

# Peace Conference First Step Toward League of Nations

## WILL BE VITAL BEGINNING OF SUCH AN ORGANIZATION, SAYS VISCOUNT GREY IN PAMPHLET

### Former Foreign Secretary Explains Aims of Peace Conference; Such a Gathering Should Keep Itself Alive by Adjourning and Not Dissolving

By Courier Leased Wire.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Viscount Grey, former secretary of state for foreign affairs has written at the request of the research committee of the League of Nations Union, an introductory note to a pamphlet entitled: "The peace conference and after." After urging the great opportunity afforded by the peace conference for taking a practical step in the direction of forming a league of nations, Viscount Grey says:

"It is not necessary for the peace conference to create a league of nations. The conference will, in itself, be a vital beginning of such a league. All that is absolutely necessary is that it should not commit suicide, but keep itself alive by adjourning and leaving a prominent organization instead of dissolving itself and destroying its ministry. This is not all that is desirable, but it is all that is essential."

#### Give Wilson England's Best.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Commenting upon the visit of President Wilson to England, The Daily Mail says: "We shall give him of our best. It is with that desire that our people have learned with especial satisfaction that the fullest panoply of honor will be spread to welcome so illustrious a guest. Mr. Wilson is not coming here for politics. His visit is for international consecration, and is to visibly cement the two English-speaking peoples, cradled in whose hands reposes the new born peace of the world."

"We behold a Christmas of joy and a moment unexampled in the rugged history of our race. It is peace, Christmas. Many of our soldiers are back again, and our tortured prisoners are coming home. Gaiety at last is released from bonds of anxiety and privation, and glows like fire in our hearts. At this season of all, the President's visit is a heartening augury for the world at peace, since it founds upon rock the solid amity and united purpose of the British and American democracies."

"There are few incidents which can rival the President's visit to our capital," says The Daily Telegraph. "London and Great Britain will be proud to greet the man who is at the head of a vast nation, and is himself a foremost citizen of the world. They recognize in his visit a token of a wonderful future, and a sign and seal of that great alliance of the Anglo-Saxon peoples on both sides of the Atlantic which means so much for the happiness and tranquility of mankind. They know how valuable will be his advice and counsel in the future parliament of peace, for he brings to the discussions that clarity of judgment and freshness of vision which are so helpful in an emergency like that with which we are confronted. If he does not sit at the council table, for he is not an ambassador, delegates of the various powers will have had the advantage of frequent consultations with him.

"President Wilson's visit marks a great turning point in the history of international politics, and a new link binding the western hemisphere with eastern communities of interest."

## REV. MR. HOLENZOLLERN TO PREACH ON CHRISTMAS

### But Can't Get an Audience for His Oration—Has Been Playing Santa Claus and Cutting Down Christmas Trees

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 23.—William Holenzollern has arranged for himself a Christmas celebration after the traditional German style, as far as the circumstances will permit, according to a despatch to the Daily Express from Amsterdam to-day. The arrangements, by the emperor's insistence, will include elaborate religious ceremonies on Christmas Eve. The idea of using the village chapel for these, however, has proved impracticable for various reasons, one of them being the fear of popular hostile demonstrations. The service, accordingly will be held in the drawing room of Amerongen castle, which will be converted into a chapel.

The ex-emperor desired to have the court chapel come from Berlin to preach the sermon at the Christmas Eve ceremony, but the Berlin government, says the despatch, has refused permission for the chapel to go to Holland. The service, consequently, will be conducted by a German missionary from Zelst, near Amerongen, but Herr Holenzollern himself will deliver the sermon. Many friends of Count von Bantnick, the former emperor's host, have been asked to attend the service, the message adds, but have refused the invitation. The former ruler's audience, therefore, will consist of the castle people.

## WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Pressure is low over the lower St. Lawrence valley and near the Gulf of Mexico, and high over the northwest states. Showers have occurred from Ontario eastward, while in the west it has been fair and cold.

Forecast: Northwest winds and becoming colder with local snow-furries. Tuesday, north and northeast winds with local snowfalls or drizzles.

Christmas trees will be provided as usual for the celebration. Herr Holenzollern cut these down himself with the help of two men of the estate, in the Amerongen pine woods. The trees are now being decorated and loaded with gifts.



Map shows important cities and fortresses which the Poles expect to be incorporated in New Poland.

## POSTPONE AUTONOMY QUESTION

### Catalonian Deputies Agree to Lay Over Their Demands

By Courier Leased Wire. Madrid, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—At a meeting of Catalonian deputies and representatives of the various cities in Catalonia, it was decided according to dispatches from Barcelona, to postpone action regarding autonomy for Catalonia until January 10, when a declaration will be submitted. The Spanish Government has issued a proclamation stating that the law would be applied to all those disturbing peace.

PORTUGUESE DELIBERATION. Paris, Dec. 23.—The minister of foreign affairs of Portugal who will head the peace delegation from that country has arrived here, having come from London. The other delegates are expected during the week.

## PRESIDENT PREPARING FOR LONDON

### Will Complete Preliminaries in Paris Today and Tomorrow

### OUTLOOK HOPEFUL

Paris, Dec. 23. (By the Associated Press)—President Wilson's conferences to-day and tomorrow will virtually complete the preliminaries he is expected to dispose of before going to England. They probably will play the principal part of the round table work for the actual peace conference.

Mr. Wilson considers the most pressing of air problems before the peace conference. The way toward a solution is the question of supplying food to the starving peoples of liberated countries. It now seems probable that the work will be handled principally by the United States through Herbert C. Hoover, satisfactory understanding appears to be in sight.

Participation in the allied states in various countries that have been meeting food questions, matters of shipping and the like is being gradually wound up as American officials are trending toward the opinion that these are proper subjects for the consideration of a league of nations or at least of preliminary organizations which may precede it.

Some of those who have been giving the subject close study and have been following the conference with Entente representatives say they would not be surprised if the real foundation of a league of nations were to be laid in co-operative arrangements between the United States and the Allies for handling its fundamental questions.



FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF THE KAISER ON HIS WAY TO EXILE. This is the first picture received in this country of the arrival of the ex-kaiser at the little railroad station of Eysden, in Holland, on his way to Count Bentick's Castle at Amerongen, Holland. The ex-kaiser, (in the center facing the reader), appears in rather a jocular mood. The other men, although not mentioned, are all members of the German military staff. Photo copyright, by Underwood and Underwood.

## Publisher's Notice

We regret to have to announce that in consequence of the existing handicaps upon the newspaper publishing business in Canada, we have decided to discontinue publication of the Brantford Courier on and after the 31st of this month.

This decision has been reached after going carefully into the situation ourselves, and after confirmation of our judgment by outside experts in newspaper publishing, who went thoroughly into the Courier's affairs and the Brantford field.

The subscription lists of this paper have been acquired by the Expositor, which paper will be delivered to all Courier subscribers, commencing with the first issue of the new year. All prepayments on Courier subscriptions will be honored by the Expositor, and in the case of subscribers at present taking both papers, the amount of their prepayments on the Courier beyond December 31st will be credited to their subscription accounts on the Expositor.



## BAVARIAN INDUSTRY IS HALTED

### Factories Must Shut Down in Order to Conserve Coal

By Courier Leased Wire. Munich, Dec. 23.—All Bavarian industries employing more than ten persons have been ordered to shut down from December 23, until January 2, for the purpose of saving coal. The workers will receive 80 per cent. of their ordinary wages, of which the employers will collect two-thirds from the communities in which they are located under a state treasury ruling made for the purpose of guarding industries.

## TO PLAY DESPITE INJUNCTION

By Courier Leased Wire. Toronto, Dec. 23.—In spite of all injunctions or threatened injunctions, the Canadiens-Toronto opening game of the N.H.F. will be played at the Arena to-night, according to Manager Charlie Quenneville's statement.

He further stated that he knew nothing about any injunction proceedings and also that he has not been served with a writ. E. J. Livingstone, on the other hand, declares that the game will be stopped and that four of the Toronto players have assured him that they will not play. He also announced that steps were being taken to prevent McDonald and Hall, claimed by the Shamrocks, from taking the ice. The writ against Day, of Ottawa, is being pressed.

## STEAMER ARRIVES

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Dec. 23.—Arrived: Steamship George Washington, from Brazil.

## MILO PIPER TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

### Hangs Himself in Jail Cell, Despite Watching Guard

### HELD FOR MURDER

Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 23.—Within a foot of a guard, who had been stationed outside his cell, to thwart any attempt at suicide, Milo H. Piper, local insurance broker, charged with the murder of Miss Fred Weidman of Chicago, hanged himself in his cell Saturday night.

Officials of the jail, for a time denied that Piper had ended his life, but after an examination by Dr. Jackson, county physician, it was announced that the accused man was dead.

Uses Collar. Piper, it is said, removed his collar, twisted it as nearly into the shape of a rope as possible, and secured it around his neck. Then looping his belt through the collar, he fastened it to the iron bars of the cell gate and threw his weight into the noose, ending his life. Up to the last, Piper maintained his innocence in connection with the death of the Weidman girl, who he is charged with killing in order to hide from his wife and child his alleged bigamous marriage in Chicago in 1914.

For several days the accused man according to newspaper reports, Stauffer, fearing he might attempt suicide, had stationed a jail attaché to constantly watch his cell.

Saturday night while the cell was momentarily unguarded, Piper slipped his belt through the bars and completed his preparations.

Piper was arrested in Hamilton, Ont., a week ago.

## POLAND HOPES FOR AGREEMENT WITH CZECHS

### Is Anxious to Reach Amicable Arrangement as to Silesia

### SENDS DEPUTATION Socialization of Industry in Russia a Complete Failure

By Courier Leased Wire. Vienna, Dec. 23.—Poland is anxious to reach an amicable agreement with the Czechs regarding the claims of the latter to Austrian Silesia, and a Polish deputation will soon go to Prague to discuss the matter, according to a statement issued by the Polish foreign minister and printed in Czecho newspaper. The minister says that no efforts will be made to solve by diplomacy claims to Galicia by Ukraine.

Regarding the southeastern frontier of Poland, the minister says the situation is very serious. He continues: "The republic of Ukraine has furnished the Poles to fight for their rights in Lemberg and the whole of eastern Galicia and diplomatic discussions with Ukraine are at present impossible. It will be a question of arms until the matter is settled. Poland is ready to defend this part of her territory, where Poles are in the majority, by every means in their power."

Ask Assistance. Copenhagen, Dec. 23.—The Swedish consul at Reval, capital of Estonia, arrived at Stockholm to-day to ask for assistance from the Swedish government against the Bolshevik invasion of Estonia. The Swedish foreign minister told the consul that the Russian government would permit the sending of a Swedish army out of the country. The consul is now seeking aid from the British legation at Stockholm.

Rumor Denied. Baste, Dec. 23.—(Havas)—A rumor has been received here of a report that Lieut.-Col. Villain, chief of the French commission, who collected evidence concerning the conflict between the Ukraine and Poland, had been shot and killed. (Continued on Page 2.)

## HUNS GET SAUERKRAUT ONCE MORE

### Thousands of Tons of the Favorite German Dish Again Obtainable

By Courier Leased Wire. Berlin, Saturday, Dec. 21.—The Central Bureau for the control of vegetables and fruit has released 300,000 metric tons of "liberty cabbage" (Sberkraut) for civilian consumption. The stock of pickled cabbage had been saved for the army and the navy, but as the result of demobilization the requisitioning is being rapidly reduced and the public soon will be able to draw full peace time rations of the national dish.

Prussia has received more than half the present allotment, while Bavaria and Saxony each has been given one-fifth. The distribution has been scrupulously apportioned over the entire country, and while the figures appear to be fabulous, the amount distributed will afford only a passing relief in the stringent food situation.

## KING NICHOLAS HAS FORFEITED HIS THRONE

### Abandoned Country by His Insincerity and Flight, Says Montenegrin Mission

By Courier Leased Wire. Amsterdam, Dec. 22.—The Belgrade newspaper, Samou Prava, prints an announcement by the "Chief of the Montenegrin Mission" saying: "In view of the recent communication to the press, the former king of Montenegro, I declare that the great national assembly held at Podgoritza was held by the will of the entire people.

"The former king by his insincerity and flight from the country, which he simply abandoned, has flung away the country and crown and we have broken off relations with him."

King Nicholas of Montenegro was reported in a dispatch from Prague on December 2 to have been deposed by the Montenegrin assembly. The assembly, it was added, also declared for a union of Montenegro with Serbia under King Peter. When informed of the reported action of the Montenegrin national assembly, King Nicholas, who is now in France is quoted by the Paris-Matin as saying: "A meeting such as the one held could have been held only under the shadow of bayonets. A legal plebiscite is not carried out by armed force, that is why I consider what has passed down there as being without importance. My deposition was but a straw east to see which way the wind blows."

# NORFOLK NEWS

## MORE SIMCOE MEN RETURNING HOME

Party From Overseas Reached The Town on Saturday

### OTHER SIMCOE NEWS

From our own Correspondent Simcoe, Dec. 23.—Among Saturday's arrivals from overseas were Clayton Bowyer, Norman Gell, Earl Flemming, Fred Cripps, Shanks-Banks, Lawrence, Wm. Hasley, Jack Farr. There were several others destined to different parts of the country, and they came in two groups, three by radial and steam roads, and it was impossible to give them a reception together. In fact, even their parents, in many cases, did not have notice of the time of their arrival. But they are home and resting after the long voyage and journey, and of them all not one has a grouse. In this respect they conform in spirit to our former arrivals. They have added to the Christmas cheer of their several homes. It is inspiring, too, how readily our returned men have found their places in civil life. In months past, and are still dropping in to occupations and carrying on. Already perhaps more than two hundred of Norfolk's men are home and back in civics carrying on as before.

Q. M. St. K. McLachlan, of the 1st Depot Battalion C. O. R., Hamilton, has returned home, the unit having been demobilized. Many others who were in training in Canada have been relieved from further service. Brant Bloodworth, formerly of the Bank of Hamilton staff here, was in town a few days ago in civilian attire.

**With the Churches**  
Local church services yesterday were characterized by large audiences and good music, with sermons appropriate to the occasion. The choirs everywhere measured up to the occasion.

At St. Paul's, the choir rendered "Holy Night" at evening service with good execution. The choir of St. James and of the Baptist church.

**Burglars Captured in Woodstock**  
Advice was received at Delhi yesterday that Ontario County men have been taken in custody two men who had apparently connection with the safe blowing and burglary which occurred at Smith's general store, Woodstock last Thursday night. Some of the Victory Bonds, deeds and

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promissory notes and \$140 in cash is said to have been found on the men.

The store is a few rods from the dwelling of the proprietor, and the burglary was first noted by an early customer who had reached the store before the proprietor. The safe had apparently been used as a common receptacle for \$300 in cash, \$10,000 in registered bonds and \$8,000 in mortgages, along with some promissory notes had been taken off. Mr. Sutherland of Delhi, upon request, endeavored to get in touch with the crown attorney's office on the county constabulary.

A stenographer passed the word on to Simcoe's chief of police, who has quite enough troubles of his own but the county constabulary—nuf sed.

This lawlessness follows wholesale stealing of robes from church sheds across the north of the county, which has been going on for some weeks, and up to the present no one has come to justice. The crown had a memorial from the county council last June, but no effort has since been made to revise, organize and uniform the constabulary. Sheriff Tisdale favors an early clean-up. Meanwhile, Norfolk is depending on adjacent counties. Presuming that the men held at Woodstock have been implicated in the Wycombe affair, their only blunder seems to have been that they left the county. And it is safe to assume that even yet the members of the so-called Norfolk constabulary have not yet been advised of the affair.

**Press Photographs**  
Mrs. J. M. Hodgson is home from Creighton Mine for the holiday and Miss Hodgson has joined her from Toronto. Mr. Hodgson, who has been at the mines as missionary pastor, will join them and the family will move their household effects back with them after the holiday.

**Keep the Teams Working**  
Our attention has been called to the fact that locally many teamsters and little to do. And it has been suggested that the council should at once determine the programme for next summer, and begin now to get haulers in for bridge work and the like in order that the teams might be given an opportunity to keep busy. This suggestion is deserving of consideration. No town can get along without teams. If private citizens fail to follow the business.

# Facts Are Facts, and Facts Are Stubborn Things

The Municipal League proposes to show that the administration at the City Hall during the past year, has been of the Kaiser, Autocrat variety, much to the detriment of the welfare of this city.

The Municipal League will show that the trust of civic office has been wantonly abused, both in act, speech, and design by the present incumbent of the Mayor's chair.

The Municipal League will show, in due course, that good behaviour for the first year has been lacking in the Mayor's chair, and therefore, the ratepayers whose vital interests are involved, have every right to withdraw the courtesy of a second term.

As decided at a general meeting Friday evening last, Christmas was regarded as a good time to postpone going into records, and delving into facts, all of which, in due time, will be placed before the electorate. The general policy of the Municipal League was, however, decided upon. That policy stands for enquiry into the whiskey and coal business as conducted under municipal enterprise, controlled by one MacBride.

The ratepayers of Brantford have put up the money for the purchase of all the coal stored up, and have a perfect right to know the relationships existing between M. MacBride, Mayor, and Louie Stander, said by many to be vice-Mayor. It is not a right condition that members of the City Council should have to confess ignorance of these dealings.

The Municipal League stands pledged for investigation, and will present to the ratepayers, reasons why an enquiry should be held. Christmas, as in the days when our boys were in the trenches, does not represent any truce with wrong. There is no truce, as far as the Municipal League is concerned, merely a postponement of the more serious issues of the campaign until after the busy season.

The incumbent of the office of the Mayor calls for Christmas truce. At the same time, his misguided satellites are spreading stories that Tom Lyle is out to cut wages, that he says the Catholics are more honorable than the Orangemen, and various other insidious, sneaking, insinuations which dare not be said by any responsible party in the open.

The fight it has resolved itself into one of clean business as represented by Tom Lyle, and an appeal to class and creed, in every hold, and corner of the city, to beat Tom Lyle. J. W. Bowlby, who has been Mayor of Brantford five times, is being edged on, to attack Lyle. Only last week, Louie Stander met Mr. Bowlby and proffered his heartiest support, on the public street. And so the game is being played. Bowlby must stick in the ring, by all means, for the interests of MacBride.

Just as a plain ordinary master of business, ratepayers should at this juncture keep an open mind on the municipal situation.

The present incumbent of the Mayor's chair knows pretty well, what evidence is being accumulated against his administration, and has time to prepare all the alibis in the world.

Lyle is the man for Mayor, the one man who can serve this city in the present crisis.

the corporation is obliged to maintain its own stable. In any system of road improvement the Kent Creek bridge on Colborne St. must be replaced by a permanent concrete one, and it is quite possible that the gravel could be hauled now quite as economically as next summer, and with less destruction to our present streets.

**Odd Ends of News**  
Wiggins' school closed Friday night with a concert which most have gladdened the popular teacher, Miss Grace Petty, who is well nigh idolized in the section. Trustee Bruce Steinhoff presided through a program of more than 25 numbers, and Trustee David Secord had more than that many dollars from the small admission fee charged. A children's Christmas tree was a feature of the evening.

## Penny Bank System is a Success

### Paris School Children Deposited 60 Cents Per Head Last Month

#### OTHER NEWS OF PARIS

From our own Correspondent Paris, Dec. 23.—Word was received in town of the sad drowning of two lads at Saskatoon, Sask., and his brother, Johnny, aged 12-2, and his brother, Johnny, aged four years. It seems that the lads had ventured out on the ice on the Saskatchewan River, while the parents were at church. They broke through the ice and were drowned. They were cousins of Mr. and Mrs. John Kempthorne, Walnut St.

The scholars of the Paris public schools have again done well in the penny bank savings last month, the deposits being 60 per cent. The Central school averaged 63 per cent., and South Ward 48 per cent. Taking the month of September, 1918, the total deposits were \$121.30, while the same month of this year the sum of \$215.98 was deposited. The total amount for Ontario during September was \$43,210.50.

The funeral of the late Frank Carmodie, who was drowned last Saturday evening, took place on Friday afternoon from the residence of Mrs. E. S. Gass, West Broadway, and was largely attended by many sympathizing friends. The deceased young man was in his 25th year, and was well known and highly esteemed in town. Rev. W. H. Langton conducted the services. As a tribute of respect a large number of floral tributes were sent by friends.

The other evening a surprise party and presentation in honor of Mrs. J. Albert Howell, on the occasion of the 13th anniversary of their wedding, was given at their residence, by the young ladies of the Methodist Philathea class, of which Mrs. Howell is their teacher. The visitors numbered 30. As each one entered the room, they advanced towards Mrs. Howell and presented her with a huge chrysanthemum. The evening was spent in games and music. Later, Mrs. Howell was presented with a bible and a new Methodist hymn book from the members of her class. Mrs. Howell was quite overcome, and had to be helped to express her thanks for the handsome gifts. Before leaving a dainty repast was served.

On Saturday afternoon the kith and kin society held their annual Christmas tree in the central fire hall for the soldiers' kiddies. At 4 o'clock Santa Claus appeared when all the children marched with him around the huge Christmas tree, and were given a toy, bag of candy and an orange, when each little heart was made happy. Mr. Sinclair Knill, a returned soldier, acted as Santa Claus.

The funeral took place from the G. T. R. depot on Saturday afternoon to the Paris cemetery of William Ernie, a former resident of Paris, who passed away on Thursday at Elora.

Death was due to pneumonia following influenza. About five years ago he was married to Mary Graham of this town, who survives with three small children. Rev. W. H. Langton conducted the services at the graveside.

Mr. and Mrs. Bart Springate of Hamilton spent the week-end in town.

Mrs. A. C. Carrie and little son of Goderich are visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Koenig, Riverview Terrace.

The following soldiers arrived home over the week-end: Privates Ernest Sassaady, Frank Brown, W. H. Barber.

## POLAND HOPES

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Ukraine soldiers. The report originally came in a telegram from Lieberberg to the Polish bureau at Lausanne.

**Socialization Failed**  
Berne, Dec. 23.—Reliable information from Russia brings confirmation of the report that the socialization of industry there is a complete failure. Official statistics show that in almost all the 518 mills and factories controlled by the state, expenses have considerably exceeded receipts. During the first four months of 1918 the government paid out over 400,000,000 rubles to cover these deficits, and has been obliged up to the present to advance over one billion rubles to the factories under its control. Technical experts assert that Russian industry has been crippled for many years to come by the Bolshevik regime.

**Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S MASTODON**

## King Albert of Belgium Is Progressive Monarch Beloved by His People

**N**O mighty conqueror or sovereign in all history ever marched into his capital with such world-wide acclaim and hearty good wishes as Albert, King of the Belgians, when he re-entered his capital in triumph at the head of his noble little army, after a banishment of more than four years. No king ever had a people of which he had a right to be prouder—no nation ever had a ruler more worthy of honor and devotion. Menaced by the most terrible of fates, Belgium refused to sell its soul or its honor, held back the Hun avalanche for a precious week, and through all its crucifixion its spirit has never been cowed nor its faith and courage lost. What a splendid triumph of honor, faith and courage the re-entry of Brussels by Albert typifies!

The Belgian King, who has shared the hardships of his little army for four years, has aged much since he was last seen in his capital. The lines of care and suffering were etched in his face, but with his honor untarnished and his courage and faith higher than ever.

Albert Leopold Clement Marie Ferdinand, to give him his full name, was born in Brussels in 1875, his father, the Count of Flanders, being



KING ALBERT.

King Leopold's younger brother. He went through the Belgian military school and entered the Grenadiers as sub-lieutenant, quickly working his way up to the rank of colonel. Realizing the danger of being one-sided, he managed to combine the fulfillment of his military duties with a thorough education along other lines. He wandered through the tortuous paths of diplomacy, studied sociology and made a hobby of engineering. When he was 23 he spent a year in America. He traveled extensively from north to south and east to west in order to observe at first hand the American method of dealing with educational, scientific and industrial problems. He was particularly interested in American railroads and was fortunate in having the able services of James J. Hill, a Canadian, as his "railroad guide."

A few years later he visited the Belgian Congo in order to investigate conditions there. On his return he urged strongly the imperative necessity for reform in the treatment of natives.

His desire to keep abreast of the happenings of the world, otherwise, in foreign countries is shown by the fact that he is a reader of the London Times, the Paris Temps, the Berlin Kreuz Zeitung and the Vienna Neue Freie Presse.

In 1900 he married Elizabeth, Duchess of Bavaria. She is an unusually accomplished woman, being a regular M.D., besides having a sound knowledge and great love of art, literature and music. She has done much hospital work during the war. While her husband worked for the betterment of his country along scientific and industrial lines, she did much to encourage and develop their latent artistic ability.

**Salt Water.**  
An instrument has been recently devised which gives a continuous record of the salinity of sea water by the measurement of its electrical conductivity. A pair of electrolytic cells have been designed which, when used with a suitable alternating-current galvanometer, will give satisfactory operation in connection with a recorder. The temperature compensation is obtained by placing both cells, which are in the two arms of a Wheatstone bridge, in a uniform temperature bath.

**Gaza.**  
Gaza has played a rather more important part than Beerseba in the history of Palestine. With it are prominently associated the life-works of many of the prophets, while Samuel's connection with it is well known. Destroyed in 634 by the Arabs, it was retaken by the Crusaders and passed into the hands of Saladin in 1170. It has come into the hands of the Allies during the last year.

James Noble Paget, a prominent dairyman of Western Ontario, for thirty years manager of the Canadian butter and cheese factory, is dead.

**ANOTHER CRISIS**  
By Courier Leased Wire Zurich, Dec. 23.—(Havas)—The Ebert Government in Berlin is reported to be faced with another crisis through the resignation of the minority members of the cabinet. Political circles in Berlin, another report says, are agitated by a rumor that General Groener, who succeeded General Ludendorff as chief quarter-master-general, has threatened to seize Berlin with troops that have remained faithful if order is not re-established there shortly.

**WAR EXPENDITURE**  
By Courier Leased Wire Ottawa, Dec. 23.—Net expenditure of the war trade board from inception to Nov. 30, 1918, totals \$98,153. It is estimated that another \$30,000 will be required to meet outstanding accounts and expenses to the end of the year.

**GO-BETWEEN FLEES.**  
By Courier Leased Wire Berlin, Sunday, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press)—Dr. Carl Duisburg, of Leverkusen, head of the German aniline dye industry, is reported to have fled to Switzerland.

Dr. Duisburg was generally looked upon as the connecting link between "business" and General Ludendorff, and was one of the most active of the pan-Germans.

**PRESIDENT TAKES OATH.**  
By Courier Leased Wire Prague, Bohemia, Dec. 22.—Professor T. G. Masaryk, president of the Czech-Slovak republic, took the oath of office as president today in the Diet building. President Masaryk, who reached here from America by way of Paris, was preceded on his arrival with an address by Premier Kramariz in the name of the first free Government of the Czech-Slovak state.

**INDICTMENT DISMISSED**  
By Courier Leased Wire Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Mrs. Gladys Gannon Webster, on trial at Genesee for the murder of Edwin Dyer Webster, in August last, is a free woman. On motion of District Attorney Wheeler this morning Judge Thompson dismissed the indictment charging murder.

**ZONE LIFTED**  
By Courier Leased Wire Washington, Dec. 23.—President Wilson has called attorney general Gregory to lift barred zone and prohibit area restrictions upon enemy ships on Christmas Day.

Thereafter no restrictions will be imposed unless developments make them necessary. During the war enemy attacks have been barred from waterfronts at seaports, the District of Columbia, the canal zone and other areas.

Lieut. Roy L. Vining, B.S.A., lecturer in animal husbandry at Ontario Agricultural College, died of Spanish influenza contracted at the Winter Fair last week.

The Government's plan of land settlement laid before Provincial representatives last month at Ottawa is made public.

**Grace Church CHRISTMAS DAY**  
8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
11.00 a.m.—Holy Communion, and sermon. Preacher, the Rector.  
Special Music.  
"O Come, Let Us Adore Him."

## Mayor McBride Stands by His Guns

In connection with the resolution said to have been passed by the Uplift League, Mayor McBride issues the following statement: "It is all a part of the poison gas propaganda for political purposes. I shall welcome the most thorough and minute inspection of all matters pertaining to coal and they will not find one red cent misappropriated.

"In the matter of the whiskey, this also they may investigate to their heart's content. I brought it to the city in an effort to save the lives of some of our people, and will accept full responsibility for doing so. It was an extreme emergency, and should conditions ever again make prompt action necessary, I shall never hesitate to do my duty. I am thankful that Brantford is free from influenza, and we should all be thankful that we are not afflicted as many other cities are."

**CLOSING NOTICE**  
J. S. Hamilton and Co., Brantford, give notice that their wine house will be closed from Monday, Dec. 23rd, to Thursday, January 2, 1919. We are compelled to do this because we have a large number of orders on our books to get shipped before January 1st, 1919.

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**WARD SIMPSON**  
Druggist Optician  
28 MARKET ST.

**the Gift store**  
TOYS, DOLLS, CANDIES, CIGARS, etc.—Novelties that other fellows don't have. Low prices on Christmas Cards and Booklets.

**WICK'S**  
Dalhousie St. Opposite Postoffice.

**Service and For Saving Tom Lyle Stands Before You!**

**PLATFORM EXTRACT:**  
"The one pledge I will make to the people of Brantford, if elected as Mayor for 1919, is that I will be honest and straightforward, as I have always tried to be in my private life. I will welcome and not stifle criticism of my acts in office. I do not believe in Kaiserism for a city any more than for a country."

**VOTE FOR LYLE**

## ELECTION CARDS and LETTERS

The advertising rates for election cards this year will be as follows:  
Regular 1 1/2" space to run from nomination to election day or for shorter time—  
**\$4.00**  
Spaces run for longer periods will be charged at the rate of 40c per inch per insertion.  
Letters to the Editor advocating support of any candidate will be charged at the rate of 40c per inch.

## It's Hard to Choose a GIFT For a Man

To help you solve the problem we would suggest an inspection of our magnificent assortment of **Ebony Military Hair Brushes, Razors, Shaving Brushes and Mirrors.** Or how about a box of clear Havana Cigars, in boxes of **25 or 50**

**WARD SIMPSON**  
Druggist Optician  
28 MARKET ST.

**Bowlby for Mayor**  
After the newspapers had announced me as a candidate for Mayor, Mr. Lyle comes out in opposition, as he has a right to. He is honest and respectable, but not infallible. I was Mayor in 1907, and procured from the Provincial Hydro Board the location of the power house in Brantford with the three transmission wires, and submitted a \$65,000 by-law to carry it out. Mr. Lyle violently opposed this, and he with others defeated the by-law. The Hydro Board then took all three wires from Brantford, and located the power house at Dundas, and ran the remaining wire miles North of Brantford. In 1908, in order to tap this wire, a \$115,000 by-law was carried. The city thus lost directly \$50,000 and indirectly a half million over losing the immense power house now at Dundas; also the two wires for an automatic switching, thus avoiding stoppage of factory work, street cars and lights. Vote for Bowlby and no blundering.

J. W. BOWLBY.

**Give HIM or HER Guaranteed HOLE-PROOF HOSERY**

Sizes and Colors all Sorted up  
Complete Stock in Both Womens' and Men's  
Womens' \$1.50  
Men's 85c pr.

**W. D. Coghill**  
46 Market St.

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THE COURIER

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WEEKLY COURIER—Published on Saturday at \$1 per year, payable in advance. To the United States 50c extra for postage.

AN ANNOUNCEMENT On Dec. 31, 1918, The Courier will cease to be published. It was founded under its present name in 1839, but in reality can consistently claim 1833 as the date of birth.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE AND KINDRED MATTERS. Interest is commencing to centre more and more around the probable doings of the peace conference.

CAPT. PEIRCE TOLD OF TRIANGLE WORK Former Overseas Worker Spoke at Y. M. C. A. Song Service

The noteworthy feature of the Y.M.C.A. song service last night was the presence of a goodly number of returned men and parents of boys at the front.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS

The merchants of Brantford, Paris and other neighboring centres report an excellent Christmas trade and so it should be with the war clouds lifted after four observations of this event while the guns were still thundering in Europe.

The Toronto Police strike has been ended except in so far as extreme circumstances may warrant the use of the baton.

The gentleman who wrote the famous, a more correctly speaking infamous hymn of hate, said this among other things: "Come let us stand at the judgement place.

There is one Turkey overseas which does not feel any more cheerful at this festive season than the brand destined for the sacrifice in accordance with a time honored custom.

It is proposed to outfit an airplane expedition for a visit to the North Pole. The outcome will be about as useful as speculations as to how much longer Brantfordites are going to stand for that City Hall Building.

There will not be any notable paroxysms of world joy over the announcement that the ex-ali highest is better after his recent illness. If any improvement in his moral tone had been announced that might be something—but the thing is impossible.

Reference was made to the Brantford men of the 115th Battalion and the help of the wives of the officers had given with the large staff of English ladies in the huts at Witley Camp.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—Total assets of \$153,000,000 will be shown in the annual statement of the Union Bank of Canada, in its annual statement which will shortly be issued, as against \$143,000,000 for last year.

Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—It is announced by the Canadian Railway Board that the effective date of circular 85 limiting the period of credit for payment of freight charges of Canadian Railways to 96 hours, has been postponed till March 1, 1919.

A Welcome Back to Fold

Mr. John Muir Accepts the Presidency of Liberal Association.

On This Basis With Regard to Those Who Voted for Union Government

At the annual meeting of Brantford Liberals held in the city on Saturday night, Mr. John Muir, the president, in accepting the office, stated that he did so on the understanding that those who left the fold to support the Union Government in 1917 would be welcomed back.

OBITUARY

JAMES W. CLARKE. The death occurred this morning of a well known resident of Cainsville in the person of James W. Clarke in his 79th year.

WILLIAM BLACK. Death called one of Salt Springs' well known residents yesterday morning in the person of William Black in his 34th year.

MRS. CASEY. The funeral of the late Jane Casey, widow of Thomas Casey took place Saturday morning from her late residence, 222 Sydneyham street, to St. Basil's Church.

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To The Editor of The Courier

FAIR PLAY. To the Editor of The Courier: The Mayor states that the Brantford Municipal League is a "political scheme."

This is absolutely untrue and without foundation. Tom Lyle states (and his word is never doubted by anyone who knows him) that so far as municipal affairs are concerned, he is and always will be absolutely independent of party politics.

The Mayor also says the Brantford Municipal League stands for one "class," the business class. He misconstrues the term.

It is for the ratepayers of Brantford to decide whether Mayor MacBride qualifies for a second term. It does not show any sense of justice and fair play for Mayor MacBride to throw slurs at the patriotism of Mr. Lyle and his supporters, and accuse them of the desire to disturb the "Peace Christmas Spirit."

Obituary

E. L. SNOW. Many residents of Brantford and especially those interested in Y.M.C.A. work will hear with great sorrow of the passing away of Mr. E. L. Snow, formerly a "Y" physical director in this city.

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Your Problems Solved

By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D. (All rights reserved.) Dr. Linscott in this column will help you solve your heart problems, religious, marital, social, financial and every other anxious care that perplexes you.

Three Suitors: B. M. writes, "I am very fond of three young men, each of whom has offered to marry me. They are all well-to-do, and highly respected in the community, and I like them equally well.

My Idea of Advertising: I am asked by "One Interested" to state my idea of advertising. Well I think it both a science and an art. The science consists in knowing the subject the principle lying at its roots.

WAR OF THE NATIONS: "Jones" asks, "What has been the chief cause of the wars recorded in history?" Jealousy, greed, misunderstanding and patriotism run mad, have been the chief causes of wars.

FRENCH BRIDGED RHINE. By Courier Leased Wire. Mayhke, Sunday, Dec. 22.—The French threw a pontoon bridge across the Rhine at Niestein on Friday.

INDOOR BASEBALL, Y.M.C.A. Waterous . . . . . 1000111 G. S. and M. . . . . 301201x-7 Batteries—Eyes and Price; McQuinn and Hart . . . . . 10012000000-1

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SEND FOOD THROUGH HOLLAND. Brussels, Dec. 22.—It is reported here that Holland has been informed by Great Britain of her intention to send supplies to the British army of occupation in Germany by way of the River Scheidt and Dutch Limburgs.

Former Ambassador Page, representative during the war of the Washington Government in London, is dead.

ESTABLISH HOSPITAL. Vladivostok, Dec. 23.—An International Conference held to-day decided to establish a hospital at Nikesik to combat typhus fever. There have been about 160 cases of the disease as a result of the dumping of Bolshevik prison train victims at Nikesik.

Cole's Shoe Company is the footwear gift store.

VALUABLE PAPERS—Wills, Deeds, Contracts, Insurance Policies, or documents of any kind, should never be kept in the house or office. A Safe Deposit Box in our vault will insure their safety and preservation. The rental is low.

The Royal Loan and Savings Co. 38-40 Market Street

NEILL SHOE CO. The Store For Useful Christmas Presents

CHILDREN'S FELT SLIPPERS . . . . . 50c to \$1.00 MISSES' FELT SLIPPERS . . . . . 60c to \$1.25 WOMEN'S FELT SLIPPERS . . . . . 75c to \$2.00

NEILL SHOE CO. 158 COLBORNE ST.

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Advertisement for Puller Pens. Text: 'Pendants and Lavaliers. No gift could be more acceptable than a pendant or lavalier. We have them in all styles, all sizes, all prices, and a stock sufficiently complete to suit every individual taste and purse. You'll Do Better at Puller PENS.'

LOCAL NEWS

**ENDORSE LABOR MEN.**  
The Local Iron Moulders' Union has passed a resolution pledging its members to support all labor candidates at the municipal elections.

**DANDELIONS BLOOMING.**  
Farmers report an odd phenomenon of nature, that around the woods, dandelions are growing and blossoming as in the first days of spring.

**MAIN BURST.**  
Considerable damage was done by a water main which burst at the corner of Osborne street and Brant avenue yesterday. The gush of water tore up the pavement and flooded a considerable area. The break was repaired as rapidly as possible.

**GRANDVIEW SCHOOL.**  
Grandview school held their closing exercises on Friday, Dec. 20th. Col. M. F. Muir occupied the chair in his very able manner, and gave an appropriate address to the pupils. The programme was varied and rendered entirely by the children. At the close of the program, there was a large Christmas tree, holding a gift for each one present.

**CHRISTMAS TREE.**  
At the Christmas tree in the Wesley Sunday School Friday night between 400 and 500 children were presented with gifts. A splendid entertainment was put on by the G.W.V.A., which highly pleased the kiddies. Two returned men from London, England, were also present as clown and coster. These comedians were certainly of the first class variety.

**CAR CLIMBED CURB.**  
An accident occurred yesterday afternoon when a large touring car driven by Mr. E. E. Brown, skidded while turning the corner of Colborne and George streets. Both front wheels mounted the sidewalk by the Market Square, while one back wheel hit the curb and was so badly smashed that it had to be replaced by a new one. Otherwise the car was not damaged and no one in the car was hurt.

**ELM AVENUE CHURCH.**  
The Rev. J. L. Stewart, a returned missionary from China, spoke to the Sunday School at Elm Avenue Methodist Church yesterday afternoon. He was introduced by the Rev. C. F. Logan. Special music was rendered by the children. In the evening the pastor, the Rev. A. H. Wallis, spoke on "The Prophecies and the fulfillment of the Redeemer." Special music was given by the choir.

**BURGLARIES.**  
A number of petty burglaries, the majority committed early in the evening, when families have been out doing their Christmas shopping, have been reported to the police within the last few weeks. A house at the corner of Wellington and Murray streets was entered Saturday night, and a window in an adjacent dwelling wantonly broken by a stone. Chief Fleming advises citizens to leave someone always in the house during the Christmas season.

**DUKE BECOMES PATRON.**  
In answer to a question sent by J. Hardy, secretary of the local branch of His Majesty's Army and Navy Veterans, His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire, Governor-General of Canada, has expressed his willingness to become patron of the association during his tenure of office, as did his predecessor, the Duke of Connaught. The Governor-General expresses his best wishes for the future prosperity of the association. The Army and Navy Veterans include men who have served in every one of Britain's active service campaigns from the time of Robert's march to Kandahar down to the present. The association in no way conflicts with the G.W.V.A.

Everything in slippers for the children at Cole's Shoe Company, 122 Colborne street.

**Whitaker's Bread Like the British Navy Always in the Lead**  
Union Made

Canada Food Board License No. 5-1124.

**BETTER AND HELPFUL WAYS** to make practical and useful gifts are found in the service we offer you.  
Glasses are practical, helpful and necessary. They make a gift long remembered. Under our special plan it is easy to obtain the most becoming and efficient glasses. Our skill and knowledge in designing, making and fitting glasses assure accuracy. Our designs in gold and shell rim, frames, mountings, Etc. assure the latest and most becoming glasses.  
**SHOP EARLY**  
Consult Us About Our Special Christmas Plan.  
**JARVIS OPTICAL CO.**  
CONSULTING OPTICISTS  
122 Colborne Street  
Phone 1183 for consultation

Shop Early

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**Brantford's Greatest Store**  
E. B. CROMPTON & Co. LIMITED.

Shop Early

Store Open Evenings from Wednesday Night to Christmas Eve

We believe with the first class service we are giving this year that our customers will be able to accomplish their shopping without making it necessary to keep open every night this week, and thus help to relieve our staff of the longer hours. We request you, however, to shop early in the day and early in the week. Please carry small parcels so far as possible.

Where Else Will You Find Such an Abundance of Cheer and Brightness?

Brantford's Great Christmas Store is a-glow with the Christmas spirit. Its fine, broad, sweeping floors are full to overflowing with beautiful Gift things—in such variety and so reasonably priced that every fancy and every purse can be satisfied. You are invited to come and enjoy the holiday displays.

Here Are Toys the Children Crave

**Help Boys!**  
Your Boy Can Construct All Kinds of Steel Models and Win Honors and Prizes With  
**GILBERT ERECTOR**  
"The Toy Like Structural Steel"  
Give your boy a set of Erector. It has most and strongest parts of all steel construction toys. He can build things with it genuinely like the real bridges, skyscrapers, etc. that engineers build. It will teach him valuable engineering principles that he will never regret knowing even if he doesn't become a professional engineer.  
Come in and see what Erector is like. Ask for a copy of the holiday number of Toy Tips that tells how a boy can have free membership in the GILBERT ENGINEERING INSTITUTE FOR BOYS, with a chance to win valuable prizes, fame and honor.  
ON DISPLAY FOURTH FLOOR.

- Mecanno Toys, the educational and instructive toy for boys. Price, \$1.00 to **\$9.00**
- Castle Builder, the steel constructor for boys. Priced at 50c to **\$3.00**
- Mechanical Toys, so interesting to the boys, here in endless variety, including Engines, Fire Trucks, Life Boats, Ambulances, Pay-as-you-enter Cars, Moving Fans, etc. Priced at **39c**
- S & O G. Velocipedes, nicely enamelled, adjustable leather seat, some with rubber tires. Priced at from **\$5.75 to \$14.50**
- Wonderblocks. Priced at **\$1.39**
- Games of All Kinds, as Old Maid, Robinson Crusoe, Tiddly Winks, Dr. Busby, Messenger Boy, Baseball, Snap, Authors, Checkers, Pit, etc. Priced at **10c**
- Blocks, graduated sizes, with pictures, letters, etc. Price, per set **25c**
- Teddy Bears, of brown bear cloth, large size. Priced at **\$4.85**
- Toy Pianos, in upright style. Priced at **\$1.15 to \$2.50**

- Reed Doll Carriages, of white reed, with reed hood, rubber tires. At **\$8.75**
- Black Boards, on stands, with suggestions of drawings, figures and letters that can be adjusted at top. Price, \$2.29 and **\$3.75**
- Trunks, for Dolly, fitted with tray and lock, just like mother's. Priced up from **79c**
- Rocking Horses, fitted with upholstered saddle, reins, etc. Priced at **\$2.75 to \$5.50**
- Dolls, Baby Dolls, Dressed Dolls, Character Dolls, Sleeping Dolls. Dolls with real hair, Celluloid Dolls. Priced up from **15c**
- Toy Kitchen Cabinet, fitted with bake board, rolling pin, potato masher, canisters, etc. Just like mother's. Priced at **\$2.75** at only **25c**
- Horns and Trumpets, **25c** At 15c and **25c**



After today we must request that Children wishing to visit Our Toyland must be accompanied by a parent or other adult. The Christmas rush necessitates this rule.

**GO-CARTS**  
Go-Carts, for Dolly, in folding style, with leather hood, some with rubber tires. **\$1.39**  
Priced at \$1.19 and ..

**BUY SILVERWARE**  
Special Values in Inexpensive Silverware  
**ARTISTIC MEAT FORK 2-PIECE CREAM SET**  
Greylock Design, \$1.50 Value. Special \$1.00  
A really handsome gift at a small price; neatly boxed. Special at **\$1.00**  
This set consists of Sugar Shell and Butter Knife, in the artistic Irving design, neatly boxed. Special at **95c**  
**RICH BERRY SPOON, \$2.50 VALUE, \$1.29**  
This very handsome design is one of Rogers' best. It represents the hand hammered effect with shield for monogram, neatly boxed. 25 Berry Spoons **1.29**  
only at this special price of .....

**Here are Some Dainty Gifts in Lingerie and Gowns**  
Hand Embroidered Underwear Fine Glove Silk Underwear  
Made principally on Sea Island Cotton, a material distinguished for soft finish and sound wearing quality.  
Nightgowns, elaborately embroidered, and many trimmed with real laces. Priced at **\$2.75 and \$6.00**  
Envelope Chemise, all daintily embroidered. Priced at **\$3.25 to \$5.50**  
Envelope Combinations, in white and flesh colored glove silk, hemstitched edge or lace trimmed. Priced at **\$4.50 and \$5.00**  
Vests, in white and flesh pink, hemstitched neck and arm holes. Price **\$3.25**  
Bloomers, in white or flesh, colored glove silk, with elastic at waist and knee. Priced at **\$3.50**

To Solve the Problem of What to Give the Home for Christmas

**Velvet Hearth Rugs, 27 x 54 inches, Oriental and conventional designs, showing lofty wool nap, in fawn, green, brown and red. Special Christmas price **\$3.00****  
**Admirer's Hearth Rugs, 27 x 54 inches, in mottled centre, finished in green, brown, grey or blue borders. Special Christmas price **\$3.00****  
**Wilton Hearth Rugs, 27 x 54 inches, a very large range to choose from. The pattern is woven through to the back, and made of best worsted wool yarn. Some are plain finish, others have linen fringed ends. These are shown in all colors and designs. Special Christmas price, each, \$5.00, \$9.00 and **\$10.00****  
**Comforters, covered with best quality silkoline, in dainty light colorings, and filled with good sanitary cotton. Special Christmas price, each, **\$3.00****  
**Pastry Squares, made seam less, in 10 wire quality, showing pleasing designs, and suitable for any room. Special Christmas price, 9 x 9 feet, at **\$21.00**; 9 x 10 1/2 at **\$25.00**, and size 9 x 12 feet, at **\$28.00** only**  
**Fancy Rag Mats, showing beautifully contrasted reversible patterns, in blue, rose, grey, green, fawn and yellow. Just the article to brighten up the bed room. Special Christmas price, 27 x 54 inches at **\$2.50** each; 36 x 63 inches **\$3.50** at only **\$2.00****  
**Carpet Sweepers, a full range of the famous Bissell's Carpet Sweepers and Vacuum Cleaners. Priced from, each **\$3.50** up to **\$12.50****  
**Carpet Sweepers, a special line in for Christmas selling. They are made to wear and give every satisfaction; nickel trimmed with heavy bristle brush, case covered with galvanized iron showing slightly polished surface. Special Christmas price, each **\$2.00****  
**Carpet Sweepers, a full range of the famous Bissell's Carpet Sweepers and Vacuum Cleaners. Priced from, each **\$3.50** up to **\$12.50****  
**Pillows**  
Pillows, good large size, filled with sanitary washed feathers. Special Christmas price, per pair, **\$5.00**, \$2.50 to **\$5.00**  
**PIANO LAMPS**  
Piano Lamps, in various styles and sizes, also shades in endless variety. Exceptionally pretty and very suitable for a Christmas present. Special Christmas price, from, each, **\$35.00**, \$10.00 up to **\$35.00**

**WELL WORTH REMEMBERING**  
Your shopping may be done here with the assurance that everything possible has been done to make shopping here a pleasure.  
Our store is well ventilated, fresh air being forced through each floor every 15 minutes.  
Broad aisles and the store flooded with daylight as well as a staff of courteous salespeople make shopping here a pleasure.

**Handsome Table Lamps**  
Also Candle Sticks and Lamp Shades for Bedroom, Library or Drawing Room  
See our Main Floor showing of these Beautiful Lamps, in colorings of the daintiest, and designs of the prettiest. The prices complete range from **\$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50 and \$8.50**  
Candles, Shades and Candle Sticks, ready too, for Christmas selling, in all colors and designs.  
Shades **25c to \$1.50**  
Candlesticks **50c to \$2.25**  
—Main Floor.

**Very Dainty Gift Handkerchiefs**  
Handkerchiefs of Irish Linen  
Neatly hemstitched, embroidered in all white or colored combinations. A wide range of designs. At, each **25c**  
**Fine Sheer Linen Handkerchiefs at 35c, or 3 for \$1.00**  
1-4-inch hem, fancy embroidered corner, in white or colors. Priced at 35c each, **\$1.00** or 3 for **\$1.00**  
**Fine Swiss Embroidered Handkerchiefs, Box of 3 at 59 Cents**  
Colored or white borders. Special, box of 3 **59c**  
**Plain Sheer Linen and Lace Trimmed Handkerchiefs**  
Of fine sheer linen, plain and lace trimmed edges, white and colored embroidery in corner. Priced, each, **\$1.00, 75c, 60c, 50c and 40c**

**Children's Initial Handkerchiefs**  
With colored border, also fine family, 6 in box. Priced at **75c**  
**Fine Linen Handkerchiefs Box of 3 at 65c**  
Women's size, 1-4-inch hem, with initial or embroidered corner, 3 in fancy box. Priced at **65c**  
**Men's Plain and Initial Handkerchiefs at 3 for \$1.00**  
1-4 and 1-2-inch hems all linen. Priced at each, 35c, or 3 for **\$1.00**  
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**Help Your Friends Prepare for a Rainy Day**  
by giving them an umbrella for Christmas. Undoubtedly, is, after all, the useful gift.  
We are showing a very fine range in both men's and women's umbrellas. The handles are in the very newest styles, the ring style being very greatly favored. Covers are mostly of silk and wool, guaranteed in every respect. The Prices range from **\$1.98 to \$7.00**  
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**COMING EVENTS**

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GREAT CUT in prices Monday and Tuesday only. Cartwright's Jewelry Store, Dalhousie. M/44

**WANTED**—Piano, must be in good condition, give full particulars in first letter. Box 364 Courier. M/W/38

**LOST**—Between Oglvie, Lochead and Co. and Stedman's bookstore, twenty-dollar bill. Reward at Courier.

**WANTED**—By Jan. 1st capable girl for general housework, no washing, satisfactory wages. Also woman to help with cleaning two days a week. Apply Mrs. W. J. Verity, 73 Charlotte street. F/44

**LOST**—One black and tan female fox hound, between Alford Junction and Brantford Saturday night. Anybody holding her after being notified will be punished. Reward at 70 Richmond street. BEH phone 653. L/46

**LOST**—Sunday evening between Dominion Cafe and Victoria Park, new black leather purse containing money, bank book, car tickets and receipts. Finder kindly leave at Courier. Reward. L/44

**DIED**

**CLARK**—At Cainsville on Monday, Dec. 23rd, 1918, James Clark aged 78 years. The funeral will take place from his late residence, Cainsville, on Thursday, Dec. 26th, at 1.30 to Mount Hope Cemetery. Funeral private. Kindly omit flowers.

**BLACK**—On Sunday morning at his home on Blossom avenue, William Black, aged 33 years. Funeral will take place on Tuesday, Dec. 24th, from his late residence at 2 o'clock to Salt Springs Cemetery.

**BRADFORD - BLANCHER** — At Blackfoot, in the Peace River District, Alberta, on Wednesday, December 18th, after a brief illness of influenza, Vettie Ione, dearly beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bradford, Brantford, in her 29th year.

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**VULCANIZING.**

**RUBBER SHOES VULCANIZED** with soles and heels and patches at **DELL'S RUBBER STORE,** 45-47 Dalhousie Street. Bell Phone 1560. Machine Phone 500. Opposite Fire Hall.

**NOTICE**

The annual meeting of the ratepayers of School Section No. 14 will be held at Echo Place school, on Thursday morning, December 26, 1918, at 8 o'clock.

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**COATS**  
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Here's a wonderful bargain for Christmas selling. A collection of Ladies' Winter Coats, no two alike, and in all this season's styles. A good range of sizes, and worth \$25.00 and \$20.00. On Sale Saturday at ..... **\$13.50**

Ladies' Coats, made of broadcloth, smart styles, satin lined. Comes in green and black only. Sale Price Saturday .. **\$27.50**

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**Ladies' Suits and Coats at Clearing Prices for Christmas Selling**

Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits, in Poiret twill, gaberdine and fine French serge. Colors are navy, green, brown and black. They are beautifully tailored, and come in full range of sizes. On Sale Saturday Morning at **\$22.50, \$16.50**

Children's Winter Coats, in broken sizes. All smart, stylish and warm coats, in a variety of materials and colors. They go on sale Saturday for only, each, **\$7.50 and \$5.00**

**Silk and Cloth Dresses**

Clearing Line of Silk and Serge Dresses, in all the new shades, and a complete range of sizes. Some very dainty styles amongst this lot. They go on sale Saturday at only ..... **\$19.50**

**Dress Goods for Christmas**

All Wool Serges, in black and colors, 40 inches wide. Old values. Specially priced at ..... **\$2.00**  
Silk Finish Cream Lustre, 44 inches wide. Here is a bargain at only ..... **\$1.50**  
Veyella Flannels, in plain or striped effects. Specially priced at ..... **\$1.25**  
Black Dress Goods, in a variety of weaves, and specially priced at \$3.00, \$2.50, \$2.00 and ..... **\$1.50**

**FANCY MADEIRA EMBROIDERED LINENS**

A big range of Doilies in 6", 8" and 10" size. Special at each, \$1.00, 85c, 75c, 65c, 50c, 40c, 35c and ..... **25c**  
Ovals, suitable for bread trays, meat platters, vegetable dishes, etc., in sizes 6 x 9, 8 x 12, 10 x 12, 12 x 18. Special at \$1.85, \$1.75, \$1.65, \$1.25, \$1.00, 85c and, each ..... **65c**  
Centrepieces, in 18", 20" and 24" size; all very handsome designs. Specially priced at, each, \$5.25, \$3.95, \$3.75. \$3.00, \$2.50 and ..... **\$2.00**  
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**EMBROIDERED PILLOW CASES, \$1.75 PAIR**

Embroidered Pillow Cases, 42-inch size, scalloped finish. Special at, per pair ..... **\$1.75**

**INITIAL PILLOW CASES, \$1.95 PAIR**

Embroidered Pillow Cases, 45-inch size, with initial design, hemstitched ends. Special at, per pair ..... **\$1.95**

**EMBROIDERED DAY CASES, \$2.49 PAIR**

Embroidered Day Cases, hemstitched and scalloped finish. Special at, per pair, \$2.79 and ..... **\$1.49**

**BATH TOWELS, SPECIAL AT 90c PAIR**

Fancy Terry Bath Towels, with fancy blue borders. Special at, per pair ..... **90c**

**BATH MATS AT \$2.00 EACH**

Fancy Bath Mats, in blue, pink or white. Special at each, \$3.25, \$2.95 and ..... **\$2.00**

**MERCERIZED NAPKINS AT \$3.95 DOZEN**

Mercerized Napkins, 22-inch size, woven from very fine cotton yarns. Extra special value at, per dozen ..... **\$3.95**

**IMITATION FILET LINENS**

Filet Centrepieces, 18-inch size. Priced at each, \$1.75 and ..... **\$1.35**  
Filet Centrepieces, 26-inch size. Priced at each, only ..... **\$2.00**  
Filet Centrepieces, 36-inch size. Priced at each, only ..... **\$3.00**  
Dresser and Sideboard Scarfs. Priced at each, \$2.00 and ..... **\$2.50**

**EIDERDOWN COMFORTERS, SPECIAL FOR CHRISTMAS**

Eiderdown Comforters, in pink, open, blue, green; filled with good quality down. Special at each ..... **\$8.95**  
A big range of Cotton Filled Comforters, in light dainty colors; filled with pure white batting. Specially priced at each, \$5.25, \$4.25, \$3.95 and ..... **\$3.50**  
McLintock's best quality of eiderdown comforters, filled with purified Russian down. Specially priced at \$20.00, \$17.50, \$15.00 and each ..... **\$11.50**

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Camisoles and Underskirts  
Make Very Useful Christmas Gifts

Dainty Blouses of Georgette, Crepe-de-Chine and Habutai Silk, in elegant range of styles and coloring. Prices \$13.50, \$10.00, \$8.00, \$5.00 and ..... **\$4.00**

**Silk or Satin Camisoles**

Camisoles of washable satin and habutai silk. Made with lace and ribbon straps or short sleeves. Comes in white or flesh. Special Sale Price, \$3.75, \$2.00 to ..... **\$1.75**

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**Kimonas**

Kimonas, made of heavy wrapperette, in light and dark shades. Values up to \$25.00. On Sale Saturday at only ..... **\$1.25**

Japanese Padded Silk Kimonas, in red, open, rose and mauve. Sizes 36 to 44. Sale Price .. **\$5.95**

**Silk Underskirts**

Silk Underskirts of taffeta, in plain or shot effects, also a silk mixture. Looks like silk; all lengths, etc. Special at \$10.00 to ..... **\$5.00**

**Silk Underwear**

Silk Underwear, made from glove silk, in vest, drawers or combinations. Comes in flesh and white. Priced at \$10.00 to ..... **\$3.00**

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Ladies' Silk Hose and Gloves, Handkerchiefs, plain or fancy; Neckwear, Hang Bags, Purses, French Ivory, Coat Hangers, Writing Cases, Military Brushes, Pocket Combs, in cases; Hair Brushes. All to clear at popular prices.

Ladies' or Gents' Parasols and Umbrellas specially priced from \$10.00 down to ..... **\$1.50**

Men's Silk Ties, elegant assortment. Priced at \$3.00 to ..... **50c**

Men's Cashmere Hose. Priced at from \$1.25 to ..... **50c**

Linen Handkerchiefs, in plain or initials. Braces, Underwear, Shirts, Etc.

**Other Useful Gifts for the Home**

Hearth Rugs, in Oriental and floral designs. Sizes 27 x 54, and 36 x 63, at \$9.50 to \$4.50, and ..... **\$8.00**

Rag Rugs for Bath Room. Priced at from \$6.75 to ..... **\$3.25**

Carpet Sweepers. Priced at each, only ..... **\$4.00**

Vacuum Sweeper, Bissell's make. Priced at ..... **\$9.50**

Lace Curtains, in voile or marquisette, at \$15.00 to ..... **\$3.00**

Cushions, made of chintz. Priced at from \$4.50 to ..... **98c**

**PURE LINEN TABLE NAPKINS**

Pure Linen Table Napkins, 22-inch size. Priced at \$7.50, \$6.50 and ..... **\$5.25**

Part Linen, at per dozen ..... **\$4.50 and \$3.95**  
Hemstitched Serviettes, 22-inch size, nice fine quality of damask, in patterns of daisy, rose, shamrock and scroll. Specially priced at per dozen ..... **\$7.50**

Pure Linen Table Cloths, in very handsome patterns, in sizes 2 x 2; 2 x 2 1-2; and 2 x 3. Specially priced at \$15.00, \$12.00, \$10.95, \$9.50, \$8.25 and ..... **\$6.25**

Fine Mercerized Table Cloths. Specially priced at each, \$4.95, \$4.25, \$3.95 and ..... **\$2.50**

**SILKS MAKE USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS**

Habutai Silk, 36 inches wide, in white, sky, maize and black; extra heavy weight. Special at ..... **\$1.50**

Habutai Silks, colored stripes for blouses. Specially priced at ..... **\$1.50**

Crepe-de-Chines, 40 inches wide, in black, white, flesh, pink, maize, etc. Special at ..... **\$2.00**

Georgette Crepes for blouses and collars. Comes in all colors. Special at ..... **\$2.00**

Black Duchess Satin, rich bright finish, 36 inches wide, and worth today \$4.00. Special at ..... **\$3.00**

Black Paillette Silk, recommender for wear, 36 inches wide. Specially priced at ..... **99 00**

Black Taffeta, 36 inches wide, best Lyons' dye, extra quality, and worth \$3.50. Special at ..... **99 75**

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Seaman Wm. the following Mr. and Mrs. A. The young seam navy at Halifax after finishing bent overseas to trawler. He is Samuel Drake and—

My Dear Mother first opportunity well, as I hope Plymouth at 1. ing in Glasgow and Greenock as a brand new t larger than the and up to date Greenock, in th and her base is we have a trip (300 miles) to ekpper and ma very nice, indee command and b the stores, work thing to be done me. I have an an treated as I the service. The have our cabins and have every for the size of the folding desk, fold lights, steam hea ers, bunk, etc. I we only have to altogether we ar men and are trea lots of work to d earned myself th The crew have o ders from me. I the food and am trouble I am sur lighted to know it seems quee sponsibility, bu used to this since The skipper h strong recommen here to be made command. So yo something of my

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### LIFE AFLOAT WITH THE FLEET

Wm. E. Close Writes Home From H. M. S. Samuel Drake

Seaman Wm. E. Close has written the following letter to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Close, 10 Able Ave. The young seaman enlisted in the navy at Halifax in April of 1916 and after finishing his training there was sent overseas to take a position on a trawler. He is now aboard H.M.S. Samuel Drake at Devonport, England.

### QUIT MEAT IF YOUR KIDNEYS ACT BADLY

Take Tablespoonful of Salts if Back Hurts or Bladder Bothers

We are a nation of meat eaters and our blood is filled with uric acid says a well-known authority, who warns us to be constantly on guard against kidney trouble. The kidneys do their utmost to free the blood of this irritating acid, but become weak from the overwork, they get sluggish, the eliminative tissues clog and thus the waste is retained in the blood to poison the entire system.

### MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL ENDORSE IT

Well Known Clergymen From Many Large Communion Praise Taniae

Ministers from some of the greatest communions in the land have put Taniae to the test and have come out in grateful statements endorsing the medicine for the good it has done them.

### LOCAL NEWS

COMPLETE FENCE. The fence on Erie Ave., which was started last Thursday will be completed to-day.

WORK ON SEWER. Overseer Under reports that the work on the Morrell St. Sewer is progressing very rapidly.

FINISHED FOR YEAR. The work in the Surrogate court has been completed for the year with the exception of the work of the making out of the reports for the year's work.

ON CANADIAN SHIPS. According to the report of the Department of Marine and Fisheries for the five months 1917-18, 45,380 men and boys, inclusive of masters, were employed on ships registered in Canada during that period.

TRUST CLUB MEETS. The Trust Club of the Y. M. C. A. held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday evening. The attendance was moderately large despite the fact that many members of the club are out of the city for the Christmas season.

TOWNSHIP HYDRO. The number of subscribers that will have signed a contract for the use of the Hydro-Electric by Christmas will total three hundred. The number is greatly in excess of what was expected and the result of the officials is very pleasing.

RECORD BUSINESS. The merchants are unanimous in proclaiming this to be a record year for business. The citizens are buying without stint in order to make this the best and happiest Christmas held for some time that they may better celebrate the cessation of hostilities.

MAY IMPORT PRUNES. Arrangements have been made by the Canada Food Board by which dried prunes, sizes 90 and over, may be imported into Canada from the United States. Import applications should be made to the Export and Import Department of the Canada Food Board in the usual way.

GOES TO WINDSOR. Troop Houston of this city, a veteran of the 4th Battery, now attached to military headquarters at London, has been placed in charge of the Invalid Soldiers' Department at Windsor, and will shortly assume his duties there.

POLICE COURT. The police court met was rather heavy this morning but the cases were soon disposed of. The first was that of William Windie who imbibed too freely. For his Christmas joviality he was fined \$10 and costs. On a similar charge Paul Borak was given the same fine as a reminder that this is a grave or less a dry province. Another man appeared on a charge of false pretenses and one of conversion. He was dismissed both charges. R. Taylor hit Annie Taylor, his wife and was arraigned in the Police Court this morning.

MAPLE SUGAR. One of the opportunities open to Canadians is the development of the maple sugar industry, according to a bulletin on the subject of maple sugar, issued by the department of agriculture. The production of maple sugar and syrup should have increased with the increasing market for it, but has not done so, the bulletin points out. The yearly production of sugar, together with its equivalent in syrup, has fallen from more than 22,000 pounds in the sixties of the past century, to about 20,000 pounds during recent seasons.

BILLIARD TOURNAMENT. Only one game of the billiard tournament was played at the G. W. V. A. on Saturday the result is that S. Ritches scratch defeated W. Clauger received 30 Clauger making 338. One more game is to be played to complete the first round. The draw for the second are E. Stanbridge received 60 V.S.W. Yair received 30 or G. Deane received 70. E. Winward scratch V. S. Glen Millard received 15. Bert Magill received 60 V. S. S. Ritches scratch. J. Shoshottom received 30 V. S. Harry Smith received 15. P. A. Chubb received 15 V. S. Jack Rowe received 30. Billie O'fer owes 35 V. S. E. Edwards received 30. Harry Carey received 45 V. S. Dick Humble scratch. Tommie Holloway received 15 V. S. Gray Pilley scratch, and Irish Houting receives a bye.

CANADIANS' FAME Will Live Forever

They Have Won Glory Which Will Never be Forgotten

Mr. and Mrs. Clem Coles have received the following letter from their son, Corp. Clem Coles: Belgium, 25th, 11, '18.

Dear dad and mother.—You're to hand of the 24th, 11, '18 and I'm 11, '18, and certainly glad to hear from you all and to know you are all so well and happy, but very sorry to hear of so many deaths in Brantford, but I guess it has been the same all over the world. Myself I am feeling the very best and am quite happy and the greatest thing of all is I know I never have to face those guns any more. Dad, we, the "Canadians" have won a name which will never be forgotten. The people over here in the country we are in now greet us with open hands and they do all they can for us. They give us hot coffee two or three times every day and believe me it is great stuff. The country we are in now is a very great mining country, everywhere

you look you can see a mine and just think we the "Canadians," one of the smallest armies in the world, drove the Hun out and darn fast, believe me. I have been very lucky to get through it all, dad, but I always played the game and did what I was told and I have got along fine everywhere in the army. I am a corporal now, but of course wasn't very particular about that but I took it and said nothing because I find that is the best way to get along over here. If the war hadn't ended I would have been going for my commission, but the war is over and I am the happiest boy in the world and I am proud of myself to think that I signed up in 1915 and didn't wait till I had to come in 1918. Mons is a beautiful city and it is in very good condition. I guess the Hun thought he would never lose it, but the heg and he is down lower than the ground now. Dad, I am just really proud of myself to think I am a Canadian soldier. Now, dad, I don't know about getting over to England, because I hear we are going back by bus from France, but leave is going good now and if we are here till after Christmas and leave still keeps going, I expect I will be on leave about Christmas time, but it leave stops I guess I won't be getting over to England again because I want to come back home with my

time Christmas and don't worry about me, because I hear we are having a big break here. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Bright, Happy New Year. Your loving son, Corp. Clem Coles.

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Rippling Rhymes A YEAR AGO. Ah, well I remember how last year's December was poignant with sorrow and woe; the Teuton was looting and raging and shooting, an awesome and terrible sight.

CANADIAN CASUALTIES By Courier Leased Wire Ottawa, Dec. 23.—To-day's list of casualties consists of the following Western Ontario names: Infantry. Prisoner repatriated—Lieut. D. S. West, London; Lieut. H. Cotton, Paris; Lieut. A. Dean, Chatham; Lieut. W. B. Mackay, Ingersoll; Lance-Corp. W. O'Rourke, Toronto; J. Buchovan, Warton; W. J. Smith, Woodstock; F. Andrews, St. Catharines.

PERSONAL Miss Hume, Secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. left this month for the Christmas season. Mr. H. B. Adams and Miss Adams, Murray street, left to-day to spend the holiday season in Detroit.

ARCHDUKE MADE CLEAN-UP By Courier Leased Wire Berlin, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press)—The newspaper Abend charges that the Austrian Archduke Leopold Salvatore, former imperial master of ordnance, cleared 20,000,000 crowns on army contracts. The Archduke, according to the newspaper supplied the government with dried vegetables, for which he was paid from 100 to 200 per cent. more than the market price. His contracts for three years, the Abend says, totalled 45,000,000 crowns.

CONCENTRATING FORCES. By Courier Leased Wire Zurich, Dec. 23. (Havas)—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, according to reports received here from Germany, has concentrated a large force of soldiers in Posen.

Many suitable gifts. Handkerchiefs, Hangings, Brushes, Umbrellas \$1.50, 50c, 50c, Gifts \$8.00, \$3.25, \$4.00, \$9.50, \$3.00, 98c, \$5.25, \$7.50, \$6.25, \$2.50, \$1.50, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, 99, 99, 75, Y

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## Xmas shopping must be done now

NO matter where you look on entering the store, gift suggestions loom up all around displayed for easy choosing. Our most complete stocks, and double sales force all help to make shopping a pleasure. COME TO-MORROW.

### BOUDOIR



**CAPS**  
at 50c  
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Make Exclusive Gifts

These Boudoir Caps are extremely pretty, their Christmas welcome is doubly sure. They are made in delicate shades of silk crepe de chine and wash satins, with combination of lace and net. Very special at from \$2.50 50c up to

### When In Doubt a Camisole

Flesh and white silk crepe de chine. Camisoles, daintily trimmed with shoulder straps or short sleeves. Priced at \$2.25, \$1.50, \$1.25 and

**Fine Nainsook Corset Covers**  
Finest quality and embroidered trimming. Priced at from 50, 60c, 75c up to

Envelope Combinations, lace or embroidery trimming. Priced at from 98c, \$1.39, \$1.59 and

Women's Cotton and Nainsook Gowns, round or square neck, slip over or open fronts, lace and embroidery trimmed, empire style. The prices range from 89c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 up to

### GLOVES

For Somebody This Christmas.

English Walking Gloves, Dents and Fownes. All sizes. Priced at, per pair, \$2.75 and

Silk Lined Suede Gloves, in grey and tan. Priced at

Heavy Silk Gloves, in shades of mode brown, grey and navy, black and white, with plain and fancy stitching. Priced at from \$1.95 and

Fine French White Kid Gloves, fancy and plain stitching, 2 domes. Priced at \$2.75, \$2.50 and

### A Hand Bag

Always an acceptable Christmas gift. These bags are beautifully lined and contain coin purse and mirror. Prices vary from \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 to

### A Gift of Silk At These Special Prices

Dark Fancy Silks, in pretty plaids and stripes, for separate skirts, waists or full dresses, 36 inches wide. Priced at yard, \$3.50, \$2.95, \$2.50 and

Fancy Habutai Silks, for Ladies' Waists or Men's Shirts. Priced at, per yard, \$2.25, \$1.50 and

Fancy Crepe de Chine Waistings, in self stripes and spot effects. Priced at, per yard, \$1.95 and

Plain Crepe de Chine, in a full range of light and dark colors, for morning or afternoon dresses. Priced at, per yard, \$2.50, \$1.95, \$1.75 and

Georgette Crepe for Dresses and Separate Waists, with colors in full range. Priced at per yard, from \$2.75, \$2.50 down to

Habutai Silks, in both black and white, always reliable for wear, 36 inches wide, and priced at per yard, \$1.95, \$1.25, \$1.00, 85c and

Fine Fancy Flannels and Delaines, for Waists and Kimonas, light and dark colorings. It is priced at, per yard, 85c, 75c and

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### The Greatest and Happiest Xmas of All!

Here one may choose from a wonderful collection of Toys of every description. Dolls and Games galore. Just a word of warning: "Come Early in the day, for many assortments will be sold out before Christmas Eve."

### Every Woman Likes Fine Linens

We Have a Full Stock at Moderate Prices. White Table Damask, 72 inches wide. A very durable quality for regular use. The regular value was \$3.50. Our Christmas Sale Price \$2.25  
Pure Linen Table Cloths. Sizes 2 x 2. Regular \$6.50. Dainty designs. Christmas Price, each \$5.50

## HANDKERCHIEFS A Very Desirable Christmas Gift

And it doesn't matter whether you want to give just ordinary Handkerchiefs for the Ladies, Muslim Handkerchiefs for the Kiddies, and of various kinds and qualities, you will find an abundance of desirable kinds and qualities for Men, Ladies and Children, attractively priced in our Handkerchief section. You couldn't possibly find anything more sensible, useful, or which would be more appreciated. The following are only a few of the many splendid values that we are offering at the Handkerchief Section.

- Ladies' Hemstitched, Pure Linen Handkerchiefs. Priced at 15c
- Fine Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, hemstitched. Special value at 25c
- Ladies' Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, embroidered, initial. At 35c, 28c and 25c
- Ladies' Pure Linen, Hand Embroidered, Initial Handkerchiefs, a dainty colored embroidery. Very special at 30c
- A beautiful assortment of dainty pure linen handkerchiefs. Three for 50c
- A very fine quality Linen Handkerchief, with novelty patterns. Very special at each 15c
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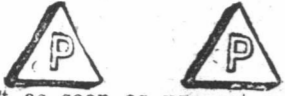
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"Where was Mary?" "In the back yard." "Where was Jane?" "Upstairs in de front room." "Where was Ann?" "She was on de front porch." "And where was Elizabeth?" "She was in de pantry takin' a bath." "Topeka Pink Rag."

"Cause Unknown" Reporter—What started this blaze Chief Fire Chief (in a whisper)—Spontaneous insurance.

These Days Before Christmas Mrs. Spendall (looking up from newspaper)—What's a sinking fund, Arthur? Mr. Spendall (fiercely)—Mine is!

Bride bitterly—And I thought you had money! Groom (stoutly)—I did, but I lost \$15 at poker the night before the ceremony.

Nothing Doing "There's a creditor without, sir." "Well he'll have to go without."

Ask the Boys Those who speak of their sons or brothers coming through the war "without a scratch" forget about the cooties.

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BELGIAN RELIEF



THEIR LIVES HANG IN THE BALANCE

BRITAIN'S FINANCES AT THE END OF WAR

(Furnished by the British Ministry of Information through the Department of Public Information, Ottawa.)

In many of the continental wars in which England has been a belligerent in the past, she has been content to finance her Allies without taking any part or any great part in the actual hostilities herself. But in the great war which has just come to an end she has "extended herself," as the sportsmen say, in every direction. She has maintained the sea-supremacy of the Allies with her mighty fleet, and indeed by her naval power made the ultimate victory of Germany impossible, whatever triumph the German armistice might have won on land. England might have indeed have confined herself mainly to a naval contribution to the resources of the Allies. But she has not acted on any principle of limited liability. Though not a great military power, she has raised armies on a continental scale, a feat which British people would never have dreamed of as possible before the war. And in a third direction, the financial, her effort equalled those she made in the naval and military departments.

Until the war and the demobilization are fairly over it is impossible to give a final and complete statement of this financial contribution. The very day after the armistice was signed Mr. Bonar Law, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, proposed a supplementary vote of credit for 700 million pounds sterling, which should be sufficient to meet all demands until the end of the present financial year (March 31, 1919). The dominant fact in the financial record of the war is that England had to support not only the vast burden of her own expenditure but a large portion of that of her Allies. In her determination at all costs to secure the victory for the Allied cause, that is for the ideals of freedom and justice, England has spent lavishly, even recklessly and extravagantly. Not only did England work up to the highest possible pitch the productive energies of her own people in the war, but she stimulated the energies of millions of workers in neutral countries in the production of raw materials, food supplies and munitions.

In the days when England was withdrawing her able-bodied manhood from her forges and factories and fields she was stupendously increasing those purchases abroad for which in normal times she pays with exported goods and the services of her shipping. Yet such was her financial staying power and such the confidence she inspired that there was never any slackening in that supply of war material which was essential to the winning of victory.

Anxious times there were when it seemed that England would never be able to foot the enormous bills she was piling up. Of course, the sacrifice was immense and, as Bonar Law has stated in an interview in the "Observer," Great Britain will emerge from the war a far poorer nation than in 1914 when she entered it. That does not mean that her recovery will not be certain and steady, but it must be recorded that England made vast sacrifices of her accumulated wealth in helping to win victory for the Allies.

Let us look for a moment at the financial position of England at the beginning of the war. The income of the United Kingdom, with its population of 45 millions, was estimated at about 7 millions a day, and the capital wealth, foreign investments and so forth, at fifteen million pounds. The public income from taxes and other sources nearly 200 millions it is a curious coincidence that the entire British expenditure during the latter part of the war has ranged at about the same figure as the pre-war income, namely 7 million pounds sterling per day. Now, the United States of America have not spared themselves in their expenditure on the war, but, as Mr. Law points out taking the proportion of income the corresponding figures of expenditure for that country would be something like 20 million pounds per day.

It is obvious that this colossal expenditure has been made possible only by the effort and endurance of those who have toiled throughout the war in the military and civil industries of the country by a most persistent and rigid economy on the part of the people as a whole, and by the transference of the maximum amount of purchasing power from the individual to the State. The huge national expenditure has been met, broadly speaking, as regards three-quarters of it, by loan, and as regards the quarter by the ordinary process of revenue, taxation and the like, the annual national income having risen from two hundred to nearly seven hundred million pounds.

But as a matter of fact, these resources had not sufficed to cover the whole obligation incurred by the United Kingdom. They would have sufficed if the Allies had been financially self-supporting. But England had had to come to their help with big subventions. Mr. Bonar Law gave the figures of these in the House of Commons on November 12. From the beginning of the war to October 19, 1918, the total amount lent by England to her Allies was 1,465 million pounds sterling, that is, to Russia, 568 million; to France, 425 million; to Italy, 342 million; and to the smaller states of the Alliance, 127 million. And these were not the only subventions of the kind. England had also to finance in a large degree her own dominions, and her loans to these amounted, on October 19, of this year to 213 1/2 million.

It is this necessity of providing resources for her own friends which England emerges from the war with a definite financial injury, that she is in one sense poorer to-day than she was in 1914. Mr. Bonar Law, in the interview already mentioned, put the matter quite clearly in these words: "All through the war down to the present time it has been nearly time to say we have met our own war requirements on land and sea by our own efforts, without mortgaging the future or dissipating the past. The menace to our future wealth and prosperity has lain in the necessity of finding resources for our Allies outside our own borders over and above the requirements of our own Navy and expeditions and land forces."

This sacrifice has taken different forms. To begin with England has thrown her entire mercantile marine into the struggle and have lost during the four and a quarter years some 9 million tons of merchant shipping, though of course only a proportion of this is due to obligations when England undertook to equip her Allies and dominions. Then again, England has increased a great loss of accumulated capital in the sale of American railway bonds and other securities. The interest on these securities represented before the war a very large body of imported goods for which England had not to pay by exports or services. Then, in order to pay for American supplies of food and munitions, England has exported to the United States a vast amount of gold and bullion and has mortgaged the future production of her industries by large loans in that country. It may indeed be said that England by her vast purchases from America, by her export of gold, and securities thither, greatly contributed to the splendid financial condition in which America entered the war. An interesting fact was mentioned by Mr. Law in the "Observer" interview. "The amount," he said, "we borrow from the United States is approximately equal to the amount we ourselves lend to the Allies."

Mr. Law estimates that the total national debt of England at the end of the present financial year, assuming that only one-half of the amounts lent to the Allies and dominions was repaid, would amount to 6,800 million pounds sterling. There are substantial assets to be set against that formidable sum, and England will receive some compensation from Germany on account of U-boat destructions and other injuries by bombardment and the like. But the burden of debt will be enormous, and the service of the debt, interest and sinking fund, the payments in the way of pensions and other sequels of the war, will produce budget figures at which the imagination of former Chancellors of the Exchequer would have bogged.

But though England emerges from the war poorer than she entered it, she also emerges with her credit unimpaired, perhaps even enhanced, and with a tremendous capacity for producing new wealth in the productive energies of her people and the vast undeveloped resources of her Empire. Mr. Bonar Law's impressions on this subject in the speech already quoted were very striking. "I believe," he said, "that I am right in saying that the total production of the country in spite of the millions of men who have been removed from it, is greater than it was before the war. When all this additional labor supply comes back the production ought to be enormously greater." Mr. Law went on to express his conviction that there will be plenty of work for this energy and plenty of credit to enable it to be called out. The loss of accumulated wealth should quickly be made good. There will be a big work of repair in the regions devastated by the war, and it must be remembered that many countries which produce mainly food and raw material have profited immensely by the high prices for these commodities which have prevailed during the war and will offer a profitable field for enterprise and investment in the near future. And that the dead weight of public debt will not be allowed long to hamper the progress and prosperity of the nation may be taken for granted. There is more than one method by which a reduction of the debt may be effected—a capital levy, properly graduated so as not to hit unduly the small investor, being a device which stands favor with many. England will rapidly repair her losses and advance to new wealth and power, if one essential condition is fulfilled, namely, that capital and labor continue to work together harmoniously, with the great object of increasing the national production. And there is no reason to believe that this condition will not be realized.

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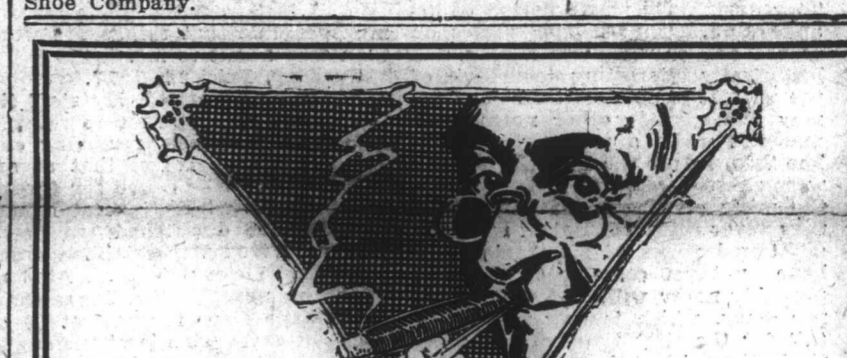
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The way out was found by Judge Winchester, who drafted the new clause, though it was carried to the men by the Mayor. Through the police were on strike for four days they will suffer but little financially, as the strike came just after they had received their quarterly bonus. The strikers, as well as the officials and organizations, including the Ontario Government representatives, have declared themselves well pleased that the trouble is over, while the police are being complimented from many circles for the orderly manner in which they conducted their negotiations, and for the manner in which they demonstrated that their complaint is not against the citizens at large.

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# NICHOLAS ROMANOFF DESCRIBED FALL OF RUSSIAN IMPERIAL DYNASTY

## Last of Muscovite Emperors Abdicated to Permit Country to Hang Together and Continue War on Behalf of the Allies—Had Intended to go to England and Distrusted Kerensky at First Sight

In presenting to our readers for the first time the diary of the late Tsar during the tragic period of his abdication. The Courier places on record one of the most human and historically interesting documents of the war. It is possible that the Czar may have made other notes and memoirs while a prisoner at Tsarko Selo, before the Imperial Family were subsequently swallowed up in the mists of Siberia, from which they never returned. But, if so, these additional pages of his tragic story have not yet come to light, and probably never will, and the following diary, which is now printed in full for the first time, of the "Little Father's" last days, February 27, the date upon which the diary starts was the actual date upon which the people of Petrograd openly deposed and attacked the government. The dates in the diary are according to the old Greek calendar.

Monday, Feb. 27, 1917;  
High Command Headquarters, Mohilen.

Disorders reign at Petrograd. It grieves me to think that soldiers are participating in these disorders. I am anxious for news from Petrograd. Each day the situation is growing more and more serious. I fear for the future of the Fatherland. It hurts me to be so far from the capital, and every day to hear bad news. And I am so helpless to be of service. I fear that situation is beyond my control. The dinner is over. It was decided that we proceed to Tsarko Selo, and shortly after midnight I am on my way, in

a train. I feel terribly nervous. I have a premonition that it is too late. I feel from the grave faces of my generals that things are worse than they admit to me.

Tuesday, Feb. 28, 1917.

I am much worried. My staff finally prevailed upon me to retire. I retired at 5 o'clock, removing only outer garments. I feel that at any moment I must be called for further consultation with General Ivenor, who I have dispatched to Petrograd with troops to establish order. However, I can not sleep. At 6 o'clock I was still awake. I must have had a little sleep for now at 10 o'clock the shrill whistle of the engine turned back. Now we are trying to reach Moscow, but I was told that it was all over. I can stand it no longer.

We have reached Pskoff. I sent for General Rouzski. He is sad and he kept secret from me; I told every one around me that I was pre-

pared for the worst. I learned from General Rouzski that Gatchinow and Louga were occupied. We are lost! It is now too late; we can never reach Tsarko Selo. I try hard to think, but am unable to gather my thoughts. Is it a dream? am I awake? I think of my poor wife. Alexandra. I can imagine how she must suffer, seeing everything about her as it is. I wonder where my children are. They must be full of fear for my safety. O great God be our protector and console my poor Alexandra!

Abdication is Necessary.

General Rouzski's Headquarters, Pskoff.

Thursday, March 2, 1917.

I rise very early after a sleepless night. How grave, yet unwearied and seemingly undisturbed the generals look. I admire their cool demeanor, but they are soldiers, and to them victory as well as defeat has little effect. I sent for General Rouzski, who came to me this morning. He said that he had a long conversation with Dodiannko by telegraph. He held in his hand a written report of the whole conversation. He hesitated to show it to me. "Rouzski, hand me the report. I will read it myself, for I had expected it all." I said as I took it from his hand. As I started to read it I looked at Rouzski, whose head was bent, and he did not wish to meet my eye. The manifesto is as I had expected. The Radlianko informs Rouzski by telegraph that the situation is very grave at Petrograd, and a parliamentary ministry, chosen from the existing duma can-

not save the existing order. The so-called democracy as represented by the labor committee, which is irreconcilable to moderate changes will fight it. Rouzski himself is convinced that the duma is powerless, as the latter will not have any relations with the existing duma. Rouzski tells me that he had already transmitted duplicates of the report of his conversation with Radlianko to all the general headquarters, and has received replies that they will submit. That is, my abdication has become necessary for the sake of saving Russia and keeping her as a sovereign. Everyone at the general headquarters advise me to yield. I am not only ready but anxious. I told Rouzski that I will abdicate if my action will save Russia. The general headquarters has already prepared a manifesto on the subject. I have read the copy and am prepared to sign it. Rouzski informs me that he expects two members of the duma in the evening. I have no objection to that, but I know Shuchim to be a fiery and heartless revolutionist.

Late in the evening the two duma members arrived. I have found out that I was mistaken regarding Shuchim. He is a humane and compassionate heart. He is very considerate of my feelings. He speaks to me as to the one who is addressing a sick child. He is very kind and polite. My wife tells me to have thought him harsh and heartless. Our consultation was very friendly. I told them that I have already read the manifesto and am willing to sign it. A slight alteration was made and I signed it. A great relief! A tremendous load is cast off my overburdened shoulders. But how depressed I feel! And the night is not yet. Thru more tortures I must live. When will it all end?

Friday, March 3, 1917, Mohileff:

I hardly realize what is going on about me. My train is stopping at Mohileff station. I would prefer not to meet my former staff, but I must meet the members of the military staff at least. I am informed that they are awaiting me, to bid me good-bye. I have decided to speak to them.

They receive me with grave faces and many tears in the eyes of several of them. One of my generals told me that Fate had willed it all. I do not agree with him. Fate does not rule us; we ourselves choose our own fate. I have made my fate and would make a different one if I had another opportunity. But on this I am not permitted to live twice. I am resigned.

I received General Alexieff in the train. We had a short conversation and he told me that I have taken the noble course I have taken. Even if one's act appears noble, when taken under force or duress, moral or physical, it ceases to be noble. General Alexieff returned with more news from the capital. Michael has also abdicated. His manifesto ends with a declaration that he would only accept the throne after a general assembly based on universal suffrage is convoked and that assembly approves of him as their sovereign. What mental agonies he must have suffered in signing such a disgraceful document. It is a shameful document and God knows what he must have suffered on signing it. Shame and sorrow is everywhere. General Alexieff is happy that the disorders have ceased at Petrograd. I feel better and have taken food, but am still worried about my wife and children. My generals advise me to stay in the train for a few days until things are settled. They tell me that the populace is bitter against my wife and my joining her. I would bring about serious crises. I will not listen to such advice. My place is with my wife and children, come what may.

Afraid of Rabbits.

Tsarko Selo.

Friday, March 10, 1917.

I am more restless and I spent the night in comfortable sleep. The joy of our reunion made us forget the past and the future for a while. However, in the morning after breakfast my wife again became fearful of the future, and she is restless. Count Benkendorff succeeded in obtaining permission to pay us a short visit. His visit has somewhat strengthened my wife, and she is making plans for our future. I do not think that her plans can be carried out, for we are prisoners of the state, and prisoners should not make plans. Nevertheless, it prevents my wife from worrying about the future.

Count Benkendorff has told me that the feeling of the Social-Democrats is still bitter against us. He feels that although the government is not vindictive, as they derive their power directly from the populace, they are afraid to treat us with more consideration for fear of arousing popular antagonism. How shameful! A government afraid to act for fear of the rabble!

Soon after Count Benkendorff left us I examined all my papers and, after burning some of them, I put the rest in order. Some of my private papers must be preserved at any cost, for they have bearing on history. My wife tells me to destroy them all, for fear that a few might incriminate us. I will not listen to her advice. I am not a coward to cheat the historian for fear of consequences.

Kerensky visited me. I had thought he was a generous big man. I am unpleasantly disappointed with him. He has not an honest face, and his eyes are not steady.

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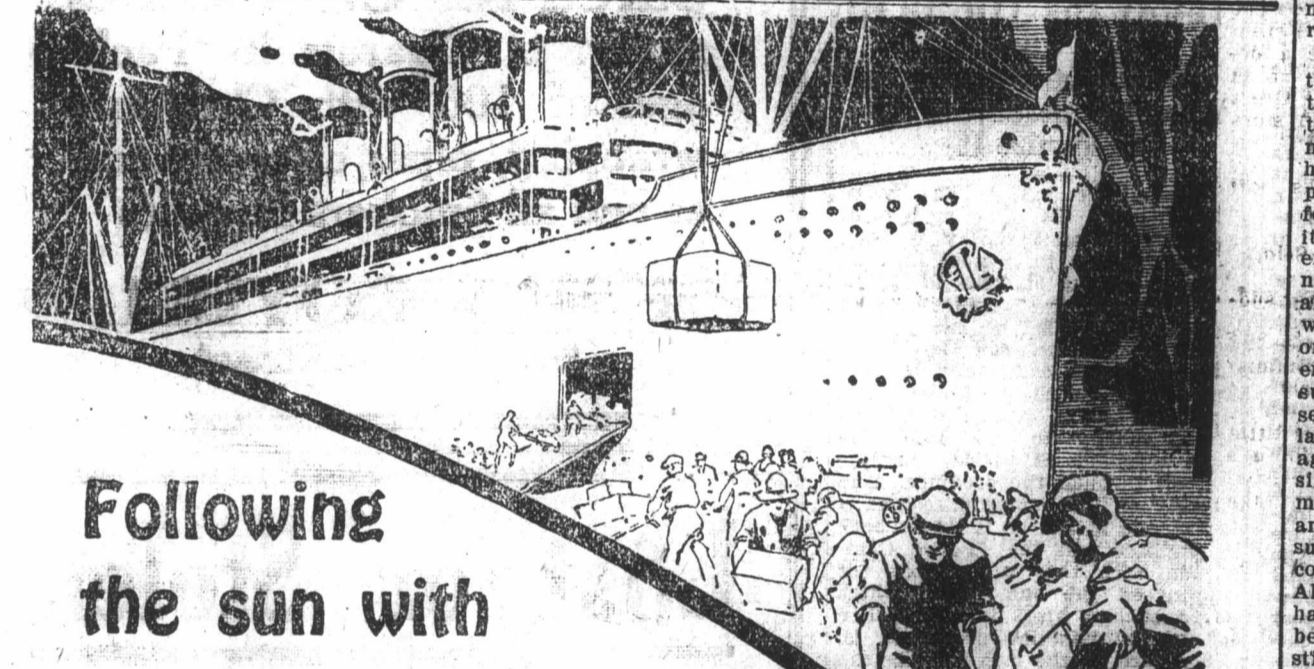
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"After Every Meal"

Thursday, March 9th, 1917, Tsarko Selo.

At 11.30 this morning we reached Tsarko Selo. The place is changed and I can hardly believe that it is the same place. Even the appearance of the town is changed. Everything has gone through a great transformation. The streets are full of soldiers and the place is surrounded by sinister-looking guards, and uncanny-looking non-commissioned officers fill the great court. They are disrespectful to me and their behavior is abominable. But I have at least seen my dear wife and children. My beloved Alexandra is looking well, but my children are all ill with measles, and are all lying in a dark room. They are getting on well with the exception of Marie, whose illness is just beginning. My wife is frantic with fear and still thinks about the past and what might have been done. I appealed to her to calm herself and put her trust in God. She became calm and tried to become courageous. Occasionally we hear shouts and stunts from the great court and these terrifies Alexandra. I again appealed to her to be courageous and we both prayed to God for protection. Will He hear it?

In the afternoon I went out for a walk. Three under-tenants followed me closely. This time I found them more kind and respectful. I asked one of the officers for a snow shovel. He was amazed. "Citizen Romanoff, what will you do with a snow shovel?" he asks me. I told him that I wished to use it for what it was made. In half an hour he returned with a shovel. I cleared a path leading to the stairs and enjoyed the labor. A soldier offered to assist me. I thanked him and told him that I was enjoying the work. In the evening, with the exception of Marie, we spent the time together by ourselves. However, my wife is unhappy. She causes me worry. I wish she was courageous, as it is I who should look at the future with fear, not her. They will not harm her, because she is a woman and I am the symbol of all that was wicked in the past; I wish admit it.

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Destitution in Near East Supplies Great Problem And Also Provides Lesson DESTITUTION in the Near East is ably described in the Christian Science Monitor. It says the statement made recently to the eastern bureau of that paper by Dr. James L. Barton, of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, as to the present and future needs of the committee, if the destitution prevailing in the Near East is to be adequately met, or even mitigated, is deserving of the utmost attention. It is not only that the call to relieve the necessities of those peoples is urgent to the last degree. The matter is important also because any just appreciation of the situation cannot fail to bring with it a fuller realization of the obligation which is of necessity being laid upon the Allies to relieve the distresses of the war. There is a call that this work of relief shall be done on an unparalleled scale, and hence who will contemplate the situation with any care will recognize the fact that the call will be more insistent than ever now that the war is over. The belief that war conditions came to end over night, on the conclusion of peace, is a misconception that persists, and, if for no other reason, because they do much to dissipate this belief the figures afforded by Dr. Barton are peculiarly valuable. It is, however, the immediate appeal of Dr. Barton's statement which must claim first place. The figures are eloquent. In Asia Minor alone, Dr. Barton estimates that there are some 3,850,000 refugees, of whom about 925,000 are within reach of the distributing forces of the committee. These people are, for the most part, destitute; that is to say, they are without food, clothing, or housing of any kind. The rest of them are wandering about a countryside which has been swept clean of every edible root, or are crowded into towns and villages where only the most pressing needs of these refugees will cost about \$60,000,000 a year, and that when the work is carried out to the most economical and far-sighted way, insuring that every beneficiary shall do as much as he can toward his own maintenance, and that he shall become self-supporting at the earliest possible moment. When this is done, however, only the vestige fringe of the matter has been touched. The rest of the matter is that Dr. Barton says, "into the developments of the next twelve months, and there is every reason to believe that political, military, and other changes will be made in the Near East, and that the larger portion of all the 3,850,000 that are just now inaccessible. Unless we are at this time to save and provide for this large number of refugees, the cost of doing this will be \$200,000,000 a year." Now, it is well to face the facts of the situation, just as they stand, the more so as the urgent needs of the Near East are pretty accurately known, but the destitution of the Near East must be only a very small part of the destitution obtaining throughout immense areas of Europe, areas concerning the conditions in which little or nothing is known. From Russian Poland, however, from Bosnia-Herzegovina, from Serbia and Roumania, from the immense sections of European Russia, to say nothing of Belgium and Northern France, something more than rumors have come showing the state of deliberately imposed destitution and deliberately created desolation such as the world has never known since the days, seven centuries ago, when the Arab host swept out of Asia and over Europe, spreading ruin and rapine broadcast. It is not easy to grasp what this means. But if the cost of ministering to the needs of the comparatively small number of refugees in the Near East is, as it is, one-fourth of the entire national expenditure of a country like the United Kingdom in peace time, some idea may be obtained of the cost which will be involved in meeting the needs of that vast army of destitution which at the present time is inoperative. Now this is, of course, very far from being an argument for pessimism. It is, however, an argument for a fuller recognition of the great fact that the old order is not passing; it is already passed; that the world will no more be able to return to pre-war conditions than the bear-stalk can return to its seed, that after the cost of the war will come the cost of reconstruction, and that whilst this is being met the great work of reviving values, in the truest sense of the word, is being done. What exactly the result will be, on one can precisely say, but toward the achievement of the best result the importance of facing facts cannot be overestimated.

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