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HUNT FIRE SECOND LARGEST IN CITY'S HISTORY

Campbell Warns London School Problems Increasing

LONDON MEN ARE FREED IN STILL CASE

Conspiracy Charge Against R. Cartledge and R. S. Rawlings Dismissed.

ST. THOMAS CASE

Judge Ross Disagrees With the Magistrate's Decision, But Upholds It.

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 29.—Judge D. C. Ross, in county court this morning, dismissed the charge of conspiracy to plant a gift on the farm of Benjamin Blackstock, Southwold, preferred against Robert Cartledge and R. S. Rawlings of London.

The case has occupied the attention of the county court for nearly a month and was described by Judge Ross as "the most difficult that has come before me on the bench of Elgin county."

Cartledge and Rawlings, according to the testimony, had visited the Blackstock farm at Southwold station where they made Blackstock propositions offering to purchase liquor made by him and volunteered to install the still in accordance with promises made by Blackstock, namely to furnish Cartledge with four gallons of moonshine. On Saturday evening, Nov. 29, the officers raided the farm expecting to get an O. T. A. conviction.

The promised liquor was found to be water and suspicion rested on the spotters, Cartledge and Rawlings. A search of their pockets revealed a part of a still and they were arrested by the authorities. A charge laid by the customs department of having a still in their possession was dismissed by Magistrate Maxwell two weeks ago and the prisoners elected trial by his honor, Judge Ross, on the charge of conspiring together to plant the still on Blackstock's farm.

In his decision Judge Ross stated the evidence in the case was divided into three parts, that given by Craven Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Blackstock, that given by Rawlings and the two Cartledges, father and son, and the evidence of the local authorities.

"The evidence of the first group of witnesses is not sufficient to justify a verdict of guilty, but I believe the St. Thomas officers are telling the truth," the judge said. "Fortunately for the prisoners, a competent court in Elgin county has decided that this was not in the possession of the prisoners. I am not saying that I agree with Magistrate Maxwell's decision, but as a principal of British law, the magistrates' decision must stand."

CAUCASUS REGION HELD IN GRIP OF COLD WAVE

Associated Press Despatch.
Baku, Azerbaijan, Dec. 29.—Heavy snowstorms and bitter cold prevail throughout the Caucasus, entailing considerable loss of life and causing much suffering and inconvenience.

Baku is entirely buried in snow, and all work in the oil fields has ceased. Eight persons were found frozen to death last night. Railroad communication with the whole Trans-Caucasian region is seriously impeded.

Alexandropol, where Americans are caring for thousands of orphans, is experiencing the coldest weather in its history. Gales are whipping the Black Sea, jeopardizing shipping.

The Weather

FORECASTS.

Today—North-west winds; becoming colder; with local snow flurries.

Wednesday—Northerly winds and much colder.

Another area of high pressure and cold weather has come in over the western provinces from the northward while pressure is comparatively low over the St. Lawrence valley and near the Gulf of Mexico.

The temperature has risen considerably from the great lakes eastward.

The highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were:

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	48	44	Cloudy
Calgary	36	9	Snow
Winnipeg	4	-22	Clear
Port Arthur	8	-18	Clear
Quebec	14	16	Cloudy
Toronto	22	21	Cloudy
Kingston	22	22	Cloudy
Ottawa	14	14	Cloudy
Montreal	14	14	Fair
Quebec	14	14	Fair
Father Point	29	6	Cloudy
St. John's	28	14	Cloudy
Halifax	26	18	Show

Minimum—none below zero.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

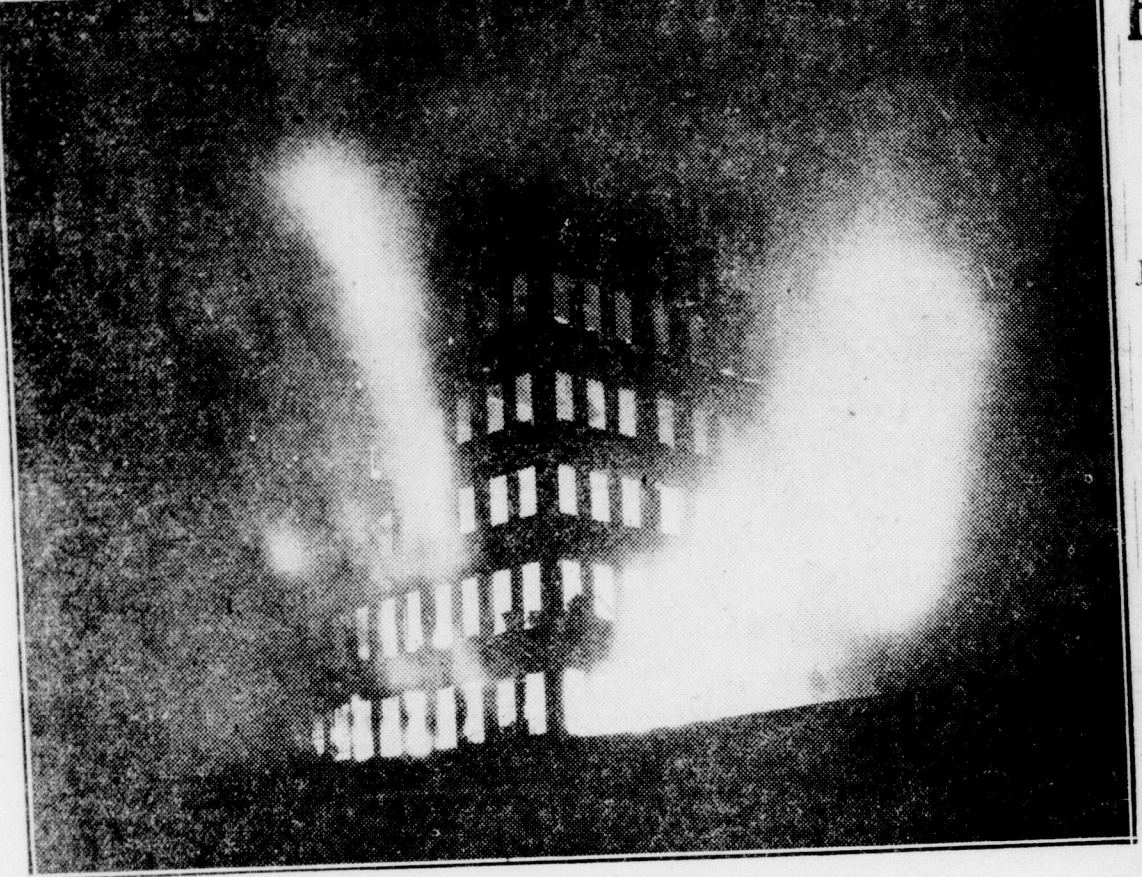
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 18; lowest, -1.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 23; lowest, 18.

Barometric Readings.

Monday—8 a.m., 29.30.

Today—8 a.m., 29.31.



FLAMES WHICH CAST LIGHT O' DAY OVER LONDON.

Above an Advertiser photograph showing a unique picture of the Hunt Bros. mill taken while the flames roared through the plant, and darkness covered the city.

Smoldering Shell of Cement Remains Where Huge Flour Mill Stood Yesterday, Fire Loss Is Estimated At Half Million

Caping Windows, Remnants of Twisted Machinery Reveal Fierceness of Flames Which Destroyed Hunt's Mill Early Today—One Fireman Injured—Loss Covered by Insurance.

SECOND LARGEST FIRE IN HISTORY OF LONDON

A smoldering cement and brick shell is all that remains today of Hunt Bros., Limited, which was swept with flames early this morning.

One of the most modern and largest structures in the city, an up-to-date mill, built only five years ago, is reduced to four upright walls, which now stand ghost-like with 200 gaping windows; remnants of probably the most spectacular fire ever experienced in London.

The interior of the seven-story building is completely gutted, and a loss estimated at half a million dollars is suffered.

The Hunt mill is situated on Nightingale avenue in London East, on the interchanging line. The fire is believed to have started at about 2 o'clock this morning, but it was not until half an hour later that the alarm was turned into the central fire hall.

When firemen arrived the building was alive with flames. The upper two stories were completely consumed in fire and little could be done to check its spread. The flames increased with rapidity, and prevented from burning upwards by a fireproof roof, ate their way to the lower stories.

Thirty firemen were called out on the first alarm. At 2 o'clock the off-shift was summoned, and for four hours the two squads fought until the fire was under complete control.

Escape From Building. Ten men employed on the night shift managed to leave the building in safety shortly after the fire was discovered. The watchman is unable to account for the blaze, although he advances the theory that it might have been due to an overheated bearing.

C. R. Hunt, president of the company, who resides at 18 Craik street, was notified soon after the fire broke out. He witnessed the blaze during the greater part of the morning.

From the sixth story, where the fire is believed to have had its origin, the flames gradually spread to lower floors. At about 4 o'clock this morning the fire was at its height. Smoke and flames belched from the windows, and a furnace of intense heat, which firemen found difficult to face. A brilliant reflection could be seen from all sections of the city, and later when the sky for miles around appeared dull red in color.

Three Sections. The plant is divided into three sections—the elevators, the grain feeding plant, and the mill. The latter two are in the main building which the feeding plant, occupying about one-third of the structure. It was in the main building that the fire started and where the heaviest loss is suffered.

Fireproof doors did much to prevent the spread of the fire to the extreme northeast portion of the building and prevented the play of water upon the north section prevented the

two grain elevators from igniting. Had the elevators caught fire, firemen believe tremendous explosions would have occurred. More than 15 firemen were detailed by Fire Chief Aitken to work upon this quarter of the building. Although they succeeded in preventing fire in the elevators, quantities of grain were damaged.

Falling pieces of machinery, twisted beyond recognition and tempered to an almost white heat, endangered firemen. Melted glass, which at times almost poured from the windows, proved to be the firemen's greatest handicap, however, in playing water upon the inner parts of the building.

Stephen Eddy, fireman at the central hall, was severely burned when struck with some of the glass. Others received minor hurts, but no one was seriously injured, although all worked with risk.

Six Hose Lines. Six hose lines were laid from nearby hydrants. The single lines were of little effect, but two lines connected to the aerial truck and pumper created considerable impression on the north walls.

Firemen working on the south wall were ordered away by Chief Aitken when a bulge in the building gave indications of a possible cave-in.

Twenty firemen are still detailed to the ruins, and are being worked upon the burning debris in the basement.

As the blaze spread to the ground floor huge flames would periodically flare up and burst through windows when heavy pieces of metal fell from the places of suspension in the top stories.

Hundreds witnessed the fire, which is believed to be the second largest in the city's history, and undoubtedly the most spectacular. London's largest fire was when the Chapman building on Dundas street burned to the ground about fourteen years ago.

The Dominion Savings building fire in 1914, is judged to be almost as big as that which destroyed Hunt's mill last night. The collegiate institute fire in 1920 and the Reid Company fire of 1922, were the largest in recent years.

Fine Structure. The Hunt mill was one of the finest structures of its type in Ontario. It was of red brick and concrete construction, built along fireproof lines. This fact alone is responsible for the four walls remaining upright after being exposed to terrific heat and varied temperatures. The modern bins, elevators and mill machinery were all operated by hydro power.

Before the building on Nightingale avenue was erected, Hunt Bros. operated for many years a waterpower plant at the foot of Talbot street. The building is one of the city's landmarks. The firm suffered heavy loss by fire many years ago when the first mill erected in this city was damaged in May 1888, involving the destruction of roller machinery introduced three years previously.

Mr. Hunt today estimated that if the whole of the main building is destroyed the loss would be in the neighborhood of \$500,000. He is fully covered by insurance, he said.

HOME BANK DIRECTOR CONVICTED

J. F. M. Stewart Found Guilty On a Charge of Negligence.

SENTENCE JAN. 15

Judge Coatsworth Strongly Condemns Methods Pursued by Financiers.

Special to The Advertiser.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Guilty of negligence is the verdict which Judge Coatsworth announced today on J. F. M. Stewart, the Toronto director of the Home Bank, who was recently tried on three counts, of "making, using and negligently concealing in a false and fraudulent statement of the bank's condition."

The judge found Stewart not guilty of making or using the false returns but he holds in fairly strong language that the director was negligent in that the bank was destroyed and the loss of the bank was due to the negligence of the directors.

The maximum sentence on the negligence count is three years and the judge said he will pass sentence on Jan. 15. His honor uses some strong language in speaking of the manner in which the bank was destroyed and the lack of precaution taken by the directors to safeguard it.

He holds that Stewart negligently overlooked what any prudent business man should or would have known or seen, "that the bank was drifting rapidly to destruction and that statements were padded frauds."

The judge lists "the extraordinary combination of circumstances in all of which Stewart or other of the directors were interested and which, commented by his honor, 'were feeding the bank's loss.'"

He finds from evidence, was interested in many of these companies and was well advised of the nature of the funds were being diverted from legitimate banking sources into risky speculations."

Shares of Directors.

One of the companies in 1918 in which the accused was considerably interested was the Mercantile Securities Company, Limited, a large borrower from the bank.

Closely interwoven the bank directors and the accused were with this business: M. J. Haney, 1,167 shares common stock; C. A. Barnard, 1,167 shares common stock; R. P. Gough, 50 shares common stock; J. C. Gough, 250 shares common stock; S. Casey Wood, 250 shares common stock; M. J. Haney (in trust) 500 shares common stock.

As in all other convictions, his honor finds that Stewart was a regular attendant at the directors' meetings. He points out that when the bank failed Stewart had deposits of \$4,382 in the bank, and that the Mercantile Trust Company, recognized mainly as Stewart's company, had a credit of \$18,450.

His honor points out that although Stewart was only on the board a little over a year he was the man who banked for several years previously and associated with other directors as a large borrower.

"On looking over these transactions the painful impression is received that the directors acted for their own benefit and the interests of their companies, and subsequently tied up the funds of the bank, instead of carrying the bank's shares in the interests of the shareholders, the depositors and the public," stated Judge Coatsworth.

"Therefore, although the accused did not become a director until 1922 he had, long before going on the board, seen much of the unfortunate policy which ultimately wrecked the bank."

Interlocking Companies. "An extraordinary combination of companies, in all of which the directors and the accused were largely interested, in equity, control and money dealing off the bank, came into existence."

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Associated Press Despatch.
Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—The death occurred at his residence here recently of Mrs. Margaret Boyd Young, wife of Dr. James A. Young. Mrs. Young was 80 years of age and was the mother of seven children. Mr. and Mrs. Young formerly resided in Toronto.

BOYS BLAMED IN THEFT FROM CITY REPAIR SHOP

The repair shop of L. Roeding at 302 Dundas street was entered by thieves last night and several pairs of skates and boots and a small amount of money was taken.

Police Constable Parker noticed while on his rounds that the rear window of the store had been broken and an entry effected in this manner. Police believe young boys are responsible for the theft. All the money taken, amounting to only 21 cents, was taken.

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Passengers and Crew Are Taken From Burning Ship

Associated Press Despatch.
Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—After fighting flames aboard the Japanese freighter Glyn's Maru, through the efforts of the crew, the vessel was men-left the vessel at daybreak near the coast of Mexico, and headed for Acapulco, to board the rescue ship, the L. A. C. which had been dispatched to the scene.

Only the captain and his officers remained aboard the burning ship at daybreak. The passengers were sent into lifeboats shortly after midnight. The Luckenbach will proceed to Manila.

How long the passengers and members of the Glyn's crew were tossed about near the scene of the burning ship until they were picked up was not indicated.

COLLEGIATE BIG PROBLEM FOR BOARD IN COMING YEAR

Bryden N. Campbell Outlines Increase in Number of Students.

RETIRES AS HEAD

Points to Changes Made in Year As Big Step Forward.

"The situation in connection with the collegiate institute of the city is more serious than at this time last year. It constitutes the big problem that is left over to the board of 1925."

Such was the comment of the retiring chairman, Trustee Bryden N. Campbell, in his address before the board of education, meeting in special session this afternoon.

The administrative survey made by Dr. Horace L. Brittain of the board of municipal research was characterized by Mr. Campbell as "possibly the most outstanding feature of the year's work, in so far as it indicates the future of the schools is concerned."

"Without going into any details as to the results of the survey," said Campbell, "it is felt that the board's adoption of the recommendations of the survey report has opened up great possibilities for the more efficient and economic administration of the schools. The survey committee, under its chairman, Trustee A. R. Cairncross, merits the hearty thanks of the board."

"The attendance in the three units of the collegiate institute has increased even more than anticipated. The enrollment to date for the year 1924-25 is 1,597. This is almost fifty more than anticipated."

Number Increases. "The total enrollment to date in the central unit is 847. This means that the main building and the north building are accommodating 150 more students than last year."

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ALBANIANS DECLARE BETRAYAL BY SERBS

Bishop Noli Declares Rebel Bands Set In to Terrorize Peaceful People.

Associated Press Despatch.
Brindisi, Italy, Dec. 29.—Bishop Fan S. Noli, premier of Albania, with his cabinet fled his country in the face of rebel successes, has arrived here.

In a statement yesterday Bishop Noli said that Ahmed Zogu, the rebel leader, after his first defeat at the hands of the Albanian government, had retired into Yugoslavia, where he organized his bands, supported by the Serbian government. In fact, Bishop Noli added, the rebellion began at the Jugoslav frontier, where forces of the Serbian army, who first fired upon and terrorized the Albanian population, permitting the rebel bands to cross the frontier.

"The result," Bishop Fan Noli continued, "was that Albania was not occupied by rebels, but by an irregular Serbian army. It was not civil war, but a Serbian attempt against Albanian independence."

"It is natural that after this the Albanian people will be subject to the tyranny of Premier Pashitch of Yugoslavia," the bishop said, "but I hope only for a short time. Instead of remaining indifferent Italy should have recognized Serbia's interference and intervened to prevent the subjection of Albania to the rule of Belgrade."

Sailing vessels from Albania continue to arrive here and land Albanian officers and soldiers, including the general staff of the defeated Albanian army.

STORE BUILDING DESTROYED. Canadian Press Despatch.
Yorkton, Sask., Dec. 29.—Fire here last night caused \$40,000 damage and practically destroyed the Woolworth building and its stock.

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FRANCE NOT TO DISAVOW WAR DEBT

Assurances Are Given to Washington Officials by the Embassy Attaches.

CLEMENTEL'S VIEWS

Finance Minister Will Not Propose Pooling of Allied Obligations.

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Dec. 29.—Unequivocal assurance from the French embassy that France had no thought of disavowing her war debt to the United States had served largely today to mollify the wave of apprehension enveloping the United States capital on the heels of what was construed as a hint from Paris of the possibility of such a course.

In reiterating the intention of their government to meet its obligations, embassy officials took occasion to explain the legal exactions concerning the new balance sheet recently given out by the French ministry of finance, which, by omitting all reference to the United States debt, appears to have given rise to the conjecture here.

Because it comes under the class of contemplated expenditures which are indefinite as to time and for which there has been no appropriation, the United States debt, the embassy declared, under a provision of the law preventing inclusion of such items in the budget, could not be carried in it.

The omission, embassy officials emphasized, had no significance whatever in the French budget, or their government.

OPPOSING POOLING DEBTS. Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Dec. 29.—Finance Minister Clementel has no intention of proposing pooling of the inter-allied war debts; he merely mentioned it as a theoretical possibility in his recent inventory of France's financial position. This explanation was given by M. Clementel in a statement which he learned of the inventory created by the inventory in the United States. He declared he was the victim of a practice of quoting isolated passages without reference to the context.

On the next three pages of the inventory to that containing the pool idea are paragraphs giving the strongest assurance that France does not intend to repudiate her debts and emphasizing the fact that the new cordiality which has developed in her relations with the allied states during the last six months warrants belief that the problem of inter-allied debts can be approached with mutual distrust for the conclusion of an understanding which will be favorable for all the interested parties.

In the same way, the suggestion that tax paid on profits earned from allied purchases made in the United States should be deducted from France's debt was not his, the minister asserted. He had merely referred to it as an example of the opinion held by many people, without himself in any way assuming responsibility for it. The paragraph in question reads as follows: "And finally, certain people add that the taxes on profits realized from purchases made by us and various other countries are placed in each of the lender's hands and that it would be equitable that the total of these receipts should be deducted from the total of our debt."

By a statement before the chamber of deputies yesterday M. Clementel declared that the United States, as a non-ratifier of the Versailles treaty, has no legal right to share in the receipts from the Dawes reparations.

BOY IS FATALLY BURNED
PLAYING WITH MATCHES

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 29.—Donald Wright, aged 6, was fatally burned yesterday as a result of playing with matches while in bed. His nightgown ignited and he was severely burned before his screams brought inmates of the house, who extinguished the flames by wrapping the boy in a blanket. A doctor appeared to four young men to give blood transfusions in the hope of saving the child's life, but all but one refused and the boy died last evening.

CHRISTMAS OFFENDERS
ARE SHOWN LENIENCY

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 29.—The Christmas judges in London on record, if police charges offer any criterion, One metropolitan magistrate today decided merely to caution offenders on the belief that the shock of being only charged will prove a sufficient deterrent. Another magistrate was more original when he told a delinquent, whose face was badly damaged, to "go into the jailers room and have a look at yourself in the mirror."

"Oh! What a mess," exclaimed the offender when he returned, and he was discharged.

ITALIAN MINISTERS ARE
SUMMONED TO SESSION

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THE FOOL BREAKS LONDON RECORDS

Still Draws Crowds Despite
Nine-Day Run—Well
Worth Seeing.

Channing Pollock's sensational play, "The Fool," will continue at the Majestic Theatre for the remainder of the week. Such a presentation justifies its nine days. The play, too, has lost none of its merits in its treatment by the Majestic Players and the supporting cast which has been chosen to bring the play up to the highest possible standard.

"The Fool" shows that while the world is crying for originality, for freedom of thought and expression of ideas, that there are groups of influential people, heads of factions and men of affairs who are a power in the country, and while they pretend to enjoy franchises and encourage reforms they are at heart against any revolutionary ideas, good or bad. They are doing very well. They will break nothing except that which will increase their popularity and boost their bank account.

So when a mind reaches from the past to the future, these men quietly but firmly lead him from his pulpit. When such a man sees a fellow, who brings out a radical must be put down.

The story tells of the philosophy of the big man and the little fellow, the driving arguments of the capitalists and the first wild words voiced by the underdog, the eloquence that the world is getting better every day. It expresses in an interesting fashion just what is wrong with the picture of the world of today.

Added to this there are a few remarks devoted to the commercializing of marriage. Money which is a factor in matrimony today, more than it ever has been, is treated in a way as to give men and women something to dream on.

The play is never dull and it has its high lights rich in humor. The acting is superb.

If you are interested in present-day problems or if you are seeking something only you will be pleased. It is to be had at the Majestic Theatre in "The Fool."

**SPITTELER, NOTED POET,
DIES IN SWITZERLAND**
Associated Press Despatch.
Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 29.—Carl Friedrich Spitteler, veteran epic poet and essayist of Switzerland, died today in his eighty-third year at his home in Lucerne. His long and brilliant literary career was crowned in 1912 by the award of the Nobel prize for literature for that year.

Spitteler's chief works were all written in German.

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LORD BERTIE'S DIARY

What Britain's Ambassador Saw in the War.

The moment of the first big allied offensive in September, 1915, was at hand when Lord Bertie of Thame wrote the following entries in his diary.

July 6, 1915.—I have heard from a good private source in England that Asquith wished to give up the premiership and become lord chancellor. But Grey said that his chief object was to prevent his taking Asquith's place and he would not serve under Lloyd George; the Unionists refused to join the ministry unless Winston Churchill and Haldane were removed from office. Lansdowne was very unwilling to join, and Lady L. was much opposed to his doing so. Lloyd George is stated to meditate upsetting Kitchener, who is furious at being ousted from the control of munitions.

July 9, 1915.—The dismissed director of ordnance at the ministry of war was examined in regard to the shortage of guns. He was asked why he cancelled a large order placed with Schneider. His answer was that there were too many guns, and that it was of no advantage to supply them to the army in the field. For the users burst the guns! This took place at the meeting of the finance commission of the chamber. Five hundred guns had been captured by the Germans!

Hits at Haldane.
Why does Haldane dub himself a fool, knave or both? He says that he knew Germany was preparing for war, and yet he reduced his preparation. He negotiated with the Germans an arrangement which would have been fatal to us.

Of him the German emperor said: "What an odd idea of the British government to send their war minister to negotiate about navies!" During a journey on the continent—less than 48 hours—a British minister accompanied by three servants consumed, or are charged with having drunk, 27 bottles of wine at prices ranging from 2 francs to 12 francs per bottle, 39 glasses of liqueurs, and 19 bottles of beer. Who on a journey on private account would drink in a railway car claret at 12 francs a bottle? It is discreditable that this should be at the public expense.

July 11, 1915.—If it is true that 24 German vessels which have ever since the war been in refuge in northern Norwegian ports have suddenly left, it may be that they had been surreptitiously armed by a German visiting cruiser, and that they will appear on the high seas in the near future. It is a pity that the privateers in the contraband of the blockade of Paris of 1856, which states that: "Privateering is and remains abolished."

The allies had abstained from it during the Crimean war; Disraeli and others, including Bowles, said that our plenipotentiary at the congress of 1856 was not to be allowed to sign the declaration of the British interests thereby. The instructions were given by Lord Clarendon (foreign secretary) to himself as plenipotentiary, and to Lord Cowley, his plenipotentiary.

The real authority for signing was only disclosed some years after Lord Palmerston's death, amongst his private papers; it was a minute by him circulating to his cabinet a preliminary letter from Lord Clarendon recommending approval, and Lord Palmerston thereupon authorized Lord Clarendon to sign the declaration; in official record of the authority; in consequence of the attacks by Disraeli on Lord Clarendon the latter cut the matter.

Cotton at Bottom.
July 26, 1915.—I cannot believe that America will fight anyone. Wilson will write highly moral notes disagreeable alternately to Germany and to England; but he has to deal with the citizens interested in cotton, and if we declared it absolute contraband we should injure the cotton interest. Wilson might retaliate by stopping the export of arms and munitions on the pretext that they might be required for American use.

We cannot establish an effective blockade of Germany because of German submarines, and the Americans contend that as commerce continues there is not, in fact, a blockade of Germany, and we have no right to prevent trade between two or more neutral states. Vize, America with Norway, Denmark and Sweden, even if goods landed in one of these neutral states be intended to go on to Germany.

The truth is that America is doing a roaring trade in some things and a diminished one in others, and she wants to do a roaring trade in all things and not that one branch of commerce be put in the scales of compensation against another. Possibly some arrangements might be made for us to buy part of the

coming cotton crop. The difficulty would be the fixing of the quantities and prices. The consumption of it, except for war uses, is shrinking in all the belligerent countries; are we to take for ourselves the normal consumption of Germany and Austria, or all that the Americans do not wish to keep?

They talk a lot of rot about the freedom of the seas. In their north and south war the north declared the cotton of the south contraband, and they declared a blockade of about 5,000 miles of coast and the northern prize court (the supreme court) upheld the "continuance voyage" and "ultimate destination" contention.

Attacks on Asquith.
August 1, 1915.—What a silly ass the pope: "Qu'il soit ben celui que le premier eleva une branche d'olivier et tendra la main a l'ennemi, mais il ne faut pas que les ennemis raisonnables de paix." (Blessed be he who first raises the olive branch and stretches out his hand to the enemy with an offer of reasonable terms.)

LONDON SLUMS DEPICTED IN FILM

Milton Sills and Nazimova
Are Co-Stars in Capitol
Picture.

"The Madonna of the Streets," playing at the Capitol Theatre for the first three days of this week, is a story of old London along the lines of Hall Caine's "Christian." It is the story of a girl who, in the slums of London, is the victim of the poverty-stricken factory hands of the district. Into this atmosphere is woven the thread of romance and love which adds human interest to an abstract theory of practical Christianity.

Milton Sills, as the rector, John Morton, and Nazimova as the woman who comes from the streets, to be his wife and to help him in his work, are admirable and display a faculty of sincere presentation without overdoing the emotional side of the two characters. War Percy, in the role of a sincere laurel added to their tiny crowns.

In the story Nazimova appears as Mary Carleton, the mistress of a New Yorker, who, on dying, leaves his all, which is millions to his nephew, the rector of St. Anselm's. The woman goes to London and succeeds in winning the love of the rector. Later on she is discovered by her husband, and later still as Mary Carleton. It is the story of her wanderings, after being driven from the rectory and of her husband's rekindled love which provides the essence of the play.

A Hal Roach comedy, an "Out of the Luck" cartoon, and a hunting picture complete the offering for the beginning of the week.

PROMINENT SHRINERS MEET DEATH IN CRASH

Detroiters Were on Way to
Temple Opening in
New York.

Dave Wadell and Percy R. Glaser, prominent Detroit Shriners well known to Londoners, met a violent death Sunday night when the car they were driving crashed with a telegraph pole on Woodward avenue. Bert Hamilton, proprietor of the Library park hotel in Detroit, also was injured. All were in London this summer in connection with shrine matters and well known to members of the order in London.

CHINESE QUARTER RAIDED.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 29.—A police raid in the Chinese quarter last night resulted in the arrest of 17 Chinese who were charged with frequenting a gaming house.

upsetting even Millerand, and so he is not likely to have an opportunity of being offered by Poincare the task. He is for war jusqu'au bout to the bitter end.

Politicians are everywhere a rotten gang. They think of party and place and power in preference to the good of their country, and persuade themselves that their being in power is the best and even the only thing for the good of the country. There are very few politicians who will ever admit that they have been wrong.

I hear that our minister at Sofia omitted to report some conversations with the Bulgarian prime minister which showed that he (the B. P. M.) would have been ready to join the entente allies on terms which we would readily have accepted. He said nothing about these conversations until too late; by that time the Russians were on the run and the Bulgarian prime minister was no longer of the same mind.

Owing to want of accord between the entente allies their offers to the Balkan states were always halting and too late to have effect.

French Reforms Rejected.
Sept. 29, 1915.—Albert Thomas, the socialist in charge of the munitions department of the ministry of war, is going to London to see the technical adviser to see Lloyd George. I hope that he will succeed in persuading Lloyd George to profit by the sad experience of the burst gun in the French army, and adopt the reforms in shell-making introduced with such good results here.

We have been bursting guns for some time, and the old system of bored shells instead of making forced ones. The several persons sent from England to make inquiries, if convinced there, returned to preach in vain. The British advisers of Lloyd George advised against the French reforms, some of these advisers were interested in the old system, and on return after the war they would have caused great losses to their business by the exposure that munition makers have been receiving.

We are paying 16 shillings about \$10 for shell fuses, the equivalent of which can be made here for 3 francs (40 cents).

LOEW'S PRESENTS REAL HOLIDAY BILL

Comedy of Burton and Dwyer
Delights—Picture Is
Excellent.

Three excellent vaudeville acts, and "The Lover of Camille" picture that is a feature picture, all tend to make a real holiday program at Loew's for the first half of the week.

In addition there is a Ben Turpin comedy, "Reel Virginian," and an extremely interesting Pathe News film.

Burton & Dwyer, who were leading comedians in Stuart White's revue "Captain Kidd," which played at the Grand theatre several years ago, put on a skit that "stopped the show" both yesterday afternoon and evening. Not only are they funny, but both possess splendid voices, especially Burton.

"Styles & Smiles" was a pretty offering by four girls who posed as models, while a clever gentleman turned them in the latest Paris styles by means of a few pins and costly draperies.

Ruby Latham and her partner do some sensational stunts. St. Anselm's and Marie Prevost are co-stars in "The Lover of Camille," created from the stage play.

Monte Blue as the clown rejected lover, and finally the disillusioned actor was splendid, while Marie Prevost did not fail to live up to the traditional role of the "Lady of the Camellias," which gained fame in the Dumas play by the characterizations by Bernhardt, Duse, Barrymore and Rejane.

Girl Triplets Are Born At Toronto

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Charles Davies of Toronto gave birth to girl triplets Sunday afternoon and all three are getting along well. They weighed 4 pounds 7 ounces, 4 pounds 9 ounces, and 3 pounds 8 ounces respectively. They have been christened Mary, Isabella and May, and are the first girl triplets to be born in Toronto in 1924.

PROMOTION IS GIVEN TO U. S. WORLD FLIERS

Lieutenants Are Advanced in
Rank and Sergeants Receive
Commissions.

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Dec. 29.—Secretary of War Weeks approved today a plan for reward of the United States army world fliers which would advance Captain Lowell H. Smith 1,000 files on the promotion list and Lieutenants Wade, Nelson and Arnold 500 files each.

Sergeants Henry H. Oaden and John Harding, who hold reserve commissions as second lieutenants, would be appointed officers in the regular way in their reserve corps grades.

All members of the flight squadron would receive distinguished service medals and could be permitted to accept the decorations offered by foreign governments.

The plan will be transmitted to congress, which alone has authority to confer the privileges recommended.

PACKARD CAR PRICES SEE BIG REDUCTIONS

Cut Ranging From \$640 to
\$804 Announced For
Closed Models.

Special To The Advertiser.
By Staff Correspondent.
Detroit, Dec. 29.—The Packard Motor Car Company today announced drastic cuts in prices, which affects all included models of the Packard six, bringing them down to the same prices as those prevailing on Packard open cars. Reductions ran from \$640 to \$840.

Company officials said the reduction has been made in the midst of one of the most prosperous years in the company's history, and with prospects ahead for a big year for the car industry, because it was believed the action would result in a big increase in distribution which would fully justify it.

The company's quarterly financial statement, just issued, shows it to have \$18,155,578 in cash and marketable securities, with earnings for the quarter ending November 29, of \$1,872,752, one of the best quarterly periods in its history.

DARROW URGES PARDON FOR FRANKS' SLAYERS

Attorney Declares Loeb and
Leopold Should Be Con-
fined To Asylum.

Special To The Advertiser.
Denver, Col., Dec. 29.—A pardon for Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold might be justified in a few years, Clarence Darrow, defense attorney for the confessed killers of Bobby Franks, said here today.

"If our diagnosis of their mental disorders should be wrong, and if through some readjustment they should be restored to normality, it is possible that after a period of years a pardon might be justified," he declared.

Loeb and Leopold are insane; they should be confined in an asylum," he continued.

Darrow said he would make public the amount of money he received for defending the youths when he returns to Chicago.

"Statements that I received \$100,000 are false," he said.

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Girls' Ribbed Cashmere Stockings, brown only. Regular \$1.09 value, sale price, 2 pairs for . . .	Men's Fall Weight Caps. Values to \$2 . . .	97c
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Pair . . .	Boys' All-Wool Sweater Coats. Sale price . . .	\$1
Ladies' Winter Knitted Bloomers. Special . . .	Men's Odd Trousers. Values to \$5.00, sale price . . .	\$2.88

WOMEN and THE HOME

HOLLY WREATHS, MISTLETOE FIND PLACE IN GAY BALLROOM

Dance Given at Highland Club by Dr. and Mrs. Chester Abbott.

HONOR DAUGHTERS

It was a gay Christmas dance which was given last night at the Highland golf club by Dr. and Mrs. Chester Abbott in honor of their daughter, Miss Lorraine Abbott. Holly and mistletoe were used together over doorways and chandeliers. In the sunroom palms lent their graceful beauty amid the freights from glowing logs, and throughout the whole clubhouse, ferns were banded against the windows to give a home-like appearance to the place. From the mantel-pieces scarlet candles in tall brass candlesticks cast their flickering light over the gay throng of young men and women who were about one hundred and thirty.

Brilliant Decorations.
Mrs. Abbott received her guests wearing a handsome gown of black georgette crepe embroidered in cut velvet and caught gracefully at the side with a large pink rose. Her only ornament was a long chain of cut crystals. Miss Abbott wore a lovely gown of pale grey velvet, fashioned over shell pink crepe and silver brocade. Silver slippers and a bandeau of brilliants in her hair, completed her costume.

The spacious sitting-room on the left of the clubhouse had been opened into the dining-room behind, thus giving the dancers greater freedom. Paddy's orchestra, furnished the music. Buffet supper was served from a table attractively arranged with crimson roses, white narcissi and bright red candles in silver sticks.

The Guests.
The guests included: Miss Margaret Dingman of Toronto, Misses Marcelle and Helen O'Neill of Toronto, Miss Kathleen Richardson, Miss Gwen Williams, Miss Helen Boughner, Miss Audrey Fairclough, Miss L. Farncombe, Mr. William McKenzie of Toronto, Mr. Gordon Harris of Cobourg, Mr. Robert Dingman of Montreal, Mr. Philip Bartlett of Toronto, Mr. Kenneth Ingram, Mr. Ernest Little, Mr. Lee Jarvis, Mr. Cumberland, Miss Connie Blackburn, Miss Baby Chisholm, Miss Margaret Scatcherd, Miss Louise Kennedy of Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Weidman, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brickenden, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bartlett, Miss Marion Beck, Lady Bridget Kingston, Miss Bernadette Murphy, Mr. Eugene Murphy, Miss Marion

The Prayer

Christmas is over—the Christ-child's story has brought its message the whole world over. The simple sweetness, the radiant glory, Fling wide the gates of their treasure store. And the frail and faltering are young once more.

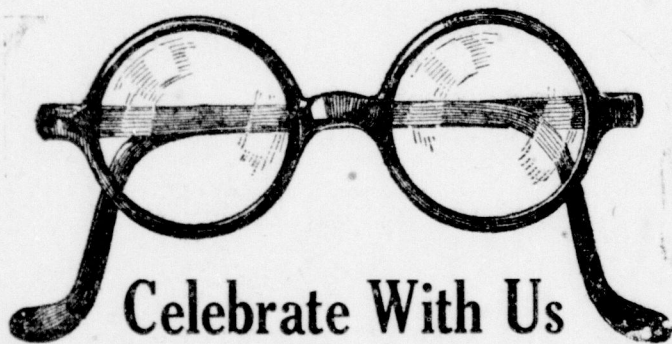
To Thee, who silenced the great guns' screaming, The brilliant terror of war's array, We give great thanks, as we come before Thee; Then kneel in penitence, Christ, and pray For a Christmas time in our hearts anew.

E. SIMPSON MACKAY.

Ellis of Petrolia, Miss Elaine Stevely, Mr. Douglas Hunt, Mr. A. E. Oxley of Toronto, Mr. Lawrence Bullock of Toronto.

Mr. Miles O'Reilly of Toronto, Mrs. Alma Sterling, Miss Doris Auden, Miss Gwenydd Auden, Miss Virginia Harper, Miss Catherine Cleghorn, Miss Kathleen Galbraith of Vernon, B.C., Mr. Rice Meredith of Vancouver, Mr. Gordon Lewis of Westminster, B.C., Miss Kitty Gillespie, Miss Helen Baker, Miss Dorothy Durand, Miss Maida Ward, Miss Doris Belmont, Mrs. Seybold, Mr. George Somerville, Mr. Wm. Henderson, Mr. Angus Graham, Mr. Lindsay Scott, Mr. Clarkson Jones, Mr. Colin Scatcherd, Miss Margaret Scatcherd, Miss Ruth Granger, Miss Sylvia Granger, Miss Margaret Harley-Brown, Miss Helen Little, Mr. Herbert Dean, Mr. Colin Duffield, Mr. Billy Duffield, Mr. Roy Fisher, Mr. Bland McCormick, Mr. Palmer McCormick, Mr. George Gillespie, Mr. Marcus Auden, Mr. Gerald Jordan, Miss Margaret Jordan, Miss Shirley Johnston, Miss Grace Bailey, Miss Lenore Mitchell, Miss Eleanor Robinson, Miss Katharine Beltz, Mr. Jack Dockstader, Mr. George Robinson, Mr. Bob Cleghorn, Mr. Gordon Gates, Mr. Ted Cowley, Mr. Elmer Reuchitzer, Mr. Gordon Scraton, Dr. Balfour, Miss Eleanor Higgins, Miss Florence Foot, Mr. Donald Foot, Miss Harleigh Hungerford, Miss Helene Hungerford, Miss Gussie Wilson, Miss Sterling Westland, Miss Louise Duffield, Miss Agnes Duffield, Mr. Arthur Mitchell, Mr. George Mitchell, Mr. Bert Mitchell, Mr. John Wismer, Mr. Roy Hunt, Mr. Ronald Hunt, Mr. George Durand, Mr. Tom Smallman, Miss Jean Hanna of Toronto, Miss Mary Harris of Cobourg.

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Social and Personal

The Misses Burnip were Christmas guests in St. Thomas.

Miss Irene Firby of Windsor, is a guest with Mrs. MacKenzie, Hale street.

Mr. and Mrs. Robins of Sarnia are guests with friends in London and Westminster.

Mr. Edwin Bell recently spent a week in Petrolia with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Patterson.

Mrs. Mary E. Milson, Askin street, was a Christmas guest with friends in St. Thomas.

Mr. Frank Farrell spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Longway in Stratford.

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Mrs. Enes Beirnes spent Christmas week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Leaney, in Woodstock. She was also a guest with Mrs. Brett in Stratford.

Mr. Cecil Snyder of St. Thomas was among the out-of-town guests at the dance given last night by Dr. and Mrs. Brown, for their daughter, Miss Ruth Brown.

Mrs. G. W. Tackbury of Los Angeles, California, and her daughter are visiting with the former's sister, Mrs. A. Thompson, 156 Elmwood avenue.

Mr. T. M. Thomson of the Hamilton school teaching staff and Mrs. Thomson are visiting with Mr. Thomson's mother, Mrs. Thomson, Dundas street east.

Mr. Harold Smith of Toronto gave a luncheon today at the Hunt club for the out-of-town guests who came to London for Miss Lorraine Abbott's dance last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Schaville and son, Fabian, of Detroit, expected to be in London for New Year's to be guests with Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Bonbow, Elliott street.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Fielding of Montreal and Mrs. Fielding are holiday guests with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Fielding, St. James street.

Lightful holiday with Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Kiley, Thornton avenue.

Mr. Albert E. Templar is reopening his studio here after spending the past four months studying under Charles Hawthorne, the famous American painter, in New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Miller of Detroit left yesterday for their home, after spending the Christmas week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, Lorne avenue.

Mrs. G. T. Watts and children of the Wellington Street Methodist parsonage are holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Murray Sangster of Windsor, who are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Leach, Princess avenue.

Mr. W. W. Daniels and Miss Cora Daniels, Lincoln road, Walkerville, left yesterday for their home after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. David R. Wright, Grosvenor street.

Mrs. Hugh Shuttleworth, Colborne street, is entertaining at a young folks' party on Saturday for her daughter, Miss Helen, and Miss Elizabeth Fisher, who will spend new year's with them.

Mr. Arnold Wheeler, who has been a guest with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wheeler, Waterloo street, left for Chicago on Sunday night. Mr. Wheeler was formerly in Akron, Ohio.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell and children of Westminster hospital have returned from Southampton, where they were Christmas guests with Mrs. Campbell's mother, Mrs. Fred Sims.

Dr. Clyde Kennedy, who has been spending the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Kennedy, Worley road, has returned to Rochester, N.Y., where he is interne at the United hospital.

Professor Callander of Queen's university, Kingston, is spending a few days with Brig. Gen. W. B. King and Mrs. Shuttleworth-King at the Young's barracks, en route to Kingston from Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. Chester Smith and Mr. Don Smith of St. Thomas were guests at the Young's barracks, en route to Kingston from Ann Arbor, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard White of Chicago have returned to their home after spending Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred White, William street, and with Mrs. White's mother, Mrs. Lyle Johnson.

New Year's Day at the Hunt club will be marked by a holiday luncheon, a tea dance and a supper dance, which promises to be one of the most enjoyable events of the season. Already many parties are being arranged.

Mrs. A. E. Reason, Richmond street north, is entertaining at a tea dance on New Year's afternoon in honor of her daughter, Miss Kay Reason. Miss Reason was also the hostess at a small theatre party this afternoon.

Mrs. Chester Abbott entertained at the tea hour this afternoon at her home, Queen's avenue, for the out-of-town guests who attended the dance given in honor of her daughter, Miss Lorraine Abbott at the Highland golf club last night.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Glen and small son of Toronto returned to their home, after spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Norman Glen, Waterloo street north. In their honor Mrs. Glen entertained at a dinner of nine covers last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Tickard returned to her home in Detroit after spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. McKenzie, Mr. Jack McKenzie of Toronto, also spent Christmas day with the parents on Huron street.

Miss Marion Ellison of Cleveland is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Martha Lloyd, and other relatives in Port Stanley. Miss Ellison is spending a few holiday days at the Stanley and plans to return to Paris, France, to resume her duties as a trained nurse in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Fitzgerald, Mrs. J. Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. M. Jackson, Dr. and Mrs. G. Jepson and Grant Street, all of this city, were out-of-town invited guests at the annual dance of the Glenview golf club in Sarnia, which was held in the Victoria opera house on Friday, Dec. 26.

One of the most enjoyable of young people's dances will be that given on New Year's Eve by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lawson in honor of their daughter, Miss Kathleen Lawson. Out-of-town guests will include Miss Jessie Kelly of Hamilton, and Miss Eleanor Greene and Mr. Fred Greene of St. Thomas.

Miss Velma McLandress and Cecil Snyder of St. Thomas are among the out-of-town guests coming to London for the at home, which is being given by Mrs. and Mr. Fisher, Benson and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Grier, son for their daughter, Miss Helen Benson and Miss Gladys Grier, on Monday.

The outstanding event of New Year's Eve will be the charity ball at the Masonic Temple, which will take the form of a snow ball. It is being given by the members of the Campbell Becher and Janey Canuck chapters, I. O. O. E., the proceeds in aid of the endowment for the new hospital at Victoria hospital. A number of dinner parties are being arranged prior to the ball.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jordan will be the hosts of dinner party at the Grange, South London, tonight, given in honor of the graduating class, 1924, of the School of Dramatic Art in connection with the Institute of Musical Art. Honored guests will be Miss Jean Walker, principal of the school, Miss Eleanor McCormick, Miss Minnie Dobbin, and Miss Lyle Grant. Covers are being laid for twelve.

Mrs. J. G. Boucher entertained at a delightful skating party last night for her daughter, Miss Mary Boucher. Her guest, Miss Elizabeth Fisher. The young guests were special friends of the guest of honor, who came to meet her on her return from Toronto on a holiday visit. The young folk enjoyed skating on the garden rink at Mrs. Boucher's home on Richmond street, and afterwards a dainty supper was served.

Mrs. W. D. Morris, Worley road, was the hostess of a delightful afternoon yesterday, when she entertained at three tables of bridge for her mother, Mrs. Whitaker, of Toronto, and her aunt, Miss Harold of Belleville, who are her guests. Mrs. Morris presided over the tea and a table centered with crimson roses in a vase of E. B. crystals.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wench, Egerton street, entertained at a Christmas dinner party. Thirty-five guests

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were present at this function, which took the form of a family reunion. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. William Craven and daughter, Margaret of Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Birch and family of Chatham; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carswell and family; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hyckman and family; Mrs. Clunbridge and daughter, Rita; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wench and daughter, Kathleen; Mr. Thomas Awook and Mr. James Wench.

About eighty guests were present at the smart bridge-dance given last night at the Hunt club by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Martin. Brightly glowing gas fires, crimson candles in brass holders and gay Christmas decorations made an inviting spot of the clubhouse. Here Mrs. Martin received a modish French gown of black and white, trimmed with silver embroidery and crystal beads. A rhinestone bandeau in her hair gave the final effective touch to the costume. Supper was served in the dining-room at small tables centered with bright red carnations and white narcissi. Following supper, dancing concluded the evening. Paddy's orchestra being in attendance.

One of the most enjoyable dances of the Christmas season was that given last night in the Memorial school by the nurses of the Victoria Hospital Training school. Christmas decorations, including a sparkling Christmas tree, lent a festive appearance to the gymnasium, where dancing took place to the strains of delightful dance music. The nurses in their pure white uniforms and ice-cream caps presented an attractive appearance against the background of greenery and sober black of the men's dress. Miss Grace Fairley, lady superintendent of the school, was chief hostess, wearing a smart uniform of white silk. Special guests of the occasion were Mayor and Mrs. George Wench, Mr. and Mrs. James Gray, Col. and Mrs. William Gartshore, Mr. and Mrs. Granger, Mr. and Mrs. J. Laidlaw. About two hundred were present at this function, including many of the members of the local medical profession and their wives. A buffet supper was served from an alcove marked off with Christmas greenery.

Christmas decorations in their brilliant green and scarlet colors transformed the assembly hall at the

Institute of Musical Art into a gay dance room last night, when Mr. and Mrs. Matt J. Brown, Waterloo street, entertained in honor of their daughter, Miss Ruth Brown. About 80 guests were present to enjoy the delightful dance music. Mrs. Brown received, wearing a handsome gown of midnight blue, trimmed with iridescent beads, while her daughter was charming in a simply fashioned frock of flame colored georgette, trimmed with rhinestones. Several house guests made up the party.

Miss Muriel Bovee of Adrian, Mich., wearing a smart georgette gown of apricot shade, Mr. Stanton Bovee of Adrian, Mich., Miss Isabel Brown of Detroit, in a lovely frock of white crepe, Miss Heloise Brown of Detroit, in pale pink georgette, Miss Donaldson of Toronto, in salmon pink georgette; and Mr. Kenneth Robertson of Hamilton. Other guests included: Miss Margaret Donaghy of Toronto; Miss Marion Baker, Miss Muriel Jarvis, Miss Lilian Brady, Frank James, Maurice Grant, Ed. Bell, Fred James, Miss Agnes McKay, Miss Marjorie Dickson, Eddie Arkell, Stuart Brownlee, Fred Adams, Miss Marion Borland, Miss Helen Johnston, Miss Kathleen Beard, Les Gray, Max Windsor, Reg. Beard, Miss Marion Davis, Miss Doris Johnston, George Baker, Miss Norine Tambling, Harold Fisher, Jack Deacon, Miss Josephine Sherman, Miss Winona Nash, Miss Viola Stevens, Harry Ashton, Walter Logan, Donald Macdonald, Miss Mary Adams, Miss Margaret Forbes, Miss Marguerite Fisher, Vernon Sims, Ted Hart, Miss Gertrude Beemer, Miss Jean Brautson, Bob Johnston, Herbert Uren, Miss Marion Tanton, Miss Mona McTavish, Vernon Morrison, Walter Bagnall, Harold Appleyard, Miss Evelyn Jones, Miss Frieda Sobbe, Miss Rita Willmot, Reg. Appleyard, Harold Darch, Miss Isabel Keene, Ken. Darch, Bill House, Miss Dorothy Keene, Miss Ethel Slater, Miss Nina Taylor, Leigh Taylor, Vere Spittal, Ken. McAlpine, Miss Gladys Grierson, Miss Helen Benson, Sydney Fraleigh, Cecil Snyder of St. Thomas, Miss Marjorie Campbell, Miss Margaret Evans, Harry Bartlett, Jack Scraton, Jack Millman, Billy Mills, Miss Jean Clark, Miss Agnes Brown, of Owen Sound, Jack Martin, Pierson Greene, Fred Harley, of Detroit; and Carman Millyard.

My Best Dish

DATE FILLING.

Pit and cut in smaller pieces 1 pound of dates. Put them in a saucepan, add 1½ cups of sugar and cover with water. Boil until thoroughly cooked. When cool place in a jar and use between oatmeal cookies as they are needed.

MRS. T. B. LONDON.

CHOCOLATE CAKE.

Two tablespoons of grated bitter chocolate, butter the size of an egg, melted over steam, 1 egg, 1 cup of sugar, 1 cup of sour milk, 1 small teaspoon of soda dissolved in a tablespoon of hot water, and 1½ cups of flour. Cream the egg and the sugar, add the chocolate, sour milk, soda and flour, and bake in a medium oven.

MRS. H. N. S. LONDON.

SALAD DRESSING.

A delicious cooked salad dressing consists of the following ingredients: ¾ of a cup of granulated sugar, 3 heaping teaspoons of cornstarch, 1 teaspoon mustard, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 pinch cayenne pepper, and 2 eggs (well beaten and light). Add to this 1 cup of vinegar and cook in a double boiler, stirring continually.

WOMEN and THE HOME

DARKENED WINDOWS

By CORNELIA KANE RATHBONE.

INSTALLMENT 26.

"I had been in my room, hearing nothing of what went on in the rest of the house. Shortly before 9 o'clock I started to go down to open the door for my brother. On the way I stepped into the library—I don't know why, I saw. My first thought was to stop my brother. I was afraid of the police finding him here—I knew they had been searching for him. I started to go. Then I remembered how much I needed money, and how little I had managed to save for him, and I thought of my diamond ring. I went back. I went through the little office room, as I told the inspector, so that I wouldn't have to pass—that, and I got my necklace out, which was standing open. But after all Arthur refused to take it. He said there would be sure to be a search made, and that if he tried to sell or pawn the diamonds it might lead to his arrest. So I came back with the necklace in my bag—the rest you know."

Yes, thought Graham, the rest he knew, but she did not. She knew nothing of his suspicions. She knew nothing of the fact that the police were in the darkened house, nothing of his theft of her bracelet, nothing of his surrender of her letter to Fitzpatrick into Phil's hands. And these things he must tell her, like Philippi he must wash his soul. So, standing before her, he told all, hiding nothing.

Evadne listened without a question or a single interruption. She had the gift of stillness. She was silent even when he had ended. Forever after she knew that she would have a keener feeling of sympathy for the culprit in the dock, awaiting the sentence of the judge.

Then she lifted her head and looked at him, still in silence. The tears in her deep Irish eyes seemed to have washed away the shadow which till now had filled them. Smiling, she held out her hands to him.

Later, Graham remembered Philippi. Evadne, told of the girl's desire to see her, was reluctant to go to her at once. "There is a story about the bracelets I want to tell her," she said. "There were twin sisters once in a land who loved one another more than sisters often do. One married a stranger and went away with him across the seas. And the one who stayed behind had two bracelets made, which, linked together, formed a necklace. And one she kept and the other she gave to her sister. Inside them both she had inscribed the quaint jingle of an old Irish woman who muttered a charm over them for her. But in spite of the charm and the prophecy the sisters never met again. We must be their great-grandchildren. Philippi and I."

Evadne left the room, and Graham, after philosophizing a while on the strange overrulings of fate, which men call coincidences, let his mind go back to the night of the murder. He reset the scene—the one lamp, the glowing fire, Hannibal Hurst huddled across the desk, the small white dog on guard. He made a mental note to tell Phil about finding the dog in the closet when he made a clean breast of his own connection with the affair. He recalled the pen in the dead man's hand, and the charred fragment of his last, uncompleted will, and wondered, as he did so, why Phil had seemingly made so little of what he would have considered so important a clue. He saw again old Denis standing by his dead master's side, the slow tears running down his furrowed cheeks while he uttered his pathetic apology for the dead man. He heard his wild denunciation of Evadne as he pointed to the bloodstains on her sleeve. Had he really believed her guilty? Graham wondered, or had his accusation been caused by jealous hatred of her? or had he been trying to draw suspicion from some one else? Had he known that Estelle and a man, presumably Von Eulen, had been in the library that night? He wondered, was Phil doing along all these lines? Phil, to be sure, had put all the clues into his hands, but he had an aggravating way of leading him to draw his own conclusions—training his mind, he called it. The question was: Did the deductions of Phil's trained mind march with

those of his own untrained one? As he himself saw it, every indication, of course, pointed to her. But suddenly, he was on his feet, every thought of Hannibal Hurst's murderer forgotten—Evadne stood in the doorway ready to accompany him to Philippi's bedside.

"Before we start I must give you back your bracelet," Graham reminded her.

"She held out her arm and he clasped it on her wrist with fingers that trembled.

"I am glad to get rid of it," he said. "There is an evil spirit in it. Whenever I was sure that you had no knowledge of the murder, it had a nasty way of whispering. And what else was it for?"

"That was the witch woman's charm working," Evadne said seriously. "She put a spell on the bracelet. I believe in spells, you see."

A hint of laughter lighted her eyes. "Even a gross American has to believe in them, too, when he feels one being woven about himself," he returned.

"You have which women in America, too?"

"Yes, Ireland has sent us over one or two of her young ones. Witches have to begin young, haven't they?"

"I never saw a witch, so I can't say. What are they like?"

"They are the most beautiful women in the world. Their hair is dark and soft as the night shadows in a summer garden; their eyes hold all the mystery and wonder of the world, and their smile is like the opening of a flower."

"America has poets as well as witches."

"Not poets, only lovers. Shall we walk? I have added in a different tone. 'It is not far.'"

The streets were gay and crowded. As they stood for a moment on the curb, waiting for a lift in the rush of automobiles, Marian Kingsbury passed. She caught sight of Graham, and leaning forward, waved her hand to him smilingly from the window of her car.

It was the first time that he had seen her since their break—a break which she made several attempts to mend. He laughed now to himself to think how far with anger his heart had been that night. Now, as he raised his hat in response to her greeting, he lifted his voice in benediction. "Heaven bless you, my good angel!" he called.

Evadne looked at him in astonishment. "That is the woman whom I thought for an instant had wrecked my life," he laughed. "In reality she has made it worth living. It is thanks to Miss Kingsbury that I happened into the Fleur de Lys restaurant that night and lost my overcoat and Philippi's bracelet. It is thanks to Miss Kingsbury that I went to the office and found adventure; it is thanks to Miss Kingsbury that I met you, that—"

But Evadne, the elusive, had, laughing, slipped away.

When, a few minutes later, they stood together beside Philippi's bed, it seemed to Graham that he had come too late. But in a moment, as if feeling his gaze upon her, the girl opened her eyes.

"I'm here, witch-girl, and I've brought Evadne," he said.

Evadne knelt down beside her. "Look," she whispered, linking Philippi's bracelet with her own. "See what the letters mean together. They say 'I love you.' It is the old prophecy. Philippi, 'Love will come if you keep it.'"

"I lost it," murmured Philippi. "Love come to you, not to me. I'm glad now." She motioned to Graham to clasp the bracelet about Evadne's throat, and lay for a moment looking at the green stones she had loved. "They don't sparkle wickedly any more; she isn't a wicked, green-eyed witch like me," she said in something of her old whimsical tone.

"I won't have my witch calling her self names," she said to her, darling witch," he said to her, darling witch," she said to her, darling witch."

Philippi smiled. "Say it again," she whispered.

"My darling, darling witch," repeated Graham, looking at her.

Her eyes closed; the little smile which broke Evadne's heart to see it lingering on her lips. Then suddenly she opened her eyes and spoke quite clearly. "Are the stars waiting?" she asked.

Evadne threw back the curtains. "I think every one of them is there: I think so many. They have all come out to meet you," she said.

"All the white souls—that's nice of them," Philippi murmured.

Her eyes held Graham's for a long moment. "In Zeit and Ewigkeit," she breathed.

"Kiss her," whispered Evadne. "Kiss her quickly, while she knows."

(Continued Tomorrow.)

GIVE PANTOMIME IN NORTH LONDON

Plan Interesting Production at Redeemer Church on Friday Night.

A community pantomime entitled "The Resolutions of 1925" will be presented in the Sunday school room of the Church of the Redeemer on Friday evening of this week by a clever cast of some fifty or sixty citizens of the north end of the city.

Chiefly from the membership of the Church of the Redeemer, those taking part will be directed by Mrs. Roy Ashman and Miss Laura Cook, who so successfully presented the "Pageant of 1924" at the Ryerson school recently.

The pantomime is in two acts. The first is a fairy scene, in which the queen of the fairies calls her councillors to hear the new year resolutions made by the grownups of the city. These grown folk, who will be inconspicuously seated in the audience, will be hailed to the stage and sent by the queen to the wishing well, there to make their resolutions.

The second act shows the return of these grownups in the guise of nursery rhyme characters, to tell the story of their adventures in pantomime.

Among those taking part are the following: Fairy queen, Jean Macgregor; fairies, Helen Ashman, Dorothy Taylor, Florence Fisher, Margaret Wray, Joyce and Helen Tomlinson, Geraldine Nopper, Anne Simpson, Dorothy Geoghegan, Ellen Astley, Olive Taylor, Jean Parry, and Phyllis Pether; "1925," Danise O'Brien; attendants on queen, Ruth Matthews and Billy O'Brien; Bo-Peep, Mrs. D. Kennedy; Prince Charming, Harold Mason; Peter Piper, Mr. Kinnaird; Georgey Porkey, Mrs. Partridge; Miss Muffet, Mrs. Matthews; Mistress Mary, Mrs. Ed. McGeoghegan; Mary Jorle Daw, Miss Beatrice Brett; Little girl with curls, Mrs. Millie; old woman in the shoe, Mrs. Robert Clark; Mother Hubbard, Mrs. Geoghegan; Peter Piper Pumpkin Eater, Mr. Macfie; Mother Goose, Mrs. Ferguson; Mary, with the lamb, Mrs. Tomlinson; Red Riding Hood, Mrs. Harcourt; The Wolf in the Wood, Mrs. Macfie; Carroll Kennedy; Jack and Mrs. Spratt; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Farr; Jack Horner, Rev. A. J. Cree; Simple Simon, Fred Macfie; Willie Winkle, Newton Ashman; 10 o'clock scholar, Douglas Croe; Queen of Hearts, Mrs. W. Prevost; Knave of Hearts, W. Prevost; Robinson Crusoe, Mr. Vaughan.

New year's resolution chorus—Kitty Porter, Ann Porter, Emily Sugden, Alice Perry, Mrs. Farr, Bessie Macfie, Louise Macfie, Dorothy Macfie, Lenore Foster, Lily Fox, Elva Armistage, Mary Armistage, Beatrice Brett, Louise Brett, Lily Beal, Jean Kennedy and Beatrice Scott.

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monotonous housework, cooking, and sewing, and cleaning up, and baby tending, year in and year out; a weary and a dreary life, believe me."

There are millions of these self-pitying living and mothers, and I wish that I could not only say something to comfort them, but something that would make them see that their lot is easier and not harder than that of the business and professional women, that their achievements are greater and their work is the most important in the world.

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HOGMANAY DANCE WILL BE IMPORTANT EVENT

Many Merry-makers at Hyman Hall Will Sing-In the New Year.

The annual Hogmanay dance, which is being given in Hyman Hall on New Year's eve promises to be one of the merriest of holiday events. Hogmanay, the Scots name for New Year's eve, has always been used by the Edinburgh Castle camp for this annual function, at which many of the old Scottish customs are followed. The traditional singing-in of the new year at 12 o'clock will be among the many interesting features of this dance. Highland pipers will be present in their picturesque uniform, and refreshments will include Scottish dishes of all sorts.

Special guests will be Mrs. May Haldane, retiring chief, and Mrs. Albert Webb, incoming chief of the camp. Mayor Wenigke has been extended a special invitation. The committee in charge of arrangements for the event includes Mrs. Annie Henderson, convener; Mrs. Jack Mickle, co-convener; Mrs. J. Mickle, Mrs. William Farwell, Mrs. Johnston and Mrs. J. C. Smith.

that her husband is hard to get along with; that he is surly, grouchy, high tempered; that he knocks her faults and overlooks her virtues; that he is often rude and overbearing and tyrannical, and parsimonious to her. Believe me, sisters, the woman who makes her own living out in the world knows every fault of the masculine temperament far better than you do.

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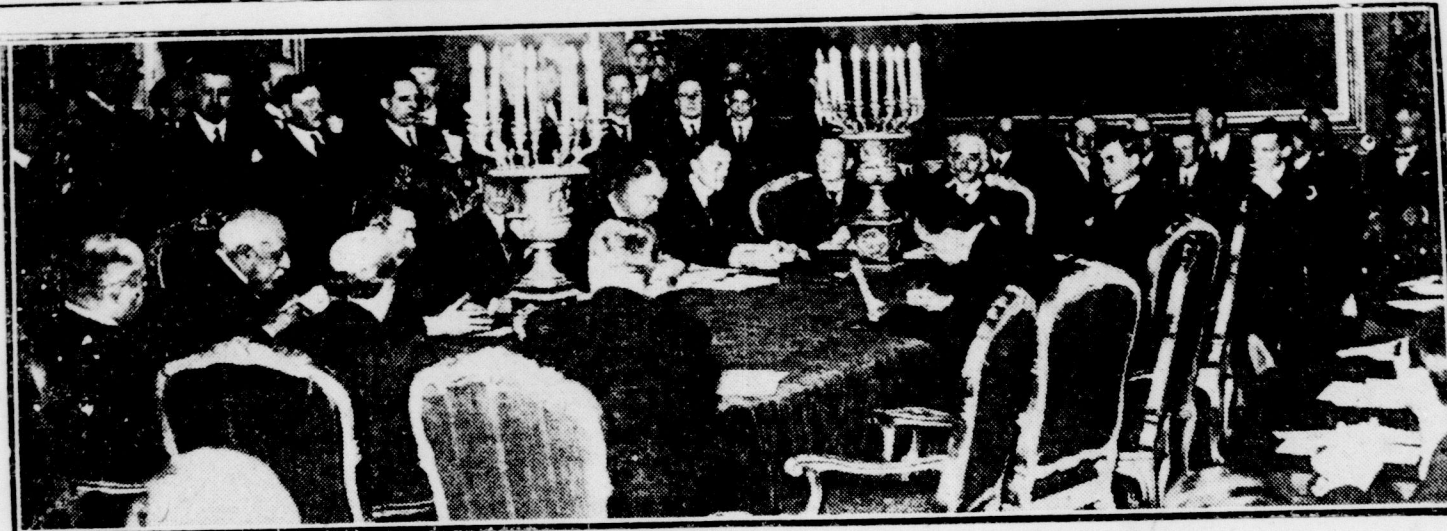
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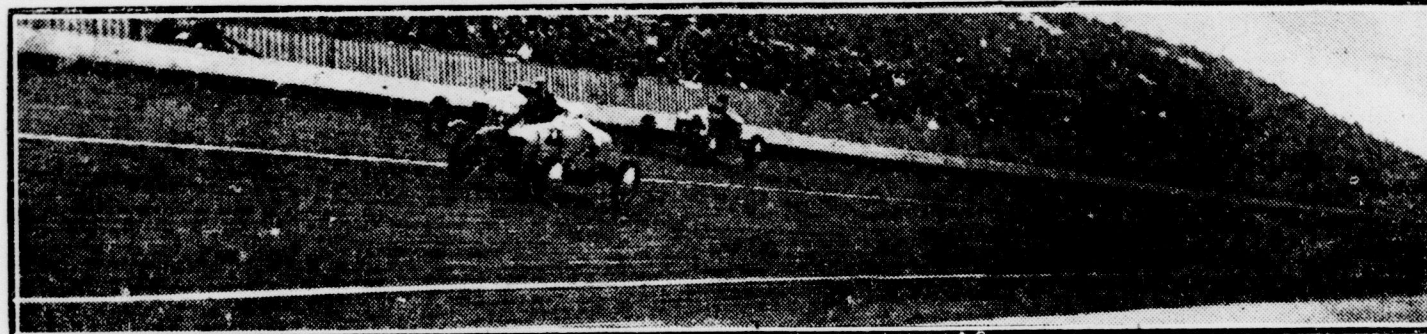
Immigrant Wins; Seeks Duel with Author; "Grandmargot" Asquith



Fifteen-year-old Betty Bronson was recently chosen from among many applicants for the film role of Sir James Barrie's hero, "Peter Pan." She is shown on her arrival in New York telling her mother of her success.



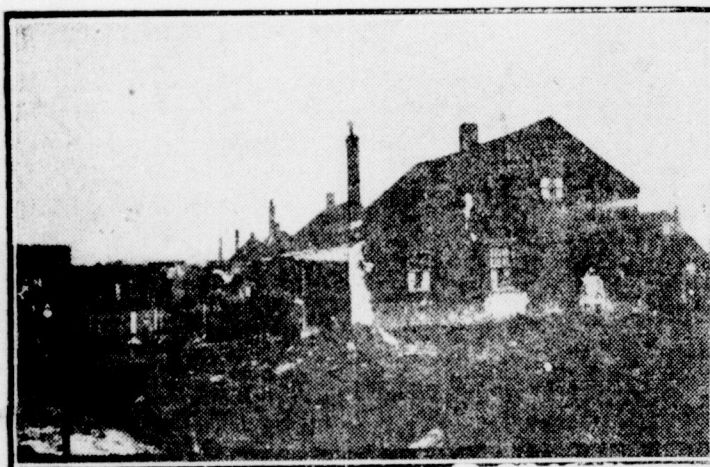
The opening of the 32nd meeting of the council of the League of Nations in Rome



The 250-mile race at Cluver City, California, last week was won by Benny Hill, who, at the time this photograph was made, was on the outside of the bowl, traveling at 126 miles an hour



The engagement has been announced of Miss Shelagh Brunner of Belmont Hall, Norwich, England, to Prince Ferdinand Edouard Lichtenstein. Miss Brunner is one of the best-known horsewomen of England and was a performer at the Wembley rodeo



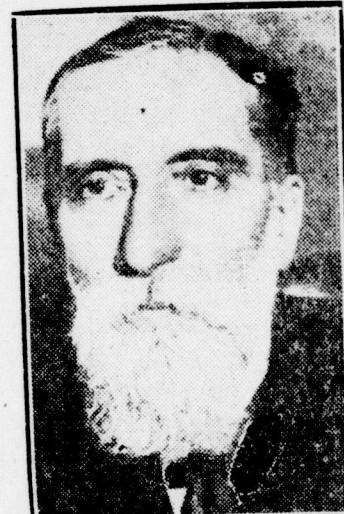
Here's the type of homes supplied by the Dominion Coal Company for their married employees at New Aberdeen, Nova Scotia



Dr. Jean Marie Musy has been elected as president of Switzerland for 1925. In 1919 he succeeded Gustave Ador on the federal council. The outgoing president is Dr. Ernest Chuard



Prince Henry, third son of King George, who, according to a report, will be named the Duke of Edinburgh in the New Year's honor list. The last Duke of Edinburgh was the father of the present Queen Marie of Rumania



George Lecomte, journalist, author, playwright, historian and critic, has been elected to fill one of the vacant chairs of the French Academy as an "Immortal." He is president of the Authors Society of France



The Canadian Pacific sign in Trafalgar Square was a guide to many lost pedestrians during the great fog which hung over London for days recently



Viscount d'Eza, former Spanish minister of war, has arrived in Paris for the express purpose of having a duel with Vicente Blasco Ibanez, noted writer and critic of King Alfonso, if he does not retract his statements



Mlle. Olga Fradiss, twenty-one years old, is the first woman in France to obtain her certificate as an engineer of aeronautical construction. She is shown inspecting a new type rotary motor in Paris



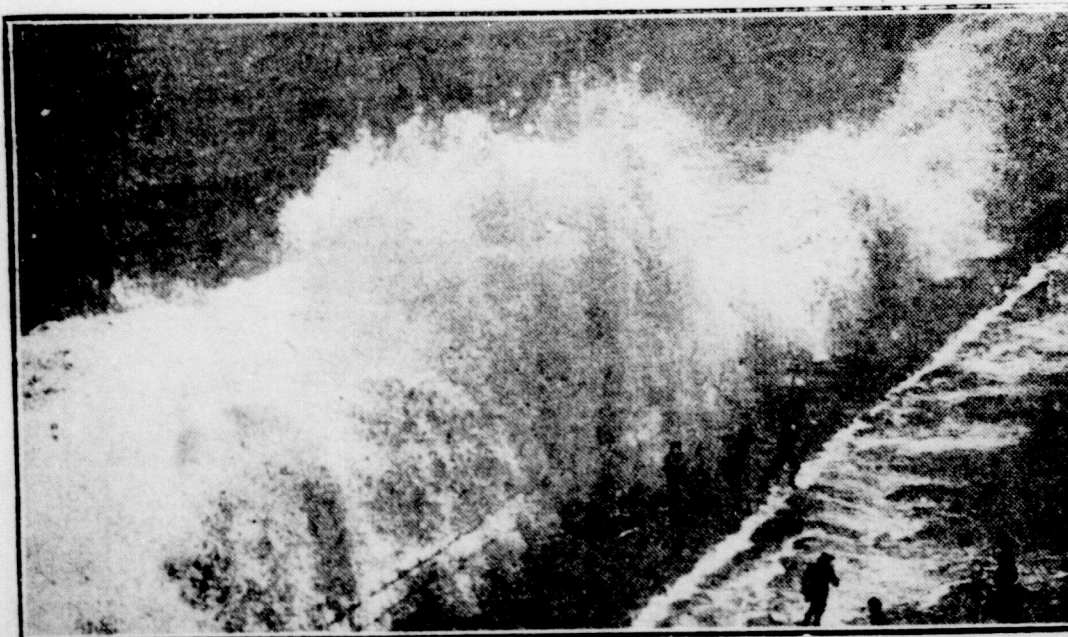
Estelle Taylor, screen star, who was recently reported engaged to Jack Dempsey, keeps an accurate check on the calories contained in her food by the aid of a pocket adding machine



Here we have Mrs. "Grandmargot" Asquith, wife of Herbert Asquith, with her little granddaughter, Priscilla, daughter of Princess Bibesco



"Kitty" is not the least bit bashful, but "Rover" blushes with embarrassment over the advances made by the feline



These children at Winthrop, Mass., make the most of the towering sheets of spray as the surf beats against the supporting buttresses of the boardwalk



Before coming to Canada in 1907, Mr. Walter Cummings was a comparatively poor lorryman in Glasgow. Now he has a farm of 480 acres and some of the best stock in Saskatchewan. He is shown with his family returning to the Old Country for a holiday



These winter days the icy winds of the storm whip up waves almost mountain high on the ocean. Here is the thrill passengers on a trans-Atlantic liner were treated to on their way from Europe recently

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She Appealed to the British Consul.

Mrs. Ulmansky, widow of a Hungarian who was killed in a munition plant in Youngstown, Ohio, during the war years, has arrived in Brantford with her children. The story of her experiences since her attempt to leave home makes so horrid a chapter that one might well ask if it were a recital of events in the dark ages when human beings were bartered as chattels and when human suffering was of no account.

Mrs. Ulmansky found she could get no passports to leave home because at the end of the war her village was given to Rumania and her husband's birthplace to Jugoslavia. She was a woman without a country, yet with her three children she decided to make the attempt to reach Canada, having sufficient funds to pay her way.

Arriving in Hamburg, she could get no farther, and after living practically on the streets there for weeks, met a German ship captain who agreed to take the family to America on a freighter. Instead of going to America the vessel was bound for Brazil, and on arriving there the woman and her three children were actually sold to the owner of a coffee plantation, where they were put to work and forced to live under the most distressing and disgusting conditions.

It was not until some months of life under conditions that were worse than barbaric that the woman was able to get in touch with the British consul. Strange, but when a person of any nationality finds conditions unbearable or injustice too rank, an appeal generally finds its way to the British consul, nor did this one go unheeded—the British consul secured the release of the woman and her children. She is now installed as chief cook at Bow Park farm, Brantford, where a number of Hungarians are being taught Canadian farming methods.

The woman and her children are safe now on Canadian soil, where they will find a security and freedom that are the right of all people living under the British flag. She could find none of these things in her own land; she could not find them in Hamburg, and she found the very reverse from the captain of the German freighter. Nor did she find them as she sailed in Brazil until she was able to reach out and find means of making her case known to the British consul. She could not even make the claim that she was a British subject, but she was able to appeal on the ground that she was a person to whom a grievous wrong was being done, and that was sufficient.

That is why the British flag is more than the state emblem of a nation; that is why its presence is recognized the world over as being more than the symbol of official British residence and function. That Hungarian woman, facing with her family a new future in a land of freedom, takes her place in a long line of witnesses to the humanity, the efficacy and the world-wide scope of the British flag.

The Common-Sense Way.

Windsor young man was in court over a dispute with his wife and an order for alimony was given. The husband found that he was in this way really keeping up two homes and he could not afford it.

The wife had sense enough to see that it would do her no good to send him to jail for non-payment, so common sense came to the rescue and the couple decided to go back and start over again, and departed with the court's blessing.

If that same course of common sense were more frequently followed, alimony, separation and divorce would dwindle.

Financing the Church.

The system of raising money for church purposes by holding bazaars and suppers is vigorously attacked in the current issue of the Presbyterian, published at Philadelphia. Wilbur La Rue, Jun., an elder in a prominent church, takes the system to task and attributes to it many of the financial worries of the church today.

Mr. La Rue recounts his first memory of church financing, when the annual church "fair" was held "to raise something like \$300 which everyone seemed complacently to assume could not be raised in any other way." One incident stayed in his youthful imagination, when on one of these annual occasions his mother was sick and he was sent to the bakeshop to purchase "a formidable looking coconut layer cake, which cost 65 cents." There were too many cakes at that sale, and at the end of the day, when one of the church officials turned auctioneer, Mr. La Rue, Sen., purchased the 65-cent cake for 25 cents and took it home. The cake cost the family 90 cents, of which the church received 25 cents.

The same writer reviews the church supper provided by the ladies and states that they have made the remarkable discovery "that the average Christian gentleman will generously give 75 cents for a dollar supper." The idea behind this, Mr. La Rue claims, is not giving at all, and he is right. A person who attends a church supper and gets his money's worth in the way of an elaborate meal has contributed nothing; he has traded his 50 or 75 cents for a dinner or a supper, or whatever it may be.

The point Mr. La Rue stresses is that all this

feverish activity gets away entirely from the idea of giving, away from the fine principle of sacrificing something in order that the work of the Lord may be carried on successfully and in a dignified way. It is not making the people in the churches face their obligations as they should, nor is it placing proper ideals before the children. Mr. La Rue can see nothing in the system at all that inspires, nothing that finds its echo in the words of the song about "Christian soldiers marching on to war." He fails to find in it either the spirit of sacrifice that reached its climax at Calvary.

His viewpoint should give rise to some serious thought on the part of those who look upon church entertainments, suppers and fairs as the proper way of raising money. The idea of making personal sacrifice in order to give has in it greater possibilities, greater inspiration and a greater degree of dignity.

Germany Must Be Frank.

The Berlin newspapers are making it as difficult as possible for the Dawes plan to operate. They were apparently expecting special consideration from Premier Herriot of France, and with such an alliance would be prepared to shape future policies according to their own desires.

Right now the whole future of Germany seems to hinge on the allies evacuating Cologne, an event that was made conditional upon certain things being done by Germany. It has always been British policy that Germany should have as much freedom as possible in working out her own destiny, but there appear to be good grounds for the statement that Germany is not making all her national moves out in the open.

The French openly charge that Germany is actually planning for another war, that she is training men as soldiers under the guise of policemen. Hidden arms have been discovered by the committee empowered and entitled to search, and machines for the manufacture of guns, which were to have been destroyed, have also been found intact.

Britain has shown every tendency to play the game fairly with Germany; her former premier threw all the force of his office and his own personality into an effort to bring Germany into touch with the nations of the world on the basis of equality; Britain has never shown a disposition to embarrass the payment of reparations to other nations by an undue pressure of her own claims.

Germany should see that her own future is wrapped up in her willingness to exhibit a frankness that has been too absent a quantity in many of her former dealings. Germany cannot hope to evade the payment of her war debts; had she been successful in the late war there is no question as to how she would have collected or as to the amount.

Only political stupidity can now dictate a policy that will lead to her estrangement from the other nations. Her salvation depends upon Germany's willingness to bend her back to the load that is justly placed there, and to devote the same energy to meeting her obligations that she is now employing in evading them.

Note and Comment.

This Canadian winter is great for the health. A Windsor man, finding his boarding house on fire, saved his life by jumping into a snowdrift.

The village of Milton pursues a very good plan by having its financial statement in readiness to present to the electors on nomination day. The electors are thus in a position to know whether economy talk and economy performance are one and the same thing.

Some one is always crowding in to take the place as the meekest thief. The man (?) who raided the chicken coop at Brantford Institute for the Blind and took the poultry intended for a Christmas dinner for the children there, at present has the distinction.

It doesn't seem quite certain what has happened to Trotsky. Six months from now some "former butler in the Romanoff family, who hid for years in the cellar, and for three months behind the door, and who escaped from Russia following unpeppable hardship," will be trying to sell the story of the last hours before Trotsky's downfall.

Say, Mr. Near!

City Engineer Near has introduced a new slogan for London's streets by attaching a signpost to the front of the city street flushers.—News item.

Say, Mr. Near, I watched the thing that scrapes the snow from off the street, and leaves about two inches there, whereas she was "bout two feet deep.

And I was wonderin' if 'twas you who hitched it to the waterin' tank. Few if you did you're smart enough to make a new dime savin' bank. And what a handy man you'd be to have around the house, just think—of how you'd putter 'round the place and how you'd fix the kitchen sink.

A man like you, what's handy like, why you could paper up a room, and fix a kitchen broom. And rix 'em hangin' up the kitchen broom. You'd make the thing work just like new. It must be great to be a man what knows the proper thing to do.

I know some chaps, yes, lots of them, what ain't no use around the home, who have no tinkerin' brains at all stuffed sideways in upon them dome. They're always got to hire a man, and sometimes they is payin' two, they can't just take a bucksaw out and even cut a plank in two.

And if the chickens bust the coop and start a-runnin' all around, and diggin' up the spots of earth where neighbors has dugged up the ground, they got to get a man to come and hammer on that rooster but, before they know again for sure that they can shut the chickens up.

I'd like to take such folks as these and stand them up all in a row, and show them Near's new scrapin' thing for shovein' off the winter's snow. I'd say to them "now don't you see just what a handy man is Near, and he's a-usin' up the brain that bulges out above his ear. Now can't you bakes go home and work and do things what your wives will like, and not go hirin' fifteen men to come and drive a six-inch spike?"

Ah, you have stirred me, Mr. Near, toward doin' a lot of things myself. I'll grab a soap box by the neck and fashion now a pantry shelf.

—ARK.

Rarebits By Rex

RESOLUTIONS.

I've made five or six resolutions
Without any favor or fear;
They were not made in fun and I swear every one
Will be kept till the end of the year.
I've resolved not to battle Jack Dempsey,
I've resolved that I will not connive
With the goddess of chance to be president
Of France
In the year nineteen twenty and five.

I will never drink wine with Napoleon,
Or entertain Lincoln with verse,
And I promise you all that I never will fail
For the charms of sweet Dido or Circe.
I swear I won't swim off Lake Erie
And I swear not to capture or hunt
Any elephant wild in the African wild
Or war on the Portugal front.

You may say that these queer resolutions
Are foolish and crazy to make,
But their promising does me great credit because
They're the only resolves I can't break!

The modern idea seems to be to cast bread upon waters and wait for it to return toasted, and with a pot of marmalade.

The reason we spend more money on chewing gum than books is that it's so much easier to exercise the chin than the mind.

A philanthropist is a man who, at this time of year, takes all the trimmings off the Christmas tree and gives the tree to a deserving poor family.

It looks as if the mercury will continue to gratify its low instincts.

CHRISTMAS ECHOES.

Christmas week's a great week;
Holly on the walls;
Mistletoe and you know—
Dim lights in the halls;

Christmas week's a great week;
No one would deny,
None would say it's not gay
Or admit a sigh;

But the nicest, best thing,
Stay-at-home or rover,
Has to say of Christmas is:
"Gosh, I'm glad it's over!"

A Boston scientist says the man of the future will have no hair and teeth. Our grandfather is a man of the future.

A fool is born every minute and a bore is borne every minute.

An eccentric is a man who hasn't got the same peculiar tastes you have.

It is said that genius is the capacity for taking infinite pains. But we know some geniuses who have a greater capacity for giving them.

Editorial Opinion

ZINOVIEFF VERSUS GOD.

(From the Ottawa Journal)

Of a certain sacrilegious atheist a famous Jesuit once said that he was "like a pup standing at the Golden Gate, sneering his tiny bark at the might of the infinite sea." One thinks of that phrase in reading the latest pronouncement of Zinovieff, the Russian communist, whose notorious letter recently helped bring down the MacDonald ministry in England. Says that precious red:

"In a peasant country like ours, where the majority of the population is illiterate and where the peasantry pays so high for articles of necessity, we cannot allow ourselves such a luxury as a vigorous and inflexible religious campaign. We shall pursue our attacks on Almighty God in due time and in an appropriate manner."

Poor, ignorant Zinovieff! If he is able to read, he should read a little history. For there, if nowhere else, he would discover that so-called learned men who were really very ignorant have been talking that way all down through the centuries, while all about them and continuously knowledge of God, love of God, evidence of God kept growing magnificently and steadily. And long after poor Zinovieff's carcass has rotted and been eaten by worms, countless millions in the world—even in Russia—will turn humbly and reverently to religion. But one pities poor Russia.

CANADIANS OWN CANADA.

(From the Hamilton Herald)

"We wave our little flags and lead ourselves to believe that this is a British country," says J. S. Woodsworth, Labor M.P. for Centre Winnipeg. "It is a British country, but the Americans own it. The big United States companies are gradually pushing their way across this country."

It is true that American industrialists have invested capital in manufacturing plants in Canada. Their capital has been welcome, and it still is. The more capital that enters this country, to be used in the establishment and development of Canadian industries, the better, no matter where it comes from.

But it is misleading to say that the men who own this capital own the country. Even if all the industrial capital were in the hands of foreigners, they could not own the country. The country is owned by Canadians—by the men and women who possess the right to vote and choose their governments and dictate national policies. Billions of British capital have been used in the upbuilding of industries in the United States and in the construction of American railways; but the money so invested by British capitalists never gave them a lien upon the United States.

Press Comment

Two Weeks of It.

Perhaps it is because "parting is such sweet sorrow" that the voting on church union is being spread over two weeks.—Hamilton Herald.

Only a Strong Man Could Stand It.

It must be disappointing to the would-be athlete to spend four years in college and have nothing to show for it but an education.—Detroit News.

The New Christmas Carol.

The Barber's Christmas Carol—Shingle belles, shingle belles, shingle all the day.—Judge.

Or Else Go Out of Business.

Last year there were 14,000 burglaries in Moscow. Next year the burglars will have to start stealing from each other.—Chatham News.

Higher Than the Average.

A young branch bank manager, who dipped into the company's funds to play the horses, says he picked a dozen winners in 200 bets. This was a high percentage.—Hamilton Spectator.

THE GREAT GREENWICH

By A. C. THOMAS.

ON my first visit to Greenwich, I was refused admittance to the observatory. Not dismayed, I succeeded in getting a pass and was courteously shown through the several wonderful departments, where longitude is reckoned, weather forecasted and the heavens studied. Not being a scientific man, although I have always been interested in astronomy, it was not easy to comprehend the information imparted or remember it all. Greenwich is situated 6 1/4 miles from Trafalgar square, the observatory buildings being situated in a beautiful park, on a prominent embankment rising about 200 feet above the original ground. Many others have seen less than a mile distant. To the right of the entrance is the 24-hour dial, from which one may see his watch accurately—which everyone visiting the observatory does—and to the left, a heavy copper plate on which are raised delineations showing the accurate measurements of the yard, foot and inch. Upon entering, the guide conducts the visitor through the court to a steep pair of steps which lead to the top of roof of the original building, erected in the time of Prof. Flamsteed, the first astronomer royal, who was appointed by King Charles II in 1675. His successors were Halley, the discoverer of "Halley's comet," Bradley and Maskelyne, men of the most conspicuous ability.

In the course of succession, the present astronomer royal being Professor Dyson, but to these four is credited the honor of being the real pioneers in establishing an institution which has meant so much to the people of every civilized nation, and particularly to the mariner of the "seven seas."

Born of Necessity.

IN the earlier days before Columbus opened the way across an unknown sea, navigation was confined mostly to the Mediterranean sea and the coast-line of the continents. Little was known of the interior of the ocean, to venture out upon an uncharted ocean, it was obvious that some method of reckoning their position upon the vast expanse of an unknown sea was necessary. The reckoning of latitude was not difficult, for they could calculate their position from the sun. But not so as to their distance east or west from the land from which they had embarked or to their objective. Little by little the intrepid sailors of the sixteenth century forced their way across the knowledge of the globe, and of the relative positions of the great continents. But this knowledge was only attained after many disasters and terrible miseries; and though a new kind of navigation was established—the navigation of the open ocean, far away from any possible landmark, a navigation as different as could be conceived from the old method of coasting—yet it remained terribly risky and uncertain through the sixteenth century. There-

fore many mathematicians endeavored to solve the problem of determining the position of a ship at sea. The first country to profit by the discovery of America was Spain, and hence Spain was the first to feel keenly the pinch of the problem. So in 1598 Philip III offered a prize of \$125,000 to any one who would devise a method by which a captain of a vessel could determine his position when out of sight of land. Not very long after this offer, a master mind did work out a simple method for determining the longitude, a method theoretically complete, though practically it proved inapplicable. This was Galileo, who, with his newly-invented telescope, had discovered that Jupiter was attended by four satellites. And so we learn that the investigations which were carried on were not so much to determine the knowledge we have since gained of the starry heavens, but solely with the purpose in view of helping the navigator.

The Present Management.

MY informant further enlightened me as to how the present society came into being. Several of the English gentry took up the study of astronomy as a hobby, and formed a small society for the purpose of pursuing their investigations merely as a pastime, and from this small and peculiar beginning has grown this world-famous institution as we see it today.

Flamsteed's little domain was only 27 yards wide by 50 deep, and for buildings comprised little beyond a small dwelling-house on the ground floor, and one fine room above it. This room—the original Greenwich observatory—still remains and is used as a council room by the official board of visitors, who come to the observatory on the first Saturday in June, to examine into its condition and to receive the astronomer royal's report. The observatory domain is today is fully 200 yards in greatest length, with an average breadth of 60. There are about a half-dozen large and several smaller buildings, and three telescopes, one with a 14-inch, one 26 and one 30-inch lens. The largest is a double-lens being used for observation purposes, while the larger is for photographing the stars, moon and sun.

On the roof of the first building we ascended, the astronomer royal's instrument for determining the velocity of the wind. Opposite the anemometer, the great "time ball," which I observed fall at exactly 1 o'clock p.m. Above this is the familiar contrivance which indicates the "four points of the compass," and here it is the chronograph room, and here it is the chronographs used upon ships are received and tested for accuracy. Retracing our steps toward the entrance, we come to the transit circle room, and here is located a telescope and transit, which is placed exactly at longitude "zero," so naturally I stepped upon the line

marked upon the floor, and for the first time in my life stood on the spot from which longitude is reckoned.

A Maze of Instruments.

IN succession, I was led from one building to another, visiting this room, climbing steep stairs, through narrow passages, on every side instruments, the uses for which each was intended being explained minutely as we threaded our way from one room to another. Finally I was conducted to the newest addition, the real observatory, where we ascended by spiral stairs to the upper room, in which were contained the two largest telescopes. The dome above being closed, and the day unsuited for observation purposes, I had to be contented with an explanation of how they were used instead of witnessing a practical demonstration. It is one of these instruments—the one containing the 30-inch lenses, which is used to photograph the firmament, and I was shown actual negatives of the moon, eclipses, the "milky way" and even the sun, all of which were of more than passing interest. Returning to the lower floor, we then walked to the meteorological and magnetic departments. From this department are issued weather forecasts. The magnetic department has to do with the variations of the needle, and the discovery was made that the deflections are in some manner due to the size of the spots on the sun's surface. This led to the institution of a daily photographic record of the state of the sun's surface, a record which Greenwich claims to have a complete monopoly. Records are also kept of the rainfall, temperatures, the number of hours the sun shines each day, and barometric readings.

In all, there are eight departments, summarized as follows: The time department, the transit and circle departments, the altazimuth department, the magnetic and meteorological departments, the heliographic department, the spectroscopic department, the double-star department. Before leaving the observatory, I was asked to register, and in looking through the registry, going back for a period of a year, I failed to find the name of a single Canadian, and few visitors from the United States, but noted the names of many Orientals, which seems to indicate that English-speaking peoples show less interest in the study of astronomy than do those of the far east. I am sure if the stranger in London would take the time to visit the Greenwich observatory, he will agree with me that it was time most pleasantly and profitably spent.

To the Editor

How Union Worked.

Elk Lake Field, Instead of Supporting Two Home Mission Churches, Adopted Idea of Uniting.

Editor of The Advertiser:

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union in the Elk Lake field. I can state emphatically that it has been satisfactory to all concerned. As an elder and member of the board of managers of that congregation for over twelve years, though not now resident there, I am in a position to speak from personal knowledge. Church union with us was such an obvious and logical step to take that there seemed no alternative. In 1911, with very little discussion on our part, in fact, it was arranged by this district superintendents of the Presbyterian and Methodist churches. The Elk Lake field was then, and is still, a home mission field, and not so large but one church and one minister could easily handle the work. To have this field a charge against the home mission funds of both churches was too absurd to be continued.

At the time of the congregational vote on church union the question was thoroughly canvassed in Elk Lake, and there was only one anti-union vote cast. At a congregational meeting, held previous to the vote, one, who is a member of an old country Kirk, professed to see rocks in the path of church union, but on further discussion it developed that he had not read the basis of union, which he doubted if he

has yet done so. From our experience and observation on a limited section of the firing line, it is our conviction that the rocks are largely a matter of human nature and not of fact, and that union is the only practical solution of a pressing problem. In our own case, in what better way could the mission funds of the church have been administered? We look forward to a further impetus being given to the work when all these outlying charges come under one union administration.

The union church has been, and is a decided factor for good in the life of the community and especially the work done with the children has been appreciated.

As for the larger union, there is only one opinion and that is—union. Cobalt, Ont. H. C. HARVEY, Elder.

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KEEN CONTESTS COMING FOR MUNICIPAL HONORS

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the field for the reeve's chair and leave the contest between the present reeve, B. F. Muma, and B. H. Dann, while the first six mentioned for the council are expected to fight it out for the four seats. Two by-laws will also be submitted, one to raise \$10,000 under the provisions of the fire drainage act, and the other to abolish statute labor and appoint a road superintendent.

NORFOLK

MIDDLETON. Special to The Advertiser. Tillsonburg, Dec. 29.—Elections in Middleton township were made today by acclamation as follows: Reeve—R. H. Hearn. Councilors—B. Youse, H. Dean, G. W. Simmons, W. A. Buchner.

PERTH

ELLICE. Special to The Advertiser. Stratford, Dec. 29.—Elections in the townships of Perth county: Ellice—Reeve—Robert Armstrong and George Elgoetz. Deputy reeve—George Kook (re-elected). Councilors—Quinlan, Councilors—Dan Crowley, S. Young, Wm. Roemer, George Quennesser, Henry Schmidt, D. M. Arbogast.

FULLARTON

Fullarton—Reeve—Albert Roach (re-elected). Councilors—L. Walkom, Robert Clarke, George Urquhart, J. Turner, J. Reitz, Wm. Carbert.

NORTH EASTHOPE

North Easthope—The council of North Easthope was re-elected by acclamation. James Stewart is reeve.

DOWNE

Downie—The council of 1924 was re-elected as follows: Reeve—Frank Bell. Councilors—Henry Morrow, J. Armstrong, B. Bradshaw, George Beggs.

BLANSHARD

Special to The Advertiser. St. Marys, Dec. 29.—The following members were returned by acclamation at the nominations held for the Blanshard council this afternoon: Reeve—James Moore. Councilors—George Kook, J. Reitz, Wm. Carbert, and John Molloy. Two were nominated to fill the position of reeve, James Moore and John Molloy, but one of them will withdraw, it was definitely stated tonight, although it will not be known until tomorrow which one will do so. At any rate, there will be no election in Blanshard.

ELMA

Reeve—William Todd, John I. Valentine, Deputy reeve—William Todd, John I. Valentine, Coates, Hugh Richmond, Thos. E. Sherer, Samuel Smith, Councilors—W. Angus Dixon, John S. H. Chaffie, G. Ahrens, H. McArthur (acc.).

LOGAN

Reeve—M. Hagarty, who has been reeve for three years, James Douglas, John Rudolph, John Bennet, Councilors—J. H. Chaffie, G. Ahrens, H. McArthur (acc.).

HIBBERT

Special to The Advertiser. Mitchell, Dec. 29.—Nominations today brought forward to men who have served townships for several years. A. A. Colquhoun, who has been reeve for the last twelve years, was re-elected. Councilors—James Macdonald, William Morris, H. W. Templeman, Thomas Harris, Simon Fraser, Allan McHarg, William Jeffrey, Robert G. Hogarth.

WALLACE

Special to The Advertiser. Wallace, Dec. 29.—In Wallace township today nominations were as follows: Reeve—J. M. Kinrade, S. S. Smith, Councilor—J. S. Gross, W. H. Larch, William Caldwell, G. J. Barnett, Herbert Purcell, Geo. McKnight, James McEwan.

SOUTH EASTHOPE

Special to The Advertiser. Sebastopol, Dec. 29.—Jacob Kallnech was re-elected reeve of South Easthope by acclamation today. The following were nominated as councilors: Charles Hartlieb, Wm. Flach, John Pletch, Jacob Kung, Simon Bundeck and Joseph Petrin, four to be elected.

ELGIN

DUNWICH. Special to The Advertiser. Dutton, Dec. 29.—The nominations held today for Dunwich township were: Reeve—Alex. MacLachlan, Archie Crawford, Deputy reeve—D. J. McKillop (acc.). Councilors—Robert Campbell, Leslie Kendall, John Leitch, M. A. McAlpine.

ALDBOROUGH

Nominations in Aldborough township today were: Reeve—G. F. McGregor, D. K. Anderson, Deputy reeve—C. C. Minor (acc.). Councilors—G. S. Houser, Neil A. McColl, S. W. Carson, J. H. Walhen, P. J. Taylor.

MALAHIDE

Special to The Advertiser. Aylmer, Dec. 29.—Malahide township elections today were: Reeve—Wm. A. H. Westover, R. B. McElroy, Edwin Drysdale, Deputy reeve—J. W. Matthews, H. B. Westover, Edwin Drysdale, Councilors—O. H. Evans, Gordon Newell, Spencer McConnell, Harry West, Chas. Ingram, Harry Kent, Edwin Drysdale, Clifford Ellis.

SOUTHWOLD

Special to The Advertiser. St. Thomas, Dec. 29.—Nominations for Southwold: Reeve—D. Crockett (acc.). Deputy reeve—C. C. Minor (acc.). Councilors—R. Kimble, F. Curtis, J. A. Campbell, Stewart A. Brown, C. McIntyre, W. R. Gunning, former reeve, was appointed road superintendent. There will probably be an election for the council, as all have signified their intention to stay in the running.

YARMOUTH

Special to The Advertiser. St. Thomas, Dec. 29.—Nominations for Yarmouth township council being returned in the entire council being returned for another term. Reeve—William Anderson, Deputy reeve—Dan Curtis and D. J. McIntyre. Councilors—A. Archibald and F. R. Taylor.

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BRUCE

Cargill, Dec. 29.—Nominations in Bruce county today were: Carrick township—Reeve, J. W. Elgel (acc.). Councilors—J. Gurgans, Thos. H.

Cobb Denies He Is Dead

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Dec. 30.—Irvin S. Cobb, like Mark Twain, has had the pleasure of denying a story of his death. Mark said the story about his death was greatly exaggerated. The latter day humorist, in a telegram to the New York World today, from Paducah, Ky., says: "I hate to disappoint you, but the Chicago report that I am dead is, so far as I can learn, entirely unfounded."

MURDER CHARGE IS LAID AGAINST 4 AT HAMILTON

Sons of Joe Baytowicz Break Down During Preliminary Hearing.

Canadian Press Despatch. Hamilton, Dec. 29.—Two young sons of the murdered Joe Baytowicz, star witnesses of the crown in its case against the widow and four men, all held on murder charges, today broke down in the witness box and refused to repeat the sensational stories they told at the inquest into their father's death. Baytowicz was killed on or about July 31, and at the inquest the children said they had seen their mother strike their father over his eyes with a poker and had then seen 331 Shermet stab Baytowicz as he lay upon the floor. They had seen the body hidden in the cellar, they testified at the inquest, and next day had watched four men bear it away. In police court today Magistrate Jelfs committed for trial Mrs. Amelia Baytowicz, the widow, and Panko Stabo, Yakini Stabo and Mike Radeh. It was only with great difficulty that the boys were induced to speak at today's hearing. Called upon to identify the men, nine-year-old Tony Baytowicz clasped his hands over his eyes so that he might not see the figures in the dock and said he had never heard their names before.

UNANIMOUS VOTE GIVES OIL COMPANY GRANT

Regal Corporation Will Start Work On \$250,000 Plant at Tillsonburg.

Special to The Advertiser. Tillsonburg, Dec. 29.—Fully recognizing the fact that the location of the Regal Oil Corporation in the Pan Dried town meant one of the largest industrial concerns to be located in the province of Ontario in 1924, local ratepayers turned in a unanimous vote today in granting exemption of taxes, except school taxes, for a period of 10 years. The company will start work on a \$250,000 plant which will be increased to half a million dollars within the next five years. Tillsonburg is assured of the biggest building year in its history. The vote stood 475 for the bylaw and none against.

GREATER LATITUDE ALLOWED INSPECTORS

The latest bulletin to be issued by the provincial department of education with regard to the inspection of public and separate schools was received by the local inspectors. Senior Inspector V. K. Greer, M.A., stated that greater latitude was allowed the inspectors with regard to length of time, and number of visits to be made to the different schools. Heretofore, the inspectors have been required to spend 229 half days in the actual visiting and inspecting of the schools.

CANADIAN NATIONAL TAKES FREIGHT FOR WABASH

Traffic over the Wabash railroad has been diverted over Canadian National lines owing to ice conditions in the Detroit river. The Wabash has been unable to maintain its regular service on account of the blockade at the border which has resulted from the severe weather.

TWO SHOT RESISTING MANHATTAN ROBBERS

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Dec. 30.—Two men were shot today in resisting four robbers who held up a garage in West Fifty-fifth street, Manhattan. After wounding their victims, the robbers fled in an automobile without any loot.



J. F. M. STEWART. Home Bank director, has been found guilty of negligence in approving of false banking statements to the minister of finance. He will be sentenced on Jan. 15.

FLOODS FOLLOW GALE IN ENGLAND

Many Roads Are Made Impassable by Rising Waters.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 29.—The gale which has been sweeping the English coast, endangering shipping and causing considerable damage, has subsided, at least for the present, but reports of the results which have been remarkable as well as disastrous, continue to be received here.

At Fleetwood, where the sea surrounds the town on three sides, the sea advanced like a tidal wave and caused the only road leading inland to be impassable. The quaint little town of Selby, Yorkshire, was almost washed out by the rising of the river Ouse. Household fires were extinguished by the flood, and light furniture was floating in the rooms of the residences for a while.

In the upper reaches of the Thames the water is still rising, and the adjacent meadows are literally lakes, some of them being fully a mile wide. Thirty sheep were drowned in the flood at Richmond. A house-boat was sunk at Hampton Court.

REGINA CHURCH VOTES IN FAVOR OF UNION

Other Churches in West Are Divided in Discussions on Important Question.

Canadian Press Despatch. Regina, Sask., Dec. 30.—By a majority of 258 the congregation of Knox Presbyterian church in Regina voted in favor of the union. The figures were: For union, 544; against union, 286.

As a result of the vote the question of the formation of a Presbyterian church in Regina will be discussed at a meeting to be held on Monday. It was announced by Stewart Muirhead, of the Saskatchewan branch of the Presbyterian Church, that the last of the five Presbyterian churches in the city to vote. Knox church, Regina, 544 for; 286 against. Knox church, Weyburn, 44 for; 155 against. Bunf United church, 7 for; 15 against. Knox church, Red Deer, 8 for; 80 against. River, 42 for; 32 against. Prince Rupert United church, B. C., 11 for; 67 against. Wapella, Sask., 15 for; none against. St. Paul, 34 for; 34 against. Lumsden, 72 for; 17 against.

Recluse Is Shown Way To Freedom

Vagrant Worth \$6,000 Given Chance To Go Home With Son.

Mark Billings, eccentric recluse, who, through his repeated applications for lodgings at police station, was remanded to jail for one week, although he was the owner of more than \$6,000, will be allowed his freedom today provided he agrees to accompany his son to Detroit and live with him. Billings was sent to jail several days ago. He claimed he was too poor to provide for himself, but his wealth was learned when bank books were found on his person. The son arrived in London this morning to obtain Magistrate Graydon's permission to remove his aged father to Detroit.

FIVE COUNTY FATHERS ARE WARDEN PROSPECTS

Five of the county councilors given acclamations by their municipalities yesterday will be after the position of warden for Middlesex. First among the prospects will be one of the deans of the council, Allan MacPherson, reeve of Glenora, who has had a long and honorable career in the county council.

Reeve A. C. Hodgins of London township will be one of the Conservative nominees, while Allan McDougall of Carleton Place will carry the U. P. O. colors. William Boler of Westminster township looks up as a factor in the race, as does J. N. Sullivan of Adelaide.

STATUTE LABOR ABOLITION SEEN TO GET GOVT. GRANT

Although London township representatives were turned away from the township council by acclamation yesterday, township voters will have to go to the polls just the same next Monday. The town's vote to vote on the abolition of statute labor, and it is more than likely that the voters will decide to dispense with the present method of keeping up the roads. The Ontario government will pay 40 per cent of road work done in the township providing statute labor is done away with. On the other hand, if the township decides to retain the present method, it will receive no large government grant.

OPEN FOR SLEIGHS

County Engineer Charles Talbot stated today that while the snow-drifts were quite formidable on county roads running north and south, it had not been found necessary as yet to put men at work digging them out. "The roads are hot open for automobiles, but sleighs are having no trouble on the road foremen state," said Mr. Talbot.



Here on the left is the Hunt company's plant as it stands after being swept by flames early today, causing a loss of \$500,000. The interior of the plant was destroyed, but the walls remain. At the right is a recent photo of the plant, which was built five years ago.

MAGISTRATE CONSENTS TO REQUEST OF NICKLE

Ellis Will Act As Deputy Magistrate of Windsor and Walkerville.

Canadian Press Despatch. Windsor, Dec. 29.—Magistrate Ellis announced today that he had consented to act as deputy magistrate for the city of Windsor and the town of Walkerville, as a result of a request made to him from Attorney-General Nickle. This was received in a letter which Mr. Ellis got today. It clears up a point that puzzled the magistrate, who, up to this time, had received no word from the attorney-general's department concerning his status in the recent magisterial split by which he had been appointed as deputy magistrate to preside over cases in any part of the county.

L. & P. S. TAKES MEASURES TO OVERCOME SNOWDROPS

Fearing loss of time on the regular schedule through snowdrifts on the tracks, the London and Port Stanley Railway has constructed barriers along the line in the form of ice fences. These were constructed by gangs of section men, who piled the hard snow and then let it freeze. At other places, where there was no snow, the barriers used in former years, consisting of wooden retainers, were used.

WINTER FAIR DISCUSSED FOR CITY AND DISTRICT

A winter fair for London and Western Ontario is under discussion at the county building in afternoon at the annual meeting of the Western Ontario Consignment and Sales company. Among those present at the meeting are President J. H. Saunders, Western Fair; Secretary Jackson, Mayor Wenige, Capt. E. Robinson, C. Pearson, Ald. E. Smith, County Clerk J. Stewart, George McCormick, Western Fair director, and others.

LAIDLAW-COUSINS FIGHT ONE BIG ELECTION FEATURE

Probably the hottest of all the county municipal fights will be staged in Westminster township, where Reeve Walter Laidlaw is being opposed by ex-Warden John S. Cousins for premier honors. Although there will be a fight for council positions, the real interest lies in the battle between Messrs Cousins and Laidlaw. Both men have strong supporters, and the campaign will be watched with interest.

SHIP IS STRANDED

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 30.—A Lloyd's despatch from Salonika, dated yesterday, says the United States shipping board steamer Sinsinawa, bound from Alexandria for New York with grain and a general cargo, was stranded outside Cape Kara, in the Gulf of Salonika. The salvage steamer Hermes is standing by.

WILL RETURN ISLAND

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—The return to Mexico of the small island of Pelichique, in the Gulf of California, which has been used for some time as a coaling station for the United States fleet, is expected soon, according to the Mexican foreign office.

Gossip Around The City Hall

Acting Building Inspector O'Connor's report for December will show issuance of 37 permits, as compared with 61 authorized in December, 1923. However, though fewer permits have been issued the average value on each permit has been much greater. December, this year, shows a value of \$80,245, while last year the month's values were \$58,805.

The American bus concern which desires an option on city property with the possibility of constructing a plant here, plans to put in a bus service between Niagara Falls and Detroit, to serve as an auxiliary transport for towns not served by fast freight service.

London's 1924 city council passed from office in a day's time, and it is

Lawyers Get \$150,000 Fee

Associated Press Despatch. Chicago, Dec. 30.—The lawyers who saved Richard Loe and Nathan Leopold, Jun., from the gallows after they pleaded guilty to kidnapping and killing Robert Franks, will receive \$150,000, it became known today. Clarence Darrow, veteran criminal lawyer, and Benjamin and Walter Bachrach, brothers, will share the fee. The lawyers, asked \$200,000 at the conclusion of the trial, but finally accepted \$150,000, which was agreed upon.

BODY OF MURDERED MAN HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Dec. 30.—The torso of a man which was found on Dec. 19 wrapped in a copy of the Echo de l'Ouest, a San Francisco newspaper, now believed to be that of L. Pichon, French war veteran, formerly employed in a San Francisco hotel. The torso was found in La Villette, the Paris slaughterhouse district.

M'CORMICK EMPLOYEES SHARE IN DISTRIBUTION

Employees of the McCormick Manufacturing Company, several charitable institutions, Westminster hospital, W. C. T. U., railway employees, express company employees, and customers of the company, shared in the annual Christmas donation of the company. Married employees and supporters of families were given turkey, single men who had been working at the plant for over a year were given special gifts, and employees who had been with the company less than a year were given two-pound boxes of candy.

NEGLIGENT MOTORIST "SAUCED" COP, CHARGE

Two Londoners paid fines of \$10 and costs each in police court this morning for breaches of the highway traffic act. One was charged with reckless driving and the other with driving his car without a license marker. Constables stated in court that the driver had almost run down a pedestrian through negligent driving, and had "sauced" a police officer after being ordered to stop.



MAX FLEISHMAN, youthful Canadian violinist, who has returned to his Toronto home after completing his studies under Nadau in Paris, and after winning a conservatory scholarship there.

STUDENT FRIENDS PLAN TRIBUTE TO CALVIN JR.

Mercersburg Academy Will Have Three Memorials to Son of President. Associated Press Despatch. Mercersburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—Three memorials to Calvin Coolidge, Jun., son of the president, who died last July, are planned as integral parts of the campus and buildings of Mercersburg academy, where he was a well-loved student. The memorials will take the form of a cross in the new academy chapel, a sunshine corner devoted to birds, flowers and trees in some central part of the campus, and a portrait of young Coolidge to be executed by one of America's best painters. Mrs. Coolidge has requested that she be permitted to make the cross her last memorial to her son. The sunshine corner, suggested by Mrs. Coolidge, will be the academy's own memorial and will commemorate the boy's delight in the beauties of nature. It will consist of a series of bird baths to attract the feathered world; a sundial; and a corner where the boys may gather when at leisure. It will be surrounded by shrubs, flowers and trees. In addition to these memorials Mercersburg academy has provided a memorial issue of the News, in which are gathered recollections of young Coolidge both in the life of the school and in that of the nation. The school life of Calvin, Jun., was a succession of brilliant achievements. For three years, like his biographer, he kept his name on the honor roll and was entered for matriculation at Amherst. He was a member of the school paper, and during his last year was an editor of the school literary magazine.

Several large building permits, applied for during the month of December have not yet gone through, but they are expected to swell the total of January building. Only the Richards-Wirex Company application to go ahead with extensions costing \$26,000, has been finally passed on.

Continuance of a light report for communicable diseases is given by Dr. W. S. Downham, medical officer of health. Dr. Downham today expressed pleasure that the typhoid cases have been so few this year. There have been none reported in months now, though outside cities report outbreaks of many cases. The health report for the month of December is likely to show this to be one of the healthiest months of 1924.

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Associated Press Despatch. Mercersburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—Three memorials to Calvin Coolidge, Jun., son of the president, who died last July, are planned as integral parts of the campus and buildings of Mercersburg academy, where he was a well-loved student. The memorials will take the form of a cross in the new academy chapel, a sunshine corner devoted to birds, flowers and trees in some central part of the campus, and a portrait of young Coolidge to be executed by one of America's best painters. Mrs. Coolidge has requested that she be permitted to make the cross her last memorial to her son. The sunshine corner, suggested by Mrs. Coolidge, will be the academy's own memorial and will commemorate the boy's delight in the beauties of nature. It will consist of a series of bird baths to attract the feathered world; a sundial; and a corner where the boys may gather when at leisure. It will be surrounded by shrubs, flowers and trees. In addition to these memorials Mercersburg academy has provided a memorial issue of the News, in which are gathered recollections of young Coolidge both in the life of the school and in that of the nation.

Evidence Fades Before Jurors

Conduct Prompts Judge To Call New Rum Trial. Associated Press Despatch. San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 29.—The case of a liquor in a quart bottle is too much for the jury in determining whether the "evidence" contains more than one-half of one per cent alcohol, in the opinion of Federal Judge Odín, who ordered a mistrial of the hearing because the jury spent part of its time in court and part in the jury room, and because too much "evidence" disappeared. The bottle in question was almost full when it was delivered to the jury. The latter retired with the "evidence" and after several hours returned a verdict. But when the verdict was handed in the bottle was found to be "greatly disordered." The judge discharged the jury.

CLEAR HIGHWAY

The government grade has been making short work of snowdrifts on the provincial highway between Laramie and Delaware this morning. Visitors at the county buildings were told that the road is in excellent shape both for cars and horses, several farmers declared.

MURDER FRIEND

Associated Press Despatch. Cleveland, O., Dec. 29.—Leo Skarupka, who was sentenced to death here because the latter lured him from sleep, according to police, Leo is charged with the killing.

WILL RETURN ISLAND

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—The return to Mexico of the small island of Pelichique, in the Gulf of California, which has been used for some time as a coaling station for the United States fleet, is expected soon, according to the Mexican foreign office.

CUT ICE AT PORT

Ice cutting at Port Stanley is now under way, Morgan Brothers commencing work today. The ice is reported to be eight inches deep, and as many men in Port Stanley are unemployed, the work has started early this year.

CRUMLIN TO COME

According to plans which are now in progress, the O. F. Lodge at CruMLin will be represented at the joint installation, to be held by Foresters here in January. The CruMLin lodge has just elected its officers, and the members of the lodge will be here at the joint ceremony.

KOMOKA SHORT COURSE

The short course in agriculture scheduled for Komoka from January 5 to 10, will be the most successful ever staged by the Middlesex branch of the department. Thirty boys and 30 girls have already signed up for the course. A. F. Finn states, and more are expected by the opening day.

TAKEN TO MERCER. Miss Nichol of the provincial bath staff visited the county jail this morning with an order for the removal of Mrs. Lillian Heaton, to the Mercer reformatory. Toronto. Mrs. Heaton was sentenced by Magistrate Graydon, who found her guilty on a charge of immorality, several weeks ago.

FARM HOUSE LOST BY CHIMNEY FIRE

Household Goods Are Partly Removed To Nearby House.

Special to The Advertiser. Woodstock, Dec. 29.—Originating from a defective chimney, a fire which broke out at the home of A. P. Gray, on the Norwich road, southeast of Woodstock, last evening, burned the frame structure to the ground. Most of the household effects were removed and placed in a vacant house on the farm, so that the inconvenience was comparatively slight under the circumstances. The high wind carried the sparks to a neighboring farm and chemicals were despatched to the scene by the local department. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

Discuss Union

It has been decided by the session of Chalmers Presbyterian church to give the members of the congregation the opportunity of expressing their opinions on the church union question at a general meeting of the congregation, which will be held on Tuesday, January 6. Chalmers church is counted upon as being one of the strongest in favor of the united church.

Experiences Related

Today's luncheon of the Rotary club took the form of an experience meeting, and every member present gave his personal experience of the value of rotary to him in business and as citizens of Woodstock. Aid Hospital. Mrs. E. W. Nichol, president of the Women's auxiliary to the Woodstock hospital trust, today acknowledged having received a contribution of \$250 from King Solomon and Oxford lodges, A. F. and M. This donation is to be used for the furnishing and maintenance of a room in the new wing.

Obituary

MRS. A. E. LAMBORN. The funeral of Mrs. Annie E. Lamborn of lot 3, concession 5, London township, will be held at two o'clock from Logan's funeral home to Sloan Methodist church, where services were conducted by Rev. A. J. Love. Mrs. Lamborn resided in London township all her life and was one of the best-known residents of that district. She was survived by her children, who all reside in Canada. Interment took place in Woodland cemetery.

WINDSOR POLICE SOLVE MYSTERIOUS ROBBERIES

Canadian Press Despatch. Windsor, Dec. 30.—Following the arrest last night of two Windsor youths and their reported confession, the police believe they have solved an epidemic of mysterious robberies which have been reported in the city during the past two months. Wallace Dies, 17, and Gordon Desmond, 19, are the couple the police are holding. They have no fixed abode. Both pleaded guilty in Windsor police court today to the theft of a book from a drug store, and the first of the pair to get caught. He was in the store Monday, and was detained by Edward Stock, a clerk, who suspected him of attempting to carry a piece of merchandise out of the store.

JAP TRAINING SQUADRON ARRIVES AT PANAMA

Associated Press Despatch. Panama, Dec. 30.—The Japan naval training squadron has arrived here from Mexico for a seven-day stay in the canal zone. The Japanese and naval authorities are planning extensive entertainment for the cadets.

TORONTO ASKS APPROVAL OF BIGGER WATERWORKS

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Dec. 30.—The city, which now claims a population of about 250,000 people, is looking for a million population within a few years, and the city council is asking the ratepayers to vote on New Year's Day for a new \$14,000,000 water system to take care of this expected population. It is proposed with this \$14,000,000 to build a new waterworks system near the eastern limit of the city, to duplicate the present intake and filtration plant on Toronto Island. The present plant has a capacity of about \$2,000,000 gallons daily, and the consumption of water is about 50,000,000 gallons a day. It is pointed out that the limit is within uncertainty, and that the city is in view of a possible breakdown in the electrical or steam plants on which the system depends.

If the ratepayers approve of the expenditure, Toronto will after four years construction work have combined waterworks plants of a

Boston Hockey Fans Come To Life As Bruins Hold Hamilton To 2-1 Score

Bears Show First Signs of Threatening Leaders

Boston Team Appears Vastly Improved, Although Beaten by Hams.

FANS WARM UP

STANDING.	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	Pts.
Hamilton	10	1	1	1	1	15
Montreal	9	2	1	1	1	13
Ottawa	8	3	1	1	1	11
St. Pats	7	4	1	1	1	9
Boston	6	5	1	1	1	8
Quebec	5	6	1	1	1	7
Windsor	4	7	1	1	1	6
Regina	3	8	1	1	1	5
Calgary	2	9	1	1	1	4
Edmonton	1	10	1	1	1	3

Associated Press Despatch.
Boston, Dec. 29.—Hamilton Tigers went into a tie with the Canadiens for the leadership of the National hockey league by winning from the rejuvenated Bruins here tonight, 2 to 1. But it was a hard-earned victory, and the Bruins, for the first time this season, showed themselves as dangerous to the league first division clubs.
Although out-skated and beaten in every department of the game in the first period by the fast Hamilton outfit, the Bruins took a new lease of life in the second, and in the third they seriously threatened to defeat the Tigers. The efforts of the Bruins won them many friends, and may do much to popularize hockey here.
For the first time, the fans got behind the home club and cheered them at every turn.

The summary:
First period—1, Hamilton, 3, Green, 2:20; 2, Hamilton, 1, 5:30.
Second period—No score.
Third period—3, Boston, 1, 12:50.
Referee—Jerry Lafamme, Toronto.
Both teams used their regular line-ups.

"SHOELESS JOE" JACKSON FACES PERJURY CHARGE

Milwaukee, Dec. 29.—"Shoeless Joe" Jackson, former member of the Chicago White Sox, today faced a charge of perjury in connection with his testimony in his agent's defense in the case of the Chicago White Sox, for back pay and a bonus.

AYLMER

Special to The Advertiser.

Aylmer, Dec. 29.—The Holcombe and children have been spending the holidays with their brother and sister in Detroit.

Miss Jessie Patterson and Mrs. Tindale of Toronto spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Patterson.

Mrs. Ella Howse is spending the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Ragnall, Woodstock.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Harp of Ford spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Grant Summers.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Stratton of Ann Arbor, Mich., are spending a few days with their parents in Aylmer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Gifford spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Hux Patrick, Windsor.

Miss Carrie Davis of Flint, Mich., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haight and children of London spent the week-end with the former's mother here.

The bachelors and benefactors of Aylmer held their annual Christmas dance in the town hall on Friday night, and it was one of the most enjoyable of the year. The hall was beautifully decorated, the crowd large, and the music by the Country club orchestra of Brantford all that could be desired.

Mr. and Mrs. George N. Dunning and son, George Cameron, of Galt, are spending a week with Mrs. Dunning's mother, Mrs. George Summers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Kennedy of Detroit spent Christmas with relatives in Aylmer. Mrs. Kennedy is remaining for a few days to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Peckham.

Tom Windsor of Sarnia and Fred Windsor of Detroit have been spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sanderson of Windsor visited relatives and friends in Aylmer and vicinity during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Cole of St. Marys, Dr. Harry Wrong and Norman Wrong of Toronto spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wrong.

Mrs. J. M. Wrong was taken seriously ill on Christmas Day, and her condition is causing her relatives and friends much uneasiness.

Mrs. Mills of Syracuse, N.Y., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wiley.

Ael Crane, who is attending the University of Toronto, and his sister, Miss Gertrude, teacher at Grand Valley, are spending the two weeks vacation with their father, C. Leslie Crane.

Mrs. E. A. Cady of Port Huron, a sister of the late Mrs. Crane, spent Christmas with Leslie Crane and family.

Glen Turnbull, who spent his younger days in Aylmer, called on friends here on Friday last, after an absence of seventeen years. Mr. Turnbull has been in business in Hamilton for the past eighteen months, and will return at the first of the year to make his home in Windsor.

SPORT SNAPSHOTS

Maybe you remember Young Corbett, the fighting little Denverite who put Terry McGovern down for the count and the title? And you remember, too, that Young Corbett, following that victory, ran wild on Broadway, spending his health and his money in a riot of fast living.

He went broke! All of them do who go that route. And for some years he was down and out.

Now Young Corbett is coming back—not in the ring, but in a bigger, broader sense.

Some years ago he returned to Denver. He took the prohibition law seriously, and forswore his allegiance to John Hartigan. He opened a gymnasium and public health school. And he stayed on the level.

He has ever done at any time since that illustrious night when he sent Terry McGovern careening against the ropes, beaten and out. Here's what Billy, his real name was Henry Russell, wrote: "I've come to my senses at last. But it took a long time. It's pretty tough when it takes a fellow even ten years to forget that he had it!"

FLOWER CITY TEAM TO PLAY SIMCOE SIX

St. Thomas Meets Glencoe in First O. H. A. Game Friday.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, Dec. 29.—A big New Year's Eve attraction, in the form of an exhibition game between the Flower City team and the Simcoe Six, is being prepared by the Granite Club, which will be the home team. This will be the first time the home team has played a game.

Glencoe, the regular catcher for the senior O. H. A. team, is back in the city. Graham was a regular player on the hockey team last year, and his appearance on the ice, following a brief sojourn in his native city, will be welcomed.

The match with Simcoe will be a bit of opposition to put the locals in line for the scheduled fixture here on Friday with Glencoe.

NATIONAL LEAGUE CLUBS WAIVE ON RED PLAYERS

Special to The Advertiser.
Chicago, Dec. 29.—All clubs have waived on Outfielder Shorten, Infielder Foushee and Shortstop Caveney of the Cincinnati Reds, announced today.

Herrmann, president of the Reds, announced today.

"I have 30 men on the playing roster, but we will not take 30 men south to play. There will be a reduction into before Feb. 28. It is surprising that nobody seemed to demand Foushee and Caveney, but I suppose somebody will give a fair equivalent for them in trades later on."

Stove Leaguers' C-h-a-t-t-e-r

The Boston Braves will present practically a new line-up in the spring. Bancroft has obtained Joe Welsh, said to be one of the star outfielders of 1924, from the Pacific Coast league. Duffy Lewis, Wade Killefer and others say he is the real goods, can hit and run and should give the Braves a lot of help in the outfield. There's also the chance of a deal with the Cardinals, whereby the Braves will get Jack Smith, one of the fastest players in the business and a real step-up on the bases. Bancroft will have almost an entirely new infield when he finishes his work of preparation at St. Petersburg, Fla., where the Yankees also are to train.

Among the rumors broadcasted at the Yankee office is one that Miller Huggins, in his attempt to bolster up his shortstopping, might place "Nig" Cullop, the Omaha slugger, at second base, where he played well, and send Aaron Ward to short. Among the regulars, however, Nipper, who has regains at 30, 35 and 40 that the season will open with Everett Scott at his familiar place. Reports as to the "slipping" of Scott were declared by Messrs. Barrow, Krichen and Holly, who should know, as "winter stuff."

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ROUNDING THE TURN IN A GIRLS' SPEED SKATING RACE IN TORONTO

J. Bank's Quartet High at L. C. C.

Three Wins and Plus of 13 Was Top Score.

Johnny Banks' four were high at the London curlers' 'spiel' last night, with three wins and a plus of 13 points. The rinks and scores were:

A. R. C. Orth, A. White, A. M. Squires, C. H. White, skip. Won 2, plus 13. Won 1, minus 4.

C. Boone, R. Kilpatrick, W. Matheson, A. Wanless, won 1, plus 11.

J. E. McGuffin, G. Wallace, W. Lowry, F. McKay, won 1, minus 16.

W. C. Opper, F. G. V. V. W. Winder, W. R. Wanless, won 1, minus 1.

A. J. McTavish, H. Bess, W. Crooks, W. Hynd, lost 2, tied 1, minus 4.

L. M. Abbot, M. Garrett, T. H. Baker, E. Sage, won 2, plus 6.

B. W. Bray, J. Reynolds, A. Lashbrook, J. Griffith, lost 3, minus 9.

George Burdick, W. J. Anderson, F. Campbell, Roy Brooks, won 2, minus 1.

W. Clark, H. Ruth, P. Quick, W. Talbot, won 2, tied 1, plus 6.

EXETER

Special to The Advertiser.

Exeter, Dec. 29.—The vote on union in the Presbyterian church will be taken in January from the second to the nineteenth, when the annual meeting will be held in the evening.

The voting will be held from 3 to 4 o'clock each day, in Jos. Senior's office. J. H. Grieve is returning officer.

Garnet McFaul of Osborne was operated on for appendicitis in London this week. Dr. M. G. Graham of town, assisted.

Most cars are put away for the winter except those in town. The roads are so deep with snow that shovels had to be taken along. The weather, hovering around zero, makes delays on the road very unpleasant.

Bill Clark is papering and painting the Metropolitan, lately purchased by Thomas Cameron.

W. H. Johnston moved his household effects into his new house today before Christmas. It is a beautiful bungalow.

Poke and Cross Checks

The T's caught Preston in form all right last night, and Preston caught something too.

As was expected, the game was clean, or, according to reports, it brought forth little bumping. Preston has about as much avoirdupois to toss over the boards as any team in the group. It is fortunate that the heavyweights do not know as much about using their weight—and their elbows—as some of the middleweights around the circuit.

Preston would leave a trail of hospital cases.

If the Kitchener team wins tonight, a week of upsets will be complete.

Stratford notes insist that the cash in Burke's foot was opened by Four-nie's stick. It was a shot, and most plainly a shot than several of the goals awarded.

CLINTON JUNIOR TEAM LOST 8-1 AT GODERICH

Special to The Advertiser.

Goderich, Dec. 29.—The hockey season opened tonight when the local intermediates played an exhibition game with the Clinton juniors, winning 8 to 1. Considering that it was the first game for either team the play was exceptionally fast. The visitors gave promise of developing into a good team as they are fast and play well together.

The locals, however, were too fast individually. Elliott for the locals looks good with his speed and stick-handling.

The teams.
Clinton—Goal, McNeil; defence, Nuttner and Hovey; centre, Roke; wings, Robertson and Mutch; subs, MacEwan, Elliot, Stenham.

Goderich—Goal, Stuart; defence, Gov-enlock and Fox; centre, Chase; wings, Elliott and Brough; subs, Robinson, Young, McDonald.

Referee—Nicol.

FORMER CHAMP DIES

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 29.—John C. Doyle, who years ago held the middleweight wrestling championship of America, died at his home here today at the age of 72. Death was due to hardening of the arteries.

Bowling ON NATIONAL ALLEYS

C. P. R. LEAGUE.

Freight Sheds—186 172 225—583
Carter—213 151 179—543
N. Pirrie—138 125 182—443
H. Nicholson—174 159 161—510
P. Mitchell—171 167 235—573

Totals—884 782 1056—2752

Yard Office—159 193 163—515
Christopher—159 118 89—357
L. McKellar—238 203 110—451
Hullies—211 203 216—630
Cromwell—116 159 185—458

Totals—774 876 761—2411

Freight Office—112 131 174—417
C. Bremner—112 135 234—481
W. C. Whitaker—112 135 234—481
J. Nopper—111 292 135—449
J. Harding—136 168 205—509
C. Smith—189 217 147—553

Totals—760 990 896—2556

Dominion Express—212 233 194—639
S. E. Hillier—128 133 124—385
J. Stilson—229 239 137—605
O. O'Brien—235 172 156—563
W. B. Knott—112 186 184—486
W. E. Greene—112 186 184—486

Totals—956 1018 805—2783

Telegraph Office—210 239 152—601
V. Snelling—159 146 183—485
R. Bryson—165 192 164—521
E. Snelling—206 141 149—596
W. Campbell—143 215 125—483

Totals—737 718 638—2193

Despatchers—182 150 175—487
H. Mitchell—183 173 224—582
H. M. Walcott—173 167 197—537
D. L. Wiggins—143 215 125—483

Totals—683 744 794—2201

MRS. W. I. NANCEKIVELL.

Special to The Advertiser.

Ingersoll, Dec. 29.—The death of Mrs. W. I. Nancekivell, aged 48, wife of W. I. Nancekivell, occurred today at the family home, West Oxford. Her health had been impaired for several years, but it was only recently that her condition became serious. She had resided in the district for a number of years. Besides the husband, two daughters, four sons, four sisters and two brothers survive.

Big Crowd Seen For Orient Game

Mix With Assumption College Tonight Locals' First Test.

From the number of seats sold in the advance sale, a capacity crowd of fans will see the Orient team meet the Assumption College five at the Y. M. C. A. tonight. During the latter part of last week there was such a heavy demand for tickets that extra paste-boards had to be printed, and now bleachers are being added to the seating space in the "Y" gym.

The Sandwich senior representatives are a fast, clever bunch of youngsters, and are all set to give the locals a great battle.

As a preliminary game the Westervelt juveniles and the C. A. C. Arrows will meet in the first scheduled fixture of the O. A. B. A. series. Both teams are set to form and this with the main bout will round out a well-balanced bill, which is scheduled to start at 8 o'clock.

The line-ups:
Assumption College—Forwards, Kennedy, Donlon; centre, Murray; guards, Higgins, Kramer; substitute, O'Leary.

Orients—Forwards, Barbour, Gilles; centre, Wanless; guards, Goodman, Douglas; substitute, Arlie, Cuesman, Kourie, Fitzmaurice.

FUNERAL AT STRATHROY.

Special to The Advertiser.

Strathroy, Dec. 29.—The funeral took place today at Strathroy cemetery of James Walker of Adelaide, who died on Saturday in his 63rd year.

The late Mr. Walker was the son of the late James Walker, and was born in Dorchester, coming to the Sarnia road in Adelaide when he was 14. He had lived there ever since.

He is survived by the widow, formerly Margaret Adair, also of Adelaide, two sons, Alex at home; and Gordon in Peru, Sask.; one daughter, Mrs. Roy Smith of Lobo; one brother, Mr. Andrew Walker of Norman, Okla.; and two sisters, Miss Helen Walker, R.N., Lloydminster, Sask., and Mrs. Robert Dale, London.

Mr. Walker was an elder of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Strathroy. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. J. A. Shaver and Rev. John Moore.

Kitchener Six Defeated 4 To 3 By New Hamburg

Losers Will Protest Over Goal Disallowed by Referee.

Age Improves Eddie Collins

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 29.—Eddie Collins, recently named manager of the White Sox, improved with age, the statistics show. In his thirteenth year in the major leagues, 1920, he was 22, the highest average he has known. Since 1919 he has led the second baseman of the American League in hitting four times, attaining his highest average, .271, in 1924. Collins all-time batting average is .269, although he never has led his circuit as a hitter. Collins joined the Athletics in 1907 under the name of Sullivan.

ELEVEN BLOCK MATCH ARRANGED FOR STARS

Willie Hoppe To Meet Bob Cannefax Beginning January 19.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 29.—Willie Hoppe, world's 18.2 ballline billiards champion, who has appeared in several exhibitions at three cushions recently, will meet Robert Cannefax of Chicago, world's three-cushion titleholder, in a special three-cushion match beginning Jan. 19. This will be Hoppe's first big test in that form of billiards. Arrangements were completed yesterday, when the principals will sign and post forfeits of \$2,500. Under the terms of the match Cannefax's title will not be at stake.

While no billiard room has been selected it has been decided to hold the match in this city. This and other details will be arranged next Monday when the principals will sign and post forfeits of \$2,500. Under the terms of the match Cannefax's title will not be at stake.

The loser, according to the arrangements, will have the right to challenge immediately for a return match under different conditions, should he so desire. The first contest will consist of eleven blocks of sixty points each, the winner of the first six being awarded the match. On challenging, the loser may request that the second match be a point affair of 600 or possibly 720 points.

ST. THOMAS MAY GET DRESDEN MOUNDSMAN

Stove Leaguers Say "Hank" Johnson Will Locate in Flower City.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, Dec. 29.—Stove leaguers have been circulating around the city to the effect that "Hank" Johnson, the versatile pitching ace of the Dresden senior O. H. A. team, was considering locating in this city before the new year. Although nothing authentic has been received to date, the report seems fairly well grounded, and something definite may be given out for publication within the week.

There seems to be no other important changes on the local line. Whether Buck Graham and Joe Evans remain in the city depends on chance. Evans has been working out with the local inter-league team here yesterday and Graham returned here yesterday from Galt, where he has been spending the Christmas with his people.

One of the latest announcements is that Bremer, a former star pitcher for the Brantford Cordage team, now attending school in London, will play for the Forest City squad.

STRATFORD JUNIOR LOOP ORGANIZES FOR SEASON

Special to The Advertiser.

Stratford, Dec. 29.—Reorganization of the junior city hockey league was effected tonight, and officers were elected for the year as follows: K.C.C.; honorary vice-president, H. K. Rankin; president, Dr. D. Smith; secretary, T. J. Dolan; executive—Avon ward, F. Kneitel; Falstaff ward, H. Wilhelm; Hamlet ward, P. Kille; Romeo ward, H. Lamb; Shakespeare ward, W. A. Wilson.

It was decided to operate

CHINESE EXECUTE NEARLY 500 MEN

All Who Meet Death Were
Soldiers Whose Pay Was
in Arrears.

OFFICERS ARE HELD

Associated Press Despatch.

Peking, Dec. 29.—Four hundred and eighty-nine looters and incendiaries found with their loot in the railway station at Kalgan have been tried and executed, according to what purports to be an official report of the military chief of the Chahar district, made public here today.

The men were shot, it was stated, "in the interest of military discipline."

Two regimental and three battalion officers admitted taking part in the mutiny and looting of Dec. 16, the report said. Whether they were shot with the others was not made clear.

The chief staff at Kalgan and other officers having only slight concern with the looting, it was declared, are being held for future disposition by the military.

In addition the mutinous brigade has been ordered disbanded and orders issued for apprehension of mutineers who escaped capture. Those who were in arrears, the report said, were given warning to others, the report said.

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Several establishments belonging to Americans and other foreigners were among those robbed.

ADVICE OF DOMINIONS ASKED ON CONFERENCE

British Government Has Not
Yet Actually Extended
Invitations.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 29.—The British government has not actually invited the dominions to a conference in London on the question of the peace and arbitration protocol arranged at Geneva, according to the Manchester Guardian (Liberal).

"As a matter of fact," the Guardian says, "the government has been much more circumspect in its procedure than to do so. What the government has done is to inquire of the dominions if such a conference is practicable." The Guardian suggests that if the dominion premiers cannot come to London for the proposed conference, they might follow Canadian example in sending Senator Belmont to the conference in London on the Daves report.

The Guardian says it is impressed that it is unlikely to assume that the present government could set up a permanent system of consultation with the dominions on foreign affairs out of hand. So great an amount of attention to the proposed conference has been aroused in London. Such newspaper comment as there is on the matter is of a speculative nature, and the dominions should show a hesitant attitude toward sending emissaries to London, seeing that they might follow Canadian example in sending Senator Belmont to the conference in London on the Daves report.

ONTARIO BUSINESSMEN WILL VISIT QUEBEC.

Arrangements have been made and plans are now maturing whereby a large delegation of Ontario's prominent manufacturers, professional and business men, accompanied by Hon. Louis Robitaille, minister of commerce, Hon. G. Howard Ferguson and members of the Ontario cabinet, will pay a visit to Quebec as the guests of the province's premier and premier, representing the province of Quebec. The object of the visit is to further good relationship and better business conditions between the provinces.

The Canadian National Railways are co-operating to the extent that they will operate a special sleeping car train to leave Toronto on Wednesday, Jan. 28, at 7:00 p.m., arriving in Quebec in time for breakfast on Jan. 29. This train will have standard sleeping compartments and reservations may now be made through any agent of the company.—Adv. D.M. 2,5,5.

ZAGLOUL PASHA WILL ANNOUNCE POLICY

Former British Premier Will
Be Banqueted by
Supporters.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cairo, Dec. 29.—Zagloul Pasha's home is becoming a scene of considerable political activity, deputies of lawyers, merchants and students constantly visiting the former premier to express confidence of his success in the forthcoming parliamentary elections.

It is announced that the executive branch of the Egyptian nationalist party will shortly give a banquet for Zagloul Pasha, whom he is expected to deliver an important political speech dealing both with the internal and external situations.

The Wafd has nominated eleven labor candidates, including Dr. Ahmed Maher, former Zaglouli minister of education, and Abdel Rahman Bey Fahmy, who was arrested last month in connection with the slaying of the sirdar, Sir Lee Stack.

BOMB WRECKS HOUSE. BUT OCCUPANTS ESCAPE

Canadian Press Despatch.
Humberstone, Ont., Dec. 29.—The home of Donald Greto, here, was partly wrecked today by a dynamite bomb. Greto and his family were asleep in the house, but although they were thrown from their beds, no one was injured. Provincial police are holding James Scatlato, with whom Greto is said to have had trouble, for a hearing on Jan. 5.

NATIONAL PARLIAMENT PLAN DEFEATED BY BOY MEMBERS

Delegates Claim Expense Too
Great—Representation
Hard To Get.

SUPPORT O. H. A.

Pass Resolution Urging Cleaner
Play and More Rigid
Supervision.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—Setting down to serious business, the older boys' parliament in session at the parliament buildings here have achieved a measure of success in a comprehensive legislative program, and when they adjourned tonight the result of their labors was the passage of several resolutions and bills designed to guide the youth of the province in conduct and ideals.

Of chief interest was the discussion on the League of Nations, which started early in the day and carried over into the evening session. The members were convinced that the league offered a promise of peace, and should be supported. In order that Ontario boys might lend its co-operation to the great international venture, a bill was submitted to the chamber urging that the service program of the boys' work board include a section devoted to a study of the league and its principles of war and to the responsibility of the individual citizen in bringing about world peace. It was also suggested that Ontario boys should set aside one week each year for commemorative as League of Nations week, and that special badges be awarded for proficiency in the study of international relations.

The legislation which made these proposals secured the approval of the members. A suggestion that a national boys' parliament be convened in Ottawa next year was opposed, the boys being of the opinion that it would be difficult to get representation from all over the dominion. A resolution urging cleaner play and more rigid supervision of sports was also approved.

Support was given the Ontario hockey association and the Ontario association of the boys, announcing their intention of doing everything in their power to see that amateur sport was kept free from the taint of professional sports.

In caucus this morning the youthful legislators considered the subject of next year's elections. Plans for the appointment of training officers, and scrutineers were also discussed.

TOWN TREASURER ENDS 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

John H. McIntosh, Prominent
Strathroy Citizen, Marks
80th Birthday.

Special to The Advertiser.

Strathroy, Dec. 29.—Eighty years old today and still actively carrying on, such is the occasion that celebrates the birthday of John H. McIntosh, town treasurer, who is completing 35 years of continuous service in that office. In accordance with resolutions passed at their last meeting, Mayor Wright and the town council called on Mr. McIntosh this evening to present to him the good wishes of the community, accompanied by a check for a special grant of \$100 from the streets of this town that of John Mac, as he is affectionately called by his fellow citizens, for decades of his life he has been a pillar of the community. He has been a pillar of the community since 1889, and clerk of the sixth division court since 1906. During all these periods he has handled millions of dollars of public money.

Mr. McIntosh was born in Scotland, in the town of Paisley, the home of the famous third Earl of Paisley. His father, John McIntosh, was a slater by calling. His mother was Julia Ewing. While he was yet a very small boy his parents moved to Glasgow. There he received his first education. In 1854 the McIntosh family came to Canada, remaining in Montreal for about a year. Then in 1855 they came to London, when they made their permanent home.

Arrival in London.
Of his early days, Mr. McIntosh moved more than 20 years ago after the freighter, F. B. Squires, won its 11-day battle with the ice of the Great Lakes and carried its wheat cargo to Montreal. At the time the freighter was in the harbor, the Russell street today, 31 members of its crew and 32 persons scrambled ashore and invaded the nearest town. For several days the big steamer has been grounded and locked in nine-inch ice 18 miles above Detroit. This was but one of many similar experiences during the long winter voyage from the north shore of Lake Superior.

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RESCUED SAILORS MAKE RUSH FOR NEAREST TOBACCO STORE

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JOHN H. MCINTOSH.

who yesterday, on his 80th birthday, completed 35 years continuous duty as Strathroy town treasurer. Mr. McIntosh has established some unique records for long periods of municipal service and is still actively engaged. The first photograph ever had taken by a newspaper was specially for The Advertiser on Saturday last.

come a newspaper man and to learn the printing business. One evening he noticed an advertisement for a boy by S. B. Foote, proprietor of the Prototype office, which was then quartered on the second floor of the corner of Richmond and Dundas streets. Bright and early next morning he applied, and to his disgust there was an applicant ahead of him, the late Sheriff J. Donald M. Cameron. Sheriff Cameron by being first got the job, but Mr. McIntosh was not thwarted in his ambition. Mr. Foote gave him a job as a carrier boy.

He graduated from this job and learned the printing business, leaving the Prototype office to work for a year with the late John Cameron, on a paper which was the forerunner of The Advertiser. Then he switched over to the Free Press with which he worked until he came to Strathroy in 1868, when the late C. H. Macintosh of the Free Press staff purchased the Dispatch weekly in this town.

From 1868, until he became town treasurer, Mr. McIntosh was foreman of the Dispatch office. For a time while discharging the duties of treasurer, he was associated in business with the late James English. Ellen Rapley, a daughter of William Rapley, reeve of Strathroy for the first five years after its incorporation, was married to Mr. McIntosh. Mr. McIntosh is still living.

Ardent Baseball Fan.
Mr. McIntosh has always been a strong Presbyterian in religion, and a consistent Conservative in politics. His strong political opinions caused him many awkward situations in the early days of the town when municipal affairs were in a state of confusion. His political basis, for William Rapley, his father-in-law, was for a number of years one of the props of Liberal opinion in the district. He has been, and is yet, an ardent baseball fan whose intimate knowledge covers not only the leading teams of the present, but goes back over two generations. For most of the 56 years he has lived in Strathroy, he has been connected with local sports in the early days of the town, and later as an official. Until he retired upon reaching the age limit, he was an officer of the 26th amateur baseball team, the greater proportion of his militia service as quartermaster.

Mr. McIntosh still discharges the duties of a public officer as efficiently and energetically as he has always done. Although his mind is active and his memory as good as ever, he is not as strong as he once was. He says that this last month or two he has had a suspicion that he is perhaps slowing up a little, losing a little in his old-time zest. However, he hopes to continue in active service for many years yet and hang up some real records for municipal service.

It is the earnest wish of every citizen of this town that he may be permitted to do so.

BLENHEIM

Special to The Advertiser.

Blenheim, Dec. 29.—Principal F. A. MacMahon of the Continuation school and family are spending the Christmas holidays at Port Burwell. From London Normal school are the following students home for the holidays: Misses Ruth Connor, Edna Gray, Margaret McGregor, Dora Henry and Ruth Thompson.

Among young men from the colleges returned for the holidays are: Gordon Rutherford from Toronto university. Oral Shillington from Queens.

Rev. G. N. Hazen and Mrs. Hazen are spending the holidays in London. Mrs. Hazen is the wife of Councilor Sterling, is very ill at the family residence.

Janet MacKay of Preston public school staff is spending the holidays at the family residence here. Mr. and Mrs. Modewell of Stratford are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. David Clark, Mrs. Modewell's parents. Mr. Modewell sang at the morning service in the Methodist church Sunday, when the choir gave a special program of music for the morning and evening services.

Tons of ice were chopped away from the decks and rigging of Squire Friday and Saturday, and at 3:30 a.m. Sunday the weight of the nearly-laden steamer, carrying 233,000 bushels of wheat, was lightened sufficiently to float her from the sandbar on which she had grounded.

CANADA TO REFUSE KWAKWAKWANA URGED TO SEED LEADERS TAKE LEADERSHIP

Note Forwarded Today Will
Outline Position of
Dominion.

URGE USE OF CABLES

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Canada's reply probably will go out within 24 hours to the invitation of the British government to attend in March next a conference of empire on the Geneva protocol and Britain's suggested alterations. The dominion government has given out no official declaration of its policy on the matter, but it is generally understood that Canada's attitude will be that of the British cabinet leaders in London while the dominion parliament is in full swing is not necessary to the solution of the difficulty. The dominion government has indicated that it is generally considered here, and only if this means of communication fails should the presence of the government leaders in London be required. Indications are that Australia and New Zealand intend to take the same attitude.

The reply deals only with the question of Canada's attendance at a suggested imperial conference. What Canada has to say about the proposed imperial conference, or how it will be touched on, nor has any indication been given so far of the dominion's intentions. It is understood that the dominion has not yet decided whether to accept the invitation, but it is far from a decision as yet.

OPPOSE CONFERENCE.

Associated Press Despatch.

Cape Town, South Africa, Dec. 29.—Attention here is being focused on the Geneva protocol and the proposal to have the matter considered by a conference of dominion representatives with members of the British cabinet at London. The conference is considered impracticable at present and the general feeling as voiced by public men is that the union is opposed to the protocol in its present form.

FERRIES RESUME TRAFFIC ON RIVER

Hourly Service Opened Between
Sarnia and Port
Huron.

Special to The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Dec. 29.—Traffic between Sarnia and Port Huron was opened today, but only an hourly service was maintained in place of the normal twenty-minute service, and even this was discontinued at 6 p.m. Ferries are compelled to make a long detour of the channel as the direct route is ice-bound.

It is seven years ago since traffic across the St. Clair River was organized, and many years since the river was ice-jammed so early in the winter. Ferry officials fear that if the present severe weather continues, a complete suspension of service may be necessary.

The Canadian National Railway ice-cutting gang expects to commence its annual task of filling the company's icehouse at the Port-Huron wharf this morning. The ice-cutting gang is expected to be in operation by Wednesday morning. The ice-cutting gang is expected to be in operation by Wednesday morning. The ice-cutting gang is expected to be in operation by Wednesday morning.

Crime of any kind has been at the minimum in Sarnia during December. Only 22 cases, the majority for minor offences, are entered on the police records, and there was only one case of theft and one case of false pretences handled during the month.

The death occurred today of Miss Elizabeth Jane King, a resident of this city for the past seven or eight years. Miss King, who was 76 years old, suffered a stroke on Friday last and died at her home on Sunday. The funeral will be held at that town on Tuesday.

The city health report for the week ending December 27, shows that the absence of any communicable disease. Only three deaths were recorded for the same period.

TORONTO UNEMPLOYED INTERVIEW FERGUSON

Aid of Premier Sought To
Relieve Situation in Queen
City.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 29.—This city this afternoon saw one of the largest parades of unemployed this season, when a column of out-of-work workers estimated at from 800 to 1,200 strong marched from the Labor temple to the provincial parliament buildings with the avowed intention of interviewing Premier Ferguson.

Previously, however, several of the city members of the legislature had addressed some of the men in the assembly room of the Labor temple. On reaching the parliament buildings a delegation of the men went in to talk with the premier.

A special program of music for the morning and evening services. Tons of ice were chopped away from the decks and rigging of Squire Friday and Saturday, and at 3:30 a.m. Sunday the weight of the nearly-laden steamer, carrying 233,000 bushels of wheat, was lightened sufficiently to float her from the sandbar on which she had grounded.

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Jared Vining Emphasizes Need
of Interest in Public
Affairs.

DISCUSSES FINANCE

Special to The Advertiser.

St. Thomas, Dec. 29.—"I believe that the time will come when the people of Canada will not allow themselves to be exploited by men who are general to the public," said Jared Vining of the London legal firm of Jarvis & Vining, when he addressed the Kiwanis club at their noonday luncheon on the subject of "Public Utilities As It Affects Municipalities."

"There is no greater menace that can affect any country than the wealth of that country being collected by the few, and it seems to me that a good deal of the unhappiness and a good many of the heartaches that have occurred in this country during the past few years could have been avoided if we had a banking system run by the government as a public utility."

Watchnight Services.

Special watchnight services will be held in the Anglican churches on New Year's Eve. In the Trinity church the service will be at half-past eleven, and at St. John's church at eleven. A half-night of prayer will be held in the Trinity Baptist church, opening with a round-table conference at 8 o'clock, to be followed by the watchnight service at eleven. The inclement weather is delaying the completion of the disposal plant. The machinery arrived at the site two weeks ago, but moving it to the plant is out of the question because of the slippery condition of the road.

Wedding of Edna Mae Wimbush, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Wimbush, 106 Hughes street, to Morley C. Mallory, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mallory, took place at the Grace Methodist parsonage Saturday afternoon. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Muriel Wimbush. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. E. Moorehouse. A wedding dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mallory. The bride and groom were in attendance. After a wedding trip to Brantford, the young couple will make their home in this city.

Wm. F. Augustine.

Wm. F. Augustine, well-known M. C. R. engineer and former resident of this city, died in Grace Hospital at Windsor Sunday night following ten days illness. Mr. Augustine was born 27 years ago in Elgin County, the family residing in this city till a few years ago when they moved to Windsor. He was a member of the Methodist church at Windsor and a member of the B. F. L. E.

Besides his wife he leaves two daughters, Miss Lulu Augustine, and Mrs. James Kite, at home; also one son, Ralph, at home. The body will be brought to this city on Wednesday, the funeral being held at 2 o'clock from P. R. Williams' parlors to St. Thomas cemetery. Rev. A. E. Moorehouse officiating.

H. H. King, 14 Queen street, received word Sunday of the death of his brother, James King, in Spokane, Washington. Mr. King was born in this city and was a resident of this city for the past seven or eight years. Miss King, who was 76 years old, suffered a stroke on Friday last and died at her home on Sunday. The funeral will be held at that town on Tuesday.

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PASSENGER BOAT HELD BY ICE IN NIAGARA RIVER

25-Foot Tug Bound Fast Mid-
way in Stream Above
Falls.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Niagara Falls, Dec. 29.—A 25-foot tug or passenger boat today was fast in the ice floes in the Niagara river above the falls, several hundred feet out in the stream, just below the village of La Salle. Rivermen were endeavoring to reach the boat to ascertain its name and ownership, and whether there is anyone on the craft.

STOCK PRICES STILL SOAR ON NEW YORK EXCHANGE

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 29.—Heavy bear selling and profit-taking failed to halt the swiftly rising tide of stock prices in today's market during which more than 50 issues were elevated to new peak prices for the year on total sales that ran close to 2,000,000 shares. Fisher Body soared twenty points to 242, the highest price in its history; General Electric jumped 6 1/2 to 201, the highest price reached since 1902; and U. S. Steel touched 121 for the first time since 1917.

Army To Learn Jap Language

Associated Press Despatch.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The Japanese and United States war departments have entered into an arrangement for the exchange of language officers who will be attached to regiments of the two armies for a period of six months. The arrangement was approved by Secretary of War Weeks, who pointed out today that it was the first of its kind ever made with Japan and was "indicative of friendly feeling that exists between the two war departments and armies."

CROSS WORD PUZZLE NO. 66

Here's another for the night owls. Burning the midnight "juice" means nothing to the dyed-in-the-wool puzzle fan. If he gets to bed at all he's probably forgotten to switch the light off, anyway. This diagram is keyed so well that we are going to let you work it out without any help.

Each number in the puzzle indicates the position of the first letter of a word.

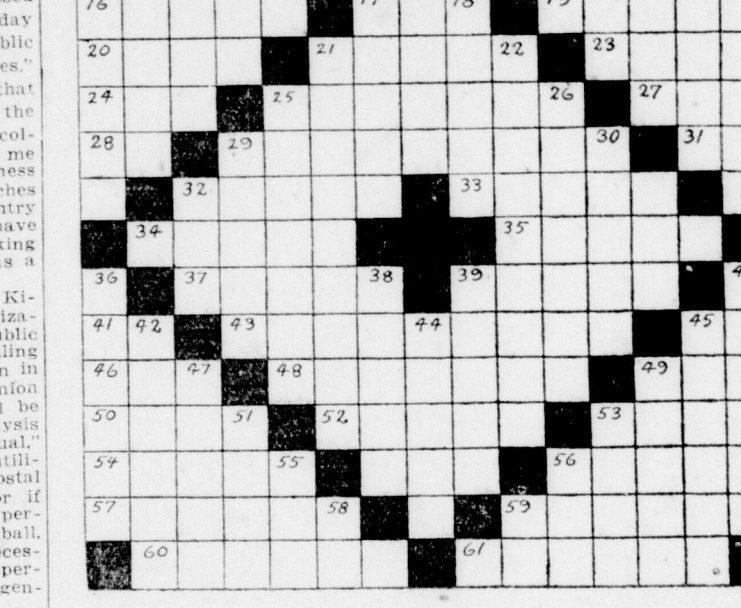
Each word reads from left to right (horizontal) or downward (vertical) according to position. Lettered in correctly, words that cross will interlock.

Each number in the white squares also refers to a definition in the accompanying table.

Each definition suggests a word possessing the exact number of letters to fit the white spaces allotted to it.

Each white space is to receive one letter only. Words start only in numbered squares.

THE ADVERTISER'S DAILY CROSS WORD PUZZLE.



HORIZONTAL.

- 1 To smile foolishly.
- 6 A squanderer.
- 12 Mexican private soldier.
- 13 Letter in alphabet.
- 14 A hard worker.
- 16 Girl's name.
- 17 Proposition.
- 19 A ridge.
- 20 A container.
- 21 To supply food.
- 22 Desolate of life.
- 23 Exclamation of disgust.
- 24 A movement in chess.
- 25 Riva (Spanish).
- 26 New England state (abbr.).
- 27 Sicily (abbr.).
- 28 Southern state (abbr.).
- 29 A place (abbr.).
- 30 To see ahead.
- 34 Fur-bearing animal.
- 35 Less.
- 37 To make a pass.
- 38 To make up for.
- 41 Article.
- 42 A preventive.
- 43 Well-known Christian body (abbr.).
- 44 Catch (slang).
- 45 Mends.
- 46 Companion.
- 47 Desolate of life.
- 48 Vexes.
- 49 Proposals.
- 50 given and admitted.
- 51 Fundamental state (abbr.).
- 52 Over-tipped.
- 53 Branch manager.
- 54 From which place (abbr.).
- 55 To see ahead.
- 56 A preachment.

VERTICAL.

- 1 A plant used in dyeing.
- 2 Free state.
- 3 Pertaining to sex.
- 4 To work.
- 5 Electrical engineer (abbr.).
- 6 Not quite cold.
- 7 Proposition.
- 8 Royal residence.
- 9 The sun.
- 10 United States (abbr.).
- 11 An ecclesiastical officer.
- 12 Get back again.
- 13 Retreat.
- 14 Slogan.
- 15 Return ship to berth.
- 16 What Leuten days mean.
- 18 A memorial.
- 19 Joined.
- 20 An opposer.
- 21 Fuel supply ship.
- 22 A preachment.
- 23 Supplied with pipes.
- 24 Hardly sufficient.
- 25 Use in landing fish (alt. spelling).
- 26 Astrodome.
- 27 Not quite cold.
- 28 Proposition.
- 29 Saracum.
- 30 Reunited.
- 31 Carry.
- 32 Raised platform.
- 33 Turnover.
- 34 Sandbank in river.
- 35 District of Columbia (abbr.).
- 36 Medical officer (abbr.).
- 37 A preachment.

SOLUTION TO NO. 65.

ACRIMESKEIN
INDETERMINATE
MEVENIETRETS
IFMUSCLESRCE
CGLESTOOLAHHA
THEREICIAFTER
ABECLAONICASP
CULUGSIBIT
BUTDECAPODORT
ERODEPLEOSLAR
THATPLEONSITY
TODLANDEITON
TOLOANDEITON
ADMINISTRATIONS
CMESENECKE

CONSPIRACY CREATES ALARM IN IRELAND

Holding of Secret Meeting
May Lead to Government
Split.

Associated Press Despatch.

Belfast, Dec. 30.—Commenting on the dismissal of 25 non-commissioned officers, 16 men and a number of civil servants, and the suspension of two majors by the Dublin authorities, the Belfast newspaper 'Unionist' says pressure is being brought to bear on President Cosgrave and his colleagues, not merely in connection with the army mutiny, but in reference to the general policy of the government, which some critics regard as not being Irish enough.

The holding of a secret meeting of the government's supporters shortly before Christmas, the paper adds, shows that a serious split is developing, and its action concerning this latest conspiracy is regarded as likely to lead to further developments.

The Irish News, Belfast Nationalist paper, says: "More serious than new symptoms of military mutiny is the statement that some members of the civil services were involved in the conspiracy. Some people are so constituted mentally that the habits once contracted become ineradicable."

A Dublin despatch last night officially announcing the dismissals and suspensions mentioned above, said efforts had been made for some months by and on behalf of certain former officers who retired from the army in connection with the mutiny of March, to suborn from allegiance members of the army and other state services, with a view to renewing the attempt to subject the government to pressure of an unconstitutional nature.

Bridegroom Reports Hold-Up To Hide Poverty From Bride

Associated Press Despatch.

Port Arthur, Dec. 29.—City police Saturday night were put on the trail of a pair of mythical bandits after being informed by a young newly-wed that while on his way to the depot to purchase tickets for his honeymoon, he had been held up and robbed of \$160. After the police had conducted a fruitless search they returned to the complainant and subjected him to a further questioning. The young man confessed that his story was a frame-up to explain for the benefit of his bride, his shortage of cash. In police court this morning the magistrate, on account of the previous good record of the man, suspended sentence.

KID M'COY GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Former Pugilist Convicted
When Jury Compromises
After 78 Hours.

Associated Press Despatch.

Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 29.—Norman Selby (Kid McCoy), former pugilist, was convicted in superior court today of manslaughter in connection with the shooting here August 12 last of Mrs. Theresa Moss. The penalty for manslaughter is from one to ten years' imprisonment.

When the verdict was read, McCoy's eyes became tear-dimmed as he sat at the end of the counsel table. "I don't believe it was a just verdict," he said. "If I am not guilty as charged I am not guilty at all. It was no fault of mine. I was just a prisoner. Then arose, and in custody of bailiffs, walked across the courtroom to comfort his three sisters, who were weeping. Foreman F. W. Coulter of the jury said

REPORT UNIONISM SWEEPING WEST

Twenty-Two Churches in Two Provinces Vote To Enter Union.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 29.—According to a summary issued tonight by the joint committee on church union, returns from Presbyterian congregations where voting on church union have been completed show 29 congregations have voted to go into the union and five to remain out.

Special to The Advertiser.
Regina, Dec. 29.—Church union is sweeping the west. Twenty-two places in Saskatchewan and Alberta reported today, and every one of them was a win for union. Ten made it unanimous.

These results bear out the prediction of the unionists as to the very decided feeling in the western provinces in favor of union, with its saving of men and money, and conserving the resources of the three uniting churches so that they may touch fields yet unmanured.

Regina is going solidly for union. There are five Presbyterian churches in that city, and four of them voted yesterday, all giving big majorities for union. Knox church is still voting, but it is conceded to be for union. Its minister is that staunch unionist, Rev. Murdoch MacKinnon.

Westminster church has a section of "last ditcher" anti, but it voted more than two to one for union.

St. Thomas church, Saskatoon, voted more than four to one in favor of union.

The list of the 22 reported is as follows:

Regina	For	Against
Westminster	27	1
St. Andrew's	143	29
Carmichael	78	20
Chalmers	44	8
Saskatoon		
St. Thomas	181	42
Craig	unanimous	
Walpole	93	9
Ellisboro	15	9
Moffatt	14	9
Yorkton	115	17
Estevan	73	22
Genewen	19	9
Carnduff	32	12
Winlaw	9	0
Bentall	27	0
Oxbow (united ch.)	91	0
Manor congregation		
In Arcola district	41	6
Wassana	unanimous	
Forrest	unanimous	
Balgownie	unanimous	
Yellow Grass	unanimous	
Colgate	unanimous	

Two other places, Gravelbourg and Sutherland, in Saskatchewan, had previously gone union, and were reported last week.

COLD WAVE MODERATES IN WESTERN CANADA

Rise in Temperature Is Experienced Throughout Prairie Provinces.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Moderate changes in the extreme temperatures which have held Western Canada in their grip for a sustained period of more than two weeks, was generally experienced throughout the prairie provinces today.

A pronounced rise of the mercury was reported in Alberta, where the coldest registered during the last 24 hours was at Medicine Hat with ten degrees below zero.

Calgary recovered from the frigid blasts of below zero weather, and this morning the lowest recorded was eight above. Indications point to warmer conditions in Alberta with local snow flurries predicted.

While a marked change in temperature was experienced in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, the rise has been more gradual. The northern parts of both provinces continued very cold. The Pas, Man., being the coldest point in the west, with 24 below.

Fair and cold weather is forecast for Tuesday.

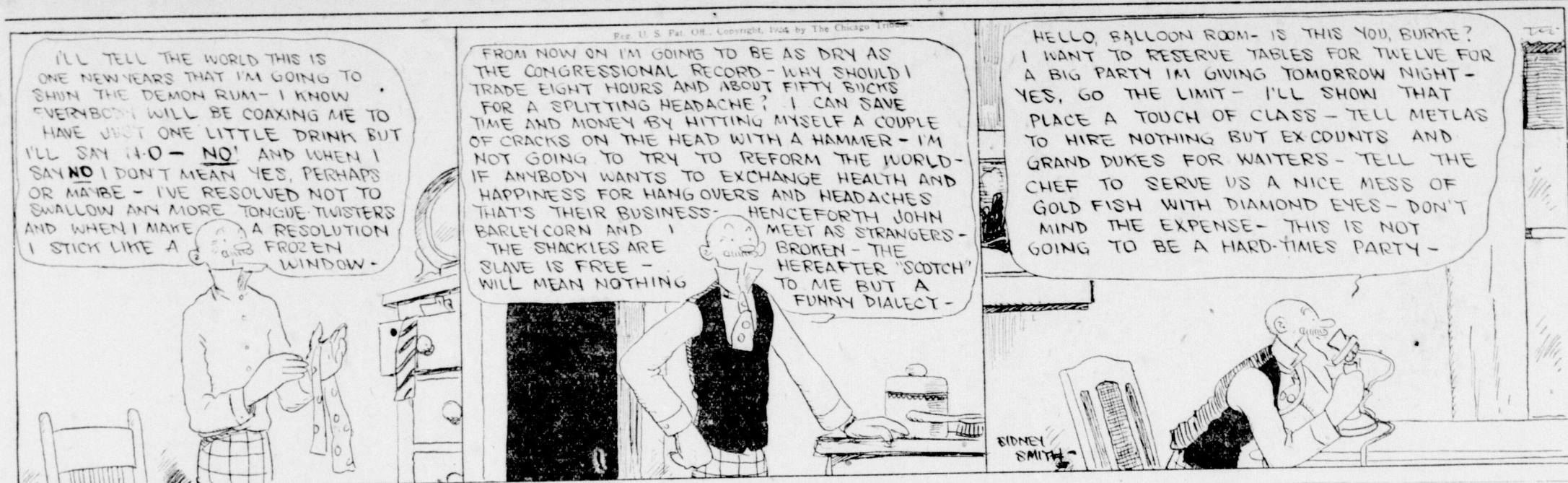
CHURCHES ENTER UNION WITHOUT TAKING VOTE

Canadian Press Despatch.
St. Thomas, Dec. 29.—Chalmers and McBride Presbyterian churches in Dunwich township in the presbytery of London, have decided to enter the United Church without voting.

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS
SMALL KIDNEY DISEASE
RHEUMATISM
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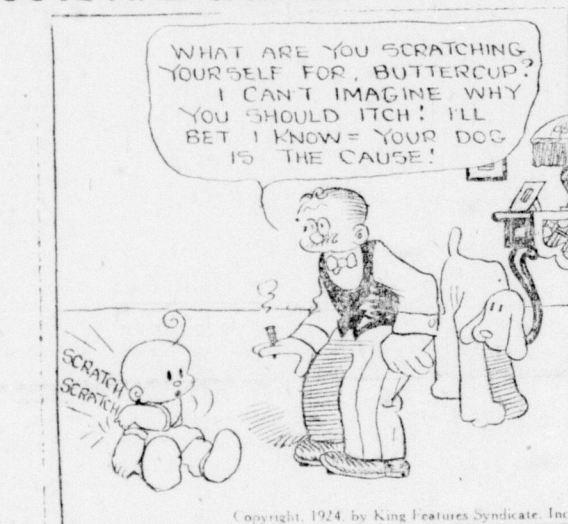
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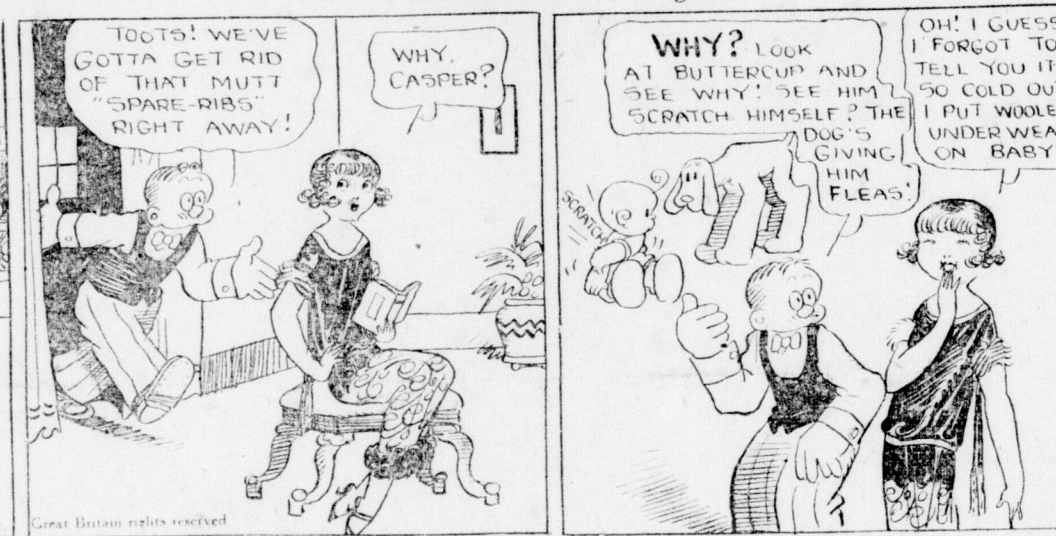
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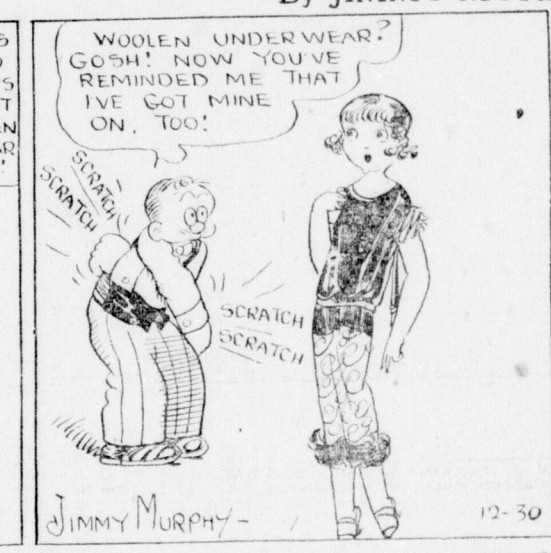
TOOTS AND CASPER



An Alibi for the Dog.



By JIMMY MURPHY



MUTT AND JEFF

Jeff Gets a Kick Out of a Dictionary.



By "Bud" Fisher

SARNIA GIRL IS HELD CAPTIVE ON STEAMER

Indian Arrested by Detroit Police—Girl Ran Away From Home.

Special to The Advertiser.
by Staff Correspondent.
Detroit, Dec. 29.—Gilette Soney, 21 years old, a Walpole Island Indian, employed as winter watchman on the steamer Tashmoo, and Vera Jacobs, 17 years old, an Indian girl from Sarnia, Ontario, were turned over by the immigration authorities today by the police as the result of charges brought by Mrs. John Cloud of Sarnia, Vera's aunt.

At the request of the aunt, Soney was arrested Sunday night at the winter berth of the Tashmoo, at the foot of Tenth street, on a statutory charge. Officers from the Trumbull station said they found the girl in a stateroom of the steamer. She was detained as a witness.

Woman, 2 Babes Trapped By Fire

Associated Press Despatch.
Clinton, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Trapped in their attic refuge when an apparently vacant house at 47 Florence avenue suddenly burst into flames early today, George, the four-year-old son of Otto Miller, died from suffocation, the mother was fatally burned. It is believed, and a three-week-old baby is expected to develop pneumonia from exposure. Firemen fought their way to the top of the flaming structure in answer to the mother's screams. The family was destitute and homeless, police said.

John Cloud of Sarnia and Mrs. Joseph Mack of Detroit.

A report from the police states that Miss Jacobs was given liquor, and that she was intoxicated when they rescued her.

FREE STATE DISMISSES NUMBER OF WORKERS

Soldiers and Civil Employees Are Discharged—Officers Are Suspended.

Associated Press Despatch.
Dublin, Dec. 29.—It was officially announced this evening that twenty-five non-commissioned officers and sixteen privates had been dismissed from the army and that two majors had been suspended and invited to show cause why their commissions should not be cancelled. The services of a small number of civil employees of the government also have been terminated.

The official announcement says that efforts have been made for some months by and on behalf of certain former officers who retired from the army in connection with the mutiny last March, to suborn from allegiance members of the army and other state services, with a view to renewing the attempt to subject the government to pressure of an unconstitutional nature. It is added that the executive council "has reason to believe the aforesaid persons against whom action has been taken were actively associated in such conspiracies."

FORMER CLINTON MAN HEADS C. N. R. EXPRESS

W. C. Muir Is Appointed General Manager of Express Department.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Dec. 29.—Announcement is made by J. E. Dalrymple, vice-president in charge of traffic and express, Canadian National Railways, of the appointment of W. C. Muir as general manager of the express department of the system. The appointment is effective as from December 15, 1924.

Mr. Muir was born at Clinton, Ont., and entered the service of the American Express Company at Toronto in 1884.

NEW CANADIAN PACIFIC—TORONTO TO WINNIPEG—

36-1-4 Hour Feature Service.

The new daily 23-1-4 hour Toronto to Winnipeg service just inaugurated by the Canadian Pacific Railway not only establishes a record in fast, convenient transportation but provides the traveller with a feature service to Fort William from both Toronto and Winnipeg inasmuch as the Winnipeg special, leaving Toronto at 9:45 p.m. every night and arriving in Sudbury at 5:30 a.m. arriving in Fort William at 11:00 p.m., leaving there 15 minutes later and arriving in Winnipeg at 9:00 a.m.

Returning, the "Toronto-Montreal Special" leaves Winnipeg at 7:00 p.m. arriving in Fort William at 6:40 a.m., leaving 15 minutes later, arriving in Sudbury at 1:05 a.m., and in Toronto at the convenient hour of 8:35 a.m.

Direct connections are made by travellers from Winnipeg for all main points in Ontario, Quebec and East, which will receive the serious consideration of those who desire efficient service. Dominion Express shipments are delivered hours earlier than is also a feature.

PROSPECTORS DISCOVER GOLD, SILVER DEPOSITS

Strike Is Made in Lake St. John District—Rush Starts.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Quebec, Dec. 29.—Gold and silver deposits have been discovered some sixty miles from Mistassini in the Lake St. John district, according to word received by provincial government officials today. It is not known yet as to the exact value of the ore, as the samples have been sent to the assayers in that district.

In the meantime the locality, which is situated between four and five hundred miles northeast of the gold fields in the Abitibi and Temiscamingue is being invaded by hordes of miners and prospectors from points throughout the province.

TWO FARMERS PERISH
WHEN HOUSE BURNS DOWN

Canadian Press Despatch.
Regina, Dec. 29.—Cyril Fauchon, 60, and George Brault, 35, farmers, of the Ferland district in the western part of the province, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the Fauchon home Christmas night, according to police reports received here last night.

GERMAN LEADERS ARE NOT WORRIED

Postponement of Cologne Evacuation Does Not Alarm Officials.

Associated Press Despatch.
Berlin, Dec. 29.—German official quarters appear to take the situation growing out of the postponement of the allied evacuation of the Cologne bridgehead—set by the Versailles treaty for Jan. 10, 1925—less tragically than German editors or popular opinion. Government leaders seem to welcome the holiday recess as serving a useful purpose in that it is expected to accomplish moderation of the present public indignation.

The reluctance of government officials, so far as it is reflected in a disinclination to discuss the action of the allied council of ambassadors in Paris, in deciding upon a postponement of the Cologne evacuation, is received as an indication that the London, Paris and Brussels governments have not yet arrived at a complete understanding in the matter and that the issue will be referred to formal negotiations between them and Germany.

While considerable sentiment attaches to the rigid observance of the evacuation dates as prescribed by the treaty of Versailles, there is a strong current of semi-official and private opinion here that a compromise on the question of the Cologne bridgehead would be tolerable if linked up with the positive understanding that France and Belgium would quit the Ruhr at an appreciably early date.

LABRADOR BOUNDARY DISPUTE NEARS END

Believe Quebec-Labrador Question Will Be Solved in Near Future.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Dec. 29.—Anticipating a speedy settlement of the Quebec-Labrador question, delegates from Newfoundland stated this afternoon that their mission was now accomplished, and that they were taking home for the approval of their colleagues of the executive suggestions for a basis of agreement which would settle a 30-year-old dispute out of court.

No information regarding the nature of the Newfoundland delegates, who intimated, however, that a new boundary line was to be the way out of the difficulty.

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CASH AND CARRY
LONDON'S FAIR-PRICE
GROCERY STORE.

Special Prices for Wednesday,
Friday and Saturday
This Week!

FLORIDA GRAPE FRUIT.
Thin skinned and juicy, medium size,
per dozen 55c
Extra large size,
3 for 25c

CHOICE CREAMERY BUTTER
Strictly fresh made, 38c
lb.

FOREST CITY BAKING POWDER
Glass sealers holding 22-oz. of this high-grade powder, per jar 31c
This Week Only.

SANTA CLARA PRUNES
per lb. 10c

TIGER BRAND TOMATO CATSUP.
Small size 15c
bottle
Large size 23c
bottle

NEW SEASON'S NUTS.
Brazil, Almonds, Walnuts, Filberts, mixed, per lb. 21c

CALIFORNIA NAVEL ORANGES.
Sweet and juicy, per dozen 39c

White Beans, 4 lbs. 25c
New crop, hand-picked quality

TABLE RAISINS.
1-lb. packages 25c

FIGS and DATES.
Natural Figs, 2 lbs. 25c
New Season's Dates, 2 lbs. 23c

CLARK'S SPECIAL COFFEE.
Whole or ground, per lb. 49c

PURE JAMS.
Raspberries, Strawberry, Black Currants, Crabapple or Pineapple, Marmalade, 1-lb. jars 25c

PURE CASTLE SOAP.
Long bars, regular size, 26 size 15c
Tablets, 6 for 25c
This Week Only.

Brown's 100 per cent pure, Whole Wheat Bread, 2 loaves 25c

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RICHMOND ST.
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Tomorrow---Last Day of After-Christmas Clearance

NEW YEAR'S DINNER TOMORROW—65c

Roast Young Milk-Fed Chicken and English Plum Pudding, in the Restaurant, 11:30 to 2:30.

Special afternoon tea, 3 to 5:30.

Tables may be reserved by phone.

The importance of above announcement will be fully realized only when you have finished shopping tomorrow and secured your share of the many things that are listed for clearance on the last day of the year—tomorrow. Many lines such as ladies' handkerchiefs and men's neckwear could not be put on sooner but all are now grouped into sale lots and are ready for first choosers tomorrow.

NOTICE!

Special "Designer" subscription list will close tomorrow, Wednesday, December 31, at 5:30.

Your last chance to secure this household and fashion magazine monthly for the year 1925 for only 69c



Formal Frocks Informal Frocks Frocks For All Occasions

\$8.50—\$67.50

The Christmas check for ten dollars or for fifty dollars may well go for a new frock. Ten dollars will buy a smart little flannel frock for about-the-house wear. Fifty dollars, or even less, will buy an evening dress for gaieties of the New Year.

Flannel Dresses for house wear, or for office or school wear. In bright colors—green, blue, rust—or the quieter shades of sand, brown and navy, with suede belts and trimming of embroidery or stitching \$8.50 to \$16.50

Evening Dress of cut velvet and georgette in Peking blue, panel front and pleated flounce of georgette, with ostrich trimming \$35.00

Evening Dress of white crepe, beaded in crystal, straight-line models \$35.00 to \$55.00

Evening Dress of black lace, with georgette skirt, in tulle effect, with side draperies \$75.00

Dance Frock of orchid georgette, with skirt trimmed in silk flower petals \$30.00

Evening Dress of cerise georgette, with silver metallic embroidery and deep flounce of black chiffon velvet \$67.50

Second Floor.

School Skirts For the New Term

Special Purchase in Armure Crepe
At \$1.75

Well-made, well-fitting little Skirts that answer the requirement of neatness and efficiency for school wear; finely box-pleated, or in clusters or side-pleats. In navy or sand, with white cotton camisole tops; sizes 6 to 14 years. Special price \$1.75

Second Floor.

Corsets! Corsets!



Enjoyment of dinner-dance or theatre is secure in a corset that holds the figure firm and smoothes unattractive lines. Your attention is specially directed to the new low-topped, supple creations—clinging and invisible.

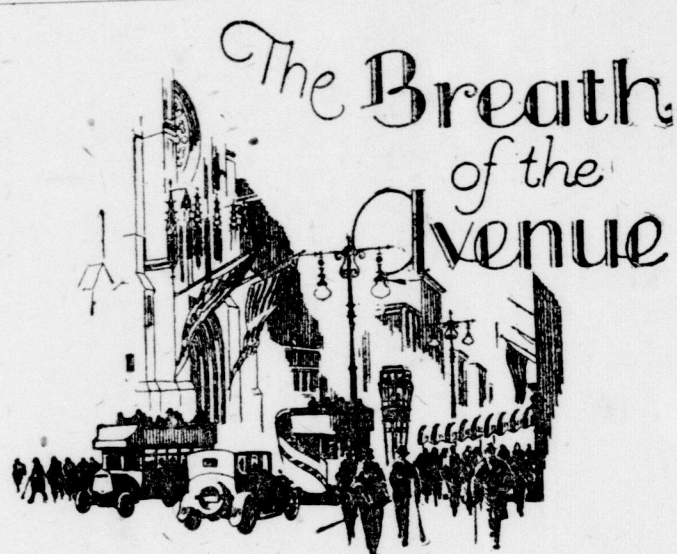
No. 6377—A beautiful front-laced model, made of pink silk brocade, designed for the stout woman who desires a low bust Corset that accomplishes remarkable support with a few very cleverly placed bones.... \$13.50

No. 686—A very attractive wrap-around, made of silk brocade and silk knitted elastic; one that gives all the ease and grace of the natural figure. Price \$10.50

No. 454—Step-in Waistline Girdle of pink brocade and silk elastic sides; the front and back are boned sufficiently to support the figure; no lacing \$6.00

No. 2305—Combination of Corset and Brassiere, made of pink satin; two pointed gores of 12-inch elastic over the hip, fastened at side; boning at back and across abdomen. Price \$5.00

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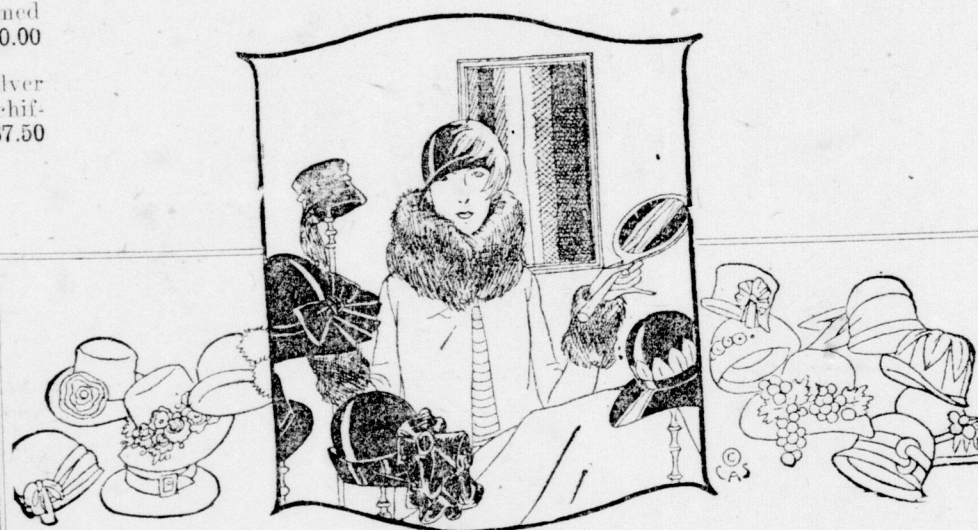
FASHION NOTES FROM THE BREATH OF THE AVENUE, NEW YORK

The suede jacket rises in favor as the thermometer drops. And winter sports and brisk snowy days will be more welcome when one goes warmly clad in this smart windbreaker.

The sport frock or sweater-and-skirt is as warm in hue as it is in fabric. And when it goes skating and coasting this year it will make bright, glowing splashes of color against the snow.

Accessories, too, must be sturdy and warm for the snowy months ahead. Scarf, gauntlets, and stockings of warmest wool complete the winter sports costume, and if they match each other, they're smarter still.

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The Season's Smartest Hats At One-Third Off

PATTERN HATS REDUCED IN PRICE FOR THE
AFTER-CHRISTMAS SALES, \$5.95, \$11.17

TENNE, CAVENDISH, SAGE, FISKE, SOCIETY—all Pattern Hats are to go in this after-Christmas clearance. The styles are advanced. Turned-up brims or drooping brims. Feather mounts and fur trimmings. Metallic embroidery and tapestry effects on velvet. Many of the season's prettiest effects at a third of the usual price.

Millinery Department, Second Floor.

Clearance Sale of MEN'S TIES Half-Price and Less

This entire lot divided into only two groups—

Silk and Silk Mixtures, Repps, Barotheas, in a large assortment of stripes, patterns and colors. Some of these Ties sold for over three times this price. 29c

The remaining Ties from the higher grade lines of the Christmas stock, beautiful Silk and Wool Crepes, All-Silk Ties, Swiss Silk, Mogadoes and other beautiful fabrics. Clearing at less than half regular price. 59c

Tomorrow, 9 a.m.

Silk Lingerie

Gift money spent for lingerie is gift money well spent. These will go with the party and afternoon frocks for New Year events.

Envelope Chemise, with trimmings of tucks and val lace, hemstitching and tiny French rosettes; white, blue, flesh, green and mauve \$6.00 and \$9.50

Silk and Crepe Princess Slips for the evening frock. Shadowproof, in mauve, white and flesh \$6.00 to \$10.00

Silk, Satin and Crepe Bloomers, made with single or double cuff; in white, flesh and mauve \$3.50 to \$7.50

Crepe de Chine Gowns, trimmed with val lace, hemstitching, insertion and pin tucks; kimono and sleeveless style; white, flesh, mauve, honeydew, maize and green \$7.75 to \$15.00

Second Floor.



Huge Reductions In Dolls

Some are less than half price and some at half. These Dolls are either slightly soiled or damaged. Marks on some can hardly be seen. Taking

prices and all into consideration, it is a real snap for the buyer. Very special prices, 19c, 29c, 49c, 69c, 98c

Don't Miss This Chance!

Games selling away below cost...19c
Mosaic Tiles 10c and 19c

Telephone Sets you can hear through from room to room..... 49c and 98c

Telegraph Sets 15c

Also some soiled books to be sold at very much reduced prices from 5c up

SALE ON WEDNESDAY.

After-Christmas Sale of Soiled Handkerchiefs

65 dozen Handkerchiefs, soiled and mussed from handling during the Christmas rush. To clear tomorrow morning at greatly reduced prices 11c, 19c and 29c each

Handkerchief Counter, Main Floor.



Fruit Baskets At After-Christmas Prices

Woven Baskets that are useful the year round for fruit or gift-giving. To clear at these prices—10 at 19c; 12 at 29c; 25 at 39c; 19 at 59c; 21 at 98c; 30 at \$1.39; and 6 at \$1.79.

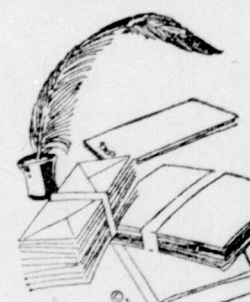
French Gift Department, Fourth Floor.

Christmas Stationery At One-Third Off

All Christmas boxes and gift stationery to clear at one-third off—

10 boxes at 41c	4 boxes at \$1.83
17 boxes at 66c	12 boxes at \$1.33
57 boxes at 32c	2 boxes at \$1.47
19 boxes at \$1.00	6 boxes at \$2.00
5 boxes at \$1.66	3 boxes at \$2.32

Main Floor.



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