

Germany Rejects Russ Peace Offer
Four French Canadian Ministers to Come Into Cabinet
German People Clamorously Anxiously For Peace

DEBACLE OF RUSS ARMY HINDRANCE

Prevented Allies From Realizing Hopes Formed at the Beginning of Year

SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

Decisive Defeat Should Have Been Meted to Foe By Now

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Dec. 21.—Although allied hopes had not been realized because of the Russian collapse, Premier Lloyd George told the House of Commons yesterday that the Germans had not been able to quite hold their own in the west. He declared that it was "idle to pretend" that the hopes formed at the beginning of the year in regard to the military situation had been realized. At the beginning of the year the Russian army was better equipped than at any period of the war and its collapse was not due to unskillful leadership or lack of valor on the part of the Anglo-French and Italian armies in pressing the Germans "we should have been able to bring such pressure on the Prussian army as to inflict a decisive defeat upon them."

On the western front the Germans had been beaten in many battles. The Premier declared they had lost 100,000 prisoners, valuable ground and hundreds of guns. While the campaign in France had not realized the expectations formed, there had been military successes which he ventured to say would have a permanent effect on the future of the world. The Premier said he referred to the capture of Baghdad and Jerusalem as being something which "these two great events added more to the prestige of Great Britain throughout the world than any event in the whole course of the war."

The destruction of German submarines, he said, had gone up steadily during the year. This was remarkable and encouraging, because it showed how admirably the shipping controller really was grappling with the most menacing situation with which Great Britain is confronted in this war.

The effect of government control of shipping, the Premier continued, was that, although the aggregate tonnage was down by something like 20 per cent, Great Britain had lost only six per cent of her imports. This was only six per cent less than last year in tons. Had it not been for the skillful way in which shipping had been handled, it would have been impossible for Great Britain to carry through this year, and to help the Allies to the extent she had.

The Premier expressed hope that it would not be necessary for the government "to control establishments dealing with the distribution of necessities, but they had the power to do so and would exercise it if food was not distributed fairly.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The weather has been cloudy and mild with light local rains from the Great Lakes eastward, while in Northern Ontario it has become somewhat colder. There has been very little change in the western provinces. Forecasts: Fresh west to northwest winds, colder to-night with local snow flurries. Saturday fair and moderately cold.

VOTE IS AGAINST CONSCRIPTION IN AUSTRALIA

Military Service There Defeated Unless Soldier Vote Turns Scale

By Courier Leased Wire. Sydney, Australia, Thursday, Dec. 20.—Unless the soldier vote on the various fronts, which has not yet been counted, offsets the vote in Australia, the government's conscription scheme has been defeated in a referendum by a majority of about 150,000. This is believed to be hardly likely, however, on account of the heavy vote against conscription in New South Wales, which gave a majority of 115,000 against the proposal. Those favorable to conscription were surprised by the result in Victoria, which reversed last year's favorable vote by giving a majority of 1,500 against conscription this year.

SECRET RUSSO JAPAN TREATY

Bolshevik Journal Charges An Alliance to Control China

By Courier Leased Wire. Petrograd, Thursday, Dec. 20.—Under the heading, "Secret treaty between Japan and Russia for joint anti-democratic demonstration against America and Great Britain in the Far East," the Izvestia published what it says is the text of the secret treaty drawn up last year providing for joint action by Russia and Japan to prevent any third country from achieving political dominance in China. The treaty, dated July 3, 1916, runs for five years, automatically extending itself until a year after one party expresses the desire to annul it. It is signed by Sergius Seazonoff, then Russian Foreign Minister, and Viscount Motono, Japanese Foreign Minister.

The treaty stipulates that the agreement shall remain a deep secret for an except for the contracting parties.

It opens with the statement that it is designed to supplement and strengthen the secret treaties of 1917, 1919 and 1912. Article one is given as follows: "The contracting parties recognize that the interests of either side depend on the maintenance of an equilibrium of power in China from whatever source hostile intentions toward Russia and Japan and therefore undertake whenever circumstances necessitate to enter into open relations based on full confidence in order jointly to take the necessary steps to prevent the advent in China of such a state of affairs."

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"Article III.—The conditions on which either party shall give armed assistance and the means on which assistance shall be expected, shall be fixed by the respective authorities of the contracting parties."

"Article IV.—It must especially be kept in mind that neither party shall consider itself obligated in accordance with Article II, to give its ally armed assistance unless it receives guarantees from its allies to the effect that they will give it assistance to the extent necessitated by the seriousness of the possible conflict."

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REPRESENT THE FRENCH IN CABINET

Four Ministers to be Chosen From Quebec, is Word Ottawa Hears

TWO OF EACH PARTY

Appointments Will Not Be Made Until Soldiers' Vote is Known

By Courier Leased Wire

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—According to the Morning Citizen, French representation in the cabinet, when provided for, will include two Unionists and two Liberals, the appointments not to be made, however, until after the soldiers' vote has been counted and the final result of the election known. The Citizen quotes Hon. A. K. MacLean, who has arrived from Halifax, as stating that the final result in Nova Scotia will be twelve to four in favor of the government.

Germany Rejects Russ Peace Terms

Government Bureau Opened in Berlin to Study Peace Question—Populace Cheered Kuehlmann on Departure For Russian Front, and Called For a Strong Peace—Socialists Approve Action

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 21.—It is reported unofficially that the Germans have rejected the Russian peace terms, the Petrograd correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company wires under date of Thursday.

Peace Bureau. Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—A German government bureau for "studying questions relating to peace," has been opened in Berlin. Dr. Karl Helfferich, former vice chancellor, is at the head of the bureau, with privy councillor Albert, former commissioner to the Panama-Pacific Exposition, as his assistant.

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—Count von Hertling, the imperial German chancellor, yesterday received representatives of all the peace-loving parties, with whom he had a confidential discussion on the situation caused by the opening of peace negotiations with Russia. The chancellor announced, according to a Berlin official despatch, that the emperor had authorized him to con-

GERMAN PEOPLE CHEERED FOR PEACE

London, Dec. 21.—Dr. Richard von Kuehlmann, the German foreign secretary, with an important staff of officials, left Berlin yesterday for Brest-Litovsk amid scenes of enthusiasm, the crowd singing the national anthem, and raising shouts of "bring us a strong peace."

It is said that the peace negotiations will be under the presidency of Ibrahim Hakki Pasha, the Turkish ambassador to Berlin, and dean of the Berlin diplomatic corps. The

THE RUSSO-GERMAN SITUATION

publication of German peace feelers, declares that the Allies must defeat militarism and that a league of nations, including the Prussian autocracy would be a farce. The Treaty must restore territory and pay losses. Great Britain entered the war to vindicate her honor, and not to make annexations. The British premier sees trying months ahead, but the anti-submarine campaign, becoming more effective and America's help will bring huge results.

PLACE BAN ON CHEAP BREAD

Grocers of City Will Not Patronize Cut Rate Product

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While there will be no concerted boycott, the grocers of the city have decided to individually discontinue the sale of the bread manufactured by other cities, and hence the resolve to cease the sale of the product, temporarily, cheaper. The grocers in issuing this ultimatum in the bread war that is being waged are following the lead of the City Council, when the city fathers on Monday night took the preliminary steps toward informing the Food Controller of the situation here and asking him to intervene.

INCREASED GUNNERY ON WEST FRONT

German Official Statement Notes Recurrent Mine Firing

ARTILLERY ACTIVE

Five Enemy Machines Were Brought Down By the British Airmen

By Courier Leased Wire. Berlin, via London, Dec. 21.—Increased mine firing and artillery activity on the western front was noted in the official communication from general headquarters yesterday.

Aviation Statement. London, Dec. 21.—The British war office today issued the following statement on aviation activities in France: "Three hostile machines were brought down in air fighting Wednesday and two others were driven down out of control. One of our machines is missing."

CONSCRIPTION MAY BE ENFORCED EVEN IF DEFEATED

Parliament of Australia Will Act, Says Premier—Maj. Against 552,000

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 21.—(via Reuter's Ottawa agency)—A dispatch from Melbourne declares that Premier Hughes, in an address at a recent meeting in favor of conscription, stated that if the measure were defeated at the polls, parliament, he believed, would make the men of Australia do their duty.

Majority Against. Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 21.—(via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—Partial returns of the referendum give 252,000 majority against conscription out of 638,000, which is a quarter of the total electorate. The returns are chiefly from anti-conscription strongholds, and the soldiers' vote is not included.

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FORTY SIX LOST LIVES IN WRECK

Disastrous Smash in Kentucky When Passenger Trains Crashed

By Courier Leased Wire. Shepherdsville, Ky., Dec. 21.—The death toll taken last night when the Louisville and Nashville passenger train No. 7, from Cincinnati to New Orleans crashed into the rear end of a Louisville-Bardonia and Springfield accommodation train a few hundred feet south of the railroad station, reached forty six today.

The number killed was at first placed at 38. Revision of the figure came by additional deaths from among those badly injured, increased the total to forty six.

The wreck, which is said to be the worst in the history of the Louisville and Nashville, occurred just after the local train had pulled out from the station here. It had only gone a short distance when the other train came into sight travelling at a high rate of speed. Before it could be halted it had crashed into the slower moving train ahead, and made kindling wood of the two wooden passenger coaches it carried.

Locomotive pulling the fast train was badly damaged by the impact, but the engineer and fireman escaped with a few bruises. The heavy steel coaches it pulled were uninjured with the exception of one baggage car and the train was able to proceed when a second locomotive had been secured from Louisville and the wreckage of the local train cleared from the right of way.

Blame for the disaster seems to hinge upon whether the fast train had been given a clear block or not. Jesse Yeatherford, operator at the station, said immediately after the collision, that after the local train pulled away from the station he had turned his board to show the track clear for the fast train and then left his post in response to orders to help unload baggage.

As he left the office he said he saw the train approaching, rushed back to his office, set the red danger signal, picked up a red lantern and rushed to the platform to flag it. He reached the platform just as the train passed him, he said.

Superintendent Cheridan closely questioned the crews of both trains as well as the station force, but declined to attempt to fix the blame, without further investigation.

Immediately after the crash, passengers from the New Orleans train and Shepherdsville citizens, rushed to the aid of those imprisoned beneath the wreckage of the local.

Several of those killed, were so badly disfigured that it was impossible to identify them last night.

Two children were found in snowy drifts near which they had been thrown and were cared for last night by Shepherdsville citizens. One, a girl of about 11 years, was apparently unhurt, but had suffered such a violent shock as to lose her memory at least temporarily.

Another child, a little girl about four years old, was asleep when picked up from the snow drift into which she had been pitched by the impact of the collision. Her rescuers decided not to awaken her after it was found she was unhurt, and the child slept the night through.

Many of the injured were so badly hurt that it is feared the death toll will be increased even further.

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A Petrograd despatch to the Daily News says that the staff of the Russian army on the Roumanian front has joined the Ukrainians, which report is declared to be more probable than that the Roumanians have taken such action. The Daily News reports confirms the appointment of General Schebatieff as the Roumanian commander.

Bolshevik Victory? London, Dec. 21.—A Bolshevik force, commanded by a Belgian man and Austrian officer prisoners, has defeated the anti-Bolsheviks at Tashkent, capital of Russian Turkestan, according to a Petrograd despatch to the Morning Post. The despatch also says that it is believed a force of released enemy prisoners equivalent to two army corps commanded by their own officers is now within striking distance of Petrograd.

Consuls Visit Trotsky. Petrograd, Thursday, Dec. 20.—The British, Danish, French and Belgian consuls have visited Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister and arranged to exchange with Russia courtesies to official couriers.

Russo-Jap Treaty? London, Dec. 21.—The Pravda, the Bolshevik organ, according to a Petrograd despatch to The Times, prints the text of a secret treaty between Russia and Japan, signed in July, 1916, agreeing to co-operate against the interference of any third power in the affairs of China.

Petrograd Unruly. Petrograd, Thursday, Dec. 20.—Incessant fighting has occurred in many parts of Petrograd in connection with the efforts to check drunkenness and prevent the raiding of wine cellars. A mob raided one distillery where fifteen soldiers drank themselves to death. Fifteen persons were killed and wounded when an armoured motor car attacked the distillery, which was set on fire. This fire department was prevented from extinguishing the blaze by rowdies and many persons were burned before the situation was brought under control.

The streets are running with wine in many sections where the soldiers are pumping wine out of the cellars to prevent disorder.

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NEWS OF NORFOLK

The Christmas Market Board of Education Dismisses Teacher

(From our own Correspondent) Since Dec. 1917 owing to an error in fixing the value of prizes in the Christmas market list, the offering was light. The following winners were among the leaders:

W. Barrow, Simcoe. Best plucked gobbler, 18 to 20 pounds; best duck, 16-18 pounds; and do., 14 to 16 pounds.

Ruby Davis, Wilmontville. Best pair plucked ducks, this year, over 14 lbs.; do., 12 to 14 lbs.; best duck, 8-10 lbs., and best dozen fresh eggs, brown.

Geo. Batwell had best white eggs.

H. H. Groff had best plucked chicken, 6-8 lbs.

Wm. Pullen was in on the turkey awards, and had a splendid first prize peck of hickory nuts, which brought \$1.25.

Ryverse Bros. had the best celery. John Anderson, Port Dover, won first and second in the special for red streak apples, and Ernest Irwin 1st and 2nd for spices.

A. Widner took 1st and 2nd for plucked geese.

The Chicken Show

The task of judging the chicken show exhibits kept the judge busy most of the day yesterday. The show is in full swing to-day.

Board of Education Dismisses Teacher

The Board of Education held a special meeting last night to deal with matters pertaining to management. At the request of the teachers concerned, Miss Clara Porter of the public school staff, and classical master Mr. Mesmore, of the High School staff, were each given six months' extension of leave. Both are incapacitated through ill-health. Mr. Barrow, of Port Dover, who has been supplying for Mr. Mesmore, will be offered re-engagement for the remainder of the term. There was a possibility of Mr. Mesmore being able to resume duty earlier, but Mr. Barrow and the students had to be considered too, hence the disposition. The secretary was instructed to advertise for a teacher for Miss Porter's class.

Absent Without Leave

The commercial specialist at the High School, who, at a special meeting held about a month ago, asked for leave of absence "for January and perhaps February," to accompany her mother on a trip to California, to improve her health, and who was refused the leave requested, had taken French leave last Saturday. Half of the High School students were said to be absent this week, and a petition signed by a representative from each faculty was presented to the board, asking that school resumed on Thursday Jan. 3rd, the vacation be extended till the following Monday.

The impression was quite general that matters were getting far and loose, and members expressed their views very emphatically. When it was learned that the work of the absent teacher was being done among the others, the chairman of the management committee wanted to know if it would not be better to reduce the staff. There was a general agreement that the time had come for action.

Principal Christie was called in by phone and requested to report in writing regarding the absent teacher. It was now ten o'clock, perhaps later. The principal certified that the teacher was absent on her own leave without his consent. No member of the board had previously been notified, nor had the secretary.

To Fill the Vacancy.

A motion to advertise for a commercial specialist to fill the vacancy was put through, and the secretary was instructed to notify the teacher in question that as she had been guilty of a breach of contract her services were no longer required.

No More Nonsense.

The board directed that school be re-opened on January 3rd. Chairman Innes of the Management Committee said that he had been out somewhat through the country recently and had heard complaints about looseness of discipline and lack of industry at the High School and the reputation outside was such that students from the country were going elsewhere. He thought it time for a protest.

All the members were in attendance and there was but one dissenting voice when the yeas and nays were called on the vital motion of the evening.

Mr. Butcher's Exemption Protested.

The military authorities have protested the exemption till July 1st granted to Mr. Butcher of the High School staff, and the Board of Education requested Secretary E. F. Curtis to represent the board in the matter.

This is another example of disregard for conservation of resources. Mr. Butcher has locked up in his credulity convolutions about \$3,000 of his own money and about \$2,000 of the country's money. In other words he has just completed a long academic course of education. His failing for his country would mean the loss of a good man, physically speaking, and \$5,000. In the name of all the gods at once, then, why not—if it is absolutely necessary to use this man—send him out to farm and let a farmer's son with a less expensive head go overseas. Mr. Butcher would be quite capable on the farm, and could return to the halls of education when the war is over. By all means let us have conservation. There's no provocation for making washers out of gold half crowns while we have plenty of good iron plate.

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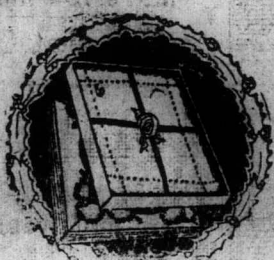
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Cashmere Hose, black and colors, all sizes; \$1.00, 75c, 50c and **35c**
Suspenders, good and strong, 75c, 50c, and **25c**
Men's Heavy Grey Wool Working Sox, 60c, 50c, 40c, and **35c**
Umbrellas, large variety to choose from, at \$7.00, \$6.00, \$5.00, \$4.00, \$3.00 to **\$1.25**

Wool Gloves, in black and colors, \$1.00, 75c and **50c**
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Black Wolf Sett, animal stole, ball muff at **\$36.50**

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8:47 a.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto, intermediate stations, and only.
10:20 a.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and Buffalo.
1:03 p.m.—For Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and Buffalo.
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MAIN LINE WEST
3:46 a.m.—For Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.
10:05 a.m.—For London, Detroit and Chicago.
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T. H. & B. RAIL

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER
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Westward
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1:00 p.m. daily—For Waterford, intermediate points, St. Thomas and Cincinnati.

L. E. and N. Rail

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GAIT, GUELPH AND NORTH
Leave Brantford 6:30 a.m.—For Gait, Guelph, Palmerston and all points north; also Goderich.

BRANTFORD AND HAMILTON ELECTRIC RAILWAY
Leave Brantford 6:55 a.m.—For Hamilton and intermediate stations.

T. H. & B. RAILWAY
EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 18, 1917.
Eastbound
7:36 a.m. ex. Sun.—For Hamilton and intermediate points, Welland, Niagara Falls, Buffalo and New York.

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Effective November 11th, 1917.
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Leave Port Dover 6:45, 8:55, 9:45, 10:55 a.m., 12:55, 2:55, 4:10, 6:05, 8:05 p.m.

Leave Simcoe 7:00, 9:10, 10:05, 11:15 a.m., 1:20, 3:20, 4:15, 5:25, 6:35, 8:40 p.m.

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NO BAIL FOR HANSELMAN

By Courier Leased Wire
Toronto, Dec. 21.—Acting for E. L. Hanselmann, of Brantford, A. R. Clute this morning applied for bail on behalf of his client who is held on a charge of treason. The application was opposed by J. R. Cartwright, K. C., deputy attorney-general. Hanselmann followed the calling of a chiropractor by day and a munition worker by night. The offence charged against him is that he drilled holes in the base of shells and plugged the holes again with metal.



P. T. J. HIRD, Killed in action.

RUSS STRUGGLE IS ON INCREASE

Intensified Fighting Between Cossacks and the Maximalists

By Courier Leased Wire
London, Wednesday, Dec. 20.—Despatches from Petrograd indicate that the struggle between the Cossacks and the Maximalists is increasing in severity. The correspondent at Petrograd of Reuter's Limited, telegraphing under date of Tuesday, says the fighting of civil war is spreading northward along the Volga River from Astrakhan to Samara.

The Maximalists hold Astrakhan from which place the Cossacks were reported on Monday to be 20 versts distant. Fighting has now begun. The Maximalists are said to have many machine guns, but are almost without cannon. The Cossacks are reported to be equipped with light field guns.

An extraordinary state of affairs is depicted at Tsaritskyn, in the Province of Samara, where neither the Maximalists nor the Cossacks have gained the mastery, both being beaten by the forces of Helidorus, abbe of Tsaritskyn, and known as "Iliodore, the mad monk," who advanced against them, singing "Save, Lord, thy people."

Oxenberger Cossacks, commanded by General Dutoif, are advancing against Samara, the Maximalist position on route being dispersed. Cossacks have occupied all the eastern part of the Province of Voronezh, a province in south-central Russia.

Ukrainians are disarming and removing the Maximalist troops in the Province of Kiev and at Konotop, about 100 miles east of Tchernigov. The Ukraine central Rada has issued a message to Ukrainians, proclaiming a Ukraine democratic republic to form part of an all-Russian federal republic.

Pending the meeting of the Ukrainian constituent assembly in January, the Rada in its message recognizes the principle of expropriation without compensation of private lands, monastery lands and some church lands for the benefit of the laboring classes.

In the expectation of an early peace Russian soldiers in increasing numbers are leaving the northern front. Urgent telegrams are being received from Petrograd for reinforcements, the soldiers being promised the best conditions and food.

Dr. Petrofsky, a lecturer at the Moscow University, has been deputed by the Bolshevik Government to discuss peace questions with the Germans at Bres-Litovsk. According to the Russian Official

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson XII.—Fourth Quarter, For Dec. 23, 1917.

THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Matt. ii, 1-12—Memory Verses, 1, 2—Golden Text, Luke ii, 11—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

We choose the Christmas lesson instead of the one in Malachi, but both may well be considered together, for, while Malachi tells of the great King whose name shall be great among all nations, Matthew tells of His lowly birth according to Isa. vii, 14; Mic. v, 2 (Mal. i, 11, 14; Matt. ii, 1, 2). Whether it be in Malachi or Matthew their treatment of Him is the same. They will not lay it to heart to give glory to His name, but they despise Him and call His service a weariness and offer Him their poorest instead of their best (Mal. i, 6, 7, 8, 13; ii, 1, 2, 17). Yet He begs of them to return to Him that He may bless them and make them a delightful land (Mal. iii, 7, 12). He speaks of the great and dreadful day of the Lord which shall precede His kingdom and says that He will send Elijah before that day (Mal. iii, 13; iv, 1-5). John the Baptist came in the spirit and power of Elijah, but they would not receive him, so the real Elijah must yet come according to our Lord's own testimony (Matt. xvii, 11-13; Luke i, 17).

John the Baptist was the first coming of Christ, what the real Elijah will be to His second coming in glory to reign. Mal. iii, 16, 17, are most comforting words for all who think or speak peace with Russia alone. The Germans were of the opinion that the Russian armistice might influence the other fronts. The first conference was devoted merely to a discussion of who should be the victor in the negotiations before proceeding with them. They said this point of view might be changed, however, and that they might be willing to discuss peace with Russia alone.

The representatives of the Central powers informed the Russians they were ready to discuss peace preliminaries, but desired to know the results of Russia's efforts to induce the allies to join in the negotiations. They said this point of view might be changed, however, and that they might be willing to discuss peace with Russia alone.

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Advertisement for The Merchants Bank, featuring a cartoon of a man in a suit and hat, and text: 'THRIFT AND SAVING is more essential to good citizenship and success to-day than ever before Personal Preparedness is best assured by selecting one of the classes below and joining our Club. ONE-DOLLAR TICKET Requires a deposit of \$1.00 each week for the next 50 weeks. TWENTY-FIVE CENT TICKET Requires a deposit of 25 cents each week for the next 50 weeks. FIFTY-CENT TICKET Requires a deposit of 50 cents each week for the next 50 weeks. FIVE CENT PROGRESSIVE TICKET Requires a deposit of 5 cents the first week, 10 cents the second, increasing 5 cents each week. The Merchants Bank Cor. George and Dalhousie Sts. G. C. LAWRENCE, Mgr. MONTREAL CLEARINGS. Montreal, Dec. 20.—Bank clearings ended to-day, \$69,707,527.'

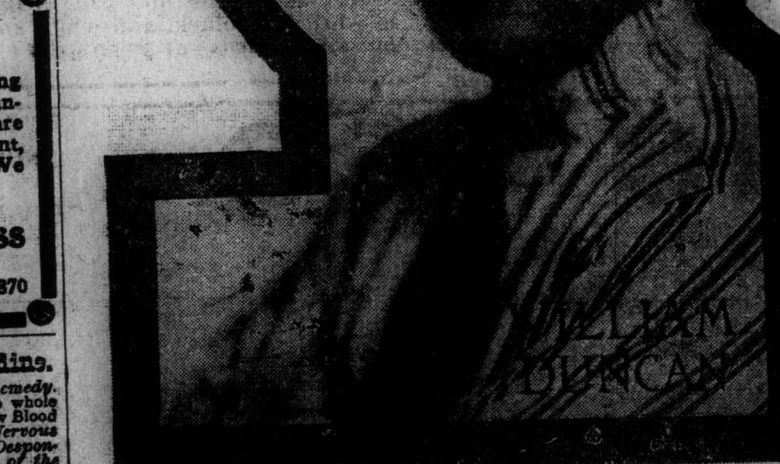
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THE SITUATION.
 The Italians completely repulsed heavy attacks made upon them between the Brenta and Piave Rivers. Teuton losses are recorded as very heavy. The news is not so satisfactory from the North, the invaders having attained a strong position there by the occupation of Monte Asolone. The height is 4,000 feet and dominates other heights between itself and the plains. Reported Italian efforts to regain a foothold there have proved unsuccessful.

The Germans yesterday made a vigorous assault against the British trenches in Lorraine, but their powerful attempts were repulsed with heavy losses on their side. Premier Lloyd George, in one of his fighting speeches, reaffirmed that the most serious effort will be made before the year is over. He also stated that the possible penalty of a new treaty would be the ending of the war.

The unexpected and unpleasant news came from Australia that counting of the first million votes of conscription, shows an adverse majority of 120,000. The overseas soldier vote has yet to come. In Russia the Ukraine and Bolshevik forces are still fighting, with nothing apparently of a determinate nature either way.

THE COAL SHORTAGE.
 It is not alone the people of Canada who are suffering from a fuel shortage. Our neighbors across the line are equally affected, and the news there is devoting much space to the subject. Although recent storms have contributed to the difficulty, owing to the obstruction of transportation routes, this fact does not begin to account for the lack, which is officially said to be insufficient production.

Dr. Garfield, the U. S. Fuel Administrator, points out that stoppage of work at the mines for even one day cuts production about two million tons, and he has issued an appeal to the miners to lay off only on Christmas instead of devoting two or three days to the holiday, as heretofore. The Buffalo Courier during the course of an article on the subject says:

"The people in their homes can economize on food materials and other necessities, but of fuel, if it is to be had at all, a nearly specific amount must be used to avert suffering in the northern winter, and in many parts of the country the shortage is very real. The state administrator of Michigan has been given authority to shut off supplies to industrial plants or any other users of coal, if necessary to meet domestic needs. In other states, the exercise of similar power will be allowed if the situation calls for it."

Such a fuel problem as confronts much of the nation is new to it, and it is a struggle to control the stubborn intention of the ablest directing minds. The trouble of it is that if industries become affected, so also will the workers, and just about every man jack of us needs all he can earn these days in order in any event to meet the high prices. As far as Ontario is concerned we have all reason to be more thankful than ever that Hydro-Electric power continues to supply so much of industrial energy.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.
 Major Church is running for Mayor of Toronto for the fourth consecutive year. He evidently thinks that he constitutes a permanent institution of public worship.

The London Times in referring to the recent Canadian contest says: "Canada's election was not merely a Canadian affair; it touched through the Empire of civilization. Its great electoral verdict is dramatic in the revelation of the high spirit that emboldens the Dominion to be seen in their dark hours to the English-speaking peoples, as a signal proof at a moment when the lamp of democracy had seemed to gutter low, and of the heights to which self-government can rise."

Quebec might as well bow to the inevitable in a decent way. Co-operation in all that is best is over.

THE QUEBEC ATTITUDE
 The Quebec papers and Quebec leaders were mild in tone the first two days after the recent elections, but some of them are commencing to break out afresh. Mr. Sauve, the leader of the Opposition in the Quebec Legislature, asserts that his Province was not properly prepared for conscription, and alleges moreover that certain English newspapers kept during the results at French-Canadians. The answer is that Quebec had just as much right to respond to the call of duty in connection with this war as any of the rest of the provinces, and that adverse comments were only made when there was evidence of continued shrinking and obstruction. La Presse says:

"As for what concerns the actual position of the French-Canadians, the present isolation in which some are pleased to represent them, is in no way a serious setback. It will serve to make us look for strength within ourselves, the port of refuge which Providence has placed at the disposal of every race. Quebec will never suffer the lot of Louisiana, where the inhabitants, French, as we, have fallen into the lassitude of complete tolerance, and where families seem to prefer to use English even in the intimacy of the home. The more French we considered as an obstacle in the Dominion, the more attached to it will the masses become in the Province of Quebec. Our population does not wish an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, they will never be intolerant nor aggressive; but when the campaign against Quebec seems to multiply to other people that they are in the way, or that their pretended convictions are in the way of Confederation, how can they be drawn into great enthusiasm for the war, when they feel instinctively that they would not be treated as companions-in-arms and brothers?"

In reality, the entire lack of cooperation has been on the part of the people of the neighboring Province. Not only that, but in connection with the solid vote cast by them last Monday, they showed clearly that what they were after was refusal of any more war aid, and the domination of the rest of this Dominion by themselves.

As a contrast to the utterances of such papers as La Presse, L'Evenement, Quebec, which has all along urged French-Canadians to do their duty, says: "Province of Quebec, you have got what you wanted. Under the specific terms of the conscription act, you have long placed your confidence, and who has conducted you into so dangerous a position by placing you in opposition to almost all the rest of the Confederation. You are now isolated and alone in your corner, unable to do anything, either for yourself or for anyone else. To your provocation and to your votes by the thousand given to the candidates of your choice, Ontario replied in the same tones. Manitoba replied by crushing majorities, and all the other provinces sent out an answer which cannot be misunderstood. All of the Ministers are returned except our own two."

"Sing victory, then, men of Le Soleil; you have done a noble work, so let us hear your most glorious hosannas, and let your shouts of triumph salute the disappearance of the man who brought about the sad result of yesterday, to satisfy his own ambition and the rage of his partisans. He put his last hand to the work of separating his Province from the rest of Confederation, deliberately forgetting that Canada contains two races called upon to live side by side. He opined that the sympathies of his compatriots for Great Britain in the crisis through which she is now passing, had no reason to derive, and that we could refuse our assistance in the most critical moment of the Empire. He placed a bandage on the eyes of his Province, which obscured its reasonable vision of right and justice. Eaten up with pride and without judgment, he imagined that his name was sufficient to bring his country along in his train. He dreamed that he was concentrating, in his august person, the ideas and opinions of his party, wishing alone to give a new mentality and a new orientation to this country."

"In what pray, has he succeeded? He has given the coup de grace to a reputation already badly shattered, and his ship, conducted by a blinded pilot, and without a compass, has landed on the rocks. God only knows what the result will be, yet after all we count upon the common sense of the English compatriots who, during their long history have not held spite in certain irritating circumstances, and at times have even gone so far as to forget when it was necessary."

The great English colonies have received blows much more violent than that which Sir Wilfrid Laurier wished to give yesterday, yet the Empire is ever erect, strong, vigorous and victorious by the admirable and harmonious cohesion of the different races of which it is composed."

Most people will be inclined to agree with L'Evenement, but in so doing they will realize that Laurier still has a chance to rise to a great service. Will he do so?

Instead of a come-back, Russia continues to back up.

New York Times: "The decisive triumph of the Unionists in the Dominion election is proof of the resolution of the mass of Canadians to stand united, without thought of party games or politics, until the war is over."

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LOCAL NEWS

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TOWNSHIP HYDRO.
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FALSE ALARM
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APPRECIATED
 The homes of the employees Cocksbut Plow Co., Limited are heads of families, were happy this week when each r from the company a reminder holiday season in the form of turkey for their Christmas. For a good many years this co has sent similar gifts to its ees, but this year the gift will less be doubly appreciated.

CATTLE SALE.
 Under the auspices of the County Holstein Breeders' Association, the annual sale of cattle, held Wednesday in the mercantile block, was a decid cess. A large number of the bred cattle changed hands at figures, one cow bringing \$100. The sale was an annual event by the Brant county breed that had taken place this sale was held at the Oak Stock Farm in conjunction with Provincial plowing match.

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Under the auspices of the Brant County Holstein Breeders' Association, the annual sale of Holstein cattle, held Wednesday in the Commercial block, was a decided success. A large number of thoroughbred cattle changed hands at fancy figures, one cow bringing \$395. The sale is an annual event as held by the Brant county breeders, but it was the second sale of Holsteins that had taken place this year. A sale was held at the Oak Park Stock Farm in conjunction with the Provincial plowing match.

CUSTOMS DEPT. OPEN

In order to deal with parcels coming by mail, the Customs department will remain open until 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon, instead of closing at 1 p.m. as usual.

PAPER ON "CHRISTMAS."

The article "How to Help Others Have a Merry Christmas," which The Courier reproduced on Monday of this week, was a paper read at the December meeting of the Oronada Women's Institute.

ADDITION TO PLANT.

An addition to their present factory in West Brantford is to be built by the Steel Company of Canada, at a cost of \$9,500. The structure will be constructed of concrete and glass. P. H. Secord and Son are the builders.

ARM BROKEN

Mrs. Maich, 25 Bedford street, received a letter to-day announcing that her husband, Corporal Maich of the 125th, had sustained the misfortune of breaking his arm while playing in a game of football at Charterhouse School. He is reported to be doing as well as can be expected.

RESULT OF VICTORY LOAN.

That the Allies have resumed buying meats in Canada with all that this means to the live stock industry and the farmers is due directly, it is stated, in official circles to-day, to the fact that the minister of finance from the proceeds of the victory loan has been able to provide the funds wherewith Great Britain is enabled to continue her purchases of these products in Canada.

WANTS ROOMS.

Crown Attorney A. J. Wilkes has made application to the County Council to provide him with quarters in the Court House as is required by law, and to have the same properly fitted for his use. The request has been referred to the Buildings and Grounds Committee. It is probable that the rooms formerly occupied by the secretary of the Board of Trade will be turned over to the Crown Attorney.

DRUGGISTS ASK INFO.

A deputation of manufacturing druggists appeared before Provincial Secretary W. D. MacPherson yesterday, asking for an amendment to the Ontario Temperance Act, by which druggists may know what percentage of alcohol is permitted for preservative purposes, and to have it provided that medicated wines be sufficiently medicated to prevent their use as beverages. It is likely some amendment may be made to this act on this line.

DANGER OF FIRE.

Many local merchants, as well as the Chief of the Fire Department, have received a circular letter from the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, containing a warning as to the danger of fire through the use of inflammable material utilized in Christmas decorations in the stores and other buildings in the city, where large numbers of people congregate. The circular in part reads:

The use of Christmas greens, harvest specimens and other inflammable materials, such as draperies, scenery, cotton to represent snow, and the like, especially in connection with electric and other lighting systems, is decidedly an increase of hazard, it being impossible to make displays of that nature perfectly safe.

The Statutory conditions of your Insurance Policy read in part as follows:—"Any chance material to the risk, but within the control or knowledge of the assured, shall promptly notified in writing to the company or its local agent."

In addition to the danger to property from the displays referred to, the danger to life in crowded stores or places frequented by reason of a panic occasioned by fire, even though it be small and easily controlled, is so great that the Underwriters, who have made a study of such hazards, would feel in their duty should they not give this warning.



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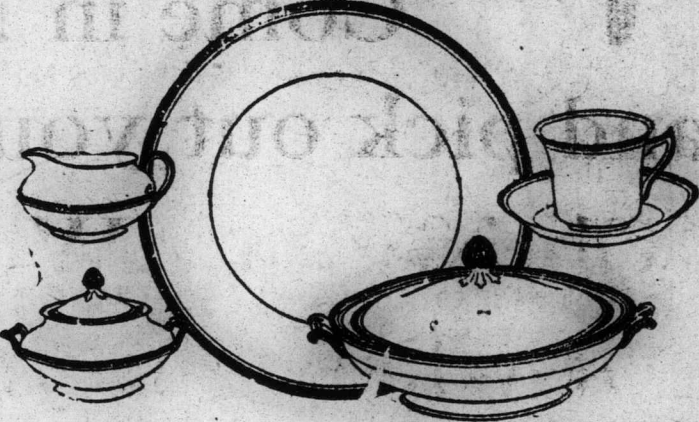
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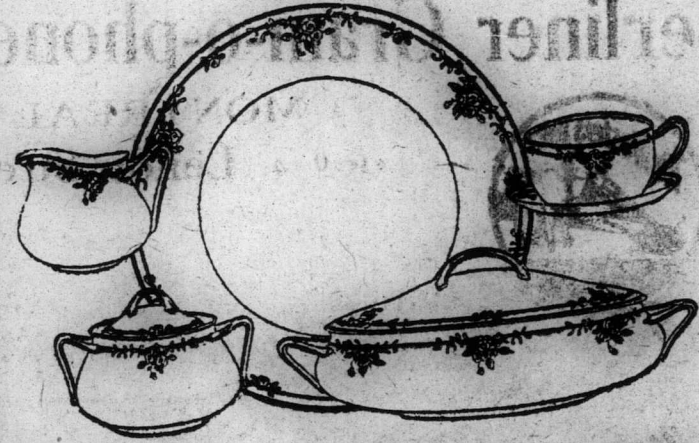
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Mother Would Probably Like Something for "Home"

Home means so much to us when youth has been left behind—almost everything. And anything that will tend to make it brighter or more comfortable for the "folks" is a real gift, indeed.

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Blankets, best Scotch wool, whipped all around, pure white fleecy wool, with lofty nap. Special price per pair \$10.50

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—Third Floor

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Dad has a particular aversion to hand painted, flossed and fussy things. He would much prefer any one of these articles listed:

Men's Ties, in the large open-end, four-in-hand shape, in dozen's of different patterns and each in many colorings; prices \$1.25, 75c, 50c, 35c and 29c

Silk Knitted Scarfs, in large range of colors. Prices 65c to \$4.50

Dad Smokes—so let's give him a Smoking Stand or Ash Tray; these come in mahogany or brass. prices \$1.50 to \$3.50

A Fountain Pen would be so useful for Dad, shown at Stationery Dept. Prices \$1.00 to \$3.00

Gloves are always welcome and also useful, in lined or unlined styles, also knitted gloves. Prices 50c to \$4.50

Military Brushes \$2.00 to \$5.50 pair

Leather Travelling Cases \$2.25 to \$5.50

Cuff Links \$1.25 to \$5.50 pair

Tie Pins, plain or with setting at 50c to \$1.00

Gold Watch Chains \$2.00 to \$6.00

Cigarette Cases \$1.50 to \$3.50

Umbrellas of Silk or Silk and Wool at \$2.50 to \$5.50

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- Table Spoons \$5.50 doz.
- Desert Spoons \$5.00 doz.
- Large Tea Spoons \$3.50 doz.
- Small Tea Spoons \$3.50 doz.
- Coffee Spoons \$3.00 doz.
- Butter Spreaders \$7.00 doz.
- Salad Forks \$7.00 doz.
- Orange Spoons \$5.00 doz.
- Oyster Forks \$5.50 doz.
- Butter Knives 50c Each
- Sugar Shell 50c

—Main Floor

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CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. Wm. MacKinnon and family wish to thank their many friends for their kind expression of sympathy in their recent bereavement.

DEED.

FURNISH—In Brantford, on Thursday, December 20th, 1917, Bridget Furniss, widow of the late David Furniss, aged 83 years. The funeral will take place from the residence of her daughter, Mrs. T. Clausey, 98 West Mill street, on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, to St. Basil's Church. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

ROWAN—In Brantford, on Thursday, December 20th, 1917, Mary Rowan, aged 87 years, beloved wife of John Rowan. The funeral will take place from her late residence, 17 Crown street, on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock to St. Basil's Church. Interment in St. Joseph Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this intimation.

HAY—In Brantford, on Thursday, December 20th, 1917, Ann Hay. The funeral will take place from the residence of Miss Workman, 533 Colborne street, on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock to Greenwood Cemetery. Funeral private.

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THE CROPS

The following is a summary of weekly crop reports made by District Representatives of the Ontario Department of Agriculture:

The heavy snowfalls of the past week or more have given good protection to clover fields, and to the newly sown wheat, and the latter crops have rather too small a top for hard wintering.

There is an increased demand for hay and coarse grains owing to the comparative scarcity of ensilage. The large yield of straw is coming in nicely for bulking the ration for live stock. There is an increased demand for brood sows, especially for pedigreed animals.

Milk production is about holding its own, depending more than ever upon individual handling of the dairy herd.

The dairy industry is opening up in the Rainy River District. A butter factory started during the season is said to have done much better than if making cheese.

Apples range in price from \$5.50 to \$9 per barrel, according to variety, quality and selection. The Norfolk Fruit Growers' Association are selling their stock by both wholesale and retail methods.

Sleighing is of midwinter quality, and will facilitate marketing, the drawing of mill feeds, logging, and other winter work, for which there is, generally speaking, a sufficiency of labor.

BURTCH

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
We are sorry to report Mrs. Charles Bellhouse on the sick list.

Mr. W. Franklin's sale was a real success. He realized big prices for his stock.

Mrs. George Brazier was calling on Mrs. Cecil Campbell one day last week.

Mr. Gilbert Bailey was the Sunday guest of his sister.

Miss Annie Swift is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Eadie.

Mr. and Mrs. George Campbell and children, also Mr. and Mrs. G. Werwick and children were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Emmott.

At time of writing Mr. Stephen Smith is very ill. We hope for a speedy recovery.

Master Cecil Chapin spent the week-end in Canning, visiting friends.

We are sorry to report Mrs. Geo. Grantham on the sick list.

The ladies of the Mission Circle held a business meeting on Tuesday afternoon in the basement of the church.

Mr. and Mrs. Orlo Franklin visited with Mr. and Mrs. George Grantham on Sunday.

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CITY ITEMS

CONVERSION CHARGE.
William Davis appeared before Magistrate Livingston in the police court this afternoon at three o'clock on a charge of conversion.

GONE TO FRANCE.
Mrs. Hodges, 17 St. George street, has received word that her son, Leslie, has gone to France after a stay of two years in England.

FOR RE-ELECTION.
The term of Mr. Frank Calbeck as Street Railway Commissioner expires this year. Many friends will be glad to know that he is offering for re-election.

PUPILS GO HOME.
About fifty students, in attendance at the O.S.B. left to-day for their homes in various sections of the province. They will return in time for the re-opening of the school on the 7th of January, 1918.

HONEY FOR THE COPS.
The police force has been remembered by the Goid, Shapley and Muir Company, and each member of the department will receive a pall of honey to help fill his stockings on Christmas morning.

SATISFIED WITH SALARIES.
The engineers and firemen in the employ of the waterworks commissioners have written the secretary expressing satisfaction at the manner in which their salaries were adjusted by the board at its last meeting.

BOARD PAYS TAXES.
It is worthy of note that the waterworks commission is the only public utility board in the city that pays taxes. The other boards governing municipally owned utilities contribute no taxes, with the exception of the street railway, which pays a frontage tax.

TAKEN TO KINGSTON.
County Constable Taylor and Governor Jones of the county jail returned to the city last night from Kingston, where they conveyed William Snider, the local postman, to the Provincial penitentiary to begin his three-year term. They report no trouble on the trip.

HONEY FOR EMPLOYEES.
The Goid, Shapley and Muir Company, following their usual custom at Christmas time, have presented each member of the Fire Department with a five-pound pall of honey. The annual remembrance is greatly appreciated by the firefighters.

HOMEWARD BOUND.
Word was received to-day that Pte. John Pratt is "coming home." Mrs. Pratt returns from Brantford Hospital on Saturday morning. She has been there eight weeks. Pte. Pratt went overseas with the 133rd, leaving an invalid wife and two children at home. He is, we hope, coming home to remain permanently.

HALIFAX RELIEF FUND.
Previously reported, \$14,852.29; subsequent to, \$83.02; Mrs. Logie Armstrong, \$5.00; G. H. Tarron, \$2.00; Ladies' Guild of All Saints, Mt. Pleasant, \$10.00; Miss Lydia Scammell, \$10.00; Oakland Appointment, \$2.62; Wilsonville Appointment, \$18.90; friend, 50c; friend, \$1.00; friend, \$2.90. Total to date, \$14,941.41.

SCHOOLS OPEN JAN. 7.
According to statute, the public schools of the city should open on Thursday, January 8, but in view of the fact that in the neighborhood of twenty-five tons of coal would be required to heat the schools of the city for the two remaining days of the week, the board of education has decided to postpone the opening until Monday, Jan. 7.

POLICE COURT.
In the Police Court this morning, Stephen Symons was dismissed on a charge of a breach of the Motor Vehicle Act, the specific offence charged against him being that of driving a motorcycle without a license number. J. E. Starkey, for having in his possession a muskrat skin during the off season, was fined \$70 and a gentle reminder of the game laws.

COAL WASTED.
The garbage collectors of the city are authority for the statement that at least one ton of good coal is wasted daily in Brantford through the carelessness of the citizens. The collectors state that in the refuse collected from house to house, there is a considerable quantity of coal that has not been removed from the ashes, and that if collected together would amount to over a ton each day.

NO WORD OF LOCAL MEN.
No word regarding the expected arrival of the Brantford soldiers who recently landed at New York with 2,000 other Canadian troops from overseas, has yet been received from the Military Hospitals Commission by Secretary George Macdonald of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, or by The Courier. Owing to the disaster at Halifax, troops homeward bound are being landed at New York, and from there sent on directly to Toronto.

DEAL WITH CHARGE.
Mayor Bowly's charge that soldiers' wives had been intimidated by officials of the patriotic fund, into voting for the Unionist candidate, will be dealt with by the factory-men's branch of the patriotic fund at their meeting to-night. In an interview to-day with the officials of the patriotic fund they stated that they regarded the Mayor's reply to their letter as evasive, and that it does not answer in any way the letter sent by them to the Mayor. They propose to threaten the matter out.

MR. COCKSHUTT

Is Well Pleased With the Election Result

Comments Strongly on Vindictive Spirit Shown in Scotland

Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., was asked by a Courier man to-day how he felt with regard to that official majority of 2,222. He replied: "The result is exceedingly gratifying to me, especially when I notice that there was not a single sub-division in the city but what gave me and the cause I represented a majority. In fact, in most cases, a majority above that of the sum total received by my two opponents. I am most particularly pleased, however, with the result in the Township of Brantford, where I was unable to hold any meetings or do much election work, but still received a majority of one. The only dark spot on the sheet is that of Scotland. Not so much do I say the result of that hostile majority against me there, but for the vindictive spirit which has been shown towards some of our friends there who had the manliness to stand up for the cause, and who were carried so far as to even damage property. This, however, is only one small spot in a very great field, and in the constituency at large, the spirit was one of patriotism and good will on behalf of the great cause."

NOT A TANK.
A huge mechanical scoop, resembling a tank in dimensions, attracted considerable attention on the main thoroughfares of the city to-day. The device was carried through the main streets by a tractor and will be used in excavation work on the addition to be erected to the main section of the city by a roundabout route.

GRAND RIVER WATER PURE.
Reports from the Provincial Board of Health give Grand River water a higher rating than the water taken from Whiteman's Creek, Clator's Creek or Blue Lake. Samples of water taken from these four locations are forwarded to Toronto every other day, by the water commissioners for testing, and a report submitted at a meeting of the committee held in the City Hall yesterday afternoon gave precedence to the water from the Noble Grand.

It was also arranged at the meeting to replace the present worn out grates under the boilers at the pumping station with new ones. Contracts amounting to \$4,851.00 were passed and a quantity of routine business transacted.

FORGER ALLOWED TO GO.
With a stern admonition to adhere to the straight and narrow in the future, Cecil Marsh, the seventeen year old youth who has been passing forged checks, was allowed to go on suspended sentence this morning on four charges. Restraint was used in the case, while the court amounted to \$31.40. The first offence was reported to the police by Samuel Suddaby, the first victim to discover he had been deceived. Other complaints followed, and the young man was arrested by Detective Schulz.

CONCERT AT O. S. B.

For the worthy cause of obtaining funds to provide Christmas cheer for those people in attendance at the institution who will be unable to reach home for the yuletide holidays, a successful concert was held at the Ontario School for the Blind last night. The feature of the program was an impromptu address by Postmaster W. G. Raymond, who delighted the pupils with an interesting discourse. The balance of the program consisted of musical numbers and readings.

To the Grave

Wm. MacKinnon
The funeral of the late Wm. MacKinnon took place Thursday afternoon from his late residence, 123 George street, to Greenwood cemetery. Rev. Dr. Henderson officiated. He leaves to mourn his loss a sorrowing widow and five children, Mrs. D'Arcy Lawrence of Buffalo, Neil of France, Miss Kathleen, William and Harold of this city, and five brothers, Neil of Toledo, John of Windsor, Alex. and John of Toronto, and Hugh, Bridgeburg. The floral tributes were many, including pillow, family, circles, girls of the Ball telephone club, wreaths. Mrs. T. Hayes, boys of the machine shop Waterous Engine Works, sprays, coal range department, Buck Stove Co.; Mr. and Mrs. R. Hope, Mr. and Mrs. F. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. J. White and Harold, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gray and Mrs. Forstell, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hayes and family, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lewis and Mr. Passmore, and Mrs. J. Casey, Mr. and Mrs. R. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. Maxwell, and Mrs. Wm. Kingston Street Sunday School, the Home Department Wellington Street Church, Mrs. J. Pringle.

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There are slippers of leather and felt, in solid colors or combinations of colors. Many of them are trimmed with pom-poms or interlace with ribbons. Others are of quilted satin with pretty vamp ornaments.

Throughout the entire "Avenue" you'll find slippers of the highest quality at the lowest prices ever offered on similar slippers. "Now" is the time to buy Christmas slippers when assortments are at their largest and best.

Women's brown, grey, red and black felt Juliets at	\$1.50	Women's navy, blue and brown Kosy Slippers, padded sole; at	\$1.00
Women's brown, grey, red and black felt Juliets at	\$1.75	Women's navy blue and white felt combination Kosy, at	\$1.25
Women's Check Wool Slippers, Special price 90c to	\$2.00	Women's grey, black and rose colored suede Bou-doir Slippers	\$1.50
Men's Block Vivi Kid Romeo, McKay sewn sole; at	\$2.00	Children's Felt Slippers, in all colors and check plaids. Ranging in price from 50c to	\$1.15
Men's Chocolate Romeo, hand turned sole; selected stock, at	\$3.00	Men's Chocolate and Black Vivi Kid Romeos, broken sizes; regular \$2.50, for	\$1.45




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BRANTFORD'S LEADING BOOT SHOP

APPROVED TOLLROAD PURCHASE

After deferring definite action from yesterday on the toll road question, the County Council this morning by vote of seven to three decided to proceed with the undertaking of abolishing the two toll systems in the County of Brant—the Paris and Brantford and the Cockrope roads.

The report of the special committee some months ago to inquire into the question was adopted in its entirety by the Council. The report stated that the councils without exception agreed with the special committee regarding the advisability of removing the tolls. There was, however, a difference of opinion as to the methods to be adopted to finance the undertaking. The Town Council of Paris had been interviewed and had expressed a willingness to contribute a fair share of the expense entailed. The committee had also waited on the Brantford City Council on November 6th and as a result a committee from that body was appointed to work in conjunction with the special committee of the City Council and had passed a resolution favoring the proposal.

A meeting of the special committee had been held at the Court House on Dec. 5th, together with the committee representing the Brantford City Council, and the town council of Paris. The situation was thoroughly considered from every aspect and as a result the special committee recommended to the county council that the terms of the owners of the Paris Road be accepted, and that the committee be empowered to make an offer of \$25,000 for the Brantford and Oaklawn toll road.

The report, when put to the vote, carried. Yeas—Reeves, McCann, Green-wood, Scace, Pitts, Stewart, Crichton and Scott—7.

Nays—Reeves Dorn and Eddy, and the Warden—3.

An amendment to the original motion was introduced by Reeve, Dorn and Eddy but was defeated. The amendment provided for a change in the proportion of the cost to be paid. Failing to carry the first amendment, a further amendment was introduced by the representative for Brantford. It also was defeated. This amendment, while it expressed approval of the abolishing of toll roads, criticized the report and characterized its adoption as unwise at the concluding session of the council. The amendment favored leaving the problem over for the solution of the council of 1918.

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95c to

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A scene at a station in official war photograph.

HOW BRIT CONTRO

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In a recent address before the Montreal Canadian Club, Northcliffe, the head of the War Commission to the United States, gave a very graphic description between the British Food Controller and the authorities in putting into effect the measures to conserve the food of the country. It is a clear co-operation that was at the London Convention of the Union of Canadian Associations. The address reads part as follows:

Briefly, the aim of Lord Northcliffe's interest of the summer, to do away with profit altogether and to prevent the profits of any kind. The framers of our machinery is formed famous British civil service, are the administrators, but in cases in the ministry of food, care the best available business to advise the expert, as a number of civil servants, dealing with almost every food commodity. The policy is to limit fits at every step, from the producer, and at the time regulate supply. A cost partition, under the direct chartered accountants, has been up, through which the profits of any manufacturer of food, retailer of food, can be limited. Great Britain has been into separate areas, in each of a leading firm of accountants been appointed, by this means to do the necessary work. Reas profit, based on pre-war rates, to the present cost, and prices agreed on that basis after consultation with the representatives of the traders concerned. Decisions to be obtained by dividing Britain into sixteen food districts. Each division is under the leadership of a commissioner advised by the food controller, borough, urban or rural councils, or other local authorities, to appoint local food committees, limited powers, and certain, to carry out such regulations regarding price and distribution may be issued from headquarters. Local storekeepers are with their local committees, any store-keeper orders he struck off the register, and of business. The various orders of meat, milk, potatoes, bread are communicated to the local

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HOW BRITISH FOOD CONTROLLER WORKS

Briefly, the Aim of Lord Rhondda is to Safeguard the Interests of the Consumer

In a recent address before the Montreal Canadian Club Lord Northcliffe, the head of the War Commission to the United States, gave a very graphic description of the work of the British Food Controller and the local authorities in putting into force the measures to conserve the food of the country. It is a similar co-operation that was urged at the London Convention of the Union of Canadian Municipalities. The address reads partially as follows:

"Briefly, the aim of Lord Rhondda the British Food Controller, is to safeguard the interests of the consumer, to do away with profiteering altogether and to prevent excessive profits of any kind. The framework of our machinery is formed on the famous British civil service. They are the administrators, but in all cases in the ministry of food, we secure the best available business men to advise the civil servants, as well as a number of expert committees dealing with almost every food commodity. The policy is to limit profits at every step, from the producer to the consumer, and at the same time regulate supply. A costing department, under the direction of chartered accountants, has been set up, through which the profits made by any manufacturer of food, or any retailer of food can be ascertained. Great Britain has been divided into separate areas, in each of which a leading firm of accountants has been appointed by this department to do the necessary work. Reasonable profit, based on pre-war prices, is added to the present cost, and price limits are agreed on that basis after consultation with the representatives of the trades concerned. Present prices are obtained by dividing Great Britain into sixteen food divisions. Each division is under the superintendence of a commissioner appointed by the food controller. The borough, urban or rural district councils, or other local authorities appoint local food committees with limited powers, and certain discretions, to carry out such regulations as regards price and distribution, as may be issued from headquarters. Local storekeepers are registered with their local committee, and if regulations and orders he may be struck off the register, and put out of business. The various orders fixing or amending the maximum prices of meat, milk, potatoes, bread, etc., are communicated to the local com-

mittees, and the trades and public are informed through the daily and trade press. A staff of inspectors is kept at headquarters and a number of sentences have been imposed by magistrates throughout the country in contraventions of the regulations. The general penalty is a fine not exceeding one hundred pounds or a term of six months' imprisonment with or without hard labor, or both. One fine of twenty-five thousand dollars has been upheld for potato profiteering. This punishment may be inflicted for every several offence. It is proposed to make the penalties more severe.

While the prices of practically all essential foods are now under control, no compulsory rationing is imposed on the general public although all restaurants and boarding houses are rationed as to the amount of meat, flour, bread and sugar which may be used in any week on the basis of an average for each meal. After December 13, only half pound of sugar per capita will be permitted. This will be obtainable through a system of each consuming household, or consumer registering with a specific retailer and securing from the local food committee a card entitling his household or himself to the ration.

The retailer will keep a record of his deliveries to ensure his not supplying any one customer in one week with more than the proper allowance. Arrangements for the issue of these cards are in progress and they will form the groundwork, should it become necessary to ration other foodstuffs. Here are many restrictions in manufacturing. Flour made from wheat must be straight run flour, milled to eighty-one extraction. It is compulsory to mix twenty per cent of flour from other cereals and pulse and permissible to mix it up to fifty per cent. wheat. No bread may be sold unless twelve hours old. Following on restrictions of fifty per cent, and forty per cent, manufacturers are now restricted to the use of only twenty-five per cent of the amount of sugar they used in 1915. Maltling from any cereal or the use of malt for any purpose, except as far as permitted by the food controller, is forbidden, and brewers are restricted as to the amount of very weak beer they may brew.

"Speaking generally the use of foodstuffs for industrial purposes and the feeding of animals have either been restricted or prohibited. Waste of bread is

a criminal offence. Appeals for economy in consumption have been made and a new campaign is being organized to this end. The maximum price of the quarter loaf has been reduced to eighteen cents for cash over the counter. It was only found possible to do this by subsidizing flour. It was found necessary to control practically all essential commodities.

"The danger that in introducing prices we may restrict supplies and increase consumption is obvious, but our food controller thinks it can be largely overcome. It has been suggested that our recent fixing of meat prices will lead to excessive slaughtering. If it does Lord Rhondda is in a position to control the transport of meat, and he is taking steps to license the slaughter houses. A condition of the license will be that no more than a certain number of cattle are slaughtered per week. He also proposes to control the sales through the auctions and he can limit the quantity there. In the course of a month or two he hopes to be able to determine approximately what quantity of meat ought to go to each industrial area, and to limit the quantity if necessary. Maximum wholesale meat prices for the whole kingdom have been fixed, independently of the cost of transport. He hopes to meet the danger that producing areas, because of this, might get more than their fair share of supplies by fixing a flat railway rate.

"As regards nearly all imported commodities, adequate distribution is being secured, as the sole control is in the hands of the Government, and importers or wholesalers are required to supply in fair proportion the needs of their usual customers."

MARKETS

Dairy Products	
Butter, creamery	0 50
Butter, table	0 50
Cheese, per lb	0 28
Eggs	0 60
Honey, comb	0 90
Honey, comb, 5 lbs.	1 15
Honey, comb, 10 lbs.	2 25
Grain	
Baled Hay	13 00
Hay	13 00
Oats	6 70
Rye	1 60
Straw, baled	7 00
Wheat	2 10
Barley	1 00
Fruit	
Beans, quart	0 25
Cabbage, dozen	1 00
Cabbage, head	0 05
Carrots, basket	0 40
Onions, basket	0 40
Celery	0 05
Onions, bushel	1 10
Onions, bag	1 50
Parsnips, basket	0 20
Potatoes, bus.	1 75
Potatoes, basket	0 65
Potatoes, bag	2 50
Turnips, bushel	0 40
Meats	
Bacon, back trim	0 48
Bacon, back	0 45
Beef, boiling, lb.	0 15
Beef, heart, each	0 25
Beef, roast, lb.	0 16
Beef, hinds	0 17
Chickens, dressed	0 75
Ducks	1 25
Geese	1 70
Chickens, live	0 75
Dry salt pork, lb.	0 30
Fresh Park carcass	0 21
Fresh pork	0 25
Hogs, live	0 17
Beef kidneys, lb.	0 15
Pork kidneys	0 18
Lamb	0 30
Sausages, beef	0 20
Sausages, pork	0 23
Smoked shoulder, lb.	0 35
Veal, lb	0 25
Veal, carcass	0 25
Fish	
Haircut, steak, lb.	0 20
Kipper, herring, pr.	0 10
Salmon, trout, lb	0 20
Salmon, sea	0 25
Mixed fish	0 10
Herring, fresh	0 10
Whitefish, lb	0 20
Haddock	0 15
Fillet	0 20
Pickered, blue	0 15
Pickered, yellow	0 20
Oysters, quart	0 90
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Obituary

INFANT BURIAL
Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Burch, 205 Carboro street, are called upon to mourn the loss of their infant son Whitley Harry Burch, who passed away this morning, aged two months. The father is in residence. The funeral will take place tomorrow to Mount Hope cemetery.

CHRISTMAS SLIPPERS.
There's nothing that will please the old folks so much as a pair of our gift slippers. Coles Shoe Co., 122 Colborne street.

You'll Please Him With These "Christmasy" Gifts

Men's and Young Men's

Overcoats Distinction

Designed, tailored and finished like individual custom garments. Have the perfect balance and easy drape that mark the well-dressed man.

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Two and three buttons, both single and double-breasted—following the figure as snugly as a comfortable fit will allow. Plain or velvet collars.

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These are roomy models, with full belts and large pockets, raglans, with buckled belt, and muff pockets; some double-breasted.

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For the man who seeks an overcoat of quieter tastes we are well supplied to suit his wants. The assortment is great, and as individual as it is exclusive. Plenty of other overcoats at \$15 to \$40, for all occasions.



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Silk mixtures and stripes, of various combinations; some with white and alternating stripes, exceptionally high-grade workmanship and quality; good colors. Just \$4.98.

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Rich brocaded silk, in Persian effects, 75c to \$1.50.

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The assortment consists of plain silk, fancy mixed silk and imported silk.

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They're perfect-fitting models, with new and distinctive features; shoulders up, slender waist, chest out.

New greens, copper browns, nut browns, in tweeds and worsteds; smart stripes and checks. Classy styles for men and young men.

Other fine Suits, \$15.00 to \$38.00.



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He would have it for the holidays and also would be able to resume his school studies well dressed and feeling "fit." Smart stylish suits, in new patterns, fabrics and colors. Good values, the best of values, at \$5.95 to \$15.00.



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Every Boy Welcomes

Sweaters for Xmas

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SALE OF COATS \$12.50

An unusually fine assortment of women's and misses' coats; all new, in colors of black, navy, brown and fancy tweeds; many different styles to choose from; with large convertible collars, belts and fancy pockets. These are good values at \$17.50; Sale-price \$12.50

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Women's and Misses' Coats, made from best quality Chamois Velour, ripple velour, fancy tweeds, and Beaver cloths; in brown, green, burgundy and black. These include new styles just in; all the smartest styles, with large cape collars, or double breasted with shawl collars, fancy pockets, belts and buttons \$35.00

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Toyland will be all bustle and rush to-morrow. Hundreds of wise parents will buy their youngsters good Toys Saturday. Our only advice is come in the morning when buying will be most comfortable.

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- Boxes of Puzzles, 40c, 75c, to \$1.50
- Oniga Boards, \$1.25 and \$1.50
- Peny Toss 25c yard 50c
- Games of all kinds, ranging from 15c to \$1.00
- Building Blocks, 15c, 20c, 25c to 65c
- Crokinole Boards \$1.65
- Miniature Railways, \$1.95, \$2.75 to \$5.95
- Pianos, 39c, 69c, 95c, \$1.25 up to \$4.95
- Balls, 15c, 25c, 35c, 50c and 69c
- Chimes 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c and 85c
- Baby Rattles, 5c, 10c, 15c and 20c
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Flannelette Gowns \$1.39
Made of fine quality Flannelette, white, with yoke back and front, neck and sleeve nicely trimmed with lace or embroidery; on sale at 8.30 \$1.39

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Ladies Boudoir Caps, very dainty styles, choice of several materials, at \$2.50, \$1 and 50c

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5 pieces of white Flannelette, wide width, nice soft quality; on sale at 22c

\$6.00 Hats \$2.00.
These are all smart up to date silk velvet hats, beautifully trimmed; Sat'day \$2.00

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The balance of our ready-to-wear Felt Hats, to clear at \$1.00

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A large selection of fancy Cosque Combs, back combs and turban pins; in handsome floral and fillet effects; with neat stones and pearls and brilliant settings; special 75c

China Tea Sets \$3.49
21 piece Set of Fine English China, rose pattern, pretty shaped cups; priced very reasonably at \$3.49

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Ormula Gold Jewel Cases, in many pretty styles. Prices to suit every one. Saturday at \$2.95 to 25c

Christmas Sale of Blouses

If you want Blouses for your own individual wear or for gift purposes, this sale will afford a most exceptional opportunity for unusual savings.



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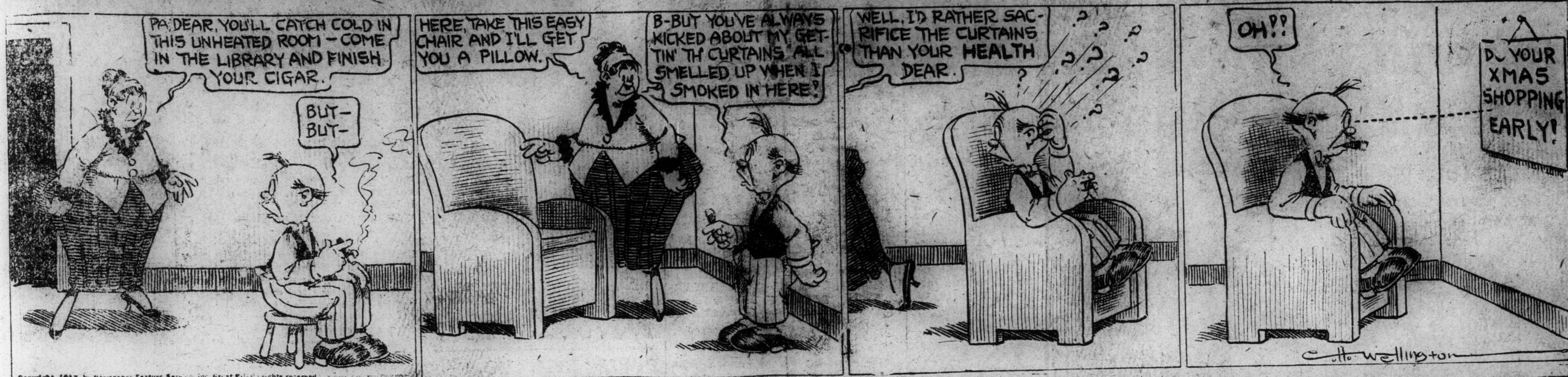


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Sporting Comment

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The late Frank Gotch amassed a fortune estimated at \$200,000 from his earnings in the arena, the bulk of which he invested in Iowa farm lands which he worked himself. He also had interests in Humboldt business enterprises, including a grain elevator, and was a Director in a bank there.

Gotch's most important matches in which he clinched the world's title were against George Hackenschmidt, both held in Chicago. At Dexter park pavilion in 1908 Hackenschmidt, then heralded as the world's champion, quit after two hours and three minutes of grueling work. Most of the time was spent in what is known in wrestling as "bulling," that is, the men stayed on their feet pulling and hauling about the ring in a struggle of endurance.

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Gotch was the originator of the "toe hold" which he used against Hack with a combination croch hold. The "toe hold" was a leverage grip which caused great pain. Unless the victim rolled over he was liable to a broken leg. Gotch frequently employed the grip as a feint for some other hold, or used it as a combination hold.

Frank A. Gotch attained greater popularity with its attendant financial reward than any other American wrestler because his proficiency came at a time when foreign wrestlers were invading these shores with claims of world's supremacy. His victories and his indisputable superiority supplemented with good na-

tured smiles for the crowd and apparent indifference toward his opponents, made him a great public favorite.

That Gotch smile was only a mask for all the tricks known to the wrestling game. Gotch won many matches against bulkier opponents by his brain. He outguessed and outspeeded his bulkier opponents in the few matches in which he was outweighed, for in his prime, the Iowa farmer carried a magnificent proportioned bulk of 215 to 225 pounds, Gotch simply "knew too much" for the foreigners.

Humiliates Zhyzko
One instance of Gotch's craft, or trickery if you care to call it such, occurred in his bout against Stanislaw Zhyzko at the Coliseum in 1910. It followed a handicap affair in Buffalo in which Gotch failed to throw the Pole in one hour. When Zhyzko extended his hand for the customary courtesy after time was called Gotch dived beneath the proffered hand, upset the surprised Pole and secured a toe hold, from which a fall resulted in 6:14 sec. Zhyzko complained, but under the rules Gotch was within his rights.

Against less formidable opponents Gotch frequently gave the crowd a run for its money, "but against real antagonists" he was versatile and resourceful, ready to rough it if necessary, or, catlike, despite his bulk, ready to pounce at any favorable opportunity. After he attained prominence, fear of his toe hold by opponents was an asset which he realized as feints for other grips.

Gotch was born on a farm near Humboldt, Ia., on April 27, 1876, of German parentage. He spent his childhood and early youth on the farm, attending school in the winter and helping in the farm work in summer. His open-air work and regular habits developed the strength and power. His open-air work and regular habits developed the strength and power.

Started Against "Ringer"
The farmer boy's real entry into wrestling was a profession followed about a "ringer." In 1899 Gotch had become a neighborhood celebrity and was the idol of the Humboldt lodge of Order of Woodmen. This lodge entered Gotch in an all-comers' event at a picnic of the order and confidently accepted the challenge of a "mysterious

"stranger" from a rival lodge. The pair took holds at the fair grounds on a plot of ground which contained a layer of cinders beneath the turf. Soon the cinders were flying and many found shelter in the cuticles of the grapplers. If Gotch was surprised with the skill of the "mysterious stranger" smaller than Frank, but built on lines of great strength, the "stranger" was surprised at the strength of what had been described to him a "green farmer boy"—for the "stranger" was Dan McLeod, then in his prime.

Gotch eventually succumbed to McLeod's science in 1:44.00 and 46.00 respectively, both by half Nelsons. The next day McLeod revealed his identity to Gotch and offered to supply an instructor. That is given credit for much of Gotch's later success.

Had Pugilistic Bee
At the time of the Klondike fever Gotch went to Alaska and thought of becoming a pugilist. He scored one knockout in five rounds then he met Boomer Weeks, of Spokane.

Gotch really became American champion when he defeated Tom Jenkins in Kansas City in 1908. He subsequently lost to Fred Beall in New Orleans the same year, but reversed the verdict in a later match.

The retired champion's last public appearance in Chicago was at the Strangler Lewis-John Olin match at the Coliseum, where he officiated as referee. At that time his clothes hung loosely on his big frame. He felt keenly a "boogie" by the crowd, which thought he was attempting to coach Lewis at one time during the bout.

When sporting historians record the notable events in pugilism for the year 1917, they will not be complete unless an entertaining chapter of the "Famous Boners in Matchmaking" is included.

Two notable instances of boner-headed judgment in the arrangement of ring contests stand out prominently, and both involve men who have played a prominent role in flistic affairs for, lo, these many years.

Harry Pollok pronounced many followers of the humped-eared promoter, who was carefully ever whip-sawed a promoter, was the

victim in one case, while Billy Gibson presented a picture for the world's champion, Benny Leonard, was the fall guy in the other.

Pollok's boner resulted as follows: Freddie Welsh lost the world's championship.

Paid \$5,000 For Bit
Welsh received only \$5,500 for his bit. This sum is trivial when compared with the money other champions received when they surrendered their crowns.

It is estimated that Welsh's lost approximately \$20,000 in cold cash by the unfortunate match with Benny Leonard.

In the case of Billy Gibson the financial loss resulting was not so great as it was in the Pollok boner.

Gibson was the goat through his failure to take a chance on a Fred Fulton-Jim Coffey battle.

Gibson had an opportunity to secure a guarantee of \$7,500 from Coffey and turned it down.

Now Coffey has been knocked out by Bartley Madden, to fame unknown, and Jim is through as a headline attraction.

And Coffey received only a pitance from the match with Madden. About \$700 was his share of the house.

Contrast this with what he would have made had he fought Pollok this fall. He was sure of getting \$7,500, and he might have made a couple of thousand more. The thought gives Gibson a headache.

Underrated Madden
It is a sad tale, in both instances, mates, but it only goes to show that the wisest frequently get bumped the hardest.

The affair involving Billy Gibson was of recent occurrence. It will be recalled that, in addition to plating Leonard along pugilism's pathway, Coffey is also mentor for Jim Coffey, the Irish giant, who at one time looked good enough to be regarded as of heavyweight champion caliber.

In spite of the setbacks Coffey received at the hands of Frank Moran, Gibson always had considerable faith in the pugilistic possibilities of the massive Harp. Gibson really thought the time would come when Coffey would earn the right to meet Jess Willard in a championship match.

To that end Gibson was carefully grooming Coffey along. He was mighty careful in the selection of

opponents.

The wily Gibson had his schemes carefully laid, but unfortunately for him, "The best laid plans gang aft agley." His labors and his ambitions were rudely jolted just a few nights ago when Bartley Madden hit a couple of crushers on the chin of Coffey and that worthy toppled over in a heap for the count of ten. To add to the ignominy of this defeat, it might be stated that Madden weighed only 190 pounds while Coffey was 30 pounds heavier.

So far as a drawing card is concerned Coffey hereafter will be no better than the average second or third rater. In fact, it seems likely that his days as a ringster are numbered.

Welsh Loses \$12,000
All of which is mighty annoying to the crushed feeling of Mr. Gibson. He is beginning to realize that he pulled a sad boner when he turned down several offers of fat guarantees, with big percentage privilege and a match between Welsh and Leonard. He might have drawn anywhere from \$5,000 to \$10,000 for such a contest, but the golden opportunity now is gone forever.

In the case of Pollok his error of judgment cost him in round numbers \$4,000, and incidentally, it meant a loss of close to \$12,000 for Freddie, who was a more or less innocent victim in the transaction.

It happened thusly:
When Welsh was the reigning champion of the world's greatest lightweights there was spirited demand for his services by promoters who were seeking to bring about a 20-round match to a decision between Welsh and either Benny Leonard or Charley White. Bona fide offers of guarantees ranging from \$15,000 to \$20,000 were under consideration by Welsh and Pollok, but they dallied along and refused to definitely accept terms.

The ten-round no-decision game found higher favor with them than did the proposition for a title contest so, as a natural result it was comparatively easy to secure Welsh for a match in New York city with Leonard. It was the foxy Pollok who suggested this. In previous contests between Welsh and Leonard the Englishman had been fortunate enough to go through 10 rounds without any serious mishap, so Pollok naturally figured Welsh should always be able to hold his own against Leonard in a short

contest. That is why Pollok preferred to make a 10-round match with Leonard, on a percentage basis, rather than accept a generous guarantee for a title bout and run the risk of Freddie losing the decision.

As events developed afterward Pollok pulled a bad boner in doing so. Welsh, it will be recalled, was toppled from his throne. The net gate receipts were around \$14,000, of which Welsh drew down 40 per cent, or \$5,600. This was the smallest sum within recent years received in a battle wherein a championship changed hands.

The error of judgment on Pollok's part is apparent. He could just as easily have had a \$15,000 guarantee for Welsh, providing the latter had signed for a 20-round contest. Then, too, the receipts would have been large enough to have totalled several thousand dollars over the guarantee. Of course, in that case, too, it must be admitted that he could not foretell the outcome, but that does not change the fact that it was boneheaded match-making. Since that time saucy Harry had plenty of opportunity to ponder on his fatal mistake.

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Boys' Leather Gaitlets Black and Tan, at 60c, 75c, and upwards from.....	85c	Boys' Braces 15, 20 25c	
		Boys' Gloves and Mitts.	
		Windsor Ties.....	25c

Christmas Gifts for Men

Christmas Neckwear All nicely boxed, new shades; wonderful assortment—	35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00	Brace Sets Braces, Armbands and Garters, all beautifully boxed—	50c 75c, \$1.00 to \$1.50
Christmas Mufflers Silk, Silk Knitted and Wool Knitted, 75c to.....	\$4.00	Initial Linen Hdks. Pure Linen—get them early—special, each	25c
Fur Lined Gloves		Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, at.....	50c
		Men's Umbrellas	\$1.00 to \$6.00

Underwear Snaps!

Watson's Two-piece Shirts and Drawers, fine wool ribbed; all sizes, only	\$1.50
Penman's Natural Wool, Shirts and Drawers, the old price, \$1.25, \$1.35	\$1.50
Tiger Brand Ribbed Wool, Heavy Weight; worth to-day \$1.75, on sale	\$1.25
Stanfield's Underwear Combinations, fine ribbed, special at	\$2, \$3, \$4, \$5
Watson's Fine Ribbed Cream Shades, all sizes; special at.....	\$2.25
TruKnit Combinations Fine Ribbed Wool, Silk and Wool, at	\$3.25, \$4.00, \$4.50
Scotch Knit Underwear	69c, 89c \$1.00
Men's Fleece.....	75c
Boys' Fleece.....	50c

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CHIEF COMES BACK AT CITY SOLICITOR

Claims Mr. Henderson Did not State Whole Case to the Council SILENT POLICEMEN Are Best Traffic Regulators to be Had, Says Chief Slein

Chief of Police Slein, when questioned this morning regarding his attitude toward the action at the city council in deciding to remove the traffic signs or silent policemen from the street intersections during the winter, expressed himself as not agreeing with the city fathers. The silent cops, he maintained, were the best device for regulating traffic that had yet been introduced to the city, and there were several facts concerning their use that City Solicitor Henderson had neglected to mention to the city council on Tuesday night.

"A number of traffic signs were placed at the intersections of the streets in the congested parts of the city for the purpose of educating the travelling public to keep to the right. These proved to be most effective in preventing a number of serious accidents, and as a result of the good work done by a few of these signs, there were ten more ordered by Ald. Bragg, chairman of the buildings and grounds committee, upon my recommendation. These were placed at different corners at the request of the people living in the different districts. The improvement in the traffic was very noticeable, and there were no objections of any kind raised until a short time ago when three of the signs were broken by the Brantford Municipal Railway Paris cars. I wrote a letter to the chairman of the Street Railway Commission, asking them if they would kindly make good the damages. They repudiated any responsibility, and consequently a summons was issued against one of their motormen for breaking the sign at the corner of Brant Avenue and Richmond streets. When the case came up in court, Mr. Henderson asked for an adjournment, which was granted.

"It is well known to the citizens of Brantford that Brant Avenue and Richmond streets is one of the most dangerous corners in the city, and at this request the public a sign was placed there for the security of life and property for the following reasons:

"First—A number of children going to Victoria school, St. Basil's school and the Collegiate, cross this corner four times a day.

"Second—Most of the traffic to and from the mills in the Holmedale crosses this corner.

"Third—Brant Avenue is practically the entrance to Brantford from the north, and, as everybody is aware, is very congested on account of the street cars and the general traffic.

"There have been several accidents at this corner prior to the sign being placed there. It is also a well-known fact that the sign at the corner of Brant Avenue and Dalhousie St., has prevented a number of bad accidents. Then, at the corner of Bridge street and Dalhousie street, the sign placed there has averted a number of serious accidents. In fact, all the signs in the city have been highly approved of by business people who are eye-witnesses of the services they have rendered all summer.

"To take these signs away now would just mean that we would revert to the old rut again, and all efforts put forth during the summer and fall would be wasted. I would suggest that instead of removing these signs, that red lights be placed on each sign at night by the board of works, which would eliminate all danger, and, if any signs might be placed back far enough on the cross street, such as King and Colborne, Queen and Colborne and George and Colborne streets, to avoid any collision with the street railway."

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Good Night Stories

JIMMY RABBIT SETS A NEW FASHION.

Jimmy Rabbit returned home one day in tears. He had been frolicking through the dead leaves with several of his cousins when the game was interrupted by the bark of a wolf, and the happy party suddenly came to an end. "I crawled under a brush pile, but Mr. Wolf saw my long tail, which I couldn't hide, and here I am—without my tail!" wailed Jimmy Rabbit.

"Oh, how strange you do look without a tail!" said Mamma Rabbit after she'd gotten over the first shock, for in those days all rabbits wore their tails long and fuzzy, and Mamma Rabbit's family was the envy of Rabbitville, because of their beautiful long tails that curled up over their backs.

Jimmy Rabbit looked at himself in a shiny tin can Mamma Rabbit had propped up for a looking-glass, and then he began to laugh. "I certainly do look queer, but what shall I do? I can't help it."

"You never can go around without a tail, and yours was the prettiest in all Rabbitville," and Mamma Rabbit began to cry, and all the little Bunnies, seeing their mamma weeping, began to cry, too.

"What will the neighbors say? You will have to stay indoors until it grows again!" sobbed Mamma Rabbit. Jimmy Rabbit hopped up and down the floor and he looked so very funny that all his little brothers and sisters stopped crying and began laughing. "I know what I'll do!" cried Jimmy Rabbit. "I'll go back and find it. You can sew it on again, and no one will be the wiser."

COTTON GINNED.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Cotton ginned prior to December 13 amounted to 10,142,858 running bales, exclusive of linters, and including 180,252 round bales and 83,352 bales of sea island, the census bureau to-day announced.

Last year to December 13 ginnings were 10,838,799 running bales, including 184,285 round bales and 113,163 bales of sea island.

JOURNAL'S HALIFAX FUND.

Ottawa, Dec. 20.—The Halifax relief fund conducted by The Journal newspaper closed to-day, having raised \$13,500.

FIRST RIVET DRIVEN.

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 20.—Marking the actual beginning of production of standardized 5,000-ton steel cargo-ships for the United States, John Hunter, of the United States Shipping Board, to-day drove the first rivet in the first of three vessels at a large shipyard near here, which has been rushed to completion in 76 days. The keels of two similar vessels are to be laid this month.

FIRE LOSS.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Fire loss in Toronto for the present year is estimated at \$1,157,400. This approximately is \$368,250 less than the loss in 1916. The loss to buildings is placed at \$248,578, and to contents, \$908,878. Toronto has had no very large fires this year.

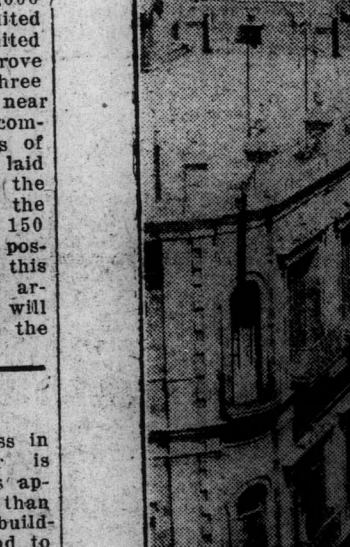
VIOLENT DEATHS.

Toronto, Dec. 20.—During the past year two hundred and forty-seven people met violent or sudden deaths in Toronto.

Illuminating gas poisoning claimed thirty-four victims. Eighteen people were killed in falling from ladders and buildings and nineteen died from burns. Twenty-eight were killed by motor cars. The greater number of these were children.

Three people were murdered within the city limits and another immediately outside the city. Fifteen people were drowned in the waters of Toronto Bay and adjacent streams. Six died as the result of alcoholic or extract of ginger poisoning and four were electrocuted. Six committed suicide.

JERUSALEM IS AT LAST IN CHRISTIAN HANDS.



This photo of modern Jerusalem was taken from the famous tower of David at the Jaffa Gate, through which the British probably entered, and gives an eastward view of the city. In the background can be seen the Mount of Olives crowned by a modern Russian tower. Directly in the centre is the Dome of the Rock of the Mosque of Omar, site of Solomon's Temple. It covers the traditional rock where Abraham made ready his offering and David built his altar. Directly at the back of it is Gethsemane. Winding up the Mount of Olives is seen the three narrow paths that lead to Bethany. In the immediate foreground is the business centre and the principal street. On the left side of the street is the Deutsche Panlastern Bank and alongside that the Central Hotel, well known to all tourists.

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CANADA'S TRADE SOARING HIGH

Big Increase in Dominion's Traffic Recorded During November

By Courier Lensed Wire
 Ottawa, Dec. 20.—A big increase in the trade of the Dominion is shown in the trade statement for November, issued to-day by the Department of Customs. For the eight months of the fiscal year which closed Nov. 30, Canada's trade reached the tremendous total of \$1,855,157,821. During the eight-month period of 1916 the total aggregate trade of the Dominion was to the value of \$1,499,255,942. For the month of November alone the import and export trade of the Dominion reached \$268,541,563. For November last year it was approximately eighty-two millions less, being to the value of \$186,668,351.
 During the eight-month period this year dutiable goods were imported worth \$390,856,337. Last year the goods upon which duty was paid aggregated \$292,819,952. Free goods were brought into the country to the value of \$310,453,202, as compared with \$242,238,324. The total import trade amounted to \$700,810,139 as against \$538,852,286. These figures are exclusive of coin and bullion. The amount of duty collected for the eight months was \$114,936,024, an increase of approximately twenty million dollars over last year's figures.
 Exports of domestic goods also show a remarkable increase for the eight months. They were to the value of \$1,095,510,649. Last year they reached \$731,664,051. Manufactures, in point of value headed the list, the products of Canadian factories sent out of the country to the value of \$489,237,649, as compared with \$263,580,148. Agriculture, exclusive of animals and their products, came second, its value being placed at \$384,121,559 as against \$270,237,892 for the eight month period last year.

ELEVEN MINERS KILLED
 By Courier Lensed Wire
 Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 20.—Eleven miners were killed in an explosion at Mine No. 3 of the Bardour Coal and Coke Company, Catoosa, near Memo, Tenn., late Wednesday afternoon, according to word reaching here to-day. Seventy-five were in the mine at the time. Whether the explosion resulted from a gas pocket becoming ignited or from the premature discharge of a keg of powder in the mine, is not known.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA



HOLDS INVESTIGATION INTO GREAT DISASTER.
 Capt. H. St. G. Lindsay, who has been appointed special investigator of the cause of the Halifax tragedy on behalf of the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

WARRANT FOR THE KAISER

Loudon County Justice Orders Sheriff to go Abroad and Get Him

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 21.—The Kaiser is to be haled before a Virginia court. At least that is the intention of Charles L. Zoll, Justice of the Peace of Broad Run District, Loudon county, who has delivered into the hands of the Sheriff this warrant:

"Commonwealth of Virginia, County of Loudon, to wit:
 'To the Sheriff of the said county: Whereas Woodrow Wilson has this day made oath before me, a Justice of said county, that William Hohenzollern, alias Wilhelm, has at various times and places between July, 1914, and November, 1917, committed murder, assault and arson upon the bodies of various people and sundry properties against the peace and dignity of the Government of the United States, the State of Virginia, and Broad Run district in particular.

"These are therefore in the name of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the Government of the United States to command you to forthwith apprehend the said Wilhelm Hohenzollern, alias Kaiser Wilhelm, and bring his body before me at my office in Aushburn, Va., to answer said charges, and there and then be dealt with according to law.
 "And by the power vested in me I hereby extend your jurisdiction to the continent of Europe, and I do by these presents declare the said Wilhelm Hohenzollern, alias Kaiser Wilhelm, to be an outlaw, and offer as a reward for his apprehension three barrels of corn, five bushels of potatoes and ham of meat, said ham to weigh not less than 21 pounds nor more than 35 pounds.

"And you are moreover required to summon Marshal Joffre, Albert, King of the Belgians; Victor Emmanuel of Italy, and George V. to appear at same time and place as witnesses in behalf of the Commonwealth touching the matter of said complaint.

"Given under my hand and seal this 28th day of November, 1917.
 "Charles L. Zoll,
 "Justice of the Peace."

SUBLIME BRAVERY OF FRENCH WOMEN

"To Be Simple-Hearted is to be Brave"—Transports of Patriotism

In the following article a correspondent relates several striking incidents witnessed during a visit to France:

At a village station the men who had been wounded were coming home. A young wife met so joyfully the husband who came home on crutches; a mother her boy whose face had been disfigured—meetings in which joy far outbalanced any pain.

But one woman waiting eagerly, waited vainly, until the last men were passing. Then seeing some of her own village she asked them if they knew of her Pierre. And they told her that Pierre would not come back.

She stood broken for a moment, and then with upraised arms cried clearly:

"Viva la France."
 And from every woman and man at the station there arose a great shout, "Viva la France."

Thus now, while men are becoming supermen, women are becoming superwomen.

By the time I left Paris I knew what many of these women and others—individually had sacrificed and what heroic things many of them did. Doubtless it had come to seem natural, but before the war it would have seemed incredible, to them that they could so endure and so accomplish.

Endurance Amazing
 It seemed nothing extraordinary to a simple nun that she had saved the lives of between 30 and 40 Belgium children in the early days, managing to keep them in food when they lived in a cellar for three weeks; nor to Mme. B., who works very hard to earn her living, that she might support a canteen where homeless soldiers on leave may have a well-cooked dinner for five pence.

Another woman did not think she could give all her sons to be killed and live; but she did, and now works for other soldiers, and yet another woman whose daughter was in Belgium—she, too, has turned her emotion into service and cares as a mother for the war babies in a certain nursery.

Simple-Hearted and Brave
 Some of these Frenchwomen have talked with me, and I know a few of their thoughts.

"Ah," said Mme. B., who has ministered to so many wounded—men blinded in the morning of their lives, crushed and broken—"we have to become very simple of soul, and then we become brave! Oh, if we could all become as simple of soul and as clear as Marshal Joffre!"

"War won't let us alone," she added. "It makes you meaner or it makes you finer. It's everything that's horrible, and it's everything that's sublime. Which side is one going to be on? Voilà! To think it out is madness. To be simple-hearted is to be brave."

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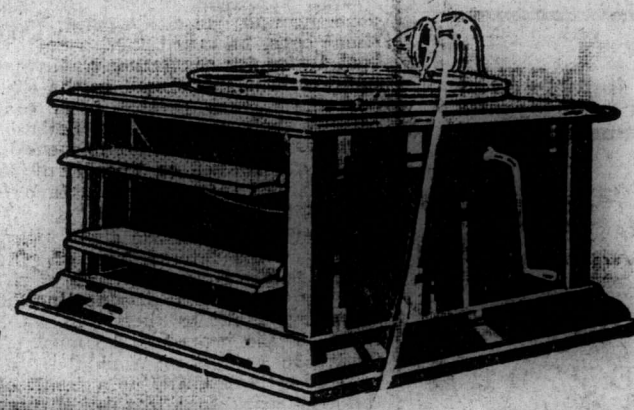
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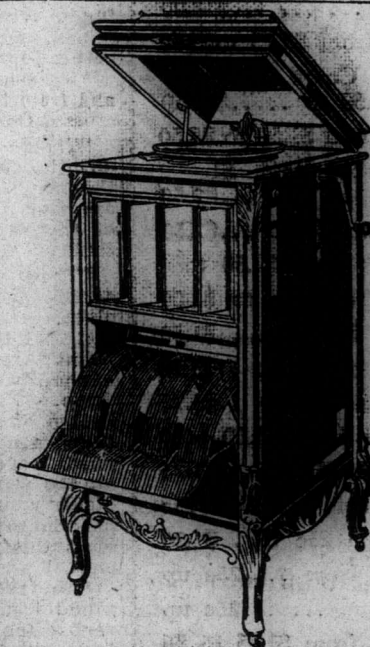
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By Courier Lensed Wire
 Boston, Dec. 20.—A cargo of nine million pounds of raw sugar from Louisiana, the first received, reached Boston to-day. Refiners said it

probably would be the last of the Louisiana product to be sent here this season, but that Cuban sugar was expended to move northward within the next ten days and their relieve the shortage.

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Col. McLaren Reports on St. Dunstan's Hostel

Outlines and Approves of Courses Given Canadian Blinded Soldiers

In a special report on the work of St. Dunstan's Hostel, London, England, for blinded Canadian soldiers, Colonel Murray McLaren, D.M.S., states that the industrial training is sound, thorough, and complete. Although the number of Canadian soldiers who have been blinded in the war is very small (only thirty-four having been reported to date) much interest in their welfare has been manifested by the public. Several Canadian institutions caring for the civilian blind have applied for the privilege of training the blinded soldiers, but because of the excellent work done at St. Dunstan's the Military Hospitals Commission has refused from establishing any training centre for blinded Canadian soldiers in Canada. In this course the commission has been ardently supported by the blinded Canadian soldiers who have already passed through St. Dunstan's. Three of them, Captain E. S. Baker and Messrs. A. G. Viets and B. Mayell, all of Toronto, circulated widely a letter of protest against any policy of "Canada for the Canadians" in the matter of caring for blinded soldiers.

Justifies Training in England. In order to present to the public the reasons for its decision to have this important work done in England instead of in Canada, the Military Hospitals Commission applied to the Director-General of Medical Services for a report upon the work at St. Dunstan's.

Col. McLaren was assigned to make this report and states that the subject was carefully investigated. He reports in part as follows:

"The course of training extends over a period from eight to twelve months, varying somewhat according to the nature of the occupation selected and the adaptability of the pupil. The training is supervised by carefully chosen and capable instructors. The facilities for training are excellent. The aim is to make these men thoroughly proficient in their chosen occupations. Before the course is finished it is ensured that the men have been completely trained, the weak points being carefully noted and corrected before they leave the Hostel. Those trained in massage are required to pass the examination of the Incorporated Society of Trained Masseurs.

Sound and Thorough. "From what one is able to judge from observation and information the training is considered not to be of a preliminary nature, but is sound, thorough and complete.

"There is a considerable number of occupations to choose from for training. Every man receives instruction in Braille, typewriting and setting for ordinary use.

"The principal occupations taught are massage, secretarial work, including typewriting and shorthand,

telephone operating, cobbling, mat-making, basket-making, joinery, and poultry farming.

Remunerative Occupations

Colonel McLaren goes on to say that English soldiers, when they have completed their training and satisfied their instructors of their proficiency, pass out and at once take up positions which have been secured for them. He quotes Sir Arthur Pearson, head of the institution, as authority for the statement that these men earn from £2 to £3 a week and that the great majority on leaving the war more than they previously did before losing their sight. Reference is made to Captain Baker and Messrs. Viets and Mayell, who are now in Canada, and as these are the three men who publicly protested against the establishment of a Canadian St. Dunstan's it may be assumed they are doing very well. He concludes, therefore, that the training provided is sufficient to enable men, on passing out, to take up some remunerative occupation.

Soldiers Themselves Decide. "It is important to note," says Colonel McLaren, "that in accordance with the arrangements made by the Director of Medical Services Canadian soldiers who have lost their sight, immediately their wounds are healed, are sent to St. Dunstan's Hostel in order that they may have the opportunity of deciding for themselves whether they shall remain there for the usual period of training.

"Two officers and eight Canadian soldiers were passed out of the Hostel, and at present there are one officer and twenty-three other ranks being trained.

"St. Dunstan's Hostel is an admirably organized and thoroughly conducted establishment. The word institution is not used there, as the regular institutional training is carefully avoided.

"Every effort is made with remarkable success to introduce a cheerful and hopeful spirit into the lives of these men so that all shall regard themselves as normal people who cannot see."

Canadian Students

Attached to Colonel McLaren's report is a list of the names of Canadian soldiers who have trained or are now training at St. Dunstan's and particulars about the training they are receiving. It is noted that one man, Lance-Corporal Viets, was enabled to return to his old occupation—insurance. Another man could not be trained on account of ill health. Two men who had also lost their right hands were both taught Braille and typewriting, but one of them also took up poultry farming and rough carpentry.

Private Harris Turner, M.P.P., a well known Saskatchewan newspaper man, who was elected by his fellow soldiers as their representative in the Saskatchewan Legislature, is included in the list of those who have passed out of the institution.

Of those who have graduated and went back to his old occupation, two qualified as masseurs, three took up poultry raising, two of whom also

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BURY UNCLAIMED BODIES.

By Courier, Leased Wire. Halifax, Dec. 20.—Arthur H. Branstead, chairman of the Mortuary Committee, today gave notice that all the unclaimed bodies in the Chebucto Mortuary, whether identified or not, will be buried on Saturday, December 22, unless removed from the morgue by relatives or friends. "There are now 117 bodies at the mortuary,"

BOURASSA'S AND NOT LAURIER'S VICTORY

Was Result of Election in Quebec, Says Opposition Leader There. By Courier, Leased Wire. Quebec, Dec. 20.—The elections in Quebec show the triumph of Bourassa's ideas and not those of Laurier, stated Arthur Sauve, the leader of the opposition in the Quebec legislative assembly in an interview yesterday afternoon. The federal government did not prepare the province of Quebec properly to accept conscription. "There was no organization. Furthermore, certain English newspapers from the West never stopped insulting and provoking this province, and suggesting the conscription act as a way to reduce and annihilate the province of Quebec. In the other provinces the government succeeded in controlling all the newspapers for its support. In Quebec it was quite the contrary. Why was this? Was it done with an intention? A certain English element, Tory and Grit, desired Quebec to be against conscription and the government so as to make use of it to inflame prejudices. Sir Robert Borden, who is not a fanatic, was unable to prevent this unfortunate situation any more than Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who could not control his leaders in this province. The people were exploited for the purpose of winning the election. A new trend of thought is necessary for the entire country together with a more national system of education and a civic spirit more adequate to our position as citizens of Canada and as British subjects. He said: "Above all let us be national Canadians, instead of provincial Canadians. Our Canadianism must comprehend all the duties pertaining to a great economic country and forming part of the British Empire, and loyal to the king, who is entitled to the allegiance of all his subjects. Canada must preserve the traditions of the two great races, who have labored side by side to develop the country. All encroachments must be avoided. The people must be taught what are our resources, our means and our economic needs, as well as the necessity of mutual respect, of entire cooperation for the accomplishment of our national aspirations. If our Canadianism was a genuine reflection of the two great races, may prejudices, many ideological errors, many conflicts, many misunderstandings would disappear from our country. Let us cease looking for temporary success, having in mind our great future."

AVIATION STATEMENT.

By Courier, Leased Wire. London, Tuesday, Dec. 18.—(Delayed).—The official statement on aviation activities issued by the British War Office to-night reads: "Heavy snow prevented flying on Monday except on a small portion of the northern front. In this locality a certain amount of work was done by our airplanes and bombs were dropped on a hostile airfield near Courtrai. Enemy trenches also were attacked with bombs and machine gun fire. At night the station at Roulers and the stations at Menin were bombed heavily by us."

"In air fighting two German machines were brought down in our lines and two others were driven down out of control. One of our machines is missing."

MONTRÉAL CLEARINGS. By Courier, Leased Wire. Montreal, Dec. 20.—Bank clearings ended to-day, \$69,707,527.

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COUNTY COUNCIL ON TOLL

Purchase of Highway Discussed at Yesterday

County purchase of toll co-operation with the city vinctial Government and the Paris was a basis of a continued, throughout afternoon's sitting of the Council.

The discussion was at a report submitted by Rupert Greenwood, chairman of a special committee to inquire into toll roads question. The committee was formed at a meeting held on Dec. 12 and placed in such a position that the Council would permit the Council to proceed with the purchase of toll roads.

The Proportion
While no figures were available at the time, the proportion of the original cost of the roads are converted part of the county roads, city of Brantford, it would pay 33 1/3 per cent of Paris, 1-2 per cent, County, 18 per cent, and ship of Tuscarora, 4 1/2.

Burford Wants He
Immediately following the session of the report, the debate commenced. Reeve Doran and Deputy Reeve Burford stood staunchly vociferating that the towns they represented be re-consideration of the slight would be to their constituents were removed.

Blackwell Doran, appeal report, pointed out that toll roads in that town assistance from any out and were now placed in of having to contribute elimination of toll roads township. He admitted that should be disposed of, as could only be accomplished by the purchase of toll roads. He was willing to accede to the was only on condition that were granted.

Reeve Critchton of South did not oppose the purchase, thought it would be a boon to the county. The toll roads had been non-paying propositions. Reeve Doran could not Council in what manner roads had been acquired, whether by direct purchase, or whether by because they were abandoned.

By reason of the fact that the roads were purchased through more than one purchase of these roads, said Deputy Reeve Burford. "Admittedly, nuisance, but they are nearest to the city of would be the greatest benefit. Therefore, why were the roads acquired consequently receive benefit. Therefore, why Township of Brantford heavily. Burford, he could little use for either road residents of that town either very little. He turn grant after the been made, covering the between the cost to Bur value accruing to that. There was a disposition of some members of the view the question from standpoint, thought it



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COUNTY COUNCIL ON TOLL ROADS

Purchase of Highways Was Discussed at Length Yesterday

County purchase of toll roads in co-operation with the city, the Provincial Government and the town of Paris was a basis of a debate that continued throughout yesterday afternoon's sitting of the County Council.

The discussion was the outcome of a report submitted by Councilor Rupert Greenwood, chairman of the special committee to inquire into the toll roads question. The report was considered thoroughly, but action was deferred until to-day. The report was to be revised in the meantime and placed in such form as would permit the Council legally to proceed with the purchase.

The Proportion.
While no figures covering the probable cost of the Paris and Cocksfoot roads may be divulged at the present time, the proportionate cost may be made public. The Provincial Government would pay 40 per cent. of the original cost, provided the roads were converted to form a part of the county roads system; the city of Brantford, 4-1-2 per cent. of the original cost, and the Township of Paris, 4-1-2 per cent. of the original cost.

Burford Wants Rebate.
Immediately following the submission of the report, the cross fire debate commenced. Reeve Blackwell, Doran and Deputy Reeve Eddy of Burford stood staunchly forward advocating that the township which they represented be reimbursed after the purchase of the roads, in consideration of the slight benefit it would be to their constituents if the tolls were removed.

Blackwell Doran, speaking to the report, pointed out that in its history, Burford had eliminated three toll roads in that township without assistance from any outside source, and were now placed in the position of having to contribute toward the elimination of toll roads in another township. He admitted that the tolls should be disposed of, and that this could only be accomplished by purchase. Yet, while Burford was willing to accede to the purchase, it was only on condition that a rebate were granted.

Reeve Erection of South Dumfries did not oppose the purchase. He thought it would be decidedly a boon to the county. In his township toll roads had been disposed of, but they had been abandoned, not that they had been abandoned as non-paying propositions.

Reeve Doran could not inform the Council in what manner the toll roads had been acquired in Burford, whether by direct purchase or because they were abandoned. By reason of the fact that the Paris and Cocksfoot roads extended through more than one township, the purchase of these roads was a county affair, said Deputy Reeve Eddy of Burford. Admittedly the continuation of the collection of tolls was a nuisance, but the people residing nearest to the city of Brantford would be the greatest sufferers, and were the roads acquired they would consequently receive the greatest benefit. Therefore, why should the Township of Brantford not pay most heavily. Burford, he contended, had little use for either road, and the residents of that township utilized either very little. He wanted a return grant after the purchase had been made, covering the difference between the cost to Burford and the value accruing to that township.

There was a disposition on the part of some members of the council to view the question from a sectional standpoint, thought Deputy Reeve

Scace of Brantford Township. The purchase of the toll roads was one that affected the county as a whole. It should be remembered that the Townships of South Dumfries and Brantford had also done away with toll roads in the past without outside assistance. Both these roads were paying dividends until the tolls were removed from the Paris road recently. The owners could not be expected to abandon them, and the only way in which they could be disposed of would be through purchase. For the good name of the county, the stigma of the toll road system should be abolished, Mr. Scace contended.

Reeve Scott of Oakland concurred with Councilor Scace, but he could also appreciate the stand of Burford. The case, as it applied to Burford, was equally applicable to a number of other townships, including a portion of his own. The question was one to be dealt with broadly, and on a wide scale.

Reeve Pitts of Paris, assured the council that the town of Paris would create no obstacle to the proposed purchase.

Reeve Doran again rose and emphasized the absence of representatives of the Townships of Burford and Oakland on the special toll roads committee. It was significant, he thought, that when the committee was formed, these townships were given no representation, but when action was to be taken, the question should be considered a county undertaking.

The committee had been fair in all its actions and deliberations, maintained Deputy Reeve Greenwood, and no partially had been shown any township.

If the line of reasoning adopted by the representatives of Burford township were to be carried out, Deputy Reeve Scace thought that the proposition would narrow down so that only those residents of the county living directly adjacent to the roads under consideration, would be forced to contribute the purchase price. There could be no other outcome if every municipality of the county were to be reimbursed in inverse proportion as it used the roads, or in direct proportion to the amount expended in the past in acquiring toll roads.

County Clerk Watts then gave the legal aspect of the situation. He had communicated with Deputy Minister MacLean of the Highways Department, and had been assured that the purchase could only be effected through the county. The two roads would have to be taken over as part of the county roads system to secure the 40 per cent. of the cost from the Province. Mr. Watts explained that there was provision made in the statute to reimburse any township that might not derive sufficient benefit from the purchase to compensate them for the financial outlay.

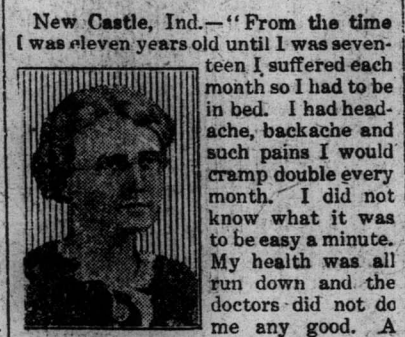
Warden Rose, speaking as a representative of Onondaga, admitted that many ratepayers in his municipality would be strongly opposed to the purchase of the roads, but personally he would like to see it was pointed out by the councilors from Brantford township that the cost of maintenance would all practically fall on Brantford township.

Blackwell Doran contended that the cost of maintenance would not amount to anything in the first five years, if the roads were in good condition. If the roads were not in good condition, they were not worth it.

Deputy Reeve Scace reported that Reeve Doran knew perfectly well that every year a considerable amount of money was necessarily expended on the upkeep of a road. The fact must be recognized, he maintained, that Brantford township as the hub of the county, was expected to shoulder the heaviest portion of every burden that affected the country. It had been the same with the county roads system and with the equalization of assessment. The roads leading to the city would not be more used by the residents of the township of Brantford, except in a few cases, than by the ratepayers of

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There has been a disposition in the past, declared Deputy Reeve Eddy, to get into a quarrel on the surface here to-day, on this question, to fight Burford and prevent it from getting its share, but it is willing to pay its share, but it wants a square deal, and we shall continue to fight for it in spite of all criticism.

There was considerable more discussion as to whether the entire matter should be turned over to the Council of 1918, but this was opposed by members of the special committee who pointed out that in the meantime the report be read in such a manner as would permit the Council to proceed with the consummation of the undertaking.

SPORTS.

About a year ago the last horse car disappeared from the streets of New York City and now they are talking of having Sunday baseball.

Next thing we know some adventurous New Yorker will get the exploring bee in his bonnet and discover the Mississippi river.

In fact we understand that a large party will start west from New York in a motor car, but they will not be the White Sox, who, under the leadership of Chief "Pants" drove them back with considerable loss.

It is reported that a baseball game is being planned for the city of Philadelphia and it is thought that the game will be a success.

When a Pittsburgh baseball game is out of the city, it is a time, he insists the cemetery.

We doubt that anybody goes to a baseball game for amusement. You never hear a laugh, unless the umpire stops an inshoot with his eye, or something.

Charley Weegman is in favour of a long season. They don't come any gamer than that boy.

How sharper than a serpent's tooth is the tax on a baseball pass? With the passing of Evers the National league may return to the single umpire system. Their work will be out of the ball.

John McGraw opines that if he had half the staff of right-handers with his own galaxy of southpaws, he could pick any team, and they would be so good, we can't see how the best "aching" stuff in the world could have any the necessary "jazz" into Heinie Zimmerman's legs to make him overhaul Eddie Collins.

Committee Mack says that pitchers are the only players that ever came back. How about Gavy Cravath? Cactus goes back and forth so often that he sometimes meets himself coming back.

And then there's Bill Hinchman. Bill came back so hard that he broke his leg.

The Giants' chances for winning the world's series next year are looking up. Eddie Collins is thinking of joining the army.

Johnny McGraw will willingly give Eddie a letter of recommendation to Uncle Sam if he is looking for a job in the services.

Manager Benderk of the Pirates thinks he has the nucleus of a strong team. Which spikes the rumor that

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Stone Set Rings, from \$1.25 to \$25.00	Cigarette Cases, from \$1.50 to \$7.00
Brooches, from 50c to \$35.00	Waldemar Watch Chains, \$1.50 to \$7.00
Pearl Beads, from \$1.00 to \$2.50	Thermos Bottles, from \$1.50 to \$4.50
Jewel Cases, from \$1.00 to \$2.50	Shaving Mirrors, from \$1.00 to \$3.50
Brush, Comb and Hair Sets, (ebony and ivory), from 25c to \$15.00	Watch Fobs, from \$1.00 to \$7.00
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Stone Set Back Combs, from 50c to \$3.00	Ebony Clothes Brushes, \$1.00 to \$3.00

For the Baby

Silver Mugs, from \$1.00 to \$2.00
Rings, from 50c to \$1.00
Hair Brushes, from 35c to \$1.00
Sockets and Chains, from \$1.00 to \$2.50
Baby Pins, from 25c to \$1.00
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Christmas

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Don't forget Mrs. Agar Adamson's Canal Boat Fund for work among Belgian refugees behind the allied lines in Flanders.

Wedding Bells

Max Gage is to be traded. Hub Perdue and there's Wilbur Cooper, Wilbur and Max constitute a small but classy nucleus. Branch Rickey refuses to affirm or deny the report that Jack Hendricks will be the next manager of the Cards. We present this to our readers for what it is worth. Take it away at your own price.

When is a free pass not a free pass? When it costs \$6.18, and still 77 games of ball for \$3.88 is not so bad. But they'll have to play pretty good ball for us.

Heinie Zim has invested all of his world's series money in a home in New Jersey for his mother and daughter. Heinie doesn't employ any benchhand tactics off of the ball field.

Weegman offered Branch Rickey \$50,000 for Rogers Hornsby. That leaves him \$150,000 of his \$200,000 war budget with which to buy the Statute of Liberty.

The exigencies of war might bring Christy Mathewson and Hugh Hahn back into the game. Cy Young will get caught in the draft if he doesn't watch out.

Baseball teams that are deprived of a chance to win the pennant through the loss of stars to Uncle Sam, may still point with pride to their service flag.

Hank Severold wrote Ban Johnson that he is thinking of enlisting in the army. Hank evidently is determined to get on a winning team. Hub Perdue says that he is a b-o-o-l-e-e-y through. Confirming a well-founded rumor, that started about four years ago.

Regardless of what the fans and Uncle Sam will not allow him to be trusted in such a position as manager of a well-founded rumor, that started about four years ago.

the Rev. W. Smythe performing the ceremony. The nappy couple left for a short wedding trip, and on their return will reside on Chatham St.

CHRISTMAS MARKET.

Indications point to a record meat market for the Christmas market tomorrow. Butchers to-day commenced to bring in their supplies for tomorrow's trade and a splendid assortment of meats are already stocked in the stalls.

Buy Christmas presents at a reduction at Lazarus' Clearance Sale. Now on.

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Figs, Palace, in jars 40c and 50c
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- Spanish Muscatel Raisins 14c
California Muscatel Raisins per lb. 17c
California Sultana Raisins per lb. 20c
California Seedless Raisins per lb. 15c
Currants, Australian, per 30c
Currants, California, per 20c
Mixed Raisins, per lb. 40c
French Cherries, lb. 75c
French Pineapple Rings, lb. 75c
Shelled Almonds, per lb. 60c
Shelled Walnuts, per lb. 60c
Ground Almonds, tin 30c

Forde's Coffee

- Mocha and Java Blend, lb. 40c
Florida Blend, lb. 30c
C. and S. Seal Brand, tins 45c
George Washington, tins 35c
Saratoga Blend, 2 lb. tins \$1.00

Teas

- English Breakfast, 1 lb. 50c
60c and 70c
Ridgeway's, tins, lb. 70c and \$1.00
Orange Pekoe Blend, C. and S., per lb. 70c

Table Delicacies

- Crosse and Blackwell's mixed Pickles, large 50c
Crosse and Blackwell's Mixed Pickles, small 35c
Crosse and Blackwell's Onion Pickles, small 35c
Crosse and Blackwell's Walnuts small 35c
Lazenby's Pickles, mixed, large, at 40c
Lazenby's Pickles, Walnuts and Chow, large 40c
Lazenby's Pickles, Walnuts, small 30c
Pin Money Pickles, sweet mixed, Gherkins, Melon, Peach and Burr, Gherkins, at 30c, 40c, 50c
Lea and Perrin's Sauce 45c
Mushroom Catsup 55c
Harvey Sauce 40c
Reading Sauce 40c
Snider's Chili Sauce 25c
Snider's Tomato Catsup at 25c
Aylmer Tomato Catsup at 15c
Cherry Pickles 40c
Olives, plain and stuffed, 40c
Crescent Olive Oil
French Peas, tins at 25c and 30c
French Mushrooms, tins at 55c and 75c
French Macédoines, bottles 45c
Spinach, tins 20c
Asparagus Tips 30c, 35c

Confectionery

- Chocolates in boxes
Barley Sugar, in glass 25c
Crepe de Menthe in tins, at 25c
A. D. Mints, in tins 15c
Niagara Cream Toffee 10c
CHRISTMAS CRACKERS 25c to \$1.35 Box
CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS ORANGES, GRAPES, CRANBERRIES
Scotch Short Bread, box 25c
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A MUNICIPAL HORSE RACE

(A. Wiseley Bragg, Rome, Italy) The ancient city of Siena, in Tuscany carries its history back to the Roman days, when it was Sena Julia, or Sena, and like many of the Italian cities is rich in antiquities. Its churches are famous, even in a land of splendid churches. The pavement of the Cathedral is unique in its wonderful engravings of Bible scenes. Its books of public accounts not only interesting because of their extended history, but especially for their elaborate and artistic covers.

But the most unique of all its attractions is the Palio. The Palio is sometimes spoken of as a horse race, but it differs very essentially from the ordinary race. The name is derived from the Latin "pallium," a banner, because the prize is a handsome banner, ornamented with a picture of the Virgin. This leads up to the fact that the Palio is, to a certain extent, a religious ceremony.

The horses which are to compete in the race, are solemnly blessed in the various churches, as are the accoutrements of the men; and the principal races, (for there are two), take place on the Festival of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin, when the tributary towns and the nobles, brought offerings of candles, wax and palli to the cathedral. This dates from 1134, at least, the second of the centuries of the Middle Ages, becoming as late as the 17th century. In the early days, mimic fights were added, which later became horse races. In 1260 the city was divided into seven districts, each with its own patron saint, and the Senese were victorious. But they often fought the Latin Papal troops, and the Senese were frequently defeated. In fact, every time the city was taken from the hands of the Latins, a new dedication ceremony, and evolved the Palio as a tribute to the Virgin's aid.

During all these years the Palio was kept up, varying from time to time, even donkey races being a feature at one period. The races were organized by the 17 contrade, or wards, each striving to excel. The horses are not trained beforehand, so the result is chance. But to offset this each contrade invokes its own special saints in its own church, where the horse is blessed. But if the patron saint does not bring success, he receives varying from his worshippers, in one case the saint's image was thrown down as a warning, and the horse from the contrade and church won the next race.

About the 16th century, each contrade which desires to compete must give notice, and deposit a sum of money for the hire of a horse. A week later, the judges must choose a sufficient number from the large crowd of horses brought in, and the race is held.

The race takes place in the Piazza del Campo, in front of the Palazzo Pubblico, on the hill, and has been held since the year 1264. The race is a very peculiar one, and is held on the 2nd of August, and the 2nd of September. There is serious rivalry between the Contrade, and the riders try, not only to win the race themselves, but also to prevent their opponents from winning by heavy blows with the nerbo, or whip, which they grasp at the thin end, and use as a mace on the heads of their rivals, which have to be protected by small helmets that are frequently indented by blows. This incidental fighting is not considered unfair, and the winner of the race sometimes presents his nerbo to the church that he represents.

On the grand day the Piazza is filled by an enormous crowd, as many as 30,000 people having been present on occasions. The race is a very peculiar one, and is held on the 2nd of August, and the 2nd of September. There is serious rivalry between the Contrade, and the riders try, not only to win the race themselves, but also to prevent their opponents from winning by heavy blows with the nerbo, or whip, which they grasp at the thin end, and use as a mace on the heads of their rivals, which have to be protected by small helmets that are frequently indented by blows.

The course having been cleared, the procession emerges from the great entrance of the Palazzo Pubblico. First comes the standard-bearer, mounted and accompanied by trumpeters. Then follow the ten contending Contrade, each led by a Duca or Capitano, in complete armor, barbaresco leading each horse. Then two altar, or standard bearers, a drummer, and five or more pages, and a barbaresco, leading each a horse. There are also several men-at-arms, with medieval weapons, some of which were used in battles in the olden times. By a regulation of 102, each contrade must have at least twenty men.

Next comes the carrocci, or war



TO CLEAR THE WRECK. Col. Robert Smith Low, who has been placed in charge of the work of clearing up the wreckage of Halifax.

Col. Robert Smith Low, who has been placed in charge of the work of clearing up the wreckage of Halifax. The accident, otherwise there might have been heavy casualties in the depot, which was practically empty at the time of the explosion. Reports received at the Commission's offices early conveyed the assurance that there were no casualties in Pier 2, which was a solid steel and cement building. Fixtures, furnishings and equipments, however, were sadly knocked about by the concussion.

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LIET.-COL. DR. F. W. MARLOW, of Toronto, who has gone to Halifax to render aid to the sufferers.

THE LILAC DOMINO

The original New York Company will present "The Lilac Domino" at the Grand Opera House next Tuesday, Dec. 25th, Christmas Day, for two performances, at 8:00 and 8:15.

There is dancing of every variety, from the Russian ballet to the modern society steps. In the second act there is a musical comedy in which there is a perfect array of dance and song.



TORONTO FAMILY IN HALIFAX DISASTER. Mrs. Hugh Hendry, who is reported missing, and her daughter, Elizabeth, who was killed in the tragedy. Inset: Petty Officer Hugh Hendry, attached to H.M.S. Niobe, killed. The family's home was on Langley avenue, Toronto.

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RELIEF FROM INDIES By Cable Lashed Wire Halifax, Dec. 21—Lieut. Governor Grant has received a message from Governor Willocks, Bermuda, stating that the Bermuda legislature has voted five hundred pounds for Halifax relief for the private subscriptions there total 1,200 pounds.

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- Walking Sticks 50c to \$3.50
- Sweater Coats and Sweaters
- Neck Sweaters
- Velour Hats
- Folding Suit Hangers, vest pocket size.
- Pajamas, \$1.50 to \$5.00
- Shirts, in single boxes
- Silk Shirts, plain and fancy
- Hose, plain and fancy
- Underwear, \$1.00 to \$9.00 per suit
- Wool Gloves, 25c to \$2.00
- Boys' Gloves
- Laundry Bags
- Pullman Slippers
- Silk Suspenders
- Suspender Sets
- Armbands and Hose Supporters
- Watch Fobs
- Pennants
- Cuff Links
- Tie Pins
- Collar Bags, in fancy leathers, all nicely lined
- Jewel Cases
- Tie Cases, in silk or leather
- Handkerchief Cases
- Brushed Wool Mufflers
- Knitted Mufflers, 50c. to \$5
- Ties, 25c to \$2.50, boxed
- Fur Lined Gloves
- Silk and Unlined Gloves
- Auto Gauntlets
- Initial Linen Handkerchiefs
- Plain Linen and Lawn Handkerchiefs, 25c. to \$2.50 per box.
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- Box Collars
- Travelling Toilet Cases
- Safety Razors
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- Drinking Cups, in leather cases
- Military Brushes
- Fancy Vests

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- Military Spurs
- Lanyards, Whistles, Cords
- Numerals and Badges
- Officers' Shirts
- Officers' Caps
- Officers' Canes
- Cigarette Swagger Sticks, (hold 1 dozen cigarettes)
- Leather Leggings
- Puttees Non-Fray
- Fox's Spiral Puttees
- Mirrors (unbreakable)
- Khaki Ties
- Khaki Handkerchiefs
- Khaki Suspenders
- Khaki Gloves
- Khaki Mufflers
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CANADA'S UNION CABINET BRIEF BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

SIR ROBERT BORDEN.—Sir Robert Borden, Premier, elected in King's, N.S., in his 63rd year. He was born at Grand Pré, N.S., and comes of U.E. Loyalist stock. He was first a professor in Glenwood Institute, N.J., but returning to Canada studied law and was called to the Bar in 1878. He first entered political life as a member for Halifax in 1896, the same year that Sir Wilfrid Laurier became Premier. In 1900 he was elected, but in 1904 was beaten in Halifax. A seat was found for him in Carleton, Ont. In the 1908 elections he was given seats for both Halifax and Carleton, but preferred to sit for the former. Sir Robert became leader of the Conservative party in opposition till the elections of 1911 when he became Premier. He received his knighthood in June, 1914. He introduced the present Military Service Act in the Commons and is the author of the present Union Government. In religion Sir Robert is Anglican.

HON. N. W. ROWELL.—Hon. Newton Wesley Rowell, vice-chancellor of the House of Commons of the Cabinet, was Liberal leader in the Ontario Legislature before entering the Union. He was unsuccessful in a provincial election for East York in 1900, but sat for North Oxford from 1911 to 1917 in the Legislature. Mr. Rowell is well known as a shrewd Toronto lawyer, and has pronounced ideas of governmental reform. He ran in Durham and is 50 years of age.

HON. A. K. MACLEAN.—Hon. A. K. Maclean, who has always been one of the strongest Liberals in the Dominion, is chairman of the Cabinet Committee on Reconstruction after the war. He is a well-known Halifax lawyer, where he ran as Union Government candidate. He was an unsuccessful candidate for the Commons in 1900, was elected to the Nova Scotia Legislature in 1901, resigned and was elected to the Commons in 1904 and 1908; became Attorney-General of Nova Scotia in 1909, and resigned his portfolio to enter the Commons in 1911. He is a Presbyterian, aged 48.

SIR GEORGE FOSTER.—Sir George Eulas Foster, elected by 14,000, in North Toronto, is Minister of Trade and Commerce in the Union Government, is one of the oldest active politicians in Canada. Before entering public life he was a University professor in New Brunswick. He was first elected as an Independent Conservative for King's County in 1882 and entered the Commons in 1885 as Minister of Marine and Fisheries. In 1896 he was returned for York, N.B., but in 1900 was defeated at a bye-election in North Ontario. In 1904 he found a seat in North Toronto, which he has represented continuously since. In 1888 he was made Finance Minister, a post which he held till 1896. Since 1911 he has occupied his present portfolio. He received his knighthood in 1914. Sir George is 70 years of age and in religion is a Free Christian Baptist.

SIR THOMAS WHITE.—Sir Thomas White was never in public life prior to the Borden Government's coming into power in 1911. Prior to that he was engaged in newspaper work in Toronto and then became a financier. He was connected with a large number of organizations in Toronto. Since 1911 he represented Leeds and holds the portfolio of Finance Minister. In the present election he was the Union candidate in Brockville. He was knighted in 1916, and is a Presbyterian in religion.

HON. J. D. REID.—Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Railways and Canals, is a physician by profession, though he has had considerable business experience, having been eleven years manager of starch manufacturing plants. He has represented Grenville continuously since 1891, and upon the Borden Government coming into power in 1911 he became Minister of Customs, a post he held until the formation of the Union Government. He is a Presbyterian and is 56 years of age.

HON. ARTHUR MEIGHEN.—Hon. Arthur Meighen, Minister of the Interior, has been prominent in Canadian public life for several years by reason of the immense amount of work he has done in Parliamentary debates. He was born in Ontario 41 years ago. He was first elected to the Commons in 1908 and was made Solicitor-General in 1913, a position he held till the formation of Union Government. Mr. Meighen is a lawyer and a Presbyterian. He carried Portage la Prairie.

HON. HUGH GUTHRIE.—Hon. Hugh Guthrie, Solicitor-General, who easily won in South Wellington, was the first Liberal to make the break with Sir Wilfrid on the question of conscription. He entered the Commons in 1900, and was re-elected in 1904, 1908, and 1911. He was chairman of the Railway Committee in the Commons for a while. His home is at Guelph. He is a lawyer, a Presbyterian, and is 51 years old.

HON. FRANK COCHRANE.—Hon. Frank Cochrane, who is a Minister without portfolio in the Union Government, contested the riding of Temiskaming. He is one of the men and the late James Whitney discovered and became Minister of Lands and Mines for Ontario in 1905. This nation of the Borden Government in 1911 when he went to Ottawa as Minister of Railways, a portfolio he held until Union Government was formed. Mr. Cochrane was formerly a hardware merchant, is a Methodist and is 65 years old.

SIR EDWARD KEMP.—Sir Edward Kemp, Minister of Militia Overseas, Union representative for East Toronto. He was first elected to the Commons in 1900 and re-elected in 1904. In 1908 he was elected, but came back with a big majority in 1911. He was first a Minister without portfolio in the Borden Cabinet and in 1915 was appointed head of the War Purchasing Commission, where his business ability made his work a marked success. He was Minister of Militia after Sir Sam Hughes' resignation until the formation of the Union Government. He was knighted in 1917, is 59 years of age, and is a Methodist.

HON. C. C. BALLANTYNE.—Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, contested his first election in St. George's St. Lawrence (Montreal). He was born at Colquhoun, Ont., the year of Confederation. He entered upon a business career in Montreal at an early age, and at present is head of the Sherwin-Williams Paint Co. He is a past president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association and was an active member of the Montreal Harbor Board. He has always been a Liberal in politics.

HON. C. J. DOHERTY.—Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, has had a distinguished University and legal career in Montreal. Twice he was defeated in the Quebec Legislature, but was elected for St. Ann's division in Montreal at the elections in 1908. In 1911 he became Minister of Justice in the Borden Cabinet. He is of Irish descent, a Roman Catholic, and is 62 years old.

HON. J. A. CALDER.—Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Colonization and Immigration, a new portfolio in the Union Government, has been for years one of the leading Liberals in Saskatchewan. He is a science graduate of Manitoba University and a barrister. He was a school teacher and school inspector and upon the formation of the Scott Ministry in Saskatchewan in 1895 he was appointed Provincial Treasurer and Commissioner of Education, and afterwards became Minister of Railways and Colonization. In 1916 he was offered the Premiership of the Province, but declined. He carried Moose Jaw. In religion he is a Presbyterian.

HON. A. L. SIFTON.—Hon. A. L. Sifton, Minister of Customs, before the formation of the Union Government, was Liberal Premier of Alberta. For five years he was Chief Justice of Alberta, but resigned in 1910 to enter the Commons. He held continuously till called to Ottawa. Besides being Premier he held various other portfolios in Alberta. He is a Methodist and is 58 years old. Mr. Sifton was elected to the Commons in 1908.

HON. T. W. CROTHERS.—Hon. T. W. Crothers, who was the Union victor in East Elgin, has been Minister of Labor since 1911. For years he practised law in St. Thomas, Ont. In 1879 he was an unsuccessful candidate in West Elgin for the Ontario Legislature. He was first elected to the Commons in 1908. He is a Methodist in religion.

HON. FRANK B. CARELL.—Hon. Frank B. Carell, Minister of Public Works, who has been elected by acclamation in Carleton-Victoria, N.B., has for years been one of the leading Liberals of the country. He is of U.E. Loyalist descent, is 55 years of age, and a Methodist. He first entered the New Brunswick Legislature in 1899, but resigned in 1900 to contest unsuccessfully Carleton at a general election. Since 1890 Mr. Carell has been a member of the Commons.

HON. S. C. MEWBURN.—Brigadier-General S. C. Mewburn, Minister of Militia, is a well-known Hamilton lawyer and has always been a Liberal. He is a native son of the Ambitious City, having been born there 54 years ago. Since the war started he took an active part in the organization of the Canadian forces and gained considerable fame as an executive head. He holds the long service military decoration. His riding is East Hamilton.

HON. T. A. CRERAR.—Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Agriculture, is an Ontario man who has more than made good in the West. He is a practical farmer, but all his public efforts for years past have been devoted to the Grain Growers' Association of Western Canada. No man in the country knows the needs of the Western farmer better than Mr. Crerar. He has never been a member of Parliament before and carried Maquette, Man.

HON. MARTIN BURRELL.—Hon. Martin Burrell, Secretary of State, obtained an acclamation in Yale, B.C. He was born 59 years ago in England, but came to Canada in 1883 engaging in fruit farming. He contested Yale-Cariboo in 1904, but was defeated by a small majority. He was first elected in 1908, and in 1911 became Minister of Agriculture in the Borden Government. He remained in this portfolio until the Union was formed. In religion Mr. Burrell is an Anglican.

HON. G. D. ROBERTSON.—Hon. G. D. Robertson, Senator, is a member of the Cabinet without portfolio. He has for years been actively connected with the Labor movement and is Vice-President of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers. In religion he is a Presbyterian. His home is at Walled, Ont.

POLICE COMMISSIONERS.—A routine business meeting of the Police Commissioners was held at the Court House yesterday afternoon in the chambers of His Honor Judge Hardy.

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SIR LOIN OF BEEF NAMED BY CHARLES II No Christmas Feast Was Considered Complete Without Sir Loin

When the Druids gathered the mistletoe, two bulls were sacrificed each winter, and as a reminder of this the ancient Britons ate beef. Long ago has this significance died out, but nevertheless beef is the English Christmas meat. Charles II, knighted the loin of beef at a Christmas feast because he relished the dish so much after returning from the hunt. Quoth Charles: "Odd's fish! a noble dish."

Ay, noble made by me! By kindly right I dub thee knight— Sir Loin henceforth be." Wassail was originally a pledge drunk between friends. The component parts of good cheer were ale, wine, and apples, which were roasted hot, and sized in the ale.

The Wassail bowl was often of heavy silver and a feature of the Christmas festivities, often ornamented with ribbons and sprays of rosemary. "That's for remembrance."

The peacock also held an important place in the old Christmas feast. It was brought in, not by the servants, but by the most distinguished lady guest, who bore it into the banquet hall to the sound of music, the rest of the ladies following. The peacock was prepared by first stripping the skin off without disturbing the plumage. The bird was then stuffed with spices and sweet herbs. The peacock was anciently in demand for banquets. Served as a pie with the plumed crest appearing at one end, while at the other the tail in all its splendor over the dish the knights errant swore to take any perilous enterprise, thus originating the oath, "by cock and pie."

A dish of great antiquity is the boar's head, which was to be found in all bills of fare for coronation and other festivities. In medieval England it was a custom to commence all great Christmas festivities with a solemn ceremony bringing in the great boar's head as the initial dish. The head was wreathed with rosemary and laurel, and a lemon, symbol of plenty, was placed in the mouth.

In Heric's time it was customary to set a watch on the pies the night before Christmas. By some it is presumed, on account of the Oriental ingredients which enter into its composition, to have reference to the offerings made by the Wise Men of the East.

A current superstition was as many mice pies as you eat at Christmas, so many happy months you will have.

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MOGULS CAN'T KEEP THEIR PARKS DARK

Too Much Money Sunk in Playing Fields to Permit the Owners to Suspend Baseball Altogether—Millions Tied up in Diamonds—Green Ones, That is.

Baseball outlook for 1918 is filled with uncertainties for club owners and players. According to present plans, the major leagues will continue to operate in an effort to keep the game going; but if the world war is raging next March, with no evidence of peace in sight, it is practically certain that the minor leagues, with the exception of one or two, will keep their parks closed.

The plan to continue baseball in the major leagues, includes a provision for keeping several of the minor leagues in operation for the purpose of taking care of a limited number of players. The major leagues cannot live without a source of supply from which to draw playing talent, and they must have the minor leagues to assist in the development of players who need more seasoning.

So, if the war continues, it is probable that the two big minor leagues—the American Association and the International League—may be encouraged to operate. The salaries will probably be greatly reduced in the majors, and further cuts will be made in the minor leagues in question if they continue to operate next year.

Few Players Drafted
The powers that be in baseball are playing a waiting game just now, for there is nothing else for them to do at present. At the meetings of the National Baseball Commission steps will be taken toward meeting gigantic obstacles which will arise next spring unless peace comes.

The club owner in any league who

has ball players of the draft age on his ball team roster cannot be sure that his club will not be entirely wrecked by the time April 1, 1918, rolls around. For this season the major leagues were wary about drafting players from the minors last month, and in most cases "eligibility of the player for the national draft was investigated before the club owners put in a baseball draft for him.

Many players who were purchased prior to the opening of the drafting season were bought with the proviso that in case they were drafted for the national army the purchaser should be released from the obligation of paying for the titles to them.

Interest in the National League club owners, who have thousands of dollars tied up in players alone, stand to lose heavily at any time, but the minor league owner, who depends on the sale of players to tide him over, especially in lean years, such as 1917 has been, was mighty hard hit.

Baseball men who stand out as the protectors of the game are agreed that major league ball must be continued, practically at any cost. They would gladly consent to its continuance under Government supervision if necessary.

A whole year without organized ball of any kind would be a terrific blow to the game, for organized baseball is a big business, in which millions of dollars are tied up, and should it be killed for the period of even one year it would be set back at least ten years, according to those who are in a position to know.

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GENERAL ALLENBY, ALLAH AND 'NEHBY

Remarkable Prophecy is Fulfilled Concerning Jerusalem

London, Dec. 21.—The capture of Jerusalem has led to the discussion of a remarkable prophecy uttered when the Kaiser made his theatrical entry into the city on a white charger dressed to look as much like a crusader as possible. It was said then, according to an ancient prophecy, that the liberator of Jerusalem would enter it, not on horseback, but afoot, and would represent Allah and God.

Now that General Allenby has entered Jerusalem afoot, his name with very little straining, combines those of Allah and 'Nehby, which means God in the Islamic tongue. The discovery has given the necessary touch

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A WAR-TIME ROMANCE

By Courier Leased Wire
London, Dec. 20.—The engagement is announced of Esther, daughter of Grover Cleveland, former President of the United States, to Captain Bosanquet of the Oldstream Guards. Captain Bosanquet, a son of Sir Albert Bosanquet, has been decorated with the Distinguished Service Order.

Miss Cleveland came to London in June of last year, after having qualified as a nurse and instructor of the blind and took up work as a volunteer at St. Dunstan's Home for Blind Soldiers.

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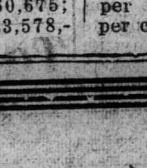
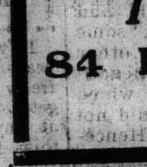
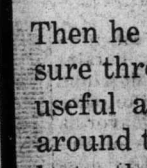
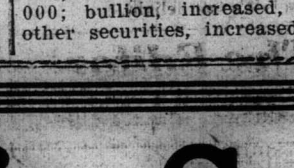
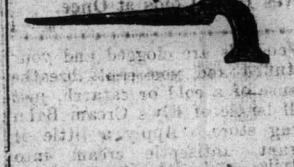
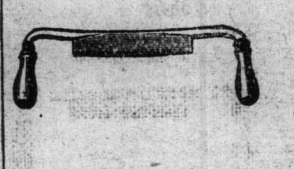
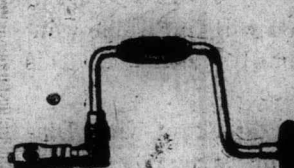
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By Courier Leased Wire
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Total reserve, decrease, £1,042,000; circulation, increase, £2,000,000; bullion, increase, £60,675; other securities, increase, £3,578,600; public deposits, decrease, £3,490,000; other deposits, increase, £5,975,000; notes, reserve, decrease, £893,000; Government securities, decrease, £76,000.
The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 18.66 per cent.; last week it was 19.58 per cent.

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