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**We Need A Constable.**

The Council must act soon in the appointment of a constable who will look after the proper enforcement of the law here. On Sunday evening, at eleven o'clock, two young fellows, filled with old cider, made the night hideous with their noisy behaviour. The auto speeding habit should also be stopped here. There are a dozen drivers every day who violate the law, by making a race course of our main street.

**The Largest Pike.**

Mr. Louis Dahms of Carrick was up fishing at Black Horse last Thursday, and was successful in landing an exceptionally large pike. He was trolling in a small rowboat, in company with Messrs. Fred Kutz and Frank Dahms, when he hooked a big fellow. Getting the fish into the boat was an easier task than keeping him there, and he had a great struggle with the pike in the bottom of the boat, before he finally got him subdued. The pike measured exactly three feet long from tip to tip, and weighed 10½ lbs., and was the largest captured at the Black Horse lake this year.

**The Conscription Bill.**

Sir Robert Borden's compulsory service measure was on Monday afternoon introduced in the House of Commons. It is called the military service act, 1917. This is the name given similar measures in Great Britain and New Zealand. The bill provides for securing reinforcements which unless Parliament further authorizes are not to exceed 100,000 men. It sets out ten distinct classes from whom drafts will be selected. These classes will be called out in order named. They are as follows:

Class 1—Those who have attained the age of 20 years and were not born earlier than the year 1894, and are unmarried, or are widowers but have no children.

Class 2—Those who were born in the years 1889 to 1893, both inclusive, and are unmarried, or are widowers, but have no children.

Class 3—Those who were born in the years 1883 to 1888, both inclusive, and are unmarried, or are widowers, but have no children.

Class 4—Those who have attained the age of 20 years and were born not earlier than the year 1894, and are married or are widowers, who have a child or children.

Class 5—Those who were born in the years 1889 to 1893, both inclusive, and are married or are widowers who have a child or children.

Class 6—Those who were born in the years 1883 to 1888, both inclusive, and are married or are widowers who have a child or children.

Class 7—Those who were born in the years 1876 to 1882, both inclusive, and are unmarried or are widowers who have no child.

Class 8—Those who were born in the years 1876 to 1882, both inclusive, and are married, or are widowers who have a child or children.

Class 9—Those who were born in the years 1872 to 1875, both inclusive, and are unmarried or are widowers who have no child.

Class 10—Those who were born in the years 1872 to 1875, both inclusive, and are married, or are widowers, who have child or children.

(2) For purposes of this section, any man married after June 11th, 1917, shall be deemed to be unmarried.

(3) Any class except Class 1 shall include men who are transferred thereto from another class as hereinafter provided, and men who have come within Class 1, since the previous class was called out.

(4) The order in which the classes are described in this section shall be order in which they may be called out on active service.

**Report of S. S. No. 6 Carrick**

April and May.

III and IV class subjects—Br. Hist. Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar, Writing.

II class—Arithmetic, Literature Geography, Composition, Writing.

I class—Arithmetic and Writing

Sr. IV—Martha Bickel 59.2, Alfred Hammer 57.8.

Sr. III—Sarah Bickel 65.1, Henry Russel 55.5, Wesley Hill 51.2, Henry Hammer 26.2

Sr. II—Emerson Losch 61, Luella Russel 51.2.

Sr. I—Arthur Juergens 68, Wilfred Kaufman 47.

Eldon Kreuger 70, Adeline Kreuger 65, Arthur Losch 59, Reuben Russel 50.

Wm. F. Wendt, Teacher.

The Corpus Christi procession was held by the R. C. congregation here on Sunday morning. Rev. Fr. Coghlin of Toronto assisted Rev. M. Halm through the ceremonies.

**FORMOSA.**

Mr. W. C. Schill is able to be around again after his illness with typhoid fever the past few weeks.

Mrs. Mitchel of Prestoria visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schumacher here.

Mrs. Jos. D. Schumacher has moved into Mrs. Chas Uhrich's house.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Reinhardt and Mrs. Alex Meyer visited friends around Kitchener and New Germany over Sunday.

Mrs. M. Frank is seriously ill at present. Her daughter Teresa of Hamilton is attending her.

Mrs. W. J. Hundt and Mrs. Jos. Trautman were at Mildmay, on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Ralph Graf and daughter of Detroit are spending their holidays here at Greenock.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Strauss Sundayed with J. H. Schefters' here.

On Tuesday the marriage of Wm., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Keip to Annie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Voison took place here.

**NEUSTADT**

The Misses Anna Huether and Hilda Gebhardt and Mr. Wilbert Lippert all of Stratford Normal are home for their holidays.

Mr. Henry Dunneman returned home from the Bruce County Hospital. We are glad to report that he is doing nicely.

Mr. Herb Weinert of Listowel spent Sunday at his home here.

Messrs Frank Weppler, A. Sander, J. Ruhl, F. Sander and J. Wells attended the funeral of Henry Ruhl in Desboro on Monday.

A load of young people from town attended the dance in Ayton on Monday evening and report a swell time.

Mr. Ezra Schenk accompanied by the Misses J. Fortune, L. Oehm, R. and L. Schenk spent a few hours in town on Sunday.

**MOLTKE.**

Mr. John Ruhl attended the funeral of the late Henry Ruhl of Sullivan on Monday.

Mr. Chas. Klein has purchased a new Ford car.

Mr. Edwin Holm is at present nursing a sore foot. He had the fortune of cutting himself with an axe. Several stitches were put in although he is able to be around again.

A very pretty wedding took place in the Neustadt St. Paul's Lutheran Church last Wednesday when Miss Tillie, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lome Wettlaufer was united in the holy bonds of wedlock to Mr. John Wagner one of our prominent young farmers. After the ceremony a large number of friends and relatives gathered at the bride's home where a sumptuous dinner awaited them. The bride was dressed in a prettily gown of white satin while the bride-maid, Miss Laura Wagner wore a beautiful pale blue silk crepe de chene. Mr. Enoch Wettlaufer acted as best man. The young couple will reside on the groom's farm on the fourth concession of Carrick. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Wagner many happy days in their matrimonial life.

Wedding bells are still ringing.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Rahn of Hamilton visited at Albert Luedtke a few days last week.



SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tenders for Supplying Coal for the Dominion Buildings," will be received at this office until 4.00 P.M., on Tuesday, July 3rd, 1917, for the supply of coal for the Public Buildings throughout the Dominion.

Combined specification and form of tender can be obtained on application at this office and from the caretakers of the different Dominion Buildings.

Persons tendering are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed form supplied, and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered bank payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, equal to ten per cent (10 p.c.) of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the person tendering decline to enter into contract when called upon to do so or fail to complete the contract. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

By order,  
R. C. DESROCHERS,  
Secretary

Messrs Wm. Diebel of Kincardine and Edward Diebel of Elora were home on Sunday.

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### THIRD EPISODE—(Cont'd.)

And all the time Pat was becoming more expert. Her associations with Jacques resulted in her cleverness being repeatedly praised among the Apaches at Cafe Chat Noir.

"She would make a wonderful leader for us," would be Jacques' comment every time he could introduce the subject to one of the band. "We should make her Queen of the Underworld, that's what we should do."

One day there came a telephone call for sleuth Kelly from the chief of the Parisian detective force. The robbery of a famous art collector's treasures had been the latest achievement of the mysterious thief. A painting of fabulous value had been cut from its frame, and all Paris was agog with the boldness and cunning of the crime.

"We want you to help us on this theft of the Mona Lisa," said the chief of detectives, to Kelly, over the phone. "I'll do my best to help you," was Kelly's brief comment.

Impelled by a suspicion he could not set at rest the Sphinx called up Mrs. Van Nuys' home and asked for Pat. When the girl answered Kelly tried to be mysterious in his opening remarks, but Pat was undecieved.

"This is Kelly the great detective, I am sure," said the girl, and the little laugh that she sent over the phone irritated the Sphinx.

"Possibly not great," he replied, "but you've got the Kelly all right, Miss Pat. I called up to invite you to go with me to the Cafe Chic to-night."

"Sorry that I have a previous engagement. Perhaps you will be surprised to hear that I'm going slumming instead of to the fashionable cafes." The girl realized, after she had taunted Kelly with her response, that she might have made a mistake.

"I was only fooling," she made haste to aid, in the hope of diverting Kelly from her real purpose. "The truth is I am not feeling well, and will not be able to leave the house at all this evening."

Kelly expressed his regrets, and after a few trifling pleasantries the Sphinx ended the conversation. Abruptly turning to one of his men, Kelly commanded:

"Skip down to the Chat Noir and see if the Apaches are expecting anything extra to-night." And the man made haste to obey. Kelly waited impatiently for his man to return, and finally his vigil was rewarded.

"They are making great preparations for a big time, boss," said the detective. "I learn they are going to crown some woman 'Queen of the Underworld.'"

"Such being the case, we must be present at the coronation," said Kelly. And the Sphinx, with several gendarmes, was watching from every place the men could hide themselves along the street that led to Cafe Chat Noir, just as soon as dusk fell and the underworld began to start upon its nightly pilgrimage of crime and debauchery.

In the sewers that formed a network underground, there were other gendarmes ready to pounce upon the

unwary at Kelly's prearranged signal. Men and women singly, in couples and in groups, came down the street, singing and chattering in utter disregard of the amount of disturbance they created.

As the evening wore along the crowd within and without Cafe Chat Noir grew more numerous and accordingly more boisterous.

It was near the midnight hour, when Kelly's sentinels passed the sign along that something unusual was on the way. Down the street dashed a cab at reckless speed and halted abruptly at the entrance of the Chat Noir.

Kelly's quick eyes saw a slight figure descend from the cab. The form was dressed jauntily in high boots and tights, that encased a limb so shapely that Kelly was certain that the new arrival was not a man. Over the shoulders of the figure swung a cape that was caught in front by dainty white hands—and across the top of the face a mask of purple silk.

"The Queen of the Underworld," Kelly exclaimed under his breath. "We shall be in at the coronation." Without halting to speak to anyone, the figure in the long cloak and purple mask entered the cafe.

Immediately the clatter and tumult was hushed. For an instant perfect silence reigned within the cafe, and then a great shout, as though the dense throng of Apaches were acclaiming in one voice, turned the cafe into a bedlam of rejoicing.

"Hail Queen of the Underworld," they shouted.

Suddenly at the main entrance, Sphinx Kelly appeared backed by a group of fellow detectives and gendarmes.

"Hands up! Everybody!" was his loud-shouted command.

The sound of his voice had not penetrated far into the jangle of noise, but on the instant the lights went out and Cafe Chat Noir was so dark that the keenest eyes could only discern the outline of scurrying forms.

There was a creaking noise as, at the back of the cafe, a door swung open and in rushing, struggling streams the Apaches began to pour through in speedy exit from the cafe.

Kelly knew full well that this was what the rowd would do. He urged his men along in pursuit.

The Apaches knew the dark passages almost as well as they knew the streets far above their heads. Along the sides of the sewers ran plank or concrete runways over which workmen passed in keeping the sewer system of the great city in perfect order. There were cross sections of these "streets" where sewer led into sewer, in a perfect labyrinth of grimy and slippery passages.

Kelly ran with his best speed to get as close to the fleeing Apaches as he possibly could. He caught sight of a cloaked figure running like a wild deer.

He was sure he could not be mistaken in his "man." He kept the fleeing figure in sight, and began, finally, to overtake the person he believed he had seen descend from the cab at the door of the Chat Noir. One of the gendarmes, just ahead of the Sphinx, made a spurt as if to capture the cloaked figure, but a shout from Kelly made him alter his purpose.

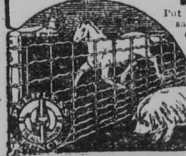
Kelly wanted this person for his own captive, and putting on still more speed, soon arrived within arm's length of the fleeing form. In another instant he had caught the flowing cape, and pinned the figure helplessly in his strong arms.

Holding tight to his charge, Kelly shouted orders to his men. Most of the Apaches had escaped capture, but there were enough within sight of Kelly to put up a strong fight, in their attempt to rescue the cloaked figure.

After a short but tremendously active period of fighting and scuffling, the gendarmes captured most of the Apaches, while others fled, leaving Kelly in possession of his prey. Ordering his men to proceed to jail with their own prisoners, Kelly started to

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Terms—Cash or Produce.

### LIVE STOCK MARKETS TORONTO.

Trading on the Union Stock Yards yesterday was characterized, especially for some lines of cattle, by another sharp decline in prices similar to that of a fortnight ago, and variously placed from 25c to 50c per cwt. In some individual cases the drop in the price was said to be even more marked, but these were the exception. There was a heavy run of cattle, 2,900 head in all, a big proportion of them good stuff, and with the packing houses showing a disposition to hold off and bide their time, there was nothing for it for the commission house and drovers but to make the best of the situation.

The fact of the matter is, and it is well known, that the cattle for the most part were bought too high in the country, and the logical sequence is that somebody is losing money. Individual cases were cited where the drover had paid 12c per lb. in the country for 18 butcher cattle averaging around 1100 lbs., and shipped them into the market, where they were sold yesterday for 10 1/2c per lb. The facts are incontrovertible, and need no comment. Practically all lines of cattle were off more or less, but the drop was more marked in the light and heavy butcher class. One good load of 23 butcher averaging 950 lbs., sold early in the forenoon at \$11.90, and there were scales of other lots at around that figure.

As indicating how slow the trade was it was stated that, out of 2900 cattle on the market, only 800 had gone over the scales at 12 o'clock. Later they moved out faster, but the trade was very slow throughout. For the very heavy cattle there was no sale, and at three o'clock not an offer had been received for some lots. The total receipts were 159 cars, comprising 2890 cattle, 146 calves, 1447 hogs and 71 sheep.

Milkers and springers were in fairly good demand at practically unchanged prices.

Sheep and lambs—Choice light sheep sold at from 8 1/2c to 9 1/2c; heavy, fat sheep and bucks at from 7 1/2c to 8 1/2c, and choice yearlings at from 11 1/2c to 13c while spring lambs are quoted from 15c to 18c per lb. Practically all sheep now coming on the market are clipped. The trade in heavy, fat sheep is very dull, and becoming increasingly so.

### Spoils His Lecture.

An amusing incident happened recently in an eastern school. The village mayor was lecturing a class of boys on smoking and the evils attending it.

Suddenly he saw a grin overspread the faces of the scholars, and on inquiring the cause, an innocent-looking cherub yelled out:

"Please, sir, yer pipe is sticking out of yer pocket."

The smoking was abruptly brought to a close.

### Food Tips to Help to Win War

It would be a mighty good thing for the country to curtail the average consumption of sugar, which creates only fat, not muscle or tissue.

Whole wheat flour at five cents a pound and whole cornmeal flour at three cents a pound are the cheapest and most nutritious food on the market.

We eat too much meat, and meat is the most expensive food we eat.

Brown sugar is much better than white sugar.

It is terrible to give candy to children. If they must have sweets give them stewed fruits.

All the members of the Mildmay C. O. are asked to attend the meeting in the hall this (Thursday) evening at eight o'clock.

## Helwig's Weekly Store News...

# WE WANT YOUR WOOL

We will pay you highest market prices for your wool in exchange for yarns, blankets, staple dry goods, dress goods, clothings, groceries, boots and shoes.



# HELWIG BROS.

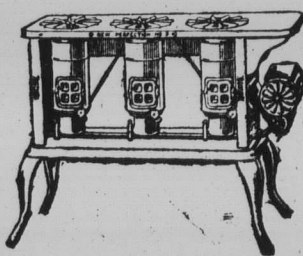
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## THE PEOPLE'S STORE

Edward W.

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With every \$10.00 purchase we will give an 8 pc cutlery set, guaranteed quality for 50c. Set is worth \$2.00.

Melaguna Tea, reg 55 for ..... 35c  
Orient Coffee, reg 40 for ..... 34c  
Prunes, choice, reg 15c, 8 lbs for 1.00  
Unfermented Wines, 50c ..... 29  
Furniture polish, 50c ..... 29  
Havana Cigars, 5c, 8 for ..... 25  
Milk Chocolates, 50c a lb ..... 26  
Salmon, reg 20c, 7 for ..... 1.00

Royal Purple Calf Meal, 100 lb bag for ..... 4.25  
50 lb bags ..... 2.25  
25 lb bags ..... 1.25  
Linsed Meal, 3 lbs for ..... 25  
Salt, 10 lbs ..... 50.

Redpath Sugar, 12 lbs for ..... 1.00  
Lennox Soap, 5 cakes for ..... 25  
Castile Soap, 7 cakes for ..... 25  
Siam Rice, 15 lbs for ..... 1.00  
Rio Coffee, 4 lbs for ..... 1.00  
Oriole Coffee 6 lbs for ..... 1.00  
Japan Tea, 3 lbs for ..... 1.00  
Macaroni, 10 pc for ..... 1.00

### Dishes

Dinner Set, reg 25.00 ..... 18 95  
Tea Sets, reg 10.00 ..... 7 35  
Toilet Sets, reg 8.50 ..... 6 95  
Berry Sets, 2.50 ..... 1 89  
Water Sets, reg 2.50 ..... 1 89  
White Cups and Saucers, 1.49 doz

With every \$5.00 purchase, we will give 15 lbs of Redpath Sugar for \$1.00.

1000 yds Embroidery, per yd ... 5c  
Bath Towels, reg 49c a pair ... 25c  
Ladies white Skirts, reg 1.50 ... 95c  
Ladies Aprons, reg 25c ..... 19c  
House Dresses, reg 1.25 ..... 95c  
Ladies Nightgowns, reg 1.50 1.19  
Ladies Underskirts, reg \$2 ..... 1.59  
Sateen " reg 1.50 ..... 1.29  
Ladies Raincoats, reg 7.50 ..... 4.90  
Ladies Ap-ons, reg 60c ..... 49c  
Children's Rompers, 50c ..... 39c  
Girls Linen Dresses, 1.50 ..... 95c  
White Duck Dresses, 1.25 ..... 89c  
White Pique Dresses, 1.25 ..... 89c  
Girls Print Dresses, 1.00 ..... 69c  
White Duck Middies, 50c ..... 29c

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On Men's made-to-order Suits, ready-made Suits, odd Trousers, Raincoats, Rubber Coats, Boys Suits, Rubber Coats

Mens socks, grey, reg 50c ..... 39c  
Regular 45c socks ..... 34c  
Mens Ties, reg 50c for ..... 29c  
Men's Shirts, reg 75c ..... 59c  
Men's Drawers, reg 75c ..... 59c  
Curtain Scrims, reg 40c yd ..... 29c  
Raw Silk, reg 60c for ..... 49c  
Art Sateen, oriental pattern, reg. 20c per yd now ..... 14c  
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### FORMOSA.

Messrs. John and Henry Uhrich and John Obermeyer spent Saturday and Sunday in Walkerton.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hundt attended the funeral of the late Albert Hundt in Aildmay last Saturday.

Mrs. A. Rochelau and Mrs. Lenhardt of Saginaw, Mich., spent few days of last week with Mrs. J. B. Goetz and her friends in this burg.

Miss M. Schill and Mrs. W. J. Hundt were here at Walkerton last Friday.

Mr. Edward Kralmer is spending a few days in Kitchener.

On Tuesday the marriage of Miss Eva Veiss to Mr. Ambrose Reinhardt took place in the R. C. Church here.

Mr. John Wochs of near Teeswater spent a few days of last week with his grandmother, Mrs. Ernewein, here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Scheffer were at Aildmay last Friday.

Mrs. A. Zettel of Lethbridge, Alta., is visiting friends here.

### MOLTKE.

Mrs. J. Demmerling of Howick spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Veigel.

Mr. H. Hill was re-elected as school trustee. This shows that Mr. Hill is an able man for the position.

A number of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. H. Hill last week, celebrating his mother's birthday. Mr. C. Hill and Mrs. Feick of Warton were also present.

Mrs. Fred Knechtel and children of Kitchener visited at Mrs. A. E. Baetz over the holidays.

A load of young people spent an enjoyable evening with Mr. and Mrs. Menno Schenk of near Orchard.

Mr. J. Bender of Ayton made a business trip through our burg this week.

Mr. Ed. Baetz returned home after spending two weeks with friends at Stratford and other points.

Mr. Arno Eicholtz made a business trip to Hamilton.

Mr. Fred Weigel of Elmira spent a few days with his mother here.

A load of our young people attended a wood bee and quilting at Mr. and Mrs. J. Hohnsteiff last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Weber and Mr. Con. Kuhl visited the latter's mother who is very ill.

Miss Mildred Pfohl Sundayed at her home on the 14th.

### CARLSRUHE.

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The man looked up at the smooth masterful face, and inwardly acknowledged his opponents power.

"I'm thinking, gov'nor," he answered slowly, "you heard all there was to hear, and saw all there was to see; an' a bit more besides," he added as he thought of that precious gold watch, he had so stupidly failed to see. "Any'ow, if you're so anxious for me to go over it all again, I wanted to know the whereabouts of a niece of mine—a young girl he took to 'is 'ome some weeks ago."

Mr. Vermont's eyes gleamed and his hand shook slightly with excitement as he lit another cigar; for evidently this was the girl at whom, he remembered, Norgate had grumbled. If she could only be kept out of sight, Jasper thought he saw a way to getting his beloved friend into even deeper trouble than he had ever dreamed possible.

"You can prove it, I suppose?" he asked.

"I can," said Mr. Wilfer; though, as a matter of fact, he would have found this rather a difficulty.

Mr. Jasper put his hand into his pocket; as we have said before, he was not very generous when it came to spending his own money, but there were occasions when it was necessary to buy fresh tools, and this was one of them. He drew out some gold, which Mr. Wilfer eyed as greedily as a dog would a bone.

"Now," said Vermont, "your address?"

"Cracknell Court, Soho, gov'nor," returned the man, his manner visibly altering at the sight of money.

"Well, don't you alter it without my permission," Jasper said sternly. "You may want you to do something for me and, if so, you can get your revenge. Meanwhile, here's something to keep you out of mischief, that's to say, in drink; you'll be safer like that." He handed over the money—about three pounds. "Mind! don't go selling any more forged pictures, like the one the bond of which I hold, or you'll get caught. They make the sentences for fraud pretty heavy nowadays."

Mr. Wilfer shivered. Up to now, he himself had never been imprisoned; but other members of the gang had served various sentences, and their reminiscences were not comforting.

"I understand, gov'nor," he said; "but what of the gal?"

"All you've got to do is to wait till she comes back; or if you find her about, let me know," replied Jasper. "Now, be off, and remember I can lay my hands on you—and so can the police—any minute I like, so don't play me any tricks. Good-night."

With that, Mr. Vermont turned on his heel and strode swiftly and silently away.

Wilfer looked after him with a scowl.

"He's a clever devil," he said, as he, too, went on his way.

Clever, Mr. Vermont most undoubtedly was. His worst enemies would have denied him that virtue; but these his cleverness had overruled. It had so amused him to see his victim, that he had not thought of his statement to his niece.