

VACUUM GAS CO.'S STOCK DROPS WITH BUMP IN TORONTO

Lost 46 Points Overnight, Re-gaining 19 Later.

DELIVERIES PLENTIFUL

New York House Said To Have Had Too Much Handed It.

The stock of the Vacuum Gas Company, which recently posted a \$1,000 fall with the city in order to delay action in the natural gas bylaw, and to induce the city to investigate the various gas fields available to London, came down with a remarkable thud on the Standard Stock Exchange in Toronto yesterday. Under the heading, "Gas Balloon Burst on Standard Today—Wide Open Break of Nearly Fifty Points," the Toronto Star of last night has the following to say:

Something resembling a sensation was caused on the Standard Stock Exchange this morning, when Vacuum Gas and Oil shares, which closed last night at 36, opened at 50, an intervening drop of 46 points. This was the first point, however, and by noon the stock had advanced to 65, reducing the loss from last night to about 30 points. Inquiry as to the cause of the break disclosed the fact that a New York curb house, which has been making the market in vacuum gas for months, had failed to take delivery.

Vacuum Gas and Oil is a Canadian company, operating in the Thamesville field with a number of producing oil wells. The stock is \$1 par and it was introduced a month or so ago around 30 cents a share, advancing in sensational fashion in an active market, chiefly in the New York curb, to around \$1.30, with predictions, as usual, that it was going to \$3.

Apparently the New York house supporting the market got more stock handed to it than it could take care of and the collapse in the curb followed. Locally it is said that local people do not lose much, the majority of them getting their shares away down, and having taken big profits in the subsequent boom. Those who did not take profits have only themselves to blame, as there was not, until the last few days, any difficulty in finding a market for the shares.

Conservative brokers have before now sold there was no reason for the stock's rise above par, and declare that the sensational advances which have taken place in the past in vacuum gas shares have given each broker an altogether absurd idea of market values.

It is said that some curb houses which have speculated in the shares in vacuum gas through standing on their trades and paying customers profits, seized the opportunity the past day or so to hit the market hard, recouping themselves in the break.

Canadians were reported as buyers of the stock today.

TANCREADE DOWNCAST AND QUIET IN PRISON

Tales of Childish Pranks Pure Fiction, Says Governor.

Stories which have been circulated within the past few days to the effect that Mike Tancreade, the condemned murderer, had been taken to playing childish pranks in the jail are pure fiction, as Governor Cameron has declared, after a visit to the jail as foundationless tales.

Tancreade appears but little different from the day of his sentence. He is still down-hearted and quiet, and to say that he was "playing soldier" with the kids in the jail is pure word of truth, and the stories to that effect are nothing but childish nonsense," said Sheriff Cameron. "Not one word of truth in the story," said Governor Cameron. "A man condemned to death is not likely to be playing childishness, unless he was insane, and from observations of Tancreade every day he is in no mood to play. His thoughts are much more serious."

ARRANGES RECEPTION FOR CORP. C. E. FINCH

Forest City Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 122, last night appointed a committee to "pitch" a bonfire in the 13th Battalion, Finch, corporal in the 13th Battalion, C. E. Finch, who is expected back in London soon. The lodge also provided for the shipment of a generous parcel of comforts to Bro. Walter J. Toll, 13th Battalion, C. E. Finch, who is at present in a hospital in France. Forest City Lodge has sent a score of members overseas, two of whom are believed to have been killed, and many others are on service in Canada.

W. Bro. W. J. Wilson last night installed the newly-elected officers of 722. E. F. Coulter, deputy in 1916, fills the wonderful master's chair for the coming year, while Sergt. W. E. Elliott, deputy master, David S. Kings succeeds the late as recording secretary, while the financial secretary, W. Bro. Frank S. Neely, was re-elected.

ONE WARD MISPLACED

Children's Aid Society Will Remove Child From Ottawa River Home.

The weekly meeting of the foster home committee of the Children's Aid Society was held in Sheriff's Cameron's office this forenoon.

Several letters from boys, former wards of the society, but now soldiers at the front, were read and each outlined his experiences.

Several reports respecting children now in foster homes were read and in the majority of cases were found satisfactory.

One exception to good conditions was found and arrangements made for the return of a child from a home on the Ottawa River, where the environment was not considered conducive to a high standard of morality.

DENIES GAS SHORTAGE IN WOODSTOCK THURSDAY

E. B. Tomba Says Pressure Good—Some Meters Out of Order.

E. B. Tomba, representative of the Southern Ontario Gas Company, denied the story in the newspapers from Woodstock to the effect that the natural gas supply had failed in that city. "We had 180 pounds pressure on the mains at Woodstock," said Mr. Tomba. "If there was any trouble, it was local not our fault. I understand that some of the meters were not in good shape, causing some inconvenience to half a dozen customers, among them a newspaper. We had the gas all right. We had 115 pounds pressure at Hamilton and not a complaint."

IN FRANCE A YEAR; KILLED IN ACTION



PTA. ROBERT MOWAT has been killed in action. Word to this effect was received today by Mrs. Janet Mowat, his mother. He was her only son. Pte. Mowat was wounded twice, in June and October. He enlisted here with the 7th C. M. R. and later was transferred to the 34th C. M. R. He had been in France for one year. Before enlisting, Pte. Mowat was employed by his father as a blacksmith. His father and mother and two sisters live at 102 Beacomfield avenue.

POWER CUSTOMERS OF COMMISSION TO BE CUT HOUR DAILY

Cannot Be Supplied From 5 to 6 o'clock.

MUNITIONS PROVIDED FOR

Factories Making These Will Not Be Subject To Rule.

General Manager E. V. Buchanan of the utilities commission announced today that power customers would be cut out from 5 to 6 o'clock in the future. This does not include munitions plants, which will be furnished all the power they need.

"We simply had to do this because we did not have the power to furnish the munitions," said Mr. Buchanan. "We tried to get some to cut down, but this was found to be impossible, as they would not agree. We have decided to cut off all customers between the hours mentioned."

This, it is said, will come as a great inconvenience to power users, as it will seriously interfere with their work. It is probable that the men employed will be laid off at 5 o'clock. Night shifts may be organized in some of them.

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

DIED AT PORT CARLING.

The death occurred at Port Carling, Muskoka, of Mrs. Elizabeth Cope, widow of Stephen Cope. The funeral will be held from her son's residence on Saturday, December 16. She is survived by four daughters and three sons: Mrs. Henry Fitzsimmons and Mrs. Wm. Chambers of this city, Miss Bertha and Annie of Toronto, Robert and John of Muskoka, and William of this city.

FUNERAL OF A. P. MacLEAN.

The funeral of Alexander Philip MacLean, who died Monday night, was held from his late residence, 105 Windsor avenue, Thursday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. D. C. Macgregor and Interment was made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

PERSONALS

Miss Vina Phipps, 423 Midland street, returned home last evening, after a brief visit with friends in Toronto.

DEATH LIST MOUNTS

Up to Ten in Peterboro Factory Fire Now.

Peterboro, Dec. 15.—The death list from the fire at the Quaker Oats Company's plant was increased to ten this morning, when John C. Kemp, aged 67, died in St. Nicholas Hospital. Seven injured victims of the fire have succumbed and three bodies have been recovered from the ruins.

LIBERAL KEEPS SEAT.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 15.—M. E. Jackson, Liberal member-elect in the island riding, will retain his seat, re-elected by a large majority, after a hotly contested election, when he was defeated by the Conservative, who was four votes behind in the recent election, establishing Jackson's claims. The recount made no change in the figures.

COMING SATURDAY.—C. P. R.

Ticket Agent McCallum received word today that thirty invalided soldiers would arrive here Saturday at 11:15 a.m. via C.P.R.

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NEWS

FAILS TO APPEAR.—The name of Clifford Morris, charged with profanity in a public street, was called in police court today, but he failed to answer. His case was adjourned.

FIFTH ADJOURNMENT.—Today, for the fifth time, the cases against four citizens charged under the war revenue act with failure to affix war stamps to certain articles, was again postponed. This time at the request of defendants' counsel.

SUCCESSFUL BAZAAR.—The bazaar held under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of St. Mark's Anglican Church, London Junction, was most successful. Mayor H. A. St. George opened the bazaar on Wednesday evening. The money raised will be applied toward the church debt.

WANTS NATURALIZATION.—Application for naturalization was made at the court house today by Otto Louis Roman, giving his occupation as hotel-keeper, city. The application will be considered at the opening of the January sessions on the eighth of next month.

CLAIMS \$226.74.—Delbert C. Baxter, NO QUORUM.—The session of the manufacturers and legislation committee of the city council, scheduled for Thursday afternoon, did not materialize owing to the fact that a quorum could not be secured. It is probable that a session will be held prior to the council meeting on Monday evening.

FAR OUT OF SIGHT.—One lone drunk appeared in police court today. He said he was a member of the 14th Battalion, but appeared in civilian clothes. He was fined \$10 and costs, or one month in jail. "You might as well make it \$10,000,000; I could pay it just as easy as \$10," he said, going down the stairs.

WOUNDED AND MISSING.—Pte. Elmer James, No. 123024, who was previously reported wounded, is now officially reported wounded and missing, according to a dispatch received today by Mrs. M. James, 369 Simcoe street. Pte. James was attached to the Mounted Rifles, and the date of his wound is given as between October 1 and 2. Issued a writ in the county court today against the Belmont Oil and Gas Company, Limited, claiming \$284.74 from the defendant as assignee of Frank Stover of Chatham. The amount, according to the statement of claim, is the balance due under contract for the sinking of a certain gas well by Frank Stover.

CITY CLERK AT MEN'S LEAGUE.—City Clerk Baker is to open the discussion at a special meeting of the Men's League of Askin Street Methodist Church, which will be held tonight to discuss the question of what constitutes good government. Mr. Baker will also answer any question relating to municipal government that may be asked by those present.

WILL MAKE GRANTS.—President George H. O'Neill, Hamilton, has instructed Secretary John Loughlin to call a meeting of the Irish Benevolent Society for Monday evening at the Tecumseh House, when the usual grants to charitable institutions will be made. The picnic this year was a financial success, and the society is in a position to meet its obligations.

"JIMMY" MURRAY SHOCKED.—Lance-Corp. James Fiddler Murray, No. 6236, has been admitted to the Military Hospital at Shorncliffe. This information was contained in a message received by St. George's church, St. George's street, today. Lance-Corp. Murray, who was an infantryman, entered the hospital on December 9, suffering from shell shock, according to the official report.

GAVE WAY TO BAZAAR.—Owing to the bazaar that is being held at St. George's church, Matthew and Chesapeake streets, the weekly entertainment of the Women's Catholic Club was not held on Thursday evening. The next entertainment to be given will take place on Thursday, December 23, when a military euchre will be held. Following this, the weekly Allies' evenings will be continued.

HOLDING FRUIT SHOWER.—The board of the Young Women's Christian Association has arranged for a fruit shower for the cafeteria, 142 Park avenue, to be held there next week, and is making an appeal for donations from friends of the association, who out of their full pantries can spare a jar of canned fruit, jelly, pickles or marmalade. Owing to the scarcity and high cost of a number of varieties of fruit during the past season, it was not possible to make the usual winter provision. Miss Archibald, acting general secretary, or Mrs. Tait, the newly-installed matron, will be glad to receive donations at the central rooms any day next week.

MIDDLESEX BOYS HAVE JOINED 134TH KILTIES

Big Draft From 135th Sent to Reinforce Highland Battalion.

Although the 135th Battalion (Middlesex) was unable to preserve its identity and get to the front as a unit, chance will not all be separated and "the crowd" will not be split up as badly as some have been.

Word has reached the city that 200 of the Middlesex Battalion have been drafted to the 134th Battalion, and have attired themselves in the kilts. Nearly all of these are London boys, so each will face the enemy with his fellow-citizens beside him to keep up his spirits and make trench life more bearable.

Saturday Sales and Christmas Shopping Tomorrow

We look forward to this Saturday to be, as in past years, one of the biggest shopping days of the year and have made every preparation for a record day's business tomorrow, as you will see by the number of special sales in this announcement, and we feel we cannot urge too strongly the wisdom of our early beginning. Some of the special clearings listed below for 8:30 (the opening hour) we are sure will be all sold before 9 o'clock. Therefore, to a old disappointment, come down with the men in the morning. STORE OPENS AT 8:30.

Store Open Saturday Night Until 10 o'clock

As is our annual custom at this season, the store will be open evenings for the convenience of Christmas shoppers as follows:

Tomorrow (Saturday)—Open until 10 p.m.
Monday and Tuesday—Store will close at 6 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday—Open until 10 p.m.
Supper will be served in the Restaurant every night at 5 p.m. Evenings store is open from 5 to 8 o'clock. Service a la carte. Grill service up to 10 o'clock.

CORTESE ORCHESTRA SATURDAY, AFTERNOON AND EVENING.



Ebonoid Man-cure Sets 79c
Special set, with steriline mounts, 4 pieces, in nicely padded box, buffer, salve box, cuticle and flexible file. Special79c set

Gift Hosiery---Silk and Cashmere

Ladies' Fibre Silk Hose, with double toe, top and sole. Recommended for their good wearing qualities (seamless), in white, black, grey, pink, sky and palm beach50c pair
Ladies' "Holeproof" Silk Hose, in black, white, navy, grey, pink, sky, bronze and gunmetal, \$1.25 pair, or 3 pairs in box, with 3 months' written guarantee\$3.50 box
PURE CASHMERE HOSE.
Ladies'65c, 75c, 85c, 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.45 pair
Children's 1-1 Ribbed Pure Wool Hose (No. 300 brand), sizes 6½ to 10 inches. Prices55c to 90c pair

SALE AT SILK DEPARTMENT, CENTRE AISLE, MAIN FLOOR.

4148 FOR REGULAR \$2.00 PUSSY WILLOW AND SILK AND WOOL TAFFETAS.

As many of these pieces contain from 12 to 20 yards only, it is advisable to be here early to save disappointment. PUSSY WILLOW TAFFETAS, 40 inches wide—Fine French imported qualities; 10 pieces in colors of aloe, Copenhagen, French and light navy blues, leaf green, purple, grey blue, dark coral, etc. Regular \$2.00. Saturday, 8:30 a.m.\$1.48 yard

SALE AT SILK DEPARTMENT, CENTRE AISLE, MAIN FLOOR.

29c SALE COUNTER

Saturday Morning, 8:30

This counter will contain about 200 articles of men's and boys' furnishings, some of which may be a little soiled from handling, but many lines were priced from \$1.00 to \$1.50. For speedy clearance all will be sold at one price Saturday morning 29c as follows:

Men's Silk Mufflers.
Men's Suede, Cape and Chamois Gloves.
Men's Woolen Gloves.

Men's Fur Band Caps.
Men's Negligee Shirts.
Boys' Cloves and Gauntlets.
Boys' Woolen Hockey Caps.
Boys' Odd Underwear Garments.
Boys' Shirts and many other odd articles. Odd and ends placed on this counter for quick sale, prices up to \$1.50. Your choice29c

8:30 for this sale.

MEN'S SWEATER COATS \$5.00

75 Men's Fine Sweater Coats, in greys, navy, browns, heather, maroon, cardinal and khaki. Extra quality heavy knitted coats. Sizes 34 to 48. Price\$5.00

MEN'S FUR-LINED AND SCOTCH KILT GLOVES.

Tan, grey and suede, fur-lined gloves. \$2.75 and \$5.00 pair
Scotch-kilt, grey or heather mixed with clasp or closed wrist75c, 85c and \$1.00 pair

3 TO 5:30.
Butterfly Salad, Thin Bread and Butter, Cup of Tea or Coffee20c
Homemade Doughnuts and Coffee 10c

SMALLMANS/INGRAM

LIMITED

50 LADIES' WINTER COATS FOR SATURDAY SALE \$14.95 to \$25.00 Coats \$10.00 \$16.95

Not because they are not choice materials and styles, for all are this season's most fashionable models, but owing to congestion in this section. Condensing stocks to make room for Christmas displays has resulted in crowded conditions in the heavy goods departments. These coats include all sizes collectively, ladies' and misses' tweeds, also a few blacks in the lot, raglan and set-in sleeves, large collars, belted and semi-belted, full flare coats; 50 only as follows:

11 Coats, Regular \$17.50. Sale price\$12.50
9 Coats, Regular \$14.95. Sale price\$10.00
11 Coats, Regular \$20 and \$21.00. Sale price\$15.00
19 Coats, Regular \$25.00. Sale price\$16.95

BIG SALE OF CREPE DE CHINE, PUSSY WILLOW TAFFETAS, SILKS AND SATINS SATURDAY, 8:30 A.M.

Every piece on sale tomorrow is picked from the stock, comprising most desirable goods for this season that have become odd and broken assortments. You may rely on this sale as one of the best this season for quality, at such reductions as to make brisk selling. Commence sharp at 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

39c YARD FOR REGULAR 60c TO \$1.00 PLAIN COLORED SATINS.

This lot is made up of single width cotton back satins and pure silk messalines, in colors of sky, pink, mauve, green, purple, red, light grey, steel, rose mahogany, gold, etc.

98c YARD FOR REGULAR \$1.50 AND \$1.75 STRIPE SILK CREPE DE CHINE AND DUCHESSE.

In this group are dainty pure silk stripe crepe de chine, colored awning stripe satin duchesse, armure silk, white and ivory satin de chine. All are 36 to 39 inches wide.

150 yards French crepe de chine, 36 inches wide, pure silk, perfect washing quality. All are white grounds in patterns of groups of three narrow stripes. Your choice of black, mauve, or light blue stripes. These are extra heavy makes that sold regularly at \$1.50 yard. Saturday, 8:30 a.m.98c yard

3 pieces yard-wide awning stripe satin duchesse. Some of our finest qualities. All are white grounds; 3 colors to select from, raspberry, purple and nigger. Regular price \$1.75 yard. Saturday, 8:30 a.m.98c yard

2 pieces 39-inch armure silks, in biscuit and champagne colors, an extra fine quality French dress silk. Regular price \$1.50 yard. Saturday, 8:30 a.m.98c yard

SALE AT SILK DEPARTMENT, CENTRE AISLE, MAIN FLOOR.

FINE SILK AND WOOL TAFFETAS, 40 inches wide—These are particularly fine goods, suitable for pretty and serviceable dresses for almost any season of the year. All are in the newest shades as enumerated below. At this reduced price for materials made from silk and wool, it will pay to secure a length or two for spring wear; colors to select from are raisin, dark navy, light brown, taupe, nigger, Copenhagen blue, pearl grey, gold, pale blue, cream, old rose. Regular \$2.00 yard. Saturday, 8:30 a.m.\$1.48

SALE AT SILK DEPARTMENT, CENTRE AISLE, MAIN FLOOR.

SATURDAY MORNING IN THE MEN'S STORE

We emphasize the morning, as some of the offerings are of such a nature that the quantities will not be sufficient to last until noon. This particularly applies to the 29c bargain counter and the 26 overcoats. Read over the list of furnishings that will be found on the 29c counter at 8:30 tomorrow. They are real live bargains, and will start the morning off with a rush. Be here at 8:30, and you won't be disappointed. Read every item in the list below:

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MEN'S WINTER OVERCOATS

26 Only, To Clear \$9 95

The final grouping of the few remaining sizes in several different lines for speedy clearance Saturday. Chesterfield and slip-on styles, in tweeds, chinchillas, beaver and vicuna. Sizes 35 to 42. Early buyers will find a good choice. Sale price\$9.95

FUR-COLLAR OVERCOATS \$15.00

20 only of these special coats left. They are double-breasted style, black beaver with quilted or plush lining and brown marmot or Persian lamb collars. Such coats as these cannot be had today anything near this price. Sizes 36 to 42. Saturday\$15.00

SALE OF MEN'S NECKWEAR ALL NEATLY BOXED 50c

90 dozen Christmas Neckties, made up of fine imported silks, large shape, with loose flowing ends. Newest and smartest designs and color combinations. Special for gifts. All in individual boxes. Saturday50c each

MEN'S INITIAL HAND- KERCHIEFS.

250 dozen Initialed Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, ¼ and ½ inch hemstitched hem, neatly boxed in half dozens, all letters. Get yours early25c each

Or box of 6 handkerchiefs\$1.50

MEN'S FUR COATS

Canadian and American Coon Coats, extra quality.\$80.00, \$95.00 to \$125.00
Australian Coon Coats\$40.00
Arctic Beaver Coats\$35.00
Black Dog Coats\$25.00
All in sizes 36 to 46.
Full assortment of Men's Fur Caps, Collars and Gauntlets.

AFTERNOON TEA

Old-Fashioned Rice Pudding, with Whipped Cream, Layer Cake, Cup of Tea or Coffee20c

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for her

WE SAVE YOU MONEY

Christmas Candy--Neilson's

What would be nicer than a box of Neilson's Chocolates on Christmas morning? We have them in plain and Christmas packages, ranging in price from, per package..... 25c to \$3.50

Christmas Stationery

In this department we are especially well prepared with a most beautiful and complete line of Stationery in Christmas packages. Prices, 25c, 35c, 50c, 60c, 75c, 85c, \$1.00, \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75. You will save money by dealing at our stores.

Toilet Articles Toilet Waters Face Creams
Face Powders Chamois Sponges Soaps, Etc.

SHOP
EARLY

Dressing Cases

Beautiful satin-lined cases, fitted with either white ivory or ebony pieces, will make a handsome gift for her. These we can fit with Comb, Brush and Mirror, odd manicure pieces, and range all prices up to..... \$20.00 per case

LEATHER ROLL-UPS

fitted with manicure pieces--another appropriate suggestion.

GENUINE EBONY.

As in Men's Department, we have a wonderful assortment of Genuine Ebony Pieces for her--Mirrors, Trays, Puff Boxes, Hair Brushes, Cloth and Hat Brushes, Manicure Odd Pieces, Buffers, all at the popular Standard Drug prices.

FRENCH IVORY AND MOTHER-OF-PEARL--ODD PIECES.

Such as Files, Cuticles, Button-hooks, 25c to \$1.25
French Ivory Trays, Brushes, each \$1.75 to \$7.50
Military Brushes up to \$5.00 pair
Hat and Bonnet Brushes, Jewel Cases, Hatpin Holders, Hair Receivers, Photo Frames, Puff Boxes, Soap Boxes, Mirrors, all at Standard Drug prices.

Christmas Perfumes

A most complete assortment. Prices range from 25c up. Such well-known makers as Corson, Taylor, Ingram, Pivers, Roger & Gallet, Mary Garden, National. We are sure to please you.

Standard Drug, Limited

CUT PRICES AT ALL FIVE STORES.

London and St. Thomas

252, 174, 664 DUNDAS ST.
344 RICHMOND ST.471 TALBOT ST.
PHONE 776.

for him

WE SAVE YOU MONEY

CIGARS

We know of no better suggestion than a fine Box of Cigars. We are displaying the greatest stock we ever carried--all the popular brands that he knows. We have them in special Christmas packages, packed in 10, 25 and 50.

Boxes of 10 range in price..... 50c, 65c, 75c, 90c, \$1.00 and \$1.25
Boxes of 25 range in price..... \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.40, \$1.50, \$1.65, \$1.75 and \$2.50
Boxes of 50 up to..... \$5.00

CIGARETTES--In Packages and Tins. All Kinds and Prices.

Shaving Requisites

are also always suitable for him. Safety Razors, \$1.00 to \$5.00. Shaving Brushes, 25c to \$2.00. Shaving Lotions up to 85c. Razor Stropps, Shaving Soap in cakes, powder, cream and stick; Florida Water, Toilet Waters, Talcum for men, etc.

Ebony Goods

THIS CHRISTMAS we offer you the finest assortment of Ebony Goods in Western Ontario. We are pleased, and are sure you will be delighted with the display. We cannot suggest anything more useful or acceptable than a genuine Ebony Hair Brush or a set of Military Brushes, with or without cases. Pieces range from 95c per brush to \$12.00 per pair. There are many other items, but space will not permit listing.

Cut Prices
at all
Five
Stores

For Him--A Thermos Kit or Bottle

would make an acceptable and useful gift. All prices.

EXTRA SPECIAL FOR HIM

About 1,000 Boxes of Cigars, 25 and 50 in a box--Mona, Mansart and Five Days From Havana; regular 10c cigars. Until Christmas:
Per Box of 25..... \$1.15 Per Box of 50..... \$2.25
These are quality cigars. You will make no mistake.

"PLEASE SHOP EARLY."

"DO IT NOW."

Get an early choice of all the good things in our stores.

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Why Should the Drygoods Trade in London Be Centralized?
We Believe in EXPANSION and a GREATER LONDON

"CHAPMAN'S STORE IN THE CENTRE"

Dress Goods Bargains

—Here's a Christmas opportunity to buy seasonal dress goods at reduced prices.

—SHEPHERD CHECK DRESS GOODS, clear black and white check, 40 inches wide; regular price, 35c. On sale Saturday, per yard..... 25c

—WOOL SUITINGS, heavy weight for winter suits and skirts, natural color with black, brown or green stripe, 40 inches wide; regular 85c value. On sale, per yard..... 50c

—STRIPED GABARDINES, white with black stripe, for waists and dresses, 40 inches; 75c value. On sale, per yard..... 50c

—FRENCH CREPE DE CHINE, very fine quality and absolutely pure wool, old dye; \$1.25 value. On sale, per yard..... 85c

Look! Black French Taffeta a Silk, \$1.19 Yard

—A rare gift opportunity--Black French Taffeta Silk of beautiful soft finish for dresses, waists and skirts, yard wide; regular \$1.50 value. Our remarkable sale price, per yard..... \$1.19

Handkerchiefs, 2 for 25c

—A table of Dainty Shamrock Lawn Handkerchiefs, embroidered or picot lace trimmed; also plain linen ones and fancy ones for children. An entirely new showing..... 2 for 25c
—Women's Initialed Linen Handkerchiefs, boxed..... 3 for 55c

Waists and Kimonos

—Make good gifts. Pretty Silk Crepe de Chine Waists at..... \$2.75 and \$3.50
—White Silk at..... \$1.25 and \$1.50
—Long Kimonos..... \$1.00 to \$5.00

Give Govies

—Special Christmas value in Women's Kid Gloves, real French kid, in black, white and tan; also Washable Cape Gloves in black, tan and mastic; boxed. At, per pair..... \$1.50

Unbreakable Soldier Dolls, 85c

—A Fine Big Soldier Boy at..... 85c
—A Sailor Lad and a Kiltie at..... \$1.00
—Other Dolls at..... 25c to \$2.00

BOOKS!

—Christmas is so near you can almost hear it coming. Books are always acceptable, and more are being given this year than ever. Come to Chapman's Book Department--displays are large and choosing is easy even in the crowds.

FOR SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

—The largest display of Books for Sunday school rewards at, each.....
..... 10c, 12c, 15c, 20c, 25c, 35c, 40c and 50c

ANNUALS FOR 1916.

—Chums, Cassel's, Father Tuks, Wonder Book, Young Canada, Chatterbox, Child's Companion, The Cottager and Artisan, Our Little Dot and other well-known annuals which the children like so well.
—Scholars' Bibles, 25c, 35c, 45c to \$1.25 | —Teachers' Bibles, \$1.25 to \$5.00
Our Prices Are Not Advanced.

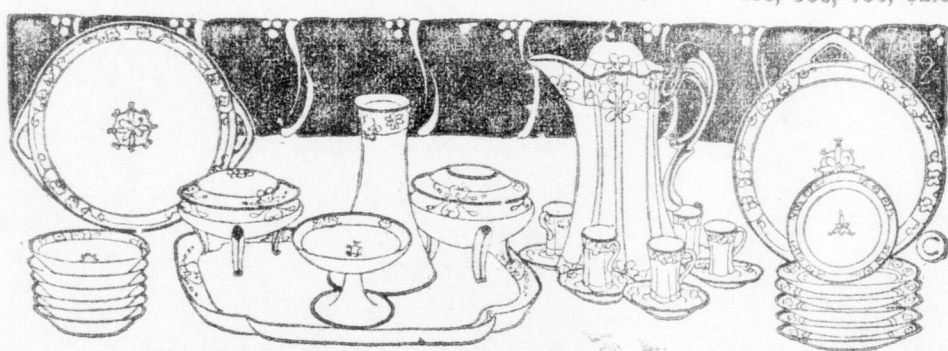
BOOKS FOR GIRLS.

—A big variety at..... 15c, 20c, 25c and upwards
—Bible Stories at..... 10c to 75c
—Toy Picture Books..... 10c to 75c

BOOKS ON SECOND FLOOR.

CHRISTMAS LINENS

—Beautiful Irish Linen Damask Tablecloths, most acceptable for gifts, in all sizes. At, each..... \$1.75 to \$6.00
—Table Napkins, a dozen, 90c to \$4.50
—Table Sets, cloth 2x2 1/2 yards and dozen Napkins to match. At, per set..... \$5.00, \$8.00 and \$10.00
—"Old Bleach" Pure Linen Bedroom Towels. At, each..... 40c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00



PRETTY GIFTS OF CHINA

—Buyers flock around the China Counter. Pretty gifts can be had for as little as 25c upwards to many dollars.
—"Elite" Pink Pattern Limoges China in open stock for dinner and tea services.
—Mikado Crown Derby and Royal Crown Derby China. —Cut Glass Jugs at..... \$1.75 and \$2.50
—Tumblers to match. 25c, 35c, 45c each

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO.

OPEN SATURDAY NIGHT.

239, 241, 243 DUNDAS STREET.

J. G. RICHTER URGED
BY FRIENDS TO RUN
FOR UTILITIES COMM.

Are Confident He Would
Secure Large Vote.

J. M. MOORE WANTED, TOO

Considered Man of Hour To
Solve the Water
Problem.

The name of J. G. Richter, general manager of the London Life Insurance Company, is being mentioned in connection with the utilities commission contest for the coming year. Mr. Richter has been approached by a number of friends, who are most anxious to have him go to the polls. They are confident that he would secure a large vote. Mr. Richter has not given the matter serious consideration up to the present.

John M. Moore is also being urged to run. As former engineer of the waterworks system, he is regarded as an expert on engineering matters, who could give the city good service and valuable advice in the present water situation. Mr. Moore knows the water fields in this district "like a book" and many citizens believe that he would be the man of the hour at such a time, when delay after delay has kept London from securing an adequate supply of water.

Mr. Moore seems to have his mind set on running for the board of control, but his friends say that he might yet consider running for the commission.

COMPANY ENTERTAINED

Men of 149th Battalion Have Good Time at St. Andrew's Hall.

A delightful evening was spent in St. Andrew's Hall on Thursday, when the young people of the church, entertained a company of the 149th Battalion and several of the officers. The members of the "Business Girls' Club" were responsible for the arrangements, much of the success of the evening being due to their efforts.

A hearty welcome to the men was extended by the minister, Rev. D. C. MacGregor, Rev. Capt. MacGillivray, chairman of the 149th, and Major Morrison replying on behalf of the guests. Songs were sung by Miss Hendry, Miss Cameron and Pte. Shaw, a returned soldier of the 23rd Battalion, the men in khaki joining enthusiastically in some of the choruses. A novelty which made a great hit was the playing of Miss Gladys Comber, a girl piper. Selections by Miss Jean Walker, reader, were very much appreciated. Tempting refreshments were served.

Mrs. Scott Murray of Hamilton, accompanied by her three children, is in town, visiting in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perry, Stanley street, South London.

A PIANO FOR CHRISTMAS. Ye Olde Firme of Heintzman & Co., Limited, 242 Dundas street, have a number of beautiful Christmas gifts in the form of use pianos. They have been thoroughly overhauled, and are being sold at very low prices, and on easy terms. A small deposit will hold one for delivery Christmas Eve.

NEW HEATING SYSTEM
FOR Y.W.C.A. SATISFIES

Encouraging Reports Received at Board Meeting Thursday.

An especially encouraging report from the Y. W. C. A. residence, Wellington street, was presented at the regular meeting of the board Thursday afternoon. The house is in good condition now, the new heating system proving most satisfactory. It is filled to its capacity with boarders, several names appearing on a waiting list.

Time was devoted to discussion of the extension work in factories which Miss Archibald will be free to undertake when Miss Lukes, the new general secretary, arrives the first of the year. In connection with the report of the central rooms, reference was made to the securing of Mrs. Tait for the position of matron, and the promising outlook under her management.

COLLEGIATE STUDENTS
ISSUE NEW MAGAZINE

"The Saltshaker" Carries Articles and Cartoons of Much Promise.

A school paper, which ranks well with similar productions throughout Canada and the United States, has been produced by the pupils of the Collegiate Institute. The first number appeared this week, and it is hoped that it will be published each month. Its publishers have dubbed it "The Saltshaker."

The majority of the articles and verse in it are the work of the pupils, and speak highly of their literary abilities. Duncan McLean and the editor, J. A. Johnston, have contributed a number of cartoons which do much to liven up the paper, while other excellent features have been contributed by C. Moyer and G. Gauld. The advertising section is a credit to the managers of this department, F. Pocock and A. Wheeler.

Other members of the staff are E. Dignan, J. Dockstader, R. Gilbert, D. Pocock, W. McGregor and R. Harvey.

MODERNIZE CURRICULUM,
ALMA COLLEGE OBJECT

Board Will Try to Meet Needs Arising From War.

Mrs. A. T. Edwards, representing the London Branch of the Alma Daughters; Rev. Dr. C. R. Flanders, Rev. Dr. H. S. Dougall and Rev. G. N. Hazen, now of Sarnia, formerly of this city, were amongst those who attended this week the annual meeting of the board of Alma College, St. Thomas, held at the college. An important move was made in the appointment of a committee to revise the curriculum with a view to modernizing it to meet the practical needs which have arisen from war conditions, and also the after-the-war conditions. W. M. Murch of St. Thomas was named convener, Dr. Flanders and Mrs. Edwards being appointed members.

Following the meeting, a banquet was held in which the students joined the board members. Preliminary work in connection with the revision of the curriculum occupied the evening.

Special Announcement

Miss J. M. Burke

Special representative from the Pictorial Review Company of New York will be at our Pattern Department

December 15th and 16th

This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about these most popular patterns.

MISS BURKE will be pleased to explain why Pictorial Review Patterns are more chic, more graceful and more economical than any other pattern.

MISS BURKE will explain how you can save time, labor and material by using the cutting and construction guides furnished with Pictorial Review Patterns, and will be able to give suggestions of extraordinary value to the woman who makes her own clothes.

R. J. Young & Co.

JUST WHAT'S WANTED.
An Electric Portable Lamp for the home. Get it for Christmas. Benson-Wileox Electric Company, 264 Dundas street.

Layer Table Raisins

Choice, meaty fruit; 25c, 30c, 35c a pound.

SANTA CLAUS STOCKINGS

All the kiddies like 'em. Splendid values at 10c to \$5.00 each.

CHRISTMAS CRACKERS

The greatest of funmakers for everybody. A splendid assortment to choose from: 15c to 75c a box. One dozen crackers to a box.

CADBERY'S CHOCOLATES

These chocolates are the finest made: 40c to \$2.50 a box.

Candy Novelties

In the form of bunches of carrots, onions, radishes and bananas. Each 10c the bunch.

Small Fancy Baskets, filled with candy, each 5c.

Almond Paste, a tin, 35c.
Ground Almonds, a tin, 40c.
Silver Druggies and Wintergreen Berries, for decorating cakes.

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ACTUAL VALUE PAID. Bought in any condition, full or broken: sets, alloy bridges, crowns, etc. Mail or bring direct to:

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PLAYER ROLLS

Player-piano owners are invited to visit our new player-roll department, where a large stock of the latest rolls from 50c up will be found.

MASON & RISCH, LIMITED

243 DUNDAS STREET. 3917

Initialed Handkerchiefs

3 in a box For 50c

Make a nice present. Graham Bros.

VISIT PEEL'S

FOR TOYS, GAMES AND DOLLS. Lowest Prices in City.

PEEL'S, Richmond St.

SEE DAVIS before the Fire. He will look after your interests afterward.

The Geo. H. Davis Insurance Agency
205 Royal Bank Building.
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LONDON INDUSTRIAL ASSOCIATION OFFERS GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Will Put City On Equality With Progressives.

CO-OPERATION NECESSARY

Other Places Have Profited Materially by Working in Harmony.

Chatham's acquisition of a new million dollar sugar refinery, which will be completed next week, provides a typical example of that co-operative municipal effort for advancement which is strongly developed here in Western Ontario as well as in other parts of Canada and the United States. How the efforts of J. W. Lyon of Chatham, in co-operation with the municipality, have increased that city's population and prosperity is a matter of common knowledge. The Greater Brantford Board, in co-operation with the city, has met with considerable success in locating new industries. The Brantford Piano Company and the Niagara Silk Company's factories afforded ample testimony to the value of united effort for the common good. The Windsor plan was found so attractive by one London firm—the Ideal Concrete Machinery Company—that it left this city a year or two ago and erected a factory building on one of the large industrial areas owned by the city of Windsor, and held for new industrial enterprise at cost.

The Winnipeg Industrial Bureau, Inc., had, before the war started, formulated plans for a million dollar industrial improvement scheme whereby large acreage leased by the city to the Bureau at a nominal sum for 99 years, was to be improved by the erection of ten units of factory buildings, costing not less than one hundred thousand dollars each.

London's opportunity to get in line with these enterprising centres is afforded by the formation and incorporation of the London Industrial Association, Limited. With a capital

stock of one hundred thousand dollars, this public spirited body will provide what is necessary to secure industries here in competition with other municipalities. The ratepayers of the city of London will be asked to co-operate in this plan by guaranteeing the bonds of the Industrial Association, or merely pledging the city's credit, in order that the association may secure cheaper money for industrial development here.

The London Industrial Association guarantee bylaw, which will come before the ratepayers on January 1st, affords opportunity, therefore, for all property owners to help themselves and help the city at the same time by a favorable vote. It is felt that when the matter is under consideration London should be prepared to go as far as other cities competing in the same field, and as the guaranteeing of bonds of an industrial development association has been sanctioned by a city competing with London for new industries, it is felt that it should also secure the advantage to be gained by cheaper money provided by the guaranteeing of bonds. The smaller percentage of interest will provide a proportionately stronger inducement for prospective desirable industries.

The incorporators of the London Industrial Association, Limited, for which Messrs. George H. Belton, Philip Pocock, Ray Lawson, A. E. Silverwood, J. P. Moore and A. D. McLean, These gentlemen, along with Col. Gartsch, were asked to act as provisional directors, and consented to do so until a meeting of the shareholders is called. A considerable sum of money has already been subscribed by the incorporators and others who have assisted in formulating this aggressive plan, and a vigorous campaign for the disposal of shares will be launched next week, in which the industrial and business organizations of the city will take a prominent part.

BUY YOUR BIBLES EARLY.

[Chicago Evening Post.]

According to the president of Thomas Nelson & Sons, world-famous Bible makers, the thin paper used in Bibles has increased greatly in price. What cost six cents a pound now costs fourteen cents. Consequently, Bibles are going to cost more. Even at this advance, it is impossible to obtain sufficient quantities to supply the demand. So, if you are going to give Bibles as Christmas gifts, you had better do your shopping early. As for the Gibsons, who stock hotels with the good books, it looks like a hard winter for them.

EQUALIZE GERMANY'S BID FOR NEUTRALS' FAVOR, SAY PRESS

British Papers Declare For Allied Enunciation.

MAKE CLEAR POSITION

Comment Says Policy Is "Reparation for Past, Security For Future."

London, Dec. 15.—Public opinion as represented by the British press was largely occupied today in discussing the brief expression made yesterday by Andrew Bonar Law, Government leader in the House of Commons, that the British Government's policy still was based on "adequate reparation for the past and security for the future."

It is noticeable that a number of influential newspapers take the view that the Entente should not be primarily refusing to consider the proposal and for an enunciation of the essential aims and objects for which the Entente is fighting. The Manchester Guardian, reflecting provincial sentiment, and the Westminster Gazette, among the newspapers taking this view.

The Westminster Gazette says if the German proposal takes an offensive form and appears as though demanded by conquest from the vanquished, the only reply to the insult would be a contemptuous silence, and continues: "But if it is sincere, we should desire to answer with a reasonable explanation of why our principal aims cannot be compromised, and what kind of a European system we think necessary to secure the future."

The newspaper points out that Germany's chief appeal is to neutral sentiment and that it is therefore of the greatest importance that Great Britain should carry out a policy in the final stage "by presenting our aims and objects in a manner which will kindle neutral sympathy and be clear to their understanding."

GERMANS SAY THAT FRENCH ATTACK FAILS

Berlin Reports Three Alleged Unsuccessful Drives at Hill 304.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Via Sayville Wireless.—The German official statement issued today reads:

"Western front: Army group of the German Crown Prince. On the west bank of the Meuse, the French tried three times in vain to regain by attacks the trenches on Hill 304, south-east of Malancourt, captured by us a short time ago.

"East of the river, after strong artillery preparation extending far into the terrain behind the lines they repeatedly launched attacks. The advance of the storming waves failed on Pepper ridge under our defensive fire. The attack on the south slopes before Fort Harcourt was unable to be developed under our destructive fire."

CITY MAY BE TANGLED UP IN SOME LAW SUITS

Points of Difference With McCormick Firm Threaten Trouble.

The city and the McCormick Manufacturing Company may have a series of lawsuits, arising from the sale of the company's property on Dundas and Wellington streets to the city for federal square purposes.

The city has a claim of \$2,550 against the company for rentals. The company has a claim for damages against the city for the alleged faulty construction of a sewer on Dundas street east, causing its business considerable damage.

The proposal to sell the federal square property may give rise to still further complications. In the agreement, it is stated that the property purchased must be used for federal square purposes, and that only.

There are other difficulties in the way. The board of control this morning thought that city solicitor Meredith had better try to unravel the tangle.

NINETEENTH CENTURY AND TWENTIETH.

[New York Sun.]

The glory of the nineteenth century lies largely in its success in abolishing human slavery.

Can it be that the twentieth century will undo, even partially, the good work of its predecessor?

Such a query two years ago would have seemed absurd.

SEVERAL QUESTIONS OF IMPORTANCE GO TO COUNCIL OF 1917

Board of Control Does Not Deal With H. C. of L.

BUSINESS STATEMENTS

Each House in City To Have One Telling of Work.

A suggestion was made to the board of control this morning that \$1,000 from the patriotic fund grant be transferred to Inspector McClellan of the relief department, for special work.

The controllers would not agree to that. The money was raised for a definite purpose, and would have to be used for that purpose. It would be a breach of faith with the Patriotic Association.

The Canadian Oil Company offered the sum of \$300 annually for a lease of a portion of the Federal Square for a service station. The board could not agree on the advisability of leasing this property, so the matter was referred to the council.

QUESTIONS PASSED ON.

The questions of the high cost of living, municipal coal yards, and Women's Emergency Corps petitions were sent to the council of 1917.

General Manager E. V. Buchanan of the utilities commission stated that the commission could not see its way clear to give a reduction of \$1,000 on street watering charges. The controllers declared that some reduction should be made for services that were not given. They will ask for the \$1,000, and will ask the council of 1917 to review the whole situation of hydrant rentals, water charges and the like.

Audit Paid Lay Over.

City Auditor Dunlop reported that he had not been able to get a statement from Assistant Auditor Dale as to whether he could accept 75 cents an hour for his services as auditor, and suggested that \$900 be paid Mr. Dale for all his services in connection with the audit of city books. The matter was laid over.

City Clerk Baker will issue 15,000 statements of the city business for the year, and they will be distributed to every house in the city. The Advertiser Job Company was awarded the contract for printing them, and they will be distributed through the postoffice.

The request of T. W. Nicholson for \$10,000 of the \$16,000 held back on his contract for the Egerton street sewer was sent to the council of 1917.

A number of outside firms tendered for the city audit work for 1917. The incoming council will deal with them.

FOUR BELOW ZERO LATEST EFFORT OF WEATHER MAN.

Shivering Mortals Ran for Cars This Morning in "3 Below."

The weatherman had his fling last night and took full advantage of it. The thermometer, which stood at twelve degrees above zero at 8 o'clock last night, gradually descended until at about 2 o'clock this morning it reached the extremely low mark of four degrees below zero. The forecast weatherman is evidently out to show his versatility. A few days ago Londoners were enjoying the sunshine and pleasant zephyrs that usually arrive in the month of May. But lest they should get a wrong impression of his character, the weatherman is out to demonstrate that he can be stern as well as pleasant.

Below-zero weather is rather unusual at this time of year, even with such a changeable climate as Southern Ontario possesses. It has occurred before, but is certainly not the regular weather for early December.

At 8 o'clock this morning when many citizens were "crawling out from their dugouts" to go to their places of employment, a peculiar, conscious spirit of energy seemed to have infected one and all. A Brooklynite running for an elevated train would have looked like a small alongside of the average Londoner going to catch his morning trolley. The why and wherefore of all this hastiness lies in the simple fact that the thermometer was hovering around the shivery mark of three degrees below zero.

BRITISH WILL CONSIDER OFFER ON ITS MERITS

Manchester Guardian Takes This View of Law's Address.

London, Dec. 15.—Commenting upon the brief statement made yesterday in the House of Commons by Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, regarding Germany's peace offer, the Manchester Guardian says:

"Two things appear to emerge from this brief and dignified statement: First, that the Government will not refuse to consider on their merits any proposals that may be made to them; secondly, they will not allow the general character of the terms on which alone they will consent to conclude peace to remain for a moment in doubt. That is as it should be."

The newspaper deplores the attitude of the responsible part of the press in flouting proposals which are not yet made.

"Let us be as resolute as the case demands in the terms upon which we deem it necessary to insist, but let it never be said that we refused in mere insolence or levity to listen to the very name of peace."

A SIR SAM STORY.

[Diogenes in the Vancouver Province.]

A Vancouver man told me an anecdote about Sir Sam. He said that a friend of his was staying at a hotel in a country town at which Col. Hughes also arrived. They were the only guests, and naturally fell into conversation, which after dinner became chiefly a monologue. Perhaps the colonel's fellow guest was conscious that he was not bearing his fair share of utterance, and he retired to rest, to be followed soon after by Col. Hughes. They slept in contiguous rooms. At about 1 o'clock in the morning the colonel pounded the neighbor, who inquired with some alarm what was the matter? "I can't sleep," said Sir Sam, "come in here. I want someone to talk to." This his neighbor declined to do, so Sir Sam wrapped himself in a blanket, went into the adjoining room, and talked till morning.

CAUSE FOR JOY.

[The Sun.]

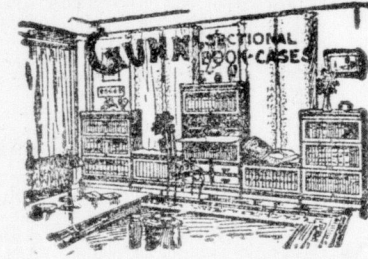
The gladness days have come to pass. The finest ones we know; We neither have to shovel grass Nor yet to mow the snow.

LOW RENT --:-- LOW PRICES

WE ARE OFF OF HIGH-RENT DUNDAS STREET—IT MEANS 5 MINUTES TO YOU, BUT IT'S DOLLARS SAVED.

Select Your Christmas Gifts Now

Give sensible gifts—something that will be appreciated—something that will give comfort to the old folks, or help the young couple furnish their home. Get together, make one big handsome gift—it will be more appreciated. You may not get a chance at bargains like these a week or two before Christmas. Buy now, but buy shrewdly; buy where rent makes prices right.



Gunn's Sectional Bookcases
GUNN'S SECTIONAL BOOKCASES. Fumed or golden oak; a gift of refinement\$3.50 per section
ELECTRIC READING LAMPS
An Electric Reading Lamp makes a sensible Christmas Gift\$4.90

Coaster Sleighs

TONIGHT
Worth \$2.50, \$1.75
Others25 up



ROCKING HORSES
32 inches long, 22 inches high, dapple grey. Regular \$1.50, for99c



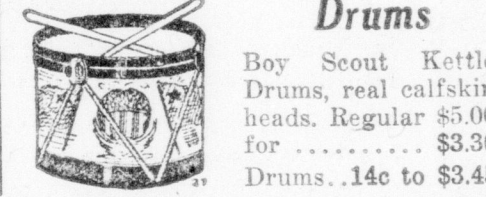
SOLID QUARTER-CUT OAK OR MAHOGANY
Centre Tables
Beautifully hand polished, oblong, oval or round. Worth \$6. Only a limited number on sale.\$3.90

Music Cabinets Reduced

Finest assortment in London at reduced prices, from\$8.90 to \$18.00

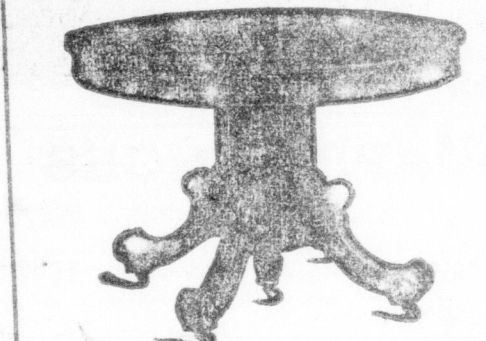
Friction Toys 50c Value 39c

Automobiles, Battleships, Trains, etc., all metal, no springs, will not get out of order, 10 inches and 12 inches long.



Drums
Boy Scout Kettle Drums, real calfskin heads, Regular \$5.00 for\$3.30
Drums. 14c to \$3.45

A SMALL DEPOSIT HOLDS ANY ARTICLE



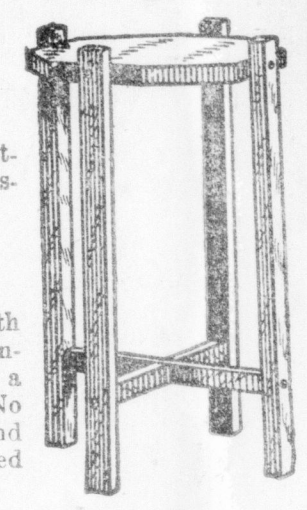
Another Monster Shipment of Solid Oak Extension Tables, \$11.75
Golden or fumed oak finish. Extend 6 feet. Worth \$15.
AN OSTERMOOR MATTRESS
MAKES THE BEST GIFT OF ALL.
WE ARE AGENTS FOR THEM.

Tabourettes

Tonight and Saturday, as illustrated.

45c

Solid oak; worth \$1.00; fumed finish. Only one to a customer. No phone orders, and must be carried away.

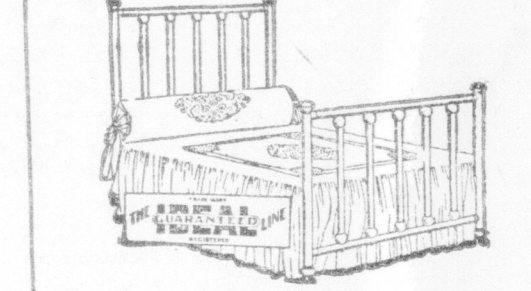


WHILE THEY LAST

\$4.00

MAHOGANY Pedestals

\$2.95



2 Great Iron Bed Offers for Saturday Only

We advise early shopping for these specials. They won't linger long at these prices.
Special No. 1—Heavy White Iron Bed, brass rail and trimmings across top of foot and head; brass knobs. Regular \$6.50\$3.95
Special No. 2—Heavy White Iron Bed, brass knobs and trimmings. Regular \$3.50 and \$4.50. Keene's low rent price\$2.95

EMBRO PLANS RECEPTION IN HONOR OF MAJOR ROSS

[Special to The Advertiser.]

EMBRO, Dec. 14.—The reception for Major R. B. Ross will be held on Tuesday evening next, December 19. Instead of on Monday night, as was first planned. E. W. Nesbitt, M. P., Donald Sutherland, M. P., P. P., Lieut.-Col. Donald Sutherland and several citizens will deliver addresses and a good program is being prepared.

Mrs. and Mrs. Thomas Porter received a letter from their son, Pte. Lloyd Porter, who was wounded on November 18. He is now in England. He was wounded in the right wrist and also in the back. He expects to be out of the hospital in a month or two.

The Farmers' Club is trying to buy the mill to use as a storehouse, as at the present time it is getting in so much feed it is badly in need of a building to store it in.

TRYING TO SPLIT VOTE

Vancouver Conservatives Supporting Liberal in By-Election.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 15.—Donald S. McTaggart, a barrister of Vancouver, president of Ward One Liberal Association, and a former president of the Central Association, will be nominated on Saturday in the by-election in which Hon. M. A. Macdonald, the new attorney-general, is seeking return after being taken into the cabinet. There will be no Conservative opposition. McTaggart, who is being nominated by the so-called Purty Squad of the Liberal party.

LIBERALS WIN.

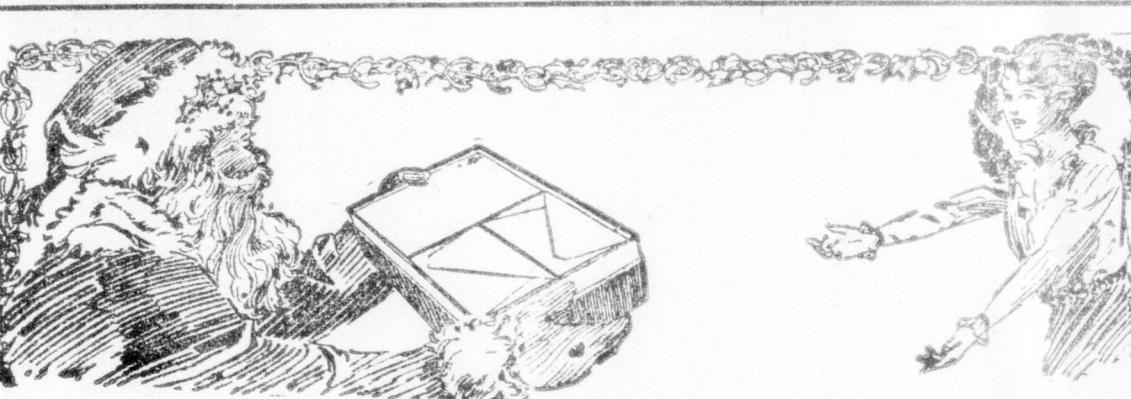
Nelson, B. C., Dec. 15.—C. F. Nelson's majority of one over William Hunter, Conservative, in Slocan, as confirmed by a decision given yesterday in the recount. Nelson is the Liberal candidate.

WHAT THEN?

[Toronto Star.]

The leaders of the nation declare that we are not to have conscription in Canada, nor, we suppose, the draft system, nor much of any system at all.

And business is humming, isn't it? And the game of politics is warming up, isn't it? And our boys—the fine, isn't it? And the front have the grit to fight to the last man for the rest of us—the rich, prosperous, cosy rest of us? Well, what then?



Stationery Is a Gift That Always Earns a Hearty Welcome

WE SPECIALIZE IN FINE BOXED STATIONERY AT PRICES FROM 25c TO \$12.00.

Two Big Specials for Friday and Saturday

1,000 boxes, gold initialed, correspondence cards, 19c
We sell Dennison's Xmas Decorations and Parcel Dressings.
500 BOXES
2 quires, very neat and tasty. Regular 50c and 60c. For39c
A Pocket Diary is a Dandy Little Gift.

HAY'S STATIONERY

173 DUNDAS STREET. PHONES 150 AND 53.

A DISAPPOINTMENT.

[Toronto Daily Star.]

The Ottawa Free Press laughs at the Toronto crowds which expected to see Hon. A. E. Kemp in uniform when he arrived home after being made minister of militia. The explanation is that the crowds had been so long used to seeing a minister of militia in uniform that the fancied a uniform went with the portfolio. But, of course, it does not. Sir Sam Hughes wore uniform, not right, but because he liked to. He has precisely the same right to wear a cabinet minister.

A HIGH-MINDED AMERICAN.

Some of the immense profits made in manufacturing munitions are to be turned back to the bleeding countries. It is announced from Los Angeles that D. A. Clark Jun., son of the former senator, will return two million dollars made in war stocks to the widows and orphans of France when the war is over. "This war is terrible," Mr. Clark is reported having said, "I want no profit on account of it."

ABOUT RUMANIANS.

[Port Arthur News-Chronicle.]

Frederick Palmer, the noted American war correspondent, says Rumanians failed to accept the plan of campaign laid out for them by the Entente military staffs, but impetuously ran into a Teutonic trap by invading Transylvania. This, of course, does not and anything of an encouraging nature to the military situation, but it will relieve the Allied staff of considerable responsibility.

Christmas Suggestions

Electric Goods Make Excellent Gifts

DOMES.
A few left to clear at special prices.
3 regular \$18, for\$14.50
1 regular \$22, for\$17.00
1 regular \$28, for\$21.00
1 regular \$30, for\$24.50
Complete with chain, canopy and lamp.
Reading Lamps, latest designs\$4.00 up
Irons, Toasters, Disc Stoves, Radiators, Hot Plates, etc.
Adjustable Desk Lamp, can be fastened in any position to head of bed, etc\$2.75

CASSEROLES.
8 inch, special, with white metal frame, 2 nappies and 6 custard cups. Set for\$2.25
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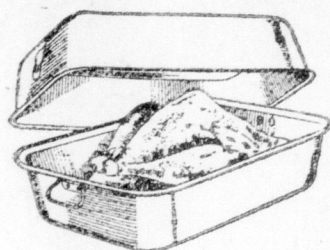
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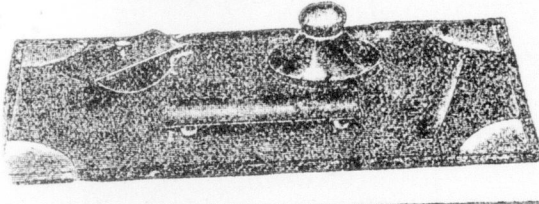
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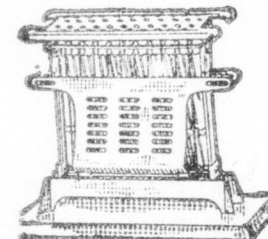
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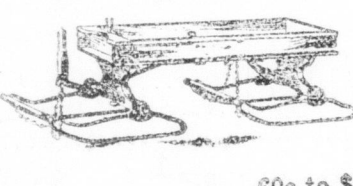


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J. E. Wilson is Head of Forest W. O. W. for the Coming Year.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
FOREST, Dec. 14.—The annual meeting and election of officers of the Woodmen of the World here resulted as follows: P. C. C. Richard Brock; C. C. J. E. Wilson; W. L. Chas. Phillips; banker, W. J. Fletcher; clerk.

Weakened by Anaemia
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Dr. Chase's Almanac and read about the cure of anaemia by the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. I began the use of this treatment at once, and am now well on the way back to health, after having used the Nerve Food for six months. I want my friends to know that my cure was effected by Dr. Chase's Nerve Food alone, and after my treatment, I feel it my duty to let everybody know about this remarkable cure.
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Mrs. John Deegan and family left today for their new home in Sarnia. A number of their intimate friends and relatives gathered at their home recently and presented them with a

MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN

Londoner to Give an Address at Dorchester Meeting.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
DORCHESTER, Dec. 14.—William Gibson of London will preach this morning and evening in the Methodist Church on Sunday in connection with the closing of the missionary campaign.

Joseph Hunt has rented his farm north of the village to James Rogers, Jr., and has purchased a house and lot on Charles street from Geo. Chittick, the consideration being \$2,200. Methodist Sunday school pupils are busy practicing for the annual Christmas tree, which will be held Friday night, December 22.

Pte. Murphy, who returned from England some time ago as being physically unfit for active service, has secured employment in St. Thomas.

SWISS ELECT PRESIDENT

PARIS, Dec. 14.—Edmund Schulthess of Aargau, was today elected president of the Swiss confederation for 1917, by a vote of 176 out of the 189 votes in the Swiss national assembly, says a dispatch from Bern today. He was vice-president of the federal council for the current year.
Herr Galander of Trin, was elected vice-president of the federal council for 1917.

TABLOID NEWS OF
CANADA, THE WAR
AND THE WORLD

CANADIAN

Louis Janner, aged 18, son of Daniel Janner of Cornwall, was accidentally shot in the nose with a .22 calibre rifle. While hunting with a boy of his own age.

Annie Nester of St. Catharines, was struck and killed by an automobile while walking on a street in Buffalo. Maurice Franklin, a Buffalo lawyer, driver of the car, has been charged with manslaughter.

The Government has confirmed the sentence of six months' imprisonment on Lieut.-Col. Tancred Pagnuelo, of Montreal, late O. C. of the 20th Battalion, by a court-martial. The colonel, who is a prominent lawyer, was found guilty of having encouraged his men to desert.

The problem of the four fifth-year women medical students who applied for commissions to go overseas, which has been puzzling the military authorities, has been solved by the action of the University of Toronto examiners, who have "plucked" the young ladies. A report that the plucking was done with a view to keeping them at home is emphatically denied by Dr. McPhedran. "They failed to qualify," he said.

Hon. Robert Rogers, speaking in Montreal, declared that when the new man-power arrangements of the Government are completed, no "slacker" in Canada can escape.

After his election, by acclamation, in Toronto, yesterday, Hon. A. E. Kemp, the new minister of militia, declared that more Canadian officers, now overseas, of senior rank, would have to be sent back. The same applies to chaplains, he announced.

THE WAR

A Lloyd's Shipping Agency announcement says: "The steamer Harrington, previously reported as having struck a mine on December 3, sank, and the crew was picked up by the steamer Haryn, which was sunk later. Nine lives were lost."

A Berlin dispatch says that German submarines between November 28 and December 8, sank off the French Atlantic coast, among other vessels, steamships carrying coal cargoes amounting to 17,000 tons, which were on the way to France, and also an English steamship with 6,000 tons of war material, which was proceeding from New York to France.

British papers declare that the removal of Vice Admiral Fournet from command of the Allied sea force in the Mediterranean, indicates a stronger policy will be adopted toward Greece.

"In the Astico Valley there were artillery duels yesterday," says Thursday's Italian war office statement. "Our batteries dispersed enemy detachments on the northern slopes of Monte Sclafico, and north of Monte Cimone. On the Julian front there were artillery actions and patrol reconnaissances. On the Carso one of our airplanes attacked an enemy kite balloon, which fell in flames near Ternovizza, northeast of Nablresina."

Only minor operations—aviation, artillery duels and scouting exploits—on the Gallian and Russian fronts were reported in the official Petrograd statement of yesterday.

Wreckage coming ashore near Copenhagen, Denmark, is supposed to indicate the loss of a German torpedo-boat.

Only one neutral nation now bars entry to armed ships to its ports, announces Lord Robert Cecil. This Government, he says, does not impugn the legality of arming merchantmen for defence.

The city of Monastir was a target for enemy bombardments on the Macedonian front, says the French official statement of yesterday. Civilians were killed. The whole front was heavily shelled.

GENERAL

Jean Marius Antoine Merda, well known as a sculptor and painter, is dead in Paris. He was born in 1846 at Tonnous.

According to a Portuguese coalition cabinet is again being considered. The present government in Portugal, which has been in existence since March of the present year, is headed by Premier Antonio Amelias, leader of the conservative party.

The Neueste Nachrichten says that 9,000,000 crowns was valued by Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary from his private fortune for a grant of the children's sanatorium at Waldheim, Pontresina, in the Swiss Alps. The emperor's son, Prince of Liechtenstein, was the beneficiary of the grant. The emperor's son, Prince of Liechtenstein, was the beneficiary of the grant.

Two lives were lost and several persons injured as a result of an avalanche that descended from the children's sanatorium at Waldheim, Pontresina, in the Swiss Alps. The emperor's son, Prince of Liechtenstein, was the beneficiary of the grant.

Albert Metin, general budget reporter of the French Chamber of Deputies, and formerly minister of labor, has been appointed undersecretary of finance. Metin and the other undersecretaries will not attend cabinet meetings. The Government will appoint shortly a number of technical assistants drawn from the ranks of acknowledged experts. They will direct special departments of the various ministries.

Special interest was taken in the proceedings in the Senate yesterday, as it had been expected that interpellations would be asked by Senators Berenger, Clemenceau, Doumer and others would be asked by Premier Briand. The premier, however, pleaded fatigue owing to his exertions of the previous two days, and requested that the interpellations be postponed until Tuesday. The postponement was eventually agreed to.

The Cologne Volks Zeitung says it hears from an authoritative source that the Austrians to name one German minister to the two vacant places in the cardinalate which were not filled at the last consistory. The Pope, however, refrained from making the political situation at the time made the possibility of their journeying to Rome doubtful.

Russia has purchased 300 tractor engines for agriculture during the year, and spent 90,000 rubles on agricultural implements.
Paris, France, is suffering from a coal strike. The Belgian legation at London makes

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an absolute denial of the statement that a separate peace was offered Belgium.

In its concluding chapter of the answer to the states on the Belgian deportations, Germany again declares that the actions were within the terms of international law. It asks why the neutrals did not protest when German citizens, in the colonies and in East Prussia were deported by the Allies.

Drastic action under the defence of the realm act will be taken against the striking bolshewicks of Liverpool, who are on strike, defying the orders of the union to go back to work. It is claimed that work of vital importance to the admiralty is held up.

famine. The rise in the Seine, which prevents the passage of coal barges from Rouen, is responsible. Twenty pounds now sell for 35 cents.

AMERICAN

John Edward Telper, charged with the murder of his mother and brother, was called to the stand in his trial at Buffalo yesterday afternoon. He told of inviting his mother, brother and sister to his home the Sunday of the murders. It is expected he will be the last witness called by the defence.

The United States submarine T-3, commanded by Lieut.-Commander Bogusch, went ashore in a fog yesterday morning on the Northern California coast, near the entrance of Humboldt Bay. Every few minutes, however, her whistle was heard conveying the message that the crew was safe within. The crew consists of 22 men.

The immigration bill containing the restrictive literacy test for admission of aliens, which has caused three presidents to veto such a measure, was passed by the American Senate today, 65 to 7. The bill, as amended in the Senate, now goes to conference. It passed the House last session.

Joseph T. Miles, author of the song, "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town, Tonight," died at Santa Rosa, Cal., last night. Miles, who was a veteran actor, was known on the stage as "Joe Hayden." He was 70 years old.

Building of homes for industrial workers on a large scale was advocated by speakers before the American Civic Association.

FAMINE DRAVING NEAR,
WRITES GERMAN WOMAN

[Special to The Advertiser.]
STRAFPORD, Dec. 14.—How does the war appear to you? Here the general opinion is that famine is drawing near.

Such is the significant statement contained in a letter from a German woman to her brother fighting with the Kaiser's forces. Together with another letter it was picked up on the firing line by Pte. H. Penprase and sent to his father. The letters were translated and the subjoined paragraphs serve as an indication of the feeling in Germany. They are written from Saarbrücken, in Rhine Province, Prussia.

The letter adds: "We would be delighted if the war were soon to end. It is a terrible affliction. We are getting clothes given out now and I get one-quarter of a pound of butter per week. It is given according to the number in the house."
In another letter the writer says: "If only the war were over, I could go to the end of the world. Today a soldier threw himself into the Saar (a river on which the town is situated). He was tired of life. There is a funeral here almost every day. Many soldiers marched away from here today and so it will go on until it is all over."

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Domestic Loans in
Canada To Finance
Munitions Contract

Finance Minister Purposes to
Care for War Expenses
at Home.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—Canadian bankers have been summoned to Ottawa by Finance Minister White for an exchange of views upon the question of financing the British munitions orders placed in Canada.
The finance minister announces that he will require to float domestic loans in the future to finance Canadian war operations, and that advances will be required to the Imperial munitions board for British munitions account.
No definite plan will be presented at the meeting by the finance minister, but it is expected that a program of domestic loans and advances to the British Government will be agreed upon.
McCurdy GOES TO ENGLAND.
OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—P. B. McCurdy, Canadian parliamentary secretary for war, has left for England to consult with Sir George Perley overseas minister of militia, and with the war office.

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CALLED TO LEAMINGTON.
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THE INWARD PRESSURE.

THE launching of German peace proposals at this time is said to be at least partly, if not wholly, due to the presence of a hostile force within the national life of that country. The German people, held under for so long by the iron hand of the kaiser and the overbearing Junker class, at last appear to be asserting themselves. The Socialist party is increasing in power, and constantly we hear rumors of actual revolts in Germany. The extreme war which the protracted war has brought upon the people is stimulating them to action, and perhaps it is not too bold to suggest that the increasing difficulty of the war situation in Europe might be solved by a German revolution.

The war, viewed as a whole, is a war of liberty against oppression, of democracy against autocracy, and what better conclusion could it have than for the nation which represents oppression and autocracy to be defeated by the liberation of democracy within its own borders?

There has never been a political revolution in Germany, as in almost every other country. In Britain the monarchy is based upon an active parliament, the king occupying a subordinate place, only as a result of revolution and long war. In France, the representatives of the nation deposed the king and beheaded him. The revolution there was much more passionate than in England, but out of it the representatives of the people arose and took the reins of power. Germany has had no corresponding revolution to purify her national life. The nearest approach to it was in 1848, when a popular movement spread throughout Germany. At this time Europe was upset by a marvelous series of revolutions, all the outcome of the overthrow of the French monarchy. For a time it seemed as if Germany would break out into revolt likewise. Her feeling for democracy then was real and in sympathy with the time. An assembly of the people came together at Frankfurt full of hope and promise to discuss a German state which would embody a union of the people. If this movement had succeeded, there would be a really liberal people in Germany today, and consequently no world war. But it failed, and its failure is attributed to the infamous house of the Hohenzollerns.

Since then the German people have gone backward instead of forward in their feeling for democracy. Two years ago they were less fitted for self-government than they were in 1848. They were saturated with a spirit of loyalty to the reigning house, and deference to hereditary rank was stronger in Germany than in any other country. This was due to the fact that Germany is full of petty kings. Every town is a centre for pomp and court ceremony. In this way the personality of the sovereign became very strong, and royalty retained its influence over the people. It was the Junker class which really controlled the German federal state. This Junker is a combination of a landed squire and a military officer. He is a proud, passionate and prejudiced, grinding under his heel the rest of the German people.

For the past two years, however, a number of the German people have been straining towards democracy, and it is possible that amid the hardships of war they will gain courage in their desperation, and shaking themselves free from the prejudices which have been instilled in them, revolt against the autocracy which is bringing about their destruction. The very peace proposals which Germany offers today may be an indication of an inward pressure which is becoming a source of alarm to German war lords.

WOMEN IN MUNITIONS.

IT HAS BEEN said by those in a position of authority that a shipment of munitions sent to the front on time may save the lives of an entire Canadian regiment. If this particular shipment were discharged at German trenches before an attack, or if it were used to prevent a German attack, it is possible that a Canadian battalion might move forward, with the advance so closely timed that when the barrage lifted the Canadians would be almost in the German trenches, and would be able to use their bayonets so effectively that the enemy's machine guns could not be trained upon the advance.

This is a very practical suggestion for bringing home the necessity for munitions. They are the great necessity of the army today, almost more important than men, for without tremendous supplies of them men would be of little use. For this reason, it is only just to commend the advertising campaign which has been undertaken in the Canadian press by Mark H. Irish, director of munitions labor. Every day appeals are being made to women to devote themselves to this work. Both in advance of this movement and since the campaign was inaugurated, London women have been "singing" for this work in large numbers.

The Women's Emergency Corps and the publicity given their efforts in The Advertiser have had splendid results, and more than one hundred women, many of them drawn from the so-called "leisure" class, and many of them the wives of soldiers, are already enrolled. Saturday it was announced in The Advertiser that a munitions factory for women workers was to be opened in London. The following Monday 75 women from the city and district placed themselves at the disposal of the secretary of the corps, Miss Porter. They have been inspired by the advertising appeals and the direct announcement of an opportunity for them to work at the lathe immediately spurred them to action. As the appeals continue and factories are opened, it will be found that women will respond in greater numbers. They will gradually take the places of men who are fit for active service, perhaps, as has been the case in England. Thousands of women have the strength and are anxious to demonstrate it through mechanical devices other than the knitting needle and the sewing machine. Let the good work go on.

PUFF AND PUNCH.

SOMETIMES in reading certain bombastic or pantheistic speeches of the kaiser before and during the war, one is reminded of the strutting heroics of old Elizabethan plays. The hero-villain who perhaps comes as near as any to the "All-higher" is Tamburlaine, the swollen egotist and all-destroyer of Marlowe's play by that name.

Tamburlaine, the Tartar conqueror, who set out after world-mastery about the year 1400 A.D., committing all manner of wholesale atrocities, is made by the old dramatist to express himself after this manner:

"Though Mars himself, the angry god of arms,
And all the earthly potentates conspire
To dispossess me of this diadem,
Yet will I wear it in despite of them.
As great commander of this eastern world."

This has quite the smack of Wilhelm II, who patterns himself after Attila, Tamburlaine's most interesting Asiatic predecessor. The kaiser could be quite displeased with Thor and Woden as well as with "earthly potentates" conspiring to thwart his long-cherished purpose of world-empire. Especially after he has been through a Hoch, hoch or Der Tag banquet, his ideas burst his collar.

Like the kaiser, however, Tamburlaine did not for a moment believe that his god really ever would turn against him. When one of his captives threatens him with heaven's anger and the stars' vengeance, he answers complacently, in Marlowe's account of the affair:

"The chiefest god
Will sooner burn the glorious frame
Of heaven,
Than it should so conspire my overthrow."

Like the modern Attila, Marlowe's Tartar was ready to vouchsafe terms of peace:

"His person shall be safe
And all the friends of this my queen,
If with their lives they may be pleased to yield."

That is, if they will surrender on no terms except the sparing of their lives, all very well. To the vanquished he would magnanimously offer also such consolation as the following:

"Twas I, my lord, that got the victory,
And therefore grieve not at your overthrow.
The god of war resigns his room to me,
Meaning to make me general of the world;
Millions of souls sit on the banks of Styx,
Waiting the back return of Charon's boat;
Both hell and heaven swarm with ghosts of men,
And such are objects fit for Tamburlaine;
Wherein, as in a mirror, may be seen
His honor, that consists in shedding blood.
When men presume to manage arms with him,
And see, my lord, a slight of strange import.
Emperors and kings lie breathless at my feet—"

But here the kaiser dreaming these words his own woke up and found that his is the puff without the punch, that no kings lie breathless at his feet except his slave princes of Bavaria, Saxony, Bulgaria and Greece, Austria and Turkey. The rest defy and laugh at his "terms" and will fight the blood-flecked will bear to the last cartridge and the last man of Hunland.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Belgium should be on everybody's Christmas list.

Christmas trade is brisker than ever, all the more reason for doing that buying now.

Britain has the Midas touch to the extent of \$28,000,000 worth of silver bullets a day.

At last Lord Northcliffe has said something hopeful, and the end of the war should not be far away.

Armed merchantmen and reprisals if Blackie suffers the fate of Fryatt! John Bull is getting his dander up.

Next summer, according to General Maurice, the Allies will deliver a blow that will make Germany Somme-ment.

The illness of Lloyd George is cause for great rejoicing in Germany. The physician who restores him to health should be honored.

We can hear chuckles from the sanctuaries of the St. Thomas papers.

When the Auto Ran Over the Man Right in Front of Them, Grandpa Told Katrinka to Get Its Number, and She Did.

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The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

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Amicably Settled

[By H. A. Slattengren.]

Hank Ruffy strode out of his shack into the hot Montana sunshine. He lived alone with his son Audry, glancing over the sun-baked plains, he noticed something in the distance which caused him to hesitate and look more carefully. After a moment, he went back into the house and came out with a fieldglass. Leveling this at the thing that had interested him, he saw something that made him swear, as he lowered the glass.

"Audry," he shouted.
"Hello," came a voice from the shade of the shack.
"McLaughlin's cattle have broken into the oats again. I'm going over to give him a piece of my mind. You might look over the binder."

"All right, I'll keep busy."
In a few minutes Ruffy was astride his pony, raising clouds of white dust, galloping in the direction of McLaughlin's ranch.

McLaughlin was busy mending a saddle when Ruffy rode up to him and shouted a somewhat angry, "Hello, there."

"How are you, Hank? Glad to see you."
"Say, your cattle have broken into my oat field again."

"By heck! Is that so?" said McLaughlin in surprise as he arose.
"Yes, that's so, and you'd better get them out of there."

"Sure, Hank, as soon as possible. Hope you aren't angry."

"No, but it's a mighty unprofitable way of raising grain."

"Yes, it is, but it won't happen again. Have a cigar."

Ruffy accepted this and rode away. Soon several of McLaughlin's men were driving out the cattle and repairing the fence.

On the following afternoon McLaughlin noticed that some cattle were in his wheat field. Hastily procuring his field-glass, he saw that the cattle belonged to Ruffy.

"Aha, tit for tat," he thought as he saddled his pony, mounted and rode away toward Ruffy's ranch.

When he reached Ruffy's place he found the latter lounging in his chair, smoking and reading a paper.

"Hello, McLaughlin. What's the trouble?"
"Hello, Hank. Nothing much, except that your cattle are sampling my wheat."

"The deuce they are. Darned critters anyway. Say, Audry! Audry!"
"Coming up. What you want?"

"Hurry up and get my mavericks out of McLaughlin's grain. Be sure to fix the fence for good."

"I got you."
"How about some Sunnybrook?" asked Ruffy.

"No, I don't care for any. Thanks, nevertheless. We must keep the cattle out of the grain if we want to do any threshing this fall."

"You are right," agreed Ruffy. "The next time your cattle break into my patch of choice Silver King oats I'll ride over and shoot you up."

"The same here!" McLaughlin shouted as his horse galloped away.
Audry was desperately in love with Alga McLaughlin, so much so, indeed, that he had saved all of his money during the last two years and bought an automobile because she was very fond of motoring. Almost every evening they took a spin together over the plains, and there were few dances within a radius of 25 miles that they didn't attend. The match was looked upon with favor by both families; Audry was ready at any time, so it all depended upon Alga.

At about the same time Hank Ruffy became aware of the fact that McLaughlin's cattle had again strayed into his patch of choice Silver King oats. He swore lengthily. After this psychic relief he remembered his threat, and at once decided to put it into effect. Accordingly his trusty automobile rifle was jerked from its case, loaded and slung over his shoulder. He saddled his horse hurriedly, and rode away in angry haste.

About half way between the ranch houses McLaughlin and Ruffy met.

Ruffy shouted: "Do you remember what I said I'd do if your cattle got into my oats again?"

"Yep, and do you recall what I also said?"

"Your mavericks are eating up the finest oats I ever had, so I am simply going to shoot you up."

"Same here," returned McLaughlin, his critters are wallowing in my wheat field. I'll return bullet for bullet."

"Get off your horse. I can't shoot you in cold blood."

"That's what I say. I'm quite handy with my fists."

Consequently the two slid from their steeds, slung their rifles over the saddle horns and pulled out their outer clothing. Then after a few minutes of sparring and invective they closed in on each other and engaged in a regular rough-and-tumble fight. This lasted for about five minutes, until they were both thoroughly fagged, sweating and puffing. Their clothing was torn, their faces were bruised and bleeding, and each had a black eye.

Two tired to fight longer, they retreated to their horses and grasped their rifles. At this juncture an automobile emerged from a turn in the road and sped toward them, so before the enraged ranchers could shoot at each other, Alga and Audry had driven their machine between them. Both jumped out, ran to their respective parents, and jerked their rifles from them.

"Well, what in thunder is the meaning of all this?" asked Audry in excitement.

"Yes, that's what I'd like to know," agreed Alga.

"That stiff over there expects to fatten his cows on my oats!" cried Ruffy. "And you seem to want to have your skin-and-bones herd pasturing in my wheat!" retorted McLaughlin.

"None of that stuff!" shouted Audry as he clasped his hand over his father's mouth. Alga did the same with her father.

Audry spoke: "You big men are acting like a couple of kids. It's the worst I've ever heard of. Don't you think it is a ridiculous, comical grievance?" She nodded and laughed outright, and he joined in until they were both convulsed with laughter. Ruffy and McLaughlin glowered at each other sheepishly until their children quieted down.

Then Audry took Alga by the hand and said: "She has promised to make me the happiest man in the world. You know that that means."

McLaughlin and Ruffy's glares softened a little.

"The inevitable result," continued Audry, "that there will be no fences between your ranches and consequently no trouble. Your cattle will cease to be two herds and become one, in the same way as Alga and I will become one in the near future." Forthwith he crushed her in his embrace and kissed her blushing cheeks.

Ruffy and McLaughlin sidled toward each other awkwardly and shook hands gingerly, while looking into the sky.

"Rain would help my oats," said Ruffy.

"My wheat also," agreed McLaughlin.

Journal and the Ottawa Free Press said, that like oil and water, they will not mix. Politically, it means one Conservative publishing house rather than two at Ottawa.

Wait a Minute!

By J. H. F.

The German press seems to think that the world has not yet been convinced that the Germans have won the war. The newspapers have come to the conclusion that it does not altogether appear that the world will bow down and worship the kaiser.

The kaiser should have waited another ten years before welcoming the dawn of Der Tag—The Day. Then he might have been the dominator of the world.

Hypatia wirelessed and said: I see that you say Eve started the feminist movement and it has been raising Cain ever since. That's because the feminists are able! All right.

In discussing that third sex thing, we were pained to know that the telegraph dispatches did not carry, as was expected, a story of the movement as outlined by its founder. It will be forthcoming in a short time. It is not as bad as it looked, either. In brief, it would seem that women are going to jump into the life of the country with both feet, and will ask no quarter on the question of sex, nor will they be sentimental, emotional or silly. Kansas elected a flock of these women to office at the last election, figuring that they would not make a worse mess of government than the men who try to be elected. Now start in.

A professor says that women are satellites revolving around men. But he dare not go home and tell that to the missus. He would do revolving a-plenty.

The emperor of Austria prayed fervently that the peace terms would be accepted by the Allies. Prayer is a great thing, but not that kind. He wants to escape the stroke of wrath that will be his.

Owing to the high cost of living, the Pittsburgh stogie has been reduced an inch in length. Keep a-coming, you H. C. of L.

A gentleman named Hasty has just died in Detroit, aged 37 years. He was not happy about dying.

There is a movie named "The Road to Love." It must be plentifully strewn with Irish confetti.

Europe is not on the well-known verge of peace. Not by a million paragraphs.

There are some chickens in this city worth more than \$150 each. They are said to yield an egg every once in a while. Looks like a good investment.

We think of buying the missus an egg set in platinum—a wrist-let for Christmas. That shows how regular rich we are.

The Germans will submit concrete terms of peace, we read. Solid reinforced concrete, sure enough. Come a little softer.

Michigan folks will be allowed a quart a month when prohibition comes into force. That's just a mouthful for most Michigan drinkers. It's a hard life!

A New York woman has been sent to jail for perjury. Still, Ananias was a man, and he is said to have originated the habit. However, some women can do a good job. So can some men. We're neutral, eh what!

Girls will be girls, even when they get to be 90 years of age. They all look alike when going away.

Well, it's a lucky bird that has a stocking to hang up this Christmas. In any event, no bird will put an onion in dad's sock. Onions come too expensive.

The worm will turn. It is said some worms in this vicinity do a

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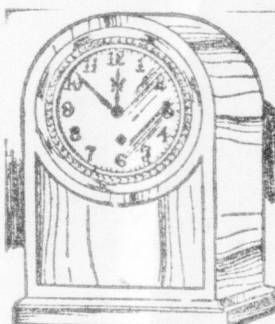


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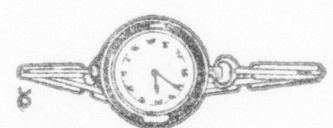
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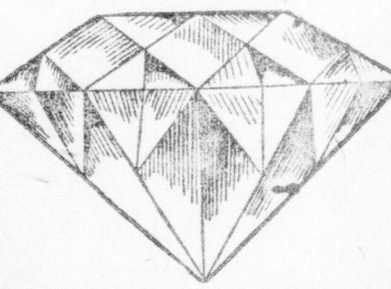


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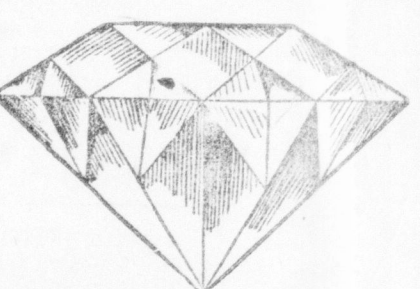
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DISAPPOINTED HUNS.
[Der Tag, Berlin.]
We expected that India would rise when the first shot was fired in Europe, but thousands of Indians came to fight with the British against us. We thought that the British Empire would be torn to pieces, but the colonies appear to be united closer than ever to the mother country. We expected a triumph; rebellion in South Africa; it was nothing but a failure. We thought there were no more to predict a hard winter.

Tory papers keep jollying the Grits about the "uplift movement," forgetting that the most frequent uplift in the Tory party is the uplifting of the flag on any occasion that votes are in danger.

HOW HE DOES IT.
[Port Elgin Times.]
With cornob pipes doubling in price and we are moved to predict a hard winter.

would be trouble in Ireland, but instead she sent her best soldiers against us. We anticipated that the "peace at any price" party would be dominant in England, but it melted away in the ardor to fight Germany. We regarded England as degenerate, yet she seems to be our principal enemy.

"UPLIFT MOVEMENT" AND "PATRIOTISM."
[Ottawa Free Press.]
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[Port Elgin Times.]
With cornob pipes doubling in price and we are moved to predict a hard winter.

for the Guelph Mercury—London Advertiser. But the editor of The Advertiser does not know the habits of the long, black cigars, about like a gold, one every other hour, is the way the Mercury editor prepares for the grinning-out of those snappy editorials.

COALITION IS FOLLY.
The Hamilton Spectator is out strongly against any coalition government having Sir Wilfrid Laurier as its leading Liberal member. "

A PAGE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO WOMEN READERS

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Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

[Correspondents are requested to make their inquiries as brief as possible, and to write on one side of the paper only. It is impossible to give replies within a stated time, as all letters have to be answered in turn. No letter can be answered privately.]

Conscription in Canada.

Dear Miss Grey—I would like to ask a few questions, please.

1. Can there be conscription in Canada without a vote of the people first?

2. There are so many families living in Canada from the United States, not naturalized. Can they be conscripted? I don't think anyone wants conscription but the recruiting officers and the man and woman who have no boys old enough to go.

Wishing Miss Grey and her Mail-Box readers a very merry Christmas and a happy new year, I am,

AUNT NANNIE.

Ans.—The Government has power to call out all men of military age for the defence of Canada. The present Government has committed itself against conscription, however, and enforced service is not likely to come about. Registration of all males, about to be made, is the nearest thing we will likely have.

No subject of another country could be called upon to perform military service in this country. As is well known, thousands of American citizens are now in the Canadian army.

"Don't Pity Me."

Dear Miss Grey—I want to thank you and the Mail-Box friends for the money order for \$5 for the quilt blocks.

The "quilt man" thanks "Old Country Woman" for the blue block sent him. They are all so nice I take great comfort in looking them over. The pretty silk and velvet block has joined those received before. They average one foot square. I have also received dark blue blocks from "Cool Box," "The Mother of Cool Box" and "A Friend of All the Boys in Khaki." I am inclosing for the page a copy of a touching little poem I cut from a paper and sent my soldier-son when the 13th Battalion was about to leave Sault Ste. Marie for the trenches, also a copy of the answer to my letter telling of the sending of the verses, and his saying they almost made him cry; and of his grave in Belgium.

As there has been so much about how soldiers' wives and farmers spend their money, I perhaps had better tell you how one "soldier's mother" used a part of money sent by you dear kind Canadian people to the quilt fund—a pair of much-needed shoes and rubbers, some warm knit underwear, then I had some troublesome teeth extracted. Yes, I must confess, I too, am going to have a velvet hat, I got a becoming frame at the store, and with some velvet (that has done duty before), steamed

and brushed, and some day, when my arm is paining me the least, I'll make the hat. I consulted a doctor, who said there was a leakage of the heart, and the lump or growth under the right arm was a cancer or tumor, and on account of gastric stomach trouble, advised a very simple diet. So I next purchased a large bottle or can of Horlick's malted milk, as I cannot drink either tea or coffee. Now don't pity me; think of the boys at the front and the shores of old England. It had been a stormy voyage; only one day that it didn't rain—and still so brave. I am sending his address, so if you receive any letters for him you can forward them without delay. We can do so little to help him in any other way, we can send cheery letters.

Miss Grey, censor this all you wish. You people have given me hope and courage to keep cheerful and wish to live, when all seemed so dark ahead. I received a letter from one of my dear adopted boys at the front, saying, "I look eagerly forward to your letters." I am thankful I can do that little bit. My love to all the Mail-Box friends.

AUNT NANNIE.

Ans.—Our Mail-Box readers always welcome your letters, possibly because they are so invariably and resolutely cheerful. How nice of "Twenty-One" to write you from the ship. We'll hope for a Mail-Box letter too some of these days. The poem "Co-Workers" is very beautiful indeed, and I am glad to publish it. Very kindest wishes, "Aunt Nannie."

Welcome the Bride.

Dear Miss Grey.—Sorry to have been so long in returning these patterns for "L. M." as I had other important work to do, and have no time for crochets at present, but it is nice to be able to do. Inclosed also have put in a few patches for her, if they suit, to fill up a little corner. Wish she had sent her address, but you will please forward to "Little Me."

If a person is getting married away from home, they may come home for her, or just ask in a few friends, and should one have a wedding cake for her when she comes home, after just going to the nurse in the other town? What day did May 3, 1901, fall on? Wishing you a merry Christmas, H. A. T.

Ans.—It is really a matter of per-

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sonal choices, and the bride's wishes should be consulted. But seems to me the quiet gathering of intimate friends and relatives would be much more appropriate than the reception. This, the bride could hold later on, when she gets settled. It is nice for the bride to have a wedding cake, so she may send pieces to her friends, and to friends of the groom. This may also be served at the reception, if one is held.

2. Friday.

3. I have pleasure in forwarding your letter to "Little Me."

Beard-Making Process.

Dear Cynthia,—In looking over your column I noticed where "Poor But Honest" was having trouble with salt beads, and, as I have made quite a number, I thought I would like to tell how.

The first thing I do is to measure twice as much salt as cornstarch and set them on to heat in separate dishes. Also have enough water to make it about like dough at boiling point, with the coloring in it. You next mix the

salt and cornstarch, and having them well stirred, pour the coloring. After doing this you work with the dough in your hand and get all the starch out. You then flatten on a plate and form the beads, and before they get real hard they must be strung on a thread and kept about a half-inch apart, so as they will not dry together. They need to be put beside the stove for a day or so, and then strung ready for use.

May I now ask you one question? Have you or any of your readers got the reputation called, "The Old Sewing Machine"? If anyone has, it would please send it to me?

BROWN THRUSH. Ans.—Thanks for the bead-making information. If any one sends the reputation I'll put a note in the Mail-Box.

Reply for Her.

"Her"—I sympathize with you very sincerely, although I have not been called on to bear the same trial you have experienced. Certainly it must have made life seem fearfully empty and barren, and, as you say, the "first Christmas" is the hardest. However, I may say candidly, I believe you are in the right; the affair could be of the outmost possible nature, and I am sure no one could deem it a lack of respect. Judging by your letter, you are not the sort of girl for such a course, and I really see no reason why you should wait longer than the time you mention. Blessings on you, dear.

The Non-Enlightened.

Dear Miss Grey—"Farmer's Son of Twenty-One." I think I recognize you if you are miles away. If you and the young men of your time were inspired to serve your country as "Conscription" is, it would not be necessary to sneak of compulsory enlistments, to save a country and home, for you and those of the same opinion. Compulsory ser-

vices is a question every man and woman in Canada will have to decide in the near future.

Tonight as I was watching the khaki-clad lads on parade, I could not help observing the difference in the spirit of "F. S. of 21" and those brave lads, offering themselves, truly a "living sacrifice," that we might dwell in safety. An every man represented a wife's or mother's sacrifice, for you and me.

And you, "F. S. of 21," ridiculed all that is truest and best in manhood. Do you realize as you read over the casualty list, that those men have died for you, that they are wounded and imprisoned for you and yours? We are indebted to every man that dons the khaki, a debt we can never pay. It is hard to realize as we count the young men eligible for military service that their only aim in life is for money and the pastimes it affords. How can any young lady be seen in Continued on Page Seventeen.

YOU MAY LIKE THIS GIFT IDEA

FOR TIRED FATHER.

"The folks always howl at me if I put my feet near one of their cushions, so you may imagine how pleased I was last year when a jolly girl-cousin of mine, who seemed to understand a tired man's need for a footrest now

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DAILY BIBLE QUESTION CLUB

By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D. (All Rights Reserved.) The six daily studies for this week constitute the International S. S. Lesson for next Sunday. Read the Bible Story on which this study is based, as you ponder the following questions:

"The Holy City." Rev. xxi, 1-4, 9-14, 22-27, xxii, 1-5.

Golden Text—"Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his people." Rev. xxii, 3.

15. Verse 23—"There will be no night in heaven, does that indicate that we shall never tire in that land, nor need sleep?"

16. Why is there no need of the sun nor of the moon in heaven? (This is one of the questions which may be answered in writing by members of the club.)

17. Verses 24-27—"What is the difference between those that are 'saved' and those that are lost?"

18. What is the one thing which brings misery to the earth, and which will never enter heaven?

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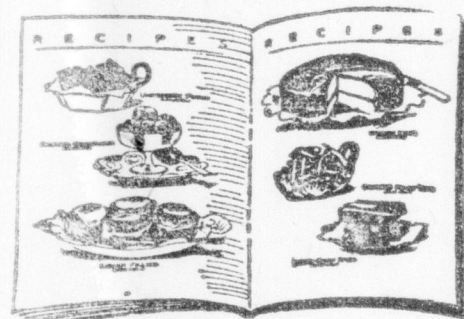
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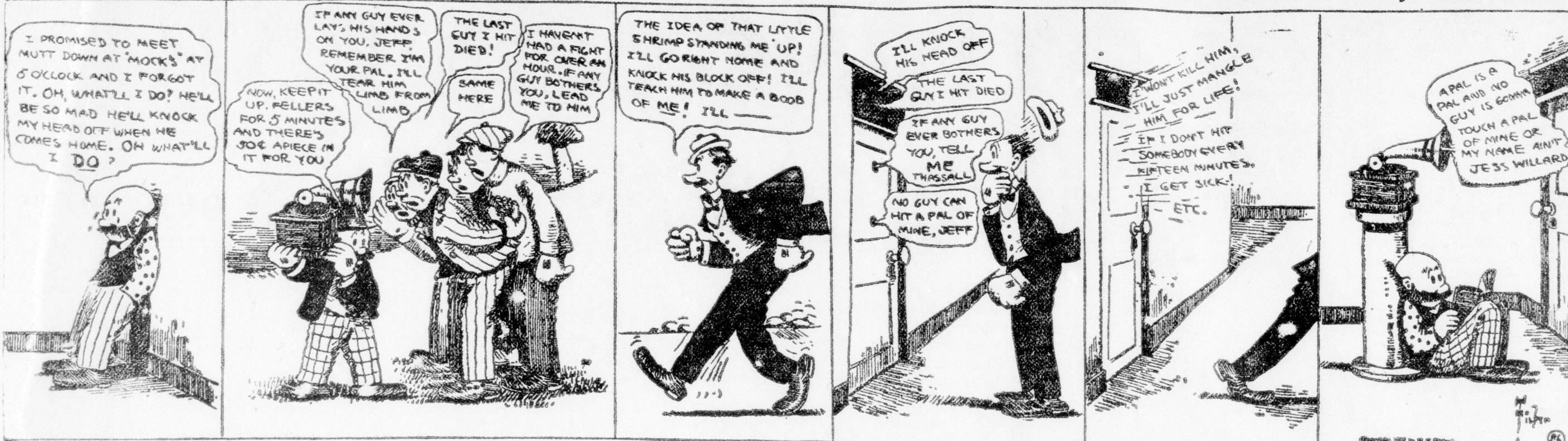
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STRAIGHT NEWS AND SIDE SLANTS ON SPORT

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By "Bud" Fisher

HOCKEY TEAMS GALORE
DOWN AT BRANTFORDDouble Schedule in Junior Series Drawn
Up, With First Game at Paris.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 14.—As this hockey district, as far as the juniors are concerned, will only have two teams in it, a double schedule was drafted up this afternoon. The games to be played are as follows:

Brantford at Paris, January 3.
Paris at Brantford, January 12.
Brantford at Paris, January 22.
Paris at Brantford, January 26.

J. L. Thompson represented Paris, and James Douglas, Brantford, while E. C. Gould was captain. Last year's officers have been re-elected to look after the welfare of the team this winter.

They are: President, Dr. Wiley; vice-president, John Kelly; secretary, Jas. Douglas; treasurer, George D. Watt; manager, E. C. Gould.

A good year's sport is anticipated, as most of last year's team is available. A juvenile league for the city is also mooted, and the 215th Battalion will be represented in the intermediate league, so there will be no lack of hockey.

TWO MORE FAST ONES
FOR BOOSTERS' TEAM

"Toad" Hawkey and E. Norris Are Latest to Sign On With Young Liberals' Team.

At a meeting in Hyman Hall last night, attended by a large number of the members of the Young Liberal Boosters' Club, the hockey situation was gone over, and the first workout in the gym done. All the athletes showed up in first-class form.

The prospects for a fast team grow brighter each day. The newest prospects are "Toad" Hawkey and E. Norris, the latter a Winnipeg youth, who are the latest to signify their intentions to play on the hockey team.

TO PROHIBIT NIGHT
RACING ON ISLAND

QUEBEC, Dec. 14.—The public bills committee of the Legislative Assembly has decided that there shall be no horse-racing at night on the Island of Montreal. The clause asking for this privilege was cut out of the bill to incorporate the National Jockey Club of Montreal, at the suggestion of Sir Lomer Gouin, who is chairman of the committee.

The bill was introduced in the Legislature by Mr. Turcotte (Liberal, Montreal). Apart from this amendment the bill was passed by the Legislative Assembly, and it is now in the hands of the Legislative Council. The club is empowered to conduct horse races on all parts of the island, with the exception of Westmount and Outremont.

Would Abolish Spitball
and Change Other RulesSuggestions Made at National League Club Owners' Meeting
in Order to Prevent Decline in .300 Hitters.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Without having touched upon the revision of the national commission, as suggested by President Dwyer of the Pittsburgh club, proposed changes in the rules governing the world's series or the adoption of a new contract for players, the National League club owners held a long session today, and the annual meeting may last the week out.

At yesterday's session a committee from the minor leagues presented a petition to the delegates asking for the elimination of the draft rule for class AA clubs, and then left for Chicago to present their request at the American League meeting. The National League considered this petition today and referred it to the national commission, which will report later what its members decide. The same action was taken in reference to the creation of a new board of arbitration of five members, independent of any existing baseball tribunal, which would pass upon cases affecting minor and major league clubs or players. The National League delegates announced that they are in favor of such a board being formed.

President Haughton of the Boston club and several others present spoke at length in regard to changing the playing rules, with a view to increasing the batting and lessening the domination of pitchers. Among the suggestions offered to prevent the decline of the .300 hitters were to call only one foul strike instead of two, giving a base on three balls in place of four, and to abolish the resin, emery and spit balls.

After a long discussion President Haughton advised that all suggestions on this subject be submitted to him for reference to the joint committee on rules when next it meets.

NOMINATIONS CLOSED
FOR O. R. F. U. OFFICESDr. C. O. Fairbank of Petrolia Named
for Honorary President and Sec-
ond Vice-President.

TORONTO, Dec. 14.—Nominations for the various offices within the gift of the O. R. F. U. have closed, and the annual meeting will be held at the King Edward Hotel in this city on Saturday next. The nominations are as follows:

Hon. president, Dr. C. O. Fairbank, Petrolia; president, John De Gruchy, Toronto; 1st vice-president, Hugh Gail, Toronto; C. O. Carlyle, Toronto; J. W. Russell, B.A. Woodstock; 2nd vice-president, Dr. C. O. Fairbank, Petrolia; H. H. McKee, Toronto; Jack McAllister, Hamilton; 3rd vice-president, Hugh Gail of Toronto; J. W. Russell, B.A. Woodstock; Frank Robbins of Hamilton, Leonard Smith of Toronto; secretary-treasurer, R. Hewitson, Toronto; senior representative, W. Hoare of Toronto; Jack McAllister of Hamilton; intermediate representatives: Western, W. H. Rhodes, London; H. Woodhead of Sarnia; eastern, Jimmy Garlick of Toronto; junior representatives, Leonard Smith of Toronto, Frank Robbins of Hamilton, C. O. Carlyle of Toronto, A. E. Thompson of Kingston, W. Ferguson, Toronto, A. G. Hooper of Guelph.

CURLING TONIGHT
AT THISTLE CLUB

The Thistle Curling Club opens its curling rink tonight. At least four sheets of ice will be in readiness, and possibly more.

No matches have been arranged, but on Saturday afternoon the travellers will stage the first bonspiel of the season. The rink will open at 2 o'clock.

Progressive socials will be held to night as usual.

BASE ON THREE BALLS
AND ONE FOUL STRIKE

New York, Dec. 15.—Despite the fact that the National League magnates already have been in session here three days they have not yet considered the proposed changes in the rules governing the world's series, the new player contracts and other matters of similar importance. To rid their program of the vast amount of detail morning and afternoon sessions were held today.

The most radical change suggested to improve the batting was to limit the number of foul strikes to one. This would rob the pitcher of a chance to have the second strike called on a foul ball. Another suggestion was to give a player his base on balls on three instead of four balls. These changes were deemed certain to force the pitchers to put the ball over the plate where the batsmen would have a chance to hit it. According to Secretary Heydler, the league records show that it is the good batters who get all the passes and not the weak ones. What the league intends to do, Mr. Heydler explained, is to pass new rules so that the good hitters can have a better chance to show their batting talents.

All suggestions will be referred to the rules committee which will meet the rules committee of the American League in February.

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION.

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HOCKEY GOSSIP

St. Mathew's and St. James' Anglican Church teams will play an exhibition game at Simcoe rink on Christmas morning.

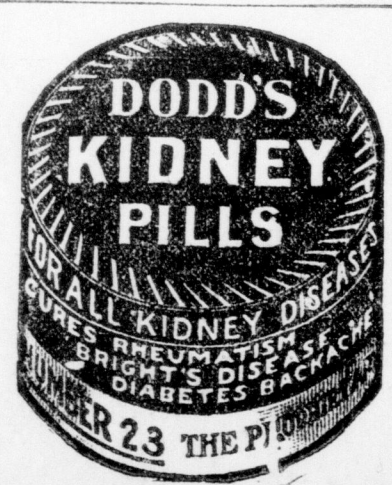
We are all looking forward to January 1, when the first game of hockey will be played.

Nearly every school in the city will have a hockey team, and it is expected a schedule will be drawn up, as in former years.

Johnnie Burgess will manage the St. James' Anglican hockey team this winter.

It is likely that St. George's Church will enter a team in the Anglican Church League.

Walden, McKay and Windrum are some of the Booster stars slated for that team.



Bowling



	Won.	Lost	P.C.
Has-Beens	18	9	.667
Nationals	17	10	.630
Maroons	15	12	.558
Brunswicks	15	14	.519
St. Peters	10	18	.357
Blue Labels	9	22	.287

ST. PETERS TAKE TWO.

The St. Peter's Club took two out of three from the Blue Labels last night in the City League.

Gordon Lamb of the St. Peter's Club won the honors of the night, making the highest total score with 591 and the highest individual with 211.

	Won.	Lost	P.C.
Joe Catalano	147	192	.431
M. Sansone	164	169	.491
G. Lamb	208	172	.551
M. McCollough	145	183	.440
B. Singer	136	146	.482
	850	927	.481

	Won.	Lost	P.C.
Crawford	163	140	.538
Tanney	165	161	.507
Fenna	180	157	.534
Yohn	175	177	.496
Shaw	179	165	.518
	862	799	.515

MANUFACTURERS' LEAGUE

	Won.	Lost	P.C.
Whites	2	1	.667
Scott-Chamberlain	2	1	.667
McClarys	1	2	.333
Hymans	1	2	.333
Cowans Hardware	1	2	.333
Blue Labels	0	3	.000
Murray Shoe	0	3	.000
Empire Brass	0	3	.000

McCLARYS WIN TWO.

The McClarys five took two out of three from the Blue Labels last night in the Manufacturers' League.

Ross of McClarys made the highest total score with 508, while Singer of the Blue Labels made the highest individual with 182.

	Won.	Lost	P.C.
Ward	180	149	.549
Sweeney	101	168	.378
Jones	157	116	.573
Bugg	123	111	.523
Singer	127	162	.442
	688	725	.486

	Won.	Lost	P.C.
Young	148	133	.523
Arnott	150	142	.514
Holmes	163	95	.629
Ross	174	155	.526
Wilson	141	175	.444
	764	710	.517

BY "DICK"

Our old friend "Bill" Lehman has not been in the National Line-up for two games.

Tommy Burns of the Brunswicks has enlisted, but he will continue to bowl with his team.

A local minister has been trying to have local men to fight in the city. There are a few good fighters on the Marconi Club.

The Empire Brass five meet the Murray Shoe in the Manufacturers' League on Saturday afternoon.

The Blue Labels and Has-Beens meet on Tuesday in the City League.

The St. Peter's Club meet the Tiger Club of St. Thomas tonight. The game will be played in St. Thomas.

Gordon Lamb of the St. Peter's Club bowled a nice game last night, and ought to show the same form in St. Thomas tonight.

Ernie Singer showed some improvement last night.

There were a few nice scores in the Manufacturers' League last night.

LONDON A. A. A. ELECTS
TEMPORARY OFFICERSLocal Association Decides on Black
and White as Club Colors.

At a meeting of the London Amateur Athletic Association in the new quarters of the association above the Watson Bank last evening, temporary officers were chosen and the colors of the club selected. Black and white will be the colors of the new organization.

Hockey prospects were discussed and everything looks rosy and optimistic according to the statements of members.

E. W. Flock, occupied the chair during the evening.

The following six patrons were named: Sir Adam Beck, M.P.P., S. Frank Glass, M.P., George S. Gibbons, Thomas Gilean, Bishop Fallon and the mayor of the city elected for 1917.

The temporary officers chosen were: Honorary president, C. S. Hyman; president, William Hadden; 1st vice-president, W. H. Rhodes; 2nd vice-president, Verne Ryan; secretary, G. McPadden; treasurer, Manager Montgomery of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The following committees were then selected:

Finance—Messrs. Montgomery, Glass and Gibbons.

Membership—Kaplasky, Burdick, Brown, Lovey, Ryan, Hunt, Elliott and Cooper.

House Committee—Messrs. Cooper.

Bryden, Campbell, Lambie, Johnson and Kaplasky.

Entertainment—Messrs. Edwards, Davidson, Burdick, Henry, Miles, McKay, Rhodes, Cook and Waldron.

DOWLER'S DEFEAT
Y. M. C. A. JUNIORS

In the City League Basketball series at the Y.M.C.A. last evening, Dowler's team trimmed the Y.M.C.A. Juniors by a score of 15 to 17, the half-time score being a tie, 8 and 8.

Davidson refereed the game.

It was first thought that the game tonight would be final, but a double-header will be necessary Tuesday evening to decide the championship. Dowler's will play the soldiers and Wexners the Y.M.C.A. Juniors.

The score was as follows:

Y.M.C.A. Juniors.....15
Dowler's.....17

McCarthy was disqualified.

Montreal, Dec. 12.—Tom McCarthy of New York was disqualified because of a foul in the third round of a scheduled ten-round match here tonight with Verger, a discharged French soldier. Previous to the foul, McCarthy was knocking the Frenchman about the ring practically at will. The men are heavyweights.

TURKEY IS BOWLER'S PRIZE.

The members of the London Liberal Club and devotees of bowling are all trying for the turkey which is to be given on Christmas to the man who has the highest points at any game from now until then.

The contest has been entered by many of the members, and it is proving to be a great drawing card.

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FRED MITCHELL TO BE NEXT MANAGER CHICAGO NATIONALS

Former Member of Toronto
Club Succeeds Joe
Tinker.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. — Frederick App, better known in the baseball world as Fred Mitchell, and once a member of the Toronto club, will be the next manager of the Chicago National League baseball club. His selection to succeed Joe Tinker as the leader of the Cubs, was made possible here tonight by the completion of a deal between the Boston and Chicago clubs whereby the Braves traded Mitchell to Chicago in exchange for Outfielder Joe Kelly and a cash consideration not stated.

The deal, which has been hanging in the air for several days, had a dramatic climax, for its completion required less than one minute of conversation between Percy D. Houghton, president of the Braves, and Charles Weeghman, president of the Cubs. If baseball gossip is to be believed, Weeghman came to New York for the annual meeting of the National League with the hope that he would be able to secure either John J. McGraw of the Giants or George Stallings of the Boston club, to take charge of the Cubs, but soon found that it was impossible to make a deal for either of these noted managers, except at a heavy financial outlay. Mitchell was next in line, and the impression prevails here tonight that Weeghman will have no cause to regret his final decision. The terms of Mitchell's contract have not been made public.

FRED MITCHELL SOLD TO THE CHICAGO CUBS

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. — Percy Houghton, owner of the Boston National League baseball club announced tonight that he had sold Fred Mitchell to the Chicago club of the same league for Outfielder Kelly and a cash consideration. It is assumed Mitchell will act as manager of the Chicago team.

SARNIA JUNIORS TO MEET FRIDAY
SARNIA, Dec. 14. — A meeting of the Sarnia Junior Hockey Club will be held in the Vendome Hotel on Friday evening, December 15.

SIR ISAAC'S OVERSIGHT.
[Indianapolis News.]
The way prices keep going up makes one wish that when Sir Isaac Newton invented gravitation he had made it a little stronger.

SHARP REDUCTION IN WORLD SERIES PRICES

New Scale of Charges Arranged at
American League Owners' Meet-
ing in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14. — Prices of world series games in the American League were sharply reduced at the annual meeting of the club owners here tonight. It was unanimously decided, at the suggestion of President Bancroft B. Johnson, to charge only double the regular season prices.

The new scale will be 50 cents for bleacher seats, \$1 for seats in the pavilion and \$1.50 and \$2 for grand-villain seats. Box seats, however, will sell for \$5. Heretofore \$1 was usually the lowest price of admittance.

The club owners decided to enforce strictly the rule prohibiting players from writing newspaper stories or permitting their names to be used in connection with them.

H. H. Frazee and Hugh J. Ward of New York, the new owners of the Boston club, and James F. Dunn of Chicago, purchaser of the Cleveland franchise, were unanimously voted into the league.

The managers had planned to hold a two-day meeting to settle problems confronting them, but decided after a five-hour session this afternoon to wind up the meeting tonight.

The club owners empowered President Johnson to decide the appeal made for the abolishment of the minor league rule, and the right of the minor league players to have a board of arbitrators to decide cases instead of having the national baseball commission hear them, as at present.

A. T. Baum, president of the Pacific Coast League, was chairman of the committee representing the three class AA leagues, which sought to have the national baseball commission hear them, as at present.

President Barrow said tonight that a decision might be expected within a week on both questions. The decision on the draft rule will probably not be granted, it was reported.

Charles Comiskey, owner of the Chicago club, was elected vice-president of the American League, succeeding Charles Somers, former owner of the Cleveland club.

The new board of directors is composed of presidents of the Boston, New York, Cleveland and Chicago clubs. Frank J. Navin of Detroit was elected a director to succeed Mr. Somers of Cleveland.

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Standard reliable cloths, overlapped seams, cut edges, hand tailored, splendid fitters; equal to any \$28.00 to \$30.00 custom tailor coats. Black and three shades of grey, with or without velvet collar.

Young Men---Attention!

We have just secured a big shipment of Young Men's Suits, specially hand tailored early spring, 1917, models, belters, snappy form-fitting and semi form-fitting, smart styles. On sale Saturday, sizes 33 to 39, pure wool firm finish cloths, very special values\$15.00, \$18.00, \$20.00 and \$22.00

You'hs' Overcoats

In slip-ons, short and swagger loose backs, set-in sleeves, browns, greys, blues and fancies. A big assortment, specially priced\$6.80, \$8.50, \$9.80, \$11.60

Boys' Overcoats

Pure Wool \$7.50 Heavy Check Mackinaws, belted and pleated, the snappiest boys' winter overcoats in the trade\$5.50
Boys' Long Ulster Coats, big two-way collars. Special \$5.90

Boys' Soldier Overcoats

Just like dad's; heavy warm khaki. Very special\$5.50
Khaki Suits. Special\$4.50

Oversize Men's Suits

We carry specially designed Stout Men's Suits, tailored by Canada's master tailors. Come and let us fit you and save you \$6.00 to \$10.00.

Our Fully-Fledged Furnishings Department

HAS NEVER BEEN BETTER PREPARED FOR THE BIG TIDAL WAVE OF HOLIDAY GIFT BUYERS.

HEMSTITCHED HANDKERCHIEFS.

from Belfast, Ireland, 260 dozen of pure linen, 1-3 to 1-inch hems; the overmakes of County Antrim's best mill 35c quality. Ladies, here's your opportunity
3 Handkerchiefs for 47c
Initial Belfast Cambric Handkerchiefs, 2c
handkerchiefs in box, per box25c
Extra quality fine Hemstitched Linen Handkerchiefs, hand embroidered initials, 25 1-2 dozen in box\$1.50
Half dozen fine Belfast Cambric Handkerchiefs in fancy box50c
100 dozen Fine Excelsa Handkerchiefs2 for 25c

KHAKI HANDKERCHIEFS.

Extra Size Silk Handkerchiefs50c, 75c and \$1.00
Fine Khaki Cambric Handkerchiefs2 for 25c

HOUSE COATS AND BATHROBES.

Very special prices\$5.00 to \$10.00

CHRISTMAS UMBRELLAS.

Gold and Silver Mounted Silk Umbrellas with Silk Cover; \$4.00 quality. Special\$2.50

FUR CAPS—PERSIAN LAMB.

In military and wedge styles\$4.50 and \$6.50
Fur Lined Caps50c, 75c, \$1.00 to \$1.50

ANOTHER BIG TROUSER-BUYING OPPORTUNITY.

You can save enough at Dowler's on one pair of trousers to buy the kiddies half a dozen toys and then some. Our Dowler Special, \$3 five pocket, belt loop and side strap trousers will be on sale Saturday\$1.95
London's Best \$2.25 Trousers\$1.68
London's Best \$3.00 Trousers\$1.98
It's actual value that talks here. Other lines equally good values at\$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50
\$1.25 Stripe Trousers for89c

In talking of Overalls, look up the best Overall sold in town for \$1.75 then compare it with our celebrated Peabody Union-Made Overall here for \$1.25. Other equally good values at90c and \$1.00

1,000 DOZEN SILK NECKWEAR.

Each Tie handsomely boxed. English, French, Swiss and American Silks, in very choice colorings, brocaded and plain. 100 dozen standard 10c Ties, boxed25c
600 dozen extra quality silks, first choice for London, of many of the best makers, each handsomely boxed50c
Fashion's Favorites75c to \$1.50

ENGLISH CASHMERE AND SILK SOCKS.

We will sell the best 60c Pure Wool Cashmere Socks in Canada. Special for Christmas3 pairs for \$1.40
Regular 50c quality3 pairs for \$1.00
Regular 35c quality, per pair25c
65c Grey Silk and Wool Socks, special 50c
Extra Quality Khaki Socks in pure wool and cashmere, English make50c, 75c and \$1.00
Fine Silk Socks35c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00
Extra Heavy Wool and Worsted Socks, over a dozen lines at old prices, 25c to 50c
Collar Cases, leather, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25
Belts, in line and regular leathers.
Cuff Links, Stickpins, etc.
Christmas Braces, Separately Boxed
Ivory Mounted Garters25c and 50c

A BIG CLEARANCE OF MUFFLERS.

This will be the greatest opportunity of this winter to purchase Silk Knitted Mufflers at an extraordinarily low price. \$1.00, \$1.25 to \$2.00 Mufflers, Black, Brown, Grey, Blue, White, Maroon, etc., specially priced for quick selling.

CHRISTMAS GLOVES.

Dent's, Perrin's, the world's best makers in fine silk lined, fur lined, wool knit lined and unlined. See our Dowler Special Gloves in Cape, Mocha and Suede. Every line of gloves marked on a keen margin of profit for quick selling. Over \$4,800 worth of English gloves placed in stock this week.

CHRISTMAS SHIRTS.

Just arrived, selected from our early spring, 1916, orders of Canada's best makers. Cluett's, Arrow and Monarch, Starr, Lion Brand and Dowler. The patterns are decidedly new and very choice.
100 dozen handsome spring 1917 Shirts, full generous size bodies
20 dozen splendid 75c Shirts48c
Other equally good values\$1.00 to \$2.50
Silk Shirts, beautiful quality\$3.50 and \$4.50

THE UNDERWEAR HOUSE OF LONDON.

Over half a carload of warm winter underwear in combinations and two-piece. Fine Silk and Wools, Cashmeres, Natural and Australian Wools, Lambswool and Fleece Lined Stanfield's Guaranteed Unshrinkable Heavy Rib Shirts and Drawers in three weights\$1.25, \$1.75 and \$2.00
100 dozen heavy wool fleece, Penman's 65c quality, all sizes and plenty of them, 48c
Penman's fine plush lined, \$1.00, for 85c
Penman's heavy wool fleece, extra quality, 75c line65c
Three splendid lines of combinations\$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50
Penman's Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers. Very special\$1.15
Somewhat heavier than No. 95.

BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S OVERCOAT CLEARING.

Children's Fancy Overcoats, buttoned up to neck, belted back, double-breasted, well lined\$3.50
40 only Boys' Overcoats, ages 10 to 16, two-way collars, double-breasted. Regularly priced at \$6.50 for\$4.90
100 dozen Boys' Bloomers, full large sizes, \$1.00 to \$1.20, for75c

ANOTHER BIG DRIVE IN

100 Boys' Suits up to \$5.00; Norfolk pleats, large bloomers\$3.90

CLEARING BOYS' SUITS.

Boys' Suits in sizes up to 36, tailored from men's suit cloths. Special values\$6.50, \$8.50 to \$12.00

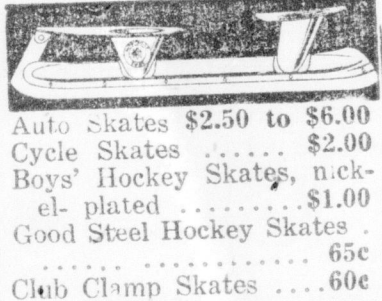
MILITARY MEN

Attention! We make to measure Greatcoats, Warmers, Tunics, Riding Breeches and Slacks. Hundreds of officers wearing our tailored uniforms are particularly well satisfied. See our cloths and prices. We can save you many dollars and give you the best cloths produced in England, to order in four days.

R. H. & J. Dowler, Limited

Suggestions for Christmas Gifts

American Model Builder.



Auto skates \$2.50 to \$6.00
Cycle Skates\$2.00
Boys' Hockey Skates, nickel-plated\$1.00
Good Steel Hockey Skates65c
Club Clamp Skates60c

McPherson's Lightning Hitch Hockey Shoes\$3.50 to \$5.00
Boys' Hockey Shoes\$1.75 up
Men's Hockey Shoes \$2 up
Spalding Hockey Sticks, 50c
Good Hockey Sticks25c
Boys' Hockey Sticks15c
Hockey Pucks10c to 35c
Skate Straps15c to 25c

Safety Steering Sleighs, runners made of best spring steel; strong, light and flexible. At\$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50
Wood Coasters, with iron runners. At25c to 75c

Cleveland Cushion Frame Bicycle, in first-class condition. At\$25.00
Other good Wheels, fitted with Dunlop tires and coaster brakes. At\$15.00 and \$20.00
These bicycles have been enameled and overhauled, and are in fine condition. Boys' Cleveland Bicycles; new. At\$29.00

Good Ordinary Razors, at\$1.25 to \$2.50
Gem Safety Razors at \$1.00
Ever-Ready Razors at \$1.00
Durham Safety Razor, \$5.00 value, for\$1.50
Auto-Strop Razors\$5.00
Gillette Razors\$5.00
Lather Brushes25c to \$4
Razor Straps25c to \$3.00

22-Caliber Rifles\$3.00 up
Single Breech Loading Guns\$7.00 up
Double Breech Loading Guns\$12.00 up
Hunting Coats\$3.00 up
Hunting Knives\$1.00
Safety Match Boxes50c
Compasses50c up
Snowshoes\$2.50 up
Moccasins\$1.50 up

Wm. Gurd & Co. 185 DUNDAS STREET SOUTH SIDE.

SWISS NEUTRALITY TO BE MAINTAINED, PRESIDENT AFFIRMS

Vital Interests of Republic Demand It.

HAS COMPLEX POSITION

Forced To Keep Friendly Relations With Both Groups of Belligerents.

Paris, Dec. 15.—Edmund Schulthess, the new president of Switzerland, affirmed the intention of his country to maintain strict neutrality in an interview with the Bern correspondent of the Petit Journal.

"The policy of Switzerland," President Schulthess asserted, "dictated by our traditions, our desires, even by our vital interests, is and will remain that of loyal and strict neutrality toward all the belligerents, a neutrality sustained by an immovable resolution to defend our integrity and independence against all-comers. Any assertion to the contrary is quite without foundation."

"The economic position of Switzerland is very complex. She is obliged in order to exist, to work and maintain relations with both groups of belligerents. This is not done without misunderstanding, but I think I am not mistaken in saying that economic misunderstandings between Switzerland and France are on the point of completely disappearing."

FRENCH BREAK FOE'S VIOLENT ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE LASSIGNY

Shatter Columns of Germans in Drive On Paris.

SPOIL "PEACE" MOVE

Desperate Tactics Palpably Adopted To Back Up Hollweg's Declaration.

FRENCH SHATTER FOE.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—A German attack on Lassigny, that part of the Meuse nearest to Paris, was made Monday in great force, with Le Liberte's correspondent with the French army. It appears to have been concerted to coincide with von Bethmann-Hollweg's note, probably with a view to impressing the French by a local success.

"The Germans brought together about 40,000 men from the best divisions," adds the correspondent, "and concentrated corresponding quantities of artillery. The attack was preceded by a bombardment lasting for hours. The French were not taken by surprise and received the assaulting waves by a heavy fire from their three-inch guns and machine guns, tearing the ranks terribly. A heavy fire from the Meuse was directed at the attacking columns. Most of them were killed after stubborn resistance."

"The Germans renewed the assault an hour later without success. The French heavy artillery dispersed the reserves as they came up."

"The bulletin issued by the war office tonight reads:

"Somewhat spirited artillery actions took place south of the Meuse and on both banks of the Meuse and on the heights south of Bonhomme. Calm prevailed on the rest of the front. "Belgian communication—Nothing to report."

Austro-Hungarian Internal Troubles Disrupted Cabinet

German Newspaper Says So, Therefore It Must Be True.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 15.—The Tagblatt, in discussing the change in the Austrian Government, comes to the conclusion that the fall of the Ministry of Dr. von Koerber was due to a disagreement over the Ausgleich (an agreement between Austria and Hungary signed in 1907 concerning commercial and customs relations). The newspaper says that Alexander von Koerber, who has been asked to form a new ministry, as minister of commerce in the Sturgk cabinet worked out the details of a new Ausgleich with the emperor, and hence excluded him from the cabinet.

COASTGUARD RESCUES SUBMARINE'S CREW

Jumps Aboard With Line in Heavy Sea and Saves 27 Lives.

Eureka, Cal., Dec. 13.—The submarine U-13, in which 25 enlisted men and 2 officers of the United States navy were imprisoned yesterday while she pounded, disabled, in a heavy surf on the beach near the Eureka harbor entrance, was still intact today, as far as could be seen from the shore. Hope was expressed that the stranded submarine would be hauled back into deep water today.

The crew of the U-13 spent the night on the United States steamship Chicago, in Eureka harbor.

Werner Swaine, a coastguardman of the Eureka lifesaving station, was the hero of the rescue. While the navy men were still bottled up, a coastguard cutter pulled alongside with a lead line for a breeches buoy. When the cutter was dashed away, Swaine leaped aboard the submarine and made fast the line. Washed overboard, he clasped a struggling line and hauled himself up to safety only to be forced to repeat his hazardous struggle a moment later. A little later Swaine and members of the crew were able to haul the buoy tackle aboard.

TOTAL PROHIBITION FOR U.S. FAVORABLY REPORTED TO HOUSE

Judiciary Committee Unexpectedly Votes to Forbid Manufacture and Sale of Liquor as Beverage—Requires Two-Thirds Majority in Both Houses.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—National prohibition took a long stride toward congressional adoption today when the House Judiciary committee unexpectedly voted to recommend the adoption of the amendment to prohibit the manufacture and sale of liquor for beverage purposes in the United States. Even the most enthusiastic champions of the amendment had not expected favorable action as soon from the committee, which at the last session voted to postpone its consideration indefinitely.

How the resolution will progress through the various legislative stages of Congress at this session is problematical, but administration leaders doubt that it will reach the Senate in time for action at this session. Prohibition advocates are jubilant over the action of the committee, however, and predict the ultimate adoption of the resolution, and reference of the amendment to the legislature of the various states at a much earlier date than they heretofore had hoped. A two-thirds majority in both Houses is required.

The Judiciary committee voted on a favorable report to the House by 12 to 7.

The proposed universal suffrage amendment was ordered reported without recommendation.

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STUBBORN FIGHTING MARKS DEFENCE OF CENTRAL RUMANIA

Russians Fiercely Resisting Move on Buzeu.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14.—Via London.—"The enemy continued his attacks in the direction of Buzeu (in Central Rumania) on Tuesday," says the communication today from the war office. "Our cavalry and infantry detachments came in contact with the enemy west of the town of Buzeu. Our troops advanced toward the west on Tuesday, and, co-operating with the infantry, fought a stubborn battle."

CROSS JALOMITZA.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—The supplementary war bulletin, issued tonight, says: "Field Marshal von Mackensen's Danube army has effected a crossing of the River Jalomitza, in Eastern Wallachia."

CLAIM ANOTHER TOWN.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—Via Saville.—The Bulgarian war office at Sofia issued the following statement on December 9: "Our troops, which crossed the Danube near Turtukal, occupied the town of Aneniza, which had been looted by the enemy. Other troops crossed the Danube near Silistria."

HUNGARY DEMANDS TO KNOW OF PEACE TERMS

New Independent Party Refuses To Leap In Dark.

Amsterdam, Dec. 15.—Via London.—The Budapest newspaper Pest-Hirlap says that the new Hungarian Independent party led by Count Michael Karolyi will demand that an announcement be made of the peace terms of the central powers, and that an interpolation to that effect will be introduced in the Hungarian Parliament.

GRANT SAFE CONDUCT

Allies Decide To Pass Austrian Ambassador to States.

London, Dec. 15.—The Entente powers have decided to grant safe conduct to Count Tarnowski of Tarnow, recently appointed Austrian Hungarian ambassador to the United States.

The foreign office made this announcement today, saying the Entente had decided to grant the safe conduct to the representatives of the representations made by the American Government.

WILL VOTE ON HYDRO.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OIL SPRINGS, Dec. 14.—A vote will be taken at the coming elections to provide \$10,000 for a hydro system. The matter has been under consideration for two years.

CONFERENCE OF BELLIGERENTS.

The German view of the next possible step is that a meeting of representatives of all the belligerents should be proposed for a general discussion of an approach to a basis for peace. German officials have repeatedly expressed their conviction that once having gone that far, the movement would result in an actual peace conference.

The conviction of the allied diplomats, on the other hand, is that Germany's terms, as outlined by the German embassy here, and as indicated by the tenor of the German chancellor's speech, are such that discussion would be fruitless of no conclusion. But before announcing this stage, they seem to agree that an inquiry to the central powers for more information of their proposal will be proper, and that it will develop the ground for the next step.

FRANKFURTER ZEITUNG HOPEFUL OF CONFERENCE.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 14.—The Frankfurter Zeitung says it finds it difficult to believe that the peace proposal of the central powers will be answered negatively, and proceeds to point out the manner in which both sides can begin negotiations.

"It is impossible," says the newspaper, "that the views of both belligerent parties should be similar as regards what constitutes a suitable basis for a lasting peace, but there were times before the war when we appeared to be within an approximate distance of discovering such a basis. Of course the war has altered much in the view held concerning all these things, but the differences cannot be insuperable, and Germany and the allies do not consider them insuperable."

Opportunity for Allies.

"If the central Governments are really pursuing the aim which they have often avowed to the world, they must seize the opportunity to reconcile their aim with that of the central powers. As a neutralizer of the combatants has collapsed, and an adjustment between them can only be made by agreement. We do not demand or command an answer, but we expect an answer and counter-proposal. The precise object of our proposal is to bring the belligerents to a common council table where misunderstandings can be cleared up."

GREAT ANXIETY NOW EXISTS IN BERLIN.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 14.—Via London.—A dispatch to the Politikon from Berlin says:

"What the entire city and the country are discussing now is not the probability of the peace, but the possibility of the peace. The peace has collapsed, and an adjustment between them can only be made by agreement. We do not demand or command an answer, but we expect an answer and counter-proposal. The precise object of our proposal is to bring the belligerents to a common council table where misunderstandings can be cleared up."

Despite the press opinions from enemy countries of a discouraging telegram to Germany, it is hoped they do not express the opinions of the respective governments."

KILLS WIFE AND SELF.

REGINA, Dec. 14.—Information was received at the headquarters of the mounted police today that George Hill, farmer, had shot and killed his wife and then himself. Hill is a settler near Swift Current. The mounted police report is that it was a straight case of murder and suicide.

FATHER LACOMB BURIED.

CALGARY, Dec. 14.—The funeral of Rev. Father Lacomb was held this morning at St. Mary's Cathedral. The remains were brought from Midnapore yesterday and lay in state at the Cathedral from 7 a.m. to 8:30 o'clock. When High Mass was sung, Rev. Father Gradin, provincial superior head of the Oblate Order, officiated.

Kaiser Will Prove Best Recruiting Agent for Britain

CARDIFF, Wales, Dec. 14.—Field Marshal Viscount French, speaking here today, said: "Germany's so-called peace proposals will only serve, like the spellen raids, to draw this nation closer together. The Kaiser will thus prove our best recruiting agent, and his latest piece of arrogant insolence will prompt us to additional efforts."

DISTRICT CASUALTIES

KILLED IN ACTION

LONDON.

Pte. A. J. Gunn.

DIED

INNERKIP.

Pte. Blackwood Peden.

MISSING

ST. MARYS.

Pte. Albert Lewis.

WOUNDED

KITCHENER.

Pte. M. J. Figures.

GUELPH.

Pte. E. A. Juplin.

GERMAN SOLDIERS JOYOUS
ON HEARING PEACE MOVE

Berlin Says Rejection by Allies Will Intensify Fight.

GERMAN GREAT HEADQUARTERS IN THE WEST, Dec. 13.—Via Berlin to London, Dec. 14.—The German peace note was read at noon on Tuesday to all the reserves and to the troops retreating behind the front. Its contents were made known to the soldiers at the front, or on the way from the trenches, through announcements on improvised bulletin boards.

The effect of the announcements was to call forth spontaneous shouts of joy, tempered later by doubt as to whether the Entente would agree to make peace now. It is generally agreed, however, that the note comes exactly at the right time, and that in case it is rejected the fighting will continue with renewed vigor.

DUKE IS HONORED.

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—The Duke of Devonshire was made an LL. D. of McGill University this afternoon in the Royal Victoria College. The degree was conferred by the principal of the university, Sir William Peterson.

CANADIAN TORPEDOBOAT SAFE; LIMPS INTO SHELBOURNE HARBOR WITH SIX OF CREW MISSING

Grise Suffers Terrible Pounding by Waves and Is Leaking Badly—Sub-Lieut. Fry Seriously Injured About the Head.

HALIFAX, Dec. 14.—With six of her crew drowned, two more injured, wireless dismantled, her boats carried away, and leaking badly from the terrible pounding which she had received in 48 hours of gales and high seas off the Nova Scotia coast—H. M. C. S. Grise, the torpedo boat, which was recorded lost with all hands, arrived in Shelburne harbor under her own steam at 9:50 o'clock tonight.

The following were lost overboard: R. Wilkinson, artificer engineer, Wellington-on-Tyne, England. E. C. Clemens, wireless operator, Hamilton, Ont. W. J. Tremble, chief petty officer, Toronto. G. Ashwyn, leading seaman, London, England.

A. J. Harris, able seaman, Mayo, Ireland. H. M. Macauliffe, signalman, Halifax, N.S. The following were injured: C. McLean Fry, sub-lieutenant, Ottawa, seriously injured about the head. F. Chandler, leading seaman, West Worthing, England, leg broken and badly injured.

In his report to naval headquarters, Halifax, Lieut. Wingate said that the ship was striking water forward, and that the mess deck was flooded. No further details have been received.

The first news of the safety of the ship to reach the Morning Chronicle, after the arrival of the Grise at Shelburne, and was communicated to the naval authorities.

SWITZERLAND WILL NOT BE DUPED BY GERMANY

Kaiser May Get His People To Blame Allies—That's All.

GENEVA, via Paris, Dec. 14.—The South German press attached great importance to the flying visit of the emperor to Munich yesterday, where he varied matters were discussed. The emperor remarked on the absence of young soldiers in the streets, and visited the Princess Amalie, whose son, a nephew of the king, was killed in Rumania. The emperor carefully read long telegrams concerning the opinion of the Allies on the peace proposals.

The Journal de Geneve says: "Germany will make the Germans believe that the Entente Allies will be morally responsible for the continuation of the war. Perhaps the Germans will believe this, but neutrals will not be duped, anyhow not the Swiss."

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS

Owing to the rush of holiday advertising, advertisers are asked to send their copy in at least 24 hours in advance of publication; otherwise it is impossible to guarantee insertion or position desired. Merchants will serve their own interests by complying with this request.

WORKING ON HYDRO.

A special meeting of the board of trade will be held in the council chamber of the city hall on Friday evening, December 15. Several important issues affecting commercial interests of the city will come up. The executive of the board will present a report on the construction of the hydro system on Front street started today. The wiles are being strung and preparations made for the erection of the standards for the brackets containing the lights. The cold weather hampers the work, but good progress is being made. The local manager of the system will give no definite date for its completion, but from the present indications it should be finished early in the new year. Several local industries have made application for power and the Mueller Company is already using the current.

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HUNGER IS BEHIND GERMANY'S MOVE IN DIRECTION OF PEACE

Pamphlet Taken From a Prisoner Significant.

MASSSES FACE STARVATION

Situation Is Hopeless in Germany and Austria—Turkey Is Gasping.

TORONTO, Dec. 14.—A special cable to the Evening Telegram from Douglas S. Robertson, the London correspondent, says:

"Light on Germany's peace proposal is given in a violent socialist pamphlet taken from a German prisoner by a Canadian and shown me today. Of particular interest, it reveals a grave state of unrest in a large section of Germany's civil population, naming various big cities, such as Hamburg, Osnabruck, etc.

"Headed by the single word 'hunger,' in black gothic type, the pamphlet fiercely accuses German rulers of senselessly plunging the nation into the war. It derides von Bethmann-Hollweg's explanation that Britain is the cause of the famine and declares the scarcity of food is an inevitable result of the insane idea of war on Britain, France and Russia. It points out that neutrals are now short and reduced in places to an inevitable famine themselves, thus lessening exports.

"In Germany and Austria the situation is hopeless. All the rulers are able to feed its own cities. It declares the German aristocracy, the wealthy and the food dealers don't feel the famine, while the starving masses, and says that the military and political leaders have been deluding the people with lies about getting food from the conquered territories are less. German levies quickly exhausted this food and now the people are starving in Serbia and Poland.

"The indictment admits that Germany is able to continue the war for a while, but points out that the situation is likely to be a slaughter on the battlefield, hosts of women and children dead and starving. Now is the time for action to stop the war, concludes the address, calling on all German Socialists to this end."

HARWICH COUNCILLOR IS MOVING TO WINDSOR

Dougald McColg Had Successful Sale of Stock and Implements.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

BLENHEIM, Dec. 14.—Dougald McColg, councillor of Harwich, has sold his fine farm on the 10th concession to Abe Durf of Kent Centre, and will move to Windsor, where he intends engaging in electric railway work. Mr. McColg had a very successful auction sale of his farm stock and implements yesterday. He has been a member of the council two years.

The race for reevehip of the township is said to be between the present Reeve Buchanan and First Deputy Reeve Jenner.

Mr. Jenner is likely to run with a possible opponent, James McCormick. For second deputy, John A. Cameron is said to be a sure candidate, with a possible opponent in some ex-Thomas Smyth and others.

Blenheim may have a keen race. Mayor J. B. Little and Reeve Ferguson are pretty well known to be urged to stand for another year.

J. B. Pickering, who has been running his poolroom as a club, has been notified to take out a license by the council. He considers the fee of \$35 per table rather high, and has stated he will run to the end of the year without charge, trusting to some change when a new council is elected.

The council is one that has been on top in municipal matters for a long time. Harold Kedwell, a student of the construction school, has left for Kingston, where he joins the artillery, having a reputation as an Englishman. The congregation of the Methodist Church presented him with a purse recently. Bartister R. L. Gosnell making the presentation.

VETERAN REEVE MAY BE WARDEN OF HURON AGAIN

VENIZELIST TROOPS REACH HERMOPOLIS AND ARE CHEERED

Royalist Officers Detained—
Men Join Nationalists.

NEW BATTLE FRONT SOON?

Remark Made by Premier
Briand May Refer to
Greece.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The "Times" Syria correspondent, telegraphing the 12th, says: "Venizelist troops have just disembarked at Hermopolis, the port of Syria and the island passed under the rule of the national government. Crowds cheered the troops as they landed."

Royalist officers and men of the local forces are detained for the present under a British safeguard, but several of the men have declared their wish to join the national army, and have been accepted.

The remainder of Crete will shortly be taken over by the national government. The new governor is about to land.

Stronger Policy Toward Greece. There is neither an official explanation nor a trustworthy indication here as to the reason for the replacing of Admiral du Fourat, commander-in-chief of the Entente Allied sea forces in the Mediterranean, by Admiral Gauthier, and the announcement is printed here with scarcely any comment.



Advertiser Illustration. Striking war pictures by the British official photographer, from the western front. The British regimental sergeant-major came along, carried by four German prisoners, shouting to the reserves going up, "Good boys—let 'em have it."

BOILERMAKERS ARE ON STRIKE, DEFYING THE UNION LEADERS

Work of Vital Importance to
Admiralty Held Up.

GOVERNMENT WILL ACT
Will Deal Drastically Under
Defence of Realm
Act.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The Press Bureau issues the following statement: "Since Saturday a majority of the boilermakers in the port of Liverpool have been on strike. The strike followed the refusal on the part of the same men for a period of five weeks to work overtime. Their action has been taken in defiance of the urgent requests of the leaders of the union and in violation of the provisions of the munitions act."

"The grievance of the men arises from the award given by the committee on production on November 3. They applied for an advance of ten shillings on the ground of increased cost of living, and the award given was three shillings. . . . In order to give the men every opportunity of reconsidering the matter—(name of the sender omitted; will be sent when received)—sent the following message to the union officials."

"I assumed office today and regret that my first duty is to deal with the strike. No matter what grievances the men have, it is impossible for me to deal with them until work is resumed. . . . Despite this the men have remained on strike, though admiralty work of the most vital importance, is being greatly delayed. Accordingly, the Government has issued notice, drawing the attention of all concerned, to the defence of the realm act regarding the matter, and the Government proposes to deal with the situation drastically under the power given by the munitions of war act and the defence of the realm act."

"The lack of sincerity and the object of the enemy proposals is evident. The enemy governments have need of heroic measures to complete the gaps in their armies. Germany is projecting a sort of serfdom in the guise of compulsory military service, to uplift the hearts of its people and prepare it for fresh sacrifices, is striving to create a favorable atmosphere with the following thesis: 'We are struggling for our existence; we are proposing peace! it is refused us. Therefore the responsibility for the continuation of the war falls upon our enemies.'"

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"The Entente powers would assume a terrible responsibility before their peoples before all humanity. If they suspended the struggle against Germany's latest attempt to profit by the present situation to implant her hegemony in Europe. All the innumerable sacrifices of the Allies would be nullified by a premature peace with the enemy, who is exhausted, but not yet brought down."

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RUSSIANS OPPOSE ANY SUSPENSION OF WAR STRUGGLE

Consider Peace Talk Merely
Another German Snare.

TERRIBLE RESPONSIBILITY
Stopping of War With Objec-
tives Gained Too Much
To Assume.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14, via London. —The peace proposal of the central powers is regarded by the Russian Government as "an attempt to court public opinion and encourage the people of Germany by appearing to put the responsibility for the continuation of the war on the Entente Allies."

The proposal has been received by official Petrograd without an atom of sympathy. An official of the foreign office today made the following statement, which has been issued by the semi-official Petrograd News Agency: "The new appeal of our enemies is not their first attempt to throw upon the Entente powers the responsibility for the war they are losing. In order to obtain the support of the German peoples, who are tired of the war, the Berlin Government many times has had recourse to flimsy words of peace and has frequently, in order to animate its troops offered prospects of an early peace. It promised peace when Warsaw was taken, when Serbia was conquered, forgetting that such promises unfulfilled would create profound distrust."

Whole World Knows Game. "In its further efforts, which are similarly due to the same interested considerations, the German Government is obliged to carry this question outside of Germany, notably its balloons d'essai, which were sent up in neutral countries, particularly the United States."

"Seeing the inanity of such methods which deceived nobody, Germany attempted to create a peace atmosphere, which would allow her to consolidate her aggressive and imperialistic tendencies while sowing discord between the Allies, by seeking to make public opinion believe that separate negotiations were in progress between her and the Entente powers. There were also persistent reports of a separate peace."

More Serious Act Necessary. "In view of the fact, however, that the Allies with strong unanimity rejected all these attempts, our enemies had to think of a more serious plan. They today are making in spite of their confidence in their military and economic power, an appeal to the United States, Spain, and Switzerland, announcing their anxiety to enter into negotiations for peace."

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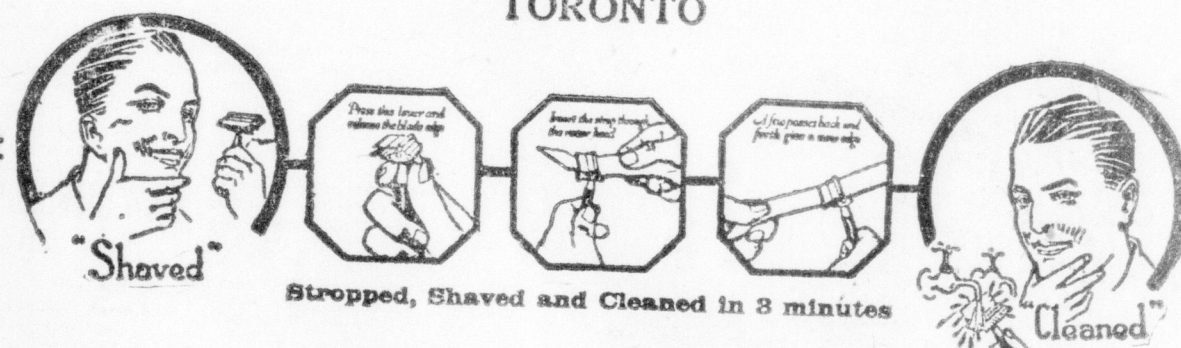
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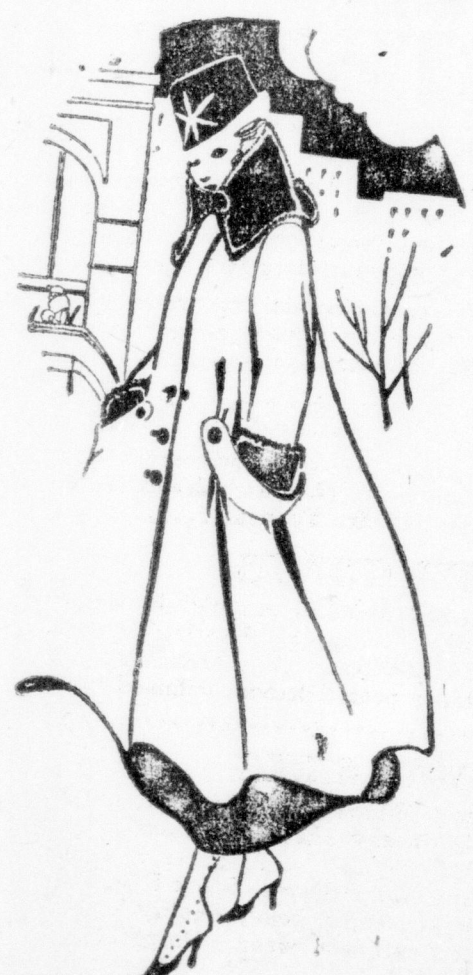
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FARMERS ASSOCIATION DISCUSSES PLANS FOR AIDING THE EMPIRE

Meeting at Strathroy Very
Largely Attended.

PRACTICAL ADDRESSES

Farm Economics and War
Problems Gone Into
by Experts.

STRATHROY, Dec. 14.—The meeting of the Strathroy Junior Farmers' Association held this afternoon in the town hall was one of the most interesting and successful that the organization has ever held. Practical farm problems of all kinds were dealt with together

with all manner of patriotic suggestions and pointers for aiding the empire and the men who are doing the fighting. The importance of maintaining the food supplies was dealt with from many angles and much valuable information was obtained regarding farm economics, the importance of pure bred stock and other lines.

The principal speakers this afternoon were Messrs. Toole, Miller, Stark and I. B. White.

At a banquet held this evening and attended by over fifty members of the association, President Allan McNeill, of Carleton Place, was in the chair. The speakers were Fred Lockwood, of Mount Brydges, who replied to the toast to the "King"; Donald Graham, of Carleton Place, who responded to "Our Boys in Khaki"; David Evans, who replied to the toast of "Agriculture"; D. Anzures, of Lambeth; John Currie, of Adelaide, and Mr. Stark, of Strathroy. During the evening Mr. Ewart Evans rendered several songs most acceptably.

MEAT 39 CENTS A POUND.

BBRIAN, Dec. 14, via London, Dec. 15.—Owing to the steady advance in the price of horse meat, a maximum price of 39 cents a pound for the best cuts, liver and sausage has been fixed by the authorities.

MUCH TIME WASTED AT PUBLIC MEETING IN USELESS ARGUMENT

Fifty Citizens Heard Big Pro-
positions Discussed.

MANY QUESTIONS ASKED

Factory Bond Bylaw Occa-
sioned a Good Deal
of Talk.

About 50 citizens displayed sufficient interest in city business to attend the meeting held in Ryerson school last evening for the discussion of municipal questions. The industrial bond guarantee, the gas franchise and city audit question were gone into at great length. A. J. McDonald was chairman.

Gordon Phillips, secretary of the London Board of Trade, was asked to explain the bond guarantee bylaw. He stated that other cities, that had adopted this plan, were able to offer better inducements to factories looking for locations, and showed many other advantages to be gained.

Ex-Alderman Donnelly asked regarding the guarantee between the city and the industrial association. Mr. Phillips endeavored to explain.

"If you don't want to answer my question, I'll take that," said Mr. Donnelly.

Financial Return.
Mr. Thompson of Evergreen avenue, asked whether the industrial association would make six per cent on \$100,000 or \$200,000.

"They realize only on their investment, \$100,000," answered Mr. Phillips. "Are you sure of that?" said Mr. Thompson, but Mr. Phillips ignored the question.

Favors Bylaw.
Alderman Little also spoke in favor of the industrial bylaw. "If we get factories here there will be more people to work here, more houses will be built, and while it won't cost any of us any more, it will bring in more taxes," he said.

Ex-Ald. Donnelly stated that he couldn't understand why businessmen in the board of trade would spend money to assist factories that would compete with them.

Alderman Little replied that he, personally, would welcome two or three additional wholesale drygoods businesses.

Citizen Thompson was of the opinion that "those who were pushing the bylaw for 100,000 pounds might be owners of property that might be bought for factories."

Ex-Alderman Donnelly claimed that certain aldermen who voted for the bylaw in the council, were not going to vote for it at the polls.

Dr. Shaw also explained the workings of the bylaw.

Alderman Ashplant moved that, if it were the wish of the meeting, the gas franchise be discussed.

Controller White has just previously asked that, as the gas franchise was not going before the people, something else of more immediate interests should be discussed.

Ald. Little explained the negotiations with the gas company.

"Did you vote for it?" asked Ald. Ashplant.

"Yes, I voted that it be sent before the people," said Ald. Little.

"You voted for the franchise, and it wasn't to go before the people," said Ald. Ashplant.

Charges Quibbling.
"I voted that the proposition be entertained, if Ald. Ashplant wants to quibble," replied Ald. Little.

Ald. Ashplant thought that the people ought to know what took place at the meetings of the council. "Eleven voted against it and three for it, and the people should know these things," he said. He urged the pinning of the city by the citizens, and that natural gas be sold at cost as hydro is sold.

Controller White substantiated Ald. Little's remarks. The motion put was to the effect that the proposition be entertained and Controller White wanted it given one reading, and then carried over to the 1917 council.

Controller White was interrupted by Ald. Ashplant. "I didn't interrupt you when you were speaking," said Mr. White. Ald. Ashplant interrupted again, and the chairman made it plain that no interruptions would be allowed.

Mr. Thompson, Evergreen avenue, thought that "the members of the council were allowing the people to vote on questions which they didn't understand themselves."

Ald. Ashplant in answer to a question from Citizen Thompson, regarding a rise in the cost of the utilities audit, said that in 1909 it was less than \$1,950 and rose to \$3,375 last year, and \$600 additional was asked and refused. He said that previous to Mr. Jewell's resignation, \$450 was the cost of extra assistance on the audit for the utilities commission. After Mr. Dunlop was appointed this extra cost jumped to \$2,100. He mentioned that Chairman Pocock is a director of the Huron & Erie, and City Solicitor Meredith is also a director, and stated that the city solicitor said that this was all right.

Says Misleading.
Ex-Controller Percy Moore claimed that Ald. Ashplant was making misleading statements. Ald. Ashplant, instead of replying to Mr. Moore's statement, asked him a question in turn.

"He's beating about the bush," said Mr. Moore.

"He talks around and round the subject till the audience don't know what he's talking about and until he don't know himself. He talks till the members of the council get tired of hearing his voice," said Mr. Moore.

After Ald. Ashplant had spoken further, the chairman intervened and asked that Mr. White state the case to avoid the audience being misled.

"The chairman of the utilities tried to force it through and the council wouldn't allow it," said Ald. Ashplant again speaking on the increase.

Mr. White stated that Mr. Dunlop was to receive \$5,500 and had a "carte blanche" to employ what assistants and at what pay he liked.

Ald. Ashplant again arose, and this time regarding to the platform, said: "Now we have not only a statement that is misleading, but a statement that is untrue. If you are going to stand there and speak falsely I will sit down," and he descended to the floor, but later went to the platform again to make further statements.

Mayor Stevenson spoke on the hydro power bylaw. Power was exported that was needed, and the bylaw asked the citizens if they want to go in with other municipalities and develop their own power at Chippewa Creek. Seven dollars instead of from \$9 to \$12 per horsepower will be the price. The municipalities will likely own the plant in 20 years.

"We can develop our own power just as easily as we can distribute our own power," he said.

KILL POLITICAL CENSORSHIPS.
PAIS, Dec. 14.—The member of deputies today adopted a motion abolishing the political censorship, while retaining the diplomatic and military censorship. The motion was accepted by the Government and passed unanimously.

BROOM FACTORY WITH \$75,000 CAPITAL TO LOCATE IN LONDON

Old George White Buildings
Sold to American Firm.

ONLY PLANT IN CANADA

Will Be Wholesale Dealers
in Broom Corn for
Dominion.

The property formerly occupied by George White & Sons has been sold to a company which will manufacture brooms. The property is located on Ridout street and has a frontage of 200 feet and also two stores and two dwellings on King street.

The new manufacturers are wholesale dealers in broom corn and broom manufacturers' supplies and are the only firm of this kind in Canada. The concern will be capitalized at \$75,000, with a Dominion charter and headed by J. N. Ketchersid, president of the State Bank, of Hope, Kansas; George W. Ralls & Co., wholesale broom corn merchants, of Wichita, Kansas; and P. C. Ketchersid, broom corn, Wichita, Kansas and W. H. Thornton, of this city.

Messrs. Ketchersid and Ralls came here last week and looked over the situation and decided to locate in the city permanently. They have instructed Mr. Thornton to purchase the property of George White & Sons, part of which is leased for military storage, but ample room is left for storage of 100 cars or more.

Broom manufacturers formerly had to go to Chicago brokers or to the Southern States to buy or accept what the broom corn broker offered.

The real estate deal was put through by E. B. Fitzgerald. The price is not given out.

PRAISES WOMEN FOR WONDERFUL WORK IN SUPPORT OF TROOPS

Army and Hospitals Are Their
Debtors, Says E. F. Johnston.

ADDRESS AT KITCHENER

Speaker Has Pledged His Sup-
port for Women's
Suffrage.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
KITCHENER, Dec. 14.—E. F. Johnston, K.C., of Toronto, was the chief speaker at the midmonth supper of the Waterloo County Canadian Club tonight. His subject was "Canada and the War." In opening he paid a tribute to the women of Canada. They have since war broke out given goods suitable for the army and hospitals to the value of \$7,000,000, and have contributed to supplies \$2,200,000.

"They only look for women suffrage in return," he said. "I have pledged them my support. Great Britain is today fighting for the cardinal principles of Christianity, truth and justice."

Continuing, the speaker said Canadian citizens must prepare for a heavy burden of taxation and not only this but 25 per cent of the men who come back must be provided with employment. More men were needed for Canada's army and men, money and supplies must be provided. The meeting was well attended.

The British League at its regular weekly meeting tonight was addressed by Capt. Dancy of the 20th Battalion, Ottawa. He expressed pleasure at attending the name Kitchener. He was of the opinion that the name would stand in spite of all efforts to the contrary. He pointed out the name stands for, and stated that Canada would not stand for such an insult as would be cast on the name by its displacement.

In speaking of the recent proposals of peace, Capt. Dancy stated that they were made by the Kaiser and the German war lords, not with the idea of peace, but for the purpose of quieting the minds of the people, to try and bring out to them the fact that Germany is not the aggressor. He told the British citizens to fight manfully to hold the name of Kitchener.

NEW OFFICERS CHOSEN FOR HACKET LODGE

Hackett Loyal Orange Lodge, No. 610, held its regular meeting last night in Orange Hall, with Worshipful Master Edgar Post in the chair. Three applications for admission were received, one candidate was initiated, and one candidate was received by certificate.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Ernest Langford, worshipful master; J. W. Carson, D.M.; Wm. Johnstone, chaplain; Rev. E. Applebury, honorary chaplain; A. Nevill, recording secretary; W. J. Hodgins, financial secretary; Joseph Murray, treasurer; L. Saunders, director of ceremonies; George Shoebottom, first lecturer; Sam Lawrence, second lecturer; Thomas C. Neil Southwick, met. R. Stevenson, Art. Tophome and Fred Preston, committeemen; trustees, Wm. Dros, Jos. Murray and A. Nevill. All the incoming officers delivered speeches.

A resolution was passed to send a letter of condolence to Bro. Carson, whose brother was killed in France recently.

NEIL SOUTHWICK KILLED IN AN AUTO ACCIDENT

Former Stratford Man Meets Death in Oregon.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
STRATFORD, Dec. 14.—Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Ormerod that their nephew, Neil Southwick, met death in an auto accident in Redmond, Oregon. No particulars are given. Mr. Southwick was a former Stratford boy, and was a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Southwick of Grand Rapids, formerly of Stratford.

Ormerod Bros. of St. Marys were awarded \$14 against the Ford Motor Company in their action in the county court here. It was for commission on cars sold. The defendants have also to pay all costs.

It appears that the plaintiffs had been acting as agents for the company, and after the expiration of their agreement, they sued for the commission on these.

Let Your Gifts This Year Be Useful Ones!



Pay your own intelligence a big compliment by choosing for the men folks gifts that will be useful. They will be appreciated in this time of rising prices, better, perhaps, than ever before.

Help the salespeople if you possibly can by coming early; choosing will be better and more easily done in the mornings, and selections now can be laid aside upon payment of a small deposit until nearer Christmas, if any convenience to you.

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There are swell tweed effects in pinch-back and full-back models for the young man; dressy blacks and dark greys for the middle-aged and older men; big warm ulsters for the man who drives or motors; many kinds for many men and lots of each... \$10, \$12, \$15, \$16.50, \$18, \$20 and \$25

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Khaki Souvenir Silk 50c
Fine Irish Lawn, in boxes of half dozen, 50c, 75c, 85c, \$1
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Pure Irish Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs 20c, 25c

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FINE GLOVES

Fleece and Wool-Lined Cape and Suede, in grey and tan \$1.25 to \$2.00
Lamb-Fleeced and Fur-Lined Cape and Suede Gloves at \$2.50 to \$4.50
Unlined and Silk-Lined Dogskin and French Suede \$1.25 to \$2.00
Driving Gauntlets of wool Persian lamb \$1.39, \$1.75 and \$2.25
Automobile Gauntlets, lined and unlined \$1.75 to \$2.50
Wool Gloves in English and Canadian makes 50c, 75c, \$1.00

Unusual Display of Fine Mufflers

Prevailing overcoat styles make a muffler practically imperative, and we have a more than usually liberal assortment now.

Silk Bandannas, in dozens of swell new colors \$1.00, \$1.25 to \$2.00
Silk Reefers with fringed ends, in swaggar new black and white club stripes, new moires and handsome Paisley silk effects 75c, \$1.50, \$2.00
Knitted Mufflers in standard and novelty effects, in fibre and silk, all good full size, 50c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.75
Exclusive New Brushed Silk and High-Class Silk Persian Reefers, very newest \$3.00, \$3.50

Wonderfully Attractive Neckwear

The finest showing we've ever made and one that will surely delight you, silk qualities entirely unusual this year and many lines that are being shown in the big cities at double our prices. All in fancy boxes 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00

DISTINCTIVE WAISTS THAT MAKE AN ACCEPTABLE

CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE DISCRIMINATING WOMAN

Here is a special lot of Chic Crepe de Chine Waists, in colors of pink, maize, rose, peach, black and white. They have the large shoulder collar; the front, collar and cuffs are hemstitched and trimmed with fancy pearl buttons, altogether making a most acceptable and appropriate gift. These are regular \$5.00 value. For \$3.98

Here is another special line in Crepe de Chine Waists, not quite so classy as the former, but a waist that would be much appreciated as a gift even by the most fastidious; the colorings are the same and quality perfect; worth \$3.98. For \$2.98

HUDSON SEAL COAT BARGAIN

We have only a few of these exceptionally fine coats left and offer them at this special price to clear. They are 42 and 45 inches long, satin lined throughout, Chappelle dyed; regular \$160.00. To clear \$125.00

SWEATER COATS

Ladies' Silk Sweater Coats in belted and plain styles, in colors of emerald, open, rose and white \$3.50 to \$10.00 each
Special line Ladies' Brushed Wool Sweater Coats trimmed with white collar, cuffs and belt, fancy pearl buttons; trimmed specially. Priced \$7.00

CHRISTMAS SILKS

Chin-Chin Crepe, 36 inches wide, in pink, maize, rose, white and black 98c
Fancy Colored Habutai Silk, in peach, maize, rose, pink, black and white. Only 75c
36-inch Black Paillette, extra heavy quality and lovely finish 98c
Extra Special Black Duchess, splendid heavy quality, gives excellent wear. Only \$1.23

CHRISTMAS LINENS

Fancy Hemstitched Linen Towels, extra fine quality, handsome designs. Each 25c, 40c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00
We have an exceptionally large assortment of Linen Tablecloths from the best makers, all pure linens, selected designs. Each \$1.50, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.98, \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00
Embroidered Bedspreads, large size, exceptionally nice quality, very pretty patterns \$3.00, \$3.25, \$3.95
Ten pieces Full-Bleached Tabling, 70 inches wide, nice floral designs, excellent quality 65c

Two Stores **R. J. YOUNG & CO.** London London East



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Then Make the Kiddies Happy

With a Little Hydro-Electric Range

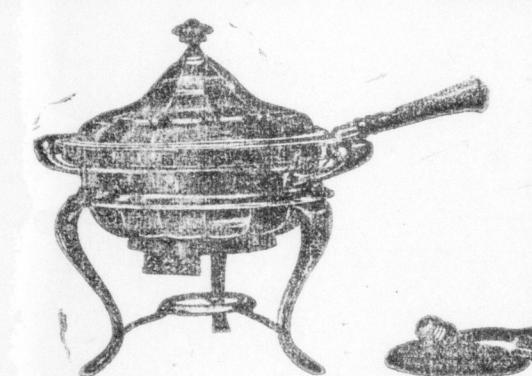
Picture their delight with a real Stove—for where is the little girl who doesn't like to cook?

Real cooking is ever so much more fun than "make-believe," and with this Range the children will be learning to cook while they play.

When other toys have lost their newness this little Electric Stove will continue a source of joy and education throughout the whole year.

Special Christmas price
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With a Little Junior Cook Book, a Kettle, Skillet and Bake Pan.

For the Kiddie's Mother



This Handsome Chafing Dish

A thoughtful gift—beautiful—acceptable—practical.



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Makes the most delicious fragrant coffee—right on the table.

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to take the place of that old leaky hot water bottle. Will last for years and bring comfort at many a trying time.

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On the Hydro Bylaw, Because:

you will be owning, operating and controlling your own generating station.



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A dainty Slipper, daintily shaped, daintily trimmed with Jet Beading. Made of Glove Kid or Patent.....\$5.00 the pair

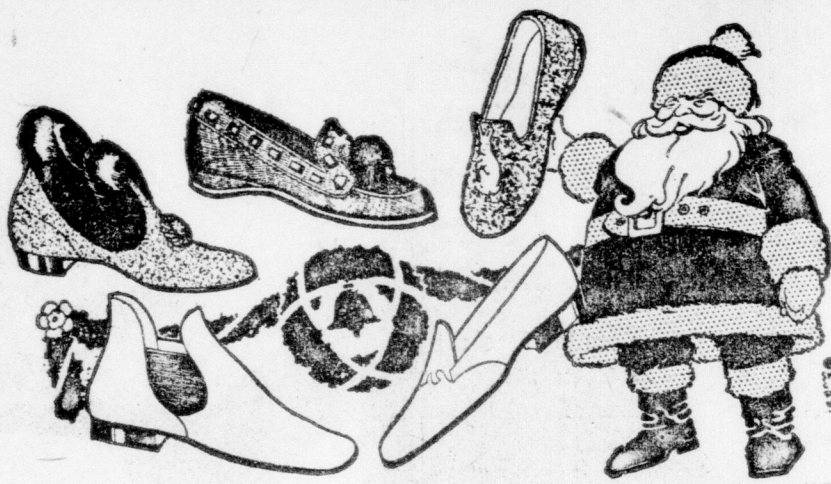
All Ready for the Christmas Rush

Our stores are all ready with a thousand sensible and practical—or dainty and beautiful—Christmas Gift suggestions.

We direct special attention to our mammoth "Christmas Slipper Sale" and the other timely items below.

Every Possible Aid and Convenience to Busy Shoppers is Yours for the Asking.

Prompt, courteous store and delivery service—no matter how great the demand.

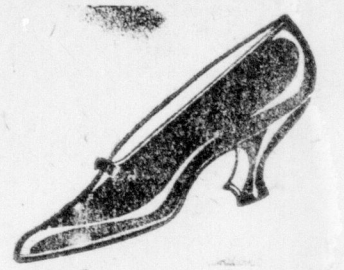


Our Annually Awaited Event the "Christmas Slipper Sale"

Begins tomorrow and will be bigger and better than usual.

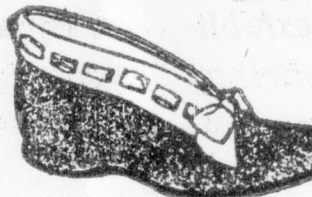
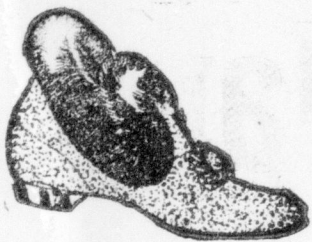
We've had to seek far and prepare early to contend with this year's tremendously advanced prices—but we've been successful.

And here we are ready with these unparalleled Slipper Values—at a time when you're looking for them—and not finding them anywhere.



THE GIRLS' DELIGHT.

A dressy pair of High-Grade Pumps for evening wear. Queen Quality make. None better, \$5.00 the pair.



Warm Leggings

For children of all ages and for grown-ups, too. Black Felt, Jersey and Corduroys in Brown or Red.

Velvet Juliets, \$1.75.

English and Canadian makes, in a variety of patterns; also plain Black, Brown and Red. Nicely trimmed.

Felt Juliets, \$1.25.

Trimmed as per out. Made with flexible soles. Colors are Black, Brown, Red and Grey.

"Kozy" Slippers, 85c and \$1.00.

Hundreds of pairs in these two popular numbers. Colors: Black, Navy, Brown, Red, Grey and Saxe Blue.

High-Cut Kozys, \$1.00 to \$1.35.

Made of "A" Grade Felt, daintily trimmed and finished with extra care. Colors: Black, Mauve, Pale Blue, Navy, Brown and Red.

Ladies' Hand Bags On Sale 98c

Values up to \$2.50 among these. Some colors, mostly black, all made of leather (guaranteed), on sale tomorrow and Saturday.

See the Black Undressed Leather Bags at.....19c, 39c, 69c

Men's Collar Boxes 50c

Made of genuine brown leather, and a real bargain.

BILLFOLDS, CARD CASES, ETC.

A complete assortment of small Leather Goods, comprising Billbooks, Folds, Certificate Cases, Letter Cases, Wallets, etc., at "before the war" prices.



Special in Hockey Boots

See the Box Kip Hockey for men. Sizes to 11, at.....\$1.95 the pair

Made with Ankle Strap, Ankle Pad and Lined Tongue; 100 pairs only to sell at.....\$1.95

Boys' Strong Chrome Leather Hockey. Sizes 1 to 5.....\$1.75

Boys' Hockey with Strap and Ankle Support. Sizes 1 to 5.....\$2.25

Boys' Box Calf Hockey, with Strap and Ankle Support.....\$2.50

Ladies' Black Hockey Boots.....\$2.00

Ladies' Box Goat Hockey, with Strap and Support.....\$2.50

LIGHTNING HITCH HOCKEYS FOR MEN, BOYS AND LADIES.

Men's Brown Slippers, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

Made of soft kid in each line; all on comfy shapes and smoothly finished. Big variety to choose from.

Men's Romeos, \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.00.

Made of Soft Brown Kid and Vici Kid on correct shapes for comfort. All sizes in stock.

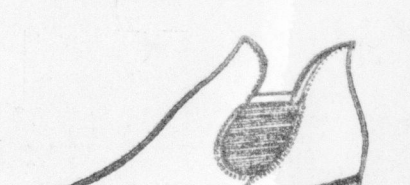
Men's Bedroom Slippers, \$1.00 and \$1.25.

Warm, Woolly ones, with padded insoles, leather on outside of sole; various patterns. Also "Kozy" Felt Slippers, in Brown only, for men.

Boys' Slippers, 90c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50.

For Small Boys, in sizes 11, 12, 13. Black at 90c. Brown at \$1.25.

For Big Boys, in sizes 1 to 5, \$1.00 and \$1.50.



Rubber Boots

Size 6 to 10, \$2.00.
Size 11 to 12, \$2.50.
Size 13, 14, 15, heavy, \$3.00.
Sizes 1 to 5, heavy, \$4.00.



OFFICERS INSTALLED BY DISTRICT MASTER

Orangemen From All Over Huron County Attended Meetings.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

BLYTH, Dec. 14.—J. E. Lawson of Blyth, who is district-master of the L. O. L., installed the following officers in the respective offices in this district this week:

Auburn—W. M. J. McLarty; D. M. J. McBrien; chaplain, R. Snell; recording-secretary, J. Taylor; financial-secretary, J. C. Clark; treasurer, M. Armstrong; D. of C., J. Carter; lecturer, J. Snell; committee, J. Irwin, H. Sturdy, G. Hamilton, A. Robinson and E. Patterson; trustees, H. Sturdy.

Belgrave—W. M. B. Bradburn; D. M. P. Scott; chaplain, J. Wightman; recording-secretary, M. Johnston; financial-secretary, Robert Owens; treasurer, Robert McCrae; lecturer, M. Bradburn; D. of C., A. Brydges; committee, B. Watson, C. Netting, W.

Love, F. Netting, J. Noble, Blyth—W. M. S. A. Poplestone; D. M., W. Bryant; chaplain, Rev. W. B. Hawkins; recording-secretary, H. Horney; financial-secretary, J. E. Laman; treasurer, W. H. McElroy; D. of C., W. Gibson; 1st lecturer, J. Hornbrook; 2nd lecturer, J. Ferguson; committee, F. Haggitt, J. Maines, A. Anderson, R. Pratt, T. Biggerstaff.

There was a large turnout at the Masonic annual meeting, the election of officers resulting as follows: W. M., Thomas Stewart; S. W., Thomas Sampson; J. W., Robert Pate; secretary, J. M. Hamilton; treasurer, J. T. Emigh; Tyler, Amos Spuhl. The lodge is in a flourishing condition, and besides having the election of officers, conferred degrees on four candidates.

At the annual meeting of the Blyth branch of the Bible Society, held in the Methodist Church, officers were elected as follows: President, F. Metcalf; vice-president, N. Cumming; secretary, A. Elder; treasurer, A. King; directors, Ernest Robinson, Henry Young, Luxton Hill, Dr. McTaggart, R. B. McGowan, Henry Horney.

BRUCE DEBENTURES BROUGHT GOOD PRICE

Forty-Two Thousand Dollars Worth Sold \$400 Above Par.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

KINCARDINE, Dec. 14.—At the December session of Bruce County Council, the committee appointed to sell the debentures, issued to raise money for patriotic purposes, \$42,000, reported that the debentures had been sold for over \$400 above par. The several delegations addressed the council regarding patriotic work. Resolutions were passed that at all recruiting meetings some one should advance the claims of the navy for recruits. The council also indorsed the formation of "The Associated Kin of Canadian Expeditionary Forces."

A strong resolution was passed urging the Government to take action to compel slackers to enlist.

DEATH CLAIMS OLDEST INGERSOLL RESIDENT

INGERSOLL, Dec. 14.—D. S. Burdick, aged 88, Ingersoll's oldest resident, died today. He was a man of wonderful activity. When over ninety years old he was a familiar figure on a bicycle and apart from the convenience of getting about the town he enjoyed the exercise.

He was a native of Oxford, having been born about one and a half miles outside of the corporation. He followed farming under pioneer conditions in East Missouri and forty-five years ago came to Ingersoll to live retired. His wife died two years ago in her 92nd year. They had been married for seventy years.

In religion he was a Methodist and a regular attendant at church until about four years ago. Of three children only one survives, Mrs. Macaulay with whom he made his home. The funeral which will be private, will be held Saturday afternoon at the Ingersoll rural cemetery.

FOURTH SON RENTS FARM AND IS GOING OVERSEAS SHORTLY

Greenock Couple Have All Their Boys in Khaki.

BLOWN UP BY SHELL

Had Wrist Fractured, But Is Now Back Again in Trenches.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

KINCARDINE, Dec. 14.—James McCormick, son of Joseph McCormick of Greenock, has just been bidding goodbye to his parents before reporting at Halifax. He rented his farm and enlisted at Edmonton. He is the fourth son and last of this family to enlist.

The others are: Archie, who enlisted with the first contingent, going over with the Fort Garry Horse. He went into the transporting depot, and in his work of rushing ammunition up to the front, he, with three others, was blown out of their car. He came out with a fractured wrist, and is back on the job.

Thomas enlisted with the 138th Battalion at Edmonton and is overseas. Robert enlisted with the 128th Battalion at Moose Jaw, but was discharged on account of rheumatism. A brother-in-law, Pte. John Kitchen, enlisted at Tiverton and is in England with the 166th Battalion.

Three sons of Mrs. Murdoch McDonald, formerly of Point Clark Light-house, have enlisted for overseas. They are: Pte. Malcolm McDonald, wounded June 18, 1915, and honorably discharged; Lieut. Donald McDonald, 96th Battalion; Sergt. Alex. McDonald, wounded June 15, and back again in the trenches.

Nursing Sister Lieut. E. J. Neelin was here saying good-bye to friends before returning for active duties in England. She has been doing recruiting work for some months past.

JOINED THE C. A. M. C. [Special to The Advertiser.]

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 14.—Four St. Thomas girls, Ella Forsythe, Daisy Copeman, Ina Copeman and Lillian Armstrong, recently accepted for overseas service with the C. A. M. C., have been notified to report at military headquarters in London, Ont., Monday, and on that evening they leave for Montreal.

HURON BOYS GO TO FRANCE. [Special to The Advertiser.]

BLYTH, Dec. 14.—Word just received from the Blyth boys in the 161st Huron Battalion in England states that they are being drafted for the front. One draft has already gone and another is going soon.

SNIPER IS DEAD. [Special to The Advertiser.]

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 14.—Relatives here have received word that Pte. Blackwood Peden, of Innerskip, died on the western battlefield, October 25. He enlisted in the 81st Battalion at Winnipeg, later transferring to the 44th, and was the best shot in the battalion, and going to France acted as a sniper. Pte. Wellington Peden, a brother, is now with the motor transport section of the 22nd Battalion.

CODERICH TO PUT TEAM IN THE JUNIOR O. H. A.

Lack of Material at Present is Bothering the Management.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

GOLDENBACH, Dec. 14.—A meeting was held in the town hall last evening for the purpose of organizing a hockey team for the Junior O. H. A. The following officers were elected: President, E. R. Vigier; secretary, Wm. Craig; treasurer, W. H. Robertson; executive committee, J. Wiggins, H. Belcher, Capt. E. Robinson and George Beaumont; manager, Lorne Young. While the material for a fast team is not very promising, it was thought best to begin and build up a new lot of players for another year.

PROMISES OF TIME TO QUIET BERLIN UNREST

New Home Army Not Called Up Till February, Says Announcement.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—Via London.—Berlin workers in the various trades will not be drawn into the Government service or called upon under the new home army law until February, according to an announcement by Gen. Groener, head of the war bureau, to the Berlin Chamber of Trades today.

That much time will be required to organize the new national service, questions of transportation and raw material problems, is sure. Gen. Groener's announcement was made in order to quiet uneasiness over rumors that the trades workers would be called out immediately.

Gifts For the Home

"Macey" Sectional Bookcases

This case consists of a top, three sections and a base, golden or fumed oak; will make a handsome gift for anybody's home.....\$18.50

Easy, Comfortable Rockers

Made of solid oak, upholstered in best imitation leather, golden or fumed oak.....\$7.50

Other Rockers from.....\$3.50 to \$35.00

Children's Toy Sets

Consisting of 1 table and 2 chairs finished in red, green and polished oak, three sizes.....\$1.75, \$2.50 and \$3.75

Rocking Horses

Finished in apple grey, galloping on a platform rocker; two sizes \$5.00 and \$6.50

SHOULD YOU NOT BE IN A POSITION TO PAY THE CASH, WE WILL GLADLY ARRANGE EASY TERMS OF CREDIT FOR YOU.

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Children's Desks and Chairs

Finished in golden and fumed oak. Good solid desk and chair, with slate top.....\$3.75 and \$5.90

Doll Buggies

In many different styles and sizes.....\$1.25 to \$7.00

Toy Dressers, in royal oak and white enamel.....\$2.25 to \$4.50

Electric Lamps

A hundred of styles and shades, all wired and ready for lighting, each.....\$3.50 to \$15.00

BRASS AND OAK SMOKERS AND ASH TRAYS.....\$1.25 to \$4.50 each

BRASS JARDINIERS, all sizes.....\$1.25 to \$3.50 each

MAHOGANY CANDLESTICKS.....\$1.50 to \$3.00 pair

And hundreds of other gifts which space does not allow to mention.

For the Holidays Wines and Spirits

Direct from the Importers

Get our price list of high-class Champagnes, Brandy, Scotch, Irish and Rye Whiskies, Port and Sherry Wines, Burgundies, Claret, Liqueurs, etc., etc.

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Use this coupon—it saves you time

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From the Advertiser, London.

YOUR BEST GUESS. If you are puzzled to know what to give, and many people are, your best guess is to buy an Electric Table Lamp at the Benson-Wilcox Electric, 264 Dundas street.

LONDON AND PORT STANLEY RAILWAY

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1.
To Port Stanley, 6:20 a.m., 10:20 a.m., 1:20, 3:20, 5:20, 7:20, 10:20 p.m.
To St. Thomas: *6:30, *6:20, 7:20, 8:20, 9:20, 10:20, 11:20 a.m., 12:20, 1:20, 2:20, 3:20, 4:20, 5:20, 6:20, 7:20, 8:20, 9:20, 10:20, *11:20 p.m.
Heavy type denotes no local stops between London and St. Thomas.
*Daily, except Sunday.

Traction Company

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 17.
To St. Thomas and Port Stanley—7:30 a.m., *9:30, *11:30, *1:30 p.m., *3:30, *5:30, *7:30, *9:15 p.m.
To Toledo, 4:30. To St. Thomas, 6:15 p.m. and 11:15 p.m.
Sunday cars marked with a star (*).

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

Winter Tours

SPECIAL Fares now in effect to resorts in Florida, Georgia, North and South Carolina, Louisiana and other Southern States, and to Bermuda and the West Indies.

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BROWNLEE'S The Place To Buy Your Christmas Cooking Utensils

Roasting Pans, covered, three-piece, 3 coats enamel.....\$1.25
Roasting Pans, covered, black steel......85c
Roasting Pans, covered, round, will hold 10-lb. roast......50c
Bonnil Roasting Pans, covered......35c and up to \$1.00
Open Sheet Iron Roasting Pans......15c, 20c, 25c, 30c
Cake Pans......15c up to \$1.00
Story Cake Tins, all sizes.
O-Cedar Mops......75c up
O-Cedar Oil......25c and 50c
Razors......1.00 up to \$5.00
Razor Straps......75c up
Pocket Knives......30c and up

SUITABLE GIFTS AND SMALL SILVERWARE.

Table Knives, Forks and Spoons, Carving Sets \$2.25 and up
Bissell's Carpet Sweepers.....\$2.75 and up to \$8.50
Hair Brooms.....\$1.00 and up
Nickel-Plated Teapots.....\$1.50 and up to \$3.50
Nickel-Plated Tea Kettles.....\$2.50 to \$3.75

The Best Range in London for the price.....\$35.00
See it before you purchase.

ONLY A FEW of those Perfection Oil Stoves left at \$3.50
Regular \$5.00.

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MASCULINE FORM. (Boston Transcript.) "What is a hunch?" "A hunch is the masculine equivalent of feminine intuition."

WHAT IS URIC ACID?

THE CAUSE OF BACKACHE, RHEU-
MATISM, GRAVEL AND
SUDDEN DEATH.

Ever since the discovery of uric acid in the blood by Scheele, in 1775, and the bad effect it had upon the body, scientists and physicians have striven to rid the tissues and the blood of this poison. Because of its over-abundance in the system it causes backache, pains here and there, rheumatism, gout, gravel neuralgia and sciatica. It was Dr. Pierce who discovered a new agent, called "Anuric," which will throw out and completely eradicate this uric acid from the system. "Anuric" has proved to be 37 times more potent than Hobbins, and consequently you need no longer fear muscular or articular rheumatism or gout, or many other diseases which are dependent on an accumulation of uric acid within the body. Send to Dr. Pierce, of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y., for a pamphlet on "Anuric Tablets." If you feel that tired, worn-out feeling, backache, neuralgia, or if your sleep is disturbed by too frequent urination, go to your best drug store and ask for Dr. Pierce's "Anuric" Tablets. They are put up in 50-cent packages. Doctor Pierce's reputation is back of this medicine and you know that his "Golden Medical Discovery" for the blood and his "Favorite Prescription" for the kidneys of women have had a splendid reputation for the past fifty years.

Doctor Pierce's Pellets are unequalled as a Liver Pill. One tiny sugar-coated Pellet cures Sick Headache, Bilious Headache, Dizziness, Constipation, Indigestion, Bilious Attacks, and all derangements of the Liver, Stomach and Bowels.

Renew the Joy of Living

Don't let ill health any longer rob you of life's pleasures. Get back your appetite, strengthen your digestion, stimulate your liver, regulate your bowels and improve your blood by taking

BEECHAM'S PILLS

Their action is prompt and thorough, and you soon feel their benefits. You will eat more, work better, sleep sounder, and feel new strength after a short course of these dependable pills. They restore healthy conditions, and

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Doctor Tells How to Strengthen Eyesight 50 Per Cent in One Week's Time in Many Instances

A Free Prescription You Can Have Filled and Use at Home. Philosophy, Dr. Do you wear glasses? Are you a victim of eyestrain or other eye weakness? If so, you will be glad to know that according to Dr. Lewis there is real hope for you. Many whose eyes were failing say they have had them eyes restored through the principle of this wonderful free prescription. One man says, after trying it: "I was almost blind, could not see to read at all. Now I can read everything without any glasses, and my eyes do not water any more. At night they would pain dreadfully; now they feel the all the time. It was like a miracle to me." A lady who used it, says: "The atmosphere seemed hazy with or without glasses, but after using this prescription for fifteen days the print seems clear. I can even read the print without glasses. It is believed that thousands who wear glasses can now discard them in a reasonable time, and multitudes more will be able to strengthen their eyes so as to be able to get the trouble and expense of ever getting

MAKE CANADA DRY IS THE OBJECTIVE OF NEW ORGANIZATION

Strong Prohibition Committee Formed.

PROHIBIT MANUFACTURE

Would Also Abolish Agencies, Storehouses and Advertising.

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—An organization to be known as the Dominion prohibition committee, was the outcome of the conference of temperance leaders from every province in Canada held here today. The committee's object will be the aggressive prosecution of a campaign for a dry Canada. Mr. Justice E. Lafontaine of Montreal was chosen president of an executive of 24 members. Charles E. Steele of Port Colborne, Ont., was elected treasurer, and John H. Roberts of Montreal secretary pro tem.

The conference adopted resolutions during the afternoon session, the outstanding one in point of importance being a resolution urging the Dominion Government and Parliament to enact as a war measure a law prohibiting the manufacture of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes in Canada, and prohibiting the importation of the same from any other country. Eliminate Warehouses. Other resolutions effecting the strengthening of provincial temperance laws, along the lines of the elimination of liquor commission houses, storage warehouses and advertising, and the elimination of patronage in the appointment of temperance law enforcement officials were enthusiastically adopted. The members of the committee, in addition to those given above are: Jonathan Rogers, Principal W. H. Vance, Vancouver; A. W. Cooke, Edmonton; J. A. Virtue, McLeod; D. R. Sharpe, Moose Jaw; J. W. Stewart, Regina; A. M. Fraser, D. B. Harkness, Winnipeg; F. S. Spence, J. H. Hales, A. S. Grant, Toronto; S. J. Carter, Dr. Joseph Gauvreau, Montreal; Sir Francis Lemieux, Dr. Dorton, Quebec; T. Marshall, T. Wilson, Fredericton, N.B.; H. R. Grant, H. Wigle, Halifax, N.S.; George Morris, Summerside, P.E.I.; and W. D. Bentley, Charlottetown, P.E.I. Following the general conference, a meeting of the newly named executive was held when matters pertaining to strong organization were thrashed out. A sub-committee was appointed and will meet in Toronto on Monday to prepare plans for a fight to a finish. Most of the delegates, other than those who will be at the Toronto meeting, left for their homes tonight.

ONCE AGAIN BRITISH TRENCH RAID SUCCEEDS

Heavy Casualties Inflicted South of Arras—Germans Fall.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The war office tonight issued the following communication: "Last night enemy trenches were entered by us in the neighborhood of Arras. A number of casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Dugouts filled with troops were bombed. A raid was attempted against our trenches in the neighborhood of Hilluch, but the enemy failed to enter them. Prisoners were left in our hands. "The usual artillery activity continued today on both sides. Our bombardment of an enemy camp in the neighborhood of Pys (northeast of Albert) set fire to the material collected there, causing large clouds of smoke."

Baron Devonport Says Storing of Excess Supplies Must Stop.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—Baron Devonport, speaking for the first time as food controller in the House of Lords today, resolved the solution of the food question. He resolved it into one of a system of rationing. It was not enough to maintain the food supplies, but it was overwhelmingly essential that they be distributed fairly. The food controller said his first duty would be to ascertain the quantity of food available and to the stocks visible. There were many unparliamentary persons, he said, trying to get hold of supplies in excess of their wants. "My remedy," said Baron Devonport, "will be to take the supplies coming into the country so that everybody will have an equal chance of getting a fair share—no more and no less. On account of many people buying up supplies, sugar cannot be got at all. A remedy must be found for that. Possibly the only way will be by a system of rationing." It was obvious, Baron Devonport added, that a general diminution in the consumption of staple food was necessary. At present this diminution could only be brought about by voluntary abstinence, but if voluntary abstinence was not successful, it would be necessary to make abstinence compulsory.

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Von Hindenburg and Hollweg Are Great Admirers

Latter Says if Peace Is Rejected Men Will Fight Harder.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 14.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, chief of the German general staff, has sent a message to the imperial chancellor Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, congratulating him on his speech in the Reichstag, and adding: "I read your speech with deep emotion and great satisfaction. By the Kaiser's command you made with this speech a great moral demonstration of the strength of the fatherland, at home and at the front. We soldiers know that at this moment there is no higher or holier duty than to prosecute victory with the utmost energy and live or die for the Kaiser and the fatherland." The chancellor replied, saying that he regarded von Hindenburg's words as the voice of the German people's army, and adding: "It is the deeds on land and sea that have cleared the way for the high-spirited decision which the Kaiser and our allies took yesterday. The death-defying loyalty to duty and the unshakable bravery of our men fighting for Germany is a guarantee to us that if it does not please the enemy today to terminate the war, they will fight the more to secure for the fatherland a strong and lasting peace."

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AGAIN URGES WOMEN TO AID RECRUITING OF ALL ELIGIBLES

Ontario Premier Tells Brockville Audience of War Needs.

CANADA NOT YET AWAKE

People as Whole Do Not Realize Gravity of Present Situation.

BROCKVILLE, Dec. 14.—Premier Hearst was accorded an enthusiastic welcome on his first visit to Brockville today in his efforts in connection with the recruiting campaign in progress here. He was met at the depot on his arrival from Toronto by a big crowd and escorted by a guard of honor, proceeded to the Wall Street Methodist Church, where he addressed the members of the Women's Patriotic Society on the subject of the war, after Mayor Wright had extended a civic welcome. The premier paid a high tribute to the women of Canada who had accomplished, both at home and abroad, since the outbreak of the great struggle, and urged his hearers to throw no obstacle in the way of the enlistment. It was their duty to persuade men of eligible age to don the khaki, and in this connection he pointed out that other Canadian mothers and sisters were just as dear to them as members or representatives of families whom he was addressing. This evening the premier was the principal speaker at a mass meeting in the same church, which was crowded to the doors. In the course of his address he pressed home the thought that the Canadian people, as a whole, had not appreciated the gravity of the situation created by the war. He emphasized the call for service as being urgent. A. E. Donovan, M.P.P., also took part in the meetings.

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FOXY KING FERDINAND SAYS "STRUGGLE ON"

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 14.—Via London. —King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, according to a telegram received here today from Sofia, has addressed this proclamation to the army: "For fifteen months you have been fighting to achieve the unity of the Bulgarian people. Thanks to your devotion to your king and your un-

amplified valor, all the enemies who had stood in the way of our national unity have been conquered, and all Bulgarian lands are under protection of the victorious Bulgarian armies."

The proclamation then says that the Bulgarians will continue the struggle, pending receipt of the answer to the Entente Allies to the peace proposals of the central powers group.

TWO BRITISH SHIPS SUNK. LONDON, Dec. 14.—The British steamer Burnhope, a vessel of 1,341

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tons, has been sunk. The crew, of which several members were injured, has been landed. The captain of the vessel died after reaching shore. Lloyd's announces that the British steamer Bretwida, 4,027 tons, has been sunk.

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THREE-CORNERED FIGHT LIKELY AT WOODSTOCK

Principal Interest Will Be In Mayoralty Contest.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
WOODSTOCK, Dec. 14.—A three-cornered fight for the mayoralty is likely to provide the only interest in the local elections. Clifford Kemp, mayor for two years, has decided not to run. Ald. West, chairman of the finance committee, and Ald. Paul are definite candidates, and J. G. McBeath, mayor in 1913, has practically decided to run again. So far only three new candidates for aldermanic honors have entered the field, and several of the present members of the council have indicated their intention of dropping out. This year the city reverts to the ward system, and the number of aldermen is increased to nine.

CLOVER IS FINE CROP IN WYOMING DISTRICT

Four Bushels to the Load Threshed in Some Places.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
WYOMING, Dec. 14.—Farmers in this vicinity are busy threshing their clover, and in almost every instance it has been a bumper yield; in several instances four bushels to the load. The open fall has saved the situation for farmers who had little feed, as the cattle remained almost a month longer in pasture, thus saving ensilage and grain.

MANY WITHOUT HEAT WHEN GAS PRESSURE GOES DOWN

Hotels Were Unable to Serve Hot Meals in Woodstock.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
WOODSTOCK, Dec. 14.—Although the gas company is negotiating to supply natural gas to London, many stores and offices where gas is used for cooking were without heat at all, and some of the hotels were unable to serve hot meals today. The demand, owing to the cold weather, resulted in the pressure falling.

TILLSONBURG LANDS BIG BRANCH FACTORY

New York Firm Will Employ 100 Men in the Spring.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
TILLSONBURG, Dec. 14.—The Huntley Manufacturing Company of Silver Creek, New York, builders of cereal milling machinery and canning factory supplies, have purchased the property of the Tillsonburg Electric Car Company for a cost consideration, a portion of the original amount already being in the hands of Secretary W. McQuire. The firm will begin alterations and improvements at once, and will be employing 50 hands in six weeks' time. In the spring a much larger addition will be built and will then employ over 100 hands. At the present time 300 men are employed in the American factory.

CLOSING OF SALOONS HAS BEEN BENEFICIAL, DECLARES GRAND JURY

Only One Commitment for Drunkenness Since Sept. 16.

MILITARY CASE HEARD

Farmer Dismissed on Charge of Aiding His Son to Desert.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
ST. THOMAS, Dec. 14.—The grand jury, made its presentation to His Honor Judge Collier at the conclusion of the sittings of the county court this evening.

The jury found only one prisoner confined in the county jail. An unusual circumstance at this season of the year. "We understand that only one prisoner has been committed for drunkenness since September 16 last, and that the number of prisoners committed to the jail has been largely lessened owing to the enactment of the Ontario temperance act of the Legislature. The municipalities give the Government officials every assistance possible in the enforcement of this law as the history of the last two months has shown its beneficial effects."

At the session of the county court Thursday, the case against R. Fleming of Orwell, and Constable Cruickshank, charged with aiding and abetting a farmer's son to desert from the Canadian army, was dismissed.

The younger Fleming joined the 81st Battalion, and shortly afterwards left without leave. He was traced to his father's home, and a warrant was issued for his detention, but the constable arrived at the house too late to make the arrest. The information was laid by Lieut. Yorke-Hardy, the recruiting officer for St. Thomas.

The judge held that sufficient evidence had not been produced to show that the father assisted the boy to desert the unit.

The case against the constable was dismissed by the grand jury failing to return a true bill.

To Beautify Park.

Plans for the permanent beautification of Pinafore Park which have been secured by the Horticultural Society, are ready and will be presented to the council in a few days.

LIQUOR DEALER IS WARNED THAT LAW IS BEING VIOLATED

Former Sarnia Man Has Been Snipping From Port Huron.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
SARNIA, Dec. 14.—C. H. Fugh, who formerly conducted a liquor store in this city, and who is conducting a mail order business in Port Huron and advertising in local papers, and shipping liquor to Canada, has been notified by the prosecutor of that city that he is violating the laws of the state, and a continuance of that practice will bring on proceedings against him.

The civil docket of the county court was concluded before Judge MacKay today. In the case of McKay and Josh, the plaintiff, McKay, was awarded \$80.46, the defendant to pay costs. Action was brought for \$200 damages, the plaintiff claiming he was forced into the ditch by defendant's auto.

Woman's Evidence.
Mrs. Josh, who was in the car with her husband, swore that the cars did not touch when they passed, and that when their car approached the plaintiff's auto, and endeavored to pass, the plaintiff increased his speed. Her husband also increased speed, and went by at 20 miles per hour. John Josh corroborated this.

Fred Stonehouse, proprietor of a garage in Petrolia, and A. B. Baines, an automobile mechanic, also gave evidence in regard to the possibility of a car being forced into the ditch by such an accident, and other professional evidence as had been experienced by them in their business.

Talkative Witnesses.

The joint action of James Donald and Susan Donald against Milton Williams of Oil Springs was heard. The two claims amounted to \$1,100.32 for promissory notes, board, wages, service, etc. The judge left it in the hands of the solicitors after hearing a large amount of evidence. If they are unable to agree, a decision will be rendered.

Plaintiff's attorney offered settlement at \$500, and defendant's at \$200, each party to pay their own costs, but they were unable to agree.

This case was described by the court as a family mix-up, and owing to the garrulity of the witnesses, the judge threatened several times to stop the hearing and rule the witnesses out of court.

At the conclusion of the session the name of Robert Webb of Petrolia was struck of the list of county constables.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF CHAPLAIN HINDSON

[Special to The Advertiser.]
GUELPH, Dec. 14.—At the business meeting of the Woolwich Street Baptist Church tonight, the resignation of the pastor, Rev. Chaplain Hindson, was accepted. When Mr. Hindson first became chaplain of the Wellington Battalion, he handed his resignation to the church, but was granted six months' leave of absence. At the expiration of this period he again tendered it, and it was accepted. Rev. Dr. Gordon has been supplying here in the meantime, but has left for Montreal. A call may be extended to him to become pastor, but he is still connected with the Baptist College at Brandon, Man., having been granted leave of absence there when he came east in May.

MAY SETTLE TROUBLE. [Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Dec. 14.—The dispute between the Port Macquarie Railway and its maintenance of way employees may be adjusted without a conciliation board. The company it is announced has made an offer to its men which may be accepted.

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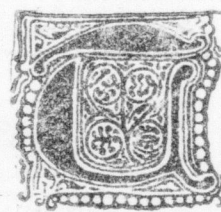


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STOCK JUDGING CONTEST AT HARROW WELL ATTENDED

[Special to The Advertiser.]
HARROW, Dec. 14.—Tuesday and Wednesday of this week a stock judging contest was held here conducted by Messrs John Gardhouse of Weston and R. L. Stevenson of Ancaster. The stock chosen were dairy cows, heifers, horses and sheep. The instruction given by the two experts proved invaluable to the young farmers of this district.

The regular meeting of the Women's Institute was held in the L.O.O.F. Hall yesterday afternoon, with Mrs. I. C. Pasterius, the president, in the chair. The principal feature of the afternoon was an address by Mrs. Dr. Annie Backus of Aylmer, who spoke on "The Healthy Child."

At the evening session Mr. Barnett, late manager of the experimental farm here, presided. Dr. Annie Backus gave an address on "The Duty of Women in War Time." Mr. W. F. Kidd of Toronto spoke on the best kinds of fruits to cultivate in South Colchester. Miss Jean Hilton rendered two piano selections.

The golfers have donated \$20 out of the money taken in at the patriotic concert to the Women's Institute for patriotic purposes.

Over \$7,000 were paid in taxes, out of over \$11,000 on the roll, on Wednesday night.

Vernon Ross has passed his third year exam. in dentistry. He is home just now sick with jaundice, interfering with his Christmas examinations.

Ex-Reeve James Turnbull of Grey Township, while working in the stable, received a kick from a horse, that broke his leg above the knee.

A debate is to be held at Moncrieff on the subject, "Resolved that the next session of Dominion Parliament of Canada should pass a conscription law."

Alex Ellis is dangerously ill with pneumonia. As he is upwards of 80 years of age his case is critical. His wife is also ill.

There is a coal shortage here, and as a result fuel is being brought from neighboring towns at a big advance on the usual prices.

McKenzie Forsyth, formerly of Brussels, and Miss Ward, of Monken, were recently married, and are now residing in Toronto.

A TRENCH DITTY. [New York Sun.]

Here is one of the songs which is popular at the British front:

"The bells of Hell go ting-a-ling-a-ling For you, but not for me. For men the angels sing-a-ling-a-ling—They've got the goods for me."

O Death, where is thy sting-a-ling-a-ling. The bells of Hell go ting-a-ling-a-ling For you but not for me."

RUMANIA'S COMFORT. [New York Sun.]

The Rumanians may comfort themselves with the thought that the Serbians were down and out, but are now doing big stunts in Macedonia.

Teas, during the past seven weeks have advanced at the auctions in London, Calcutta and Colombo, from six to ten cents a pound. In addition to this, sea freights have advanced two and one-half cents a pound. Inevitably this means dearer tea for the consumer, but "SALADA" so far, has only advanced five cents a pound and whatever the price at any time, the quality will always remain exactly the same.

SWALLOW-FOSTER.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

WHALEN, Dec. 14.—A pretty wedding took place on Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Swallow at Woodham, when their youngest daughter, Maud, was united in marriage to Fred Foster, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Foster, from near Granton.

The bride wore white silk with bridal veil, and her going-away dress was blue cloth, with hat to match. About sixty guests were present.

After a short honeymoon at Brantford and eastern points, Mr. and Mrs. Foster will reside on the groom's fine farm near Granton.

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— NEW AND OLD —

PUT ME IN MY LITTLE BED.

Oh, birds, I am tired now,

I do not care to hear you sing;

You've sung your happy songs all day,

Now put your heads down and go to bed.

I'm sleepy, too, as I can see,

And, easier, when my prayer is said,

I want to lay me down to rest,

So put me in my little bed.

CHORUS—

Come, sister, come, kiss me good-night,

I've been praying for you all day;

I'm tired now and sleepy, too,

Come put me in my little bed.

Oh, sister, what did mother say,

When she was told to leave me away?

She told me always to be good,

And never, never, go astray;

I can't forget the words she said,

She placed her hand upon my head,

She whispered softly, "Keep my child,"

And then they told me she was dead.

Dear sister, come and hear my prayer,

Now are I lay me down to sleep,

Within my Heavenly Father's care,

While angels bright their vigils keep;

And let me ask of him above,

To keep my soul in paths of light,

Oh, let me thank him for his love,

For I shall say my last "good-night."

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

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the company of a man with a "soul so dead, who never to himself hath said, 'This is my own, my native land.'" If he does not realize his duty, she can serve her country by telling him his place is in the ranks with Canada's best, not standing on the street corners holding up the building (I do not mean highway robbery), or attending the shows, where he shows his patriotism by paying the war tax. Listen to his excuse: "I am making good wages." Yes, but who is protecting you while you are making your \$5 per ft. Is it not the laddie at the front who is receiving his \$1.10 per day, and enduring the trench, life, far from home and kindred, while our young man of the good wages takes his "dearest" to the opera, spending his good Canadian money in the U. S. doubtlessly the pro-Germans getting a goodly share of it, if not all. Is it not an injustice to allow this class of men to shirk their duty? Conscription seems to be the only rod of reasoning.

Another class that have been very slack in enlisting is the foreign population. They failed to enlist for their own country, and when Canada called it was the same indifference. As our boys left the desk and bench their places were filled by these men. What right have they to remain when men are needed at the front?

Mothers, can you endure having your son pointed out as a coward, too cowardly to fight for you and his home? If we had more of the Spartan mothers in Canada, conscription would be an unknown word.

The dear boy of the farm who shows his patriotism by remaining on the farm during the harvest, when the work is finished he hires himself to the city to take the work from some man with a family, or of some factory girl

Would he work for the \$1.10 as he does for the better wages? I think not. Spring usually finds him back at the farm with a self-satisfied smile while he explains to admiring friends how he intends investing the money. Perhaps he plans to keep his produce for the highest price, and if he does not sell he fattens his hogs to sell, "to buy more land, to raise more corn, to raise more hogs, to buy more land." Even unto the third and fourth generation of farmers (not hogs). He pulls his whiskers and chuckles, "Well, I'll be damned if that Brown's boy is not a better fool to sell, giving up a good position. See what Bill and me did," forgetting that the Brown's boy was giving his life in protecting father. Farmer Bill and the piglets.

I thank you, Miss Grey and all of the Mail-Box readers, for your patience with me.

BONNIE DUNDEE waves a farewell to all.—B. D.

His Perplexity.

Dear Miss Grey,—I am a young man twenty-three years of age, and have been keeping company with a young lady a few years, my junior for fifteen months, and in appreciation of her sincerity would like to make her a present this Christmas.

Has our friendship of that duration been long enough to warrant a gift in jewelry, as, a gold wrist watch, necklace, etc.? While I realize that perhaps a more simple and inexpensive gift would be as fitting, I dread to think of having to keep within the rules of good form.

However, if you think something in only a "worthy remembrance" would be more correct, would you make some suggestions in this line, and oblige.

PERPLEXED.

Ans.—Well, my friend, I do not know that I can help you much. You appear to be aware that gifts of jewelry, such as wrist watches, necklaces, etc., are not considered "good form," yet you say you don't want to "keep within the rules." Gracious me, I didn't make the rules, or I suppose you'd want me to expand them just for you. I am old fashioned enough to think that such expensive gifts should only be given where an engagement exists. A nice umbrella, camera, handbag or coin case, sewing case, music roll, books, flowers, gloves—these are among the more permissible things to give.

Her Sister's Friends.

Dear Miss Grey,—Will you please answer the following questions:

1. I am fourteen years old. Am I far enough advanced?
2. What do you think of my writing?
3. My sister has a soldier friend in England, and would like to know whether it would be better to send him a box with homemade candy and cakes, etc., or just some little remembrance?
4. She is also corresponding with a young man, a civilian, for about three months. Would it be proper to give him a present, and if so, what would be suitable?

I will sign myself,

A HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLAR.

Ans.—1. According to my ideas you are progressing very well.

2. It is fairly good.

3. The "candy" will probably be more welcome than anything else; a soldier can carry so little in his kit, that all the "remembrances" are apt to be a burden unless they are confined to such articles as handkerchiefs (khaki), soap, ointment, ointment, etc.

4. This is a delicate question to answer, for whether or not a gift was made depends so much upon their intimacy. If they know each other well

In the Dust.

Shortbread—Two cups butter, 2 cups lard, 3 cups brown sugar, 3 eggs, 12 cups flour, 1 small teaspoon baking soda; rub all together, add flour last.

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Scotch Scones—Sifted flour, 1/2 cup sugar, 2 teaspoons baking soda, 2

enough to correspond, though, a gift could not seem out of place. Initialed handkerchiefs, a calendar, book of service or of Kipling's poems, initialed, or pretty blotting pad, are among things she might give him. Your kind Christmas wishes are nearly returned.

Gold and Silver.

Dear Miss Grey and Readers,—I read your columns daily and receive much help from them. I saw where "Autumn Summer" wrote; well, she is a great friend of mine.

Now for a few questions:

1. Please print recipe for gold and silver cake.
2. What do you think of my writing?
3. How old do you think I am?
4. May I call again? FLORENZO.

P.S.—Do you get many letters from this place?—F.

Ans.—1. Gold cake—one-half cup butter, 2 cups sugar, half-cup sweet milk, 3 cups flour, 3 teaspoons baking powder, yolks of 4 eggs. For the silver cake, use the same recipe, only in place of the yolks use the whites of the eggs.

2. It gives promise of being good.

3. Please don't be foolish; makes me cross.

4. Yes.

5. Yes.

London Advertiser COOK-BOOK

Recipes Supplied By Cynthia Grey's Readers.

Serene.

Christmas Cake.—Take 4 cups flour, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 cup of golden syrup, 4 eggs, 1 cup butter or dripping, 1 pound currants, 1 pound sultana raisins, 1/2 pound candied orange peel, 4 tablespoons of chopped nut meats, 3 teaspoons of baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 cup of fruit juice, 1 teaspoon each of cinnamon, cloves and allspice, 2 teaspoons of powdered ginger, and 1/2 teaspoon grated nutmeg.

Sift together flour, salt, spices, and baking powder; cream butter and sugar; then add eggs well beaten; next, add the golden syrup, fruit, nut meats, peel, fruit juice and the flour, mix and turn into a papered cake tin and bake in a slow oven; ice when cold.

"Patriotic."

Carrot Pudding—1/2 cup molasses, 1 cup grated carrot, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1 cup grated potatoes, 1 cup raisins chopped, 1 cup currants, 1 cup nutmeg chopped fine, 2 1/2 cups flour, 1 nutmeg, 1 teaspoon soda, pinch of salt. Steam three hours.

Sauce for Same—3/4 cup sugar, butter size of egg, 1 heaping teaspoon cornstarch mixed smoothly in cold water; mix into a paste and add 1 cup water very slowly, stirring all the time. Let boil 2 or 3 minutes.

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(small) teaspoons cream tartar, just enough buttermilk to make it not stick to the knife; take a knife, and when you have enough, put the dough out on the makeboard, take it up in your hand, put it down on the board, roll out, not too thin, turn it upside down and put so many on it; cut them out with a knife. Don't put any grease on the pan at all. They are certainly fine, these little country scones.

One From Seaforth.

Lunch Cake—1 egg, 1/2 cup white sugar, lard the size of a large egg, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1 cup sweet milk, flour to mix thick like biscuit dough. Take half, roll out, lay in a pan; have ready raisins boiled with a small piece of butter, a little sugar and water, thicken with flour; pour this on the dough in the pan. Roll out the other half and lay on top. Bake in a quick oven.

"NO CLASS" IN RED CROSS WORK

Unifying Interests Brings All Women of Canada Together.

[Elizabeth Wilson]

It is surely true that the Red Cross weaves a curious fascination over its workers—a fascination found in no other society under the sun. Here on common ground are brought together high and lowly, mistress and maid, all

LIFTED HEAVY LOG STRAINED HIS KIDNEYS. GOT PAINS IN BACK.

Men in all walks of life where it is necessary to stoop, bend and lift heavy objects, put a great deal of strain on the kidneys, and this continual wear and tear sooner or later will cause the kidneys to become affected in some way. The most common of these troubles is backache, and the only way to cure the lame and aching back is to strengthen the kidneys.

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Mr. Owen Hewey, West Clifford, N.S., writes: "I was working in the woods and lifted a heavy log. I must have strained my kidneys, as I got kidney trouble and pains in my back. I could not do any work for five months. A friend advised me to try a box of Doan's Kidney Pills, and after having used them I felt as if I was only eighteen years old. I can now work as well as ever I did, and have had no pains since."

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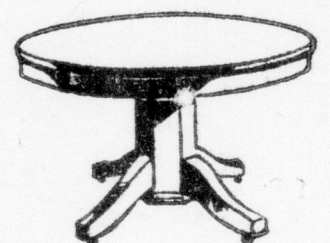
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Instead of raising our prices at Christmas time, as is the case with so many merchants in London, we are cutting at every turn. We aim, not only for your Christmas patronage, but wish to add your name to the already long list of satisfied customers—satisfied to the point that they always come back. Another feature: If it is not convenient to pay the full amount for some of the larger articles in our store, terms can be arranged so that you pay a small deposit down and the balance weekly.

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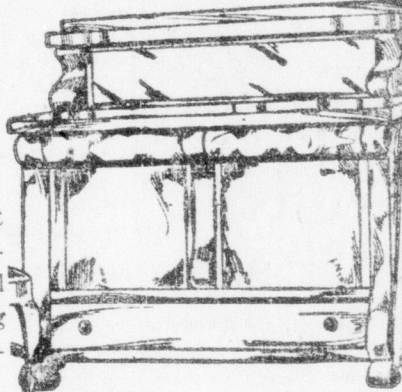


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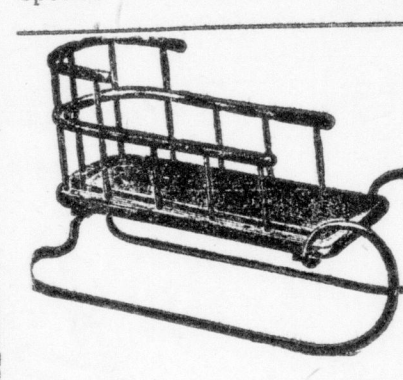


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Stand alone, heavy hardwood frame, best board, thickly painted; just the thing for the little kid.

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The busy wife of a laborer may be seen teaching the wife of a city magistrate to manipulate the spinning wheel, often treacherous knitting needles through the intricacies of "furrow and ridge," "turning the heel," and "toeing off" the sock for some gallant Johnnie. The two women, under fingers unconsciously to the work, are finally put together and packed.

Sorting Waste Paper.

But possibly no branch of this gigantic patriotic work teams with such complex, and yet amusing, features as the sorting of waste paper.

In this dusty workroom "my lady" may be found in discarded gown, brought forth from some hidden recess, for the work is anything but dainty, and one must dress in accordance.

Gay young girls offer their motor cars and their ability to drive them, and dart hither and fro about the city streets, magazines and old paper overflowing every inch of available space in their machines.

Over where the light is better in the dingy workroom, side by side are the washwoman and lending society lady earnestly sorting with many others this mass of ancient paper.

Curious things are unearthed from the sacks brought in from the various officers of the city. Besides envelopes and old letter heads, so much foreign substance is brought to light that a junk aisle might be possible.

"Ah-ha," we cry as a dilapidated silver spoon is discovered. "Oh-ho," says another, as a plug of tobacco drops from the fingers. Photographs, old iron, lead pencils and spectacle cases are a common find, while banana skins and apple cores add the flavor of a garbage can.

Work Without Complaint.

Still, pleasant or otherwise, the lad with the good, the workers accept with uncomplaining spirit, holding ever in view the comforts which the sum to be realized may secure for the dear boys at "No Man's Land."

CO-WORKERS

Always, my little soldier lad, I feel you here.

Close, oh, so close, against my heart, I feel you here.

And mother's kiss could heal your hurt and make it well;

Just how this miracle was wrought no one can tell.

And now I may not follow you, so far you go.

And, oh, your mother knows her boy will need her so;

And strangers' hands must bind your wounds, if they are bound.

And many times no solace, dear, will e'er be found.

They say that mothers are God's aids, so know this, dear,

Where mother cannot come, He will be very near;

And if you need my hand to soothe your aching head,

Believe, and see His angels, dear, around your bed.

—Flora Shortell-Rivola, Yankton, South Dakota.

Just before the 15th Battalion left Sandling camp for the trenches, one of our Mail-Box mothers—"Aunt Nannie"—sent a clipping of the above poem

to her soldier-son in the 15th, and received from him a very touching reference to the verses. After the news of his loss was sent home, "Aunt Nannie" wrote to the writer of the poem, and received the following beautiful reply: "Yankton, S. D.

Mrs. "A Soldier's Mother":

Dear Mrs. —When I wrote the little verses, "Co-Workers," I recall standing by my desk and offering a swift prayer that they might find their way to the comfort of some mother's (or her boy's) heart, and you will understand how your letter seems an answer to that prayer. It came on a day of dark discouragement, and I thank you. It was very lovely of you to tell me of the incident—to share with me, in a way, your sacred grief.

With gratitude for your message, I am, gratefully yours, Mrs. Flora Shortell-Rivola.

CONCERNING PARAGRAPHS.

[Toronto Star.]

We are not fond of reading of how the war is speeding, and politics we hate. We loathe the social column, and think the sport news volume in war time should abate. And of the sheet of fashion a very little ration our cravings satisfy; the page known as "fame list" and little that's substantial, and stocks our patience try. Erstwhile when we the paper would read we used to gaze or imbibe the facts with trouble; but now our method's faulty, we read the news by proxy, and find our pleasure double. We never need to worry or search with frenzied hurry to find the latest hit. Our eye is soon arrested with news by proxy, and served to do any kind of work.—Mary L. Baez, Key West, Fla.

FLORIDA SCHOOL TEACHER

Anaemic, Run-Down, Nervous—How She Recovered.

There are so many cases like this kept here in London that we are publishing this interesting letter with the hope that some of our customers will try Vinol, and get the same happy result that Miss Baez did.

Key West, Fla.—I am a teacher and became anaemic, nervous, run-down, no energy or desire to do anything. I could not sleep and had that languid, nervous feeling that made me a burden to myself. I had taken various tonics without benefit. I heard of Vinol and tried it. Soon I had a good appetite, could sleep all night and it built me up so I have the ambition to do any kind of work.—Mary L. Baez, Key West, Fla.

The reason Vinol was so successful in this case is because it is a constitutional remedy that goes to the seat of trouble. The cod liver and beef peptides contained in Vinol enrich and revitalize the blood, while the strengthening, tissue-building properties of the iron and manganese peptonates and glycerophosphates aid in building up the tired, overworked, run-down system.

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One package proves it. Sold and guaranteed by above Vinol druggist.

the news. The essence of the matter we get from their gay chatter, the brightest of the views. And so we read them nightly, the quips so blithe and sprightly, the joculars charged with laughs. The two-three lines so newsworthy, the tid-bits, rich and juicy, the spicy paragraphs.

JANE.

TO A WOUNDED SOLDIER.

[Montreal Daily Star.]

For nigh two thousand busy years, Before Christ's hands and feet and side, Millions of men have stood in tears, Because it was for them he died.

Devotion still doth kiss each scar That he bore with him to the skies; And kindly soul who in this war Has made for us such sacrifice,

While thy road may henceforth be dark Or thou must go with limping gait, Bear proudly, boy, thine honour mark, We, on thy handspike, will wait!

A "NATIONAL GOVERNMENT."

[Toronto Star.]

If there is to be a general election we would advise Sir Wilfrid Laurier to take this ground and make this announcement: that if he, as a result of the general elections, were called on to form a government, he would proceed to form, not a party but a national government, for the carrying on of the war and for the period of reconstruction after it, calling to his cabinet the best men of both parties throughout the Dominion.

—Advt.

so that party strife should end and all thought of party should be dismissed while the grave issues of these times are being dealt with.

A FINE TREATMENT FOR CATARRH

EASY TO MAKE AND COSTS LITTLE.

Catarrh is such an insidious disease and has become so prevalent during the past few years that its treatment should be understood by all.

Science has fully proved that Catarrh is a constitutional disease and therefore requires a constitutional treatment. Sprays, inhalers, salves and nose drops seldom if ever give lasting benefit and often drive the disease farther down the air passages and into the lungs.

If you have Catarrh or Catarrhal deafness or head-aches, go to a druggist and get one ounce of Parmital (Double Strength). Take this home and add to it 1/4 pint of hot water and 2 ounces of granulated sugar; stir until dissolved, take one tablespoonful 4 times a day.

This will often bring quick relief from the distressing head-aches, clogged nostrils should open, breathing become easy and mucus stop clogging into the throat.

This treatment has a slight tonic action which makes it especially effective in cases where the blood has become thin and weak. It is easy to make, tastes pleasant and costs little. Every person who takes to be free from this destructive disease should give this treatment a trial.—Advt.

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BORN, MARRIED, DIED.

MARRIED.
TASZMAN—ATRIALL—At the home of
the bride's parents, on Dec. 6, 1916,
Gertrude, eldest daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. W. Atriill, The Corp. to Robert
Taszman.

DIED.
COPE—At Port Carleton, Muskoka, Dec.
14, 1916, Elizabeth Cope, in her 32nd
year.
Funeral from her son's residence,
691 Grey street, on Saturday, Dec. 16,
at 2 o'clock. Burial in Woodland Cemetery; services
at 2 p.m. Friends kindly accept this
intimation.

Funeral from her son's residence,
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PLANNING VOCATIONAL TRAINING FOR SOLDIERS
On Wednesday afternoon the employment committee of the London branch of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, of which E. R. Dennis is chairman, met at the city hall.

G. R. Harris, who is in charge of the vocational training branch of the Soldiers' Aid Commission work at the hospital, was also present, and plans were discussed for the training and employment of returned soldiers. Inquiries were also made as to what trades needed men the most. Principal Deal has offered to take a class in machine shop practice at the first of the year and also one in sign writing now. Mr. Harris has another instructor assisting him in the work at the hospital.

PROFESSOR OF HISTORY WILL SERVE OVERSEAS
Mack Eastman Given Leave of Absence By E. C. University.

A Vancouver exchange states that Professor Mack Eastman Ph.D., head of the department of history of the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, has obtained leave of absence for overseas service.

Dr. Eastman is a son of Rev. S. H. Eastman and Mrs. Eastman, Port Stanley, and has a number of relatives as well as a wide circle of friends in this city.

He lectured for some time in the Western University during a leave of absence of Dr. Tamblin, and subsequently went to France for three or four years of historical research.

CHEAPER FLOUR IS RESULT OF DECLINE IN WHEAT MARKETS

Wholesalers Drop Price 40 Cents Barrel—Decrease General.

Flour prices throughout Canada have dropped. A dispatch from Calgary today announces that wholesalers there have reduced the price of flour 40 cents a barrel, bringing the wholesale price down to \$9.50 a barrel. Local dealers announce that the same change is effective here. The wholesale price of Manitoba flour has dropped 40 cents and that of Ontario flour 30 cents a barrel, bringing flour to \$9.50 a barrel here.

Retail dealers announce no change in prices yet, but some of them expect it at once.

The chief cause of the drop, wholesalers state, is the steady decline in wheat prices on the grain markets. They are uncertain as to whether a further drop may take place, as the situation depends greatly upon the fluctuations in wheat. Another cause given is the fact that retailers have in many cases overstocked and the demand for wholesale quantities has greatly decreased.

Roller oats have also come down, dropping fifteen cents on an eighty-pound sack. They are now quoted at \$3.55.

OVERSEAS CHAPTER HAS SOLDIERS AS GUESTS

Entertain Men of 15th Battalion and Other Units—Tonight For 149th.

Probably the largest entertainment to which soldiers here have been invited since the beginning of the war was tendered by the Overseas Chapter of the I. O. E. to the men and officers of the 15th Battalion and some of the smaller units at the Municipal Hall on Thursday night.

Every battalion which has gone overseas was represented by a returned soldier from its ranks. As the name of the unit was read by the chairman, Capt. Muir, the men representing it rose and saluted. A military tableau was staged by the returned men under the direction of Sgt. Joseph, and a program of Scottish dancing was presented by the pupils of Mrs. Alice Henderson.

Refreshments were served by the ladies of the chapter, some of the men of the battalion assisting.

The returned men were conveyed to and from the hospital in automobiles lent by citizens.

PLEADED FOR SENTENCE WITH TEARS IN EYES

Aged Man Given Three Months, Joyfully Goes to Jail.

Aged and decrepit, attired only in the lightest clothing and shivering from head to foot with the cold, George Leslie, 72 years of age, giving his address as the wide, wide world, applied at police headquarters last evening for lodging.

In police court this morning before Magistrate Henry Macklin, J.P., and Controller George E. Ross, he pleaded with tears in his eyes and a voice quivering with emotion, to be committed to jail until springtime.

LONDON YOUNGSTER WAS WISER THAN TEACHER

He Told Michigan School What Kept United States Out of War.

The wife of a London businessman is at present residing for a month or two in Michigan with relatives, and their children are attending school in a Michigan town.

The teacher of the class attended by one of them is extremely patriotic and a great admirer of President Wilson's policies.

Recently she gave a talk on the war, and then gave her pupils questions.

"Who kept us out of war?" she asked the class, and the answer came back, "President Wilson."

The London child did not reply. "You did not answer, Willie," she said. "Tell us now who kept us out of war."

"The Canadian had had a look in his eye and in defiance of the common view he squared his shoulders and fairly shouted back:

"The British navy!"

POPULAR HILL CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Poplar Hill Baptist Sunday school will hold its annual Christmas tree on Wednesday evening, December 20. A cantata will be given by the young people, entitled, "Santa's Christmas Bazaar."

On Wednesday evening, December 18 the young people of Poplar Hill met at the home of the Misses Florence and Leah Zavitz, "Terrace Vale Farm," and presented each of the girls with a pearl ring. The girls are leaving the first of the year to attend business college in London.

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ARTISTIC RECITAL IN DUNDAS CENTRE CHURCH

First Of a Series Was Enjoyed by a Large Audience.

The first recital of a course arranged by the Epworth League of the Dundas Centre Church was held last evening, two well-known and popular artists, W. H. Hewlett, Mus. B.Sc., of Hamilton, and J. Parnell Morris, tenor, providing a most enjoyable program.

In the audience were many friends and admirers of long standing of Mr. Hewlett, who were delighted to welcome and hear him once more.

Though handicapped by the fact that the motive power was only at half-pressure, and that he was obliged to substitute numbers for others in the program, which it was impossible to present under the circumstances, he managed, as always, to afford a delightful treat.

Artistic Numbers.

He chose to open his program with lighter numbers, the graceful Rameau Gavotte, eighteenth century, from "The Temple of Glory," a realistic sketch "The Bee" by Lemare, and a tone picture, a "Song Without Words."

Through two rustic marches, a French by Eugene Gigout, and an Italian by P. Fuganelli, each with its own strong national flavor, he worked up to a climax in the Andantino in Mode Canzons from the Tschakowsky Fourth Symphony.

Ble effects and striking contrasts were achieved in Dudley Buck's improvisation on "The Last Rose of Summer."

Mr. Morris was in particularly good voice, giving first a most artistic and sympathetic interpretation of the recit, "O Lord of Slit," and art, "Total Eclipse," from the oratorio "Samson," by Handel, in which he was successful in conveying the impression of utter hopelessness.

Dramatic Rendition.

"Star of Bethlehem," by Stephen Adams, suited his voice admirably, and at the close, in response to an encore, he gave with dramatic feeling "The Requiem" by Homer.

Two familiar numbers by Carrie Jacobs Bond, "His Lullaby" and "The Perfect Day," brought to a conclusion his share in the entertainment.

The next concert of the course was announced for January 18, when the artists will be J. H. Cameron of Toronto, reader; Miss Lorna MacGillivray, harpist; and Miss L. Thompson, soprano.

PAPER CAUGHT FIRE.

Fire which started in a lot of baled waste paper in the basement of the D. S. Perrin factory, a few minutes after closing time last night, burned a lot of the paper, but was extinguished before it spread to the building.

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LOCAL GREEKS HAVE SENT \$300 TO VENIZEL'S FUND

To Aid His Soldiers' Families Is Object—No Constantine Men Here.

If there are any sympathizers with or admirers of King Constantine of Greece among local residents who claim that country as their birthplace, they are keeping very quiet, for no trace was found of them by an Advertiser representative who visited various business places run by Greeks today.

Out of about 50 or 60 Greeks in London, only six or eight are still Grecian citizens, it is said. Of these several applied for naturalization here since war broke out, but were refused. One or two are United States citizens and the remainder are naturalized Canadians.

"There is not one that I know of, who is in sympathy with King Constantine," was the reply of one man, when asked whether the Greeks resident here were in the favor of the king.

"Anybody with commonsense would see that Venizelos is right," he added. The idea of siding with King Constantine was regarded as impossible and ridiculous.

"The king is going one way and Venizelos is going the other way. The Greeks here can easily see the right side," said another Greek, in expressing his sympathy with the Venizelos party.

Other prominent Greeks expressed themselves similarly when asked regarding the question.

About two months ago \$300 was collected in London and forwarded to Greece in aid of the wives and children of Venizelos' army. Meetings have been held in Toronto and other places to gather funds for this purpose, and the sentiment of the large majority of Greeks, both in the United States and Canada, seems to be overwhelmingly in favor of Venizelos. Individual contributions have also been made from London, and it is likely that a further collection will be made in the near future.

ORGAN RECITAL TONIGHT.

This evening Mr. A. D. Jordan will give an organ recital in the First Methodist Church. Mr. Jordan has not appeared in recital in London this season, but will resume his regular recitals after the first of January.

Mr. Jordan needs no introduction to a London audience, and has made an enviable reputation for himself in other cities. It is a significant fact that with Mr. Edwin H. Lemare, the distinguished English organist, and Mrs. Camille Saint Saens the great French organist, he was the only other organist not a citizen of the United States to play at the Panama Pacific Exposition.

Miss Patti MacLaren, Master D'Arcy Parsons and the church choir will assist in the program.

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"The king is going one way and Venizelos is going the other way. The Greeks here can easily see the right side," said another Greek, in expressing his sympathy with the Venizelos party.

Other prominent Greeks expressed themselves similarly when asked regarding the question.

About two months ago \$300 was collected in London and forwarded to Greece in aid of the wives and children of Venizelos' army. Meetings have been held in Toronto and other places to gather funds for this purpose, and the sentiment of the large majority of Greeks, both in the United States and Canada, seems to be overwhelmingly in favor of Venizelos. Individual contributions have also been made from London, and it is likely that a further collection will be made in the near future.

ORGAN RECITAL TONIGHT.

This evening Mr. A. D. Jordan will give an organ recital in the First Methodist Church. Mr. Jordan has not appeared in recital in London this season, but will resume his regular recitals after the first of January.

Mr. Jordan needs no introduction to a London audience, and has made an enviable reputation for himself in other cities. It is a significant fact that with Mr. Edwin H. Lemare, the distinguished English organist, and Mrs. Camille Saint Saens the great French organist, he was the only other organist not a citizen of the United States to play at the Panama Pacific Exposition.

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If there are any sympathizers with or admirers of King Constantine of Greece among local residents who claim that country as their birthplace, they are keeping very quiet, for no trace was found of them by an Advertiser representative who visited various business places run by Greeks today.

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