins to buy their Christmas skates and shoes at Hawthorne. Best line in the city. BICYCLE—Makes an ideal Christmas present for that boy, or that girl, get one at Hawthorne. WANTED—A house-maid. Apply Mr. Herbert R. Yates, 75 Sydenham Street. WANTED—Good smart boy for office and messengers. Apply The Courier. FOR SALE—Sugar Barrels. Apply The Wm. Paterson & Sons Co., Limited. WANTED—To buy old horses. Thornton's old stand. Phone 180. M W 30 Dec. Two by-laws, one to raise money for Hydro, and the other for High School purposes, will be voted on at the municipal election in January in Durham. About a week ago Mrs. John Grant, of the fourth concession, north of Kingsville, was stricken by paralysis and is still in a very critical condition.

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ART PERCY 8 MARKET STREET

Railway Tracks to Go to the Firing Line

1000 Miles To Be Taken Up In Canada and Material Sent to the Front—First Shipment En Route

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The hundred miles of Canadian Government Railways and some 220 miles of privately owned railway lines in this country are to be immediately taken up to supply railway material for military lines in France. Other trackage on Government and private lines will later be removed until in all at least 1,000 miles of complete roadway has been supplied by Canada.

The Imperial Government has asked the Dominion to help solve the difficulties of the French railway situation, both in the relief of port congestion and the movement of guns and munitions behind the lines. The transportation facilities in France have been inadequate to permit the Allies to take full advantage of the material and supplies available, and it is felt the war could be materially shortened and thousands of lives saved if sufficient additional railway facilities could be provided promptly.

This information was received in Ottawa Thursday afternoon, and the Canadian steel situation was immediately canvassed. It became apparent that the munitions work on which the Canadian mills are at present engaged precluded any possibility of early delivery of rails, plates and bolts, etc. It was therefore decided that it was evident that the situation could be properly and promptly met only by the taking up of Canadian tracks.

MAYOR BOWLBY Says That He Was One of the Originators of Hydro Electric

The following letter has been sent by His Worship Mayor Bowlby to T. J. Hannigan, Esq., secretary, The Hydro Electric Railway Association, Guelph, Ont. "Dear Sir:—I am in receipt of yours of the 18th December and in reply would state that I have fully advised of the hostile interests to the production of power from the Niagara district but in our city we have very little fear from efforts that may be made in that direction. Subsequent events have strongly justified the attitude that I took at the meeting of the association in Toronto last March when I put up to Sir Adam Beck, the question of the Dominion Government preventing the export of power in whole or in part to the United States from Niagara Falls, and also put up to him the expropriation by the Ontario Government of the power plants at Niagara Falls. The plants that are exporting seeing what would be the attitude of the Dominion Government provided they do not supply the power that was required by the Hydro Electric System have agreed to supply it without compulsion which comes to the same thing. As long as we can get all the power we want, we do not care how we get it, whether by good will or by force, and that again would obviate the necessity of expropriation by the Ontario Government, so as I have just said the position I took and the motion adopted by the Hydro Electric Railway Association,

There is a big saving in the soap bill when a woman uses N.P. SOAP for all household and laundry purposes. You get such a big bar for 15 cents. Look for this bar at all dealers.

COMING EVENTS

RETURNED SOLDIERS. Attending Banquet of Women's Patriotic League are requested to wear uniforms if possible and meet at the Armouries at quarter to seven Tuesday evening. The 216th band will escort them to the Tea Pot Inn. Any unable to come through illness or stress of weather, phone 559 and motor will be sent.

Died

COWHERD.—Jane Broughton, widow of James Cowherd, in her 90th year, slept away suddenly, Monday, December 18th, at her niece's residence, Mrs. Wm. Tipper, Marlborough St. Funeral will be private.

Reid & Brown Undertakers 814-816 Colborne St. Phone 459 Residence 448

H. B. Beckett Funeral Director and Embalmer 158 DALHOUSIE STREET Both Phones 28

NOTICE

Meeting of ratepayers of Parkdale will be held in Bellview school, Wednesday, Dec. 20th, at 8 p.m. for the purpose of discussing candidates for municipal election and other matters.

BELIEVED LOST NOW RESCUED

Twelve Members of Crew of Bark Nethlis Picked Up

By Courier Lashed Wire. New York, Dec. 19.—The twelve men thought to have been lost on the bark Nethlis, separated from the tug Garibaldi during a storm off the New Jersey coast, on a voyage north from Brazil, were rescued yesterday by the Italian vessel, which brought them to this port yesterday.

Distress signals were observed by the Sardinia's lookout at 10 a. m. yesterday when the Italian vessel, from Mediterranean ports, was some miles off Newark, N.J. A lifeboat was lowered, and the twelve men on the vessel in trouble, which proved to be the missing Nethlis, were taken off.

The Garibaldi, towing the Nethlis left Maranhao, Brazil, on October 13. Several times the line parted but the tug succeeded in picking up the bark again until, with less than 60 miles of their 6,000 mile voyage still to be completed, the Nethlis was again lost on Friday. This time, the heavy weather made it impossible for the tug to recover her tow and the bark's crew was given up as lost. The arrangement was being brought north to be converted into a steam vessel.

POOL SHIPPING OF ENTENTE

Proposals to Checkmate Enemy's Attempt After the War to Use Neutral Flags

Paris, Dec. 18.—Pooling of the shipping of the Entente Allies, to the exclusion of the flagless countries now at war with them, is suggested for the economic struggle expected after the war by Georges Ancel, a deputy from Havre and a specialist in such questions. M. Ancel believes the benefits of pooling of shipping combinations, should be taken into consideration in connection with the rebuilding of the French merchant marine and in consolidating the position which the Allies have gained through the blockade of Germany and Austria.

As soon as the seas are open to her merchant men, M. Ancel says, Germany naturally will make an immediate and violent effort to recover her shipping. It is his opinion that she expects discrimination, against her flag in ports of France and Great Britain and will endeavor to bring about a union of neutral shipping interests to be pooled with her own to help her to compete under their flags in those ports. To checkmate this move M. Ancel proposes the admission of neutral shipping to the pool of the Entente Allies on condition that the neutrals agree not to enter any combinations with shipping interests flying the flag of any nation now at war with the Entente. The arrangement M. Ancel points out, would have the effect of protecting the interests of neutrals and preventing Germany from organizing pools that would enable her to use neutral flags to escape from the restrictive measures to which the German flag is likely to be subjected in French, British, Italian, Portuguese and Russian ports.

M. Ancel considers it inadmissible in any case to tolerate the flag of the German coalition on equal terms in the ports of the Entente Powers. A bonus of 5 per cent. will be paid to the women teachers in Hamilton next year.

COUNTRY DRUNK WITH PROSPERITY

J. W. Flavelle Says Canada Must Wake Up; Does Not Realize She is At War

Toronto, Dec. 19.—"This country does not know it is at war—it is drunk with prosperity, and has lost the capacity for moral earnestness," said J. W. Flavelle, chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board, who heard J. W. Flavelle, chairman of the Imperial Munitions Board, throw this declaration of opinion at them had to do up with a good deal more uncompromising observations in similar vein. The chairman of the board has just returned from a visit to England and the front, and the contrast between Britain, straining every effort for the war, calling upon every individual for his quota of service, and Canada, where "business as usual" is still a calling word, has evidently struck him. He took sharply to task the people who are critical of the government and of the war supply firms—the "profters" asking them whether they were doing as much, were doing anything to help along the common cause. He referred to the prevailing prosperity, to the great fortunes of manufacturers who were rolling up and pointed to Britain, where the manufacturers' plants were at the disposal of the state, and the bulk of the profits kept for the benefit of the state. "People did not put what sacrifice and service meant."

"There is enough dynamic energy in this club, if you had genuine moral earnestness without any reserve if you put everything into it, to turn this country upside down. It is not true that you are out of politics because politics is dirty—it is because Canada was spending the lives of her best and vast sums of treasure and the only asset that she could hope to get from it was character, and her growing indifference was putting her in danger of missing even that."

Mr. Flavelle then proceeded to repeat what he stated at Ottawa, that an early election would inevitably stir up racial strife.

"I said at Ottawa that such an event would be a calamity," said the speaker, "and I repeat now that there should be every effort in this country to live and to understand one another's point of view and with patience, reasonableness and skill to interpret what our common responsibility may be."

Mr. Flavelle proceeded pointed out the situation that would arise with a war time election, raising racial and religious animosity, the French-Canadian vote solidly one way. "It is inconceivable," he said, "that a government elected in this country because of unfortunate conditions which have arisen, supported by our French-Canadian people en masse—it is inconceivable that, when we sit around the table to determine what will be the future relations of all parts of the Dominion to the central power in England, such a government will be empowered to do that which it should do, without civil strife in this country."

LORD BRUCE'S REPORT FREE

Dominion Government Will Send a Copy of This Historic Work to All Applying For It

Montreal, December 20.—Many citizens here have received a copy of the report of the Committee on Alleged German Outrages appointed by the British Government, and presided over by Lord Bryce. Accompanying the report is the following statement:—"It is the desire of the Dominion Government that this official report on the German outrages in Belgium should be circulated widely and read with care, so that the causes for the determined prosecution of the war by the Allies may be well understood. The recipient should read and pass it on to a friend, with a request to do the same. Further copies may be had on application addressed to the Under-Secretary of State, Ottawa, Ont. Letters so addressed do not require postage. A limited number of copies of the evidence upon which the report is based has been printed, and may also be had upon application."

The report is a perfectly amazing revelation of the treatment to which Belgians have been subjected. It reveals a reign of frightfulness and cruelty unparalleled since the Dark Ages. The members of the Central Belgian Relief Committee here are hopeful that Canadians all over the Dominion will take advantage of the opportunity of getting free copies of this report from the Government, for it will open their eyes to the pressing need of the work of the Committee.

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OVER 380,000 NOW ENLISTED

Toronto Division is Second In Recruiting During Past Fortnight

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 18.—Total enlistment in Canada up to the end of last week was 381,438. The figures for the last fortnight were 3,274, as compared with 5,500 for the whole of November. By Divisions the fortnight's totals were: London 264; Toronto, 567; Ottawa-Kingston 530; Maritime provinces 233; Manitoba 421; British Columbia 314; Saskatchewan 219; Alberta 201.

Obituary

Mrs. A. J. Syer Mrs. D. Webster, and Mr. F. H. Syer, 74 Pearl St., and Mr. D. L. Webster have just returned home from attending the funeral of Mrs. A. J. Syer of Wyoming (their mother). She passed away at the home of Mr. Alderson, her son-in-law, and Mrs. Alderson, her daughter, on Saturday, last Thursday, Dec. 14th. She was in her 89th year, and had been ill since June last. She leaves to mourn her loss three daughters and seven sons. Mrs. Hall, Wyoming; Mrs. Alderson, Wyoming; Mrs. Webster, Brantford; John and Edmund, Milton, G. W., Enniskillen, Joseph, Winnipeg, Arthur, North Bay, Stephen, Toronto, Fred, H. Brantford, her husband having predeceased her four years ago. The funeral took place at Wyoming, where service was held at St. John's church, on arrival of the noon train on Saturday last, after which interment was made at Wyoming cemetery in the family plot. The floral tributes from the family were most beautiful. Five sons and one grandson acted as pallbearers.

Nuptial Notes

A very pretty event took place in the presence of a number of relatives and friends at the home of Mrs. L. T. Swears, 18 Cambridge Ave., Hamilton, when her sister, Miss Sarah Plant, a former Brantford Township girl, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Pte. John Henry Barwasher, of the No. 1 Special Army Service Corps, formerly of 151st Bat., Preston, Ontario. The bride, who was given away by her brother, wore white embroidered voile and was trimmed with orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of beautiful flowers.

The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. W. M. Corkery, Pastor of Kensington Avenue Baptist Church, of this city. After the ceremony a dainty luncheon was served. The groom's present to the bride was a gold wrist-watch.

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Babylon Beaten New York

Wall Street Great Gro Fortunes Reaped

(By Lowell Mellett, of the U. Press.) New York, Dec. 19.—New York rolling, reveling, rollicking in its This is a "never before in history."

New York banks to-day hold reserves of \$816,794,200, and every quarter of the Globe moon pouring in—actual yellow gold the million to be changed from gold of other nations into the of the U.S.A.

Wall Street has become a gling table onto which is being thrown money from the earnings, wins and savings of Americans and millions from the coffers of Kings.

While the large majority of York's six millions are fighting universal desperate battle with cost of living, on the surface it appears that everybody has money spend.

Babylon is Beaten. Forty or more blocks in Manhattan are given over entirely to ancient trios, wine, women and War-bridal dividends have been sent. Babylon could be set down whose business is to take money spenders say they never were to take so much of it before.

But Babylon could be set down side New York's winter pleasures without being noticed. uchadnezzar would not have a station outside his own block. Cabarets have sprung up mushrooms and dance halls that as in any new gold camp.

"Business is three times as big as the biggest we ever saw before season," said the manager of largest cabaret in the city. E are crowded, theatres sold. Crowds that the "shop early" s

GERMAN LINES NEW CONTRACT

Prepares To Resume Transatlantic Freight Service When Peace Comes

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In a notice sent out to agents and brokers by Oelrich Company, general agents in country for the North German Steamship Company, a similar announcement was made for contracts between this port and men. It was said that such would not guarantee any date

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Babylon Beaten by New York Money Orgy

Wall Street Great Gambling Table Where Hurry? Fortunes Grow, Yet Poorer Classes Reap No Benefit

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Shares at Huge Prices. At least, they so describe it. Nobody who is not a member of the Exchange, can see them trade, even the members' guests, gallery having been closed. But last Saturday the anniversary by the way, of the re-opening of the Stock Exchange after being closed four months following the beginning of the war—transactions in the two-hour session totalled 659,091 shares.

GERMAN LINES NEW CONTRACTS

Prepares To Resume Transatlantic Freight Service When Peace Comes

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would be made subject to cancellation in the event conditions should prevent their being carried out.

CONTINUE WAR

(By Courier Leased Wire.) Edmonton, Alb., Dec. 19.—A convention held here of 250 Russians from Alberta and Saskatchewan sent a cablegram to the president of the Russian Duma urging the continuation of the war to the end, and until the independence of Poland, Serbia and Slavonia has been secured, and until Carpathian Russia, now under control of Austria, has been incorporated in the Russian Empire.

PREMIER AT KAMLOOPS

(By Courier Leased Wire.) Kamloops, B.C., Dec. 19.—With the hour for evening service at all churches postponed half an hour all Kamloops was free to give a rousing reception to Premier Borden and his party on their arrival at Kamloops from the west at 7:30 Sunday evening. Mayor Tyrrell welcomed the Premier, whose appearance gave no hint of fatigue despite the long trip. Sir Robert and R. B. Bennett addressed the crowd at the station, and the train proceeded eastward. Last night's national service meeting was at Calgary.

FOUND DEAD.

(By Courier Leased Wire.) Toronto, Dec. 19.—Joseph Fitzpatrick, a C. P. R. engine driver, was found dead this morning in the Rose-dale Hotel, where he was staying overnight. The coroner pronounced his death due to heart disease and an inquest unnecessary. Fitzpatrick leaves a wife and family in London, Ont.

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MAP SHOWING THE LATEST GREAT ADVANCE AT VERDUN.



The blackened portion of the map shows the section of territory regained by the French some time ago. The criss-crosse section in the additional area now reported re-taken by the French. The more lightly shaded section is that yet to be re-taken before the armies will be where they were before Germany's big thrust commenced.

AMERICANS ARE KILLED BY SUB

Seventeen U. S. Muleteers Aboard Torpedoed Transport Ship Russia

(By Courier Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 19.—Seventeen United States muleteers have been killed and eleven of the crew of the British transport ship Russian, which was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on Dec. 14. The British Admiralty makes this announcement.

The empty west-bound British horse transport ship Russian was sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on the 14th. Eleven of the crew were killed, including the chief officer, the first officer and the second officer. Also 17 American muleteers were killed. The names have been communicated to the American Consul.

The transport Russian referred to is probably the British steamer of that name which sailed from Newport, N.S.W., Nov. 16 for Alexandria, Egypt, which would be about due to return. Her net tonnage was 5,753.

NO TERMS?

(By Courier Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 19.—The Westminster Gazette, which all along has held strongly to the opinion that the German peace proposals should receive a serious reply, commenting to-day on the statement that the note contains no terms, says: "If the German note contains no details and is merely a repetition of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's speech in the Reichstag, the prospect of any immediate result is exceedingly slight."

FOURTEEN TIED

(By Courier Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 19.—At noon to-day all of the fourteen teams of bicycle riders, who started last night in the 24th annual six day race in Madison Square Garden, were tied with a total of 267 miles, 4 laps. The record for the 12th hour is 278 miles 2 laps, made by Lawrence and Magin in 1914.

CISCHARGE DEPOT MOVED TO BUXTON

Canadians Are No Longer Discharged in the "Happy Valley"

(By Courier Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 19.—One of Sir George Perley's earliest decisions was the removal of the Canadian discharge depot under Lt-Col. Paul Hanson from its location near Belgoeur to Buxton. The discomforts of the former were so great as to earn the term of Happy Valley. The new location is in one of the most modern and comfortable hotels of the Northern Spa town, with accommodation for 1,600 men.

POSITION ON THE TIGRIS IMPROVED

British Consolidate Gains Made Recently in Mesopotamia

(By Courier Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 19.—The British forces on the Tigris front have improved their positions in the last two days, although no resumption of offensive operations on a considerable scale is indicated in to-day's official report on these operations. The gains made below Kut-el-Amara last week were achieved with comparatively small losses, the statement says. "During Saturday and Sunday General Maude extended his hold over the Hal River and consolidated the line Magasis-Kall-Haji-Fahan, while the enemy's positions were bombarded with good results," the announcement says. "Cavalry reconnaissances during the day disclosed the fact that the Turks are constructing a new postern bridge west of the Shuthra bend of the Tigris, some six to eight miles west of Kut-el-Amara. "The total casualties to date are inconsiderable, a large proportion of the wounds being slight."

TO CONSECRATE BATTLE FIELD

France Plans To Make Scene of the Marne Fighting a Sacred Forest

(By Henry Wood of the United Press.) Verdun, Nov. 18.—(By Mail.)—With the close of the war, the entire line of trenches in France, extending from Alsace to the Belgian border, may be converted into a sort of national Sacred Forest, as a permanent tribute to the memory of the French "poilus," who died there defending their national soil.

A proposal to this effect has just been prepared by the General Council of the Department of the Meuse, and will soon be admitted to the French Government. The plan is to buy the battleground from the farmers. Should this plan be finally accepted future generations, not only of France, but of the entire world, would always have the opportunity of visiting the line of trenches, over 600 kilometers in length, on which the French threw back the tide of German invasion at the battle of the Marne and which till the end of the war will always remain the basis of France's military effort to rid her soil entirely of the enemy.

BULGARIA REJOICES

Invasion of Roumania Causes Jubilation to her Treacherous Foe

(By Courier Leased Wire.) Berlin, Dec. 19.—via Sayville.—In a special order the commander-in-chief of the Bulgarian army expresses thanks to the officers and soldiers of that army for their recent victories in Roumania. The order says: "The most complete wiping out of the Roumanian army and the virtual extinction of Roumania, which now seems probable, and through which Bulgaria, now in the third year of her sufferings of three years ago, have caused this victory to occasion unusual rejoicing. Everywhere in our country divine services were held and demonstrations of joy by the populace in the streets in celebration of our triumph in this notable victory."

RICH CARGO ON STRANDED LINER

German Steamer Friedrich Wilhelm Misses Course And Runs on Rocks

(By Courier Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 19.—The German steamer Prinz Friedrich Wilhelm, is stranded on the island of Furen, according to the National Tidens, of Copenhagen. She was escorted by a Zeppelin and two submarines when passing Obrestad Lighthouse, Norway. The steamer kept within Norwegian and Swedish territory on the whole journey to Helmsingborg. While shaping her course for the Little Belt, the dispatch adds, the steamer missed its bearings in the thick snowstorm and grounded on Paludan rock about three miles off the coast of Samsoe Island. Danish torpedo boats are aiding in the effort to float the vessel, which, with its cargo, is valued at more than a million pounds sterling.

BIRD TREATY

(By Courier Leased Wire.) Ottawa, Dec. 19.—An international treaty to protect migratory birds on both sides of the boundary has been arranged. It restricts the open season for wild fowl to three and a half months, which must fall between September 1 and March 10. Spring shooting and international shipping of birds is forbidden.

SYMPATHY STRIKE

(By Courier Leased Wire.) Quebec, Dec. 18.—Because one lone employe was dissatisfied on salary question, the four hundred hands at the Richie shoe factory here were forced to quit work, 160 of them having gone out on sympathy strike for their lone dissatisfied comrade.

WRECK NEAR TILLSONBURG

(By Courier Leased Wire.) Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 18.—Word was received at two o'clock this afternoon that the Wabash express, Buffalo to Chicago, has been wrecked near Gorinth, a short distance from Tillsonburg. A combination car and the diner are in the ditch and two pullman cars are derailed. Wrecking crews have been sent from here. The railway authorities say no one has been killed, but that several people have been hurt.

TEA MARKET STILL RISING.

An increase in the ocean freight rates of two and one-half cents a pound added to an advance of six to ten cents a pound in the cost of tea at the primary markets, has necessitated the recent increase in the cost of tea in Canada. To keep faith with the public and maintain exactly the same high standard of quality as always, "SALADA" has advanced in price but, as yet, only five cents a pound.

MAKE RESERVATIONS EARLY

A Christmas dinner will be served "The Kirby" from 1 to 2, Dec. 25th. \$1.00 per plate. Please make reservations early.

Edward Smithson, farmer of York township until a year ago, when he moved into Weston, died from typhoid fever.

Turk Ambassador Not Yet Accepted

Washington, Dec. 19.—American relations with Turkey are so unsettled, it became known yesterday, that the State Department does not plan to take any action toward the confirmation of Fuad Bey, named by Turkey as Ambassador, until the country gives consideration to American representations and interests. Refusal of the Turks to allow nearly 200 Americans and naturalized Americans to leave Turkey at Jaffa, the conduct of the Turkish authorities in their treatment of the Syrians and Armenians, and the abrupt termination of the capitulations of extra-territorial agreements has created a situation which is postponing action by the department in the confirmation of the new Ambassador.

More Victims of Peterboro Fire

(By Courier Leased Wire.) Peterboro, Dec. 19.—The fifth body taken from the ruins of the fire at the Quaker Oats Company's plant yesterday afternoon could not be identified as only the charred trunk remained. Seven bodies are still in the ruins, and as several injured victims in hospitals are in critical condition, it is believed the death list will reach over twenty. W. H. Denham, superintendent of the Quaker Oats Company, announced to-day that all employes would receive full pay to the end of this month (December 31), the date of the fire. Three hundred men and over 200 girls will benefit by the company's generosity.

MIDDLEPORT

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Nomination for Reeve and Councilors for Onondaga Township will be held in the Hall on Friday afternoon, Dec. 22, in Middleport.

St. Paul's Sunday School entertainment will be held in Friday evening, Dec. 22, in the hall. A good programme is being prepared. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

The Woman's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Reeker. A good programme was provided but not a very large crowd attended owing to the stormy weather and bad roads.

The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. R. Dougherty. All are cordially invited to attend.

Miss Preiss and niece, little Mary Preiss have returned home from their visit at Buffalo.

Mrs. R. Dougherty visited Mrs. William Knox on Wednesday last.

Mrs. Geo. Howden visited her daughter Mrs. Joe. Whayley last week.

Miss T. Mulligan spent over the week-end in Hamilton visiting friend.

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AUTHORIZE WAR LOAN

British Treasury to be Empowered to Issue one if Necessary

(By Courier Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 19.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, announced in the House of Commons to-day that parliament, before being prorogued, would be asked to pass a bill to authorize the treasury to issue the loan if it thought the time opportune.

It is opined that parliament may be prorogued on Friday, to reassemble early in February.

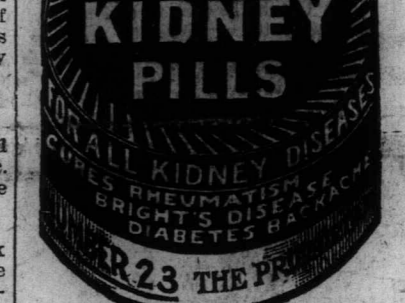
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Advertisement for REDROSE TEA. Includes text: 'Able s: why my tea First, I use water. When pour it over the tea to steep. Next, I pour the tea off the pot. In that way you get the Tea in all its fullness and rich-sealed packages only.'

Advertisement for RUSSELL'S CHOCOLATES BON BONS. Includes text: 'is your idea in buying candy—Christmas candy at Russell's made on our own premises, such potatoes, etc. See window.'

Advertisement for GERMAN LINES NEW CONTRACTS. Includes text: 'Prepares To Resume Transatlantic Freight Service When Peace Comes'.

Advertisement for OVER 380,000 NOW ENLISTED. Includes text: 'Toronto Division is Second In Recruiting During Past Fortnight'.

Advertisement for For the Holidays Wines and Spirits. Includes text: 'Get our price list of high-class Champagnes, Brandy, Scotch, Irish and Rye Whiskies, Port and Sherry Wines, Burgundies, Claret, Liqueurs, etc., etc.'

Advertisement for THE IMPERIAL WINE CO. Includes text: 'Use this coupon—it saves you time' and 'To The IMPERIAL WINE CO. P.O. Box 2520, Montreal, P.Q.'

Cartoon titled 'That 'Son-in-law of Pa's'. Shows a man and a woman in a conversation with humorous dialogue about a challenge and a duel.

Proccute War to Conclusive Victory

Lloyd George Will Explain The Fact That Peace Must Be Made on the Terms of The Entente Powers

Referring to the possibility of alleviating the burden of armaments, the Zeitung expresses the belief that an agreement to the effect is possible owing to the sufferings caused by war, and adds:

Continue Militarism
"But Germany must not be asked to precede the others in reducing her forces. Moreover, Germany does not believe in abrogating general military service, although there are many objections against such. It would be abrogated if there was a common organization of nations, in which Germany would have an important place."

"Discussing the naval question the paper explains that Germany's fleet

has been built only for defensive purposes, and continues:

Stop British Sea Rule
"If German shipbuilding is to be restricted in the future, other naval powers, including the United States, must do likewise. Great Britain must recognize the sea as a free route for all nations, and must renounce dominations and the British idea that Great Britain has the sole right of policing the seas. The regulation of sea traffic might properly be under international organization."

The Zeitung concludes:
"If the peace offer is not accepted and Germany is forced to fight until her victory is complete, then the peace will be of quite a different kind."

ICE BROKEN, REST IS EASY

German Financier in U. S. Look For Speedy Peace Settlement Now

By Courier Leased Wire.
New York, Dec. 19.—Leopold Zimmermann and Forshay, personal representatives in this country of German governmental financial institutions, issued a statement yesterday saying in part:

"The most delicate phase of the movement to end the war has been passed. The ice has been broken, and it but remains for the excitement of the situation to wear off, so that the conservative element may prevail."

"It may be stated reliably that among the rulers and diplomats abroad, the end of the war is regarded as a realization, dependent only upon terms of adjustment which can and will be agreed upon."

"In well informed circles, where leaders of European commerce prevail, preparations already are in the making, in anticipation of an early peace."

"I think that by the end of ninety days the belligerents will be well on the way to agreement. As to the terms of a lasting peace, I have every reason to believe that, in places of highest authority, commercial activities are being encouraged with this view in mind."

TEIPER CASE CLOSED

By Courier Leased Wire.
Buffalo, Dec. 19.—The case against John Edward Teiper, alleged murderer of his mother, Mrs. Agnes M. Teiper, was closed shortly after noon today. District Attorney Moore ended his cross-examination of the accused at 11.45 o'clock yesterday morning, and after a brief recess, both sides announced that their case rested. No witnesses were called in rebuttal.

Justice Wheeler announced an adjournment until to-morrow when the prosecution will sum up. The defense will be heard on Wednesday and Justice Wheeler will deliver his charge to the jury on Thursday morning.

Under cross-examination to-day, Teiper stuck to the story that the attack on the family on the night of January 30, was made by a highway man and that he was knocked senseless before his mother and brother were murdered.

PANKHURST'S AGAIN

By Courier Leased Wire.
London, Dec. 19.—An outcome of yesterday's attempted peace demonstration at the East India dock gates by Sylvia Pankhurst, the militant suffragette and a number of her sympathizers, was the imposition today upon Miss Pankhurst and one of her followers of a sentence of forty shillings fine or seven days imprisonment for obstructing a highway. This sentence was imposed in the Thames police court. Miss Pankhurst said that police interference was responsible for the trouble.



DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU.

On Christmas morning, Rumaging for something to send to somebody whom you had forgotten in your list of Christmas presents. Somebody who has remembered you.—From the New York Tribune.

PLAN DIVISION OF ROUMANIA

Germany Considers That Roumania Is No Longer An Independent State

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 18.—The Vossische Zeitung says that a territorial rearrangement based on the idea of the independence of Roumania is no longer considered. This statement, which is based upon information from well-informed circles, is followed by a declaration that Russia will receive Moldavia as an equivalent for a considerable territorial sacrifice, which is to be demanded of her. Poland, the article adds, is to be made an independent kingdom, Courland is to become a German federal state, Lithuania is to be incorporated in Prussia, Dobruja is to be returned to Bulgaria, and Wallachia is to be divided between Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria.

JAIL FOR COLONEL

By Courier Leased Wire.
Montreal, Dec. 18.—Lieut.-Col. Pagnuelo, officer commanding the disbanded 206th regiment, found guilty by a court-martial of suggesting that his men desert, will be formally sentenced to six months imprisonment in the city jail this afternoon. The sentence will be read by Major-General Wilson, officer commanding this military district. His badges will be taken away, while he will also be deprived of the right to hold any position in the militia or the public service.

TO PROBE FOOD PRICES

By Courier Leased Wire.
Montreal, Dec. 18.—A committee of five was this morning appointed by the board of control to probe food prices. The committee includes Market Superintendent Byron and Dr. A. J. Hood, chief public health inspector. The committee will operate under the powers conferred on municipalities to investigate food combines by the recent federal order-in-council.

ECHO PLACE NEWS

(From our own Correspondent)
Mrs. Pope of Fort Ryerse has been the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Elmer Grammett.
Mrs. Comfort has returned to her home in St. Catharines after a few days spent with her cousin, Mrs. J. L. Barnes.
Rev. Mr. Morrow of Hamilton, formerly of Calnsville, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Ponger.
Mrs. J. S. Barnes is enjoying a visit with a cousin from the South. Miss Doris Senior of Paris, visited Miss Muriel Smith last Friday.
Mrs. Marshall was in Paris a couple of days last week. While there she attended the memorial services for her nephew who died at the front.
Elm Avenue Sunday school will hold their Christmas tree on Wednesday, Dec. 20th this year. Silver collection will be taken at the door. Ladies' Institute hold their meeting Thursday, Dec. 21st.

GERMAN BOMBING.

By Courier Leased Wire.
Berlin, Dec. 18.—(By Wireless to Sayville)—The admiralty made the following announcement today: "German naval planes on December 16 dropped bombs on Russian sea forces in the port of Sullna (on the middle one of the three estuaries of the Danube in the Dobruja). A hostile hydroplane was shot down by machine gun fire."

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MORE DRUNKS FROM PROHIBITION

Statistics Show That Temperance Act In Windsor Brings \$1500 in Fines

Windsor, Dec. 18.—Prohibition, so far as this city is concerned, has resulted in an increase of drunkenness and a substantial addition to the finances of Windsor, according to figures compiled by Chief of Police Wills.

From September 16 to December 15, 1915, there were ninety-three arrests for drunkenness. In the corresponding period this year 121 citizens were arrested for the same offence.

These figures do not include the number of Windsores taken in by Detroit police, who are estimated at not less than 200, who crossed the river and were arrested at the Detroit ferry dock. Approximately \$1,500 has been handed over to the city by inebriates in less than three months.

EARLY BLUNDERS NOW RECTIFIED

British Activity In Mesopotamia Viewed With General Satisfaction

London, Dec. 18.—The renewal of British activity in Mesopotamia after seven months quiescence is attracting attention. Nothing is known of the new movement except what is contained in the official communications. The near approach of the British forces to Kut-el-Amara is not regarded as necessarily of great importance, except so far as it may be part of a definite plan, because it is believed here that General Maude, who now commands the expedition, has been in a position to take Kut-el-Amara at any time during the past three months if he so desired.

PEDESTRIAN MURDERED

By Courier Leased Wire.
Edmonton, "Aib.", Dec. 19.—A Syrian peddler from Edmonton, was found murdered on the roadside near New Norway Saturday. His feet had been severed and were discovered 2 miles away.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Hospital for Sick Children
COLLEGE ST., TORONTO.
Dear Mr. Editor:—Thanks for the privilege of appealing through your columns on behalf of the Hospital for Sick Children, the great Provincial Charity.

Our need of money is measured by the children's need of help, and you can judge how great that need must be when last year 3,045 sick little ones were taken into the hospital, and as will be seen from the 1916 figures, 592 patients were admitted from 242 places outside Toronto.

Last year 271 in-patients were treated for deformities, such as club feet, bow-legs, knock-knees, Pott's disease of the spine, lateral curvature, scoliosis, dislocations, infantile paralysis, tubercular disease of knee, hip, ankle.

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Let your money fight in the trenches of some mother's trouble and rescue some little child from the dugout of pain, disease and death.

Can the Hospital leave children to die because the fathers of those children have left home to fight for liberty on the British battle line, and can the Hospital help the children of Canada's soldiers with its care unless you help the Hospital with your cash?

You have money enough to slip every other war fund without keeping back a dollar from the Hospital's war fund—the fund that helps the Hospital save the lives of little children, including the soldiers' little children.

Do not let the little children pay, in the loss of the Hospital's care, the contribution that should be given and must be given to the war funds.

Your money can send a message of cheer to some father in the trenches, yes, and the message from the Hot where the Hospital nurses some little child back to life, the child of the father who is fighting your battle in the trenches.

Every dollar kept from the Hospital's power to serve the little children is a weight added to the burdens and a grief added to the sorrows of this war.

You can bear to have your pocket emptied on a little more money than some mother can bear to have her home emptied of a little child.

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CONSIDERATION FOR PROPOSALS

French Socialists Insist Entente Do Not Unjustly Rejected Peace Terms

By Courier Leased Wire.
Paris, Dec. 19.—The Federation of the Paris Districts passed a resolution, unanimously, giving favorable attention to the possible resumption of the International Socialist relations. The resolution emphasizes the importance of these relations with special reference to peace negotiations. It is argued that a resolution exactly defined by the terms of the Entente Governments is essential to any peace proposals without consideration and to subliminal proposals to the respective governments. It is argued that a refusal would be probably on by the Entente's enemies, a blow to the Allies' cause might diminish its moral force, increasing that of its opponents. It is further urged that proposals of the Central Powers, unacceptable the greater is the world and to show by their counter-proposals what they are as indispensable objects of war.

COMMISSION TO RULE MONTREAL

Administration Passed Hands of Mayor, Controllers and Aldermen

By Courier Leased Wire.
Montreal, Dec. 19.—The election of the affairs of the Montreal will pass from the mayor, controllers and aldermen and be handed by a commission which Lord Shaftnessy, Senator Lescaze and Senator are the more important members of the reform element. The mayor and controllers will be the balance of the salaries terms and be released. Martin is to be retained as chairman of the commission cannot be deposed. No action.

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The Entente Governments are invited in the resolution not to reject any peace proposals without serious consideration and to submit such proposals to the respective parliaments. It is argued that a summary refusal would be probably counted on by the Entente's enemies as a serious blow to the Allies' cause and might diminish its moral force while increasing that of its opponents. It is further urged that the more the proposals of the Central Powers are inacceptable the greater is the duty of the Allies to denounce them to the world and to show by immediate counter-proposals what they regard as the indispensable objects of the war.

COMMISSION TO RULE MONTREAL

Administration Passes from Hands of Mayor, Con- trollers and Aldermen

Montreal, Dec. 18.—The administration of the affairs of the City of Montreal will pass from the hands of the mayor, controllers and aldermen and be handled by a commission of which Lord Shaughnessy, Sir Alexander Lacoste and Senator Beaubien are the more important members, it was announced by a prominent member of the reform element. The aldermen and controllers will be paid the balance of their salaries for their terms and be released. Mayor Martin is to be retained as ex-officio chairman of the commission, as he cannot be deposed. No appropriations will be made for five years in an attempt to straighten out the city's financial tangle.

THE KIND-HEARTED KIDDIE.



(Scene: Piper playing outside the officers' mess during dinner).
Little Girl: "Do give the poor man a penny Mummy."—London Opinion.

"LONG LIVE VENIZELOS"

Shouted Montreal Greeks, Who Protested Against Prayers for Constantine

Montreal, Dec. 18.—A storm of protest arose in the Greek Orthodox Church here yesterday morning when the priest began the prayer for the Greek king and the royal family and that part of the ceremony was cancelled. At a mass the celebrants to the number of five hundred shouted "long live Great Britain, France and her allies," and "long live Venizelos."

CHANGES FOR WARSAW

Berlin, Dec. 18.—By wireless to Saville—According to a decree which becomes valid January 1, 1917, says the Overseas News Agency, jurisdiction in the government of Warsaw will be completely changed. In the future the civil and military jurisdiction will be carried out by justices of the peace, the district courts and the supreme court. In the courts the use of the Polish and German languages will be permitted. Prince Labominaki, mayor of Warsaw, and the representatives of several other Polish towns have proposed that an association of Polish towns be formed in order to realize their common interest, says a dispatch from Koenigsberg, East Prussia, to the Overseas News Agency. This organization will be similar to that of the association of German townships.

SIX LOST LIVES.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 18.—Roy A. White, of Bayles, Calif., his wife and four children lost their lives today in a fire that destroyed the Inter-Ocean Hotel here. The bodies of Mrs. White and two sons were found in the ruins. A nine months old baby rescued by firemen, died from burns. Firemen searched the smouldering ruins for the body of the fourth child. White was electrocuted when he fell among electric wires after leaping from the third floor.

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At all dealers or sent postpaid by Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ottawa.

STORM IN YUCATAN

New York, Dec. 13.—One of the worst storms in the Yucatan, Mexico, since the late 19th century, was reported to dock today from Toledo, with coal, navigation on Lake Superior will close.

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THE FAIRY FLUTE.

If the shepherd hadn't fallen asleep and lost his sheep, I suppose he would never have stumbled into the bush hunting them. And if he hadn't stumbled into the bush he wouldn't have fallen into the fairy glen and he wouldn't have found the flute, but he did stumble into the bush and the bush was enchanted. He did tumble through it—thud! into the fairy glen, and when he sat up, rubbing his head, the flute lay beside him.

Now the fairy glen was full of green moonlight and cobwebs, giant cobwebs that stretched from bush to bush and from tree to tree. A mistler, prettier glen you never saw, happened if he hadn't known how to play it.

The shepherd put the flute to his lips and sighed with content. Ah! if only he could always stay here in the misty moonlight filled with tangled, spidery, floating bridges of cobweb. They built cottages of cobweb and every cobweb cottage soft and more than he listened, for out from the end of that fairy flute came a tiny flash of silver that grew in the moonlight and spread its wings. It was a silver fairy. Another came and another. They glided out from the fairy flute, silver and frail and shining, another and another. Almost it seemed that there was one for every-

SIDE TALKS BY RUTH CAMERON

EVEN AS YOU AND I

"He could remember that he had wept to be allowed to go to school. Even more vivid was his recollection of the persistent tears which he had shed to be allowed to stay at home."

I was reminded of that little passage by my small nephew. He spent the last part of his summer vacation, when time began to hang heavy on his hands, looking forward to the first day of school. When I saw him the other day and asked how he liked school he said, unenthusiastically, "All right," and then he added with new life in his tone, "Say, do you know it's only three weeks to the Christmas vacation."

At Recess Time

One day last year I happened to be passing a school-house at recess time. The bell rang, the children scampered indoors—that is all but two. These two, who were evidently too young for school, stood gazing wistfully after the others. When the last child had disappeared they turned dejectedly away. There wasn't a child who wouldn't have changed places with them.

What queer, restless, eager, unsatisfied little creatures children are.



PROFITLESS TALK

It is a pleasant thing to find a man of cultivated mind, whose spiel is tinged with sparkling wit, whose every comment makes a hit. It is a luxury to meet a delegate upon the street, who springs a subject not so old as to be spotted green with mold. Your grateful eye upon him beams—for an arrowhead of whiskered whimsy, or hearing people say their say on ancient topics, day by day. When I go down the thoroughfare, to get some goods greased for my hair, I see my friends toward me walk, when they are distant half a block.

TAKES TITLE OF BRUNSWICK

Sir Max Aitken, Newly Created Peer, Choses Name of His Native Province

London, Dec. 18.—Sir Max Aitken's friends think he is glad to leave the House of Commons, where, according to the Evening Standard, despite his talents, he never made a place for himself, in fact he rarely ever opened his mouth there. The press generally comments upon his meteoric career, and determined will, which enabled him to push on wherever he desired. I understand that his latest achievement is the creation of a friendly and harmonious relations between Lloyd George and Bonar Law. For weeks he has occupied a room next to Lloyd George in the War Office and has been in the company of Bonar Law of evenings. It is likely that he will assume the name of Brunswick in honor of his Province.

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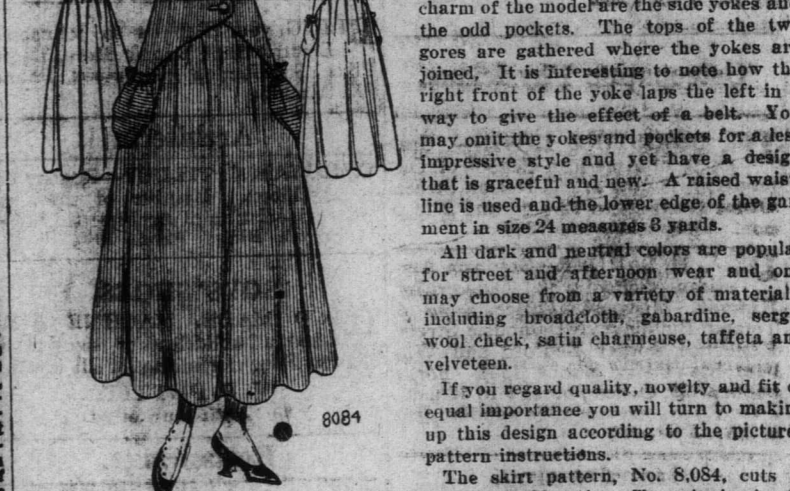
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By Anabel Worthington.



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To obtain the pattern, send 10 cents to the office of this publication.

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Male Help Wanted.

WANTED—Good bright boy, for all day. Apply J. M. Young & Co. m-36

WANTED—Bright youths, not under sixteen, as apprentices to learn machinist's trade. Apply Superintendent's Office, Brantford Cordage Co. f12f

Female Help Wanted.

WANTED—Girls; can make big wages and have steady work. Apply Superintendent's Office, Brantford Cordage Co. f12f

WANTED—Upstairs girl, at once. Apply New American Hotel. F-13

WANTED—A good maid for general house work. Apply between 6 and 8 p.m. Mrs. F. D. Reville, 75 Dufferin Ave.

WANTED—Girls for various departments of knitting mill, good wages light work. Previous experience not necessary. The Watson Manufacturing Co., Ltd., Homedale. f-36

WANTED—Girls over 16, experienced or inexperienced in the manufacture of silk gloves. Apply in person, at Niagara Silk Co.

OVER \$2.00 daily easily earned at home on Auto-Knitters making War Socks, experience unnecessary, distance immaterial. Enclose three cent stamps to-day for contract form. Dept. 12C Auto-Knitter Co., College Street, Toronto.

Miscellaneous Wants.

TO LET—Warm furnished front parlor, 81 Terrace Hill.

WANTED—The public to call and see Castle Doon at Harwood's, 320 Colborne street.

WANTED—1000 boys and girls to have their skates ground at Hawthorne's. M.W.-39

LADY DESIRES room and board in good locality. Box 28 Courier.

FOR DESTROYING PAIN GET Delone's Magic Oil, most penetrating remedy yet discovered. For sale by all leading druggists. Dec. 29

WANTED—Reliable place to buy shoes and skates. (Try Hawthorne's.) M.W.-39

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WANTED—Cotton Mill Help; feeder and slubber tenders. Apply Singsby Mfg. Co. m5f

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Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat.

DR. C. B. ECKEL—Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist. Office, 65 Grant Avenue. Bell Telephone 1012. Machine 181.

Dental.

DR. HART has gone back to his old stand over the Bank of Hamilton; entrance on Colborne St. d-mar26-15

DR. RUSSELL, Dentist—Latest American methods of painless dentistry, 201 Colborne St., opposite George St. over Cameron's Drug Store. Phone 306.

Osteopathic Physicians.

DR. CHRISTINE IRWIN—Graduate of American School of Osteopathy, is now at 38 Nelson Street. Office hours: 9 to 12 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. Bell telephone 1380.

DR. C. H. SAUDER—Graduate American School of Osteopathy, Kirkville, Missouri. Office, Suite 6, Temple Building, 76 Dalhousie Street. Residence, corner Bedford and Wilham Sts. Office hours: 9 to 12 a.m., 2 to 5 p.m., evenings by appointment at house or office.

Hairdressing.

MRS. MABEL ANGUISH—Electrolysis, Shampooing, Hair Dressing, Facial and Scalp Massage, Manufacturing of Hair Goods, 28 West St. Bell Phone 2048, Auto, 922.

Lost

LOST—Between market street and Post office a pocket book containing nine dollars, by soldier's wife. Return Courier.

TO LET—Red brick cottage. East ward. Electric, gas, \$8. Apply 38 Darling.

Articles For Sale.

FOR SALE—Save money on Furniture and Rugs. 44 Colborne St.

FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Yorkshire Canaries. 29 Murray St.

FOR SALE—7 roomed house. All conveniences. Owner leaving city. 62 Palmerston Ave. A-21

FOR SALE—Studebaker car in good order. \$125. Gray Dort Sales Co., corner Clarence and Dalhousie.

BUNGALOW—double parlors, kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms, clothes closets, all modern conveniences, owner leaving city. Apply 110 Chestnut Ave.

FOR SALE—Good warm coat; cheap. Apply Box 24 Courier. a-48

FOR SALE—Plants, Ferns, Primulas 2 1/2 in., Iracena 2 1/2 in. and flats, Callas, Peppers, Stock etc. Closing for winter. Phone 1643, Baldwin and Eric.

FOR SALE—Selected fumed oak dining room suite, new, at extremely low price. 45 Colborne St.

FOR SALE—5 passenger Dodge Brothers Touring car. Very little used, \$950.00. 8 passenger Ford good condition, \$250. Cars stored for winter. Brant Motor Co., 50-49 Dalhousie street. Bell phone 370-515-2253. Auto phone 270.

Legal.

JONES & HEWITT—Barristers and Solicitors, Solicitors for the Bank of Nova Scotia. Money to loan. Offices: Bank of Hamilton Chambers, Colborne and Market Sts. Bell phone 604. Alfred Jones, K.C., H. S. Hewitt.

BREWSTER & HEYD—Barristers, etc., Solicitors for the Royal Loan and Savings Co., the Bank of Hamilton, etc. Money to loan at lowest rates. W. S. Brewster, K.C. Geo. D. Heyd.

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FOG IN MACEDONIA.

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Dec. 19.—A communication given out this afternoon by the French war office on the progress of the hostilities on the Macedonian front reads as follows: "There was a persistent fog December 17 along the front in Macedonia and no occurrences of importance have been reported."

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY.

MAIN LINE—EAST.

Departures.

6.50 a.m.—For Dundas, Hamilton and East.

7.05 a.m.—For Toronto and Montreal.

4.51 a.m.—For Hamilton, Niagara Falls and East.

5.30 a.m.—For Hamilton, Niagara Falls and intermediate stations.

10.29 a.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto and East.

1.57 p.m.—Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and East.

1.56 a.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and intermediate stations.

6.00 p.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and East.

8.32 p.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto and East.

MAIN LINE—WEST.

Departures.

3.21 a.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.

5.53 a.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and intermediate stations.

9.37 a.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.

9.55 a.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and intermediate stations.

5.52 p.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.

7.32 p.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.

8.34 p.m.—For London, Detroit and intermediate stations.

Buffalo & Goderich Line.

Leave Brantford 10.05 a.m.—For Buffalo and intermediate stations.

Leave Brantford 6.00 p.m.—For Buffalo and intermediate stations.

Leave Brantford 10.05 a.m.—For Goderich and intermediate stations.

Leave Brantford 8.15 p.m.—For Goderich and intermediate stations.

Galt, Guelph and North

Leave Brantford 6.50 a.m.—For Galt, Guelph, Palmerston and all points north.

Leave Brantford 8.55 a.m.—For Galt, Guelph and Palmerston.

Leave Brantford 3.55 p.m.—For Galt, Guelph, Palmerston and all points north.

Leave Brantford 8.40 p.m.—For Galt and Guelph.

Brantford & Tilsonburg Line.

Leave Brantford 10.35 a.m.—For Tilsonburg, Port Dover and St. Thomas.

Leave Brantford 5.15 p.m.—For Tilsonburg, Port Dover and St. Thomas.

From South—Arrive Brantford, 4.45 a.m., 5.10 p.m.

Buffalo & Goderich.

From East—Arrive Brantford, 9.52 a.m., 8.05 p.m.

From West—Arrive Brantford, 10.00 a.m., 5.42 p.m.

G. T. R. Arrivals.

From West—Arrive Brantford, 2.56 a.m., 7.05 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 10.29 a.m., 1.57 p.m., 3.50 p.m., 6.00 p.m., 8.32 p.m.

From East—Arrive Brantford, 8.53 a.m., 9.15 a.m., 9.37 a.m., 8.52 p.m., 6.52 p.m., 7.32 p.m., 8.10 p.m.

W. G. & B.

From North—Arrive Brantford, 8.05 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 4.29 p.m., 8.19 p.m.

T. H. & B. RAILWAY.

EAST BOUND

7.37 a.m. DAILY—For Hamilton and intermediate points—Toronto, Welland, Niagara Falls, Buffalo and New York.

2.31 p.m. Ek. SUNDAY—For Hamilton and intermediate points—Toronto, Peterboro, Winnipeg and Buffalo.

5.12 p.m. Ek. SUNDAY—For Hamilton, Welland, Buffalo, New York and Boston.

7.08 p.m. DAILY—For Hamilton and intermediate points—Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal, Buffalo and New York.

WEST BOUND

9.46 a.m. Ek. SUNDAY—For Waterford and intermediate points—St. Thomas, Detroit and Chicago.

2.31 p.m. DAILY—For Waterford and intermediate points—St. Thomas, Detroit, Toledo, Bay City and Saginaw.

4.30 p.m. Ek. SUNDAY—For Waterford and intermediate points—St. Thomas, Detroit, Chicago and Cincinnati.

9.22 p.m. DAILY—For Waterford and intermediate points—St. Thomas, Detroit, Chicago.

MRS. ETHERINGTON DEAD

By Courier Leased Wire. Kingston, Ont., Dec. 18.—Mrs. J. Etherington, mother of Lieut.-Col. Frederick Etherington, who commands No. 7 (Queen's University) Canadian General Hospital in France, died here of pneumonia Sunday. Another son is Rev. Mr. Etherington, an Anglican clergyman of Hamilton.

REFUTES CHARGES OF LIBERAL PARTY

"Odious Beyond Contempt," Says Sir Thomas White, Finance Minister

By Courier Leased Wire. Toronto, Dec. 19.—Sir Thomas White, Minister of Finance, who was in the city for the Massey Hall meeting Monday evening, handed the following statement to the press: "The charges made in the Liberal press that I have been engaged in a conspiracy against the honored leadership of Sir Robert Borden, from whom I hold my portfolio, and to whom I am bound by ties of closest personal friendship, are odious beyond contempt and unworthy even of contradiction. Speaking for myself and myself only, I do not regard a coalition government as either necessary or practicable at this time, and I deprecate more than I can say the unwarranted use of my name in this connection. The Prime Minister of Canada has my admiration, confidence and full support in the arduous and trying duties to which he is so earnestly and patriotically and unreservedly devoting his strength and his abilities."

THEY DIDN'T GO TO HALIFAX

A Little Story That Comes From Down By The Sea

This story comes from a small town in Nova Scotia. It is true, and it points a moral at this time when the Canadian Patriotic Fund is appealing to the people of Ontario to contribute million dollars to cover the call upon the fund that are expected to be made by Ontario in 1917.

A public meeting had been held in the town in question, and the officer of the Patriotic Fund had explained the objects of the fund and the urgency of the call it makes on the patriotism, generosity, gratitude and pride of the Canadian people. The Mayor of the town to the speaker with this pathetic little story on his lips:

"There were in the audience last night a father and a mother whose only son is due to sail next week with his regiment. They are not rich people, and with difficulty they have saved forty dollars for the purpose of going to Halifax to see the last of their boy. They have come to me today to say that they heard your speech last night, and when they got home they had a long talk about it and came to the conclusion that it was their duty to give up their trip and hand over the forty dollars to the Patriotic Fund. Here is the money."

And so one father and mother bade their son good-bye in their own home town instead of in Halifax, and somewhere there is one more mother and her children blessing the Patriotic Fund and its supporters.

WANTED IN PARIS

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NOTICE OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS.

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