

SEARCH FOR FACTORIES

WHAT DELAYS LONDON'S INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION?

Many Contend Lack of Sufficient Suitable Land For Factory Sites—Mayor-Elect Wenige Will Start Thorough Investigation During Coming Year.

WILL INSPECT CITY'S 'INDUSTRIAL AREA'

What is the chief stumbling block in the path of London's industrial expansion? Amongst others, the chamber of commerce has long contended that lack of sufficient land, desirable for factory purposes, is one of the outstanding drawbacks in this connection. Direct reference has been made to the fact that the corporation owns in the southeastern section of the community a tract of land, commonly known as the "industrial area," which is practically valueless under prevailing conditions, experts declare. Mayor-elect George Wenige expressed the frank opinion today that while he was not fully conversant with the true facts of the case, it was certainly time for a full consideration of the problem and possible definite action during the coming year. His worship has acquired possession of a detailed draft of the property at issue, and gives assurance that at the first opportunity he will undertake a personal inspection of the same in company with members of the city council, or all others interested, if possible, so that what is actually required, and at what probable expenditure. "London must grow and grow fast," the mayor stated, "and every effort should be expended from this moment on to remove every impediment from our path to progress. London is gradually but surely attaining that period of its growth which, once passed, will mean that nothing then can stop her. The history of our successful, prosperous communities has been the same. Once they have reached the 70,000 or 75,000 mark, they are away. Nothing stops them."

Will Probe Matter. "We should lend every encouragement to industrial and manufacturing concerns to locate here, and in order to carry out our obligations we must have a suitable site. I acknowledge that I am not as yet fully conversant with the so-called "industrial area," other than the fact that it is said to be of but little or no use until sewerage, water and other connections are effected. "All this will cost money, a great deal of money, but the question that naturally arises is whether this ex-

MARKETS AND LATEST NEWS OF THE DAY

Closing Markets and Latest News of the Day

NEW YORK MART PRICES ADVANCE

Cotton Shows Violent Uprush — U. S. Government Bonds Display Strength.

By STUART P. WEST.

Special to The Advertiser. New York, Dec. 26.—Further advance in the greater part of the stock exchange list today occurred simultaneously with another violent uprush in commodities, the latter display of strength in United States government bonds. The new treasury 4 1/2's got back to par for the first time in over a month, and the Liberty group all went higher. This reflected the customary preparation on the part of the investment capital for the dividend and interest disbursements at the new year. It could not be said, however, that the same influence was manifest in other parts of the bond market. The contrast between the rather quiet and very irregular investment movement of the day with the construction and sharply advancing prices a year ago this month, was a striking one. It showed on the one hand the thoroughness with which investment values have discounted the season's decline in money and on the other hand the conviction that trade demands in 1923 will be large enough to prevent any further lowering of rates, even if they do not bring about a higher level of money interest.

New York Stocks

Open	High	Low	Final
Am. Beet Sugar	39	40	39
American Sugar	74	75	74
Am. Cane Sugar	44 1/2	45 1/2	44 1/2
Am. Cotton	78 1/2	79 1/2	78 1/2
Am. Lard	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2
Am. Petroleum	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2
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Am. T. & E.	12 1/2	13 1/2	12 1/2
Am. Tobacco	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2
Am. Wool	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2
Am. Zinc	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2
Am. Iron	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2
Am. Steel	18 1/2	19 1/2	18 1/2
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With the Old 18th Battalion, Christmas, Seven Years Ago

Beloved Chaplain Conducts Services for Little Groups of Canadians in Front Line—Thus Many Boys of Dominion Celebrate Yuletide.

Seven years ago Christmas week the 18th Battalion occupied front line trenches in the Ypres sector. The days were as many other days, sharp and clear, ground frozen, uncertain skies, the sort of weather a Canadian can stand up to.

The "pop-pop" of German bullets against the sand-bags did not disturb the London and Western Ontario boys who clustered in the ways. It was Christmas, come what may, and these were sunny souls, full of hope, who stood to, and sent snatches of songs into the air. It was better to weave into life such a day than to have been indecisive—the cause was hot in the blood of men then, and these 18th chaps had kept their souls tuned to the cause—war waged in the spirit of a crusade for right, no matter what the cynics said, may or may not.

Chaplain Conducts Service. Capt. Arthur Carlisle, chaplain of the battalion, came into the trenches that day to administer the sacrament of the Church of England. To reach his battalion he had been compelled to make a detour of a dozen miles. He came into the front line, in his purple, white and gold, and many times during the day, with eight, ten or a dozen men gathered in a bay, he went through the service of communion.

The bursts of machine gun and rifle fire, with the dull bass notes of heavy guns rolling like the thunders of a great organ under the sharper minor sounds—it was to this accompaniment that the clear, mellow tones of the organ were heard.

Bread and Wine. Men and officers stood bareheaded and partook of the bread and wine, symbols of an eternal life.

And before that Christmas Day of 1915 was gone there were those of the battalion whose souls had winged "across the bar." Carried stiff and stark from the trench where, a few hours before, they had received "the resurrection and the life," they had fallen under German fire.

Comes as Benediction. The memory of this day comes before the men of the 18th as a benediction. The survivors are scattered to the four winds. The intense commercialism of an after-war period has brought many of them to face another sort of struggle, often with more insidious influences to battle than those of the war.

But, no matter what they are, none could have let this Christmas go by without thinking of that day seven years ago—their truly loved ones, who were with them, who were ever cramped space the lines of fire would permit, breathing, living, loving, thinking beings one moment, and dead the next.

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Broom Suggests Civic Clean-Up

The municipality of London possesses a brand new broom. This was numbered among the Christmas gifts to Mayor-elect George Wenige, together with a card conveying the polite suggestion that "it was time for a general clean-up in certain quarters."

The mayor-elect still has the broom at his disposal, but to do most of the work explicitly just what he actually intends to do with it.

Francis Floyd Wins Rifle Championship

London's Crack Youthful Marksman Again Carries Off District Honors.

Francis Floyd, age 15, of St. James Park P.O., has been declared the London, Ont., state individual champion in a series of matches conducted by the Winchester Junior Rifle Corps. Francis Floyd's score was 200 out of the possible 200.

This match was shot according to the W. J. R. C. shooting rules over a 50-foot range in the local Y. M. C. A. using the official W. J. R. C. five-point target. The match was open to all of the members who have qualified as sharpshooters, these numbering approximately 5,000. Two elimination matches were conducted, first, the local match, in which the local champion, which was shot in one position, and second, the state match to determine the state champion, which match was shot in two positions, namely, standing (off hand) and prone.

The 25 highest from each state are listed in the national individual champion, which was shot in one position, and second, the state match to determine the state champion, which match was shot in two positions, namely, standing, kneeling and sitting. This match was conducted from December 11 through to December 23.

WANT LABOR MAN ON L. AND P. S. BOARD

Local Party Recommend Personal of Railway Commission Be Decided by Popular Vote.

Just who should sit on the London and Port Stanley Railway Commission in 1923 is a question that has received attention recently at the Labor headquarters and elsewhere in municipal circles.

Commissioners Philip Pocock and Frank Harley are completing a one-year term, and it is the opinion of the Labor element today that one of their successors should be a straight Labor representative.

With this end in view, names of suitable persons believed to be qualified to act in that capacity are under consideration, and it is more than likely that Labor's representatives in the city council will press for an appointment of this nature.

There are those also who have long contended that the personnel of the L. and P. S. commission should be chosen at regular intervals by the popular vote of the electorate.

During the recent municipal campaign the challenge was hurled time and again by the public platform by an ardent aspirant that it was time for a change. It is now frankly intimated that an effort will be made to secure legislation that will render this procedure possible.

As a matter of fact, the London Labor party has always stood for the election of all public representatives on spending bodies by the vote of the people. A plank specifying this is incorporated in the platform of the London Labor party and is general in its meaning.

IS ONLY CITY WITH CIVIC FISH MARKET

Will Likely Induce Other Cities to Follow Suit, Says Washington.

Washington, Dec. 26.—London, Ontario, has the distinction of having the only municipal fish market in the province, and its efforts to reduce the cost of living will probably induce other cities to try the experiment.

Consul G. R. Taggart, American consul in London, informed the department of commerce here that a surplus of \$416,000 was created last year. The market is under the direction of the city treasurer, and in charge of a salaried manager, and is housed in market buildings.

All of the fish, except varieties from Lake Erie, are purchased through large dealers of Toronto, and retail prices range from 5 to 15 cents below those charged by private dealers. About 150,000 pounds of fish are disposed of annually at the municipal market on the cash and carry plan.

CLANDEBOYE ANGLICANS HOLD PLEASANT CONCERT

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WILL SEEK FREEDOM FOR DELORME TRIAL

Matter Being Placed Before Sir Francois Lemieux Demanding Release.

EXPECT DEVELOPMENTS Many Believe Abbe Could Be Cleared On Charge of Murder.

Special to The Advertiser. Quebec, Dec. 26.—Once more the Delorme affair is being placed in the limelight, procedures having begun to obtain the repeal of the interdiction decree issued by Justice Brunau in October last, preventing the abbe from exercising control over his estate. The matter is now before Sir Francois Lemieux, chief justice of the superior court of his province, who has been asked not only to return to Abbe Delorme his capacity to administer his affairs, but also to order him to be released from the St. Michael Asylum, so as to allow him to stand his trial.

Among the points raised in the petition, which is to be placed on Thursday, are that the abbe has never appeared before the court pronouncing his interdiction in Montreal nor been represented by a medical man, who could have testified as to his mental condition, also that he could not be heard there, as he is no longer a resident of the metropolis, that he has never suffered from insanity, and even if he had, he is absolutely cured now, that he is mentally examined it would be easily proven that he is really sane. The petition concludes, asking that a trial be granted to the abbe, as he is not a member of the institution, and his inmate any longer because he is not insane.

The petition as presented was also served on Dr. Brochu, superintendent of the St. Michael Asylum, and to the attorney-general. It is understood that in the event of Abbe Delorme being granted his freedom he will be immediately brought before the jury to stand his trial, and to that effect he has retained the services of Allyn Taschereau, K.C., a local attorney.

Commenting on this procedure, Dr. Brochu stated this morning to The Advertiser: "This is an organized binary step which is very often favorably received by a judge, who makes an examination of the inmate." It was further stated that developments which have occurred in this sensational case and which have been controlled by the authorities, are of a very serious nature, and that the abbe would soon result in the abbe being given full opportunity to justify himself on the accusations against him. The provincial detective would follow a new trail and following new clues, which might lead to unexpected developments. It is also stated that the religious authorities, which have changed their views on the whole affair and have been informed authoritatively that the abbe would be in a position now to justify himself. According to the same source of information, which includes Dr. Brochu, the abbe would have been the victim of a very serious plot to throw suspicions on him, and within a very short time the developments that are being meted out to the abbe would be extremely interesting, and would be recorded in the criminal annals of Canada.

Since his transfer to the St. Michael Asylum, more than 18 months ago, after he had been declared unfit to stand his trial for the murder of his half-brother Raoul, Abbe Delorme has received many visitors, who have waited on him at attorneys in his case. Even on Christmas day he has been refused the privilege of seeing his family. "He is in good mood, however," stated Dr. Brochu, "and I have not changed my views in regard to his mental condition."

The abbe has not been allowed to mix with any other of the inmates, and the only favor granted to him has been to allow him to take a walk on a garden path located in the rear of the institution.

BLENHEIM ELECTS REYCRAFT MAYOR

Becomes Chief Magistrate by Acclamation, Other Nominations Failing to Qualify.

Special to The Advertiser. Blenheim, Dec. 26.—George F. Reycraft is mayor of Blenheim by acclamation, all other nominations failing to qualify. J. B. Little, mayor, is contesting the reevehip. Councillor A. G. Shillington decided to stay in the councillor's class for another year. The present reeve, Alex. Clunis, is again in the field for the reevehip. His speech at the ratepayers' meeting was a splendid report of the year's work of both the town and county business.

The ratepayers have given their consent to the school question apparently by electing the three members of the present school board, Messrs. R. L. Gonnell, J. L. Rose and W. E. Hewitt, who were unanimous in their support. All three are in the field for the reevehip.

The following have qualified to run for councillors: Councillors A. G. Shillington, J. H. Ferguson, Peter Labadie, C. W. McPherson, Samuel Reek, J. E. Clements, P. T. K. Lee, James E. Sterling and John Lee are seeking election without any previous experience.

Harwich Township. John A. Cameron, the present reeve of Harwich, is again in the field for the reevehip. He is supported by Michael J. Wilson, a reeve of 1899. Deputy Reeve Angus McMillan is elected by acclamation. For councillor the following have qualified: Messrs. J. H. Gonnell, Samuel McCormick, Samuel McEachern and Samuel Burk, are in the field, with Percy Stansfield, a new aspirant.

FIRES PRIEST'S HOME, LUNATIC IS ARRESTED

Winipeg, Dec. 26.—Louis Lariviere, who resides in the vicinity of Salted, Man., was arrested, to be examined for sanity, after having, it is alleged, fired several shots through a window of the residence of Rev. Father Moquin, the parish priest. A large stock of firearms are alleged to have been found on the premises occupied by Lariviere.

EVERYBODY'S "SPEYING!"

Why not you, too? Keep your eyes open for what he wanted; something you see, not a funny conversation or an old joke.

One dollar awaits "V. W." who contributed the winning item today. On Sunday afternoon a man coming down York street on a bicycle to the bridge arriving around every once in a while as though someone was following him. When about the center of the bridge he turned again to look, but lost his balance, and went sprawling on all fours. A parcel was seen to slip out of his pocket, roll to the edge and go over, striking the ice and breaking into a dozen pieces. The man crawled to the edge and looked down, mumbling to himself, "I knew I wouldn't get it home safe."—V. W.

In the Hydro Shop window, the sign: "Only 25 more shopping days." When do they figure Christmas is?—W. G.

A touring car, on Dundas street, bearing a dealer's license, which was put on upside down. Was he caught?—JERRY.

A woman, step up to a slot weighing scale, look at herself. Seeing that she had her heavy fur coat on, she calmly took it off, but a checker on the left arm, and then stepped on the scales.—A. NUT.

While waiting at the corner of Kent and Richmond streets for a street car at about 10:30 p.m., a man appeared who had imbibed too freely of Christmas cheer, and asked cheerfully if it was night or morning.—NICK.

At the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets, a young lady wearing a pair of spats—very evidently new, for the price tag was plainly visible below the short skirt. A whisper in the crowd.—BUNNY.

Weight-Guessing Championship Annexed by Local Resident

The cut-glass wash rag, emblematic of the weight-guessing championship of the world, was won by Russell Toll, 623 Elizabeth street, on Saturday last.

The competition was arranged by W. Marsh, local butcher, who gave a prize for the person who was first to guess the weight of a box of soap. Mr. Toll examined the animal and promptly said "343 pounds 7 ounces."

The sad-eyed calf, however, weighed just one ounce more, but it was the closest guess on record, and Mr. Toll went away with the laurels. The winner is an expert in judging weights. It is true he was one ounce out, but other contestants claim that Mr. Toll could have guessed the weight of a drum had he wished, but he did not like to convey the impression of infallibility.

Mr. Toll won the 100-pound bag of flour for his unusual feat.

Twelve Highest Judges in Britain Worry Over Scotsman's Bad Penny

Special to The Advertiser. London, Dec. 26.—Twelve of the highest judges in Great Britain have passed upon the grave question of a penny belonging to a doubtful Scotsman, but the case hasn't been decided yet.

It is now before the Scotch Lords by order of the highest court in all the British Empire—the Law Lords of the House of Lords. All because John Percy, a machinist on a Glasgow newspaper is suing for carrying it through to a finish.

The case began some time ago when Percy was a conductor on the Glasgow tram line. He boarded a train which was carrying a large number of passengers, and offered a penny for his fare.

The conductor refused to accept it. It was a bad penny and nicked, he said. He wouldn't stand for it, he added.

Numbers attend funeral of Jonathan Corbett

Tillsburg and Visiting Foresters Pay Last Respect To Honored Pastmaster.

Special to The Advertiser. Tillsburg, Dec. 26.—The funeral of the late Jonathan Corbett, of Brownsville, Ont., who died quite suddenly on Wednesday afternoon, was held Saturday morning.

Special services were conducted in the Methodist Church by the Rev. Veale and Rev. Millson. The edifice was inadequate to accommodate the large crowd which attended. Two autos were required to hold the profusion of flowers.

The deceased had been postmaster and general merchant for over 40 years. He survived by his wife and one son, Norman W. of Brownsville, also two grandchildren, Harry and Agnes, and one sister, Mrs. Ralph Godkin, of Gannock, Ont. He was a consistent Methodist and active in every form of public service. Otter Lodge, No. 50, I.O.O.F., Tillsburg, suggested by the presence of members from Aylmer, Culloden, St. Thomas, London, Ingersoll and other district lodges, attended the services in a body. The funeral will be held on Wednesday at the grave being conducted by Bros. Fero and Simon of Tillsburg. The pallbearers were: Charles Downing, R. Hawkins, John Hopkins, T. Ager, T. C. Edlington, Fred Brown.

International Yacht Race Stirrs the Sporting World

Duke of Leinster and Commodore Nutting Arrange Atlantic Competition—English Peer's Traditions Enhance Interest.

Special to The Advertiser. Copyright. New York, Dec. 26.—International amateur sport has had nothing in prospect for a long time which is more interesting than the agreement between the Duke of Leinster and Commodore William Washburn Nutting to race across the Atlantic next summer in large yachts. The final conditions of the race have not been agreed upon, but it is safe to say that they will provide for a real sporting contest.

The standing of each of the two Anglo-Saxon and Celtic nations is amply guaranteed that it will be a true test of skill and courage.

Few persons realize what a background such a contest has, in an interesting thing to trace the development of the sporting spirit, and in search of sporting events none could have been picked who is better fitted historically than the same Duke of Leinster.

A funeral procession going south on a trolley street, and a young couple driving a delivery truck west on Dundas street, who joined the procession, narrowly escaping what might have been a serious accident but for the careful maneuvering of the drivers behind. He followed the procession to the corner of the Market Square, then raced out and across the square.—J. M.

During the five o'clock rush hour on the street cars, people were packed so on an Oxford street, when a passenger wanted to get out about a dozen people had to get out on the street also, just to make room for his exit. A young man, who was just catching a cold, felt a sneeze coming on and, not being able to get his handkerchief to his nose, his sneeze being pinned in another passenger's face, giving him a most undesirable shower.—BUNNY.

TERRIFIC STORMS SWEEP ATLANTIC

Gale-Swept and Battered Liners Reach Port Many Hours Late.

Canadian Press. New York, Dec. 26.—Three liners arriving in port yesterday from Europe, two or three days late, reported continuous gales and mountainous seas. The White Star liner Cedric arrived two days late from Liverpool, the Red Star liner Zealand three days late from Antwerp, via Southampton and the United States of the Scandinavia-American lines, arrived two days late from Copenhagen and Christiania.

Captain G. R. Metcalfe of the Cedric, said his ship passed through a series of westerly gales culminating in a hurricane late Tuesday, when the winds and sea were so terrific that the Cedric was slowed down to five knots, which was just steering way.

Captain Metcalfe reported that on Tuesday five steamships in touch with the Cedric, were holed, and one freighter, the Meipo, had her steering gear out of commission. He added that there had been storms in the Atlantic for a month now without a lull.

Officers of the Zealand reported that the wind blew so hard after leaving the English Channel, that the ship could scarcely make headway, and the passengers could not go on deck for fear of being swept overboard by the huge waves which thundered over the bow.

In speaking of the stormy passage, Captain Metcalfe said that the United States said that the ship's barometer rose and fell more quickly than he had ever before known. He said that on Dec. 15 an 80-mile gale blew, and that this was followed on the 21st by a hurricane which blew down the aerial of the ship's wireless.

The liner, the Capt. Voldborg said the hurricane measured 120 miles an hour, the scale limit, and indicated a wind of 100 and 120 miles an hour, the captain said. The funnels and masts of the liners are encrusted with salt from the spray. Numbers of days which were blown out to sea from the south coast of Ireland and could not get back again. The gale blew so hard that sea gulls and molly hawks could not fly against it, sailors reported.

TURKISH DELEGATE DESIRES FREEDOM

Ismet Pasha Asks Angora To Be Released From Flat Orders.

By HENRY WOOD. Special Cable to The Advertiser. Lausanne, Dec. 26.—When the Lausanne conference resumed its session, Ismet Pasha sent to Angora a mandate, declaring that unless he is work after Christmas recess, he would resign from flat orders not to give ground on disputed points, peace is impossible.

The minorities commission met today, and others will take up the final details of the peace agreement tomorrow, with hopes of reaching a settlement before the new year with little prospect of anything being signed before the middle of January.

Direction of the Turks to a recess at Christmas, a holiday which they said meant nothing to them, was overcome by Lord Curzon, who remained at Lausanne in private conversation with Ottoman delegates. They reached further agreement regarding freedom of the straits, the Turks being refused permission to fortify the entrances, but being granted the right to a garrison of 3,000 men at Gallipoli, with no artillery.

The Allies hope to clear up one or two minor points and sign something Thursday, so that the Russians will no longer have excuse for remaining at Lausanne.

Agreement regarding the Mosul oil regions, which the British wish to attach to Iraq, and possess, appeared no nearer.

Capitulations appears the most dangerous subject, and it was on this point that Ismet Pasha asked authority of the Angora government to concede a little.

BARBERS REPORT SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Predict Return to Normalcy in 1923, Elect New Officers.

The worst has been passed and 1923 should witness a real return to normalcy, according to the local journeymen barbers who just previous to the holiday considered their reports for the past twelve months and elected officers for the ensuing year.

Rufus Hammond will occupy the president's chair during the next term while Sim Thompson was re-elected as secretary-treasurer. C. Sleith was chosen as recorder, with A. C. Steik as guide. The following delegates were appointed to represent the union in the central labor body, the London Trades and Labor Council—R. Yorke, J. J. McDougall, A. Ellwood.

C. Steik was re-elected as many of the union delegates to the local branch of the Canadian Labor Party, to which body the barbers of London are affiliated.

Reports submitted at the last session, financial and otherwise, showed that the local union is in a flourishing state, with expectations for greater strides and efforts in 1923 than ever before.

The barbers will insist during 1923 however, that they receive greater co-operation from other affiliated bodies, and are even now instituting a check to insure this.

SCHOOL INSPECTORS TALK ABOUT PROBLEMS

Meet in School Board Offices to Discuss Educational Questions.

Fourteen public and separate school inspectors from Southwestern Ontario met Saturday afternoon in the offices of the school board to discuss problems in their respective districts. J. H. Thompson, public school inspector for Middlesex, acted as chairman, and J. H. Smith, public school inspector for Stratford, acted as secretary.

The meeting is an annual affair, and is generally held during the Christmas recess. At the conclusion of the meeting, details to the work of the inspectors, details not given out for publication.

MAYOR CAMERON WILSON SAYS RETIREMENT "FINE"

What does it feel like to be a retiring mayor? Mayor Cameron Wilson in this connection today, receiving the prompt reply: "Splendid. Good business. I never enjoyed my life. No quarrels or controversies."

The "Dying Gladiator," as he has been referred to by aldermen-elect, is going out of office at the conclusion of his term with the kindest feelings toward all, he asserts, and conveys his best wishes to all citizens for a happy and prosperous New Year.

TWO HAPPY AFTERNOONS MARK KNOLLWOOD CLOSE

Two happy afternoons marked the closing of Knollwood school, when on Thursday afternoon Miss Screech and Miss Cuthbertson's classes excited the mothers to hear of the program in the kindergarten and see their gorgeous trees.

On Friday afternoon the mothers were the guests of Miss Tolhurst and Miss Broughton's classes. Each child was delighted to receive a stocking brimming with candies, nuts, popcorn and an orange of the Christmas tree.

HAMILTON ROAD CONCERT

The Hamilton Road Presbyterian Sunday School presented its annual Christmas entertainment in the schoolroom of the church. The program consisted of recitations and dialogues all of which were put on by the different classes of the Sunday school.

Obituaries

MRS. LOUISE BEHNKE. The death of Mrs. Louise Behnke, widow of the late John Behnke, occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Orchard, 91 Stanley street, this morning. Mrs. Behnke was in her 84th year, and had been a resident of Ontario for 68 years, having come here from Germany at an early age.

The funeral arrangements, which have not yet been made, will be announced at a later date.

STANLEY BELCH. Stanley Belch, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Belch, died at the family residence, 66 Clarence street, this morning at the age of three months.

The funeral will be held from the above address on Wednesday afternoon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

MRS. ROBERT SUGDEN. Mrs. Ellen Sugden, widow of the late Robert Sugden, in the city Sunday last, in her 86th year.

The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 p.m. from the residence of Mrs. Sugden, 104 Mabel street, West Nissouri, and interment was made in the Presbyterian Cemetery, Nissouri Township. Rev. Mr. Kallman conducted the services.

HENRY DOCKER. The death of Henry Docker of Westminster Township occurred at Victoria Hospital Saturday last. Mr. Docker was 84 years of age, and leaves his widow, of this city, and one daughter, Mrs. Udder of St. Thomas.

The funeral services were held at A. L. Oatman's undertaking parlors this afternoon at 2 p.m. in the direction of Rev. R. Mess, and interment was made in the St. Thomas Union Cemetery.

MRS. MARY HUDSON. Mrs. Mary Hudson passed away at the home of her son-in-law, William Galpin, 1024 Mabel street, city, Sunday last. Mrs. Hudson had been a resident of London for the past 45 years.

The funeral was held this afternoon from the undertaking parlors of E. Killingsworth at 2 p.m., and Rev. Mr. Houston conducted the services. Interment was made in Sileon Cemetery, London Township.

KEITH JACKSON. Keith Jackson, aged 10, of Parkhill, passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital this morning following an attack of typhoid fever.

The particularly pathetic phase of this case is the fact that his mother, Mrs. Milen Jackson, and five of his brothers are also in the hospital suffering from the same malady. The body will be forwarded from the undertaking parlors of A. L. Oatman this afternoon to Parkhill, where interment will be made on Thursday.

CROWDS THROG STATIONS AS CHRISTMAS TIME ENDS

Trains Packed as People Return to Work in Other Centers.

Reminders of Christmas were seen at both the Canadian Pacific and Ontario when the platforms were thronged with people bound for various centers in the province after spending the 25th with their relatives or friends in the Forest City.

The early morning trains leaving London carried away a goodly number of the holiday travelers, probably those to whom it was imperative that business life begin again next morning. Larger numbers left on the late morning trains and the noon trains were crowded.

Hundreds of Londoners also arrived in the city this morning after passing the Yuletide festival in other cities and towns in the province.

ELECT OFFICERS TO CHOIR OF ST. JAMES ANGLICAN

The annual meeting of St. James' Anglican choir took place Friday night, and the following officers were re-installed for the year 1923:

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Everyone enjoyed the songs and songs of the children, and the Christmas tree was very attractive. Burton Hodgson made a splendid Santa Claus.

The Rev. K. McGowan was chairman. The proceeds of the entertainment will be used in procuring supplies for the Sabbath School.

The pupils of S. S. No. 4, McMillan, held their closing concert on the afternoon of December 22, at the school. The secretary, R. J. Carter, acted as Santa Claus and distributed the presents from the gaily decorated Christmas tree. The program was given entirely by the pupils, and everyone spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

HIRAM DONKIN TO RETIRE. Halifax, N.S., Dec. 26.—Announcement is made of the retirement, to take effect January 1, of Hiram Donkin, deputy minister of mines in Nova Scotia since 1904. He will be succeeded by Thomas J. Brown, late general manager of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company at Sydney Mines.

To Stop a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative BROMO QUININE Tablets. The box bears the signature of Dr. J. C. Williams.

BEETLE CREW OF TUG ON ERIE HAVE PERISHED

Airplane Searches Lake For Missing Vessel With Eight Men Aboard.

FOG HAMPERS WORK

Rumor Continues That the Cornell Burned and Foundered.

Special to The Advertiser. Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Search for the missing tug Cornell, which left here Thursday for Buffalo with a crew of eight men, was continued today by a fleet of tugs and an airplane.

The tug is believed to have gone down in Lake Erie with all on board. The tugs which left here today will cover a radius of 30 miles between Cleveland and Buffalo. The airplane is keeping in touch with the ship by signals.

Armen searching the far reaches of Lake Erie today for the tug, were hampered in their work by a heavy haze and fog. Marine men in Erie, Pa., who have followed the hunt for the boat since she disappeared last Thursday, expressed the belief that the Cornell had burned and foundered, pointing out that the tug, which had not been used for two years, was very dry when she put to sea.

EMINENT ACTRESS IS MUCH IMPROVED

Reports of Her Dying Condition Said to Have Been Erroneous.

Paris, Dec. 26.—Sarah Bernhardt is greatly improved today and was able to rise.

The famous actress, who has been critically ill for a week, brought rejoicing to hundreds of friends and prominent people, social and theatrical personages, who had gathered at her home upon erroneous reports that she was dying, by recovering from a severe relapse and getting up out of bed.

Mme. Bernhardt was stricken with a fainting spell Dec. 17, during final rehearsal of her new play. Despite the critical nature of her illness, the tragedienne used the mysterious will power to fight off sinking spells, declaring that if she must die would do so while acting on the stage.

JAPS STILL SPEND MUCH ON MILITARY

More Than One-Third of Budget Is Devoted To Defence.

Tokio, Dec. 26.—The Japanese budget is still drawn up largely along military lines.

Of the total expenditure provided for in the estimates amounting to approximately \$675,000,000, the war office estimates appropriations will exceed \$100,000,000, according to the plan endorsed by the cabinet council and the navy department.

The army department states that it has effected a decrease of about \$23,000,000, but these figures are inclusive of over \$10,000,000 in savings from withdrawal of the garrison from Tsing-Tao, and \$4,000,000 which is caused by temporary postponement of various schemes. The \$12,000,000, which represents the saving from so-called readjustment of armaments will be largely counterbalanced by what the war department proposes to demand in the form of a supplementary budget in respect to the discharge money.

FLAMES DESTROY HOME OF WEST LORNE FARMER

Fire Department Arrives Too Late To Save Remains of Duncan McKillop.

Special to The Advertiser. West Lorne, Dec. 26.—The home of Mr. Duncan McKillop, west of Erie, was completely destroyed by fire about 5 o'clock Sunday morning.

The fire engine first was unable to get there in time to do any good. By herculean efforts the contents were saved. Mr. McKillop's loss will be large.

West Lorne will have to have another nomination to secure the fourth member of the council for 1923. At 9 o'clock Saturday night only Councilors Huneburger and Bole and Mr. Frank Webber, a new man, had qualified.

T. B. and J. M. Skinner of Windsor are home for the holidays. Miss Helen Sims of Leamington are visiting in West Lorne. Irvin Doan of Detroit is visiting near the village.

Joseph Daley, who has been employed in St. Thomas for some months, has returned home. Mr. Kimmberly, who is relieving at the M. C. R. depot at Tillsonburg, is home for the holiday. Miss Madeline Baldwin of London is spending Christmas at her home here.

Special music and song services were conducted in all the churches Sunday. Henry Wade of Jarvis has been renewing acquaintances in this vicinity during the past week.

FORT WILLIAM USES LIME BECAUSE WATER TOO PURE

Special to The Advertiser. Fort William, Ont., Dec. 26.—Fort William has too pure water. Tanks without any sediment oxidize tanks. So the city chemist has to place lime in the water to offset this unusual condition.

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WILL DEMAND HELP BE GIVEN CITY JOBLESS

Recent Action Arouses Dr. Stevenson and Heads of Labor Party.

WILL GO TO TORONTO

Deputation Expected to Demand Thorough Explanation of Matter.

Fully aroused by recent developments, Dr. Hugh A. Stevenson, M. P., will carry the fight for the city's unemployed directly to the Provincial Legislature.

At noon today the Labor member for London tendered The Advertiser definite assurance that once he becomes acquainted with the precise wish of his associates in the London Labor Party, he will proceed without unnecessary delay, to the capital to press for financial assistance as was forthcoming last winter.

It is more than likely that he will be accompanied by Aldermen-elect Frank McKay and John Colbert, who, as leaders of the two local Labor groups moved Sunday last for action in this direction.

It is Dr. Stevenson's suggestion that they also journey to Toronto to lend their weight in the official report from the local branch of the Canadian Labor Party.

"I will certainly take this question up with the government," stated the member, "just as soon as I have conferred with the two Labor councillors. We will certainly press this question to the limit. I will go directly to Toronto for that purpose, and will ask them to accompany me."

Alderman Gordon B. Drake joined today with his colleagues in the new city council, and is being tested against the communication received last week from the Hon. Frank C. Biggs, denying further financial assistance to its big sum in special work for the jobless.

Ald. Drake delivered a scathing denunciation of the Drury administration in his response. "It is certainly not fair play," he asserted. "The entire trouble has been, to my mind, the provincial government's refusal to grant the several municipalities the small grants to which they are entitled."

"It is a question that they should not shelve. We have men who are willing to work, but when they have nothing to do, what can be done. The city and the federal government are willing to undertake their share and Hamilton tomorrow, Ontario, and I think that the same action should be forthcoming from Toronto."

SIR ADAM AT BEAMSVILLE.

Special to The Advertiser. Toronto, Dec. 26.—Sir Adam Beck speaks at Beamsville and Grimsby today and Hamilton tomorrow. On Thursday and Friday he will address meetings in Toronto.

Jogging his twenty or thirty mile route in a horse and buggy or, as many of the more modern do, in a well-worn "fiver," the mail carrier has become one of the most interesting factors in rural life.

His daily arrival is something of an event in the lives of the country folk. He comes to the more or less isolated a link with the world; for many an old farmer, he conveys the weekly supply of tobacco and "humbugs."

And behind the rural mail delivery, an institution now considered quite indispensable, lies an interesting history in which George Wilcox, a farmer of Springfield, whose boyhood days were spent near Toronto, plays the central part. Mr. Wilcox, while paying a brief visit in the city, called at The Advertiser office to reminisce about olden times.

Father of Rural Mail. Known as the father of the rural mail delivery in Canada, Mr. Wilcox's purpose was common with that of the late John Wanamaker, said to have been the founder of the system in the United States and postmaster-general in 1891, when he received appropriations of a few thousand dollars to start several trial routes.

Another Mr. Wilcox sent between four and five hundred letters to Canadian newspapers before his object was accomplished, and went personally to Mr. Lemieux, then postmaster-general, and Sir Wilfrid

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HOME-MADE RADIO MAKES NEW RECORD

Amateur in France Hears Voice Speaking From Iowa.

Special Cable to The Advertiser. Paris, Dec. 26.—J. L. Luntley, amateur wireless operator living in a suburb of Colombes, in the department of the Seine, using a tiny home-made radio set, received a message on a cigar box, last night heard somebody talking in Iowa.

The voice began, "I wonder what the boys in England are thinking about now?" Luntley declared he could even distinguish the American accent. Colloquially, the wireless telephone conversation in Iowa was picked up, is at approximately longitude 48.50 N., latitude 2.14 W.

U. S. PROHIBITION AGENTS VIOLATE LAWS BY RAIDS

Philadelphia, Dec. 25.—(By Canadian Press.)—Declaring that United States prohibition agents violated the fourth amendment to the constitution in making raids without proper search warrants, Judge Thompson, in the United States district court, has dismissed two liquor cases involving several hundred thousand dollars.

The agents, who searched for a year, raided a warehouse valued at \$300,000 of J. L. Lipschutz, where it had been stored by dry agents. Sulfur, copper coils, and other articles, whiskey, molasses and accessories worth many thousands were ordered returned to the Atlantic Food Products Company.

HOLSTEIN MAKES RECORD IN BUTTER PRODUCTION

Canadian Press. Omaha, Dec. 25.—Holst Walker Ollie Homestead, a Holstein cow, owned by the Minnesota Holstein Company at Austin, Minn., has broken the world's record for a year's production of butter. For the 365 days she gave 1,217.27 pounds of butterfat, the equivalent of 1,521.6 pounds of butter.

The former record of 1,506.3 pounds of butter was held by Duchess Skynolds, a Holstein, a Holstein that died in Minneapolis a few years ago, he said.

Father of Rural Mail Tells of Achievement

George Wilcox, of Springfield, Founder of Ontario's Farmer Delivery System, Visits London and Tells The Advertiser of His Pioneer Work.

Laurier, and the first letter appeared in The London Advertiser in December, 1905.

"It was while I was resident in the state of Michigan that I became an enthusiast for rural mail delivery," said Mr. Wilcox, "and on returning to Canada I constantly agitated through the medium of newspapers and other agencies for the establishment of such an institution, and it was finally brought about in 1908."

Historical Life. Now at the age of 76, Mr. Wilcox's life story is fast becoming history. Woven through it all is the romance of early Ontario days, the struggle with giant forests, the rough homestead clearing, the hardships of the early settler, and again the rude joys of hunting in the maple woods, or berrying amongst the tangled luxuriance of huckleberries and black currants.

Finally comes the one great thing accomplished and the establishment of a system which has brought convenience and happiness to thousands of thousands of Ontario farmers, and, as he himself declared to The Advertiser, "made the going easier for millions yet unborn."

As a result, his booklet, "The History of Rural Mail Delivery in the Ontario up to 1918," was published.

DOMINION FACES ELECTION IN 1923

Leaders Believe Coming Session Will Be Preliminary For Appeal To Country.

EXPECT VIGOROUS FIGHT

New Trade Agreement With France To Come Before House.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Parliament will open its second session early in the New Year and already the political leaders and the departments are preparing for what everyone agrees will be a momentous session. The government which carried on through the initial session with something less than a clear majority of the members will confront parliament with no greater strength than before. The mooted fusion between the Liberals and the Progressives has failed and now seems to be further away from the possibilities than ever.

C. R. Crerar, the Progressive leader, failed to bring his followers into line and resigned his leadership in consequence. Since then the Progressives of both the West and Ontario have developed strong independent tendencies. They will still give the government party support on all matters not inimical to their individual interests but will hold themselves free to vote against it, expected to be to their advantage to do so.

The precarious hold on existence enjoyed by Mackenzie King's government is not likely to be hastened by the next general election, and it may be that the forthcoming session will be but preliminary to an appeal to the country, some time within the coming year. At this rate, the ensuing session, like the last, is apt to be confined to the less contentious measures. It is expected to bring any new trials in national affairs.

H. R. WILLIAMS REFUSED BAIL BY THE COURT

Charged Under Criminal Code With Wilful Neglect in Driving Car.

SUFFERS CONCUSSION

Mrs. Helen Murchison in Serious Condition as Result of Injuries. Henry R. Williams, 755 Adelaide street, driver of the auto which crashed into the Salvation Army procession on Dundas street Sunday night, and injured several of the marchers, was remanded for eight days when he appeared in police court today. Bail was refused.

Magistrate Graydon stated that when the exact condition of the injured driver is charged under the criminal code with having charge of a motor vehicle, and that he did, by wilful neglect in omitting to properly operate the vehicle and have it under control, cause bodily harm to Mrs. Helen Murchison, 238 Nelson street. At first it was thought Mrs. Murchison had escaped with a few cuts and bruises, but physicians claim she is suffering from concussion of the brain.

Other Casualties. Mrs. Murchison's son Donald is in the hospital with a sprained leg, while Mary Teresa Bastien, a young girl, is confined to her home as a result of a head injury. She was struck by the car, but was able to come to court today and swear out information against the driver.

The Salvationists were parading on Dundas street just east of Talbot street when Williams' car came from the rear and struck them, knocking a number down and shocking others.

Remanded Eight Days. James Belbeck, charged with perjury in connection with an internal revenue act case heard recently, was also remanded for eight days. Belbeck was charged with several weeks ago with operating a still on the Waide farm, east of the city. He was fined \$100 and sentenced to the crown bench for six months.

At that time a witness was called to testify that Belbeck obtained some molasses at a local grocery store, which he admitted he obtained the molasses, but stated he had only taken it to a local grocery store, which he admitted he obtained the molasses and paid for it himself.

John Gordon, lawyer of Lambeth, arrested on a charge of having arrested in a place other than a private dwelling, contrary to the provisions of the Ontario temperance act, was allowed out on his own bail of \$1,000 and two sureties of \$500 each.

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Charged with vagrancy, James McIntyre, charged with only being out of work two days and was searching for another job. He was given his freedom to pursue his quest for employment.

DISCOVER TEETH OF MAN OF NEANDERTHAL PERIOD

Valetta, Malta, Dec. 24.—Scientists digging for prehistoric records in a cave on the island of Malta have found teeth which they believe belonged to a man who lived contemporaneously with the "Neanderthal man." The Neanderthal skull was found in Germany in 1856, and is said to be the oldest record of the human race in Europe.

The teeth were found in a remote section of the much-frequented cave called Ghar Dalam. The visits of business dignitaries and other work preparing memorials asking for a scaling down or obliteration of several of the many forms of taxation will be held in the House of Commons since the war and which are declared to be imposing an unnecessary and impossible brake upon industry and commerce.

HARDING GIVES SERVANTS GOLD CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Washington, Dec. 26.—Every employee of the White House, down to the last messenger and kitchen maid, received yesterday a gold piece with the personal compliments of the President and Mrs. Harding.

Except for the usual Christmas suspension of executives, distribution of the gifts was the only variation from the every-day routine of the White House. Because of the illness of Mrs. Harding, there were no house guests and no Christmas party.

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Says America Will Be At The Mercy of Transportation System.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The embargo on pulpwood exports from Canadian crown lands is likely to be extended to all forest lands in the Dominion, says Chief Forester William B. Greeley in the annual report of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, just issued.

Should the embargo be extended, raw wood from Canada will be completely shut off as a source of supply for the paper industry of the United States. The paper mills of this country now draw one-third of their requirements from Canada, and northeastern mills have already been seriously handicapped by the present embargo.

This illustrates, the report continues, the hazard of becoming dependent upon foreign supplies. The rapid increase in lumber shipments through the Panama canal forces shadows the time in the near future when the principal source of softwood lumber for the United States will have shifted to the west coast and the average freight cost paid by the home builder or manufacturer will have advanced to a new and higher level.

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PARIS TAXI-DRIVER PRECIPITATES RIOT

Announces No Tips Accepted and Arouses Ire of Fellow-Chauffeurs.

Paris, Dec. 26.—A man who did not want a tip caused an incipient riot in Paris recently. He was the owner of a taxi motor-car, and thought he could operate his own property as he saw fit. So he placed on his vehicle a sign reading: "I own this taxi, and I accept no tips."

The riot was caused, not by a rush of customers, but by the anger of fellow taxi-drivers. "What does this upstart mean?" asked one, climbing down from his car and hurrying toward the revolutionary war with threatening vigor. "Renegade" cried other chauffeurs from the cabstand.

Epithet followed epithet, and presently the crowd grew after the fashion of street crowds in Paris, with the customary baker's boy, butchers' boy and flock of "Midiennes." When the crowd had grown to impressive proportions the owner of the taxi said to his colleagues: "I don't accept tips, and I don't accept no tips." There was a loud chorus of "No." With no backing from possible customers, the revolutionary war was declared and he capitulated. So he took down his sign; the crowd melted, and the tipping system was saved.

RESIDENT OF WARDSVILLE DIES IN LONDON HOSPITAL

Special to The Advertiser. Wardsville, Dec. 26.—Thomas English died suddenly this week in the Ontario Hospital, London. Mr. English came to Wardsville some sixty years ago, opening up a carriage shop, which he conducted until failing health compelled him to retire. He was reeve of the village for many years, also a member of the school and library boards. He leaves a wife to mourn his loss. Interment will be in Waterdown, where he spent his boyhood days.

At the services yesterday in the Methodist Church special music was furnished by the choir, assisted by the many Christmas visitors. Rev. Mr. Bridgette gave a Christmas sermon in the morning, and in the evening he spoke on the "League of Nations."

BEAR CREEK RADIO FANS HEAR CLEMENCEAU SPEAK

Special to The Advertiser. Eldersburg, Dec. 26.—Radio fans of Bear Creek district were obtaining wonderful results from their receiving sets during the past month. Concerts have been heard quite distinctly by the choir, assisted by the many Christmas visitors. Rev. Mr. Bridgette gave a Christmas sermon in the morning, and in the evening he spoke on the "League of Nations."

Among the different speakers heard were Clemenceau, "The Tiger of France" and Prof. Black, of the New York Theological College.

BRITISH CARES FAIL TO DULL YULETIDE

King Down To Poorest Subject Go Unstated At Christmas.

CLOUDS BEGIN TO THIN

Conditions Turning For Better As Business Depression Gives Way.

Canadian Press Cable. London, Dec. 26.—Rain and sleet fell in most parts of England on Christmas Eve, replacing the snow and frosty weather which the country had experienced for some days.

With unemployment still looming largely over the land this Christmas in England is hardly a time for hilarious merrymaking. Nevertheless, there are signs at least that the clouds of industrial depression are breaking, and give everyone cause to take courage.

The King and Queen as is their custom, are spending the season at York Cottage, Sandringham, accompanied by their sons, with the exception of Prince George, who is still in the hospital following an operation for appendicitis.

At Sandringham House Queen Alexandra has as guests Queen Olga of Greece, the Dowager Empress of Russia, with the King and Queen of Norway also in the vicinity.

Truth About Royalty. For many years it was the practice among a certain class of writers for the "popular" press to depict the Christmas season spent by the royal family in their Norfolk retreat as being something of a glorified gathering at Dingy's cell. This amiable, if ridiculous tradition, has been largely nullified, for the simple reason that the real home-life of their present majesties is now better appreciated by all their subjects.

Day after day the royal family staying at Sandringham attend Sandringham Church, where they are religiously, but unostentatiously, followed by the tenantry, hardly any visitors from a distance being present.

On week days the king devotes much of his time to shooting, accompanied by one or more of his sons. The Prince of Wales, however, prefers hunting with the West Norfolk hounds. Queen Mary takes long walks, frequently joining the king's shooting party for lunch. For the first time in the reign of the Princess, for a very happy Christmas with her parents, but is remaining at Harewood House.

All Are Cheerful. The Duke of Connaught is spending the season in quiet enjoyment at his villa at Beaulieu in the south of France.

Among the poorer subjects of their majesties, few, if any, faced a cheerless festive or an empty cupboard on Christmas Day, for voluntary philanthropy, which has been severely depleted, has been generous. The unemployment grants of the state furnish at least bare necessities for many thousands of families.

There has been usual discussion among the guardians of many poor families, whether gifts of old clothes and such like articles, which are the benefit of those under their care. Some of these authorities accept and advocate for no better than a "charity" which would not touch it, and give their portion to their fellows. One near the scene is known to drink 20 pints as a rule.

At the London theatres, although there are fewer pantomimes than usual, the number of productions especially designed for the holiday public is rather above the average.

FOSSILIZED IVORY OFFERED FOR SALE

Tusks Dug Up in Siberia Appear On English Markets.

London, Dec. 26.—The latest addition to the natural history department of the British Museum is the skull and tusks of a Siberian mammoth, the first ever brought into Western Europe. The skull was dug out of the ice on one of the Siberian islands of the Arctic. Preserved as it was in cold storage through countless ages, it is remarkably fresh, even to the fragments of skin still attached to the great tusk.

By examining the teeth, which are in excellent condition, and about six inches in diameter, experts have established that they belonged to a full grown female mammoth. The bones of the head are snow-white in contrast to the usual fossil bones, which are stained brown or black.

The tusks are 12 feet long, and the ivory is in perfect condition. Their value as ivory placed at \$1,500. Large quantities of fossilized ivory dug up in various parts of Siberia, are now coming to England for sale. A shipment of these remains arrived recently and was sold for prices higher than paid for Indian ivory tusks.

The supply of such ivory, however, is limited and it will not have any material effect on the market.

SALVATION BAND VISITS LOCAL INSTITUTIONS

The Salvation Army London No. 1 Band, under the leadership of Bandmaster C. Woods, visited the County Jail, Victoria Hospital and Victoria Home, Christmas morning, and at each place rendered a short program of Christmas music to the inmates. The music was greatly appreciated by those unable to spend Christmas at home. Early in December the band gave a concert at the patients at Westminster Hospital, and another program is being arranged for early in January.

SOUTH CAROLIC PUPILS STAGE ANNUAL CONCERT

Special to The Advertiser. Muncie, Dec. 26.—The South Carolic school section held their annual Christmas entertainment on Friday evening in the schoolhouse, and was attended by a large audience. The program consisted of recitations, dialogues, readings, duets and choruses, assisted by the male quartet was greatly appreciated. The proceeds amounted to \$27.50.

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Former Seamstress of Queen Mary Eulogizes Imperial Home.

"HE LOVES TO DANCE"

So Says Miss Symonds, of Handsome Prince of Wales.

Canadian Press. New York, Dec. 25.—Impressions of the home life of the British royal family, in which King George is described as an indulgent father and Queen Mary as an efficient manager, have been given New Yorkers recently by Miss Mary Symonds, seamstress who has taught two generations of feminine royalty to sew.

Miss Symonds is in the United States, giving lectures on needlecraft. The Prince of Wales, she describes, as a handsome young gentleman, who loves to dance.

Queen is Able. "They have their names for one another, and the love they bear toward their families is no different than the love of other brothers and sisters and parents."

Have Pet Names. "There is little formality in their relations to one another, as there was when Queen Victoria reigned. She was a stickler for royal etiquette, and her children called their father 'Sir,' and their mother 'Madam' in her presence."

Queen Mary is an able woman, as Miss Symonds describes her. She has lovely hair, fresh skin and a gracious manner which is friendly without inviting familiarity. She would be recognized as a queen at once. Her mind is quick and penetrating.

Princesses Mary, as seen through Miss Symonds' eyes, is a sweet, simple young woman, whom war has deprived of the parties other girls enjoy. She has her mother's fine skin, touched by powder or paint. A well-bred girl with a dainty manner, and a bit wistful at the good times she has missed, in the princess. She has found great joy in her romantic wedding, a real love match. For years, Lord Lascelles was in love with Mary, and he might well be for the princess.

King George and the royal family live crowded lives, with scarcely a minute to themselves. They rise early, take breakfast at 8, and thereafter for the rest of the day every half hour is filled with a new engagement. They seldom retire before midnight, and often later, but they are up early the next morning. Hundreds of letters pour in with the daily mail, and a whole staff of secretaries and clerks attend according to the king's directions.

Mothers and Their Children



A SWEET POTATO DISH.

A child who thinks he doesn't like sweet potatoes will change his mind if they are prepared in the following way: After boiling or baking them until tender, remove the skins and mash, then add salt and butter, beat thoroughly and put in a shallow but-tered dish. Smooth the top and mark off in squares. Put a marmalade in the centre of each square and see in the oven until the marmalades are a delicate brown.

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GIVE SICK KIDDIES JOYOUS AFTERNOON

Representatives of War Memorial Children's Hospital Committee Aid Santa in Unloading Tree.

Forty little sick children in Victoria Hospital found Christmas a joyous day, one for forgetting pain and weariness all because of a glorious Christmas tree, a visit from Santa Claus, who came with gifts, and of course, a real Christmas dinner.

At three o'clock in the children's hospital came the Christmas tree and dreams, when Mrs. F. J. Greenaway, regent of the Campbell Becher Chapter, I. O. D. E., arrived to supervise the unloading of the Christmas tree, for which her chapter had negotiated with Santa Claus, on behalf of the War Memorial Children's Hospital committee.

WEDDINGS

BEAL-STEWART.

A pretty wedding took place on Christmas day at the home of the bride's parents in Meaford, when Agnes Stewart, daughter of Rev. J. Wallace Stewart and Mrs. Stewart, was married to H. B. Beal, son of Mr. C. J. Beal of this city.

HIGGS-GREATOREX.

A very pretty yuletide wedding was solemnized Dec. 23 at the home of Mrs. Everett F. Howard, when her daughter, Miss Frances Greatorex, was united in marriage to Mr. Gordon Higgs of this city.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her brother-in-law, Mr. A. E. Thorne, looked pretty in her dress of white silk and tulle, caught up with tiny pink roses. She wore a bridal veil of filmy tulle trimmed with pearls and carried a bouquet of pale pink carnations. The ceremony was performed under an arch of evergreens. The wedding music was played by Mr. Everett F. Howard, brother-in-law of the bride.

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I will now enclose a dime for hospital fund. When I was last in London I noticed how the hospital was nearing completion, and I noticed the account in your paper of its opening. What a help for dear little children.

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Can you tell me if a rug that is to be painted needs an application of anything before the paint?

When housecleaning this fall we were puzzled to know what to do with all our patches until one suggested that probably some of the Boxes would like them. They are cotton, flannel and wool patches. The wool ones are mostly dark serges and tweeds. There are several coats of color, some of them are badly faded, but might be turned and made over for a child. There are also two men's suits, one black serge and one black cloth, which might be made into children's coats, a good-sized piece of black tweed, which combined with something, would make a nice set of clothing for a child.

I would like very much if you or any of the Boxes would send me a copy of a comical recitation suitable for a high school literary concert. There is always a scarcity of such things. I will leave my address with Miss Grey. Please criticize my writing. Will close, wishing the Mail-Box to both you and her. We really are glad to have the recitation to the Sheik, who will be very pleased to receive it. I am sorry that I cannot supply you with a recitation of the good of them, and the hospital fund be helped too? Shall I send you to you or have them sent postage direct to me, provided any of the Boxes are willing to contribute?

It will not take long to dispose of the patches, judging from the number of requests I receive for them in the Mail-Box. Anyone wishing the articles offered by Belle may have her address and send her direct for the postage. This is much more satisfactory than sending the parcels to me to be forwarded, Belle. Are you moving to London?

Offers Quilt Blocks.

Dear Miss Grey—There are so many requests for that one bundle of quilt blocks. Now I have quite a lot of patches, and thought I would offer to piece them into blocks enough for a quilt for a dollar. If anyone wishes to accept this offer, my address is with Miss Grey.

I am sure you will be swamped with requests for the blocks. Any one wishing them may have Tiny's address from the Mail Box and write to her for the blocks. When the blocks are received the dollar may be sent to the hospital fund. This is to avoid persons sending in the money, and when the money is received, as was the case the last time blocks were offered. Thanks for the offer, Tiny.

Makes One Dollar.

Dear Cynthia—Please excuse my pencil, for since my boy has been using ink at school, I can never find a pen point.

I have found a way to make money for the S. C. H. Fund. One of my neighbors gave me the S. P. P., so I am enclosing my friends, and 10 cents for my pattern makes \$1.00.

I will enclose the pencil, Mrs. Bee, especially when you bring such a nice donation to our hospital fund. It is splendid of you to raise the money in this way; and maybe some more of the Boxes could do the same.

Boy Blue News.

My Dear Miss Grey—We had a wee motherless liddle like sunshine in our home for almost a year, when she died of scarlet fever. I took him to live with himself. His bank I found 50 cents (which I am mailing to you with a bit more from myself) toward his funeral. I am sure you will be glad to hear that he is well and happy. His little bit is helping some other child.

MADELINE.

I know your hearts must have broken when you heard the news, and we must be resigned to His will, and little savings to send his dear, helpless child, and I thank you very much for sending it through our fund, Madeline.

Wedding Cake.

Dear Cynthia—Will you publish as soon as possible the following information? Is it still in vogue to send out wedding cake to friends, of the bride after receiving presents?

M. W. I think the custom has gradually gone out of practice, although it would not be a breach of etiquette to send it to your intimate friends.

Shows Christmas Spirit.

Dear Miss Grey—Enclosed please find \$1 for the Children's Hospital. Very sincerely, CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

Many thanks, Christmas Spirit, for the money you have sent to our hospital fund. The Boxes have been more than generous, and I do not think it will be much longer before our objective will be reached.

Re Egg Mask.

Dear Miss Grey—Please find enclosed plaster for C. H. Would the boy you sent in the beauty hint about putting eggs on the face please say how often it should be used. Do you know, Miss Grey? A merry Christmas to all.

NOTHER NEWCOMER.

I think you would use it until you see a decided improvement in your complexion and skin. But maybe there is a stated number of times. So will the Boxes kindly let us know? Will the Boxes kindly let us know? Many thanks, Newcomer, for the enclosed "plaster" for the face towards our hospital cot. Come again soon, won't you?

HELD IN RUSSIA.

For the second time, Mrs. Marguerite E. Harrison (above), Baltimore, Md., is reported to have been arrested at Chita, Russia, by the Soviet government and sent to a Moscow prison. She was previously released from that prison a year ago.



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I will now enclose a dime for hospital fund. When I was last in London I noticed how the hospital was nearing completion, and I noticed the account in your paper of its opening. What a help for dear little children.

Will sign my note GRAY-HAIRED BETTY.

If anyone would like a good home for a puppy, why not send it to Gray-haired Betty? She would be glad of it. What will you do with the dog when you go west? I am sure someone would be pleased to give you a penny note. I have paid your name on file in case it is asked for the puppy or penny note. Many thanks for remembering our hospital fund with a note. The Children's Hospital is an institution of which Western Ontario will be proud.

RECEIVE HONOR FROM SERBIA.

In the above picture are shown five Toronto women who were decorated by King Peter I. of Serbia, with the Cross of Merit, a Serbian military order, in recognition of service rendered by them in connection with the Toronto branch of the Serbian relief committee. On the top, from left to right, are shown: Mrs. W. B. Irvine and Miss E. C. Weaver and Miss Alice Len.

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BIG TASK FINISHED BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Sewing Completed For Children's Hospital—Greatest Undertaking Outside of Executive Work.

Sewing for the War Memorial Children's Hospital is finished for the present. All the endless number of towels, sheets, pillow cases and the many other articles of linen required for equipment have been cut out and made up. The Hugh Niven Chapter, I. O. D. E., has completed its mammoth task as "sewing committee" for the War Memorial Children's Hospital committee, so far as providing the original stock of supplies is concerned.

The last day for receiving completed articles was held on Tuesday last, and Mrs. H. J. Sutherland, who convened the work, with other members of the chapter committee, was able to face the Christmas holiday season with a clear conscience, and the satisfaction of knowing their work was well done. Their task had been successfully achieved.

Apart from the executive work in connection with the building of the hospital, the undertaking of the sewing committee involved the greatest expenditure of time and effort.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Carrell, of Detroit, are visiting in London.

Miss Inez Tuckey, of this city, is enjoying the Christmas vacation at Exeter.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horner are visiting with the former's parents at Guelph.

Miss Reta McGrattan, of the public works department, is visiting at her home in Midland.

Mr. Milton Clinger of Toronto spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Clinger.

Mr. Vincent Colgan spent Christmas day in Toronto visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Colgan.

Mr. Alex. Falls, of Chicago, is spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Falls, Grosvenor street.

Mr. Walter Gerry of Detroit was a Christmas visitor with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gerry, Craig street.

Major James Merton and Mrs. Merton of Toronto spent Christmas with Mrs. Merton's father, Dr. McLaren.

Mr. Harrison Frazer is spending the Christmas holidays in Bermuda with Mrs. Frazer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hill, of Cleveland, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Davis, Princess avenue, for the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Wayne Davidson and Mrs. Davidson of Chicago and Mr. W. R. Davidson of Montreal spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. James Orr.

Mrs. Garnet Miller, and two children, Marjorie and Jean, St. James street, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Miller's parents, Streetsville.

Mr. Thomas Murphy of Montreal is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Major T. J. F. Murphy and Mrs. Murphy, Dufferin avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Gibberd of Cleveland are London visitors for the Christmas holidays. They are staying with Mr. Gibberd's mother, St. George street.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hookway, of Waterloo street, will spend New Year at the home of Mrs. Hookway's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Evans, 51 Dearbourne Avenue, Toronto.



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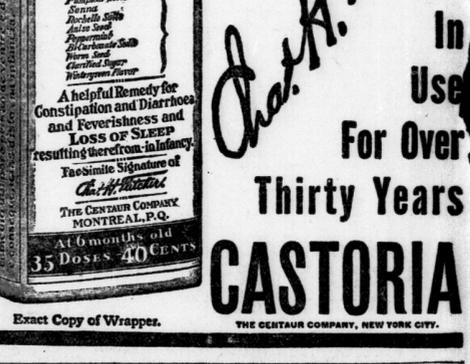
Mr. W. M. George, of the Royal Bank, Toronto, is visiting at the home of his mother, Waterloo street.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dent of Sarina are guests with Mrs. Dent's sister, Mrs. C. W. Nichols, St. George apartment.

Miss Marjorie Grieve, Mrs. J. I. Stapleton and daughter Marsha, and Mrs. Grieve, are spending Christmas at Parkhill.

Major Fred Fisher and Mrs. Fisher, of Hamilton, are the guests of Colonel and Mrs. Charles Fisher, Waterloo street, for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair McEwen spent Christmas in Clearview, guests with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Lang.



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STAGE MONEY
IN PLAYER DEALS

Col. Huston Says Many Reported Prices Greatly Exaggerated.

New York, Dec. 25.—If one were to believe implicitly what the club owners of both major leagues say, it is estimated that they have expended more than \$1,000,000 since 1920 for untried minor league stars.

Of this great sum the bulk went to the Pacific Coast, the American Association and the International League.

The following is a list of players purchased from the minor leagues and the prices paid for them:

Pacific Coast League.
Camm, San Francisco, by White Sox, \$100,000.
O'Connell, San Francisco, by Giants, \$75,000.

State of Portland, by Athletics, \$75,000.

May of the Vernon Club, by Yankees, \$50,000.

Statz and Aldridge, by the Los Angeles Club to Cubs, \$40,000.

Pilletta and Johnson of Portland to Detroit, \$30,000.

Sheely, E. Johnson and Mulligan, Salt Lake, to White Sox, \$30,000.

Coveney of San Francisco and Pimental of Oakland, by Reds, \$20,000.

Blue, Portland, to Detroit, \$15,000.

Borland, Seattle, by Reds, \$10,000.

Maisel, Portland, by Cubs, \$10,000.

Leone of Los Angeles, by Washington, \$10,000.

Bassler of Los Angeles, by Detroit, \$10,000.

Cunningham of Seattle, by Giants, \$10,000.

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American Association.
Danforth of Columbus, by the Browns, \$20,000.

Hargrave of St. Paul, by the Reds, \$10,000.

Shinners of Indianapolis, by Giants, \$10,000.

E. Miller of St. Paul, by the Yankees, \$10,000.

Mostil of Milwaukee, by the White Sox, \$10,000.

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International League.
Bently of Baltimore, by the Giants, \$25,000.

Foehrig of Rochester, by Detroit, \$10,000.

Mueller, Syracuse, by Cardinals, \$10,000.

Wrights of Rochester, by the Cubs, \$10,000.

Although there is close to one million dollars represented here that the owners say they paid for the players, yet less than half of this amount was actually paid. For instance, if the price was \$20,000, quoted as \$50,000 the minor league club probably received \$20,000 and say three players estimated to be worth \$10,000 each.

Col. T. L. Huston, who recently sold his half interest of the Yankees to Jacob Ruppert, in speaking of the purchasing of the big leaguers, tried minor league stars, said: "It is greatly overdone and exaggerated. The Yankees never purchased any untried stars at fabulous prices. We bought Ruth, Mays, Bush, Hoyt, Sam James and Scott, but we knew what we were buying."

"We have had many opportunities to get minor league stars at high prices," went on the distinguished veteran, "but usually the price was not so high. There was one time we offered Jimmy O'Connell, now with the Giants, for \$55,000, but we were buying him for \$10,000."

"The star is 'haunted,'" continued the colonel. "Most of these high prices I think you will find are false."

It is rumored by many close to the inside workings of baseball clubs that Charles Comiskey, president of the Chicago Cubs, has been paid \$100,000 in cash and the rest in players.

William Kamm, Hale, it is said, cost Mack \$25,000 cash and players, while Bentley brought \$25,000 and O'Connell \$50,000, plus players.

McCLARYS STILL LEAD

Fraternal Carpenters League Provides Fans With Good Games.

McClarys are still leading the City Fraternal Carpenters League with Pine Grove, No. 2, a close second. The following are the results of the games played on Wednesday, Dec. 20:

St. George's Society, No. 1, 60, Court Middlesex 61.

Court Welcome 37, Court Defence 46.

McClary's Foundry 39, St. Andrew 46.

Letter-Carriers 52, Pine Grove 51.

Falcon Club 60, Court 49.

Court Carriage 100, London 90.

Standing.

McClary's Foundry ... 7 1 659 375

Ina Grove, No. 3 ... 7 2 622 777

Forest City ... 6 3 617 777

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The automobile was passing a bridge when it was overturned, and the three were pinned beneath the car.

Mrs. Gutule is in the local hospital, suffering from severe shock and injuries.

FREES WAR PRISONERS.

Paris, Dec. 26.—France has released the last German prisoners. They were undergoing punishment for offences against the common law, committed during their detention as war prisoners.

SENIOR O.H.A. RACE OPENS WEDNESDAY

Argonauts Will Play University of Toronto in Opening Game.

Toronto, Dec. 25.—The O. H. A. season will commence Wednesday night, when the strengthened Argonaut team takes on the University of Toronto aggregation in a game expected to pack the arena to its capacity.

Despite the fact that they were beaten by the University of Toronto in the opening game of the O. H. A. season, the Argonauts will start the long grind as favorites to retain the championship. On form alone they should win.

At the present time Kitchener looms up as a dangerous opponent for Argonauts or any other aggregation, but the Argonauts and White veterans have a habit of showing to advantage in the early games and then fading away to nothing when the real test arrives.

Some of the Kitchener players are getting past the age where they are effective and can stand the pace, but the management hopes to be able to secure some of the younger players of Kitchener to help the veterans over the rocky spots.

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Two Little Tots in Battle Creek Suffocated As Home Burns.

PARENTS REACH SAFETY. Flames Break Out Soon After Christmas Arrangements Are Made.

Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 26.—Death instead of Santa Claus crept into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayneard Watts here early Christmas morning.

Two children were suffocated during a fire and the Watts' home suffered heavy damage.

The flames broke out at 3 a.m., an hour after the parents had seen to it that everything was ready for the visit of Santa Claus.

The children, Willison and Barbara, were sound asleep in their little room on the second floor.

The parents slept on the first floor. Awakened by flames and smoke in their room, Watts and his wife fled into the street in their night clothing.

Then realizing that the little ones were still in the house, Watts sought frantically, "my children," and dashed headlong into the blazing ruins, and after some time in the room of his children, the children were not in their beds, and believing they had escaped, Watts again rushed through the dense smoke and downstairs to safety.

Later, firemen found the children dead from suffocation in the bathroom, where they had run in fright and shut the door.

The fire started in the basement from an undetermined origin.

BLAZE DAMAGES BRANTFORD SHOP

Causes Loss of \$1,000 To McDonald Company's Storeroom.

FIGHT SAVES BUILDING. Several Other Shops Suffer As Water Seeps Through Wall.

Special to The Advertiser.

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 26.—Fire broke out in the electrical storeroom of the McDonald Electric Company at noon today, resulting in damage of about \$1,000.

Through the quick response of the local fire department the building, a three-story structure, was saved when the fire was confined to the second floor.

The lower floor, which is occupied by the Bradley Machine Company, suffered from water, but the damage is not known.

The shop of J. P. Ryan, printer, suffered slightly from water, the water seeping through the walls into the paper. The loss if covered by insurance.

The building is owned by J. T. Wallace.

Some three years ago the building was nearly gutted by a mysterious fire which started while the staff of the Ryan Printing Company was away to lunch. The plant, a number of presses and all the stock was lost.

VIOLENT GALES SWEEP ATLANTIC

Celtic Arrives At Queenstown Badly Damaged After Rough Passage.

Queenstown, Dec. 26.—Reports accumulate of the violence of the gale which has prevailed in the Atlantic. The Celtic, the steamer New Columbia which returned to port to replenish her oil fuel supply, said she had received an "S. O. S." from the Celtic ship, which was heard, but heard no more. He believed they had perished.

The Celtic had lifeboats and deck fittings smashed and the third-class saloon flooded, compelling removal of the passengers to other quarters. The Celtic, which arrived Saturday, reports that she was blown toward port for six hours on Friday. She lost lifeboats and suffered considerable damage to her decks.

MONTREAL CHURCH ESCAPES ATTACK

Christmas Mass Celebrated Quietly Despite Anxiety of Rumored Outrage.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Despite rumors of outrages contemplated on Montreal Catholic Churches on the occasion of the Christmas morning, nothing untoward was reported yesterday, and there were no alarms of any kind.

A canvass of the Catholic Churches of this city elicited the information that, in view of the very large number of the congregations—it is estimated at more than 150,000 persons—gathered at the churches on the Christmas morning, nothing untoward was reported yesterday, and there were no alarms of any kind.

There was, however, no special call for their services.

Deputy Carl Schultz, after a vigorous lecture by the sheriff, handed in his resignation, which was accepted immediately. Albert Huston, the negro guard who unlocked the doors, and Arthur Johnson, who witnessed the fight between Guard Pugh and the fleeing men and did nothing, have been suspended.

RECEIVES LECTURE, DEPUTY RESIGNS

Wayne County Sheriff Suspends Two Following Probe of Jail Delivery.

Special to The Advertiser.

Detroit, Dec. 26.—As a result of the investigation into the escape of seven men from the county jail Sunday morning, one deputy has resigned and two have been suspended. None of the escaped men have been recaptured.

Sheriff Coffin with Prosecutor Voorhies tomorrow morning, over what he terms the "carelessness and cowardice of deputies and guards" which he asserted permitted the successful delivery.

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FORMER PANAMA HEAD DIES AFTER OPERATION

Panama, Dec. 26.—Ernest Tisdell, former president of Panama, died yesterday morning following an operation.

THREE KIDDIES DROWN WHEN SLED BREAKS ICE

Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 26.—While playing with sleds, three children, four, five and seven years of age, were drowned when their sled broke through the ice in the Conestoga creek here today and were drowned.

SWISS AMBASSADOR DIES.

Basel, Dec. 26.—Emil Frey, former president of the Swiss Federation and first Swiss ambassador to the United States, died today at his birthplace, Aresheim, near Basel, in his 85th year.

INJURED GIRL ESCAPES.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—After giving a false name and address, a young woman injured in a motor accident here Saturday as a result of which Ben Tapp, taxi driver is facing a serious charge, escaped from the hospital Sunday. She had been cut from the head in the accident, and taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition. The young woman, whose name she gave, had no knowledge of the accident until she saw it in the newspapers.

REPORTS STORMY VOYAGE.

Halifax, Dec. 26.—The Cunard liner Canada, bound for London via Liverpool and Queenstown, today returned to New York, sailing for the latter port this afternoon. She landed 235 passengers and crew. The liner reported a very stormy trip.

FREE SHIP FROM ROCKS NEAR PORT COLBORNE

Port Colborne, Dec. 26.—The steamer Thunder Bay, which has been ashore on Morgan's Point since Dec. 14, was released last night and is now in Port Colborne harbor, with about half her cargo of grain dry and the other half wet. She will be taken to Buffalo when conditions are favorable.

CATTLE KINGS OF BRITAIN PLAN VISIT TO PURCHASE MANY CANADIAN CATTLE

St. John, N.B., Dec. 26.—An interesting passenger on the C. P. O. S. Minnedosa, which arrived in St. John Saturday, was Hon. Duncan Marshall, commissioner of agriculture for Canada, who had been in England since last September in connection with the cattle embargo and who was en route to his home in Ottawa to spend the Christmas holidays.

Speaking of the embargo on Canadian cattle, he said that prior to his departure for Canada he had the pleasure of seeing this important question settled, and while on the high seas received word that it had received the assent of the king. The lifting of the embargo paved the way for a visit to this country of many of the big cattle kings, who announced their intention of coming here during the winter to purchase all grades of stock.

Hon. Mr. Marshall brings an important suggestion to Canadian cattlemen. All those who intend shipping cattle next fall should dehorn them in the spring as Scotch cattle breeders want them off because they foud them in courts. Cattle being shipped in the spring will require this, he said.



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Tariff Hits Farmers.

Figures just issued from Ottawa show how Canadian exports to United States have been hurt by the operation of the new tariff rates.

Raising Campaign Funds.

The Winnipeg Free Press believes that the Progressives have the right idea of conducting election campaigns so far as the raising of funds is concerned.

Note and Comment.

It is a fact that Clemenceau took the boat home just a few days after they showed him through the Chicago stockyards.

EXCHANGES

PROBLEM OF 1933. Sudbury Star: The real problem in the cities will be faced when there are no places left to build garages.

Answers to Health Questions.

R. M. Q.—I have a very large nose. Will you please tell me whether anything can be done to remedy it.

PETERBOROUGH'S LIVING HEROES.

Peterborough Examiner: That peace has its heroes as well as war will be demonstrated next week when hundreds of Peterborough men will wear the ties their wives presented them with at Christmas.

Timber Thicker than Blood.

Winnipeg Free Press: The statement by a wood workers' union in the old country that they don't give a damn for the timber comes from, whether from Germany, China or Canada, may be an eye-opener to those who have an idea that there is sentiment in trade.

Make Coasting Safe.

Already several serious accidents have been reported where children have been hurt while coasting down hill.

These are two cases only, and there is no doubt there are many more.

The season for outdoor sports has only started, and there is no reason to believe there will be a sudden let-up to these accidents.

Municipalities are doing well in the way of providing supervised playgrounds and swimming places in the summer.

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POETRY

UP ANDS DOWNS. I've a joyful sort of feeling That abolishes a frown When I hear there is a prospect Of the car fares coming down.

But I notice that my grocer (May his conscience never creep) Quickly ends my jubilation— Butters up again this week.

Thus the prices play at see-saw In an irritating way: If last week some things were falling Something else goes up today.

Now in life I wish to soar, Undimmed by bitter cups; But in everyday expenses I prefer more downs than ups!

WILLIAM GILES. 250 Tabbot street.

JEST

THE NEW IDEA. Uncle Joe: "Tomorrow you bring home your bride?"

Sammy: "Naw, uncle; that's old-fashioned. Se's taking me home to her folks for a while."

Ruined by His Bride. Booth Tarkington was praising colored people.

"They have a hard time of it," he said. "Yet they never sour. They are, in fact, a delightful race. They are, in fact, a delightful race. They are, in fact, a delightful race."

There is a great deal of agitation for setting the price of coal. By all means do so, but either before or after make sure that you have some to sell at the fixed price.

Seven prisoners escaped from Detroit jail, using broom handles to fight their way out past the guards.

There have been too many inequalities in the past, and elections have cost some candidates altogether too much money.

Down in Lindsay the Post quoted a lot of prices at which Christmas eats could be bought 20 years ago, and then leaned them up against the 1922 prices.

Maine has a new law that keeps people from putting pieces of broken ice in drinks, as there may be germs in the ice.

"Is it a coincidence," asks the Boston Transcript, "that Kansas, the state where, according to statistics, life is longest in the American union, is also the state in which the saloon has been continuously extinct for the longest period?"

The suggestion is made in many quarters that a mechanical control be put on cars to keep them from going over the speed limit.

You revised your Christmas list; sort of brought the thing up to date; eliminated the dead-wood. Just so.

A Real Clean-Up Needed. Detroit has a regular fool case in divorce court now.

Her own story is that of meeting this man and becoming interested in his ideas.

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EVERYDAY MOVIES

and it is very difficult to heal. Will you kindly tell me of a remedy?

A.—I would suggest that you apply zinc oxide to your nostrils, night and morning, until the annoyance ends.

E. M. Q.—My little girl 9 years old, has an abnormally large appetite and is always hungry.

A.—It would be advisable for you to please tell me when I should feed her and whether or not you think she still has the worms?

A.—I would be glad to examine you to determine whether or not she still has worms. Have her take her meals at regular intervals and do not allow her to eat between meals.

A. A. Q.—My son, 4 years of age, suffers from cold and fever about every two or three weeks; he coughs continually.

A.—Your son is probably suffering from adenoids. You should have him examined to determine the exact cause of his condition.

C. E. Q.—Will you kindly inform me whether— is harmful or beneficial to the eyes?

A.—I do not advise the use of— Boreic acid and drop in each eye a 10 per cent solution of argol.

A.—I am 26 years of age, and I am losing weight steadily. I have lost 13 pounds in the last four months.

A.—I would advise you to have a thorough physical examination, including urinalysis.

J. W. Q.—My fingernails, while not brittle, are somewhat sore and frequently split.

A.—You should consult your physician, as this condition is due to some constitutional disorder.

S. Q.—I am a teacher, and for several months have been running a slight temperature in the afternoon.

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N. S. Q.—I am a boy 14 years old, and for the past four years I have had arm trouble.

A.—You should go to a good surgeon and have him advise you after a careful examination of your arm.

A. M. Q.—I am a young man, strong and healthy, but in cold weather am troubled with a red nose.

A.—Nearly every one's nose gets red when exposed to cold air. Don't worry.

X. Y. Z. Q.—I am a boy 16 years old and have extra large ankles.

A.—It is practically impossible to reduce any one particular part of the body.

K. J. S. Q.—Is it dangerous to take sea water when having a tooth extracted, and does the gas have any after-effects?

A.—When properly administered, it is not dangerous to take gas to have a tooth extracted.

Dr. Copeland will answer for readers of this paper questions on medical, hygienic and sanitation subjects that are of general interest.

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Your Health

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO TO KEEP OLD AGE AT BAY.

By Royal S. Copeland, M.D., Commissioner of Health, New York City; U.S. Senator-Elect from New York State.

I had a birthday recently. Birthdays are not unmix blessings.

There is sadness in the thought that age is coming on apace.

But, struggle as we will, they come. Old age is not due to birthday.

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THE SKY LINE OF SPRUCE

by Edison Marshall

(Continued From Yesterday)

Your gun is empty, Beatrice, he told her quietly. He heard her sob, and he smiled a little, reassuringly.

The craft and its occupants were out of sight by the time Jeffery Nelson reached the river bank with his rifle.

He made his way fast as he could toward the claim. Sensing the old man's distress, Ray straightened from his work at the sight of him.

The face before him was drawn and white; but there was no time for questions. Hard hands seized his arm.

"Ray do you know of a canoe anywhere up or down this river?" "No! There isn't one that you could even dream about shooting those rapids in. Tell me what's the matter, Ray."

"Beatrice has gone down, that's all." "You don't mean—she's run away?" "Don't be a fool. The prospectors I told you about—Darcy—was the old man's partner. He's paying us back. Ray, I wish I had died before I ever saw this day."

Ray stared blankly. "Then he found out about the murder?" he gasped. "Yes. Here's his letter."

Ray read the letter carefully, crumpling it at last in savage wrath. "He can't do much if the claim's recorded in our names."

"He can make us plenty of trouble. If you want the rifle, Ray—don't lose a minute. Put your things together as fast as you can."

They crossed the divide, thus reaching the headwaters of Poor Man's Creek; then took the trail down toward the settlements. But the two claim-jumpers had not yet learned all the day's ill news. Half-way to the mouth of the stream they met Chan Hominway on his way back to the claim.

At the first sight of him, they could hardly believe their eyes. It was not to be credited that he had made the trip to Bradleyburg and back in the few days he had been absent.

"What are you coming back for?" Ray shouted, when Chan's identity became certain. "Because the claim's recorded, that's why. Hiram died, and I wrote a letter to an official in Bradleyburg and in it was a description of the claim. Whatever formalities was necessary was cut out because the old man had been sick, so make the trip—the recorder got special permission from Victor."

"You see what that means, don't you?" he asked Neilson. "It means we're lost!"

"The eyes before him narrowed and gleamed. 'So that's what it means to you! Well, I don't look at it just that way. It means to me that we've got to take these supplies and these pack horses and start out and find Ben Darcy.'"

"Of course, we've got to rescue Beatrice." "Rescuing Beatrice isn't all of it now, by a long shot. Didn't old Hiram leave a will, giving his claim to his brother Ezra? And hasn't this Ben got a letter from Ezra leaving the claim to him?"

"You mean we've got to find him?" "We've got to; that's all." Neilson breathed heavily. "It's all plain enough."

Beatrice Neilson was a mountain girl, with the strong thews of Jael, yet she hid her face on the canoe shot into the crests of the rapids. The wolf crouched on the heap of supplies, feasting to the depths of his wild heart of this mighty stream, yet still putting his faith in his master in the stern.

A sudden movement on the part of Beatrice, in the bow of the canoe, caught Ben's eye. She had leaned forward and was reaching among the supplies. She lifted into her hands a paper parcel, the same she had brought from her cabin early that morning.

His heart leaped; why he did not know. "What is it?" he asked. "Ben, I called you that yesterday and there's no use going back to last names now—I've made an important decision."

CHAPTER XI. The Forest Stronghold. WHEN the swirling waters carried the canoe down into the people of the Yuga, Ben and Beatrice were instinctively awed and stilled. Ever the walls of the sunlight were cut off, and they rode as if in twilight.

In mid-afternoon Ben began to think of making his night's camp. In one of the more quiet stretches of water he saw the place—a small cove and a green, tree-clad bank, with the gorge rising behind. Lining his canoe with greatest care he slanted toward it. A moment later he had caught the bank, and the water's edge, stepped off into shallow water, and was drawing the canoe up onto the bank.

"We're through for the day," he said happily, as he helped Beatrice out of the boat. "I'll confess I'm ready to rest."

"Here's where you sleep tonight, Beatrice," he informed her. As twilight lowered they sat down to their simple meal, ten, sweetened with sugar, and vegetables and meat happily mingled in a stew.

A great, saintly form raised up from the pile of furs in the canoe, and his fangs showed ivory white in the wan light. It was Fenris, and he guarded the canoe. He crouched ready to spring if she drew near.

The girl sobbed once, then stole back to her blankets. After breakfast they took to the river, yielding themselves once more to the whims of the current.

Shortly before the noon hour Ben's quick eye saw a dark canoe in the brushwood that lined the bank and quickly paddled toward it. In a moment more he pushed the canoe into the mud of the creek bank.

They crossed a low ridge, following down another of the thousand creeks that water the northern slopes. In a moment it led them to a long, narrow lake, blue as a sapphire in its frame of dusky spruce.

And all at once Beatrice, walking in front, drew up with a gasp. She stood at the edge of a little glade, perhaps thirty yards across, lying at the base of the cliff. The creek flowed through it, the grass was green, the birches in the north, antlered herds that came to graze, the tall spruce shaded it on three sides. But it was not these things that caught the girl's eye. Just at the edge of a glade a dark hole yawned in the face of the cliff.

"It's home," the man said simply. CHAPTER XII. A Strange Comradeship. BEN and Beatrice went together back to the canoe, and in two trips they carried the supplies to the cave.

Tired from the hard tramp, yet sustained by a vague excitement, they began to prepare for the night. The silence dropped about them, settling slowly; and all except the largest heap of red coals burned down to gray ashes.

The brush cracked and rustled just beyond the glowing coals. Some huge wilderness creature was venturing toward them, at the edge of the little glade. "What is it?" Beatrice whispered.

"The man's eyes strained into the gloom. 'I don't know. It may be just a moose, or maybe a caribou. But it may be—'" His eye fell to the crouching form of Fenris.

Ben leaped to reach his gun. "Ben, Fenris!" he shouted. The wolf leaped forward like a thrown spear—almost too fast for the eye to follow.

Thereafter there was only a great confusion, event piled upon event with incredible rapidity. A grizzly

lunged into sight with incredible storm of sound. Immediately the wolf sprang, ready to wage this unequal battle to the death. But his brave fight was tragically hopeless. Yet by the law of his wild heart he could not turn and flee. His master had given his orders, and he must obey them to the end.

The bear paused one instant; then lunged forth again. But the breach in which the wolf had stayed the charge had given Ben his chance. With a swift motion of his arm he had projected the single rifle shell into the chamber of his weapon. The stock snapped to his shoulder; and his keen, glittering eyes sought the sights.

His finger pressed back steadily against the trigger. The slightest flinching, the smallest motion might yet throw off his aim. The rifle spoke with a roar.

The grizzly was in his death agony, nothing more; yet in that final convulsion he could rip into shreds the powerful form that opposed him. Ben dropped the empty rifle and seized the axe that leaned against a log of spruce beside the fire.

Just in time Ben sprang aside, out of the reach of the bear's arms; and his axe swung mightily in the air. The bear's powers increased, rather than lessened. Ever he swung his terrible axe with greater power.

(Continued Tomorrow) THIEF GETS CHANGE, OVERLOOKS \$10,000. Breaks Into G. T. B. Station At Ingersoll and Robs Till.

Special to The Advertiser. Ingersoll, Dec. 26.—Although there was more than \$10,000 in the till, all that a burglar who visited the Grand Trunk depot Sunday night obtained was \$25, which he took in change from the till.

The theft was evidently committed between 9:30 and 12 o'clock. The office had been locked as usual, but an entrance was gained by forcing the door leading from the gentlemen's waiting room to the office, after which the till was pried open.

GERMANY HAS RIGHT TO PAY FRENCH DEBT. Press Declares France Will Take Guarantees If Payments Defaulted.

Paris, Dec. 26.—France has a right to reparations from Germany, and in default of payment she will take guarantees. This, in brief, sums up an editorial in yesterday's Temps, dealing with yesterday's meeting at the French foreign office to lay out this country's program for the meeting of the allied premiers on Jan. 2.

"It is useless asking her if these guarantees will be more or less productive," the Temps declared. "The policy hitherto pursued has produced nothing at all."

"Even if we suppose that the seizure of guarantees produce very little—which in no way seems to us inevitable—nobody can deny that there is infinite distance between the French tend to put between themselves and bankruptcy."

Dog Saves Another Dog From Death Beneath Wheels of Passenger Train. Cincinnati, O., Dec. 26.—Fritz, an Airedale pup, rescued Major, a huge Liewilyn setter, from death under a Baltimore & Ohio passenger train at Colerain avenue.

Major and Fritz, both owned by Fred Theis, a bookkeeper, are inseparable companions. The two dogs were playing on the railroad track. A rumble and a warning whistle, a flyer heaves into view around a curve 200 feet down the track. Fritz leaps from the path of the train, then looks back.

Major has fallen between the rails and is lying with his feet rigid in the air. He has been stricken with a fit and is paralyzed temporarily. Eugene Weatherly, night chief of detectives, a dog lover, heard the story. All of today he spent in locating Schramm and Hart, who reiterated the story of the rescue.



BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES. PETER HEARS A FAMILIAR VOICE. By Thornton W. Burgess.

In loneliness and discontent. Too many lives are sadly spent. Winter had come to stay. The Smiling Pool was locked in ice. Snow covered the Green Meadows, the Old Orchard and the Old Pasture. It lay all through the Green Forest. All the trees were bare excepting those which, like the pines, the hemlocks, the spruces and cedars, hold their green leaves the year round.

Johnny Chuck had been asleep for two months. So had Nimblebeetle the Jumping Mouse. Striped Chipmunk had long since retired, although he would occasionally pop his head out for a look around. Buster Bear, Mrs. Bear and the twins, also Bobby Coon, had gone to bed for the winter as soon as things had frozen up so that they could no longer find food.

Most of the birds were down in the Sunny South. Peter Rabbit was a wee bit lonesome. He missed these friends and neighbors who had gone away. There would be days at a time when he could find no one to talk to.

"I don't see why they all go away just because of a little cold weather," grumbled Peter as he hunted for someone to talk to in the Green Forest one morning.

This wasn't quite true. Peter did sleep. He knew that it was a matter of fact that he had to sleep through the winter and those who go away to the Sunny South do so to keep from starving to death. But Peter can always find something



Then he turned and scampered straight into that cedar swamp as fast as his legs could carry him.

to eat, and sometimes it is hard for him to realize that these others cannot do the same thing. He tried to find his big cousin, Jumper the Hare. But Jumper was not to be found. He looked for his old friend, Mrs. Grouse, but he couldn't find her. In fact, Peter couldn't find anybody, and he was just aching to talk to someone. So he wandered about aimlessly, growing more and more lonesome and discontented.

At last he came to a swampy part of the Green Forest where grew many cedar trees. It was dark and gloomy looking in there. It made Peter more than a little sad. He turned his back on it, and was just starting off, lipperty-lipperty-ly, when he heard a sound that brought him up short. At least he was sure he had heard it, although he couldn't really believe he had heard it. He sat up and listened with all his might.

"I couldn't really have heard it," said he to himself. "I must have imagined it. Of course, I must have

imagined it. It certainly did sound like the voice of—"

Just then Peter heard that sound again. It was a voice. Yes, sir, it was a voice. There was no doubt about that, and if Peter could trust his ears at all it was the voice of an old friend. He waited until he heard it a third time, and then he turned and scampered straight into that cedar swamp as fast as his legs would take him, for it was from there that that voice had come.

(Copyright, 1922, by T. W. Burgess.) The next story: "Peter Hunts in Great Excitement."

TWO HELD FOR DEATH AT "CHRISTMAS PARTY". Shelby, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Two men last night were being held on charges of murder in connection with the death Sunday of Ralph Langley, 32, after he drank moonshine whiskey at a "Christmas party." Two other men were arrested and the liquor were blinded and a score made ill.



Cynthia Gray. I wish to thank Chirper, Mrs. Fatty, A Real Lancashire Lass and one other boxite, who did not sign her pen-name, but who lives in the city, for the Christmas cards.

CYNTHIA GRAY. Father of 21.—If you are still in need of help, send your name and address and I will publish your letter.

Who is K. K. Katy? Dear Miss Grey.—I saw in the Mail-Box where K. K. Katy was offering some recitations, and I would like some. I will include something for the Sick Children's Hospital, and would you please send the enclosed envelope to K. K. Katy?

WILD GRAPE. I am sorry, but K. K. Katy's address is not on the family list, but I am sure when she sees this letter she will send it in, so that I can forward it to her. Take out of cans at once and put on large platter to cool. Keep in dry place.

Christmas Plum Pudding. One pound large raisins, one pound small raisins, one pound suet cut fine, a little lemon peel, six eggs, one and a-half cup sour milk, one teaspoon soda, one cup molasses, one cup sugar and spices well sifted, and some English walnuts if liked, flour to make stiff enough to drop from spoon. Put in greased cans and steam for one hour. Take out of cans at once and put on large platter to cool. Keep in dry place.

Serve with any nice sweet sauce. Any one using this recipe will find it first class. Tell the lady who is getting the cook book ready, if she wants any recipes if she will let me know. I can send her any kind she wants.

Yours in the same old way. P. E. FACE. Many thanks for the plum pudding recipe, which will be a little late for this year, but the Boxites will be clipping it, I suppose, for scrap books. Thanks for the offer of the recipe, Pie Face.

Attention, Ole Scout. Dear Miss Grey.—I saw in the paper where Ole Scout was offering some baby clothes, and as I will be needing some in a couple of months, I would like to buy some. If I am not too late, my husband has been out of work for the last three months, and we find it hard to clothe ourselves and a little boy 18 months old. If anybody has a cape that is not of any use I would be very glad to have it. Would be very glad and willing to pay postage on it and clothes from Ole Scout. Yours sincerely, MRS. A. E. S.

I am sorry, but Ole Scout's address is not on the list, but if she sees your letter I am sure she will write again and tell us who she is. Any one wishing to send Mrs. A. E. S. clothes may have her address from the Mail-Box and send the parcels direct to her.

For Our Worthy Cause. Dear Miss Grey.—May you have a happy Christmas and many of them and give New Year. I enclosed find mite for our worthy cause. MARGARET. Many thanks for the generous mite for our cot for the Star Memorial Hospital. I think I have the most generous family in the world. They never seem to tire of giving.

Send Dollar to Fund. Dear Miss Grey.—I enclosed find \$1 for the Sick Children's Hospital. I hope you will soon be able to say you have the full amount for your cot. I will sign as before. MRS. Y. Y. SYMPATHIZER. Many thanks for another generous mite for our hospital fund. I am sending another donation to the treasurer within a few days which will bring our fund a little closer to the objective.

Sends a Dollar. Dear Miss Grey.—I have wanted to send a little help toward your War Memorial Fund, so you will find it indeed. Well, it can't be more, but you know there are so many calls for charity that I must divide up a little. I read your letters in Mail-Box when I have time, but I expect I miss a lot of good ones. Will close with best wishes for yourself and all other Boxites. Will sign myself MRS. Y. Y.

Thank you very much for the generous hospital mite inclosed, Mrs. R. Y. This is your first visit, isn't it? We welcome you to our cosy corner and will be looking for another letter soon.

Taken 'Tissser Fifty Years. Dear Miss Grey.—I am sending you 50c postal note for my birthday offering for this month, for the children's fund. I think you will have the amount you aim for before Christmas. Hope so. We have taken The Advertiser for 50 years, and the father before us, but this is the first time I have written to the Mail-Box. Will sign my name FRANK. Just to think you have taken The Advertiser for 50 years! You are

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should take turn about and spend one Christmas with your parents and the next with your husband's. It would be better for you both to stay at home. I will be pleased to hear different opinion on this subject from the readers.

What Should I Do? Dear Miss Grey.—It is a long time since I have written to the page, but I am still an interested reader. The fund is certainly climbing. I am sorry not to have sent a mite in my next letter, but will double it in my next one. What do you think of my baby girl, Miss Grey? She has 14 teeth at the age of ten months, and was walking at 9 1/2 months. She weighs 24 pounds. I have never had her to any of the baby clinics yet, and was just wondering if she was as smart as the babies that are considered well and healthy. I want you to settle an argument for me, please, then I will close. If you were married (of course you are not), and your parents expected you home with your family each Christmas, and your husband expected you should go to his home for Christmas, what would you do so as not to cause a hard feeling? For the past six years I have gone home to my parents and my husband to his, but Christmas doesn't seem jolly at all. I say we should hold it in our own home, then there could be no arguing. Well, I will leave it to you for an answer. I must close as baby is trying to do the writing. As ever, MRS. ALL TRADES.

Your baby is over-developed for its age, as the average baby at the age of one year weighs 22 pounds and at ten months has four teeth, and the average child walks at the age of one year. I think it would be a good idea for you to take it to one of the clinics and have a physical feeling? For made. It may be exceptionally healthy, and that may cause its over-development, but I advise you to have it examined, as one cannot tell its weight alone. The Christmas question has caused disagreements in more than one family. I think if you do not care to spend Christmas in your own home, where it should be spent if you have a family, that you

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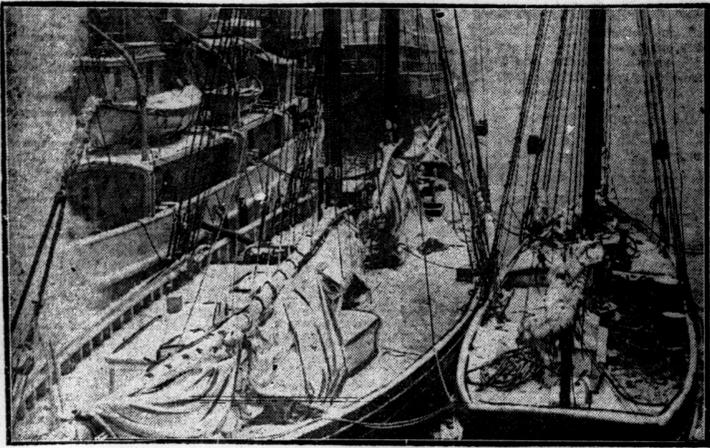
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Schooners Salvatrice and Star, picked up by revenue cutters off Sandwich, Mass., in distress and towed to Boston. It was found they had 3,000 cases of whiskey on board.



Russian hat of black velvet trimmed with vivid Oriental colors.



Alician Konan, a distinguished Russian artist, in the soviet production of "Romeo and Juliet" in Moscow.



Dhalov and Baroden, president and vice-president of Chita, one of the Russian republics.



Miss Sybil Arundale, well-known English actress, who also is a builder. Usually she just superintends the work, but sometimes she does a little herself for exercise. She is busy at present on a block of apartments in London.



Patriarch Tikon of the old Russian church, who is said to be under arrest by the communists in the Donoskoi monastery near Moscow.



The last British troops departing from Ireland at North Wall, Dublin.



A steel rail torn up by a wrecked New York, New Haven and Hartford passenger train at Hyde Park, a suburb of Boston, crashed through one side of a coach, and came out through the opposite window, pinning one woman to the floor and narrowly missing several others. Railroad men say it was an unprecedented accident.



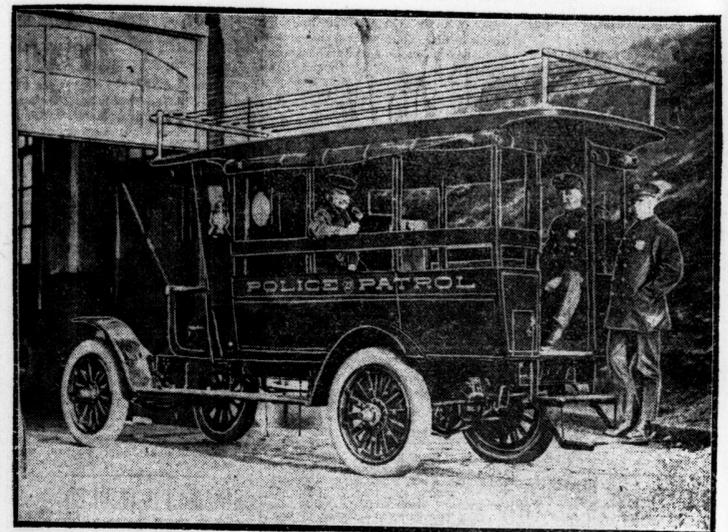
Midgets from all over the world have invaded New York, preparatory to a tour of the continent. Wee Lucy Williams is shown here perched on top of a movie camera.



Mlle. Jeanne Casalis, a favorite both in Paris and London theatres, who is coming to New York this winter.



William Moon, a laundryman of Cornwall in England, had his coffin made before he died and used it as a piece of furniture.



Philadelphia police department now have a radio equipped motor patrol.



Molly Ramsden, a popular London, England, actress in "The Cabaret Girl."



Capt. Wm. Dunn, who was cited for gallantry with the American third division at Chateau Thierry, receiving honors from a French officer before departing for home.



Tim Healy, the new governor-general of the Irish Free State, examining a lock at a river crossing near Dublin.

Pauline Garon To Shine In De Mille Firmament

Young Canadian Star of "Man From Glengarry," Soon To Be Shown Here, Signed To Become Famous Director's First Blonde Heroine.

By MARY WINSHIP. The name of Pauline Garon isn't well known as yet to picture fans. She is one of the "new faces" whose great possibilities are being whispored along the Boulevard.

Canadian by birth, she ran away from home to go on the stage about four years ago, and landed in New York with a dollar and eighty cents in her pocket.

VIOLENT STORMS RAGE ON ATLANTIC

Threaten Smaller Craft With Destruction—Drive Larger Ships Out of Course.

Canadian Press. — Violent tempests of the sort known only to seasoned mariners of the fierce north Atlantic, against the power of which huge ocean liners are but flimsy cork shells, have raged through the past week.

WEIRD NOTES OF PICCOLO SHOCK STOKER TO DEATH

Hoboken, N. J., Dec. 26.—A weird piping coming from a coal bunker on the trans-Atlantic liner America, shocked Otto Schmidt, a coal passer, to death—so his fellow-stokers insisted when the liner arrived here.

THINKS LOCAL POLICE CAN ATTEND TO O. T. A.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—H. P. Hill, M. L. A., has written a letter to Hon. W. E. Ramey stating that he believes it would be in the general interests of his constituency if the provincial police were removed from Ottawa.

ARREST CHARLIE WONG. Special To The Advertiser.

CHARLIE WONG, a Chinaman from Welland, was arrested here tonight by mounted police, charged with having a tin of opium in his possession.

WESTERN LAWYER DIES. Regina, Dec. 26.—J. F. Frame, K. C., prominent in Saskatchewan legal circles, died suddenly at his home last night.

SHE MUST HVE HAD LONG LIST OF ADMIRERS

New York, Dec. 25.—(By Canadian Press.)—A department store detective interrupted Mrs. Grace Lee, 31, of 3767 17th avenue, Jamaica, in her Christmas shopping and found seven shagging mugs in her handbag.

EMBARGO QUESTION COMES UP SHORTLY

Government Ministers Return After Negotiating Several Treaties.

Canadian Press. — Ottawa, Dec. 26.—With the return to Canada of Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, and Hon. Ernest Lapointe, minister of marine and fisheries, early in the new year final preparations will be made for the opening of parliament.

REFUSE FORMER KAISER RIGHT TO COLLECT MONEY

Brussels, Dec. 26.—The decision of the lower Belgian court that former Emperor William has no right to collect interest on British bonds has been sustained by the court of appeals in a decision handed down today.

BORDEN TO GIVE TALK ON COMMONWEALTH

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—Rt. Hon. Sir Robert Borden leaves today for New Haven, Conn., where he is to deliver before the American Historical Association the subject is "The British Commonwealth of Nations: Features of External Relations."

FOUR FORCED TO FLEE FIRE IN NIGHT ATTIRE

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Four people were forced to flee in their night attire across roofs very early this morning when fire broke out in the home of William Hanson on Avenue road.

All the Theatres GRAND.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, at 2:00, 7:00 and 9:00: Rodolph Valentino in "All Night"; five acts of vaudeville.

ALLEN'S.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: Strongheart, Belgian police dog, in "Brawn of the North."

LOEW'S.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: Alice Lake in "Woman's Hate"; vaudeville.

PATRIOTIA.

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday: Tom Mix in "Do and Dare"; vaudeville.

MAJESTIC.

Closed.

"DRIEST" CHRISTMAS TOLL IS SIX DEAD

Twelve in Hospital, Suffering from "Poison Hooch" in New York.

Special To The Advertiser. New York, Dec. 26.—Six persons are dead and twelve are known to be in hospital suffering from "Poison Hooch" following New York's "Dryest" Christmas.

CHICAGO CANARY PROVES CHAMPION OF SONGSTERS

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Baby Grand, a 2-year-old canary owned by Frank Zager of Chicago, was judged the best of 1,500 canaries in the annual show of the International Roller Breeder Association here.

ENGLISH GIRLS CAPTURE FRENCH TYPISTS' TITLES

Paris, Dec. 25.—Three English girls won the recent annual typewriting competition of France. The first prize went to Miss Woodrow who proved to be the speediest competitor.

CHINAMAN IS INJURED AS TWO AUTOS COLLIDE

One Machine Crashes Into Telephone Pole, Knocking Letter-Box Off. When two autos collided at the corner of Talbot and Fullerton at 10:10 o'clock this morning, one of them breaking a telephone pole and knocking the letter-box off it, Lee Peo, 42, a Chinaman, was injured.

PERMISSION TO BLEND GIVEN LIQUOR MAKERS

Quebec, Dec. 26.—Evidence that there is a growing desire to produce liquors, and especially to blend them, in the province of Quebec, on the part of business concerns, is shown by a clause in Hon. Jacob Nicol's bill, before the house today, which gives the Quebec liquor commission power to give distillers permission to blend with imported products.

PORT LAMBTON CONCERT PROVES PLEASING EVENT

Special To The Advertiser. Port Lambton, Dec. 26.—A pleasing and entertaining feature was given by the Port Lambton young people in the Methodist Church Wednesday night at the Christmas entertainment in the production of a comedy farce in two acts, entitled "The Matrimonial Exchange."

GETS OFF STREET CAR, INJURED BY AUTO

Stepping from behind a street car, from which he had alighted at the corner of Hyla street and the Hamilton road, J. V. Hooke, 12 Hyla street, was knocked down by a passing auto, and fractured a rib, at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

VALENTINO PLEASURES AT GRAND THEATRE

Entire Christmas Performance Evokes Much Appreciation From Capacity Audiences.

Christmas merriment found delightful source of outlet last night in the excellent bill provided by the Grand Theatre.

With Rodolph Valentino starring in "All Night" the feature picture, the Lee Kiddies in comedy as an extra attraction, and a specially prepared vaudeville, the house was filled to capacity at both performances, and practically all standing room was occupied by late-comers.

Without question the outstanding act of the vaudeville performance was "Harry Sykes Troupe of Cyclists." Completely new and daring stunts are introduced, including a girl, extremely pretty and graceful, and two clever comedians.

Leading up to this splendid climax Wesley and White, in a humorous sketch, were exceptionally provoked much laughter. Billy Nichols, colored comedian, held the stage for three or four minutes after both acts with his funny imitation of various musical instruments. The "Snadowettes," an unusual novelty offering, were presented.

Post and Dupree presented a musical offering with a fair sprinkling of humor.

The Lee Kiddies in "Double Trouble," were a most delightful feature of the program. The popular pair were at their best in this regard, which the management secured for its first performance in Canada, bringing the film direct from Detroit.

Rodolph Valentino and Carmel Myers provided an exceptionally interesting pair, and in "All Night" with its humorously complicated plot, the handsome Rodolph and the beautiful Carmel handled their roles in a finished and fascinating manner.

C. P. R. MEN PROTEST STOPPAGE OF WORK

Feel Closing Down Following Recent Wage Cut Is Unwarranted.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Protests from the principal shops on the Canadian Pacific Railway lines concerning the stoppage of work from Dec. 22 to Jan. 8, have reached the shopmen's secretary, Charles Dickie, at the headquarters in Montreal of Division 1, Railway Employees Department, of the American Federation of Labor. It was stated this morning, the matter is being taken up with the executive of the railway by the chairman of the system's federation of the shopcrafts, Frank McKenna.

RIVER ALONE WILL DRINK 12,000 QUARTS OF LIQUOR

Washington, Dec. 25.—Christmas cheer, in the form of 12,000 quarts of Scotch and rye whiskey, seized aboard the British steamer Message of Peace off the North Carolina coast, is to be dispersed to the fishes in the Cape Fear River. Judge Conroy's court this morning authorized the destruction of the liquor in that manner.

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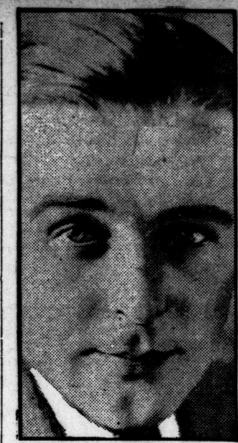
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THE YALE UNIVERSITY WILL HOLD A DAY OF CAROLING

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—The Yale University will hold a day of caroling in honor of Secretary of State Hughes and Sir Robert Borden.



GETTING BETTER. This is the latest photograph of Wallace Reid, famous photoplay actor, who is in a Hollywood sanatorium suffering from a physical breakdown. Physicians say he will recover.

HEALTH MESSAGE TO THE WORLD

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DIES IN 103RD YEAR.

Rochester, Minn., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Bridget Hickey, 102 years old, Irish, is dead at her home in Brookport, near here.

SUPPLY OF GRAIN SHOWS DECREASE

Quantity in Store Takes Big Drop During Past Week.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—According to returns received at the Dominion bureau of statistics for the week ending December 25, 1922, the quantity of grain in store has decreased in wheat by 2,966,797 bushels, flax 191,020 bushels, and rye 270,515 bushels.

In the public elevators in the east increases are shown in wheat of 440,473 bushels and barley 21,527 bushels. Oats and rye indicate decreases of 25,069 and 2,939 bushels, respectively. The receipts of all grains were 1,917,115 bushels by vessel and 710,509 bushels by rail, and the shipments 266,022 bushels by vessel and 1,258,998 bushels by rail.

United States lake ports (Buffalo and Duluth) increases are shown in all grains, viz., wheat 4,450,694 bushels, oats 1,850,106 bushels, barley 880,390 bushels, and rye 2,462 bushels.

MANY ATTEND FUNERAL OF M'GILLIVRAY RESIDENT

Special To The Advertiser. Miss Craig, Dec. 26.—The funeral of Miss Elizabeth McEwen, who died in McGillivray township Wednesday morning, December 20, was held from her late residence Friday afternoon at 10 o'clock.

THORNDALE ANGLICANS HONOR MISS M. DUFFIN

Special To The Advertiser. Thorndale, Dec. 26.—On Friday evening the annual concert and Christmas tree of St. George's Anglican Church was held in Harding's Hall and was well attended. An excellent program of dialogues, choruses, recitations and pantomimes was rendered by members of the school, who were well trained by the teachers and officers.

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 26.—Arrived: Bathford, London; Cuddy Sark, New York; Neil Neilson, Boston; Manchester, Ekibour, Manchester; Methuen, Avonmouth. Sailed: Brant County, Havre and Hamburg; Canadian Voyager, United Kingdom.



DOG LOVED HIM. With his dog as sole companion, little eight-year-old Johnny Miller for three weeks slept in abandoned water tanks on the roofs of New York tenements and lived on bits of food offered by his school chums.

LISTS KISSING MAIDS AS ELECTION TRIALS

Columbus, O., Dec. 25.—The trials of campaigning, which including kissing "two old maids and 62 babies," being "dog-bit" twice, telling 10,000 lies and making one public speech, are recounted in the expense papers of Major C. A. Butler, Marysville, filed today.

THROUGH THE KINDNESS OF CHIFFORD GRAY, MANAGER OF MASON & RISCH, THE PATIENTS IN THE SOLDIERS' WARD OF VICTORIA HOSPITAL WERE PROVIDED WITH A PIANO FOR THEIR CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT SATURDAY, DEC. 23.

The piano added materially to the enjoyment of the boys, and the loan of the instrument was appreciated by all.

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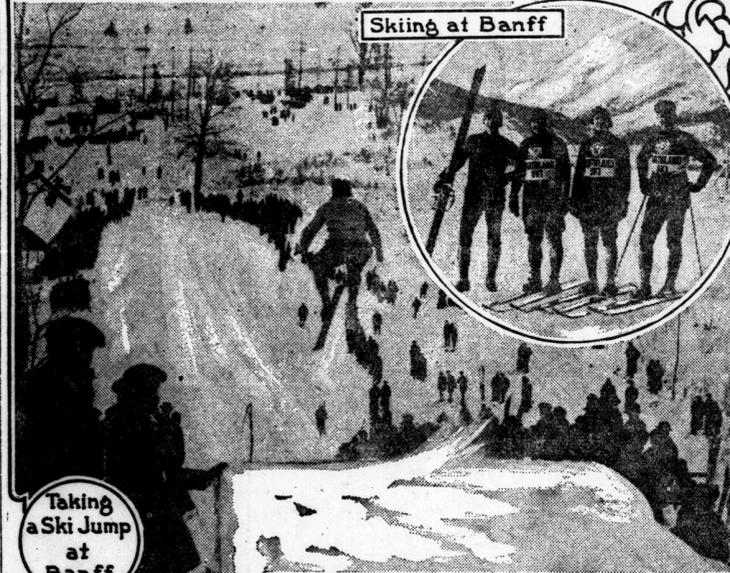
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BANFF IN WINTER



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NATURE has made Banff, Alberta, one of the finest summer and winter resorts in the world. Heretofore most of the visitors came in the summer. Within the last few years large numbers have been attracted in winter when sports carnivals have been held with great success.

Did you ever ski down a mile-long ski-slide in a pass in the Rocky Mountains? Did you ever swim in a hot sulphur swimming pool and gather snow from the sides to snow-ball your companions? Did you ever meet a deer suddenly on a mountain road and find it unafraid? Did you ever wait on skates? Did you ever climb a mountain and slide all the way down its side on your snow-shoes?

All these things you can do in winter at Banff—famous Canadian mountain resort, 4,534 feet above sea level in the clear bracing air of the Pocky Mountains.

One of the most unique attractions of Banff is the swimming in the hot pools. Sulphur Mountain is named for its remarkable health-giving springs of sulphur water. These gush out of the side of the mountain, and even in zero weather are so warm that they are delightful for swimming.

Ample opportunity is afforded for every variety of winter sport. Down on the river is a rink where one may practise figure-skating, or watch some accomplished skaters walking to music. One of the best toboggan runs comes down the side of Tunnel Mountain. Skiing is also a popular sport here and splendid opportunities are offered for jumps on the mountain slopes.

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COUNCILLORS MEET COMMERCE CHAMBER

Incoming Aldermen and the Mayor-Elect Attend Luncheon.

NEED FOR CO-OPERATION President James Gray Says Chamber Will Work in Harmony With Council.

The chamber of commerce and members of the city council waxed most friendly when the newly elected directors of the chamber joined London's 1923 mayor and members of the new council at a noon luncheon in the Tecumseh House today.

After the object of the gathering had been set forth by James Gray, president of the chamber of commerce, George Wenige, mayor-elect, and each member of the council voiced their appreciation of the thoughtfulness of the chamber in providing this means of making the members of the two bodies acquainted with one another.

"In the first place," said the chairman, in his address, "it is only appropriate that I wish the directors of the chamber of commerce, as well as the members of the new city council, a happy and very prosperous new year."

At a meeting of the directors last week, it was decided to ask the mayor-elect and the new council to be sure give co-operation. The idea was endorsed by everybody, and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking the mayor-elect and the members for their splendid turnout.

Mr. Gray pointed out that the city council and the chamber of commerce enjoyed somewhat similar positions in municipal life. Both have one object in view—that of boosting anything that would benefit London and would tend to the general welfare of her citizens.

"We had no ulterior motive in inviting the mayor-elect and members of the council to the luncheon today," the chairman declared. "We wish to do away with any feelings of suspicion that may exist and assure the council that our sole endeavor is to insure a hearty co-operation in the future between the chamber of commerce and the city council."

Mayor-elect Wenige, on behalf of the new council, thanked the chamber for their many courtesies and stressed the need for co-operation between the two bodies. He could see no reason, he said, why the 1923 council should not accomplish great things, as the city council of the past. A variety of opinion of any council as far back as he could remember.

Those present at the luncheon included Mayor-elect George Wenige, Aldermen May, Dauglass, Wilson, McKay, Collier, Hayden and Watt of the 1923 council, George W. Brown, George Belton, E. V. Buchanan, Major Hume Cronyn, Frank Harley, A. E. Silverwood, Major Ingram, John S. Moore, H. F. Skey, J. Webster, George M. Reid and President James Gray, Secretary Gordon, City Clerk Arthur A. Ford, Secretary A. D. Penny, City Clerk J. Baker, A. R. Kennedy of The Advertiser and Arthur A. Ford of The Free Press.

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Ald. May said he had often heard remarks unfavorable to the chamber of commerce, in regard to the industrial area. He urged that something should be done to help the Western Fair. London industries should be assisted by the citizens.

Ald. Douglass: "No alderman can be sure that he knows it all; he must listen to the views of the citizens. The chamber of commerce has my co-operation."

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Major Cronyn, who was described as the "venerable member," said: "We have the greatest admiration for men who serve in a public capacity. If at times we happen to criticize, it may be a sign of true friendship."

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Miss Yeter of Tonawanda, N. Y., is spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. Y. Murdock.

Miss Edna McDonald of London is home suffering from an attack of pleurisy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Bell and little son and Miss Jessie Bell of Windsor are spending the Christmas holidays in Hensall.

Mr. Maxwell of St. John, N. B., accompanied by his daughter, Miss Annie Marshall of Whitby Ladies' College, are visiting Mr. Maxwell's daughter, Mrs. J. W. Plick.

Miss Flossie Fess is visiting relatives in Toronto.

KINTORE

Special To The Advertiser. Kintore, Dec. 26.—Dr. and Mrs. Macdonald spent Tuesday in London. Dr. Macdonald attended a meeting of the Presbytery.

Miss Gladys and Miss Mable Hoyland spent Tuesday in London. Miss Lenora Armstrong of Toronto is visiting with her parents here.

Miss Kate Shaw visited friends in London on Tuesday.

The Misses Marion Hooper and Bessie Henderson attended a reunion of the 1921-22 normal class, which was held in the Tecumseh House on Friday evening.

CONFIDENT BUYING NEW YORK FEATURE

Exchange Resumes Business After Holidays and Maintains Hopeful Attitude.

By STUART P. WEST. Special to The Advertiser. New York, N. Y., Dec. 26.—In the absence of any important news over the holidays...

WALL STREET FEATURES. Lehigh Valley—Selling above seventy today, Lehigh Valley had recovered practically the entire ground lost in November...

Utah and Nevada—Dividends on Utah copper are expected to be raised above the present 22 annual rate, and distribution to shareholders is looked for on Nevada and probably Ray consolidated at a 22 yearly rate, not later than March 8.

Crude Oil Advance—It was announced today that the price of all grades of Wyoming and Montana crude oil has been raised 30 to 35 cents a barrel on account of the Sinclair Corporation's bid for Royalty Oil from Salt Creek being accepted by the government.

\$11,000,000 INCREASE IN BANK DEPOSITS

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—An increase of over eleven million dollars in the total amount of savings deposits in Canadian banks during the month of November, and of nearly fifteen million in demand deposits is shown by the finance department today through the finance department.

MILD WEATHER PREVAILS IN CANADIAN CITIES

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Unusually mild weather is prevailing in most Canadian cities today and there are prospects of continued mildness in many parts of all Canadian points reporting at 8 a.m. today, only Prince George, Winnipeg and Edmonton were perceptibly below the freezing point in Toronto, Victoria, Kingston and other cities, a Christmas thaw extending over two or three days has wiped out all vestige of a white Christmas.

Live Stock

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Cattle—Receipts, 345. Receipts were all western cattle, and in addition there were 780 head billed through market sold with a few loads of steers at \$4.50 to \$5. Receipts of most stuff were large enough to make a market. Quotations were nominal.

EAST BUFFALO

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How the Stocks Closed at Noon

(See Night Extra or Night Final for Quotations at the Three o'Clock Close.)

Table with columns for New York, Toronto, and Montreal. It lists various stocks and their closing prices, including Am. Sugar, Am. Can., and others.

UNLISTED STOCKS

Table listing unlisted stocks for Toronto, Dec. 26, including Algonquin, Alia, Pacific Grain, and others.

WALLACEBURG

Special to The Advertiser. Wallaceburg, Dec. 26.—Stamley P. East of Detroit is visiting relatives in town.

EXCHANGE RATES

Table showing exchange rates for New York, Dec. 26, including rates for London, Paris, and other international locations.

GOLD AND SILVER

New York, Dec. 26.—Foreign bar silver, 62 3/4 per ounce.

TRADING IS LIGHT ON TORONTO MART

Barcelona Advances to New High Level, But Later Makes Recession.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Trading was very light on the local stock exchange this morning. Barcelona being the only listed stock in which dealing was at all active.

Grain

Chicago, Dec. 26.—In the absence of any decided pressure to sell, the wheat market advanced higher today during the early dealings.

EMBRO

Special to The Advertiser. Embro, Dec. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Follen of Windsor are visitors at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Vannatter.

CHICAGO GRAIN FUTURES

Reported for The Advertiser by Jones, Easton, McCallum & Company. Wheat—Open High Low Close.

WINNIPEG

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—Futures opened: Wheat—Open High Low Close.

WINDSOR

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ARKONA ENTERTAINMENT PROVES DECIDED SUCCESS

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ART AT LOW EBB IN BRITISH EYES

Leading Artist Doubts Public 'Cares a Hang' About Works of Beauty.

BLAMES CREATIONS

Claims Lack of Money Has Nothing to Do With Situation.

SCHOOL REPORTS

The following is the report of Byron Public School in the Christmas examinations. Names in order of merit:

Fourth Class—Honors—Florence Peet, Mary Goshell, May Smith, Ernest Phipps, Inez Thomas, Elsie Harold Warner, Willie Shearna, Florence Sutcliffe, Meredith Goshell, Frank Smith, Edna Bowers, Marshall Colver, Hattie Calver (absent).

ART ON TOBAGAN

"Great Britain is not a happy hunting ground for art," says the secretary of the League of Arts, and the chances are that he is right if he is contrasting the United Kingdom with the United States.

PROTON

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Advertisement for 'Keeping Up With the Jones', featuring a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman, with text: 'REMEMBER IF YOU SEE ANY REAL BARGAINS OVER HERE IN EGYPT IN THE WAY OF ANTIQUES...'

Advertisement for 'Thoughtlessness', featuring a cartoon illustration of a man and a woman, with text: 'Because you have only a few hundred dollars is no reason why it should not be efficiently invested.'

Advertisement for 'Savings 3 1/2%' and 'The Ontario Loan and Debenture Co.', featuring a large illustration of a classical building and text: 'The Ontario Loan and Debenture Co. 31 Years of Service.'

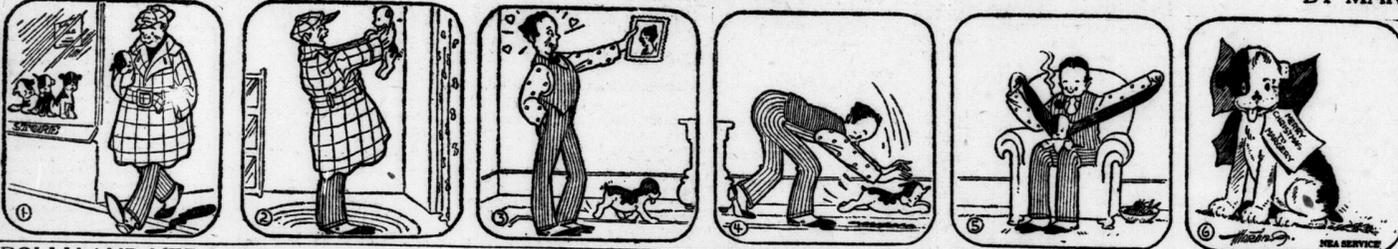
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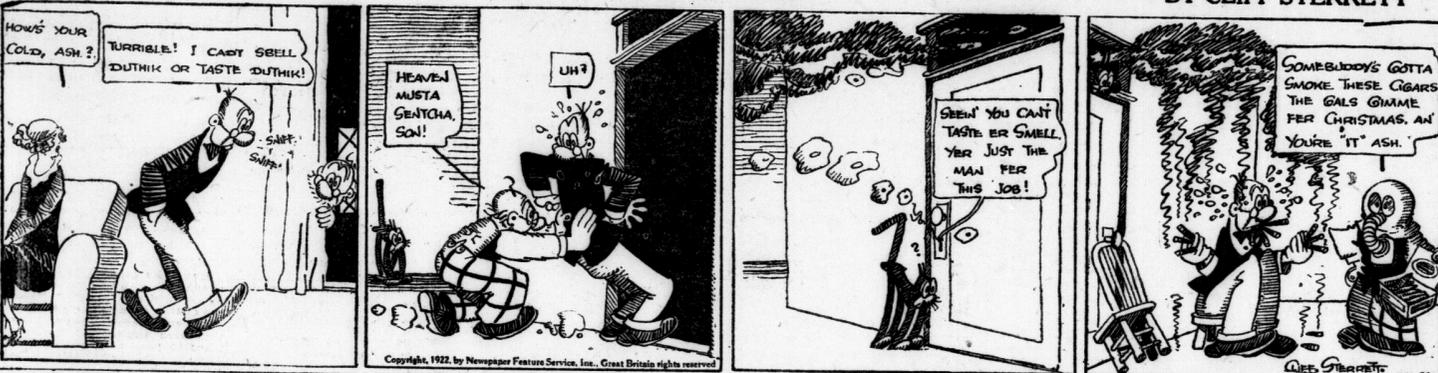
BY MARTIN



POLLY AND HER PALS

Even a Cold Can Be a Convenience.

BY CLIFF STERRETT



MUTT AND JEFF.

Jeff's Misunderstood, That's All—A Natural Mistake

BY BUD FISHER.



TOOTS AND CASPER

Casper Knew It Would Be Perfectly Safe There

BY JIMMY MURPHY



GAS BUGGIES

BY BECK



REFUSAL TO HELP STIRS CITY LABOR

London Executive of Party Protests Action of Provincial House.

APPOINT 3 DELEGATES

Urge Stevenson To Enlist Colleagues To Fight Government's Stand.

London Labor officially protests the expressed attitude of the Drury government with respect to unemployed. Empowered by the executive board of the local branch of the Canadian Labor Party, a special committee will approach Dr. Hugh Stevenson, M.P., either today or tomorrow, urging him to exert every influence that the question of financial assistance from the province to the municipalities, be reconsidered by the authorities at Toronto.

Those who have been selected to bring the issue to the immediate attention of the member for London are Ald. Elect John Colbert, president of the London Labor Party; Ald. Elect Frank McKay, president of No. 1 group of the same body; and Louis Biggs, a member of the executive committee.

Gets Through Sifting. The local problem was the subject of thorough consideration at a recent special session of the executive board, when attention was directed by Ald. McKay to the fact that the administration at the provincial capital through Hon. Frank Biggs, minister of public works, had informed City Engineer H. A. Brazier that no financial assistance would be forthcoming this year for the jobs of the towns and cities.

Aldermen McKay and Colbert and their colleagues deplored the evident fact that the provincial authorities feel that the circumstances do not warrant the extension of aid to the several communities, as was furnished last winter, in conjunction with the federal government.

It is the belief of the new Labor councillors and their associates in the Labor party, that conditions may be such during the approaching winter months, that certain financial assistance from the government would be imperative and of vital import to the country at large.

Preparat For Emergency. While acknowledging that it may be just a question of opinion at this moment with respect to the seriousness of the local situation, they argue that provision should be made early so as to be ready for any emergency. One of the executive stated that quite a substantial number of city workers had already registered at the government employment office as being in line for employment of any description that the city might have to offer.

"I understand that this question has already been considered by the federal authorities," stated Ald. McKay, "and the answer was that Ottawa would be only too ready and willing to shoulder its fair share of the financial responsibility, as was done last winter, if such action is deemed imperative, either in one or several localities throughout the country. It was definitely explained, however, as I understand, that action in this direction must first come from the province."

Denies Aid Coming. In his communication to the city engineer last week in response to the query directed from the city hall to Toronto, the minister of highways stated that the provincial authorities contemplate no action, and adds that the federal government is similarly disposed.

The London Labor leaders question this, however, being under the impression from inquiries to the King administration at Ottawa, that certain assistance will be available, directly the initial move is discerned at Toronto.

They contend that the Drury government should display greater interest in the problem throughout the province, and in an effort to bring this about seek the co-operation of the local member of the Labor block in the Legislative Assembly.

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Bachelor of Beggars! This may be a new degree to mingle with the A.B., B.S., Ph.D., if Berlin's College of Beggary is recognized by the academic world. Such a college exists.

"Do not laugh at my trade. It has taken a long time to bring it to its present state of perfection. The art of begging is not as simple as it appears. We must be urgent and forward without appearing impudent; we must appear to be modest.

"For years I have studied the psychology of begging. I learned to judge the passerby when he was three or four steps away. At first I taught my apprentices on the street; later I sold my right to my corner and founded the school for beggary which now does a flourishing business.

"Under my instructions my students learn the best methods of begging—down to the most delicate fitness. My students contract to pay me 10 per cent of their income for two years after graduation. Beggars are honorable in dealing with beggars."

MAY DISCRIMINATE TO AID U. S. SHIPS

America Is Puzzled by Heavy Losses From Merchant Marine.

ASK TREATY ABOGATION

If Ship Subsidy Bill Fails Drastic Step Will Be Considered.

Washington, Dec. 26.—What is going to be done with the United States merchant marine if the ship subsidy bill fails? This question is already being asked in Washington, and is likely to be asked more and more pointedly as the winter goes on. It has looked for some weeks as if the ship subsidy bill were doomed to failure. At this date it seems destined to be set aside and proposed measures for the aid of farmers considered in its stead.

It has been represented to Congress by the shipping board that the government is losing \$50,000,000 a year on its merchant marine fleet. If subsidizing fails, then will come up the problem of what is to be done to meet this loss. One view is that the government should go ahead as it is doing now, search out markets, and try to curtail its losses, in the belief that a world trade improves it will more than come out even.

But there are many who are not content with this. In the Senate debate there has been serious talk of the abrogation of the Jones law, and the Jones shipping law, now on the statute books, makes provision for a discriminating duty and favors the abrogation of treaties with different nations which stand in way of such a discriminating duty. But neither the Wilson administration nor the Harding administration has taken steps toward abrogation of the treaties, though it is well known that it is the judgment of many in Congress, as well as some of the foremost shipping board authorities that this is the effective way to build up the merchant marine.

Opinions differ as to why neither administration sought to make the law effective. One common view is that the United States was unwilling to engage in the diplomatic contention which such a step would result in.

However, there is already serious talk of Congress simply by law abrogating the treaties in question and making discriminating duties in favor of the United States a matter of policy. Senator McKellar of Tennessee suggested this in a recent Senate speech. If subsidizing definitely fails it is not at all improbable this proposition will become acute.

MAN AND GIRL DIE WHEN HOME BURNS

Brighton Shocked As Tragedy Stalks Family At Close of Christmas.

Brighton, Ont., Dec. 26.—Christmas festivities in the home of William Firman, two miles from this village, terminated in tragedy last night.

Mr. Firman and his infant daughter were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the farmhouse. Mrs. Firman and a 12-year-old son escaped, but their heroic efforts to rescue the other two members of the family were unsuccessful.

Mr. Firman early in the evening fell asleep on a lounge, his little daughter sleeping beside him. The house caught fire from an overheated or defective furnace connection. It is thought the Firman when he awoke was immediately overcome by smoke and unable to make his escape. Meantime the wife and son, after unsuccessful efforts to save him and the child, made a difficult escape from the blazing house.

PRESCOTT SPEAKS TO CUBA ON PHONE

Baraquay Sugar Company Official Sends Greetings To Mother.

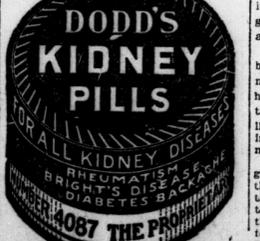
Prescott, Dec. 25.—The first long-distance telephone connection between the Republic of Cuba and the local exchange and possibly the first from Cuba to Canada was made on Christmas day, when Charles McGannon, of the Baraquay Sugar Company, Baraquay, Cuba, paid the greetings of the season to his mother and sister here. The call was made from Baraquay to Havana, across the Gulf of Mexico and the Gulf Stream, to Key West, Florida; from Key West to New York, then to Prescott. The conversation was very distinct. The temperature at the time of telephoning was 67 degrees in the shade.

JAPS ALTER TEXT BOOKS TO REDUCE ALPHABET

New School Manuals Now Comprise 1,360 Characters Instead of 4,000.

Tokio, Dec. 26.—Drastic changes have been made in the text-books used in Japanese lower grade schools. Apart from the reduction of the number of characters in the alphabet to only 1,360, as compared with 4,000 used by the average newspaper, important alterations have been made in the general spirit of the narratives given in the Japanese history books and readers.

Not so very long ago Japanese school boys were taught to regard all foreign nations with suspicion and antagonism; history books eulogized the great military leaders, practically ignoring the lives of Japanese who had gained fame in the world of arts, science and commerce.



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TWELVE-YEAR-OLD GOES HALF GOLF COURSE IN 42
Canadian Press.
Pinehurst, N. C., Dec. 26.—Forbes Wilson, 12-year-old son of Willie Wilson, the York Harbor and Pinehurst golf professional, played the first half of the championship course in 42 here recently in a nine-hole match with John Peacock, Pinehurst pro. Young Wilson drove to green at the sixth hole, 166 yards, and ran down the putt for a 2.

NEW ZEALAND ROCKED BY SEVERE EARTHQUAKE
Wellington, N. Z., Dec. 26.—A severe earthquake shock was felt here at 3 o'clock this afternoon. It is feared that considerable damage has been done in the country districts. Great fissures opened at the beach at Waikuku, while at some places the buildings swayed in alarming fashion.

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The New Year
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it costs no more than ordinary bread, and yet it is the finest bread your money can buy. Just to satisfy yourself order a trial loaf today.

CAROLS AT DAWN AWAKEN PATIENTS
Party of Songsters Give Treat At Westminster Hospital On Christmas.

Through the ghostly mist and gray dawn of early Christmas morning, a procession of motor cars wound its way to Westminster Hospital, carrying friends and entertainers in order that the day might begin merrily for the patients.

The doors swung open to admit the guests into corridors and reception rooms, ablaze with lights, gay with yuletide decorations. Following a cordial welcome received from Dr. McGhie, medical superintendent, and Miss Charlotte Ross, matron, the long walk was taken to the big dining-room where evergreens, holly and garlands of red twined the pillars and festooned the walls, and in the center of each inviting table stood a Christmas tree.

As the great gong sounded, awakening the echoes, a dozen stout-hearted members of Ridout Street Methodist Church orchestra, conducted by Sam Bexton, struck up the Aviator's March.

Tramp, tramp, tramp, came a rush of feet, and 150 and more men remaining for Christmas filed to their places, the majority looking their pleased surprise to find visitors and unwonted gaiety and merriment.

The musical program continued, varied by solos from Miss Lulu Somerville and Carmen Learn, accompanied by A. D. Jordan, which met with enthusiastic reception.

ENGLISH ARTIST HOLDS EXHIBITION IN LONDON.
J. Geldard Walton, late of London, England, will hold an exhibition of rare paintings in water colors and oils this week in the new offices of the J. R. Steel Realty Company, 133 Dundas street, upstairs, next to De Luxe Cafe, over John A. Nash, My Jeweller's store. Where you will eventually buy.

SAY BRITAIN LACKS RIGHT TO MOSUL
Delegates Insist Irak Districts Have Voted To Join Turkey.

ISMET DESIRES PEACE
Tchitcherin Asserts Straits Question Cannot Be Settled Without Russia.

Lausanne, Dec. 25.—The Near East conference will resume today with a good many wounds to heal. The British are plainly annoyed over the Turkish answer concerning Mosul. The Turks, insisting vigorously that Mosul belongs to Turkey, allege that the British without proper authority occupied that territory after the armistice at Mudros; they say that two districts of Irak have already elected to join Turkey, and Mosul, whose Kurd population is more sympathetic with the Turks than the Arabs, will undoubtedly do likewise if a plebiscite is held.

Belongs to Irak.
The British delegates said today that they would continue to contend that Mosul belongs to Irak and would hold it until the Irak government decided to cede it to Turkey.

Anxious for Results.
Both the French and British delegations are anxious for results, and will undoubtedly attempt to hurry preparations for the actual treaty of peace. The Russian spokesman said tonight: "The time for discussion is about over; we must hurry towards the end."

Rejection of an Armenian national home in Turkey will be presented to the Near East conference tomorrow by President Noradunghian of the Armenian National delegation. He was once minister of foreign affairs in the Turkish cabinet, and has been appointed to appear before the sub-commission on minorities to explain the desires of the Armenian people.

The Turks have announced their decision not to attend the meeting. For one thing, they say, they have made up their minds definitely not to set aside any part of Turkey for the Armenians; for another, they assert that as the Armenians are Turkish subjects they plead their cause before the Turks, not before the conference as a whole.

FRANCE BUSY ON REPARATION PLAN
Commission Expect To Have Program Ready in Week's Time.

Paris, Dec. 25.—The French program of reparations guarantees is still far from complete. It is understood, following a conference Sunday attended by Premier Poincare and members of his cabinet, President Barthou of the reparations committee and others.

The full week's work still remains before the plan will be in shape for presentation to the allied premiers at their conference here beginning January 2.

AMHERSTBURG LOSES PROMINENT CITIZEN
Duncan Grant, Active Promoter of Education and Sport, Dies Suddenly.

Special to The Advertiser.
Amherstburg, Dec. 25.—Duncan Grant, prominent grocer here, died suddenly early today from pneumonia, in his 34th year.

WRITERS OF DOMINIONS GO INTO PRESS GALLERY
Canadian Press Cable.
London, Dec. 25.—Announcement is made that admission to the press gallery of the House of Commons is to be accorded six representatives of the press of the Overseas Dominions. This concession will be especially appreciated inasmuch as the representatives of the Dominions are fully aware of the limited accommodation in the gallery, which made it difficult to grant the concession earlier.

FOG BLINDS ENGINEER, C.P.R. TRAIN LEAVES RAILS
Milton, Dec. 25.—During the heavy fog this morning the 7:26 C. P. R.

MURDERS THREE, THEN KILLS SELF
Murders Children of Family Gathered About Christmas Tree At Home.



SEEKS TO SLAY FAMILY
Rejected Suitor At Seattle Turns Happiness Into Grim Tragedy.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 25.—Rejection of his advances towards Helen Engel, 16 years of age, is believed to have so crazed Emil Neuriter, 40, a ferryboat proprietor, that he entered her home here yesterday and turned Christmas joy into tragedy by killing her two sisters and one of her brothers and then ending his own life.

Helen said that Neuriter attempted to shoot her when she repelled him last spring. Neuriter took to the Engel home today three pistols and two pockets full of cartridges.

Neuriter, according to the coroner, waited near the Engel home until Helen's father came out of the house, leaving his family around the Christmas tree distributing gifts. Engel said that Neuriter pointed two pistols at him and ordered him into the house.

"Get Helen for me," Neuriter is alleged to have shouted.

Anna Engel, 17, sister of Helen, sought to wrest the pistols from Neuriter. A bullet tore through her up-lifted arm and into her heart.

Leaping over Anna's body, according to the story pieced together by the coroner, Neuriter commenced shooting at Helen, at Ernest, her brother 15, and at Mr. and Mrs. Engel. Helen and Ernest jumped out of a window and the parents fled through the front door.

As the parents fled they saw their daughter Lily, aged 3, standing in a chair with two dolls, just taken from the Christmas tree, hugged to her breast. Our reporter found her dead with a bullet in her forehead.

The body of Hans, a brother aged 14, and that of Neuriter were found in a bedroom, the lad with a bullet wound in the left temple and Neuriter with one in the chest.

Letters found in Neuriter's pockets mentioned supposed troubles with Engel, but did not reveal specifically the cause of Neuriter's animity.

DISCOVER SECRET PACT MADE BETWEEN FASCISTI
Hungarian and Italian Organizations Plan To Aid Each Other Military Aid.

Prague, Dec. 25.—Official circles here are surprised over the discovery of a secret pact between the Italian and Hungarian Fascists, whereby the factions will lend military aid to each other in the event of a war with Yugoslavia. It is even reported that the pact has been sanctioned by the Hungarian and Italian Governments, and to this is added a rumor that the Italian Government is supplying war material to the Hungarian Fascists.

WORKERS PLAN FORMING NATIONAL LABOR PARTY
New York Convention Approves Instructions Said To Have Been Sent Out Lenine.

New York, Dec. 25.—Organization of a National Labor Party was agreed upon yesterday at a session of the second convention of the Workers' Party of America.

The proposal for its formation was said to have been made on instructions from Vladimir Lenin, and the Russian Communist International.

Speaking in support of the National Labor Party proposal, C. E. Ruthenberg, secretary of the Workers' Party, said that workers in this country could not be led into a revolutionary class movement all at once, but would have to be educated through a political machine. The Labor Party, he said, would accomplish this and would develop "leadership for the proletarian revolution."

Another List of Year-End Clearings, Half and Third Off



These after-Christmas sales are of more than usual significance, as immediate clearance means decisive reductions during the few remaining days of the year, and should be taken full advantage of by every thrifty buyer. Today Ladies' Dresses and Blouses are offered at half-price, also Men's Neckwear, House Coats, Robes and Socks are being cleared at greatly reduced prices, some lines less than half.

TOMORROW'S SALES WILL INTEREST EVERY HOME-BUILDER.

Year-End Clearing of Lamps and Shades —Wednesday— At One-Third and One-Half Off

SEE DUNDAS STREET WINDOW.
We are offering most of our stock, the aftermath of Christmas buying, at one-third to one-half off regular prices, and those who have intended purchasing a lamp and shade will be pleased to have an opportunity of saving on the reductions.

China Doll Head Frames, 1-3 Off. Sale Price \$2.63 Each
26 only to sell. These are a regular French China Doll. Head on a frame, with electric attachment, ready for lighting; height altogether 13 1/2 inches. Sale price \$2.63 each

Candlesticks, Sale Price 39c Each
50 only Candlesticks, mahogany or walnut finish; bottom lined with felt; stands 8 inches high; base, 4 inches in diameter. Almost half price. 39c each

Floor Lamp Shades, one-half and one-third off; all good colors. Sale prices, \$10.00 \$12.00, \$13.00, \$16.00, \$17.50 and \$21.50 to \$26.00.

Floor Lamps in both walnut and mahogany finish, one-third off. Two-Light Fixtures. Sale prices \$7.33, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$11.00, \$13.33, \$16.67

Bridge Lamps, one-third off, in mahogany finish, adjustable arms. Sale price \$13.00 each

Bridge Lamp Shades, one-third off; a very popular shade today in a limited range of colors. Sale prices \$4.33, \$5.67, \$6.00, \$6.33, \$8.33, \$10.00

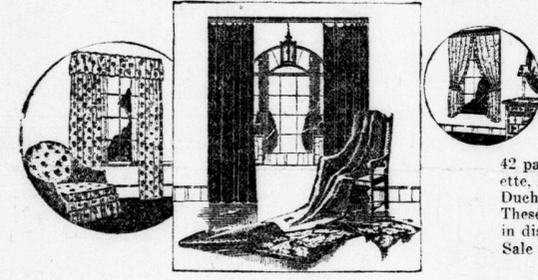
Table Lamp Shades, one-half and one-third off; good colors and styles. Sale prices \$6.25, \$8.75, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$11.67, \$15.00 and \$16.25.

Boudoir Lamp Shades, one-half to one-third off at \$1.67, \$1.87, \$2.12 and \$2.25

Jar Lamp and Shade, one-third off, two only, one pink, one blue. Sale price \$6.37 for lamp and shade



Table Lamps, one-third off, in both one and two-light, in walnut and mahogany finish \$3.67, \$5.33, \$5.67



Sale of Slightly-Soiled Curtains, Fine Quality, on Sale Wednesday, Third Off
SEE DUNDAS STREET WINDOW.
42 pairs only, in single pairs of fine quality voile, marquisette, Irish point, Venetian point, Alexandrian point and fine Duchess Curtains. A few 2-pair lots to be found in this lot. These are our sample pairs which have become slightly soiled in displaying. All to go at one-third off our regular prices. Sale prices, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.67, \$8.00, \$10.00 to \$17.67 pair. Be on hand early!

Decorate Your Home -- One-Third Less Now Living-Room, Dining-Room or Bedroom

Only sufficient orders will be taken in this sale to keep our paper hangers employed during January, and avoid any laying off at this time. The prices given to accomplish this purpose will be withdrawn when sufficient work is assured. Don't put off if you wish to take advantage of this opportunity. Tomorrow may be too late.

Bedrooms \$7.50 and \$10.50 Each, Living and Dining-Rooms \$12.50 and \$18.50 Each

including work and all material. Sufficient work will be booked to keep our staff busy during January.

\$12.50—LIVING OR DINING-ROOM, Size Up To 12x15x9.
20-Inch Grass Cloths, blends, etc., in tan, gray, blue. All have bands to match.

\$18.50—LIVING OR DINING-ROOM, Size Up To 12x15x9.
30-Inch Tapestry and foliage papers in gray, blue and ivory colors.

30-Inch Blends or Grass Cloths, with bands to match; tan, gray and sand shades.

\$7.50—BEDROOMS, Size Up To 9x12x9.
Plain and fancy stripes, with cut-out borders to match; all colors. Chintz Papers in blue, yellow and gray.

\$10.50 BEDROOMS.
Plain plaster effects, with bands to match, in pale blue, gray and ivory.

English Chintz in rose, blue and mauve. Larger rooms decorated on sale basis.

Wall Paper, Paints, etc., Third Floor.
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Christmas Rum Shops Fail New York And So Broadway Goes High And Dry

New York, Dec. 25.—Prohibition officials assert that Broadway experienced the driest Christmas ever in its history, largely because of the defeat, which they claim the Sabarna rum fleet met at the hands of the dry navy. As proof of the fact, the West Side court, which usually boasts many drunks on Christmas Day, had no offenders before it.

GROWS TIRED OF TATTOO, HAS TRAIN CUT ARM OFF

New York, Dec. 25.—(By Canadian Press.)—Because he was tired of a brightly tattooed figure on his right arm, James J. Scanlon of Shenandoah, Pa., placed his arm on the Pennsylvania Railroad track in Newark, Scanlon told detectives at the city hospital, where he now lies recovering from the result of his act. A trainman drilling freight cars found Scanlon beside the track with his right arm severed at the elbow. He confessed that the figure of an undraped woman tattooed in bright colors on his arm had grown repulsive to him, and he deliberately placed his arm upon the track.

BLEEDS FOR THREE DAYS, TRANSFUSION SAVES LIFE

Atlantic City, Dec. 25.—(By Canadian Press.)—The life of Charles Lloyd, 29 years old, of Linwood, has been saved by blood transfusion, after he had bled from the nose almost unintermittently for three days.

TAFFETA WITH LACE
A blue taffeta gown with a long, full skirt is effectively trimmed with a scarf of black lace which is used as a shoulder drape on one side, reaching to the hem line on the other.