

LLOYD GEORGE CALLED TO FORM A CABINET

Germans Sink Another American Ship---Joffre May Be Replaced
RUSSIAN SMASH THROUGH TO FOE'S SECOND LINEIS JOFFRE TO BE REPLACED?
PARIS CABLE HINTS AT SWITCH
IN SUPREME ARMY COMMAND

French Writer With Inside Information Declares the Time Has Come For New Leadership of the Republic's Forces.

New York, Dec. 6.—The New York Times this morning publishes a special cable from Paris based on a statement from a "French political writer who has exceptional inside knowledge of affairs," intimating the possibility of a change in the supreme command of the French military forces. In part he says:

PRESS OF ASQUITH
BLAMES NORTHCLIFFE
FOR GOVT. MUDDLE

Premier's Resignation Due to "Ignorant Press."

REDMOND ON COALITION

Says It Has Lost Allies the Balkans and Sympathy of Irish.

New York, Dec. 6.—An Associated Press cable from London today says:

The morning papers wear today the familiar face of peace time politics. The anti-Asquith press assails the fall of Premier Asquith for failing to conduct the war efficiently. His special champion, the Daily News, comes to his defence and violently attacks Lord Northcliffe on the ground that he uses public men as pawns in his own game.

FORECASTS

None of the papers attempts to forecast the future. Indeed none conceals its ignorance of what is going to happen. There is a pretty general concurrence that the salvation of the situation lies with Bonar Law, Sir Edward Carson and Lloyd George, who are regarded as necessarily forming the nucleus of whatever cabinet is formed. Beyond these three there is very little speculation as to the personnel of the new Government. The Daily News expresses the hope that the new Administration will be free from the poisoned attacks of the "ignorant and sensational press." It says that perhaps the price for the cessation of these attacks will appear in a bill, a remark which is interpreted as an expectation that some post will be given to Lord Northcliffe. The Telegraph, in a sober appeal for the burial of all partisan considerations, hopes and believes that Mr. Asquith, to whose services it pays a tribute, will consent to serve the new cabinet even in a subordinate position. Elections Unthinkable.

The question of holding a general election is mooted, but the idea is dismissed as unthinkable. Some of the papers hold that such an election would waste time, money and energy which ought to be concentrated on the war, others argue against it for reasons connected with domestic politics. In many of the comments there is a marked note of anxiety lest the crisis have a bad effect on the Allies and be misconstrued by the Germans, to say nothing of injuring the unity of action of the nation itself.

Redmond's Views.
John Redmond, leader of the Nationalists (Continued on Page 3, Column 6.)

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 52; lowest, 39.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 40; lowest, 32.

TOMORROW—RAIN.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—8 a.m.

Forecast:—Winds increasing again from the southwest, with rain before night.

Temperatures.

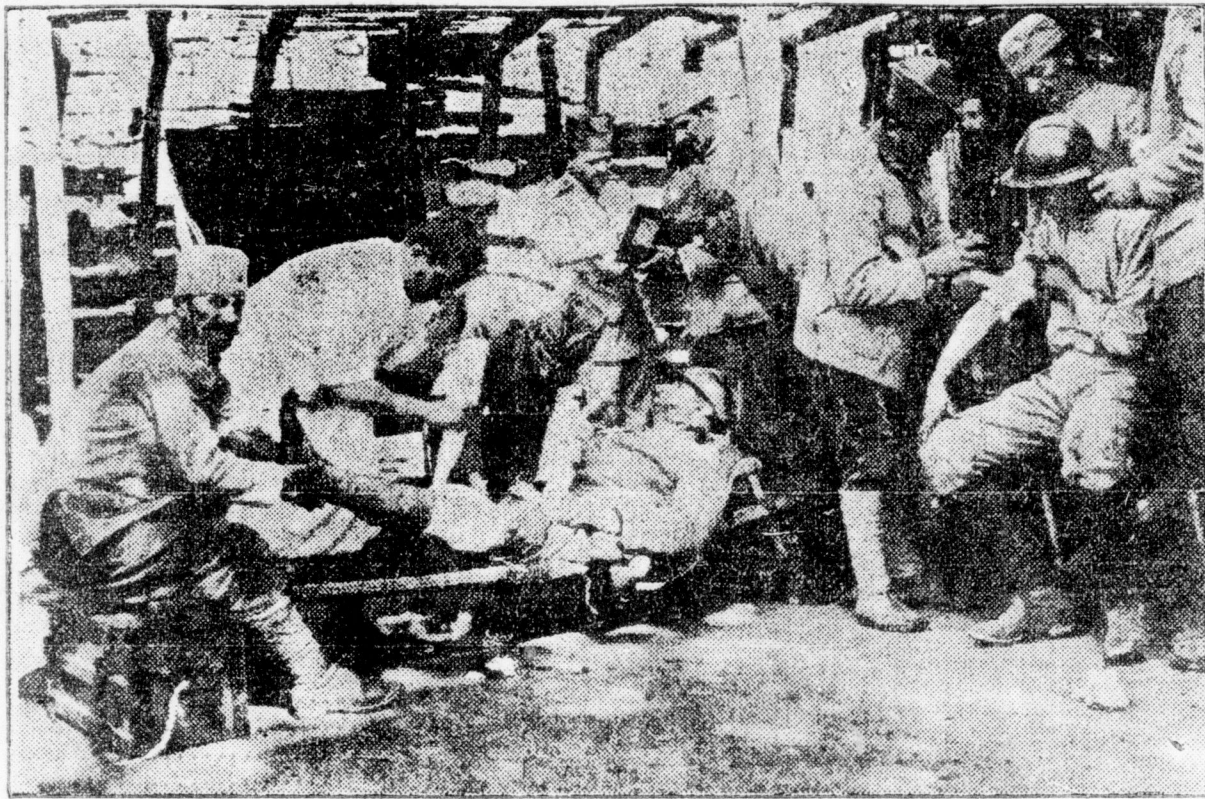
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	32	32	Clear
Calgary	36	14	Cloudy
Winnipeg	40	14	Clear
Port Arthur	36	14	Clear
Fort Sn. J.	46	32	Cloudy
Buffalo	36	24	Fair
Toronto	35	32	Clear
Kingston	43	34	Cloudy
Ottawa	40	34	Snow
Montreal	48	36	Snow
Quebec	32	32	Cloudy
Halifax	34	22	Cloudy

Weather Notes.
The disturbance which was over Northern Ontario yesterday has moved southward to Quebec, causing a gale on the Great Lakes and showery weather in all districts from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces.

Older weather has probably set in over the Western Provinces.

DRESSING STATION OF SERBS



With the Serbians on the Saloniki front. This is a common sight at the field dressing station on any of the battle fronts. The picture was taken, however, in a shack under shell fire where the gallant Serbs have been winning such important victories. It is an official photograph.

SLAVS PIERCE Foe's LINE
TO SECOND POSITIONS BY
HEAVY DRIVES IN PASSES

Russians Break Through First Line of Teutons in the Trotus Valley and Succeed in Reaching Their Second Works.

Petrograd, Dec. 6.—As a result of heavy fighting in the Trotus Valley in Wallachia the Russians have penetrated the German lines to their second positions.

Berlin, Dec. 6.—Via Saville.—Russian troops again attacked yesterday in the Carpathian forest north of Tartar Pass and on the Ludowa. The war office report of today says the new assaults of the Russians brought them no success. The Russians made a strong attack in the Trotus Valley and succeeded in reaching the German second positions. North of Oluz Pass a Russian point of support was captured.

ON GALICIAN LINE.
Petrograd, Dec. 6.—The war office announced today:
"Western front: South of Pomerany (west of Tarnopol, in Galicia), in the direction of the village of Koninka, our scouts attacked an enemy post and captured some prisoners. Two successful reconnaissances have been made by our scouting parties on the River Gysytza, in the region of Stary-Lesko."

SERBS AND FRENCH
GAIN MORE GROUND
IN CERNA REGION

Heavy Artillery Engagement On to the North of Monastir.

Paris, Dec. 6.—Noon.—Further progress has been made by the Franco-Serbian forces on the Macedonian front, the war office announced today. During yesterday's fighting prisoners to the number of 126 were taken.

A violent artillery engagement is in progress north of Monastir.

SAME OLD "REPULSE."

Sofia, Dec. 6.—Via London, Dec. 6.—The repulse of Allied attacks in the Moglenica Valley, east of the Cerna region on the Macedonian front, is reported in the official statement issued by the war office today. The text of the statement follows:

"In the region of Monastir there were patrol engagements. 'Calm prevailed' in the Cerna Bend. East of the Cerna there was lively artillery fire. In the Moglenica Valley weak enemy attacks near Babovo and Noms failed. On both sides of the Vardar there was feeble artillery fire. At the foot of the Belaschita Mountains all was quiet. On the Struma there were patrol engagements, and weak artillery activity. In Wallachia the troops of the central powers defeated the Rumanians on the Argechu River. Along the Danube, near Turtakal, there was infantry and machine gun firing. In Dobruja there were patrol engagements and intermittent artillery fire. The enemy is entrenching itself and extending his barbed-wire entanglements."

20,000 Refugees
From Bucharest
Arrive at Jassy

Are Impressed by the Steady Stream of Russians Going to the Front.

London, Dec. 6.—A Renter dispatch from Jassy, Rumania under date of December 3 says:

"This university town has been stirred to the depths by the transfer of the government and the arrival of 20,000 refugees from Bucharest and elsewhere, many of them in affluent circumstances. They are much impressed by Russia's efforts to help Rumania. Russian regiments are constantly marching to the front, and this inspires confidence that they will save the situation."

PAGNUELO CONFESSES
TO MILITIA CHARGES

But Says He Broke Regulations With Good Intentions.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—Lieut.-Col. Tancred Pagnuelo, commanding officer of the disbanded 20th Regiment, took the stand himself this morning before the court-martial which is inquiring into charges that the colonel wilfully gave false evidence before a board of inquiry in relation to the alleged payment of fines into regimental funds. He denied the charges of giving false evidence at a previous inquiry at Valcartier, and pointed out that he himself had started the investigation because he had been suspended, and did not know why. He thought he was doing right in keeping Government checks to the men and deducting the fines. He did not send the fines to the Government because it owe him money for the canteen. He was rich enough to pay any debts, being worth \$50,000.

The colonel admitted that in the speech he delivered to the men when they were condemned to Bermuda and promising them passes to go where they liked, he was going a little too far. Major Poliquin said the colonel saved him to understand the money collected for fines would be returned to the Government.

HAD STOLEN MONEY
IN HIS POSSESSION

Montreal, Dec. 6.—John Bingham and George Wakefield were found guilty yesterday by Judge Bazin, in the court of sessions, of having had in their possession money that was stolen from the Bank of Montreal in New Westminster, B. C., five years ago, when the bank was robbed of \$250,000. The men, who were arrested in Chicago more than a year ago, lost the battle against extradition and were brought here six months ago. Bingham, whose previous record was against him, was sentenced to two years in St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary, while Wakefield, who went in the witness box at his trial and stated that the money he had in his possession had been secured from betting on the horses at different race tracks, was allowed to go with the time he had already spent in custody.

CHASE OUT THE ALLIES
IS THE BULGAR BOAST

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 6.—Premier Radoslawoff of Bulgaria has announced that Sofia will follow the example of her Allies and mobilize labor for the production of munitions, according to a Sofia dispatch to the Berlin Mittag Zeitung.

Premier Radoslawoff is quoted as saying: "Nobody in Bulgaria dreams of peace until the Allies are chased out of the Balkans and until Russia has abandoned forever her hope of capturing Constantinople."

LAW DECLINES TO FORM GOVT.;
KING SENDS FOR LLOYD GEORGE;
MAY MEAN ASQUITH'S RETURNAMERICAN SHIP
A VICTIM OF SUB
WITHOUT NOTICE

Steamship John Lambert Was Torpedoed Off Isle of Wight.

CREW ALL AMERICANS

U-Boat Kept Up Shell Fire While Crew Were Entering the Boats.

New York, Dec. 6.—The steamship John Lambert, listed in the maritime register as an American vessel, was shelled and sunk without warning by a German submarine off the Isle of Wight on November 22, according to members of the crew, Americans, who arrived here today on the French Line steamship Espagne from Bordeaux.

The John Lambert was one of twelve vessels built on the Great Lakes for sale to the French Line. According to the arrivals today the vessel had not yet been turned over to the French interests, but was on its way to Havre for delivery there.

First Used Shell.
The attack took place at 4:30 p.m., when the ship was 25 miles south of the Isle of Wight, the crew said. The engineer, Edward Harris, of this city, said that the U-boat first made its presence known by sending a shell crashing through the John Lambert's bridge, and that shortly after the arrival today the vessel had not yet been turned over to the French interests, but was on its way to Havre for delivery there.

Sank Two Others.
The crew, numbering 18, all of whom arrived here today without their captain, said they rowed forty miles to the French coast, being on the water twelve hours, and that shortly after the John Lambert went down they saw the submarine attack and sink two unidentified vessels—a steamship and a bark.

The John Lambert was the last of the twelve Great Lakes craft to be taken to France to delivery. Eighty members of the crews of four of them were passengers on the Espagne today.

Flew French Flag.
John Bernardus, second officer of the John Lambert, said that the vessel flew the French flag when she went down, and had been using that flag although not yet formally turned over to the French. He said he was on the bridge at the time the attack began and that the first shot struck the water about ten feet ahead of the ship's bow. The second, he said, hit the bridge.

"As soon as the submarine opened fire on us I ordered the French flag run up and the men to take to the boats," Bernardus said.

The John Lambert left Montreal October 21, reaching Plymouth, November 10, putting in there because of engine trouble and leaving November 18. It was the following day that she was sunk. She was in command of Capt. Thomas Harris of Montreal.

CANADIANS ABOARD.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—The steamer John Lambert, sunk by a German submarine off the Isle of Wight, carried a number of Canadians among her crew.

ESCAPES FROM CAMP;
SUICIDES WHEN CAUGHT

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 6.—William Perchalausk, an Austrian, escaped from Banff internment camp and enlisted in a local battalion as a Russian. When his nationality and identity were discovered he hanged himself.

NOTHING TO REPORT
FROM BRITISH FRONT

London, Dec. 6.—12:05 p.m.—Following is the official report of today from the Franco-Belgian front:

"Aside from intermittent enemy shelling in the Ancre area there was nothing to report last night."

BORDEN TO SPEAK
AT MONTREAL TONIGHT

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—Sir Robert Borden went to Montreal today. He opens his national service campaign tour there tonight, and speaks in Quebec Friday night, going thence to the Pacific coast and returning to Toronto December 22.

B. C. ELECTION DATES.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 6.—Dates for the provincial by-election for the return of the cabinet ministers have been fixed as follows: Nominations, December 18; polling, December 23. There are nine by-elections, and several at least will be by acclamation. The Legislature will not convene until February 22.

War Secretary, With Balfour, Henderson and Bonar Law, in Conference With His Majesty To Secure New Ministry—Failure May Mean Asquith Back in the Saddle Within Few Days.

London, Dec. 6.—The King has sent for Mr. Lloyd George.

After receiving Mr. Lloyd George, to whom presumably he offered the premiership, King George summoned to the palace several members of the recent cabinet in the hope of solving the crisis.

Among those who attended were Andrew Bonar Law, Mr. Lloyd George, A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, and Arthur Henderson, president of the board of education and representative of the Labor party.

Later Mr. Asquith was summoned to the conference of the ministers at Buckingham Palace.

London, Dec. 6, 11:50 a.m.—The Westminster Gazette says that A. Bonar Law has declined the invitation of the King to form a cabinet, and that presumably David Lloyd George will be called on.

The Exchange Telegraph Company says it has authority for the statement that Mr. Bonar Law has declined the offer to form a government.

ASQUITH MAY BE BACK.
London, Dec. 6.—Whether Mr. Lloyd George, whose action led to the disruption of the coalition government and the resignation of Mr. Asquith, would have any greater success in forming a ministry than Mr. Bonar Law, is a question which has not been answered. Political correspondents predict that Mr. Asquith will be back at the head of the Government before many days.

"GINGERS" WITH WELSHMAN.
Mr. Asquith has a majority of the Liberal ministers with him in his retirement. Mr. Lloyd George being assured of the support of only Herbert Samuel, the home secretary; Edwin S. Montagu, minister of munitions; some of the junior ministers, including Hon. Charles Addison, parliamentary under secretary for munitions; and of a small section of the party known as the "Ginger Group." It is not believed probable Mr. Lloyd George would have any more success with the Labor members than did Mr. Bonar Law, the parliamentary correspondents say, while the attitude of a large part of the Unionist party is doubtful.

LIBERALS WITH ASQUITH.
Mr. Bonar Law, Sir Edward Carson and the Earl of Derby probably would act under Mr. Lloyd George, as they supported his ultimatum to Premier Asquith regarding the formation of a smaller war cabinet.

The Westminster Gazette says Premier Asquith's resignation was not received with any dismay in Liberal circles. A majority of the party warmly approved his decision, and was prepared to give a Unionist administration a fair chance, if one were formed. But it predicts that any minority government would have a precarious existence. The Gazette continues:

"It may well be that Mr. Asquith will, as a result of the crisis, be summoned once more to the palace to form an administration which would have the advantage of commanding a majority in the House, which no other administration seems likely to be able to obtain."

CAN'T TAKE ORDERS
FOR LIQUOR WHILE
IN THE PROVINCEWAR TURNS WORLD
TO READING AND
STUDY OF BIBLE

Justice Middleton Upholds the Decision in Welland Case.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—Mr. Justice Middleton today sustained the conviction before a magistrate of George A. Toyn, of Welland, charged with receiving an order for liquor contrary to section 42 of the Ontario Temperance Act and sentenced to pay a fine of \$118.

Toyn was a liquor dealer prior to September 16 and after that date became a "purchaser's agent," placing orders outside the province. Justice Middleton said the case was one of much importance, if such transactions were permitted the effect of the law would be to substitute for open purchase an indirect purchase, "justice," he said, "although blindfolded, is not supposed to be either blind or stupid," this decision follows one by Chief Justice Sir William Mulock to the same effect.

START MOVE TO SAVE
WOMAN FROM GALLOWS

Winnipeg, Dec. 6.—Prominent women in Brandon have started a movement to save Teenie Malou, sentenced at Minnedosa, Manitoba, last week to hang for the murder of a man. The woman has spent eight months in the Brandon jail.

BACK TO THE MINES.
Ferne, B. C., Dec. 6.—The miners in the Drumheller field resumed work Monday, according to a report received here. From six to eight hundred mine employees are affected. This leaves only one camp in the entire district, Taber, with some 200 men, and a small number in the area who are still at work.

Many Translations.
A noteworthy feature is that the circulation in the English language has doubled since the outbreak of the war. The Bible, or portions of it, is now translated in 600 languages, 18 new languages having been added since the war, by the British society. If the estimated number of Bibles issued by the Roman Catholic and Greek churches and the Hebrew scriptures among the Jews be added to the foregoing totals the aggregate of last year will be 40,000,000 copies against 28,000,000 in 1915.

AUDITOR DUNLOP IS NOT TO BE SCARED FROM HIS POSITION

Will Be Applicant Again in the Coming Year.

ALD. ASHPLENT SPEAKS

Condemns Attacks On Auditor and Denies Any Knowledge of Resignation.

The manifest attempt to scare or drive City Auditor Dunlop from the city will hardly result in his going. Ever since he came to London, he has been made the target of abuse by a certain class of people, but he has not been moved from his position.

Mr. Dunlop also says that he has not resigned. A statement was made that he had resigned. There is absolutely no truth in this. Mayor Stevenson stated that he never had received the resignation of Mr. Dunlop, and he heard anything about it. Mr. Dunlop also says that he has not resigned.

Annual Appointment. The only fact that stands out is that Mr. Dunlop's term expires on December 31. The city auditor is appointed for one year only, the council having the right to re-appoint him.

Mr. Dunlop, or appoint a successor. Frank G. Jewell, appointed in this way and he had to apply each year for that appointment. Mr. Dunlop will have to follow the same procedure. That he will be an applicant is certain. His appointment will rest with the council of 1917, not with the present council. His work has been considered satisfactory, and it is expected that he will again be selected. No other names have been mentioned in that connection as yet.

Ald. Ashplant's Views. Questioned as to his responsibility for forcing the resignation of Auditor Dunlop, announced in a local paper last evening, Ald. Ashplant declares the whole story to be "a vile fabrication from start to finish."

"In a long and varied career of social, industrial, and political experience in this city, I remember nothing which compares with this carefully-planned and systematic falsification of the facts regarding the audit situation at the city hall," said the alderman. "The persistent and disreputable effort to make his position intolerable for Mr. Dunlop, discredits every public man on the utilities commission, who by his silence, accepts responsibility for the statements credited to his chairman."

"Mr. Dunlop assures me that he has no intention at all of resigning, and I think it is high time that Commissioners Dennis and McKeel should declare their position regarding the audited audit to 'one of the biggest men who ever lived in the city of London,' which the chairman of the utilities commission stands sponsor for, in the columns of the Free Press."

"What do you mean, by a studied insult to Mr. Dunlop?" queried the advertiser man.

"Well," said the chairman of the finance committee, "the insult is here, and this point also covers the crux of the trouble. When Mr. Dunlop was appointed city auditor in succession to Mr. Jewell (who resigned on the ground of health), he was authorized by the city council, under the terms of the municipal act, to complete the audit of the utilities commission, having engaged to give his full time to the city work; while Mr. Jewell farmed it out."

"The utilities commission were duly notified of this. Thereupon the utilities chairman at once raised the salaries of assistant on the utilities audit from \$450 to \$2,100, and insulted Mr. Dunlop by offering him \$500 in place of the \$2,100 the utilities paid to Mr. Jewell."

"The fact of the matter is that the audit department at the city hall has in the past been run as no commercial institution in the country would run an audit department, and it is high time the audit was put on the sensible footing determined on (not by Ald. Ashplant, but by the majority of the council, with the board of education, the railway commission, the hospital trust, the police commission, the library board, and why all this fussing about Mr. Jewell on the utilities audit?"

"I would like to meet that gentleman on the public platform before an audience of his fellow citizens."

"If you agree to read the copies of documents on record at the city hall speak for themselves, I think that citizens will read between the lines and decide the former policy of expenditure and the present policy of expenditure, as determined by the city council."

"Just imagine the idiotic policy of giving \$2,100 for assistance on an audit in one department only, in addition to the full time of the expert. The complete city audit is highly paid at \$5,000, and it is simply ridiculous to read the city staff which has been created by public officials who know better," concluded Ald. Ashplant.

Ald. Ashplant also declared emphatically that he knew Mr. Dunlop would resign. "Nothing to that," he declared.

FINE SCOTTISH DANCING AT THE WINTER GARDEN

Sammy and Dorothy Munro and Gladys Comber Delight Crowd.

Admirers of the Scots and of the lively folk dances of that race turned out in hundreds to the Winter Garden last night. A program of Highland things and Scotch reels presented by Miss Dorothy Munro, Miss Gladys Comber and Master Sammy Munro delighted all. Numbers of Highland costumes added color to the scene when dancing was indulged in during the remainder of the evening.

Those who received prizes for costumes were Willie Perkins, Helen Trickett, Gladys Tillet, Jean Tillet, Jean McLean and Daisy Joyce.

A whole city full of Giants are coming to town!

The Giants of Lilliputania

CITY BREVITIES

MORE WATER REPORTS.—The utilities commission will meet on Thursday afternoon. There will be reports on the water situation, and on the water supply. The flow will be determined. Other than this there is little business to be disposed of.

WRITS ISSUED.—The Hobbs Manufacturing Company, Limited, issued a writ in the county court today against Gootson & Co. and Morris Gootson for \$111.75. The writ is returnable on the plaintiff as due on four promissory notes given by Gootson Bros., and endorsed by the defendant.

WEEKLY EUCURE.—One of a series of weekly social evenings for the men of the church was held in St. Mary's Auditorium on Tuesday night. The eucure games were keenly contested, and were thoroughly enjoyed by the men. The prize for eucure was won by H. W. Howard.

ON LEAVE THURSDAY.—The 118th Battalion leave on their regular monthly leave. Members of the battalion are putting on a concert in Kitchener on Friday. The men will be busy practicing for it. The men will return to London by midnight, Monday.

SPECIAL MEETING.—There will be a meeting of the city council this evening to discuss bylaws. The proposition to amend the bylaws regarding the plant, laid over at the last meeting will be up again. The gas bylaw will not be ready for this evening, but will be considered on Thursday evening.

ENTERTAIN SOLDIERS.—The Baptist Church Bible Class of Talbot Street Baptist Church gave a concert Tuesday night for the benefit of the soldiers. The concert was a success. About 40 young women took part and the soldiers crowded the building. There were several excellent choruses and tableaux which were much appreciated.

VISITED FRIEND.—Mrs. Grosch of this city, who was recently transferred from the R. A. M. C. to the C. A. M. C., and has received an appointment to the staff of a military institution in London. She spent the last two weeks of November at Polkstone, the guest of Mrs. Williams, wife of Capt. Williams of this city.

GOT LIQUOR AT DANCE.—One drunk appeared in police court today. He pleaded guilty and was fined the minimum amount, \$10 and costs. In reply to Squire Maclellan's question as to where he had procured the liquor, he stated that he was attending a dance, and a certain person he knew by sight but not by name, had sold him the bottle for two dollars.

FORMER CAPTAIN.—Lieut. G. R. Forner, officer in command of the School of Bayonet Fighting and Physical Drill, has been promoted to Major. Lieut. Forner's work with the School of B. F. and P. T. has been very favorably commented on and his promotion is generally conceded to be well deserved. Lieut. D. S. Wigle and Lieut. Solon Albright, 21st Battalion have also been promoted to be captains.

LONDON BIRDS WONNERS.—John Pringle, manager of the Bank of Toronto, was a heavy winner at the English livestock show in London. He practically swept the boards, his exhibit being one of the finest in the class ever shown. At Quebec, William Moore, West London, won three firsts, two seconds, one third and a silver cup for best display in the Buff Rocks. He exhibited six birds, every one getting a prize.

DRAWING-ROOM MEETING.—A well-attended drawing-room meeting was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. S. Fern, Queen's avenue, where Secretary Anderson of the Mission to Lepers in India addressed the members of the local auxiliary and their friends. The speaker stated that the mission, organized 40 years ago with six lepers, now 10,000 are being cared for in the Lepers Mission Asylums. The speaker stated that probably no other mission work is having more far-reaching results, owing to the fact that it is a practical demonstration of the principles of Christianity, caring as it does for the poor, the suffering and the outcast.

"JAEKY" BOTTS DIES, AFTER LONG ILLNESS

Well-Known in City and Among All Athletic Organizations.

John Botts, known to Londoners for over 25 years as "Jaeky," died today in Victoria Hospital in his 50th year, after an illness of many weeks.

His father, William Botts, survived him, as well as his two brothers, William and James of this city, and one sister, Mrs. R. Fletcher, 3 Horton street. Funeral arrangements have not been completed, but the funeral will be held from his sister's residence.

By his death London loses a loyal supporter of all its athletic teams. There was no more loyal "rooter" for London's ball players than "Jaeky" Botts. Of Irish descent he was a loyal supporter of the traditions of his mother country.

As a dancer he was without peer, and there was never a celebration at which he was not a central figure. He was on rare occasions was not absent from the Irishmen's picnic, and on those occasions the picnic lacked the vim and go of other years when his terpsichorean efforts gladdened all. Ever Londoner will miss him.

SAYS SPOKANE PEOPLE STRONGLY PRO-ALLY

Harvey Willis Home on Visit After Several Years' Absence.

Harvey Willis of Spokane, Wash., is visiting relatives in the vicinity of London and throughout Western Ontario after an absence of several years.

Mr. Willis was born in Westminster, going to the Canadian West with his family when still a boy. He has lived in Spokane for the past eight years, and in regard to the people of this city, he says: "The people of this city are made up largely of English-speaking people, many of whom are Canadian-born. We naturally have deep interest in the war, and keen sympathy for the mother country."

Mr. Willis was in the city a few hours today on his way to relatives in Dorchester, accompanied by his cousin, Mrs. Robert Clanshan of Glencoe.

THREE TRUE BILLS

The grand jury in attendance at the general sessions of the peace now in progress at the courthouse returned three true bills late evening, against William Ginsberg, each on a charge, and one against George Bremer, of Brimrose street, charged with assaulting and wounding with a weapon.

AVERAGE SALARY OF MINISTERS OF CITY OVER \$1,500 A YEAR

The Presbyterians Lead With \$1,700 Per Head.

MANY MANSES PROVIDED

All Methodists Have Free House, Furnished—Lowest Salary, \$800.

The salary of ministers in the city, calculated from information derived from representatives of five Protestant denominations, averages over \$1,500 a year, and a free house in a great many instances. The average here is higher than in some cities, increase in all the denominations having been granted in the past few years, the advances being made in proportion to the gradual increase in the cost of living.

Presbyterians Lead. The highest average salary paid in the five Protestant denominations is \$1,700, paid to Presbyterian ministers in the city. The highest salary paid a Presbyterian minister here is \$3,300 a year and a free manse. Others get \$2,500 and \$2,200 respectively, the remaining congregations paying below \$2,000 a year, the lowest being \$1,000.

Methodists \$1,450. The average Methodist minister's salary in the city is \$1,450, the highest paid being \$2,000 a year, and the lowest \$800. In each instance a free parsonage is furnished to Methodist ministers.

The system of calling Methodist ministers is a commendable one, which has become more popular in the past few years. It had a tendency to increase salaries. The original plan was to send a minister to whatever church the stationing committee saw fit, and this system had a tendency to keep salaries down, as congregations frequently did not get the minister they desired.

Bishops Get \$3,000. Perhaps the highest salary paid to any minister in the city goes to Bishop Williams, whose salary is \$3,000 a year. Among the Anglican rectors one receives \$3,500 a year, another \$3,000 a year. The lowest Anglican rector in the city draws \$200 annually, with nine other rectors receiving from \$1,000 to \$2,700 a year, making an average of \$1,500 a year.

The average for city Baptist ministers is \$1,600 a year, the highest being paid \$2,400 a year, and the lowest, \$1,000. The First Congregational Church pays \$2,000 a year.

LUCAN TO HAVE ANNUAL AGRICULTURAL CLASS

Specialists to Lecture on Various Branches of Farming.

The annual course of agriculture, held by the Middlesex branch of the department of agriculture, will be held in Lucan this year. The classes will be held in Lucan Township hall.

This is the fifth course. In 1914 it was held at Stratford, in 1915 at Gloucestershire, and in 1916 at Mount Brydges. A building has been offered free this year for the use of light and heat and the course will commence on January 1. It is expected to continue until February 2.

There will be a number of lectures by specialists on livestock, horticulture, poultry, vegetable gardening, marketing and co-operation and other subjects. The lectures will take the form of practical demonstrations and will be illustrated when possible.

There will be no charge for the course and no text books will be required. Classes will be held each week-day, except Saturday, from 10 to 12 in the morning and 1:30 to 4 in the afternoon.

WEDDING BELLS

SCANDRETT—HODGSON.

The following account of the marriage of Capt. Herbert Scandrett, of this city, winner of the military cross when fighting with the 12th Battalion, to Miss Hodgson of Montreal, appears in the Montreal Gazette of a recent date:

The marriage of Miss Marguerite Joleaud Hodgson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Hodgson, and Capt. Herbert Scandrett, M. C., of Montreal, was celebrated in Erskine Presbyterian Church at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The bride was given away by her father, and the ceremony, which took place under a bell of magnolias in a bower of mauve and yellow chrysanthemums, palms and ferns. The bride, who was given away by her father, was dressed in white satin trimmed with real lace, which her mother had worn on her wedding day. Her veil, which had also been her mother's, was caught with orange blossoms and she carried a shower bouquet of magnolias.

Miss Geraldine Hodgson, who was her sister's maid of honor, and her bridesmaid, Miss Gertrude Walker, were dressed in pale yellow tulle and tulle with mauve girdles, wore black tulle hats, with touches of mauve, and carried yellow and mauve nosegays. Mrs. Hodgson, the bride's mother, was dressed in blue chiffon, embroidered in mauve and pink, wore a black satin hat with asprey, and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Mrs. Scandrett, the bridegroom's mother, wore a wisteria colored gown, and velvet hat to match, with ermine furs and a corsage bouquet of sweethearts. The best man was Mr. Clarence Scandrett, and the ushers were Mr. Maurice Hodgson, Capt. F. S. Molson, Lieut. L. Davis of London, Ont., and Mr. William Duffield of London, Ont.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at the home of the bride's parents on Pine avenue, where the drawing-room was attractively arranged with yellow chrysanthemums, and the decorations in the dining room being carried out in pink and greenery. Later Capt. and Mrs. Scandrett left for a brief wedding trip.

DAVEY—MERKLEY.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Merkle's residence, 520 Piccadilly street, was the scene of a very pretty but quiet wedding at 1 o'clock yesterday, December 5, when their eldest daughter, Lila Amelia, was united in marriage to Hedley Holman Davey of Detroit, formerly of Mount Forest.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. L. Barber, pastor of Colborne Street Methodist Church, and was witnessed by only the immediate relatives and a few friends of the bride and groom. Miss Erina Merkle, sister of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, while the room was supported by his brother, Frank Davey of Mount Forest. The wedding march was played by Miss Doreen Hicks. The young couple were recipients of many handsome presents.

After the ceremony and a dainty luncheon served at 2:30 p.m., Mrs. Davey left on the 5:35 train for Windsor, where they will reside.

CUT DOWN ALL EXPENDITURES MUNICIPALLY UNTIL WAR ENDS, IS ADVICE OF LIEUT.-COL. COLES

Almost Criminal To Ask For Large Amounts Except For Patriotic Purposes—London Needs City Council of Live Young Men Supported by Businessmen.

"We should have a collection of live young men in the city council, supported by the businessmen, and conducting affairs in a dignified and enterprising manner, and not in the petty method that has often characterized the proceedings of the last few years," said Lieut.-Col. W. G. Coles, former member of the board of council, to The Advertiser today.

"Municipal affairs have come to a pretty pass when the businessmen of the city will not hold office because of the company they must keep," he added. "It is time that we got away from the petty issues and the petty men; it is time that politics and backstairs work and small-calibre men were sense and almost criminal to ask for large amounts of money while the war is in progress. I would advise that we drop all things that require large expenditures at the present time. I do not mean that everything should be dropped for good, but believe that we should hold to the Federal Square with the launching of which I was identified, and which, in my humble opinion, had more to do with the movement toward progress that occurred than anything else."

"In the first place I believed that was a great mistake to sell the old city hall, but having done that, we started something for the city's benefit when we went into the Federal Square scheme. We kept the McCormick Square and commenced a boom in East London. People who never had money before commenced to make it through legitimate investment, and if the war had not commenced we would have had a great boom."

"I am convinced after my visits to cities in England that, as Dr. Sillcock said in one of his sermons, we want to make this place a good city to live in. I believe the Federal Square scheme should be kept alive."

Government Must Go On. "Will the Government be held to its bargain of a portion of the square?" was asked.

"I feel sure that the Government cannot honorably refuse to go on with that part of the venture. With the Mayor and city solicitor, I went to Ottawa to discuss this matter. We saw Hon. Messrs. White, Rogers and Foster, and the first two, in addition to the Minister of Militia, are completely satisfied with the scheme. I am sure it will provide the \$130,000 which was to be their share. In fact, I believe that two grants of \$50,000 have been passed, but held back until after the war."

"The Spencer Block property will sell for more than was paid for it at any time. We paid \$45,000 for it. I succeeded in getting Mr. Spencer to reduce his price by \$5,000 on the night the sale was made."

No Dance Halls. "I am against the idea of investing in such things as dance halls, especially at such a time as this. We should keep every dollar as a reserve and develop the city. We cannot spend too much money on the time arriving. Our whole energy at the present time as a community should be devoted to getting men to fight this war to a victory. We cannot spend too much on these lines, and we should drop the frivolous attitude which makes a serious-minded man who has been at the front almost sick at heart. It is a time for the city to develop."

"I believe that we should not spend money freely at the present time. We should hold our financial horses until this war is won, and in my opinion the war is far from being won. At the present time, as is being recognized at the present time, it is simply non-sensical."

COUNCIL ASKED TO PROVIDE PROTECTION AGAINST FIREBUGS

More Constables or Vigilance Committees Suggested.

\$1,000 TO SAILORS' FUND

Other Grants Made Include Those To Agricultural Boards.

At this morning's session of the Middlesex county council a number of accounts were passed and grants were made to the agricultural boards and the British Sailors' Fund. The point of grant called forth a large amount of discussion, but was finally decided.

An account from J. A. Brownlee for \$1,000 for the British Sailors' Fund was referred to the finance committee. An account from J. C. Elliott for \$1,000 for the British Sailors' Fund was also referred to the finance committee.

The account of William Skelly for \$250 for the British Sailors' Fund was referred to the jail committee.

A communication from John Dimming, regarding damage to auto on the county road from Stratford to Kewood, was read and referred to the board of road directors.

Engineer Talbot, in reply to a question, advised that steel work on the Gloucestershire bridge was being carried out, and suggested that the time limit be extended till July 1. He also reported that the Delaware bridge was entirely completed excepting the painting and removing false work from the floor. It should be ready for traffic next week.

A letter was read by Councillor David Smith, urging that some action regarding protection from incendiary fires be taken by appointing vigilance committees or additional constables.

The report of the agricultural committee that a grant be made of \$500 to the district representative of agriculture was adopted.

The council then went into a committee of the whole, with John Curry in the chair, to consider the report of the finance committee that no action be taken regarding a grant of \$25 each to the two agricultural boards. On a motion by D. A. Graham it was decided to make a grant of \$25 to the different libraries in the county.

The recommendation of the finance committee, that a grant of \$1,000 be made to the British Sailors' Relief Fund, was adopted.

Warrant Arbitration. A motion that George Rivers, who owns the only gravel pit available for certain sections of road work in Adelaide Township, and who refuses to set a price on his material, be compelled to arbitrate regarding the price, was referred to the board of road directors.

The council then adjourned to meet at 6 o'clock tonight. Tomorrow the councillors will make the try to Gloucestershire.

Geneva, Va., Paris, Dec. 6.—The Swiss Government has refused to consider the petitions presented by the Cantonal Councils of Geneva, Vaud, Neuchâtel and Fribourg, asking the Government to protest to Germany against the deportation of civilians from Belgium and North France.

The Government points out that since the war began it has received eighty-nine protests against alleged violations of the law of nations, thirty-seven from the Central Powers, forty-eight from the Allies, and four from one neutral state, and explains that as it has been unable to investigate each case adequately it is reluctantly obliged to refrain from action.

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PRESS OF ASQUITH

ists, in an interview on the political situation, said:

"The Irish party is excluded from any responsibility in the direction of the affairs of the Empire as long as self-government is denied Ireland. The present unfortunate position is mainly due to confiding the conduct of the war to a coalition ministry."

"The coalition ministry was formed behind the back of the Liberal party, and the House of Commons, while the Irish party was not consulted nor allowed to offer an opinion concerning it. They condemned the coalition from the outset, because they were convinced there would be disastrous results for Ireland, and that it would be a weak and ineffective instrument in conducting the war. The inclusion of Sir Edward Carson in the ministry aroused the suspicions of the Irish, causing the impression that home rules would be killed and that Ireland was again to be cheated of its hopes."

Led To Rebellion. "This, with the stupidity of the war office, and the partial restoration of the power of the old Ascendancy party in Ireland, checked recruiting, increased the ranks of the Sinn Féin, and led to the rebellion. Moreover, the disappearance of a responsible Opposition reduced the House of Commons to impotence, and a position of contempt."

"Everyone who has seen the result. The same causes which checked recruiting and produced all the evils in the dominions and the United States which have arisen from home rules in Ireland have now apparently lost sight of the Balkans and caused the present deplorable situation in Greece."

HOW CRISIS DEVELOPED. London, Dec. 6.—The Morning Post's political correspondent says:

"The political situation is so chaotic that it can hardly be expected even with the best good fortune that Bonar Law will be able to form a ministry till after much trouble and delay. It is believed he deferred a definite reply to the King's request that he should undertake to form a new Government till morning. The correspondent adds:

"The Lord George's scheme, the small war council with large executive powers, Asquith as prime minister having the right to be present, but with no authority either personally or through the cabinet to interfere with the council, day-by-day conduct of the war was an honest endeavor to put life and vigor into the ministry without the dangers and delays inseparable from a thorough reconstruction of the Government. At first Asquith accepted it in the spirit in which it was put forward. On Sunday it was thoroughly discussed between the two men."

Carson Wasn't Wanted. "On Monday evening it was understood by all sections of the Government that the difficulties attending its adoption had been surmounted, even if a few details remained to be adjusted, but late on Monday night some ministers of the old political leagues of Asquith (Viscount Grey, the Marquis of Crewe, Mr. Kenna and Runciman are named) saw their chief, and expressed profound disagreement with the Lloyd George plan. They, in turn, threatened to resign if it was carried out, and the cabinet was in particular vigorously objected to the inclusion of Carson in the cabinet."

Asquith Wavered. "Once more Asquith wavered. The situation was canvassed yet again. The probabilities were explored. It was thought there was more than a fighting chance of getting rid of the war, and a strong statement in the Chronicle yesterday morning that 'after that consent to the setting up of a war council of which he was not the effective chairman, Asquith would resign, and the other statement printed in the Westminster Gazette that 'Asquith has definitely declined' the proposition, and that so far as he is concerned there will be no departure from his resolve. Both journals, and especially the latter are strong supporters of the late premier and in his confidence."

"Yesterday morning the decision of Asquith was communicated to Lloyd George in a letter which is said to have named, named and named the door to any chance of accommodation."

"Lloyd George at once made it known that he should persist in his resignation. Then came intervention from some Unionist members of the cabinet. Bonar Law had a conference with Mr. Chamberlain and Earl Curzon of Kedleston, at which Sir Edward Carson was also present.

"It is to be assumed that the Unionist leader came to the decision that, if Lloyd George were to be driven out of the cabinet, Bonar Law and some other members of the Unionist party would not remain. Lord Curzon went from his colonial office to 10 Downing street and communicated the decision, whatever it was. On the receipt of Lord Curzon's message, and after consultation with several of his colleagues, the prime minister went to Buckingham Palace shortly before 7 o'clock and tendered his resignation to the King."

DEATHS AND FUNERALS

DEATH OF MRS. MARR. Mrs. Elizabeth Marr, wife of William Marr, died at her home, concession 2 of Westminster Township, on Tuesday. She was 59 years old, and beside her husband, leaves two sons and one daughter: George, Roy and Adelaide, all at home. The funeral will be held on Friday to Pond Mills Cemetery.

DEATH OF MRS. JONES. Mrs. Naomi Jones, aged 72, wife of Mr. Jones, died at her home, 10 Wilson avenue, on Tuesday. Besides her husband, she leaves one son and one daughter, Charles of Erie, Pa., and Mr. John Coleman of this city. The funeral will be held on Friday afternoon to Woodland Cemetery.

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Seededs, two packages 25c
Sultanas, Blue, per pound 25c
Sultanas, White, per pound 25c

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Men's All-Felt Bedroom Slippers, assorted designs 75c to \$1.25
Men's Brown and Black Kid House Slippers, full assortment of all patterns. \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00



Suggestions For Christmas For Men

House Coats \$3.00 to \$10.00
Bath Robes \$4.00 and \$5.00
Dressing Gowns \$8.00 to \$12.00
Pyjama Suits \$1.50 to \$3.50
Sweater Coats \$3.50 to \$5.00
Silk Umbrellas \$2.00 to \$5.00
Silk and Cashmere Shirts, \$1.50 to \$5.00
Silk Muff

DONATION TO RED CROSS.
LYONS, Dec. 5.—The council of the municipality of South Dorchester donated \$20 for Red Cross purposes for Mapleton and Kingsmill branch.

Flush your kidneys occasionally

ally if you eat meat
regularly.

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says well-known authority. Meat forms uric

The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any reliable pharmacy and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days, and your kidneys will surely be benefited.

will benefit me." This famous salts made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and have been used for generations to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to activity, also to neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which all regular meat eaters should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

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**CHILD IS BILIOUS
OR CONSTIPATE**

Look, Mother! See if tongue

coated, breath hot or
stomach sour.

"California Syrup of Figs
can't harm tender stomach,
liver, bowels.

A black and white line drawing of a man and a young boy. The man, on the right, has short hair and is wearing a suit jacket over a collared shirt. He is looking down at a small object held in his hand. The boy, on the left, has curly hair and is wearing a light-colored shirt. He is also looking down at the object, which appears to be a small, round, textured item, possibly a piece of fruit or a small animal. The background is plain.

Every mother realizes, after giving

children "California Syrup of Figs," this is their ideal laxative, because it loves its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without griping.

When cross, irritable, feverish, breath is bad, stomach sour, look at the tongue, mother! If coated, give a teaspoonful of this harmless "fruit laxative."

live," and in a few hours all the food is converted into constipated waste, sour bile and regurgitated food passes out of the bowels and you have a well, playful child again. When the little system is full of colic, throat sore, has stomach-ache, diarrhoea, indigestion, colic—remember, good "inside cleansing" should always be the first treatment given.

Millions of mothers keep "California Syrup of Figs" handy; they know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for a 5-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here, so don't be fooled.

Get the genuine, made by "California
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That beautiful, even shade of dark glossy hair can only be had by brushing a mixture of Sage Tea and Sulphur. Your hair is your charm. It makes or mars the face. When it fades, turns grey or streaked, just one application or two of Sage and Sulphur enhances its appearance a hundredfold.

Don't bother to prepare the mixture
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Sage and Sulphur Compound. This
can always be depended upon to bring
back the natural color and lustre
to your hair.

Everybody uses "Wyeth's" Sage and Sulphur Compound now because it darkens so naturally and evenly that nobody can tell it has been applied. You simply dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through the hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the grey hair has disappeared, and after another application

cation it becomes beautifully dark; it appears glossy and lustrous. The ready-to-use preparation is a delightful toilet requisite for those who desire dark hair and a youthful appearance. It is not intended for the cure, mitigation or prevention of disease.

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A GREAT WAR FIGURE PASSES.

A DESPOTIC RULE such as the Emperor of Germany maintains can be sure of itself up to the point of popular revolution. A democratic rule such as the British empire maintains is mercurial and feels the effect of warm winds and cold almost instantaneously. In these times of political cyclone, blizzard and typhoon, when life or death may hang on the pen point of a statesman, how can any single personality stand up before the elements when he bears in relation to his people only the strength of a citizen, only the power of a single unit among millions of units?

The man on horseback in the Allied camps is a rare figure. Only the stern military system of France keeps the great Joffre in his saddle. Premiers and state leaders of all other Allied countries, save shattered Belgium, have been swept into the vortex. Asquith has maintained that rare balance since war began, chaining the lightning of Lloyd George and the other fiery spirits until now, but eventually falling before the constant demand for action and a single merged individuality of force for the empire and the cause.

For Asquith his retirement cannot be figured as defeat. How typically he maintained the calm philosophy and dogged persistence of the race, Anglo-Saxon in his contempt for rude procedure and cleaving to his faith in the measured way. Tomorrow the empire may weep for his return. The Celtic fires that have made his cool logic fade, as the chill of a room before the warmth of a grate fire, will now be put to the grim test of supreme leadership. The spirits of impulse and rapid movement are to hold the stage. Until now they have not had to hold supreme control. How will they measure up to the titanic task? Can they mix their abilities and characters into the one great chemical that will react for victory? Have they more skill than this master chemist who has just been deposed, who has presided at the crucible for so long?

The prosecution of the war must go on with the spurt of a relay team which has been given a new runner. The strength of Lloyd George has counted in every task to which it has been applied. He has always, through their days of tremendous upheavals in state reforms, had the fatherly philosophical premier at his hand. They have worked wonders together. Lloyd George seems the inspired youth; Asquith the great, sympathetic judge.

Many must have misgivings in the change. The loss of such a man means that he takes something that cannot be given by anyone else, yet his work, like Kitchener's, has been the foundation builder of the war machine. He may have been a master builder of the great machine, but others may operate it to greater advantage. The voice of Britain is certain to be heard; all other changes seem to have wrought for more certain progress toward triumph. The new cabinet comes untied for its tasks in one sense, yet fully equipped in another. It will succeed if it is able to replace the leadership that Asquith gave. His retirement is one of the most dramatic incidents of the war, almost as effacing as the death of the soldier who went down off the Orkneys. The premier was great enough in the final test to sacrifice himself to the strong demands of those he knew were necessary for the war council. He might have held out and won; he chose to place the task in other hands when the crisis came. The world will acclaim that his retirement from the premiership came after he had established himself as one of the foremost figures in the history of the empire.

DO IT NOW!

THE ADVERTISER has received a number of letters appealing for an early closing of London stores during the Christmas season. Some of the remarks regarding wages paid are unnecessarily overdrawn, as the well-being of those who work in London stores is established by their appearance, if by nothing else. We do not believe many clerks could be found to leave, even privately, that they were ill-treated. Most of them would say they were well treated.

The fact remains that it lies in the power of the public to relieve the strain and long hours of the Christmas season for proprietor and clerk together by shopping in daylight hours. The old slogan, "Do your shopping early!" should be ringing in the ears of everyone. A little kindness and a little foresight will relieve both buyer and seller of unnecessary labor, fatigue and crowding. Christmas shopping should be spread over a whole month, rather than a few days of frantic rushing. And the brisk trade reported in London indicates that the public is buying earlier.

HOW THE HOTELS ARE DOING.

THE ADVERTISER hears good reports of the manner in which hotelkeepers in Western Ontario are conducting their places of "entertainment for man and beast," since the prohibitive laws came into existence. They are giving good meals and beds as well as improving their places. Lodging and feeding the tired traveler have become the primary departments of their calling; formerly the bar occupied the greatest attention of many. Commercial men declare that many hotelkeepers are satisfied with the change, and are making a moderate competence, without the annoyance and almost certain unpleasantness attached to the sale of liquor.

The hotelkeepers are adapting themselves to conditions without any urging from the highly-salaried commission which still remains in office. They are making the most of their opportunities, and it is fair to point out that few hotelkeepers have been charged with breaches of the liquor act; they have not sought to breed the "blind pig" and they do not seek to disrupt prohibitive enactments by harboring bottle-workers.

Many, no doubt, find it difficult to make both ends meet; that was inevitable, when so drastic an act came

into force. Opportunities, however, are almost certain to become upon, if a man with a clean, well-appointed house keeps his eyes open. Many points in Western Ontario could be developed as summer resorts. Most of the cities and towns are convenient to lake or river, and an attractive hotel, with a home-like atmosphere and a good reputation for wholesome food, if properly advertised, is almost certain to attract vacation patronage. Good fishing is to be had in many quarters, and this is always a magnet for the American who comes north in summer.

Many hotels are also adjacent to good mineral springs. For instance, some London up-town hotel could make a reputation for itself by piping to its premises the sulphur water which flows about along the river. Such a hotel, if given national and international publicity, would, under enterprising management, be almost certain to succeed. The medicinal value of the sulphur water found here is established.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Do your Christmas shopping now! The great Tosti has sung his final, throbbing "Good-bye."

David Lloyd George is a little man who usually gets his way.

Why is the appointment of London's police magistrate held up so long?

It may be shown that there is little reason to "Beware the Greek when he comes bearing weapons."

Hints of great events that will "make Germany happy for Christmas" must foretell some new form of murder.

Many a Christmas wreath in a London home will be hung in the spirit of a memorial to a lost one in Europe.

Can the excessive joy promised for the Hun Christmas be the eating of the kaiser's dinner in Paris? He would be ready to boast of his ability to do it.

It would be playing good cricket to offer the mayoralty for next year by acclamation to Lieut.-Col. W. M. Gartshore, a most worthy citizen, who was told for the honor this year by Mayor H. A. Stevenson.

The death of Lieut. Bart Cottam is a severe shock to all who knew the fine youth. It seemed that he was walking about only yesterday, then came the dread tidings of another brilliant life snuffed out painlessly and in a spirit of glorious sacrifice.

The Terrible Tempered Mr. Bang Asks Mrs. Bang Where She Got That Turkey.

BY FONTAINE FOX



The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

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The Heirloom Ring

By Helen Merritt.

It was a great disappointment to Frank Lloyd to be obliged to leave Linville with his love for Amy Baker undeclared. But the summons home was imperative. "Your father is seriously ill. Come at once," it said. There was a short, sharp struggle in Frank's mind between love and duty, but memories of his father's years of devotion conquered.

The thought of leaving Amy without a farewell letter and a registered package. Both were in the same handwriting, and, after considering for a moment, she opened the letter first. "My Dear Little Amy," it began. "The sudden and serious illness of my father has called me away from Linville. For reasons which I am sure you must guess, I hate to go, but the call is urgent, for my father has been until recently nearest to my heart. I am sending by this mail my ring, a family heirloom. If the love you must know I feel for you is returned, will you wear the ring until I can replace it with another? When I return, which will be as speedily as possible, if I find this ring on your hand I shall know that my dearest honor is to be realized. Your devoted lover, "Frank."

Shyly and reverently Amy drew the curious and valuable ring from its box. For severely a moment did she consider before slipping it on her finger. She kissed it there with a fervor which brought hot blushes to her face, despite the fact that there was no one to see. Ever since Frank had arrived at the home of her friends, the Deans, to spend the summer with his college chum, Geoffrey, he had occupied first place in her heart, and while she had hoped that her love was reciprocal, she had lacked definite assurance until the present moment. Small wonder that her eyes glowed and that she resolved firmly that the treasured ring should never leave her finger until Frank himself removed it. He had not asked her to write, so she kept her secret treasured in her own heart and went around outwardly the same, but inwardly the happiest girl in the world.

Into the perfect bliss came trouble swift and unexpected. The blow fell on a day when Harold, Amy's youngest brother, burst into her room with a face on which horror and despair were jointly pictured. It was the old story of a young man, tempted to gamble, "borrowing" the funds of the institution which employed and trusted him, until the small speculations could be no longer concealed.

Amy listened, white faced, to the pitiful recital. "It will kill father and mother if you are arrested for stealing," she said stonily.

Harold flung himself at her feet, clasping her knees. "They mustn't know, sister," he implored. "Help me to raise the money and restore it and I will promise never to gamble again."

So Amy's few good jewels were taken from their hiding place, and Harold, chastened and subdued, set out to raise money on them to make good his deficiency before it should be discovered. But the most he could raise fell far short of the sum total he needed, and, with despair at his heart, he wended his way back to where his sister tremulously awaited him. "It's no use, little sister," he said. "I shall have to pay the penalty. I can't get near enough on your little trinkets."

Amy bowed her head on her hands, and as she did so her brow touched the betrothal ring on her finger. She looked at it dazedly. It was a valuable ring. It would keep her brother from prison, and her father and mother from the knowledge that

the son in whom they took so much pride was a criminal. For only a second she hesitated, then drawing the ring from her finger she handed it to Harold. "Take it," she said. "It is worth a great deal of money."

Then bursting into tears she turned away from Harold's grateful thanks and sought refuge alone, where she could weep out her heart at the loss of her treasure.

Frank returned unannounced to Linville and went straight to Amy's house. Lights shone from the windows, and as he drew near he could see Amy at the piano. Startled, he gazed at her. One of his closest rivals was bending over her in an attitude of devotion—and Frank's ring was not on her hand.

Seeing, but unseen, he decided that his cause was hopeless, and went as quietly as he had come. Love was not for him. Henceforth he would be a lonely, busy man, attending to big business interests and allowing no woman to fill his mind.

Six months later Frank was called to a city a short distance from Linville. Seeking shelter from a sudden shower in a pawnbroker's doorway he glanced curiously at the window display. To his unbounded astonishment he saw his own ring.

He rushed into the shop and asked to see the ring. His judicious questioning brought out the fact that a young man, who, the pawnbroker remembered, had seemed in great distress, had brought in the ring and other jewelry. From his description Frank had no doubt that Harold had pawned the ring, although examination of the pawnbroker's records gave an entirely different name.

Without loss of time Frank hastened to Linville. He would see Harold and demand the truth. Perhaps—and at the thought his pulses bounded—there was some reason besides indifference for Amy's failure to wear his ring.

He reached the small town at noon, and almost the first person he met was Harold hastening to lunch. Frank went straight to the point, and Harold, after being convinced that there was a vital reason for the searching questions, broke down and admitted that Amy had pawned her jewels to raise money for him. Then, in answer to Frank's eager questions, he said sadly:

"Amy has changed greatly. Whether it was because of my wrongdoing or not I don't know, but from the day she knew of it her health and spirits failed."

So it happened that when Frank, eager and ardent, entered the Baker drawing-room, it was a frail shadow of the former blooming girl that turned a languid head to see who was coming. A few minutes later, however, the pale cheeks had taken on a hue of health, the languidness had disappeared, and a new and more beautiful Amy received Frank's betrothal kiss, so long delayed and so ardently desired.

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In spite of its moniker, there is no rest in Bucharest.

Yesterday was our birthday. Now, boys, altogether: "Darling, I am Growing Old." Hooray.

POEMS FROM THE FRONT.

Once in a while I read a little ditty That draws from me my sympathy and pity For those dear chaps who tread the muddy trench.

To try the swagger from the Huns to wrench. But why in thunder, while they take repose, They write in verse instead of honest prose.

I cannot understand. 'Twould better be In straight-laced prose than would-be poetry.

Of all the poems I've glanced at from the front— Excuse me if I seem a little blunt— The number drops perhaps to two or three.

That could be classed as really poetry. I lack the nerve the German blood to spill.

But either I or honest Poet Bill Should cross the pond and land "Somewhere in France."

To write for Tommy, while we'd take the chance Of being killed, bedad, by friend or foe,

While trying hard to make the measure flow. I know by writing this I take a chance, For really Bill may be "Somewhere in France."

—JACK RILEY.

We like Shriners very much. A smile is worth a lot these days—in fact, any day. A lot of folks don't know that. We do not know much about the other world, but we do know that a little bit of fun, a lot of good fellowship and kindness, are worth while. We are not going to wait until we are ferried across the Styx to have our joy. A number of things about which we get headaches and generate bitterness don't amount to much.

The ministers imagine prize-fighters really fight. That's the funny part of it. They don't. Anybody who has seen them will swear to that.

We have been warned against cash-

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A PAGE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO WOMEN READERS

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

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

Hints for "Twenty-Seven."

Dear Miss Grey,—I noticed "Twenty-Seven's" letter on the Page, and just thought I'd try and give her a few hints from experience.

"Twenty-Seven," if they won't pay up their account when they do have the money, send them a statement telling them if they do not settle in a certain length of time you will add interest. Then if they do not settle by the date stated, send them another statement adding 6 per cent interest. It usually works fine. At least we find it that way.

Another plan which has been tried with success (but not by us), is to send the people who simply will not pay their accounts, a statement doubling the amount which they really do owe you. They will soon "show their face" (and their money, too), at your counter, telling you that they do not owe you only half the amount, which was specified on the statement, and in consequence they will pay you what they do owe you.

Hoping you see this and that these few hints may help you, "Twenty-Seven." Am changing my pen name this time for personal reasons. Yours, ONE OF MUCH EXPERIENCE AS A MERCHANT.

What's in a Name?

Dear Miss Grey,—Will you answer a few questions, please?

1. A simple way for a girl of sixteen to do her hair, which is very short and thin?

2. Do you think a person with a bare face should pump their hair? I think this makes the face appear larger.

3. A good remedy for oily hair: also what could be done to prevent the skin from looking oily or greasy?

4. Miss Grey, could you tell me a nice lunch to serve to a gentleman friend before going home in the evening? SUPERMAGNAPALOTUS.

Ans.—Whoops, what a name! As

DAILY BIBLE QUESTION CLUB

By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.

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The six daily studies for this week constitute the International S. S. Lesson for next Sunday. Read the Bible Story on which this study is based, as you ponder the following questions:

"Faithful Unto Death." Rev. II, 1-17. Golden Text—"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life." Rev. II, 10.

1. Verse 6—Intellectual and moral errors are frequently committed from the pulpit now, as then, but would you say that spiritual declension is as much retarded?

2. Verse 7—What is the Spirit now saying to the angel of the churches on supernatural living, and spiritual victory?

3. Verse 8—What actual, or experimental knowledge has a true Christian that Christ is now alive?

The servant said to the foreign professor, who announced his name at the door—come right in, and bring it in with you!

1. You could part in the front or at one side, braid the ends in two strands, cross them, twist round the head and secure with bone hairpins; this is not new, of course, but girlish. It is always difficult to describe any way of dressing the hair without the use of pictures. Study how some of your chums do theirs, and follow some style that seems to become you.

2. Rather hard to say; some girls with a very broad face do not look well with the hair parted in front; it seems to add to the broadness, while a pompadour gives more length.

3. To put a tablespoon of powdered borax in the rinsing water when washing the hair helps to destroy the oil. For the skin, soak a handful of oatmeal in a pint of lukewarm water, use a little of this on the face instead of soap, when washing.

4. Nothing really seems to take the place of sandwiches for evening refreshments; there are many fancy fillings and combinations, but to the average man the plain ham sandwich, seasoned with mustard, usually appeals most of all. Crisp lettuce, with dressing, and a few chopped nut meats, is nice, with either brown or white bread; cream cheese mixed with dressing and a few chopped olives is another favorite filling for brown bread sandwiches; date and nut bread in thin buttered slices serve as a nice substitute for sandwiches, and with a piece of iced cake, or small fancy ones, constitute a very dainty lunch. Most men are fond of pie and seldom refuse a piece for an evening lunch. Chocolate, cream or lemon pie with a nicely browned meringue on top, is a temptation to any man—or at least as I've heard the creatures say.

Candies For Christmas.

Dear Miss Grey,—Will you please answer the following questions?

1. If a boy, who has been corresponding with a girl, writes and tells her she can suit herself about writing, should she write or should she not?

2. Will you please publish the meaning of the following names: Theresa, Ethel, Clarence, Gladys, Franklin, Roy, Agnes, Cyril, Edmund, Meda?

3. What is a good recipe for candy for Christmas?

4. A nice present to give a soldier friend—not too expensive?

5. What do you think of my writing?

P. S.—Are sailor suits worn much this year?—T. C.

Ans.—1. Seems to me if I was the girl, I would be sure to drag another line from my pen, to this young man, after such a suit.

2. The name Theresa means "bearing ears of corn"; Malcolm, don't know; Ethel, a princess; Clarence, illustrious; Gladys, from Roman name, Claudia, meaning lame; Franklin, of France; free; Agnes, pure; Edmund, defender of happiness; Meda, merry.

3. Candies, both toothsome and attractive, may be made at home with little practice. For fondant, warm a tablespoon of milk, remove from fire,

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Return to Miss Grey, in care of Advertiser.

add icing sugar to thicken, a little butter; mix to a thick "dough," divide into three portions, flavor one with vanilla, form into small candies, using the fingers (icing sugar will prevent sticking), place on buttered paper, press half a walnut on each. For the second portion flavor as before, add some cocoa to the "dough," mix well, form into candies, and roll in shredded cocoanut. To the last part of the fondant, add a tablespoon of strawberry or cherry juice, more sugar if this thing is too much, shape into candies and place a candied cherry on top of each. Another method is to mix up the fondant, adding nut meats, preserved ginger, and cherries, all finely chopped; roll out on a board well covered with the powdered sugar, leave quite thick, cut in squares with a thin-bladed knife that has been greased. Stuffed dates also are delicious; remove the stone, add part of a walnut meat and some fondant, press together, roll in granulated sugar.

4. It is useless to give a soldier anything but what he can wear, eat, or carry in his kit bag. Khaki handkerchiefs are always a welcome gift, a fountain pen, notepaper, celluloid soap box, pocket mirror, or one of the handy "kites" one sees in the stores, might do.

5. You write very well.

6. Yes.

Another Christmas Concert.

Dear Miss Grey,—I am sending an addressed envelope, hoping you or the Mail-Box readers would be so kind as to send me some good patriotic recitations, suitable for a Christmas concert. I would like if you could send it to me before the 15th of December. Thanking you very much, in advance, I remain,

CASSIE.

Ans.—Cheerfully referred to readers of the page, "Cassie," but do not depend on us too much.

Her Maiden Call.

Dear Miss Grey,—I noticed in the column a few weeks ago where some reader from Brighton, Sussex, received letters from other Brighton people. I wonder if there are any readers from Nottingham whom I could correspond with through The Advertiser?

1. Miss Grey, do you know any nice Christmas games that would be suitable for a party of grown-up people, who like to feel young, to play?

2. Could you give me a lonely soldier's address, as I would like very much to help cheer "the boys"? I have two brothers in khaki, and I know how they would feel if they never received a letter or a parcel from anyone.

3. Just before I close, could you tell me how to take a red acid stain out of a blue serge skirt?

Hoping I haven't made my maiden call too long, I remain,

JOY BATT. MASCOT.

Ans.—Several readers from Nottingham have appeared in our Mail-Box lately, so if anyone sends an address for you, I shall let you know.

I have a few Christmas games "up my sleeve," and they'll appear on the page in a week or so. Send address and stamp for name of a lonely soldier.

Afraid I cannot prescribe for the acid stain; they're almost impossible to remove, as a rule.

For Pa and Ma.

Dear Miss Grey,—We are girl chums and would like very much if you would answer a few questions for us.

1. What would be a suitable Christmas gift to give our father and mother, also girl friends?

2. When a box of candy is given you by a boy friend, is it proper to treat him?

3. Where is "Coal-Box" and "Twenty-One" gone? Has "Twenty-One" devalued all his cookies and candies?

4. Would you please send a dialogue and recitation for a Christmas concert?

Please send us the address of a lonely Canadian soldier boy who would like a correspondent? Inclosed find the envelope for the same. Here is a good cake recipe: cup white sugar, 1½ cups flour, whites of two eggs (well beaten), ½ cup milk, 1 tablespoon butter, vanilla; stir till smooth like cream.

5. Have you any correspondents from this town?

6. Have you a good candy recipe?

7. Now, what do you think of our spelling, grammar and writing? We sign ourselves THE TWINS.

P. S.—May we come again?

Ans.—The advertising columns of our paper are daily filled with hints for Christmas giving, and I am sure you will gain an idea therefrom.

2. Yes, open it and ask him to share.

3. "Twenty-One" (and probably "Coal-Box" too) is now in England, but as yet he has not found time, I presume, to write the Mail-Box.

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Roll call; Christmas sentiments; paper, "Choice Christmas Recipes," Mrs. Hugh Brooks; leader of discussion, Miss Jean Ponger; solo, Miss Pearl McGugan; recitation, Miss Lettie Marsh; paper, "Inexpensive Christmas Gifts," Mrs. Hiram Cutler; solo, Miss Lettie Linsay; closing, "God Save the King."

Contributions to the Belgian Relief Fund are requested at this meeting.

TEESWATER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. TEESWATER, Dec. 5.—The Women's Institute held a largely attended meeting Monday afternoon, to hear reports of the district conventions for London and Toronto. Mrs. Linklater gave a helpful address bearing on the London meeting, while the president, Mrs. S. R. Brill, and Mrs. McNaughton dealt with the Toronto convention. Suggestions were received for Christmas presents and a musical program of songs and instrumental brought the meeting to a conclusion. An offering for patriotic purposes was taken.



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**SEVEN GUELPH MEN,
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[Special to The Advertiser.]

GUELPH, Dec. 5.—Never since the start of the war has this city received such a shock as today when it became known that seven Guelph boys had been

killed at the front, nearly all of them members of the 71st Battalion, and all well known here.

Pte. Henry Henny was killed on November 18. He was 20 years of age, and an employee of the Robson Motor Car Company. His brother is at the front with the 26th Battery.

Pte. Austin Thomas was killed on the same date. He enlisted when only 15 years of age, and not through because he was a capable soldier and leader.

his death also on the 18th, according to word received by his wife today. He was a veteran of the South African war, and leaves a wife and four children.

Mrs. Frank O'Drowsky, 53 Bristol street, received word today that her

son, Robert, had been killed on November 18. He was employed in a local grocery store, and wrote home just a short time ago that he was in the best of health.

Pte. Wm. McColl, whose parents reside at 45 Duke street, was also killed on the fateful 18th. He was 23 years of age and enlisted at Calgary.

Charles S. Macgregor, along with the 71st, and was a former employee of the Dominion Casket Company. He

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SALES TO THE ADVERTISER.
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PTE. F. STINSON SENDS INTERESTING SOUVENIRS

Well Covered With Coins, Buttons and Bullets Gathered at Front.

Pte. Frank Stinson of the 33rd Battalion has sent home a belt that was worn by him in the trenches.

Pte. Stinson is a London boy, and was employed as an engineer on the C. P. R. before he enlisted.

The belt is a cloth one, about four inches in width, and is completely covered with buttons, regimental badges, coins, bullets and other souvenirs.

Among the coins are a ten penny (ten pence) German piece, taken from one of his own prisoners. There is also a uniform button taken from one of his prisoners.

Other coins in the collection are French 1, 2, 5, 10 and 25 centime pieces, coins of the Napoleon regime dated 1853, and Belgian and English coins of various denominations.

Among the regimental cap badges are the 48th and 92nd Highlanders, Tyndale, Irish, various Canadian Mounted Rifle regiments, and many Canadian infantry battalions.

There are also some interesting cloth shoulder badges, among them the red one of the Princess Pats, the blue of the 2nd Canadian Pioneer, the Royal Engineers and the British Columbia Battalion badge.

Of brass shoulder badges there is a large variety: The 1st Battalion, the 33rd, 36th, the Royal Montreal Regiment, the 48th, the B. A. M. C., and the 2nd Battalion are all represented.

Greatcoat buttons of French, German and English regiments, and tunic buttons from as far away as New Zealand, are on the belt.

Great varieties of cartridges are attached to the belt. Among these are Mauser, for Turkish use, and different types of German and French manufacture.

A French brass bullet, various German bullets, and some pistol bullets are also included.

A small ship, representing "Le Havre," a medal representing "Les Halles" at Ypres, and a French crucifix, complete the interesting collection.

In all there are 113 pieces in the collection, which is one of the best that has yet reached Canada from the front.

CANADIAN EFFICIENCY TEST BEST FOR BOYS

So Speaker Declares at Banquet Held in Cronyn Hall—The "Gang" Instinct.

Many attended the banquet given in Cronyn Hall Tuesday evening. The banquet was for the purpose of discussing the Canadian Standard Efficiency Test, which has recently been introduced in the Young Men's Christian Association, and is being used by many Sunday schools of all denominations in this city.

R. E. G. Davis of the Young Men's Christian Association gave a very interesting address on the Canadian Standard Efficiency Test. "I think that I am safe in saying that the Canadian test is the best course that has yet been introduced in the Sunday schools of this city, and also in the Y. M. C. A. This system is now being used in the United States and in China. The reason that it has been such a success is that it recognizes the great 'gang' instinct. It keeps the boys away from the gang on the street corner and puts him with the right kind of gang, the gang of his Sunday school class."

Mr. Davis also spoke on the schedule of practical talks for the coming term from January until April. The church, which take this course will have banquets once a week, and will use a course of topics for each evening of the term.

Educational trips will be arranged for the boys, with campcraft talks, and in the spring a big athletic meet will be held either in the Y. M. C. A. or at one of the parks, in which all the churches will unite.

E. E. Reid of the London Life Insurance also gave a short talk and stated that something ought to be done for the Sunday schools to make them more interesting for the boys.

Another banquet of this course will be held next Tuesday night, in New St. James' Church.

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ANNUAL CHOIR CONCERT DELIGHTS LARGE AUDIENCE

Miss Carey of Hamilton Assisted Wellington Street Organization, Conducting Hearers.

The annual choir concert of the Wellington Street Methodist Church, held last evening, with Miss Estelle J. Carey, soprano, of Hamilton, as the assisting artist, proved a most pleasing entertainment for the large number who attended.

The singing of the choir throughout was marked by attention to the baton of the conductor, Mr. King; promptness in attacks and releases, and good volume of tone, the various sections giving a good account of themselves.

Miss Carey has many admirers in London who never let a visit of hers pass without making a point of hearing her.

She is both a joy to look upon and to listen to, with a youthful winsomeness and bonhomie, and the unaffected grace and simplicity of an unspoiled child. Her entire naturalness, indeed, constitutes a very large share of the charm of her personality and of her singing.

Charming Voice.

Her voice, as everybody knows who has heard it, is clear, pure, sweet, flexible, of unusual range and much power. It has a rare quality of sympathy so much to be desired and so often missed in a soprano. Her song pours out with the spontaneity of the notes of a bird, and there is a sparkle of a tender joy in the number of demands. She is an artist, moreover, to her finger tips. "The Call of Maytime" (Brahms), was a delight in its beautiful, irresponsible joyousness, while "Hallelujah" given as an encore, proved a veritable gem of pathos. "The Pipes of Gondoliers" had the brave and martial spirit of the Highland fighters. Following up his lead, the song-story of the baby who put daddy to sleep was a delicious bit of realism.

The choir of the church, which has made this musical material, sang as an introductory number "The Conqueror's Song of Hope" by E. A. Dickes; later Rossini's familiar "Inflammatus," in which the solo work was taken by Miss Carey; and finally, Fanning's "Song of the Vikings," rendered with much spirit.

The encores of the "Inflammatus" was a compliment to the choir, the soloist and the conductor.

Other Artists.

Mrs. Terry, soprano, who has an exceptionally sweet and pleasing voice, was heard in a double number, Denon's "Sing On" and "The Valley of Laughter" (Sanderson), the latter interpreted with a brightness that was most satisfying.

C. J. Jolly, who has been endowed with a tenor voice of much promise, and who possesses good ideas in regard to singing and interpretation, was heard in "The Valley of Laughter" and "The Viking Song" by Gilbert S. Pross.

Mr. King, the conductor, also appeared in the role of baritone soloist, rendering a voice of much mellowness, resonance and power. His solo contributions were "The Norseman's Song" (Allister), and "In the Heather, My Lady," the latter given a most dramatic interpretation.

Miss Hicks, contralto, and Mr. Jolly were heard in the duet, "The Barcarolle" from "Love Tales from Hoffmann" (Offenbach), Miss Hicks also appearing in duet with Miss Irene Stralich, soprano.

The program was rounded out by a male chorus, "Father, Keep Us in Thy Care," which was well sung.

A large share of the responsibility for the evening's success devolved upon Mr. King, who proved himself a genuine artist as an accompanist. Her ability as an organ soloist was revealed in an organ solo, "Grande Offertoire" by Balthus.

Further donations to the convalescent hospital.

The Central Military Convalescent Hospital gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

From 7th Regiment Chapter, L.O.E.—5 Crex rugs, window shades and screens for new dining-room, orderly room table, 50 dining chairs, 20 dressing gowns, 4 dozen bath towels, 2 large shaving mirrors, glass flower vases and fruit dishes, one dozen Victrola records and needles, stationary.

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PRESBYTERY DECIDES TO MEET TWICE IN ST. THOMAS YEARLY

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At the meeting of the London Presbytery in the First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, it was decided, after considerable discussion, to depart from the rule of holding four of the five regular presbytery meetings of the year in London, and to divide up with St. Thomas. The midsummer meeting is always held in Port Stanley, and is of a social as well as business character. The decision to hold two meetings of the year in St. Thomas was made for the benefit of members of the presbytery in St. Thomas and to the west and south of the Railroad City.

In regard to Chelsea Green, where Rev. J. H. Courtenay's term of service will be brought to a close the end of December, it was arranged that Rev. J. W. M. Crawford of Westminister should take charge of the evening service for the immediate future. The question of the grant to Chelsea Green was left in the hands of the home missions committee, of which Rev. W. A. Bromer of St. Thomas is convenor.

Religious Report.

In the absence of Rev. W. J. Knox, Rev. W. R. McIntosh reported for the committee on religious education. The following recommendations were made and accepted:

(1) That a series of institutes be held in January on the lines of previous years, and according to same divisions, as follows:

Rodney, Wednesday, January 24; Newbury Thursday, January 25; Kooka, Friday, January 26; London, Sunday, January 28; St. Thomas, Monday, January 29; Thamesford, Tuesday, January 30; Carleton Place, Wednesday, January 31.

(2) That the special topics for discussion this year be: (a) A united program of religious education in local congregations; (b) The problem of leadership.

(3) That the institute culminate in a grand rally of the young people of the presbytery in Knox Church, St. Thomas, Tuesday, February 14.

(4) That sessions be requested to give special attention at the time to the questions sent down re religious education.

Leave of Absence.

Further leave of absence was granted until May, 1917, to Rev. John Elder of the Bethel and Bryanston congregations. Mr. Elder has been rendering patriotic service in munition work and is entering military Y. M. C. A. work. He expects to proceed to the front in the near future.

Several reports were presented, including one prepared by the hospital visitor, Rev. J. H. Courtenay and read by Rev. J. G. Stuart.

A report was also made by Rev. George Wain of Chelsea, in regard to contributions made by ministers of the presbytery towards supplying the pupils of Melbourne and Riverside, following the death of Rev. Mr. Stophen.

A most interesting feature of the afternoon was an address by Rev. James Menzies, M.D., medical missionary, who is on furlough from North Honan. Dr. Menzies spoke most optimistically of the educational and religious outlook there.

Rev. Peter Jamieson, late of Stratford Presbytery, was appointed to take charge of Knollwood Park Church for the year.

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Mrs. Barkie has been appointed convenor of the campaign committee for London, and the county, on which appear the names of several representatives of local women's organizations, as well as members of the Suffrage Society. The committee stands at present as follows:

Mrs. Barkie, convenor; Mrs. Gordon Wright, president of the Women's Suffrage Society; Mrs. S. P. Lawson, secretary of the W. S. S.; Miss May Fowler, Women's Music Club; Mrs. Marshall, president of the Women's Christian Association; Miss Needham, St. John Ambulance Association; Mrs. Frank White; Mrs. H. Ashplant, president of the W. C. T. U.; Miss Pam-combe; Mrs. Flanders, Women's Missionary organizations; Mrs. D. C. MacGregor, Presbyterian women's missionary organizations; Miss Wain, Women's Christian Association; Mrs. John Stevely, Sanatorium Aid; Mrs. G. W. Young, president Ladies' Auxiliary Y. M. C. A.; Mrs. Bowker, Miss McCall.

A request is being made for representatives of the Women's Canadian Club and other organizations not yet represented.

A meeting has been called for 6 o'clock Thursday in the Y. W. C. A. Park avenue, to discuss plans for the canvass.

DR. WARTHIN COMING.

Dr. W. S. Warthin, an expert and head of the pathological department of the Ann Arbor University, will speak to a mass meeting of men next Sunday afternoon in the Lyric Theatre, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

Dr. Warthin's subject will be "The Sex Problem," and will be illustrated with over 100 views.

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"PORTIA."

The Catholic Marriage Law.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

As some non-Catholics have expressed a desire to know what is the teaching of the Catholic Church in regard to marriage between two Protestants, I beg to state that according to the ne temere decree, non-Catholics, whether baptized or unbaptized, who contract marriage among themselves are not bound to observe the Catholic form of marriage. A marriage is invalid only when it is contracted in contravention of the laws of the Catholic Church. Therefore, non-Catholics contracting among themselves being bound by no law of the Catholic Church in regard to marriage, may validly contract marriage, provided they obey the natural law. Suppose, for example, two of the aborigines of Australia, knowing nothing of the Catholic Church, desired to contract marriage by exchanging their consent. They would be validly married. But every one who, whether he wishes to marry a Catholic or non-Catholic, can only do so validly by obeying the laws of his church. Yours faithfully,

H. T. E. RICHARDS.

St. Mary's Church, London, Dec. 5, 1916.

Salvation Army opens new building at Park.

Services to be held every evening for Soldiers in Camp.

To further its work amongst the soldiers in training, the Salvation Army opened a building in which to hold services at Queen's Park Tuesday night. The building was lent by the Metal Shingle and Siding Company of Preston, and will be in use throughout the winter.

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The Stage: What It Is; What It Should Be.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

In your issue of December 1 appeared an editorial on "Shakespeare's Language," in which the writer reminded us that "Shakespeare comes to us about one year, and sometimes, like a dividend, skips us altogether."

In 1912 there were 1,014 performances of the "Merchant of Venice" alone in Germany! There were 69 different companies playing Shakespeare, and in London alone there were put up twenty-five different Shakespearean productions between them!

He pleaded that in our large cities "the majority of the theatrical authorities should recognize the theatre as a necessary and inevitable institution of our civil life!"

Where the supreme science of a place living may be learned in the guise of amusement." A place of charity and civilization, and broad enlightenment, where we may polish our manners and enlarge our outlook, correct our prejudices, and sometimes check our conduct and brace and strengthen our character.

These are the grounds on which the municipal authorities of every large city may be asked to lend their cooperation to their local theatres.

The absence of any municipal recognition of the theatre, the absence of cultivated and thoughtful citizens from their local theatres, tend to make it a place where folly and sensuality may have their full reign. Where wrong and false views of life may be taught—a school of vice, a place of bad manners, of lawless action and insane frivolity, a place of civic corruption and degradation. He asks may not every large town in England expect the same kind of results?

Local theatre with the local theatre of a corresponding German town?"

Addressing the lord mayor, who occupied the chair to preside, he said: "It is amongst the chief duties of our city fathers to see that pure water and clear light are brought into our homes, and will you not see to it that you provide for the people of your city the same clear light and pure water?"

We were pleased to see your editorials on the above subject, Mr. Editor.

It is time, however, that we give the public something better to mentally digest and they will quickly reject the baser elements on the stage.

Shakespeare has a message for all time, and in the midst of this world-war it is refreshing to remember that

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