

THE WEATHER:  
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TUESDAY—MILD.

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"SPORTING GREEN"  
ON THE STREET AT 6:00  
WITH LATE NEWS.

THREE CENTS.

# THOUSANDS OF SHOPPERS CROWD CITY STORES

## Eight and One-Half inches of Snow Fell In London

### LAST MINUTE RUSH HEAVY IN ALL LINES OF BUSINESS

Merchants Report Brisk Trade  
and Early Shopping  
Appeal Fails.

TODAY IS THE LAST  
One More Busy Night at the  
"Exchanges" for Store  
Clerks.

The age-old slogan "Do your Christmas shopping early" is not apparently taken seriously by Londoners. Although Saturday was the big rush period of the shopping festival, the number of scurrying citizens who crowded stores this morning testified to the disinclination of thousands to the retailer's advice.

This morning housewives made out last minute shopping lists, while digitized husbands walked or rode homeward at noon with undignified toys under their arms. Every shop owner was evidently well satisfied with the last minute rush, however, for they had beaming countenances today.

In total department stores the jam was extraordinary, and girls being compelled to squeeze as closely up against the lever as possible to make room for one more. Proprietors without exception report good business.

This evening of course, will be the big night. Battling citizens and throngs of persons from outside towns are due to invade London stores. One more night and clerks will have hectic last "Will you exchange it if it isn't the right size?" One more night of mad, wild, happy buying and exchanging of gifts, and the city's downtown district will again lapse into the even tenor of normality.

The turnover Saturday afternoon, merchants say, eclipsed the preceding business done in any two preceding days. Tonight, however, the shopping festival is expected to reach its height.

A peculiar feature of this shopping season, one merchant said, "is that we have impressed on our customers the necessity of doing their purchasing early. Instead of taking the advice they did the reverse. I've never known of so much last minute shopping. Even the most expensive presents are being bought this morning. Usually the last day is devoted to the purchase of small articles."

### OLD NED SUCCEUMBS ON RICHMOND ST.

Heart Failure Said To Have  
Caused Death of Veteran  
Truck Horse.

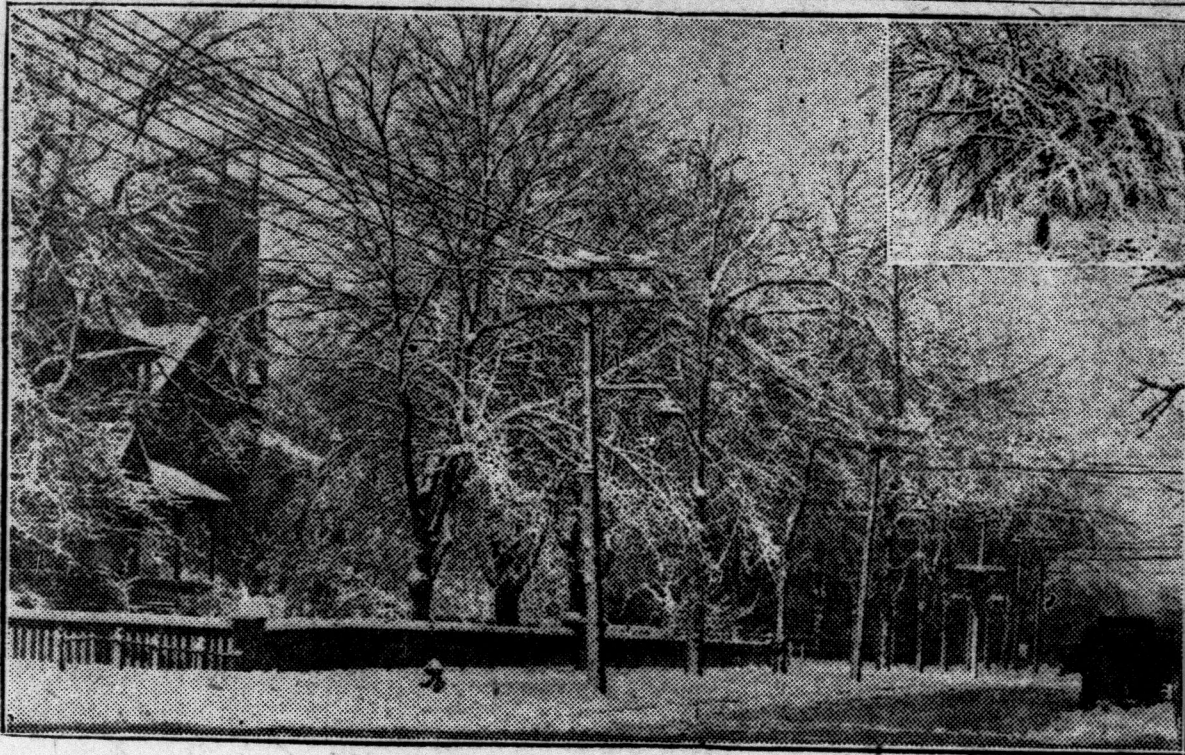
Old Ned, veteran truck horse of the Shelden Forwarding Company, fell dead at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets at 9 o'clock this morning. Ned was 23 years old. For many years the horse has been known as "Old Reliable" by many fond human companions who drove him through all parts of the city day after day.

Hundreds of people stood around the horse as he was taken away by the fertilizer company. Apparently the sudden cold snap which took the city by surprise yesterday morning was too much for the aged steed. Although the cause of his death has not been ascertained, it is believed the slippery conditions of the streets put an extra strain on Old Ned and he succumbed, veterinarians believe, to heart failure.

### FIRE DESTROYS KITCHENER MILLS

Blaze of Unknown Origin  
Causes Loss of Over  
\$50,000.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Kitchener, Dec. 24.—Fire completely destroyed the city mills of the Master Milling Company, Limited, shortly after 3 o'clock this morning. The loss, which is partially covered by insurance, is estimated at \$50,000. The cause of the blaze is not definitely known, but it is believed it started in the electric wiring in the vicinity of the flywheel. The flames spread rapidly, barely giving the employees who were working on the night shift time to escape from the building. The structure was of frame construction, and only the walls are left standing.



CHRISTMAS ORDERED BY SANTA CLAUS.

Above an Advertiser staff photographer shows two views presenting the remarkable beauty of the snow which fell yesterday. The main picture shows a section of St. Paul's Cathedral covered with its white blanket. Inset is a shrub in Victoria Park gleaming with its silver coating and presenting an odd and picturesque appearance. The snow which fell all Sunday afternoon is said to have been ordered by Santa.

### LONDON NOW ADORNED WITH GARB OF WINTER

Eight and One-Half inches of  
Snow Fell on Sunday.

TRAFFIC IS DELAYED

Railway and Street Car Employees Busy Opening  
Up Lines.

London over the week-end discarded its unseasonable green robe and donned the garb of winter. Thus were the "green Christmas" prophets confounded and Santa Claus again vindicated in the eyes of sentimental folk who for days have been longing for an old-fashioned Yuletide.

Unless a natural phenomenon sets in it will be old fashioned enough to satisfy the most discriminate. Early Sunday morning the mercury crept down and a steady peppering of snow panned. Then the sleet turned to snow, the trees became laden with fleecy flakes and father was compelled to go out and shovel the path for the first time this year. This morning the temperature was just 10 points above zero.

The first frozen car was noted this morning. Also the first frozen radiator. Citizens had begun to believe the prophecies of those wiseacres who declared wide open Christmas was inevitable, and the change took them by surprise. The roads were affected and even the London Street Railway had difficulties. But with a typical Canadian Christmas in the offering all these troubles will be soon forgotten.

Of course goshawk merchants and coal dealers are jubilant. The former did a rushing trade this morning and fuel companies were busy with orders. One of the advantages of the snowfall is that it will give a permanent quietus to the tales of citizens who claimed all manner of natural freaks as a result of the warm weather. One man said his strawberries were blooming; another saw several snakes and still another noted a couple of sunflowers growing in the woods.

Cutters Are Out.  
For the first time this season a number of cutters were seen on the streets and last night a sleigh was carrying a red light. According to the Motor Vehicles Act every vehicle is required to have some kind of a light and in the case of cutters the old-time bells have given place to a bell.

### Tomorrow Is Christmas, Of Course

And so even reporters  
and editors will have a  
holiday.

For this reason the  
Morning Advertiser will  
be delivered at the homes  
of all subscribers.

The Evening Advertiser  
and the Sporting Green  
will not appear on Christmas Day.

### City Sweepers Cease Activities

The city's pavement sweepers were off duty this morning, and they have enjoyed an unusually long spell of activity this year. As a general rule, their duties cease about the 1st of December. Saturday was their last day this year, however, the officials state.

### THINK 10,000 WILL COME TO DISTRICT

Local Officials See Great Work  
in Immigration During  
Next Year.

ROOM IN ONTARIO

Active immigration plans of the government will probably result in bringing as many as 10,000 potential farmers to this district during 1924, the local immigration department believes. John Farrell, head of the department, says old countrymen will arrive in Canada in unprecedented numbers, commencing in the spring, and it is expected as many as 2,000 a month will come to Western Ontario. This exceeds all past records.

According to reports here, the federal government is furthering its gettoge immigration arrangements for the ensuing year, which will result in an exodus to Canada of at least half a million people.

"We have room for half a million farmers right in this district," an official said. "The idea that the west is the best part of the Dominion to populate is not right. Here in Ontario we can take care of practically all they send us."

To date the preliminary efforts of the Ontario and Dominion governments have been crowned with success. Satisfaction is expressed by both farmers and farmhands alike with the work of the local department in placing men. Nearly two thousand have been placed this year, and practically no trouble was experienced.

MASSEY WILL ARRIVE  
IN OTTAWA FRIDAY  
Canadian Press Despatch.  
Ottawa, Dec. 24.—Premier Massey of New Zealand is expected in Ottawa on Friday, and will remain in the capital for a couple of days before leaving for the west. It is unlikely that he will make a public address while here, but he will probably be given him by the government. He is understood to be in informal talks with members of the government while here.

FIELDING IMPROVES.  
Canadian Press Despatch.  
Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The condition of Rt. Hon. W. S. Fielding continues to improve. He is said to be better this morning.

### WARD THREE FINAL TOTAL PRESENTED

All Candidates Gain in Votes  
With Only One  
Exception.

DRAKE IS WINNER

WARD 3 FINAL FIGURES.  
Frank McKay ..... 1,611  
Edward Warren ..... 1,457  
Gordon Drake ..... 1,131  
John Ashton ..... 1,127  
Clayton DePote ..... 827  
Mell Catter ..... 461  
Max Lerner ..... 404  
J. Lashbrook ..... 351  
Morris Gootson ..... 271

Final figures were submitted this morning by City Clerk Sam Baker for the Ward 3 aldermanic recount, showing that, with one exception, gains were noted for the several candidates in addition to the vote announced election night. Ald. Frank McKay gains nine votes; Ald. Gordon Drake gains six; Ald. Clayton DePote gains five; Mel Catter eleven; Max Lerner one, and Maurice Gootson one.

Through an excusable error, J. Lashbrook was credited with sixty votes more than he was entitled to. A one was mistaken for a seven, but corrected by Judge Macbeth. The work of his deputies not only in Ward 3 but throughout the city.

### PENSION SCHEME TO BE DISCUSSED

Council of 1924 Expected To  
Deal With Plans Started  
This Year.

The contemplated inauguration of a municipal scheme will be considered by the 1924 city council.

Through the combined efforts of Ald. Albert Judd, chairman of the finance committee, and Ald. John Colbert, this question was frequently brought to the attention of the present council.

Much data was secured from other municipalities as to the nature of municipal pension schemes, if any, in these centers, all of which will be presented for comparative purposes early next year. This information was not available sufficiently early this year to allow a reasonable consideration of the proposal.

DIDN'T WANT TO STRIKE  
"SILENT COP" SAYS DRIVER  
A new excuse was sprung on Magistrate Graydon today by Peter Scott, who cut the corner of Talbot and Carling street in a motor truck recently.

"I didn't want to hit the silent policeman," explained Mr. Scott. "That was the only thing I could do. The way to excuse," declared the court. "Two dollars and costs, or two days in jail."

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS.  
Anitania, New York, Dec. 24, from Southampton.

### TAKES STEP TO PREVENT SPREADING OF DISEASE

Ald. Douglass Submits Plan To  
Check Up Library  
Books.

CONSULTS DOWNHAM

Points Out at Present Question  
Depends on Personal  
Honesty.

Ald. Leonard Douglass, chairman of the board of health, is taking additional precautions to check diseases more common to children and prevalent at this period.

The chairman referred to the handling of books from the public library and he is consulting with Dr. W. S. Downham, city medical officer of health, in order that it may be arranged that the library authorities be notified of residences where contagious diseases have been noted. In this manner the latter will have a complete check upon all cases and there will be definite assurances that no books will be returned from or let out to these families while any of their members are under treatment.

Chairman Douglass points out that under the present arrangement the authorities must rely upon the individual honesty of the people, as there seems to be no sure method of checking.

Librarian Crouch stated that no books are returnable from houses where members of the family have suffered or are suffering from contagious diseases. The books are destroyed. Regarding the proposed fumigation of all books, he explained that this was tried out in several cities but without success.

It is also believed, based upon experiences of other communities, that this disease is not carried through the medium of books from the public lending libraries.

### Proud Old 'Turk' Ascends To His Former Pinacle and Keenly In Demand In City

Buyers Are Disappointed and  
Forced To Pay Higher  
Price.

REPORT RECORD SALE

Greatest Number Purchased in  
Years Is the Report of  
Poultrymen.

As quickly as the proud turkey descended the ladder of prices during the past week, today he scrambled up again, and on a rung midway between the ridiculous and the sublime, cackled loudly: "If you're willing to pay the price and can catch me, I'm yours."

There has been a greater consumption of turkeys in London this winter than ever before in the history of the city, poultrymen declared today. Thousands of turkeys were sold during the past week, and they were so prevalent on the local market that prices dropped to such a low level that housewives bargained this way: "A turkey at 22 cents a pound is cheaper than chicken, goose or any other form of meat. I'll buy several turkeys now, but then in cold storage and save money."

As a result of the tremendous sale, today the turkey became a scarcity. None appeared on the market, and few poultrymen have them at all. The only turkeys which sold this morning were ones put in cold storage a week ago, and the price asked for them ranged between 30 to 40 cents a pound.

Buyers who appeared on the market this morning, thinking they could snatch up a bargain in turkeys from farmers who had a large supply and feared there would be no sale for them, were disappointed. The few farmers who were lucky enough to have saved a few to sell today did not have to wait long to find a taker. Any turkeys which made their appearance sold like the proverbial hot cake, and got prices which on Thursday or Saturday would have been considered exorbitant.



A DOLL FOR CHRISTMAS.  
Audrey Florence Bewarick is another London girl to win one of the Doll Lady's beautiful dolls. Audrey is indeed proud that she has her doll for Christmas. She has taken her doll to live with her at her home, 89 Hamilton road.

### M'CORMICK PLANT BEING BUILT AGAIN

Reconstruction Is Started Following \$50,000 Fire On  
Saturday Afternoon.

ERECT TEMPORARY ROOF

Reconstruction work on the bake shop of the McCormick Manufacturing Company which was completely gutted by fire on Saturday afternoon, was commenced this morning. Frank McCormick stated to The Advertiser today that a temporary roof would be built and it is expected work in the bake shop would start again in a few days time.

Damage roughly estimated at \$50,000 was the toll of the fire, which only the roof was burned, the greater part of the damage was done by smoke and water. The losses include eight carloads of flour, valued between \$10,000 and \$15,000; four electric ovens, not long installed and said to be the best of their kind in the British Empire; several coal ovens and other equipment of lesser importance. The loss is totally covered by insurance. This has been the first conflagration at McCormick's since the building was constructed ten years ago, and the plant removed from the corner of Dundas and Wellington streets.

Think Rubbish Cause.  
It is believed that rubbish left on a heated stove in the bakehouse was responsible for the fire. This department is situated adjacent to the northeast wing of the building and, Please See Page 2, Column 1.

### MAY IS L. AND P. S. BOARD PROSPECT

Supporters Urge Retiring Aldermen To Enter Race For  
Vacancies.

The list of prospects for appointment to the London & Port Stanley Railway Commission has been augmented by the name of Ald. John T. May, retiring in Ward Nine at the close of the year. His supporters urge his appointment.

This enlarges the field to eight possibilities, including the two retiring members, Sir Adam Beck, M.L.A., chairman of the commission, and Percy Moore.

The other "prospects" are E. R. Dennis, Ald. George Burdick (retiring), Ald. Peter J. Watt (retiring), Philip Pocock and Dennis Tallant, chairman of the housing commission, Messrs. Tallant and Watt were defeated in the recent public utilities race.

### HOLLY IN GREAT DEMAND THIS YEAR SAY GROCERS

The Christmas spirit has seldom been so pronounced as at the present time, local grocers declare. They base their opinion on the extraordinary sale of holly. This favorite Yuletide decoration has been in almost twice the demand as last year, they claim. The price is lower, owing to the large supply.

### SAYS PEOPLE ARE CRYING ALoud FOR THE TRUTH

Rev. Charles Potter of New  
York Church Declares  
"Truce" Impossible.

DEBATE VIRGIN BIRTH

Dr. Leighton Parks Issues Pamphlet  
Attacking Age-Old  
Belief.

Associated Press Despatch.  
New York, Dec. 24.—Indications were today that the "Christmas truce" in the Protestant Episcopal Church would end with the controversy between modernists and Conservatives raging with renewed vigor at the expiration of the holidays.

Bishop William T. Manning's request for the "truce" was generally observed yesterday but the controversy was referred to in printed copies of the sermon delivered at Dr. Leighton Parks at St. Bartholomew's last Sunday and by Rev. Dr. William Norman Guthrie, pastor of St. Mark's-in-the-Bouwerie in discussing the Bible.

It has been the Sunday custom at St. Bartholomew's to distribute pamphlets of the preceding week's sermon. The pamphlets, distributed yesterday were of the "truce" version of the "lecture" in which Dr. Parks invited a trial of heresy.

Clamped Upon Church.  
The doctrine of the Virgin birth, it said, "was clamped upon the church" during the middle ages on the basis of the doctrine of original sin. It was the conviction among those who held the doctrine, that added, that virginity was a higher state than marriage and hence the story that Christ's mother was a virgin.

The very foundation of our Protestantism will be shaken," the pamphlet declared, "if the bishops of the church attempt to answer questions of theology with ancient traditions. There was 'no convincing evidence' it read 'that bishops speak with the authority of scholarship.'"

Diagrams Truce.  
The appeal for the "Christmas truce" was used by Rev. Charles Frances Potter, pastor of the West Side Unitarian Church as the basis of a renewed attack upon conservatism. Rev. Mr. Potter won the first of his series of debates last Thursday against Rev. John Roach Straton, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, asserting that was not the time for a truce, but for proclaiming aloud the declarations of the modernists.

### ACTION DROPPED AGAINST FARLEY

Gillanders States Further Steps  
For Identification Will  
Be Abandoned.

According to Crown Attorney J. G. Gillanders, no further action will be taken by Ontario police officials regarding the identification of Lorenzo D. Farley, who was thought for a time to be no other than "Fat" Norton, Melbourne bank robber. "I received a letter from the attorney-general's department, stating no further action would be taken," said Mr. Gillanders today. Farley will be taken to Jamestown, N. Y., by United States authorities to stand trial there for several offenses.

### THE WEATHER

FORECASTS.  
Westerly winds; fair and somewhat milder today and on Tuesday.  
Stations—High Low Weather  
Victoria ..... 42 38 Fair  
Calgary ..... 42 34 Clear  
Winnipeg ..... 34 24 Cloudy  
Port Arthur ..... 34 22 Cloudy  
Parry Sound ..... 32 14 Fair  
Toronto ..... 36 19 Clear  
Kingston ..... 34 18 Fair  
Ottawa ..... 34 18 Fair  
Montreal ..... 34 22 Clear  
Quebec ..... 32 18 Clear  
Father Point ..... 26 14 Fair  
St. John ..... 36 28 Snow  
Halifax ..... 38 30 Cloudy  
LOCAL TEMPERATURES.  
The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 40; lowest, 38. The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 29; lowest, 11. Barometric Readings.  
Sunday, 8 a.m.—29.10.  
Today, 8 a.m.—29.15.



# URGES STEEL SHAREHOLDERS TO HELP REDEEM FIRM

## ASKS L. R. STEEL SHAREHOLDERS TO COMBAT SCHEME

C. W. McKenzie of Toronto Addresses Meeting of Local Shareholders.

### PREDICTS SUCCESS

London shareholders of the L. R. Steel Corporation were urged to subscribe amounts equaling 10 per cent of their stock holdings to finance the redemption of the company by C. W. McKenzie of Toronto, who addressed a meeting of shareholders at the Oddfellows Hall here Saturday night. Mr. McKenzie explained that the L. R. Steel Corporation was being made by the McKinnon syndicate of New York. He said it would be extremely unwise for the shareholders to allow Mr. McKinnon to put through the deal as he offered only \$1,000,000 on properties valued at \$4,000,000. To combat the proposed purchase by the McKinnon interests, Mr. McKenzie advised that each shareholder pledge himself to subscribe readily. He pointed out that all of the 10 per cent would not be required to start with. The liabilities of the company had been estimated as high, but the financial condition of L. R. Steel today was by no means as bad as some would have us believe. He pointed out that the company had 10 per cent of its stock subscribed, and that the balance could be used as working capital, when the company got under way again. Mr. McKenzie said that in connection with the shareholders who "sat the fence" refusing to offer further financial assistance, but still waiting for a chance to step in at the company were really brought out of its present position. Mr. McKenzie declared that matters had reached a stage where it became necessary to promise a share of success only to those who subscribed toward further undertakings. Money had already been subscribed, he added, and deposits were being put to the credit of the company every day. A. B. Laing, president of the local L. R. Steel Protective Trust Association, occupied the chair, and in opening the meeting drew attention to the large attendance as indicated the revival of interest in L. R. Steel affairs.

Mr. McKenzie wanted sufficient money subscribed by shareholders so they could go into bankruptcy court and purchase their own assets. Then, when affairs were finally wound up, the return on each share would probably be much greater than was anticipated. The local association took no action in connection with Mr. McKenzie's recommendation, but another meeting to consider it will likely be held. The Toronto speaker pointed out that they have until Jan. 15 to come to a decision.

## MCCORMICK'S PLANT BEING RECONSTRUCTED

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while a steel fireproof wall separates them, it is supposed that the door was open. This aggravated the situation to a vast degree and added to the task allotted the fire department.

While Aitken's men encountered great difficulties in their efforts to effect an entrance into the building under the steel sashes on all the windows. About 2:30 p.m. the roof of the bakeshop collapsed with spectacular effect. Had the building not been of masonry construction the loss of the roof would have resulted in serious damage. The damage was done by water and smoke, the roof of the building being the last part of the building which burned.

Later in the afternoon and after the blaze was under control the fire men were further handicapped by the high tension electric wires, both inside and outside the building. It was imperative to sever these lines to permit further progress.

### First Alarm.

The first alarm was received at the fire station at 2:15, the call coming from the day watchman at the factory.

Three firemen were overcome for a short time by smoke, and had to be relieved. However, they resumed work after a few minutes' rest. Firemen stated this morning that the blaze was one of the hardest they have ever encountered. Owing to the immense volumes of smoke which poured forth from the bakeshop, it was difficult for them to tell exactly which part of the building was actually burning. In an effort to prevent the main building from catching fire, a continual stream of water was trained on that portion of the factory. Hoses had to be drilled in the cement floor of the main building to make an outlet for water, which at one time the afternoon was five inches deep.

## PASTOR'S DIVORCED WIFE DECIDES TO WED AGAIN

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Dec. 24.—It is announced here today that Mrs. Emma Katherine Knowles, divorced wife of Rev. Robert E. Knowles, well-known author and minister, for many years of Knox Presbyterian Church, Galt, Ont., will return to New Bern, North Carolina, where she was married to Knowles 26 years ago, to be married again on Jan. 29 to John Firstbrook, a prominent Baptist, and public service man of this city. The divorce in the Knowles case was granted by an Ohio court last March. Mr. Knowles has since married a Buffalo lady.

COLLECTS ELEVEN DOLLARS. Eleven dollars was collected by Police Clerk Joe J. Moulde today in M. V. A. fines.



## News From City Churches

### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

The annual Christmas party and entertainment for the mothers and children of the Cradle Roll department and the Beginners' and Primary classes of Robinson Memorial Methodist Church was held most successfully last Saturday afternoon. Mrs. W. H. Paddell, the superintendent of the Primary department, was in charge of the program, and Rev. W. L. Hiles acted as chairman. One of the most interesting features of the afternoon was the exhibition of Christmas pictures, the lantern being operated by Mr. Spearman of the Y. M. C. A. There were choruses by the children, and by the separate departments, the Dolly song by the girls, and the Shoemakers' song by the boys, recitations by about fifty of the children, and a pretty song by Doris Tremere. The candy man in the person of Donald Kennedy was there with his shop open, and each child received a bag of sweets from him as a Christmas present.

### WHITE GIFT SERVICE.

At the foot of a huge white cross, erected to the king, representatives of 35 classes of the Akin Street Methodist Sunday School, yesterday afternoon, laid their white gifts of the Christmas cheer. From every class in the school, from the primary to the adults, gifts of money, food, vegetables, groceries and clothing were brought and these will be distributed today among the Day Nursery, the Children's Shelter, the Muncy Reserve and individual homes. The baskets and parcels each wrapped in white, were presented by a representative of each class who repeated the class motto as the gift was laid down.

The Christmas theme was carried out in the afternoon's program as well as in the White Gift service. The Christmas lesson was read by S. White and selections were given by the Sunday School orchestra. There were solos by Miss L. Thinn and Miss Margaret James, and choruses by the primary department of the church. There were 600 people, parents and children present, and the special collection taken for the Sunday School relief fund amounted to \$40.

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT.

Christmas was exemplified in a lovely fashion in the pageant given yesterday afternoon at the Sunday school of the First Methodist Church. Prepared under the leadership of Miss Margaret Gibson, the pageant, "The Greatest Gift," was given by a number of the C. G. L. T. group, with the assistance of a number of boys of the school. The musical accompaniment was played by Mrs. Wm. Venable. The pageant was a beautiful one, and the pageant was managed by Rev. W. Jewitt. The cast were the following: The Goddess Bountiful, Isabel McComick; the Goddess Peace, Doris Thomas; the Goddess of Plenty, Helen Redford; the Gift of Music, Myrtle Riley; the Gift of Healing, Florence Harley; the Gift of Friendship, Bertha Atkinson; Night, Lillian McCormick; the Goddess of Love, Mrs. E. Moon; the Goddess of Wisdom, Mrs. J. W. Benson; the church, Gerald Jordan; the prophet, Harold Clarke; the three shepherds, Douglas Bradshaw, Bernard Cottle and Billie Gibson, and the pageant of Mary and Joseph, George Hays and Florence Harley.

### CHRISTMAS CHEER SHOWER.

The Progressive Bible Class of the Blount Street Methodist Church held a successful Christmas cheer shower last Thursday evening, several baskets of groceries being donated and a number of articles of clothing. Sums of money were donated by the Ladies' Aid, the Young Men's Class and Mr. McKinnon, all of which will be used to give a Christmas treat to

## Left Bouquets At Home Today

"I have been attending the London market for over 20 years, and this is the first Christmas market since I have been able to expose cut flowers and plants for sale," stated W. S. Gibson, London Township florist, Saturday afternoon. "If this weather holds I will take another load in on Monday."

Needless to say, Mr. Gibson was not to be found on the market today.

### several families in need.

### RENDERING OF CANTATA.

The beautiful and appropriate cantata, "The World's Redeemer," was rendered after the ordinary service in the Wellington Street Methodist Church on Sunday evening. It was acknowledged to be one of the most successful efforts of the Wellington Street choir and reflects the very highest credit upon Mrs. George Kenney, the capable and efficient organist and choir leader. Both solos and choruses bore evidence of careful training and were creditable alike to singers and teacher. Mrs. Kenney was assisted by Grant Harrison, who contributed also violin numbers.

### C. E. S.

The regular meeting of the Christian Endeavor Society of the Southern Congregational Church was held last evening with Dr. H. Taylor in charge. Mrs. S. Angles read the Scripture lesson. A paper was given by Miss Florence Thomas on "Advent Lessons From Bethlehem," and this was followed by a discussion: A duet was given by Miss Taylor and L. Anderson.

## WELL-KNOWN CHURCH WORKER DIES TODAY

Mrs. Harriet Smillman Was a Lifelong Resident of London Township.

Mrs. Harriet Smillman, a life-long resident of London Township, died this morning at her home, lot 18, concession 4, London Township, in her 53rd year. She was a life member of the White Oak Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband, Cable Smillman; four sons, Calbert, Cecil, Norman and Stanley, all at home; and two daughters, Mrs. Fred Foster, Brick street; Mrs. E. Moon of Ingersoll; and one sister, Mrs. J. W. Guest of London Township.

### GET NEW UNIFORMS.

Winter uniforms were supplied Governor Byron Dawson and the turnkeys at the county jail today. The governor's uniform is blue with brass buttons, while the turnkeys have been supplied with heavy suits of a steel gray color.

## FOUR IN COURT FOR TAKING "SIPS"

Old-Timer Explains He "Swore Off," But a Friend "Did It."

Four citizens, who could not restrain themselves from lengthy "sips" from black bottles that had been labelled "Not to be opened till Christmas," appeared in police court today on charges of intoxication. "I've been keeping away from it, your worship," pleaded one of the old-timers. "A friend asked me in on Saturday night, and I had a drink or two of wine. There are lots of men out of work and in need of a little help to help them. I don't want to take your money. You were here two or three weeks ago, and you ought to be sent down." The magistrate said, "Anybody who gives you a drink is certainly no friend of yours," concluded Mr. Graydon.

## FOOTBALL PLAYER DIES FROM BROKEN NECK

Mrs. P. Kelleher, of City, Receives Word of Nephew's Tragic Death in N. Y.

News of a football player's tragic death reached the city this morning when Mrs. P. Kelleher, 716 Queen's avenue, received word that her nephew, Timothy Cotter of Buffalo, N.Y., had been almost instantly killed while participating in a game at Jefferson, N.Y., on Sunday. "Tim" was a popular figure in amateur football circles of Buffalo and he was a star member of St. Stephen's team. Only weeks ago, the accident had been received but physicians assert that death was caused by a broken neck.

Mr. Cotter was a son of Matthew Cotter, 66 Mystic street, Buffalo. Funeral arrangements are held up pending the arrival of the remains.

## SCORE ARE INJURED IN OHIO RAIL CRASH

Associated Press Despatch. Cincinnati, Dec. 24.—A score of men were hurt when a work train, in which they were riding, was derailed by a ditch-digging engine in the yards of the Big Four Railroad near Sharonville, Ohio, today. Most of the victims were only slightly hurt and none is believed to have suffered serious injury.

### JAIL "TURK" ARRIVES.

A huge 28-pound turkey arrived at the county jail this morning from A. E. Silverwood. The "turk" will be the "piece de resistance" on the jail Christmas menu which will compare favorably with any line-up of "eats" in the city tomorrow.

### COUNTRESS IS RELEASED.

Associated Press Despatch. Dublin, Dec. 24.—The Free State government today announced the release of Countess Georgina Markievicz, one of the leading woman Republicans, who was arrested here Nov. 20.

## FRENCH OFFICIALS HOPE TO SAVE GIANT AIRSHIP

Giant Airship Is Still Drifting Helplessly Over African Gulf.

### MANY NATIONS AID

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Dec. 24.—There appeared this morning to be some hope of saving the French dirigible Dixmude, which with 50 officers and crew aboard has been drifting helplessly for three days over the Gulf of Gabes, on the north coast of Africa, and over the interior of Tunis.

Although news received in Paris has been sparse, the latest advices said that the great airship had drifted well inland, and taking a north-westerly direction, was hovering in the vicinity of Four Tatabouine, 30 miles south of Mediny. The Italian authorities in Tripoli have instructed all military posts to maintain close watch for the Dixmude, and the British officials at Malta have warned naval units in the Mediterranean to keep an extra lookout by day and searchlights playing by night.

Successfully accomplishing a three-day flight from Cuerners to Insalah, Southern Algeria, the Dixmude first Friday afternoon headed east for Tunis. Her gasoline supply ran low, and it was necessary to put her on one of her six motors. She then began to drift, sending out distress signals that put in motion all French naval units within all and all garrisons in the Tunis district.

Last September the Dixmude established a world's record duration flight of 4,500 miles. She was endeavoring to break this record when trouble overtook her.

## LONDON NOW ADORNED WITH GARB OF WINTER

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flickering lanterns to warn motorists and pedestrians. On Saturday the highest temperature was 40 degrees and the lowest two degrees below freezing. Sunday, however, the thermometer took a decided relapse, never once going above freezing and retreating as far as 10 degrees below. This is the coldest mark struck since March last.

The barometer indicates the cold, crisp weather of the present will continue indefinitely without much change. This was precipitated on Saturday, according to a local student of animal nature the furry creatures of the wood hied them into their underground homes from which they will not emerge until the snow clears.

### Plows Were Out.

Although train schedules were substantially impaired, little trouble has been experienced locally. C. B. King, manager of the London Street Railway, ordered the plows out Sunday and paths were being beaten by the snow. There was a chance to impede the passage of cars. Of course there were some delays and many persons were compelled to walk to church. On Richmond street in front of The Advertiser, car 261 jumped the tracks and came within a degree of falling through The Advertiser window. It tore a lamp post up by the roots and remained in a reclining position until a gang of workmen came. This near accident was due, Mr. King stated, to the fact that the under ground was not frozen while the upper crust was, causing the wheels to trip when ice formed under the tracks.

As late as Saturday evening cattle of the street were not put in the green fields and they were not put permanently in barns until Sunday. Eight and a half inches of snow fell yesterday, a record for the year. Santa will therefore dress himself in full winter regalia instead of a Palm Beach suit, as anticipated. The equine will be the picture of reindeer and sleigh in lieu of a chugging motor car.

## OPIMUM CONFERENCES TO BE HELD IN GENEVA

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Dec. 24.—To meet the wishes of the United States, the two projected international opium conferences will be held in Geneva Nov. 24, 1924, after the United States elections. The secretariat of the league is asking the governments for their views on the possibility of total suppression of the manufacture of heroin or its limitation to the minimum amount required.

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CONTRIBUTE BOUNTIFUL GIFTS. Baskets upon baskets of good things for Christmas were received throughout the city yesterday at the "White Gift" services held by various Sunday schools. Each school had its own way of conducting the service, but the results were all the same—a bountiful supply of food, clothing and Christmas gifts for the less fortunate families in the city, all of which will be distributed today. The photograph shows a scene in one of the downtown churches following the service.

## HOSPITAL STAFF NOT FORGOTTEN

Big Christmas Tree Will Also Have Presents for the Patients.

### CHEER FUND GROWS

Special to The Advertiser. Sarnia, Dec. 24.—A Christmas tree 25 feet high and brilliantly illuminated has been placed in the grounds of Sarnia General Hospital. It is to be loaded with presents, which, on Christmas afternoon, will be distributed to staff and patients. The idea originated with the Men's Brotherhood Federation, who are also responsible for the supply of power, and house lamps are alleged to be particularly weak. According to officers of the local hydro office, the Sarnia Commission recognized the lack of power, and plans are under way to build a 100,000 volt line on steel towers from London to Sarnia in the spring.

### Shortage of Current.

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There are four contestants for mayoralty and 19 for 14 places in the city council, six for four places on hydro and no contest for the board of education. Those who qualified are: Mayor—Ald. G. A. C. Andrews, Ald. Geo. Lambert, Ald. Harry Steel and Harbert Sanders.

### Wanted Information.

Officials of the Machinists' Union have issued a public letter asking the authorities to give the people of Stratford some light on the profits of the Gas Company for the past five years, and pointing out that the Trades and Labor Council has not been in favor of purchasing or renting the plant. Stratford ratepayers vote on the Gas Company bylaw on January 7.

### Vessels Moving.

The steamer F. B. Squires, driving its way through a blinding snowstorm, entered the St. Clair River from Lake Huron this afternoon bound for a Lake Erie port. There are believed to be three vessels at least to come in from the upper lakes before navigation finally closes. Last season late vessels were ice-laden, but there is no sign of ice this year.

### The Thomas Shaughnessy arrived here Saturday and will winter here.

The Charles O. Jenkins, which passed up on Friday night, is expected to be the last vessel down with a cargo.

## First Council Meeting Jan. 14

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## MANY OFFICIALS ARE OUT OF WORK

Two Former Branch Managers of Home Bank Here Also Affected.

Although the Canadian Bankers' Association gave assurance that they would act in behalf of senior Home Bank men now without jobs in attempting to secure new positions for them, there are dozens of Home Bank officials without employment at the present time. W. W. Muir, manager of the Roncesvalles Street Home Bank of Toronto, who is in the city today, said that all managers received notice to quit on Friday last, and no provision had been made for them to procure new positions.

The two former local managers of Home Bank branches here are without work, and the chances of their securing new positions is not very bright. Mr. Muir, who is secretary of the Toronto committee looking after the interests of former Home Bank employees, said the Bankers' Association had approached managers of other banks to make room for senior men of the defunct institution. The other banks, however, could not take on more than five or six and the remainder are consequently without means of support.

## FILES AN APPLICATION TO RENEW IMPEACHMENT

Associated Press Despatch. Washington, Dec. 24.—Formal application to review the impeachment of former Governor J. C. Walton of Oklahoma is being made to the supreme court by his attorneys, F. E. Riddle and Henry B. Martin. The petition alleges that the governor, who preferred impeachment charges. Because of membership in the Ku Klux Klan, it was charged, members of the legislature were placed in a conspiracy in advance to convict the governor.

GETS PRE-CHRISTMAS JAG. Unable to wait until tomorrow, one citizen of London fell foul of the law, and was taken to the police station at noon today in an exhilarated condition. He will repent until tomorrow morning.



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# WILL CONSIDER ABOLITION OF STATUTE LABOR TAX

## NEW COUNCILLORS WILL RECONSIDER ABOLITION OF TAX

Assessment Commissioner Foresees Debate on Question Early in the Year.

### SOLDIERS EXEMPT

Here is a real live tip from Assessment Commissioner Harry Bennett for those gentlemen who may wish to dodge their statute labor tax of \$5 per annum—join the militia.

Full-fledged members of any branch of the militia are the only persons who are exempted from the payment of the statute labor tax—and women. And no change can be effected by the municipality without legislation from the provincial government.

But members of the militia who desire to escape the tax must bring an order from their commanding officer that they are "efficient" members of his unit.

Commissioner Bennett foresees that the 1924 city councillors will again consider the proposed abolition of the tax. They must consider the famous British report, and one of his recommendations was that this tax should be abolished as the time and energy did not warrant the financial returns, roughly \$6,000, according to the city treasurer.

Commissioner Bennett discounts, however, the theory advanced that many men have left the city rather than pay the \$5 head tax. It means very little spread over a period of 12 months, he says, acknowledging, however, that there is one evident unfairness—many women, while entitled to vote, pay no statute labor tax.

## MRS. N. TOWNSEND PASSES IN BROOKLYN

Former Resident of Dutton Succumbs to Short Illness.

Word has been received here that Mrs. Nancy Townsend, a former resident of Canada, died at St. Barnabas Hospital, Newark, N. J., on Dec. 18, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Townsend, formerly Miss Nancy MacIntyre, was born in Dutton, Ont., but for a number of years prior to her marriage she resided in New York City, where she held a responsible position as private secretary in a large business house.

On her marriage to the late Forbes Townsend, who predeceased her several years ago, she moved to South Brooklyn, where the old Townsend homestead is situated.

Mrs. Townsend was a frequent visitor to Canada, and she leaves on both sides of the border many to mourn her sudden passing.

The surviving members of her immediate family are, Mrs. T. C. Lipsey, and the Misses Sarah, Bessie and Mary MacIntyre, all of St. Thomas, and her brother, J. H. MacIntyre, of this city.

The latter visited her during her illness and was also present at the last rites in the body was laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery, South Brooklyn, N. Y.

### WRIT IS ISSUED.

W. C. Fitzgerald issued a county court writ today on behalf of T. H. Griffith against Edwin and A. H. Marshall Hawkins for \$10.75 due on four promissory notes.

## The Doll Lady Says:

I want every little girl in London or anywhere in the Western counties who would like to have one of my wonder "Ma-Ma" Dolls to have enough time to get her orders in, so I am going to stay with The London Advertiser for a short while so that every little girl may get her heart's desire—a "Wonder Character Doll." Scores of girls have written asking for a little time after Christmas to complete their work. Go ahead, girls—finish up and send in your orders as quickly as possible. You will find Christmas Day a good time to see your friends and complete your orders. Get your Wonder Character "Ma-Ma" Doll by New Year's Day—so hurry.

THE DOLL LADY,  
London Advertiser.



SCENE AT MCCORMICK'S FIRE.

Fire breaking out in the baker's room of the McCormick Manufacturing Company on Dundas street east caused damage estimated at \$50,000.

The fire was kept from spreading, and the damage resulted chiefly from smoke and water.

## RAZE HISTORIC HOSTEL THAT SHELTERED GRANT

Old British Empire Hotel Is Being Demolished After Eighty Years.

SAW COLORFUL DAYS

King Edward, as Lord Renfrew, Was a Guest in the Building.

The Old British Empire Hotel, one of the ancient landmarks of London, is being demolished and old timers are recalling events of other days. The hotel was situated at the intersection of Bathurst and Burwell streets and the Hamilton road, and it was there before a train entered London. When the first locomotive pulled into London December 25, 1853, the British Empire Hotel got a black eye, for the stages found their business taken away from them, and passenger business centered around what was then the handsome new depot of the Great Western Railway, then as now at Richmond street.

But in 1856, the G. T. R. also came to London, and the company erected a depot just across the street from the hotel, on Bathurst street, between Burwell and Maitland. Thus for 27 years, the British Empire Hotel and a new lease of life, and it did a land office business with travellers. But in 1883, the Grand Trunk purchased the Great Western Railway, and the depot business of both roads was transferred to the station at Richmond street.

The depot closed. The G. T. R. depot across from the hotel was closed, and closed it was remained for 40 years. It was a sturdy brick building, many stories high, with slate roof and stone foundation, and during the four decades it has bravely done its best to weather the inclement elements. But now it has crumbled into decay.

During these four decades the old hotel across the way has seen many vicissitudes, but finally it has been torn down to make room for a modern building. Each structure could boast of having sheltered famous people in its history. In 1860, the Marquis of Lorne, Wales, travelling as Lord Renfrew, came to London over the Grand Trunk and went west to Windsor over the Great Western Railway. He was awaiting his arrival, the nabobs of London and district made the British Empire Hotel, then kept by T. J. Webb, their headquarters, and the roof was covered with cheering crowds when the royal train pulled in.

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Then in 1880, Princess Louise, and her husband, the Marquis of Lorne, came to London over the Grand Trunk, and took carriages to see the city from the old depot.

In 1890, the place became known as Collett's Tavern, and after it lost its license to sell liquor it earned the title of Dynamite Hall, from the fact that dynamite was stored in the building. It was a poor night that the police were not called to the hall for some reason or other. Finally, in the last throes of dissolution, part of the hotel was changed into a black and white shop, but just as it was about to be demolished, the British Empire Hotel building, alone and unoccupied, became a resort for bats and owls, and other things of the night, human and otherwise. After a life of more than 80 years, it is now levelled to the ground.

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Several features contributed to the splendid success of the entertainment. The Sunday School rooms were prettily decorated, and a well-rendered program was given consisting of recitations, dialogues, tableaux, drills, choruses, duets and solos. The building was filled to capacity and the laden Christmas tree revealed a present for each child in the school. The young men class received a banner which was an award for their splendid progress during the year.

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London Businessmen Invited To Take Advantage of Instructions.

### CAREFULLY ARRANGED

That export trade by Canadian manufacturers is important enough to draw the attention of the faculty at least, is shown by the fact that the University of Toronto, the second annual extension course in export trade is being started early in the year. The course, which begins on Jan. 21 and lasts until Feb. 2, has been very carefully arranged to cover the whole question, and is so economical of time that even the busiest man who is interested in the problem can attend.

Subjects included in the course and their lecturers are as follows: "Principles of International Trade," by Professor R. MacIvor; "The British Mercantile Marine and Co-operative Export Marketing," by Professor C. R. Fay; "Transportation," by Professor W. T. Jackson; "Trade Currents and Cycles," by Professor Gilbert E. Jackson; "Economic Geography," by Dr. H. A. Innis; "Exporting of Canadian Goods in Opening Up Foreign Markets," by Wallace Harris Company; "Packing," by Y. Lamontagne; "Trade Problems in Japan," and "Trade Problems in the West Indies," by G. R. Stevens.

The fee for the whole course is \$5 and the lectures have been specially arranged for export sales managers, who are particularly requested by the university authorities to attend the course.

H. R. Pousette, director of the Commercial Intelligence Service, writing to the secretary of the London Chamber of Commerce, says that he hopes every manufacturer in this district will see his way clear to sending one of his staff down to Toronto, believing that the course constitutes an excellent and efficient service in all export matters to Canadian manufacturers whether they are at present exporting or are thinking of entering the export field in the future. Mr. Pousette himself declares that this field of expansion is unlimited.

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## EMPRESS AVE. TENDERS CONSIDERED TOO HIGH

No. 2 Committee Holds Special Meeting Today To Talk Problem.

What action will be taken in the matter of the proposed Empress avenue school, will be discussed at a special meeting of No. 2 committee of the board of education this afternoon.

The meeting has been called by Chairman Bryden N. Campbell, following the refusal of the committee at its regular meeting, to let the tender for the construction of the school owing to the fact that all the estimates received exceeded by several thousands the estimated cost of \$180,000. Architect Carrothers was authorized to meet several of the contractors, and go over the plans with them in an effort to reduce the amount. He will report at the meeting today.

## KIWANIS AID TISER'S PARTY FOR CHILDREN

Club Members Bring Children From Homes For Christmas Frolic.

Several prominent Kiwanians headed The Advertiser's children's Christmas party by bringing children from the Thomas Allway Home and the Ronald Gray Home in their cars and taking them back with the entertainment was over. These kind-hearted members of the club who looked after the kiddies in the Ronald Gray Home, brought them to the party this month, but looks exceedingly frail.

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Father and Mother and Sister and Brother Were Prepared, and, of Course, All Was Merry!

'Twas the night before Christmas, and all through the house not a thing was stirring, not even a spoon, not even a robber—there wasn't even a bootlegger stirring.

The cake in the kitchen was all stirred, the fire on the hearth had been stirred, and the family upstairs asleep now had been stirred.

Outside the wind whistled; it had a right to whistle—it was going to a warm country.

Inside, beautifully set in the very center of the parlor's exquisite fireplace, sparkled a costly lump of coal. It was a Christmas gift from one of London's most prominent coal merchants. He had brought it over himself wrapped in silver paper and tied with a pink ribbon. Could Uncle Bim have done more?

The whistling wind looked down the chimney, and the costly lump of coal burst into a tiny \$2 flame.

"Whistle, whistle," whistled the wind as it jumped back. This was the Christmas of '23, and coal burning was as strange a sight as it was in Christmas '22.

But the damage was done, and by the tiny \$2 flicker one could see four stockings hanging from the mantel.

There was Mary's stocking. Mary was sophisticated, sixteen, and had never missed being kissed. Her stocking held an eyebrow pencil for Mary to make her mark in the world; and to guide her feet through the important steps of life there was a new dance record on the mantel.

Henry's stocking was there. Henry was eleven, and had never voluntarily washed his ears. His stocking held a pocket knife, so he could cut his initials on the piano, and an airgun for him to shoot at cats, birds, dogs, windows, policemen and people.

There was mama's stocking. It was clothespins, hairpins, hatpins, safety-pins, pins, a butterknife, a flatiron and an unexpurgated edition of "Married Men and How to Honeck Them."

Next came the old man's sock. It had sixteen holes in it as the old man was too busy making his \$5 per to bother darning a sock.

This sock held tobacco, smoking and eating, while nearby stood a new easy chair. This easy chair came hard, because he had been charged with it.

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## KING AND QUEEN WILL SPEND QUIET YULETIDE

Christmas Day Will Be Dedicated to Gathering of Royal Family.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 24.—Christmas Day in England and Wales is an unsettled weather, although the conditions today are fine and bright. Last week's frost has entirely disappeared, and while the indications at present seem favorable, who knows what may happen within a few hours in the English climate.

The King and Queen are at York Cottage, Sandringham, and with Their Majesties are the Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, Prince Henry and the Princess Royal. Queen Alexandra is at Sandringham House. She is in good health, though she celebrated her 70th birthday this month, but looks exceedingly frail.

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## HOME DEPOSITORS HERE ARE GIVEN \$26,000 SATURDAY

Bank of Montreal Staff Works Overtime To Turn Over Cash.

### 380 GET DIVIDEND

On Saturday the market branch of the Bank of Montreal remained open until after 6 o'clock to pay \$80 Home Bank depositors their first dividend since the suspension of the Home Bank was announced in the summer. An augmented staff worked from 9 in the morning until long after darkness turning over the cash to anxious waiting holders, for the most part expressed real pleasure at getting the dividend before Christmas.

Exactly \$26,000 was advanced. This is only one-fourth of the total due London depositors, but the remainder will doubtless be paid out before the end of next week. Today the sum of money handed out is expected to reach \$50,000.

The bank opened this morning at the regular time, and will remain open until 6 o'clock this evening.

"Everything is being handled in ship-shape form," Gerald Pearson, manager, said. "The money will be paid every banking day for a week or more until all who want their dividend have secured it."

Many depositors declined to sign the white slips making over one-half of one per cent of their deposits to the central committee at Toronto. The one-half of one per cent is for the purpose of financing a trip to Ottawa, where the liquidators and inspectors will lay the Home Bank depositors' case before the government.

Over the liabilities in bulk and pay saving holders 100 per cent on the dollar.

Joseph Dambra, president of the London Home Bank Association, appeals to all depositors to sign these white slips. Money is required to swing the proposition, though it is hoped depositors will get out of the Home Bank disaster without a loss.

"Our only hope lies with the government," Mr. Dambra said. "I strongly urge all depositors to pay their share in financing the trip to Ottawa, which is necessary if the government is to give us help. By this means we expect to get a full return on our deposits. The minister of finance will be requested to put the disposal of Home Bank assets under government supervision and pay the depositors 100 per cent. Of course, the government will then have to shoulder the losses which ordinarily would be absorbed by the depositors, but we feel that the failure of the bank can be better than the loss of millions of people than a few hundred thousand."

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## FILL UP CHILDREN, IS DOCTOR'S ADVICE

Public Health Institute Head Sees No Harm in "Good Feed."

If you want your children to have a happy Christmas let them eat a good feed, including turkey, candy and goodies of all kinds. This is the advice of Dr. H. W. Hill, dean of the Institute of Public Health, who says that a good, all-round feed once in a while cannot do a child any harm.

"Don't let them miss their sleep during the holidays," the dean advised, "but if they are healthy let them eat everything. A big meal is just as beneficial as a fast something is."

"Don't be afraid to let them play in the snow if they are warmly dressed," Dr. Hill added.

## SNOW IS RETARDING WORK ON SEWERS

Snow is not interfering seriously with the work on the Wellington High street sewer, the city engineer stated. Ample provisions have been taken to safeguard against problems of inclemency of the weather until Feb. 1, at least. A number of new men were noted, leaving the city hall this morning for the job.

Washington's elite worried over list of names of alleged patrons of bootlegger held by prosecuting attorney.

Two youths charged with theft, jailed.

C. N. R. Constables Stole Goods From Express Car.

Two youths charged with stealing goods from a Canadian National express car on Saturday night, valued at \$50, were jailed to appear in court on Jan. 3, when they appeared in police court today.

Howard Cluff, who appeared for one of the young men, who are employees of the express company, asked for bail, and after consultation with Crown Attorney J.G. Gilliland, was fixed at \$400 in each case.

The youths were apprehended by C. N. R. Constables Hughes and Gow. Among the goods alleged to have been stolen were some boxes of patent medicine and a photograph motor.

Christmas tree supply on the market is



# KING STREET RESIDENT DROWNED IN BATHTUB

## FOUND DEAD IN BATHTUB FILLED WITH HOT WATER

Philip Ferney Discovered in Bathing With Water Running From Heater.

### BODY BADLY SCALDED

Seemed in Good Health Saturday Night—May Have Fainted.

Philip Ferney, aged 30, was found dead in a bathtub of scalding water, which was still running from a heater at 6 o'clock Sunday morning, by Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bond, 254 King street, with whom the man lived.

Arising, Mrs. Bond noticed water flowing from underneath the door, and which had found its way along the hallway. Calling Mr. Bond they tried the door, but were unable to gain entrance, and immediately called other members of the family, who smashed in the door.

Entering the room, Mr. Bond was shocked to find the body of Mr. Ferney sitting in the tub in a natural position, with the instantaneous heater still burning and the tub nearly filled with scalding water. The cold water tap was turned off.

### Was Already Dead.

Dr. Mel Platt was hurriedly summoned, but he found that death had occurred, a considerable time previously. Dr. Cameron Wilson, coroner, was called and had the body removed to the funeral home of A. L. Oatman.

Saturday evening Mr. Ferney seemed to be in his usual health, and at 9 o'clock invited Mr. Bond to go for a walk, saying that he felt fine. He was glad to think that next week his work in the stores department of the military branch of Victoria Hospital would be lighter.

He left the house alone and returned at 12:15 and after talking to some length with Clifford Bond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bond, and bidding goodnight left for his room.

Evidently he went straight to the bathroom, as his bed was not slept in and his clothes were carefully laid away. His room bearing a neat appearance called at the house last night.

Hear No Noise.

Occupants of the house, who were asleep at the time, heard no noise throughout the night.

Mr. Ferney was a veteran of the world war, and had served for four years going over with the 15th Battalion, and distinguished himself by winning two medals. He was a native of England and has one brother residing there. No relatives live in Canada.

Mr. Bond said that he had come to regard Ferney as one of the family, owing to his pleasant manner, and social nature. Other boarders at the house also spoke highly of Mr. Ferney. Jack Hill, another returned man, was confined to his bed by illness as the result of the sad occurrence, which has cast a gloom over what was to have been one of the happiest Christmas seasons for the entire house.

### Body Scalded.

When found Mr. Ferney was sitting with his legs cramped against one end of the tub, his left hand across his body, while his right hung at his side. Whether the unfortunate man met his death by heart failure immediately after entering the tub or fainted and was scalded to death is not known. His body was badly burned.

The funeral will be held on Monday afternoon from the funeral home of A. L. Oatman.

## C. N. R. WILL BUY HOTEL FOR OFFICE

Company Denies Hitch Occurred in Negotiation For Paris Building.

### REFUSED TO LEASE

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Dec. 23.—Regarding assertions made recently in Canada that a hitch had occurred in the negotiations for the acquisition by the Canadian National Railways of the Hotel Scribe here for office accommodation, the Associated Press learns that there is no dissatisfaction whatever on the part of the railway officials in Paris.

The situation resolved itself into a question of leasing accommodation for twenty years or buying. The railway company was unable to rent space at the time under acceptable conditions, and, consequently, decided to buy.

For the convenience of the management, the building is being incorporated under French company laws.

### Obituary

#### FREDERICK F. PEPPER.

The funeral of Frederick F. Pepper was held Friday afternoon to Mount Pleasant Cemetery, and the large number of floral wreaths bore out the esteem in which Mr. Pepper was held by his many friends.

Rev. Mr. Chapman of Empress Avenue Methodist Church, assisted by Mr. Dewey, conducted the services. The pallbearers were George Finnegan, Frank Dunn and Messrs. Hawken, Belton, Hunt and McPherson.

#### MRS. M. E. BRYAN.

Elizabeth Bryan died yesterday afternoon at her residence, 44 Maple Place. She was the only daughter of Elizabeth Bryan and the late Thomas Bryan.

She is survived by her mother and one brother, T. A. Bryan of 414 Grosvenor street.

Services will be held at the house at 4 o'clock by the Rev. Dr. Beatty, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church. Interment will be made Monday afternoon in Woodland Cemetery.

## Reports Cure For Plague

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 23.—Hopes that a cure for the foot and mouth diseases which is now ravishing cattle herds in Great Britain at last is at hand, is held out by the Daily Express' Utrecht correspondent who reports that important experiments are being made there by Professor Pfeiler, a German, and a Dutch veterinarian.

The two are now working out their theories in the neighborhood of a public slaughter house in Utrecht. The correspondent says the method employed is a subcutaneous injection of a specially prepared serum. Dr. Pfeiler believes it will eventually save Europe the tremendous wastage she now suffers, because of the plague of the disease.

In the meantime the disease continues to spread.

## YOUNG GIRL DIES AS CAR CRASHES INTO MOTOR BUS

Viola Hamilton of Port Elgin Struck by Wagon Tongue.

### BROTHER BADLY HURT

Special To The Advertiser.

Port Elgin, Dec. 23.—One girl is dead and her 16-year-old brother lies in a critical condition at his home as the result of an auto accident Saturday at midnight.

The girl, Viola Hamilton, aged 14, her father, Lambert Hamilton, who escaped injury, and her brother Harold, 16, were returning to their home, about two and a half miles southeast of the village, and were turning a corner near the cricket grounds when the car, which was driven by the father, crashed into a bus driven by William Bell of this village.

The tongue of the bus crashed through the windshield of the car, striking the girl, who was sitting on the boy's lap, a blow on her side and pierced the chest. The car came to a stop after one of the horses had completely straddled the radiator of the car, and this no doubt saved the boy from death.

The father hurriedly removed the girl to the office of Dr. Wells, but, despite all that was done to save her, she passed away at 6:30 Sunday morning in the office of Dr. Phillips, where she had been removed during the night. Death resulted from a ruptured liver.

The boy is suffering from severe internal injuries, which may prove fatal, as complications are feared. He is reported as having a fighting chance.

Only last week Miss Hamilton had taken part in a number of Christmas concerts throughout this district, and was a remarkable elocutionist for her age.

Mrs. Hamilton, who was staying at the home of her sister, Mrs. William Atkinson, was not notified of the accident until it was too late, and arrived a few minutes after her daughter passed away.

## FIRM HEAD WOUNDED AS HE FOILS BANDITS

New Yorker In Dangerous Condition—\$1,600 Payroll Is Saved.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Dec. 23.—John Lackner, president of the Lackner Paper Company, in Florida, was shot in the right shoulder today by one of two armed bandits who failed in an attempt to snatch a \$1,600 payroll from him in front of the factory. The bandits escaped in an automobile in which a third man was waiting at the wheel.

Lackner had just stepped from his automobile when the robbers ordered him to throw up his hands. Instead, Lackner kicked the nearest bandit, whereupon the other shot Lackner. Both highwaymen fled. Lackner followed, despite his wound until he collapsed. He was taken to St. John's Hospital where it was found a blood vessel had been severed and his condition was serious. Lackner had the money in his hip pocket and was unarmed.

## SUSPECT INCENDIARISM IN ESSEX STORE FIRE

Special To The Advertiser.

Essex, Dec. 23.—A fire in the meat market of William Lee, which caused damage of about \$1,500, is suspected to be of an incendiary nature. The fire was discovered by Truman Dalton, who saw the smoke pouring out of a window. The fire was located in the back of the building, where a fireman discovered a basket of waste paper, partially burned, and on top of this a packing box. According to Mr. Lee, the basket of waste paper had been thrown out the previous day, and the packing box was used as a step to the back of the building. The fire was extinguished with chemicals. Mr. Lee states that the insurance will not cover the loss of his large Christmas stock.

## ERRING STREET CAR DESERTS STRAIGHT AND NARROW WAY

Smashes Standard On Richmond Street When Rear Truck Tries Secession.

### TRAFFIC SUSPENDED

When the rear trucks of Oxford car No. 201, one of the latest additions to London's transportation system, refused to function as they should at the corner of Richmond and York streets last night shortly before ten, it started something it couldn't finish.

As the front trucks of the south-bound car in charge of Motorman Nethercott and Conductor Leonard passed the intersection safely, the rear ones politely took to the Normal line, with the result that the rear end of the car swung around, striking a light standard, knocking it against the adjacent building and only a few inches away from a huge plate glass window, endangering the lives of pedestrians.

Service on lines using Richmond street were completely tied up for more than an hour, causing much inconvenience to many who were forced to wend their way through the first snow of the year.

On an average of once a week street cars of the new heavy type have trouble in passing this intersection, and on one or two occasions passersby have narrowly escaped being struck as trolleys have swung toward the sidewalk.

Firemen were called to remove the post from its position, as it was feared that it might fall during the night, injuring pedestrians. George Hume, station superintendent, arrived on the scene shortly after and had his wrecking crew working swiftly to replace the car on its proper course.

## CHARGES LAWYER BENEFITS BY WILL

Seek To Commit Toronto Solicitor Who Was Left Annuity.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Shirley Denison, K.C., who at Osgoode Hall on Saturday moved an order to commit J. W. McCullough, a solicitor, for refusal to produce his docket entries between the time the late Mrs. J. L. Robertson made her will in 1915, and her death in 1923, said: "When a solicitor who draws the will gets substantial bequests from his client, the court should scrutinize it closely to see that there has been no undue influence."

Mr. McCullough was represented by J. C. Thompson, who pointed out that in an estate totalling some \$80,000, McCullough had only been left an annual annuity of \$500, and this on condition that he does not marry. As the solicitor so benefitting by the will was 60 years of age, the annuity was not to be considered as likely to be a great drain on the estate, the greater part of which was bequeathed to the Oddfellows' Home and \$10,000 to the Hospital for Sick Children.

The late Mrs. Robertson, together with her sister, Mrs. L. Duncan, was found asphyxiated in their home on March 23 last.

Judgment was reserved.

## THREE ENTERED IN MAYORALTY RACE

Field Is Reduced by Two in Honors For Mayor At Queen City.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Toronto's list of mayoralty candidates has been reduced to three, Controller Singer and C. H. Hookin, M.P., having withdrawn, leaving the field to Controller W. W. Hiltz, T. L. Church, M.P., and John A. Currie, M.L.A.

For the four positions on the board of control the following candidates have qualified: Joseph Gibbons, Thomas Foster, John R. Beamish, W. D. Robbins, Donald C. MacGregor, Albert E. Hagler, R. H. Cameron and F. M. Johnston.

Fifty-three candidates are in the running for the 24 aldermanic positions in the light wards. Of these, 10 are members of this year's council, 12 more have been members of previous councils and all the others are inexperienced in municipal affairs.

## CITIZENS OFFER REWARD TO CATCH DOG POISONER

Canadian Press Despatch.

Milton, Dec. 23.—Over a dozen dogs in Bright have been poisoned within the last two weeks, and a number of citizens of that village have subscribed one hundred dollars to be offered as a reward for information leading to the conviction of the perpetrator.

## RUMOR THAT EX-DOWAGER INSANE DECLARED FALSE

Associated Press Despatch. Copenhagen, Dec. 23.—Rumors of the alleged insanity of ex-dowager empress, Marie Feodorovna of Russia, who is in Copenhagen, are declared false by the Danish press. An intimate friend of Marie who spent an hour with her yesterday found her in perfect health, bodily and mentally.



SANTA AND THE LOVELY CHILDREN.

Santa Claus had the time of his life at the Children's Party in the Winter Gardens. There were 3,000 eager children there to greet him, and he said he wanted to stay in London all year round. Here he is with three of the Loveliest Children. In Santa's arms, on the left, is Ella Mae Sooyne, and on the right, Clara McCandless, who came from Stratford to be at the party. Standing beside Santa Claus is little Tennyson Brill, Irene Roach, second of the Loveliest Children, was ill at home, but Santa paid her a little visit just before the party and left a wonderful big doll to keep her from being lonely.

## Arthur Brown, Dead Bandit Once Operated In London

Claim Pal of "Red" Ryan Stole Auto in Boyhood Days.

QUESTIONED BY OFFICER

Brother States He Was Youth Stopped by Local Police.

Examination of London police records has brought to light the fact that Arthur Brown, alias Sullivan, the escaped Kingston convict and gunman who was shot to death by the police of Minneapolis in the round-up that followed the capture of his pal, "Red" Ryan, operated in this city in his earlier days of criminal apprenticeship.

A couple of years ago Policeman A. Frayne, no longer a member of the local force, found that an oil station at the corner of Dundas and Waterloo streets had been broken into, and said his younger brother had been standing near an auto with a Toronto license. The youth told a plausible story of being on his way home, and so did not marry. He questioned a youth who admitted to the car, which was taken to police headquarters. A few days later a man named Sullivan came to London, and said his younger brother had stolen the car, and that he was the man to whom Frayne had spoken.

## GERMANY SENDS REPLY TO FRANCE

Will Be Answer To Poincare's Acceptance of Proposal For Discussion.

GET VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Premier Poincare will receive the German charge d'affaires, Herr Von Hoesch, tomorrow. The charge is expected to present the answer of the German government to M. Poincare's acceptance, with limitations, of a discussion of the various questions relating to the Ruhr and the Rhineland. This answer is probably a written memorandum.

Premier Poincare's speech today on the occasion of his decorating with the war cross the manufacturing suburb of Le Courvaire, consisted largely of a defence of his Ruhr policy and a declaration that events were justifying it. He repeated France's determination not to leave the Ruhr until she had received payment.

"But," he added, "we are ready to examine all means of settlement which can possible render payment more rapid and sure."

M. Poincare described the Franco-Belgian occupation of the Ruhr as an "elementary precaution," such as is taken by any creditor when a debtor year after year refuses to make an effort to pay, and he depicted France's hopeless situation if guarantees in the Ruhr had not been seized. France had shown "moderation, wisdom and conciliation in the application of the treaty of peace," which, said the premier, it was found impossible to carry further without compromising interests.

The Chamber of Deputies gave a vote of confidence to Premier Poincare early this morning. The vote was 336 to 182.

## ESTABLISH NEW WORLD RECORD FOR HYDROPLANES

Paris, Dec. 23.—A new world record for hydroplanes was made today over a measured distance in the River Seine. The boat, piloted by J. M. Canivet, averaged 121 kilometres, 669 metres (about 86 miles per hour) in three trials, with an average against the wind. The former record was 93 kilometres (about 56 miles per hour).

## BURNED TO DEATH.

Badder, aged 5, attempted to light a fire in her home, where she was alone at the time and set fire to her clothing, suffering such burns that she died last night.

## CHRISTMAS CARDS POPULAR GIFTS FOR THIS SEASON

Local Firm States Popularity Is Due To Tightness of Money.

### SALES TOTAL \$20,000

Twenty thousand dollars worth of Christmas cards have been sold in London this Christmas season dealers estimate. The demand this year has eclipsed that of any other Yuletide period, and merchants are now trying to figure the whys and wherefores for the increase.

Members of the Hay Stationery Company declare the extraordinary popularity of the Christmas card is due more or less to the tightness of money. Friends, who formerly were accustomed to getting small gifts with their year receive cards. No present, costing 25 to 50 cents would be considered worth while, but a Christmas greeting at that price is appreciated sometimes as much as an expensive gift.

"In the United States the Christmas card output amounts to \$50,000,000. In London we estimate it at about \$20,000," they said.

## TWO LONDON MEN FACE CHARGE OF STEALING

R. C. Angus and G. T. Harding Apprehended by C. N. R. Constables.

Roy C. Angus and George Turner Harding, of 261 Wellington street and 25 Front street respectively, employed as switchmen on the C.N.R., were arrested Saturday night and charged with theft from cars on that railway. The men were apprehended by C. N. R. Constables Hughes, Gow and Scott, and were taken to police headquarters to await action of the railway. They will appear before the magistrate in the morning.

## ARREST TORONTO MAN CHARGED WITH THEFT

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Dec. 31.—Sydney E. Reynolds of Toronto, a collector employed by the London and Lancashire Guarantee and Accident Company, was taken into custody on Saturday on a charge of stealing \$3,899 belonging to the company. Bail has been set at \$5,000.

The alleged theft occurred at some time since last June.

## TENNYSON BRILL LAID TO REST IN MT. PLEASANT

The funeral of Tennyson Brill, who died in Ingersoll a few days ago, was held Saturday from the residence of his mother 737 Princess avenue, at 3 o'clock. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. J. H. Bradley, pastor of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and the Oddfellows. Interment was made at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

## Lindsay Mayor Kills Postman

Canadian Press Despatch. Lindsay, Dec. 23.—William Kent, letter-carrier, aged 28, was fatally injured last night when a mail delivery wagon, in which he was riding with a companion, was struck by Mayor F. J. Carew's motor car. Kent died this morning, leaving a wife and two children. Eye-witnesses agree with the mayor that he was not negligent.

An inquest has been opened and adjourned until Thursday next.

## FIND LIQUOR SHIPMENT IN CAR AT PETERBORO

Canadian Press Despatch. Peterboro, Dec. 23.—Inspector Joseph Stewart this morning raided a freight car at the Canadian National shed and seized a consignment of 500 bottles of liquor. The bottles were packed in two large double-sheeted boxes marked and shipped as "cassings" and consigned to "J. H. Bradley, Peterboro." Some of the labels bore the inscription "Quebec liquor commission."

## W. M. S. MEETS.

Special To The Advertiser. The December meeting of the Women's Institute was held on Wednesday, 19th, at the home of the president, Mrs. Harry. A pleasing part of the meeting was the presentation of a pot of ferns and blossom to the oldest member, who is 77 years of age. The younger members are giving the program for the December social evening, which will be held Dec. 28.

## N. C. W. M. S. MEETS.

Special To The Advertiser. Carleton Place, Dec. 23.—The North Carleton W. M. S. held their annual meeting on Friday. During the year contributions received amounted to \$180. The officers for 1924 are: President, Mrs. Dorothea Timms; secretary, Mrs. D. M. McNeil; treasurer, Mrs. Hugh Turner; messenger, Mrs. A. N. McNeil.

A pleasing feature of the meeting was the presentation of a life membership to Mrs. Robert Thompson on her 84th birthday. Following a social hour was enjoyed.

## FATHER WINTER FOOLS GREEN YULETIDE SEERS



SHE CALLS HER "HELEN."

Here is four-year-old Isabel Evans of 118 Marmelon street, with her new doll Helen, from the Doll Lady. Isabel is the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Evans. Mrs. Evans was formerly Miss Gladys Wilson of 34 Forest avenue. St. Thomas.

## FIFTY IN DANGER AS BIG AIRSHIP DRIFTS IN GALE

Fears Entertained For Safety Of Crew of French Dirigible.

### CRUISERS TO RESCUE

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The great dirigible airship Dixmude, with 50 officers and men on board, was drifting helplessly today in a violent gale over the Gulf of Cables on the north coast of Africa. French warships are reported to be proceeding at full speed toward the gulf to render aid, if this should be possible.

The last direct news received from the airship was that it was headed over the Gulf of Cables and requested aid. The ministry of marine later received confirmation of the distress of the airship from a land station, over which the dirigible had been seen drifting steadily eastward. Some of the stations reported that the Dixmude apparently was badly damaged.

Previous reports received from the airship said that a number of the members of her crew were ill. The Dixmude left Cues Pierrefeu, near Toulon, at 6 o'clock last Tuesday morning for a three-day flight to the Tunis district and southward made ready to help the Dixmude along the French coast, which would make her re-crossing of the Mediterranean dangerous.

The French cruiser Mulhouse and all the torpedo boat destroyers in the region were hurriedly sent towards the Gulf of Cables, and the garrisons in the Tunis district and southward made ready to help the Dixmude along the French coast, which would make her re-crossing of the Mediterranean dangerous.

## TEMPERATURE DROPS.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—Commencing early this morning snow fell throughout the southern counties of Ontario, and by 6 o'clock in the evening, when the weather cleared, the ground was covered with a mantle of white. The temperature dropped below the freezing point, water in the ditches and lovers of the old-fashioned Christmas took heart despite the fact that the Dominion meteorological office reports indicated little change in temperature.

A shallow disturbance which passed eastward just south of the Great Lakes was responsible for the rain. Light rain or snow was experienced in the Maritime Provinces, while elsewhere fair weather prevailed.

Mild temperatures were again reported in many parts of Canada and in very few places did the mercury fail to get above the freezing point during the day. White River maintained its reputation as the coldest place in the Dominion, registering a low mark of four below zero during the night.

## SARNIA HAS BLIZZARD.

Special To The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Dec. 23.—Heavy snow blizzard, which commenced early this morning and continued to mid-afternoon, brought an appropriate, but generally unwelcome touch to the Christmas season. Approximately three inches of snow fell, and made streets particularly slippery. Freezing temperatures were again reported here Saturday, but on the whole city merchants report that Christmas trade was quieter than last year.

## SIX INCHES IN STRATFORD.

Special To The Advertiser.

Stratford, Dec. 23.—Some six inches of snow fell in Stratford today, changing the appearance of the city considerably.

## GALT WHITE, TOO.

Galt, Dec. 23.—Snow fell steadily here all day, and tonight is reported as six inches deep.

## MOTOR CAR IS DAMAGED IN INTERSECTION CRASH

Motor car No. 70-645, driven by J. M. Totten, 14 Brighton street, collided with street car No. 118 at the corner of Dundas and Wellington last night at 7:25. Mr. Totten was driving north on Wellington. The car was somewhat the worse for its encounter. C. Tooke was in charge of the street car.

## Heavy Snowfall Blasts Prophecies of California-Like Christmas.

ELLA MAE WAS RIGHT

Weather Forecast Made by District's Loveliest Child Is Fulfilled.

The spirit of Father Christmas called on London yesterday and blew mightily with his snowy breath, so that all those super-clever weather prophets who foretold a green yuletide with hard, dry roads for the country motorists and clean sidewalks for the city man, were utterly confounded and went and hid their dully humbled heads wherever they could find parking space.

"This is going to be a green Christmas. There will, as the Scotch say, be a full kirkyard, and everything is going to be different from any other year," sang these full-blown harbingers of an early spring. But today who would be a prophet, and who would acknowledge his former statements on the weather probabilities? "Yes, we have no snow," was the slogan 48 hours ago, and this morning the same gay and apparently irresponsible practical jokers are going around meeting their friends with "Hello Smith," or whatever his name may be, "colly Christmas weather at last, what? I was afraid we were going to have one of those beastly green winters with no decent crust, frosty snow, but we're all right now. Makes a fellow feel the first thing in the morning to get a walk in the air, eh? Well so long; merry Christmas!"

And they get away with it, and no one remembers all the fool things they told us were going to be the case this year.

Ella Mae's Prophecy Fulfilled.

Little Ella Mae Sooyne, who was judged the winner in The Advertiser's Loveliest Child competition, however, saw the future with wiser eyes than are granted to most of us. "It's going to be all so snowy by Christmas," she told Santa on Saturday when he picked her up and asked her what she wanted for a green Christmas, and she was so certain and so sure about it that the grown-up who was watching her mind have known better than to have doubted her.

Perhaps there are lots of other little girls and boys who thought the same thing. Santa Claus, who has about sixty thousand hockey fans in London this morning who "knew it was to be a real old winter in spite of the mild spell," and who have been justified by later events.

The snow began to fall about 3 o'clock Sunday morning, and there was quite a heavy rain in the evening, around when daylight came, with snow still falling. It fell continuously without stopping until 5 or 6 o'clock in the evening.

Churchgoers knew all about snow yesterday morning, and those lazy and greatly-to-be-envied people who stayed in bed had the joy of staying there and seeing it coming down. So far it's just the first soft, horridly slushy sort of stuff that everyone hates, and which is only the forerunner of the real "Mackay" hard and crisp and powdery, and which, as the saner prophets say, will come after the new year.

In the city it was about a foot deep last night, and householders brought their shovels into use for the first time this year, so that today will probably be a time for stiff backs and sore muscles.

TEMPERATURE DROPS.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Dec. 23.—Commencing early this morning snow fell throughout the southern counties of Ontario, and by 6 o'clock in the evening, when the weather cleared, the ground was covered with a mantle of white. The temperature dropped below the freezing point, water in the ditches and lovers of the old-fashioned Christmas took heart despite the fact that the Dominion meteorological office reports indicated little change in temperature.

A shallow disturbance which passed eastward just south of the Great Lakes was responsible for the rain. Light rain or snow was experienced in the Maritime Provinces, while elsewhere fair weather prevailed.

Mild temperatures were again reported in many parts of Canada and in very few places did the mercury fail to get above the freezing point during the day. White River maintained its reputation as the coldest place in the Dominion, registering a low mark of four below zero during the night.

## SARNIA HAS BLIZZARD.

Special To The Advertiser.

Sarnia, Dec. 23.—Heavy snow blizzard, which commenced early this morning and continued to mid-afternoon, brought an appropriate, but generally unwelcome touch to the Christmas season. Approximately three inches of snow fell, and made streets particularly slippery. Freezing temperatures were again reported here Saturday, but on the whole city merchants report that Christmas trade was quieter than last year.

## SIX INCHES IN STRATFORD.

Special To The Advertiser.

Stratford, Dec. 23.—Some six inches of snow fell in Stratford today, changing the appearance of the city considerably.</



## CHURCH SERMONS EMPHASIZE CHEER

**Choirs Excel in Rendition of  
Hymns Suited To  
Yuletide.**

**ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.**  
Although the regular Christmas services at St. Paul's Cathedral will not be held until Christmas Day, special mention was made of the occa-

the evening he preached on "World Peace or Human Extermination," a subject particularly appropriate. The music on both occasions was good, the choir entering fully into the spirit of the season. A feature of the evening service was the sing-

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ussion, and Mr. Buchanan, who presided at the first meeting of the "Round Heads," was the logical man to deal with it. Mrs. O'Meara, the genial hostess of the Blue Dragon, has arranged a special Christmas dinner for the occasion.

a number and I bet it was about the best they ever played. You know we make our own music up where I live. We string wires in the reindeer's horns and when the wind sweeps through them it makes the sweetest sort of harmony. You know

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## Crucifixion Cross Made of Aspen?

Cypress was said by some to have been the wood the Cross was made from, while many refer to the material as cedar, and other writers assert it was hewn from oak. Aspen is more generally accepted.

## WOMAN'S POWER IN WORLD IS BY NO MEANS A NEW ONE

History Shows That Every Great Statesman, Writer or Ruler Has Always Had Some Woman With Whom He Discussed Important Questions.

WORLD SIMPLY RECOGNIZING IT TODAY

By JULIA HOYT.

Most women have become infected with the desire to do something, to have some interest in life outside of the home. This is particularly so since the war—it is almost impossible after leading a life of activity to return to one of inaction and frivillousness. The trouble is that many women do not know what they want to do or else they have not been fitted for anything. I feel sure that the day is coming when girls will be brought up with the idea of a job or career exactly as are men.

Women have a unique and tonically proved their capabilities in practically every kind of business. So much so that they are beginning to fear a little jealousy and irritation is back of some men's dislike for the idea of the working woman. They do not quite like to have their male superiority questioned. Their superiority has been questioned by working women, who have demonstrated that ability is not a matter of sex. It seems to me that the sooner men and women realize their equality and their value each to the other, the sooner marriage and life will become simplified.

I worked and spoke for suffrage. I am a founder of the National Woman's Party, and yet I am not a feminist in the fanatic sense. I agree with some who say we are losing something by acquiring an equal footing with men. (In fact, I agree with some who say we are losing something by acquiring an equal footing with men.) But I believe we are gaining greater things than we are losing. I was very interested at a tea the National Woman's Party gave to me when I was playing in Washington, to see the many women most prominent and forceful in the party who were living happily in great companionship with their husbands.

Woman's Power.

As a matter of fact, women's power and value in the world (in fact, to bearing children) is not a new one. It is simply that it is now becoming recognized and she can use that power for herself and her children and not be forced to use it through

her unrecognized influence on a male. History shows that every great statesman, writer, or ruler has always had some woman with whom he has discussed questions of importance and who has had a strong influence on his actions. All that has happened now is that that woman may continue to influence a man if she so desires, but she may also use her brains and ability toward making a life or career of interest for herself.

It seems unnecessary to say that the argument that things have been a certain way for many years, and consequently should not be changed, is a poor one. Why then should we use telephones or automobiles or any other modern contrivance? Even if we reject this analogy as having no bearing on marriage and the conduct of life, we must remember that in the old days there were no kitchenette apartments, that the average woman thought of cooking as an art, made all her underclothes and many of her dresses herself, and at least kept herself occupied in her home. Changes in costumes and mode of living have been a big influence in woman's life and have been important factors in impelling the woman of energy and intelligence to seek an interest and occupation outside the home.

Seek Outside Jobs.

That the most intelligent women are seeking outside occupations cannot be denied, and they are proving every day that a woman can be a good wife and mother and still take care of a job in the business world, and yet not lose sight of the practicality of this way of living that it is my firm belief that the world will soon have to acknowledge.

One of the main things to remember for the mothers who are in sympathy with this movement is to change their point of view (in fact, tradition) in the education of their daughters. Rich or poor, the girl should be given the same opportunity and encouragement to develop from her family with regard to making good in a career as the boy. She should be taught a knowledge of money and its handling and from the beginning should be encouraged to decide on and take up a serious occupation or interest. Whether it happens one great handicap will be removed.

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## Mr. Egret Tells a Story About Meeting Awful Two-Legged Creatures

By THORSTON W. BURGESS.

Looking at Egret, the snowy white cousin of Longlegs the Heron, it was hard for Danny Meadow Mouse to believe that any one could possibly seek to harm him. But as Egret went on with his dreadful story Danny began to understand that, strange as it may seem, there is such a thing as being too beautiful.

"When I was young and got my first lovely plumage I was very proud of it," said Egret. "Yes, sir, I was very proud of it. But now nothing would make me so happy as to have the plainest, homeliest of coats like I envy some of my cousins who have plain, brown coats. Yes, sir, I envy them. They used to envy me, but they don't any more."

"I remember the joy with which Mrs. Egret and I built our first nest. It was in a swamp, and all about us were the nests of our relatives. Every one of them had just such beautiful plumage as we had, for it is only during the nesting season that these plumes are worn. We were a happy colony. Yes, sir, we were a happy colony. Then the eggs hatched, and we were a busy colony. Our babies began to grow. And such a lot of food as they did need!"

"Then one day two of those dreadful creatures came and began to cut at the swamp, and began to shoot with terrible guns. It was awful! Yes, sir, it was awful! I don't believe there ever was anything more awful. Mrs. Egret and I saw our nests shot all about us. At first we couldn't understand it at all. Then we saw those hunters taking the plumes from the birds they had shot, and we knew it was for those that they had come to that swamp. All day those dreadful guns banged and banged, and all day long hungry babies in the nests cried for food, which they would never get because their fathers and mothers had been killed."

"So it went on day after day until at last Mrs. Egret and I were the only ones left. How we escaped I do not know, but we did. But our babies and all the other babies starved to death. We did our best to feed them, but those terrible guns drove us away every time. That swamp had been the nesting place of Egrets for years and years, and we had expected always to nest there. But we have never been back since. And for this and nothing else nearly all the Egrets in the beautiful Sunny Swamp were killed, and their babies starved to death."

"It is the most awful thing I've ever heard of," said Danny. "It seems too awful to be true," he said. "Do you wonder I envy those who have no plumage? Do you wonder that I think those two-legged creatures the most heartless of all living things?"

"I don't wonder a bit," replied Danny most decidedly.

"The next story," "Danny Sees a Queer Fisherman."

## MERRY TIME EXPECTED AT RONALD GRAY HOME

Mrs. Roy Gray Will Fill Stockings Tonight—Christmas Tree Tomorrow.

The children of the Ronald-Roy Gray Memorial Home are having perhaps the most wonderful Christmas of any children in the city. All last week they have been feted, and when Christmas Day comes they will have their own special Christmas tree, loaded down with gifts from kind friends all over the district.

But the most exciting time of all will be tonight, when the small boys and girls will hang up their stockings, and before morning Santa Claus will make a visit to the home, owing to the kindness of Mrs. Roy Gray, who will see that every stocking is filled. In fact the very stockings themselves, warm and cozy, have been provided by her.

On Monday last the Sunshine Club of Christ Church visited the home with a treat; on Tuesday there was the Christmas tree given by the Misses True Kindred; on Thursday some of the children were guests at the Salvation Army tree in South London, and others went to the Christmas tree in the public squares; on Friday the Lions' Club paid a visit with their float, and on Saturday morning they went to the big Christmas party in the Winter Gardens, given for the Loveliet Child in Western Ontario.

## GIRLS OF RESCUE HOME ROYALLY ENTERTAINED

The "I Serve Club" and Campbell Becher Chapter Visit Home With Gifts.

The girls of the Salvation Army Rescue Home are due to have a happy Christmas Eve. For tonight the members of the "I Serve Club," under the direction of Miss Hilda Keene, will visit the home with Santa Claus and a huge pack of presents. Miss Mary Granger, in the guise of Santa Claus, will distribute the gifts to the girls, and in addition there will be a great large mouthed Christmas stocking filled with candy and fruit.

But this is not by any means all that the "I Serve Club" expects to do. There will be a wonderful Christmas dinner with a candy course, and the table will be attractively decorated and loaded with everything that the club could think of to make the event a happier one. The party is being convened by Miss Dorothy Gleason.

The Campbell Becher Chapter, I. O. O. F., will also visit the Rescue Home today and leave a gift for every girl. The chapter will be represented by Mrs. F. J. Greenaway, the regent, Mrs. J. Stevenson and Mrs. O. I. Cunningham, the convener.

## EXPECT HAPPY HOLIDAY AT CHILDREN'S SHELTER

Forty Boys and Girls Waiting Anxiously For Stripping of Tree Tomorrow.

Many gifts are coming in for the children of the Thomas Alway Hall Home in South London, so that when it comes to hanging up their stockings tonight the boys' and girls' Santa Claus will be realized. There are forty children now in the home, and the task of fulfilling their desire on Christmas Day will be no small one.

A wonderful Christmas dinner will be held at noon, to be followed at 3 o'clock in the afternoon with a Christmas tree, when Miss Jackson, the superintendent, and members of the Shelter board will be in charge. Shelter on Christmas eve will be at A. E. Barbour, president of the house, John L. Hunt and members of the house committee, including Mrs. Frank Hardie, Mrs. H. E. Gates and Mrs. John Weid.

## Radio Programs

TUESDAY, DEC. 25.  
KDKA—East Pittsburgh, Pa., 920 Kilocycles, Frequency—326 Metres—Wave Length.

11:30 a.m.—Program—Christmas observance, Pittsburgh Commandery, No. 1, Knights Templar.  
8:00 p.m.—Christmas afternoon concert.  
7:45 p.m.—"Why the Chimes Rang"—The Christmas Period.  
8:00 p.m.—"What is the Best Christmas Gift," by Dr. John Ray Ewers.  
8:30 p.m.—Concert.

9:55 p.m.—Arlington time signals. Weather reports. Boston and Springfield market reports.  
7:00 p.m.—World market survey.  
7:30 p.m.—Twilight tales for the kiddies. "What Education and Training can be for Better Homes," last lecture in the Household Management Course.  
8:00 p.m.—Christmas program.  
9:00 p.m.—Bedtime story for the grown-ups.  
9:55 p.m.—Arlington time signals.

KYW—560 Kilocycles, Frequency—Chicago, Ill.—536 Metres—Wave Length.  
Central Standard Time.  
9:30 a.m.—Late news and financial comment. (This service is broadcast every half hour during the twenty-four hours.)  
11:35 a.m.—Table talk.  
6:50 p.m.—Children's bedtime story.  
8:00 to 8:58 p.m.—Musical program.  
KWV, will broadcast the latest news of the world every half hour, day and night.

WGY—Schenectady, N.Y.—790 Kilocycles—360 Metres—Wave Length.  
Eastern Standard Time.  
11:00 a.m.—Services of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Albany, N.Y.  
7:45 p.m.—Radio drama, "The Fool," by WGY players.  
Instrumental selection, "Christmas Strains," Mendelssohn.  
WGY Orchestra.  
Drama, "The Fool".....  
"The Fool".....  
Channing Pollock  
"The Fool".....  
The Fool that wears the crown of thorns."

## RYERSON STREET SCHOOL HOLDS CLOSING CONCERT

On Friday evening the pupils and parents of Ryerson School enjoyed a concert given under the direction of Miss Constance. For fifteen minutes a sing-song was enjoyed, when many Christmas carols were sung, also other songs. After the sing-song Miss Stevens and Miss Brown rendered solos. Miss Helen Nash gave a reading. A butterfly dance was given by Peggy Crouch delighted the children by telling two stories. Mrs. Andrews favored the audience with several readings. The entertainment closed by singing the National Anthem.



MRS. LYDIG HOYT.

Mrs. Hoyt believes that every woman, whether she be beautiful, ugly or plain, may be interesting if she will study herself and make the most of her natural advantages.

## MISS ROSA MURTAGH WINS SILVER CUP FOR SHOOTING

Makes a Score of 49 Out of 50 in Shoot-Off at Y.M.C.A. Range, Saturday.

PRIZES ARE PRESENTED Girls' Rifle Corps Unit Wins Its Pro-Marksmanship With an Average 498 Out of 500.

Miss Rosa Murtagh is the winner of the silver cup, for which the girls' unit 1224, of the Junior Rifle Corps, shot at the Y. M. C. A. ranges on Saturday night. In the first round Rosa Murtagh and Gerlie Johnston made a score of 49 out of 50, Rosa Murtagh winning in the shoot off by two points. The cup is the gift of Major Johnston, Wellington street, and was presented to the winner on Saturday night by Mrs. A. Markham, Mr. Markham recording the shots. The shooting was conducted under the direction of E. E. Murtagh, instructor.

The second prize, a fine rifle, was won by Gerlie Johnston; the third, a half dozen silver spoons, by Clara Clark; the fourth, three silver spoons, by Emma Shawcross; the fifth, two silver spoons, by Meropie Hooper, and the sixth, one silver spoon, by Helen Rouselle.

This girls' unit has now won its pro-marksmanship, having been successful in ten matches out of twelve. The units competing were all American units, with the exception of one in Magog, Que. The decisions are made at headquarters of the Junior Rifle Corps, all the targets being forwarded there. The London unit had an average of 498 points out of 500, and all the contestants were girls under 15 years of age.

For the pro-marksmanship contest were also awarded last night. Some of the girls had chosen flashlights and some embroidery scissors, and all were officially presented by Mrs. Markham.

Miss Evelyn Hayman is entertaining at the tea hour on Friday. Mr. James Moffatt of Vievland is a guest with S. J. Belton, Hyman street.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ambrose are spending the Christmas holidays in Hamilton.

Dr. William Burgess of Ottawa is a holiday guest with his mother, Mrs. Burgess, Stanley street.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Watson, Trafalgar street, are spending the Christmas season in Chicago.

Miss Margaret Smith, Maitland street, is spending the Christmas holidays at Providence, R. I.

Mrs. Petlick and daughters, Shirley and Dolly, are spending the holiday with friends in Toronto.

Mr. Albert E. Plastow is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Plastow, Charles street.

Mr. William Hayhurst of Hamilton will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. James Gray, Hellmuth avenue.

Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Huffman of Porters are holiday visitors with Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Huffman, Waterloo street.

Miss Ada Pitman of Sarnia will spend the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Richard Matthews, Sterling street.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Greenaway of Windsor are holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Tremore, Victoria street.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. McRae of Maitland street, are spending the holiday with their brother, Mr. A. M. Macqueen, Toronto.

Chicago, to visit the latter's brother, Mr. William Mann, for over the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas H. Ewen, of Detroit, and their small son, will spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. George L. Pearson, 132 Central avenue.

Dr. D. M. Campbell of the staff of Harper's Hospital, Detroit, is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Campbell, Thornton avenue.

Mrs. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Steele and Mr. Harry Hartley, 541 Grey street, are spending Christmas in Hamilton with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Shuttler.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Laughton and daughter, Dorothy, are spending Christmas in Toronto, the guests of Inspector and Mrs. William Wallace, 217 Fern avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown and family of Tillsonburg will be Christmas visitors with Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. W. C. Falls and Mr. Falls, Grosvener street.

Mrs. Blair Russell of Montreal is expected in town this week and will be the guest of her sister, Mrs. Marshall Graydon and Magistrate Graydon, William street.

Dr. M. D. Campbell on the staff of Harper's Hospital, Detroit, will spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Campbell, Thornton avenue.

Mr. Harold M. Forsyth of New York, who has been studying the violin in that city, is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Forsyth of Beaconsfield avenue.

Mr. Laurence Langford has returned from Toronto and is spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Langford, Waterloo street.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Graves and their little son, Bob of Hudson, Mich., are visiting Mrs. Graves' parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Keene, Dufferin avenue.

Miss Isabel Ivey, who is attending Simmons University, Boston, will be a Christmas visitor in town with her brother, Mr. C. H. Ivey, and Mrs. Ivey, St. James street.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold S. McPherson and daughter, Jane, of Toronto, are spending the Christmas holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McPherson, Wharfedale road north.

Col. Frank Reid, of Northwood, England, accompanied by his son, Jack Reid, arrived in town yesterday, and is spending the holiday season with his mother, Mrs. W. J. Reid, Queen's avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Fallon of Kingston, accompanied by their daughters, Margaret and Rowena, and their mother, Mrs. Fallon, are spending Christmas in London with Mrs. Fallon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Burns.

Major T. J. Murphy and Mrs. Murphy, Hyman street, have as their guests for Christmas their son, Cyril Murphy of Detroit, and their daughter, Miss Leone Murphy, who is studying with Professor Faxon at the Toronto Conservatory of Music.

Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Thomson, Richmond street, have as their guests for the holidays their son, Warren Thomson of Osoyoos, B.C., and his daughter, Margaret, Toronto, who is attending Macdonald Hall, Guelph, and another daughter, Mrs. W. Riley and Mr. J. A. Thomson.

The annual family reunion of the Nettleton clan will be celebrated Christmas at the home of Mrs. McNettleton, 103 Beaconsfield avenue.

Among the guests at the party will be Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Chalmers of Windsor, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. McLeish of Walkerville, Mr. and Mrs. A. McLeish of Windsor, Mr. and Mrs. William Nettleton, Mrs. Mable Nettleton, Mr. J. C. Thomson and Mr. William Nettleton, Jr., all of Stratford; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McKone and family of Peterboro, and Mr. Dean Swift of Edinburgh, Pa.

## WEDDINGS

CATON—MORLEY. An interesting wedding took place Saturday morning at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, when Miss Maude Morley, St. James street, was married to Dr. Hedley V. Caton, both of this city. Rev. A. L. G. Clarke performed the ceremony.

KNIGHTLEY—WILLERT. The marriage took place at the Church of the Redeemer, Saturday at 1:30 o'clock, when Miss Sophia, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis T. Willert of Dashedwood, was married to Leonard E. Knightley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Knightley, Wellington street north. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. S. H. Cree. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keen acted as bridesmaids and groomsmen. The bride wore gown of sand velvet, with a muskrat coat, and hat to match, and carried pink roses. A reception was held at the home of the bride's parents in Dashedwood in the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Knightley leaving later for Toronto, where they will spend their honeymoon. On their return they will reside at 859 Wellington street.

BLANDFORD—HARMSWORTH. A quiet wedding took place at St. Matthew's Church, Dec. 19, when Mildred Eva Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Harmsworth, was married to William Blandford, only son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Blandford of Eastwood. Rev. T. J. Charlton performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a becoming gown of navy blue crepe, with hat to match, and a corsage of Ophelia roses. Her bridesmaids, the Misses Rosie and Leata Harmsworth, acted as bridesmaids and wore brown frocks with pale yellow trimmings, and carried pink and white carnations. Mr. James Winslade acted as best man, and Mrs. Blandford will spend their honeymoon in Woodstock, and upon their return will reside in King street.

DAVIS—HALL. A pretty but quiet wedding took place on Friday evening, when Mrs. Florence Hall was united in marriage to Mr. H. Davis, both of London. The Rev. A. A. Bice performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Davis left immediately for Detroit and other points, and on their return they will reside on Princess avenue.

## Figures Carved From Drift Wood.

Tourists in Paris are buying grotesque figures turned out from the studio of Mrs. G. DeBurgaz, a French sculptor, who has conceived the idea of gathering up pieces of wood from the seashore as her working material.

On Catching an Old Bird. Dorothy Dix Says Old Bachelors Are Hardest Game to Snare

There Are Only Two Ways to Catch a Wary Old Bachelor: Play Up the Home Stuff with a Loud Pedal or Go Away. He Will Then Discover That Your Society Is a Habit, and Will Marry You Rather Than Break It.

A woman writes me that she is in love with an old bachelor and she wants to know how to inveigle him into the matrimonial fold.



Alas, I fear that I can offer the lady no pointers worth considering on the difficult task she has undertaken. When a woman captures an old bachelor and leads him to the altar, it is a matter of luck, and not of skill. If it be true that matches are made in heaven, it is because her guardian angel has been working overtime and not because of the adroitness with which she has laid her traps.

It is an easy thing to capture a boy. Any woman with a pretty face, a nimble foot and palaver tongue in her head can do the trick. In fact, in most cases the boy comes up and runs his head, of his own accord, into the matrimonial noose. He is overstocked with sentiment that he must unload on some one. He is in love with love, and all that any girl has to do is to inveigle him into the moonlight and let him cast the robe of his romance over her. Even his grandmother could make him believe that she was IT, and that life would be a barren waste without her.

A widower is still easier to catch. He is hell-bent on matrimony, anyway, and he will snatch up any woman who plants herself in his way, so that he can't help stumbling over her, and rush with her off to the person. A widower is like a dog without a master; like a prisoner turned out of jail, who doesn't know what to do with his liberty; like a schoolboy who finds all the pep taken out of playing hooky, because it is vacation time, and nobody notices or cares what he does.

There is something about domesticity that unfits a man who has once been housebroken for any other kind of life. A man who has been accustomed to punching the home time-clock on the dot every evening and sitting down to the sort of dinner he likes without having to order it, and tip the waiter and to having his buttons put in his shirt, and to having somebody to blame for everything that goes wrong simply can't get used to it. He is bored to death in clubs, restaurant cooking upsets his stomach, and he finds life flavorless without a sparring partner.

So any woman who will say a few kind words to the widower and pat him on the head, and feed him on angel's food, can have him for the taking. But an old bachelor! That is something different yet again, Maurus.

To begin with, a man is generally an old bachelor because that is the station in life to which he has called himself, and which, by the grace of God, he has achieved. He is celibate by instinct, and the attractions of the feminine sex are feeble for him, compared to his passion for personal liberty.

Furthermore, he is wary. He is experienced. In vain are the snares of the fowler laid before him, for he has seen them, and sidestepped them a thousand times. There is not a feminine art or artifice with which he is not familiar; not a feminine approach that he does not know by heart; not a tactic of a managing mama, or a bobbed-head flapper, that he hasn't checkedmate with consummate generalship a hundred times.

He is no mooning youth, ready to see the inexpressible She in every fluttering petticoat, and diagnosing every throb of the pulse as a fatal attack of heart disease. He is no lonesome widower ready to eat out of any soft, white hand that will feed him. He is a man who loves himself, loves his own ways, his own pocketbook and latchkey, and who is ready to die defending them.

There are practically but two ways in which a woman can break through the defenses of an old bachelor. One of these is by playing up home stuff as her big Bertha. And even this is only effective on the old bachelor whose bachelorhood was, so to speak, thrust upon him.

There are some men who never marry, who would have liked to have married, but were prevented from doing so by circumstances. Sometimes a mere boy has the support of his family thrust upon him, and he has to put all thoughts of marriage from him during the sentimental years while he is taking care of his mother, and educating his younger brothers and sisters, and starting them in the world. Sometimes there is a shadowy romance, a love lost through death, or treachery, in the background of a man's life that explains why he has never married.

These are not really bona fide old bachelors. They are potential husbands, and as they get around toward sixty the primitive instincts begin to rouse in them again, and they commence thinking that old age will be dreary with nobody but a club steward, or a boarding-house keeper to look after them, and listen to their symptoms, or to remind them to put on their winter flannels. Then it is that the woman who dangles the idea of a home before them, and who knows how to make them comfy when they call, and who manifests a sympathetic attitude toward their little peculiarities, can bring them to the proposing point if she plays her cards well, and secures for herself the privilege of nursing their gout for the balance of her life.

But the case-hardened old bachelor, who is born a bachelor, is a harder proposition. The weak spot in his Achilles' heel is that he becomes the slave of habit. He eats the same thing every day; he walks the same number of blocks; he arrives and departs from his office on the stroke of the clock. He keeps his brushes at exactly the same angle on his chiffonier. He visits the same friends.

This type of man will go to see a woman for years and years without ever popping the question, without ever realizing that he enjoys her society, or is fond of her, and her only chance is to wake him up by going away. Then he finds out that she has become a habit, and he will marry her rather than break it.

But old bachelors are wary old birds, and hard to catch, at that!

DOROTHY DIX.

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## GREECE MAY DECIDE ON COALITION REGIME

Associated Press Despatch. Athens, Dec. 24.—In the event that Premier Venizelos returns a negative reply to the invitation of the council of ministers that he return to Greece, the Republicans suggest that a coalition government be formed to be composed of the four leading parties—the Republicans, Liberals, the Republican-Liberals, and the refugee group headed by Dr. Doxiades, Labor leader. The feeling at present is that the Republicans are sure to be quickly discredited, and that the people will be obliged to call the Liberals to power. The week-end was devoted to conferences at which the political party chieftains endeavored to determine their future line of action.

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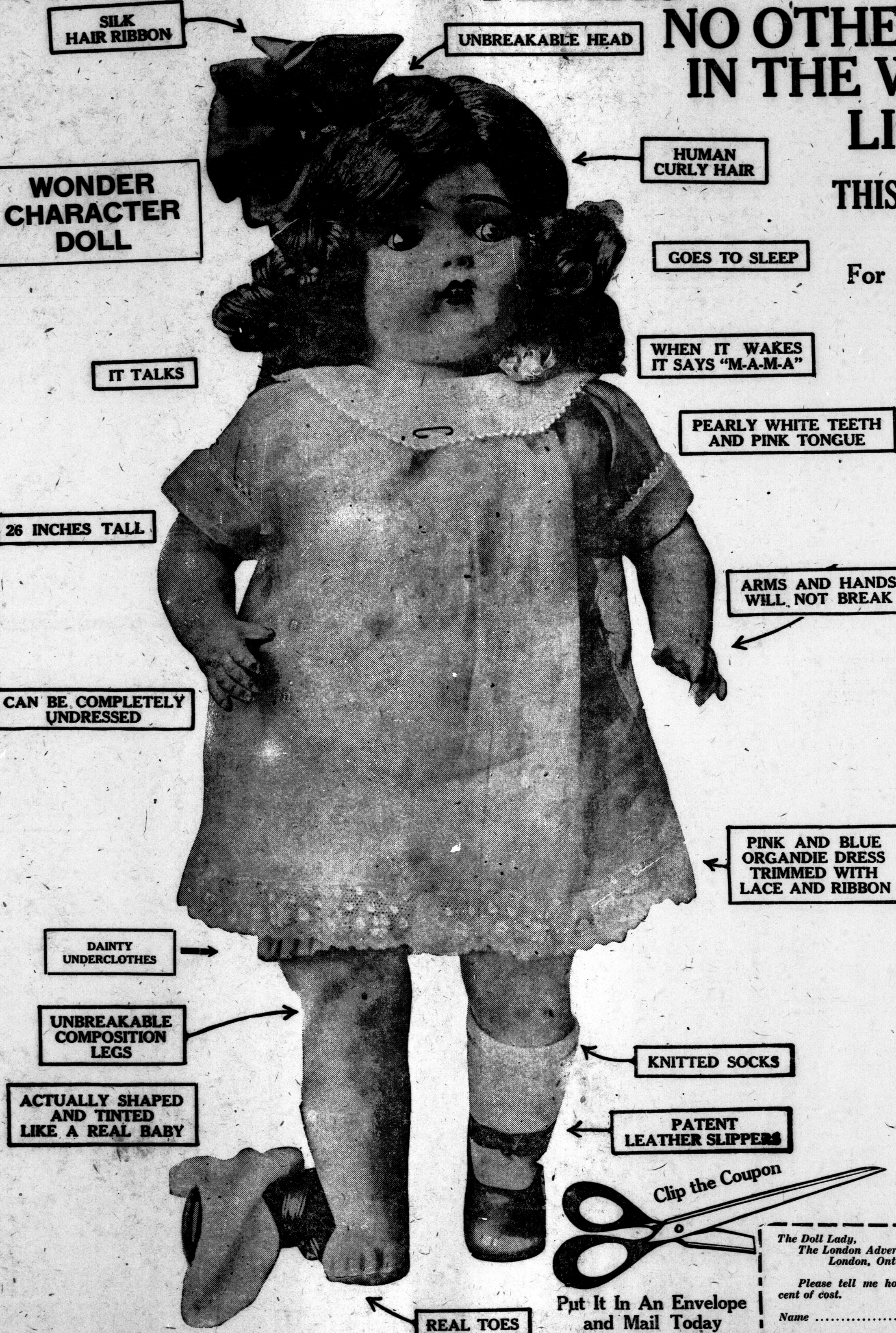
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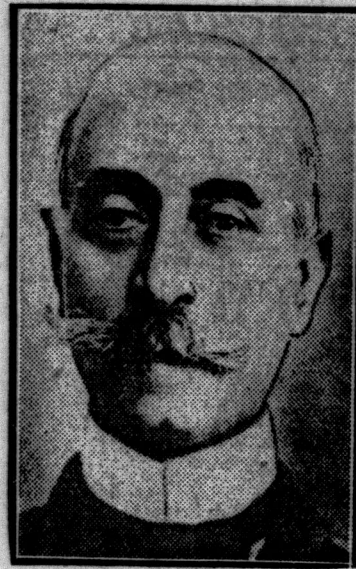




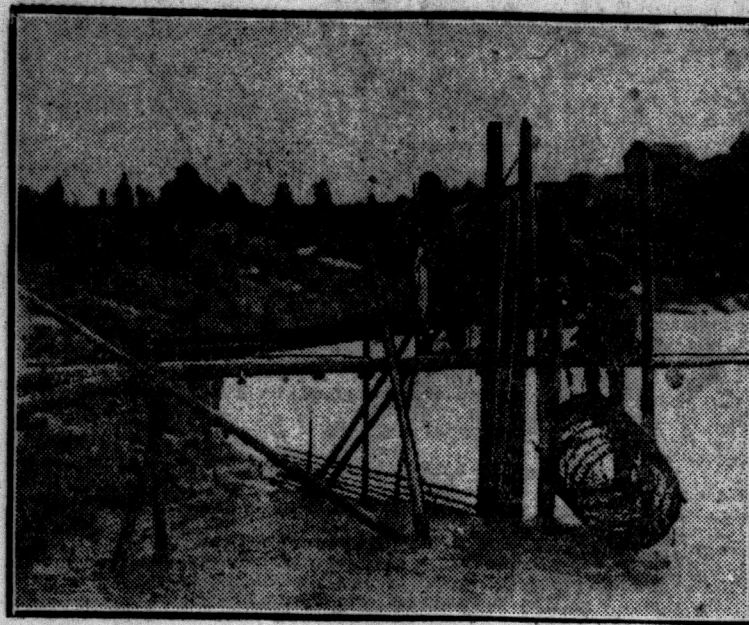
# Bewhiskered Royalty; Cupid Breaks Up Show; Milady Has Pipe!



Natives of Kieta, Solomon Islands, pick up easy money when the naval boys are given shore liberty. These petty officers are buying bows and arrows to exhibit to their bored relatives at home.



Admiral Koundouriotis is reported as being regent of Greece following the flight of King George and Queen Elizabeth. The Greek King was advised to quit his throne by the republican cabinet.



The Indians have a way of their own for catching salmon in British Columbia waters. Here is shown a trap being dropped for a haul, and a previous victim.



Here is the most beautiful "girl" in a Harvard fraternity. Marc Peter, Jr., son of the Swiss ambassador to the United States is "all dressed up" for a college playlet.



Here are two prize-winning Great Danes, almost as big as their young owner. They were exhibited at a dog show at Croydon, England, recently.



This young lady is proud of her record catch of fish that fell to her mighty rod during a fishing trip off Miami. The landing of two of the much-prized sailfish provided her with plenty of entertainment.



For years Andre Chaelot has scoured Great Britain for the most perfect types of British beauty to replace the gaps in his "London Revue," made each season by the many marriages. Photograph shows Miss Elvira Henderson, one of the prettiest of the fair invaders.



Old Country farmers are taking every opportunity to put labor-saving devices on the land. Here is shown a large tractor hauling a fertilizer spreader on a farm at Purley, Berks.



John Plovak is said to be the greatest diving helmet maker in the world. For forty years he has worked in a little shop on the banks of the Anclote river in Florida, supplying sponge fishermen with headgear.



A pipe or Oriental hookah, with a tobacco that is mild and delicately scented, is said to be becoming popular with milady! It has been introduced by a London tobacco blender.



Oxford University defeated Cambridge in the annual relay races at Oxford recently. Photograph shows the first change in the half-mile relay race.



Mrs. John F. Francisco, acclaimed the world's champion woman horseshoe pitcher, is seen training in Florida, where she is practising for the mid-winter meet to defend her title.



Gaze upon the king and queen of poultrydom. This bewhiskered couple were the sole representatives of their species at a poultry show in Omaha recently. White Houdans are said to be very rare.



Anton Lang, the Christus of the Oberammergau "Passion Play," is shown beside one of his works in tile stone, depicting a story from Bible history.



This striking creation by a Cambridge undergraduate is trimmed with five hundred pounds worth of sable. It is one of the most expensive dresses produced in England.



Here is a crude but practical implement used by the natives of the islands of New Guinea for hewing their canoes from trees.



An appeal for government help through more schools in leading the Indians of America "back to the rightful heritage of greatness and nobility" was presented to President Coolidge by Miss Pink Muskrat, an Indian girl student at Mount Holyoke College.



# Daily Work-Outs Is Table of Local Teams All Week

## Stratford Beats Twin City 4-2 and Will Meet Granites Here On Thursday Night

Indians and Twin City Sextet Introduce Boxing Exhibitions At Intervals.

### INDIANS COMBINE

Three Thousand Witness 4-2 Engagement in London's New Hockey Home.

Stratford Indians fulfilled their first senior engagement by defeating Kitchener Twin City team 4 to 2 to open the new London arena Saturday night. They were also a right to meet Granites, Olympic representatives, here Thursday.

The 3,000 odd fans who turned out to the housewarming, and a game billed as an exhibition, didn't have any trouble entering into the spirit of the occasion. They warmed up to the pace set by both teams, and this pace kept growing warmer and warmer and hotter as the embers of the old hockey rivalries between Kitchener and Stratford were blown into first a dull glow and burst out into flame here and there throughout the peppy struggle. Corker Legg's little fire song was busy and there was a steady procession of visiting incendiaries to the penalty box.

Stratford had condition and teamwork as an edge on the Twin City outfit, and by the third period had the count reading 3 to 0.

Ashley scored in 5:54 on a lone rush and with Brickman off. In the second period, Carson scored two going down the boards for the first in 8:50 minutes, beating Fries with a beautiful shot under the arm pits, and three minutes later taking a pass from Kelterborne for Stratford's third counter.

### Make Come-Back.

Kitchener staged a wonderful come-back both in position and team play in the third, Hemphill going in for a rebound off the wire netting above Dolson's head for the first Twin City count after three minutes.

Stratford got it back in five minutes when Schnarr, after Ashley shot high, knocked the rebound into his own goal.

Gross on a brilliant solo jaunt at 59 minutes, beat Dolson from behind Ashley's knee. Dolson and Gerald Schnarr were off a few seconds for a mix-up at the nets, and only some wonderful defence work on the part of Kelterborne and Ashley and over-anxiety of the Kitchener players saved further scoring, as the Green Shirts swarmed around, pettishly taking pot shots at an open net and having them to slide or currom off bodies and with but a maddening few seconds to go.

The Dolson-Schnarr mix-up was the wind-up on the hectic end of the game, but nearly in the third period, Brickman, the young center forward who has been handed Morenz's shoes to fill and doesn't make too bad a list of the assignment (although it would be neither fair to Morenz or to Brickman himself not to say that he could wear an extra pair of socks in them and still be in the game), dropped his stick and graded punches with Seibert, the husky Kitchener-Waterloo right wing.

### A House Divided.

Brickman took one count, but came back for more before he could get in to chase the both of them for the rest of the game. Strung all through the game were little exchanges of pleasantries like that, but not so obvious as these two flare-ups were. They soon had the fans divided into four camps—one for Stratford, one for Kitchener, one for the referee and one against him.

Stratford seniors in their debut into senior ranks were far from favorites, but in the first period they had a wide edge on Kitchener in team-play. Despite the absence of Morenz, the Stratford attack began to display all the tricks the team had in it last year, one of the closest working forward lines playing hockey. Carson and Kelterborne got away often, and when Long Dolson went down, either one of these two worked in nicely with him.

Ashley and Berger teamed nicely on the defence, when the hesitant passing of the Kitchener forwards got by the first defence. Kitchener made individual sorties, but few of them were dangerous, although an exhibition of nursing the puck in around his feet a la Dad Gross that caught the eye of the fans, and the Schnarr brothers were breaking up lots of the Indian combinations with their back-checking.

Both teams showed lack of confidence on their feet and in their stick-handling.

Kitchener kicked strenuously when the goal judge ruled Ashley's long shot had rebounded in off a skate. As the period progressed, Kitchener began to show a little more teamwork, and Dolson, who displayed nervousness all through the game but rose to the miraculous on numerous occasions, had a couple of mean ones whizz across his bows. Kelterborne, with a bad eye received in a practice week ago in Hamilton, outskated any man on the ice, several times shooting, circling behind the net to the puck and getting another shot.

The second period found both teams doing their stuff in a determined way. "Dad," with his tantalizing poke check, which makes every bit of use of his height and balance, wasn't able to stop the Kitchener sharpshooters from keeping Dolson on the jump and stopping some warm ones. After Carson had scored on his silver trip down the boards the Stratford

## Swims Stream 30 Miles Wide

Associated Press Despatch. Buenos Aires, Dec. 23.—A twenty-year-old Anglo-Argentine girl swimmer, Lillian Harrison, has completed a swim across the River Plate, being the first person to accomplish the feat. She started Friday from Colonia, on the Uruguayan side, and reached Punta Lara, near La Plata, a distance of about 30 miles, Saturday morning. She swam for 24 hours, 19 minutes.

attack got going in their last season's form.

Berger and Battersby, the latter a sub who shows a nice turn of stick-handling, went down first. Berger making the pass and going right in with the delayed shot, but Fries beat the Indian strategy with a nice clearance.

### Keep Dolson Busy.

Gross and Seibert both gave Dolson a chance to do a drive after two goal ones, and the Schnarrs were all this time, cruising around hooking checks out of the Stratford passes or roaming dangerously.

Once Carson, with Ashley trailing, and in a good position to skirt the bunched Kitchener defence, passed blindly back to center ice a loose puck that would have meant almost a certain goal.

Kelterborne and Brickman were both off, but Kitchener couldn't seem to settle down to take advantage of it, except that to end the period Seibert unleashed a wicked whizz at Dolson, who deflected it with his knee. "Dad" Ashley got away with two of his slow-appearing but handsome solo efforts to start the third and stir up a Kitchener comeback. He stirred up "Tiger" Morenz's nest at right, as the whole Kitchener team cut loose.

Not only did Gross and Hemphill land up every Stratford attack, but the forwards began to combine. The two Schnarr brothers were all over the ice in the general melee, which gave little chance for Stratford to get started away. When Seibert went into his slow-appearing but handsome solo efforts to start the third and stir up a Kitchener comeback. He stirred up "Tiger" Morenz's nest at right, as the whole Kitchener team cut loose.

After Schnarr's hard luck gave the Indians their fourth goal, there were only four men aside, so strenuous was the going, and so earnest the effort. Ashley and Kelterborne combined, and missed almost an open goal, and W. Schnarr's shot and corked a pace that had Kelterborne even standing flatfooted.

Ashley went down on one of his hairy rushes and beat the defence, but Fries turned the shot aside. Cross, the former Simcoe and Ingersoll intermediate defence man, got a few minutes on the ice to relieve Burger, but his first trip on skates, didn't get much chance to show.

Gross was rewarded after a night of defence work and some clean-cut rushing with a goal on a solo effort. Berger returned when Dolson made his wicked cut at Schnarr, and seemed to deplore the fact that the Kitchener attack was so double-edged. The crowd was on its feet as the Green Shirts buzzed around the Stratford net.

Goal Wide Open. Kelterborne took the first shot on the goal, but using a sacrifice punt slice on the disc to his left, he missed. Ashley who started to play goal was drawn into the corner when the puck came in, and on the nets stood out alone, like a lighthouse, but from Green sharpshooters couldn't put the light out.

Legg handled the game well. Had he let the teams get away far, it might have been shambles instead of the lively battle it was. The line-ups: Kitchener—Goal, Fries; defence, Hemphill and Gross; centre, W. Schnarr; left wing, Seibert; right wing, G. Schnarr; subs, Kentner and M. Hearn. Stratford—Goal, Dolson; defence, Ashley and Berger; centre, Brickman; left wing, Kelterborne; right wing, Carson; subs, Ruston, Seebach, Griffin, and Battersby.

The following players were sent to the box for various penalties: Seibert, Brickman, Carson, Hemphill, Berger, G. Schnarr, Gross, Dolson, Kelterborne and W. Schnarr.

### TARIFF COMMITTEE DISCONTINUES STUDY

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 22.—The committee appointed by Prime Minister Baldwin to prepare a tariff plan for Great Britain has discontinued its operations in view of the results of the recent election without completing its work, says the Daily Telegraph. The committee under the presidency of Viscount Milner has embodied the results of its investigations in a memorandum to the premier with whom rests the decision as to whether it shall be published. Had the election resulted in favor of the government the committee hoped to finish its work before the meeting of the new parliament.

### YOUNG STRIBLING HAS EASY TIME WITH KROHN

Associated Press Despatch. Miami, Fla., Dec. 22.—Young Stribling of Miami, Fla., outpointed Harry Krohn of Akron, Ohio, winning every round of a 12-round bout here last night. Krohn could do nothing with Stribling, and did not land two real blows. In the fifth Stribling knocked Krohn to the floor with a right overhand blow, although he rarely used his right during the fight, relying on his left throughout the bout.

## Poke and Cross Checks

The Indians showed Saturday night that indoor training will do the work if it's taken seriously enough. "Dad" Ashley the ex-Warrior Red Man wasn't subbed through the game.

The outstanding feature of Ashley's work is the headwork he used and his easy graceful way of doing everything. Every move is a picture with the big blonde boy.

Local critics figure that Stratford is stronger than last year with Morenz on. Ashley more than makes up for the absence of the Swiss flash.

The "razz brigade" was hot on the referee's trail. Legg probably could have let some puck-kicking go but otherwise he caught just what he should have and he kept the two teams from nursing themselves up, which they seemed intent upon doing.

W. L. Murray, who gave a brief skating exhibition as one of the opening features, commended Legg's work very highly. "If the referee check the tendency toward rough play in hockey," he declared the 62-year old athlete.

The Indians will hardly beat the Granites in their present stage but they'll give the Olympics a battle here Thursday night and make them show their best to win.

Stratford will have gained added morale from the fact that the hastily collected Hamilton seniors were able to turn the trick. The Olympics may be going a trifle stale.

Manager Dale says that no less than six out-of-town hockey clubs were represented at Saturday night's game.

This Brickman lad who is filling the hole left in the middle of the defence, Carlos Morenz-Kelterborne attack is light but several times he kept the puck glued to his stick through a regular mob of Green Shirts. Morenz's nest at right, as the whole Kitchener team cut loose.

Gross and Hemphill gave a fair sized imitation of the Siamese Twins style of defence. They were a hard pair to shoot past.

"Dad" Ashley has one of the nicest fake shots in amateur hockey. He almost had one away in the third period but just as he had weaved into position for the shot, the disc got away from him.

If Stratford earns a close game against the Olympics, they'll have a scare thrown into their group before the season opens.

A good many Hamilton fans after seeing Howie Morenz perform brilliantly against Hamilton, expressed surprise that the Canadians were able to take him from under the noses of the committee club owners. But, while it is not generally known Percy Thompson made an attempt to land the Stratford boy last season.

The Hamilton business manager, in his frantic hunt for new material, sent a letter to Morenz, asking if he would entertain an offer to join the professional ranks. He didn't even receive a reply. The next he heard was that Leo Dandurand had managed to talk business to him and that he had signed to play with the Frenchmen.

Morenz would go big on any club. He has "everything." Percy Thompson, who "burned up" when he saw his fine work against the Hams, says the least he could have done was answer his letter. It's a matter that Percy is eager to forget.

BRANDON WINS. Brandon, Man., Dec. 22.—The Manitoba amateur hockey owners opened here last night, when Brandon defeated the Winnipeg Tigers 1 to 0 in a Manitoba Hockey League Western Division game.

### OUR BOARDING HOUSE

HAW - BY JOVE WARNER MY GOOD FELLOW - COME, LET US MAKE MERRY THIS JOVIAL EVENING! MY WORD, WE WILL SEAT OURSELVES AT THE PIANO AND RENT THE AIR WITH JOLLY YULETIDE CAROLS! WHAT SAY YOU?

HAR - HAR - HOLD ON A MINUTE, HOODLE, OL' BOY! FIRST I'LL RECITE 'TH' SHOOTING OF DAN MCGREW, THEN I'LL DO A KLONDIKE CLOG! - HAR-HAR!

THE MAJOR AND WARNER JUST DID THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

## Half Hundred Players Turn Out For Work-Outs at Arena

Tomorrow Morning Workout Is Scheduled To Start at Ten—Hindmarsh Is Injured in Collision.

NO ICE, INGERSOLL, MEANS JUNIOR START POSTPONED

Every day this week, except on the holiday, the three L. A. A. hockey squads will work out at the new arena from 5:30 on. Tomorrow morning, a workout will be staged at 10 o'clock, and then the ice will be got ready for the first afternoon of pleasure skating.

Saturday, the three squads held workouts, and today the act was repeated again. Saturday the girls, under Coach Legg, had their first trip on the new ice sheet, and getting into their skating stride, and a little time for moving the puck around the ice or getting used to wielding sticks.

The intermediate and junior squads were out at full strength. Not a bit of the talent is being overlooked, and the response to the general invitation of the hockey committee has been better than what was hoped for. A good many of the players are not trying to strike the teams, but are taking the opportunity of trying out artificial ice for the first time. It's an indication of the hockey enthusiasm that is sweeping the city with the advent of the new arena.

Coach Ferguson Saturday had a busy period with his charges. The candidates buckled into their work with a will, and none of them seemed to be trying to strike the teams, but a player, who performed on the defense for London last season, was unfortunately injured Saturday. He had his nose broken in a collision with Summers, the hefty Fort William boy. Pierce, the Wainwright, Alta., player, was out again and looked better than ever Saturday.

The intermediates are scheduled to play in Sarnia Saturday night, but it's possible that this game will have to be called off unless the present brand of weather holds steadily. The game might be played here. The committee will discuss the latter alternative Wednesday.

## On the Side Lines

With C. S. G.

### CONSOLATION.

While Londoners may be deploring the fact that there is not senior material here, there is the consolation left that United States will not steal any players.

### COMMEND O. H. A. STAND.

The whole province will be behind the O. H. A. in its showdown with the U. S. H. A. A conference such as the O. H. A. headquarters suggests would do much to straighten the matter out, but the attitude of the U. S. officials indicates that they'll not sit in on any pourparlers. If U. S. and Canadian hockey interests are ever going to get together and mutually protect each other, now is the time. Hockey is spreading at such a rate in the States that the questions involved are only becoming more aggravated each season.

### EVEN INTENTIONS.

Many fans thought Jimmie Herbert was going to be barred because he merely went to Eveleth, but it turns out that the Hamilton Tiger men played two games. The Hamilton Spectator points out that it will be learned shortly that playing isn't any more ethical than fighting under two flags.

### WILLIAMS REMAINS AMATEUR.

Blatantishments of a curious amateur and professional baseball clubs, including the Toronto Leafs, have been wasted on John Henry Williams, the Indian southpaw twirler of the Belleville team. Williams has been reported as having signed with Toronto, but the finger could not be located to verify the rumor. Now he turns up in Belleville, with the assurance that he will pitch for the Grand Trunks of that city. The Indian dropped out of sight two months ago, having gone to Verona, the home of his people, for the duck hunting season. Scarier fever broke out in the household, and he has been under quarantine ever since his disappearance.

### LIGHTNING CHANGES.

For a long time they told us that Willie Hoppe was unbeatable. He was king of all billiardists. Then along came young Jake Schaefer. Hoppe's crown slipped. We were asked to acclaim a new king. We were assured that Hoppe's dynasty was shattered. We were told he never would come back. But Hoppe's return was just what we needed. He is king of them all again, while young Jake Schaefer isn't even his first challenger. Last spring a young outfielder by the name of Mathews broke in with the Athletics. Philadelphia fans called him "Sparkplug" and went crazy over him. They said that he would obliterate the memory of the players who once had made the Mackmen invincible. He is back in the minors now, while teams are still making fortunes in connection with Eddie Collins.

## BOWLING

J. A. Nash League.

Diamonds	Won.	12
Pearls	Lost.	2
Watches	Won.	10
Loving Cups	Lost.	10

Major Fivepin League.

Hasbeens	Won.	10
Orients	Lost.	8
Moose	Won.	13
Nationals	Lost.	10

H. J. Jones League.

Hoodoes	Won.	14
Black and White	Lost.	11
Kelley	Won.	11
Dark Horses	Lost.	6

Rolling Mills League.

Spark Plugs	Won.	19
Shellbacks	Lost.	19
Shamrocks	Won.	16
Studebakers	Lost.	23
Lincolns	Won.	11

Alert Club League.

Rickenbackers	Won.	10
Essex	Lost.	10
Fudhopes	Won.	8
Auburns	Lost.	8
Studebakers	Won.	7
Lincolns	Lost.	4

Canadian National Railway League.

Car Department, A	Won.	29
Car Department, B	Lost.	26
Roundhouse	Won.	22
Express	Lost.	21
Stores	Won.	20
Station	Lost.	19
W. Office	Won.	19
Superintendent, B	Lost.	19
Switchmen	Won.	15
Reclamation	Lost.	15
Optical Telegraph	Won.	14
Freight Office, A	Lost.	13
Freight Office, B	Won.	13
M. of W. Department	Lost.	13
Yard Office, A	Won.	13
Freight Office, C	Lost.	11
Freight Office, D	Won.	11
Car Men	Lost.	10

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Freight Office, Q	Lost.	7
Freight Office, R	Won.	5
Freight Office, S	Lost.	5
Freight Office, T	Won.	1
Freight Office, U	Lost.	1

Freight Office, P.



# Three Goals In 40 Seconds Beats Hams On Irish Ice

## TIGERS OUTPLAY ST. PAT'S SEXTET, BUT LOSE 5 TO 2

Hamilton Morale Goes Blooie in Final Period When Forbes Weakens.

"SHORTY" GREEN IS GOOD

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDING.

	P.	W.	L.	P.	Pts.
Ottawa	...	2	0	3	4
St. Patricks	...	3	2	1	8
Canadiens	...	2	1	4	3
Hamilton	...	3	0	3	6

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Toronto, Dec. 23.—After outplaying St. Patricks for three-quarters of the journey, Hamilton, due to weak goal-keeping, collapsed and lost the game by 5 to 2. Three of the goals were scored in 40 seconds on consecutive shots, two of them being from outside the defence. Vernon Forbes, who has not struck his stride, was more responsible than any other for the third defeat in succession received by the speed merchants, but there were many who could not understand why the management did not make better use of the subs.

Percy Thompson has gathered together a light and fast aggregation of players, and, used in relays, they probably would have skated the locals into exhaustion. In the first two periods they had a fairly decisive margin, two of their favor but Jack Roach barred the way with more startling saves.

Roach Good.  
It was decided to use Roach just a few minutes before the game commenced, and the decision was a wise one, for Roach kept the Irish in the running.

Another capacity crowd saw the game, and there were many of them "got in behind" the visitors, because they showed that they are one of the fastest teams in the city.

Long time. They took their bumps with all the good grace possible, and made few attempts to retaliate. St. Patricks evaded the strenuous game, and he delivered some joining Hamilton. "Red" was also prominent, his fast skating breaking up many rushes.

Spring Penalized.  
But spring furnished the surprise of the night. He stepped into every one who came his way, and spilled "Red" Stuart and others with such force that he was penalized twice.

His rushing and blocking were so good that Leo Reis was not used all evening. Spring was in the penalty-box when St. Patricks scored their last three goals. A too vigorous body-check at Stuart's expense was responsible.

The line-ups:  
St. Patricks—Goal, Roach; defence, Corbeau and Stuart; center, Noble; left wing, Arbour; right wing, Adams; subs, Scott, Loughlin, Jackson, Carr, Andrews and Lockhart.  
Hamilton—Goal, Forbes; defence, Randall and Spring; center, Burch; left wing, Roach; right wing, Procter; subs, Roach, Green, W. Green, Reis, Donnelly and Fraser.

GREY LAG TO TRY FOR ASCOT TROPHY

Harry F. Sinclair Nominates Stablemate of Zev To Compete.

Associated Press Despatch.  
New York, Dec. 23.—Two U. S. horses, Zev and Grey Lag, have been nominated by their owner, Harry F. Sinclair, to run in the Ascot Gold Cup race next season, but it is probable that Grey Lag will be the only one to compete.

Walter S. Vosburgh, official handicapper of the Jockey Club, announced today the entries were made by Mr. Sinclair. Since they were posted, however, Mr. Sinclair has agreed to enter Zev against the best horse in the country later in the summer than the Ascot.

After Zev beat Papyrus Mr. Sinclair expressed a desire that the two horses meet again, and, accordingly, entered his champion for the English Ascot.

Grey Lag, now a five-year-old, has been considered one of the best horses developed in the United States.

## HOCKEY SCORES

MANITOBA LEAGUE.  
Brandon 1, Winnipeg 0.  
U. S. EXHIBITION.  
Cleveland 3, Yale 2.  
Pittsburg 12, Aura Lee 0.  
U. S. AMATEUR LEAGUE.  
Boston H.C. 3, Boston A.A. 1.  
NATIONAL LEAGUE.  
St. Patricks 5, Hamilton 2.  
Ottawa-Canadiens, postponed.  
CANADIAN EXHIBITION.  
Hamilton Seniors 3, Granites 2.

## HAMILTON SENIORS BEAT GRANITES 3-2

Mountaineers Make Stellar Showing Despite Absence of Herb Mitchell.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Hamilton, Dec. 23.—Hamilton seniors defeated Granites Saturday night after a brilliant exhibition, 3 to 2. It was the first defeat for the Allan Cup holders, and the Toronto boys can thank Ernie Collett, who had charge of the net, that an even higher tally was not charged against them. Jack Cameron, the regular net-minder, was not in action.

Tigers looked much the better on the night's play, despite the fact that their team was weakened by the absence of Herb Mitchell. He appeared at the rink, but was hustled home to bed when it was discovered that he had a temperature of 103. Stanley Reid, the Bensenville boy, was called into action, and, despite the fact that he lacked practice, he accepted the burden of the work.

## M'PHEE KEEPING FIT FOR CHANGE IN SPRING

Big St. Thomas Pitcher Keeping Weight Down by Daily Training.

Special to The Advertiser.  
St. Thomas, Dec. 23.—Danny McPhee, the victor in more than one baseball encounter, has arrived home in West Lorne, where he will spend several weeks hunting and tramping through the woods prior to going south to train with the Brooklyn Nationals. He expects to reduce his weight about 20 pounds before migrating. "Sobor" Danny has quite an enviable record as a result of his amateur efforts, a summary of which is given below.

In 17 games pitched he won 15, two of which were no hits and no runs, while five were shutouts. Besides this he pitched parts of eight other games, allowing but 22 hits and striking out 20.

He was at bat 66 times in the season and made 20 hits for an average of .3313. Thirteen of his hits were singles, three doubles, three for three bases and one home run.

In the 17 full games he pitched he allowed 95 hits an average of 5.6 hits per game.

In 17 games he struck out 164 batters, and an average of 9.64 a game, and gave an average of 1.8 bases on balls. Only seven errors were credited to him in 17 games. Three batters were hit by him in the season and two wild pitches made.

TWO CANADIAN ICE STARS WILL NOT PLAY IN U. S.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Minneapolis, Dec. 23.—Dave Beaugardis and J. McLaughlin, former Canadian hockey stars, who had planned to join the new Minneapolis team of the U. S. A. H. A., will be unable to perform for the Millers this season, according to word received today by Fred Roques, local coach. Beaugardis wired that he had decided to play with the Hummerston, Ont., amateur team, and McLaughlin said business would not permit him to engage in the sport.

FOUR-TEAM INDEPENDENT LEAGUE STARTED IN EAST

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Amherst, N. S., Dec. 23.—A four-team independent hockey league was formally made effective yesterday afternoon when representatives from Amherst, Halifax, Moncton and Stellarton met here. A 36-game schedule was drawn up, with the league opening in Moncton Dec. 31, with Amherst and Moncton as the contenders. The schedule concludes Feb. 23.

WIFE ADMITS SLAYING. IS ACQUITTED BY JURY

Waterloo, N.Y., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Nettie Case Taylor was acquitted of the murder of her husband, Frank Taylor, by a jury at midnight. The verdict came a few hours after Mrs. Taylor took the witness stand and confessed that she crushed her husband's skull with an axe on July 14 last on a plea of defence.

Immediately after the jury returned, her attorney, Clifford L. Bear, moved that the defendant be discharged. This was granted by the court.

Mrs. Taylor displayed little or no emotion when the verdict was announced.

## Hans Wagner's Own Story

One of the Greatest of Baseball Players Gives Fascinating Account of His Long Experience From the Inside Angle.

By HANS WAGNER.

ON UMPIRES.

Umpiring is a feature in baseball that has never been given as much attention as it deserved. To answer all questions on umpires in one lump I can truthfully say that I never yet have seen an umpire who did not try to be right and give the plays as he saw them.

Oh, I've seen some pretty rough ones, make no mistake about that. But all these boys were trying to be right and give the plays as he saw them.

Well, this one started badly and, I might add, finished quickly. The players started riding him from the bench. He showed authority by ordering two or three of them off.

I was getting a little prominent in baseball then and this bird figured it out that he would fix himself solid by going after one of the stars, so he said later.

"That's going to cost Wagner \$25," he yelled over to the Pittsburgh bench. He never did understand why he got such a laugh. He hadn't been in the league long enough to know the players by sight. But sure enough he reported to the league president by telegram that night that he had fined Wagner twenty-five dollars. I got back from the fishing trip and was so notified by the office. To my mind that is the longest range punishment I ever have had. The poor fellow lasted just a week.

And He Asked Wilson.  
Personally I always have thought the umpires gave me a square deal. Players all want the close ones their way—no exceptions. At heart, though, they know that umpires do not purposely rub it into them.

I remember one time the Pittsburgh club was playing Chicago. A long fly hit towards outfielder Wilson. It struck close to the foul line and the umpire called it fair. There was a terrible row about that. We naturally said it was a foul.

We surged around the umpire, trying to make him change his decision, but there was nothing doing. "Ask Wilson," we begged. "Just ask him. He'll tell you. Leave it to him."

"Well, I be doggoned if I don't do it," the umpire surprised us by agreeing.

"Hey, Wilson," we yelled as the outfielder came in. "The umps says he'll leave it to you—to you—that ball foul or fair?"

"It was fair," declared Wilson. "Fair by a foot."

If you ever saw a gang slink back to the bench it was us. It never occurred to us that Wilson might agree with the umpire. We thought he'd be fighting, too.

Never again did we ever ask for a player to give his honest opinion. We didn't want justice, you see. We wanted that ball called foul.

Everybody is against the umpire. Fans and players ride him when he makes a decision against us. If he makes a close one in our favor we figure it was coming to us because he made a bad one against us last year.

I have noticed that some umpires seem to give decisions in favor of the home club. Then I have seen others who appeared to always give the close ones to the visitors. But taking it all in all my experience has shown that the decisions about break even in the long run. An umpire can't please everybody, so if he figures it out and pleases himself he has done the right thing.

What the Umpire Has To Do.  
A good umpire must be fearless, confident and have good judgment. He must follow the ball closely and place himself at the best angle to see the play. The most important quality, though, is to be a good judge of human nature. He must not see or hear a lot of little things that go on around him. After a little experience he knows the difference between natural kicks due to impulse and those that are deliberately intended to show him up. No umpire will ever stand for being shown up. That's why they will throw you out of a game for tossing up your glove and will not bother you for calling them names.

A good umpire forgets that a crowd is present. The whole affair is between him and the players. The minute anybody tries to get the crowd in—well, that fellow is in bad with the umpire. He should be.

An umpire has a lot of work to do. He must keep the game moving rapidly so as to please the crowd. He is what you might call a stage manager. It is up to him to stage the show badly or enjoyable. In addition, an umpire must know the rules from A to Z, and must be so familiar with their application that he can make a decision on the instant and be right. A big majority of players do not know the real fine points of the rules. A whole lot of them have never read the rule book in their lives.

It has just struck me that it might be a good idea to select an All-American team of umpires, just as we do ball players. Later on I'm going to name the best ones during my time and explain why.

But to answer an inquiry—the worst decision I ever saw was made by Umpire Byron and he made it on me.

Pittsburg and New York were playing at Pittsburg. I was stealing third, and the catcher threw the ball into my feet, making it impossible for Devil—I think it was Devil—to pick it up. We both got in a tangle as I slid through a cloud of dust. The ball was bound under my arm where nobody could find it. With the ball still caught under my arm I started for the plate while the New York infield was looking for it. No one seemed to know what had become of it. About ten feet

tion was called to the ball lying in the base path. Up to that time his back had been turned.

"That proves it," he said to Byron. "See! Wagner just rolled it out." Byron knew that something unusual had happened. He scratched his head, not knowing what to do.

"You're out!" he finally called out to me, "for carrying the ball to the bench in your hand!"

Well, you can imagine the new row that started! We milled all over the place. But Byron stuck to his decision.

The game went into extra innings and we lost.

Pittsburg protested the game but the president of the league decided against us on Byron's written statement that I had carried the ball to the bench in my hand and rolled it out again.

I never did get over that decision, it was so unfair. The umpire, you see, never did ask me where the ball had come from. He simply took McGraw's word for it because he didn't know what else to do. McGraw started the argument as a bluff and went through with it. He allowed this time McGraw's atten-

## BAN ON PADDOCK STILL MAINTAINED BY COMMITTEE

Must Clear Self of Charges Before Entering Olympic Trials.

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Associated Press Despatch.  
New York, Dec. 23.—Charles Paddock, crack sprinter, will not be allowed to compete for a position on the 1924 olympic team from the United States until he has cleared himself of charges with the Amateur Athletic Union, it has been announced by the American olympic committee.

The issues involved in the controversy that has raged about Paddock for several months include charges he is alleged to have made against the A. A. U. and athletes of that organization in regard to their amateur standing; allegations that Paddock had sacrificed his amateur standing in going on a lecture tour; charges that he failed to reimburse the olympic committee for funds loaned him, and his alleged failure to comply with a request that he account for expenses furnished him in coming to New York from Los Angeles for an athletic meet.

The decision means that Paddock also must explain to the A. A. U. committee his participation without A. A. U. sanction in the University of Paris club meet, and in exhibitions in Czechoslovakia.

## GAME IS POSTPONED OWING TO MILDNESS

Thirteen Players Will Try Out For St. Thomas Intermediates.

St. Thomas, Dec. 23.—St. Thomas Intermediate O. H. A. players were scheduled to play Woodstock here on Friday night, but owing to the condition of the weather the game was postponed.

Thirteen candidates have signified their intentions of joining the local O. H. A. team in this city, and their certificates have been sent to Toronto for approval. The players are Albert Desjardines, Jack Campbell, Wilfred Croteau, Batzold Donahue, Reed Hamilton, Bill Billingsbury, Leonard Binns, Harold Spry, Johnson, Douglas, Macklem, Austen and Phillips.

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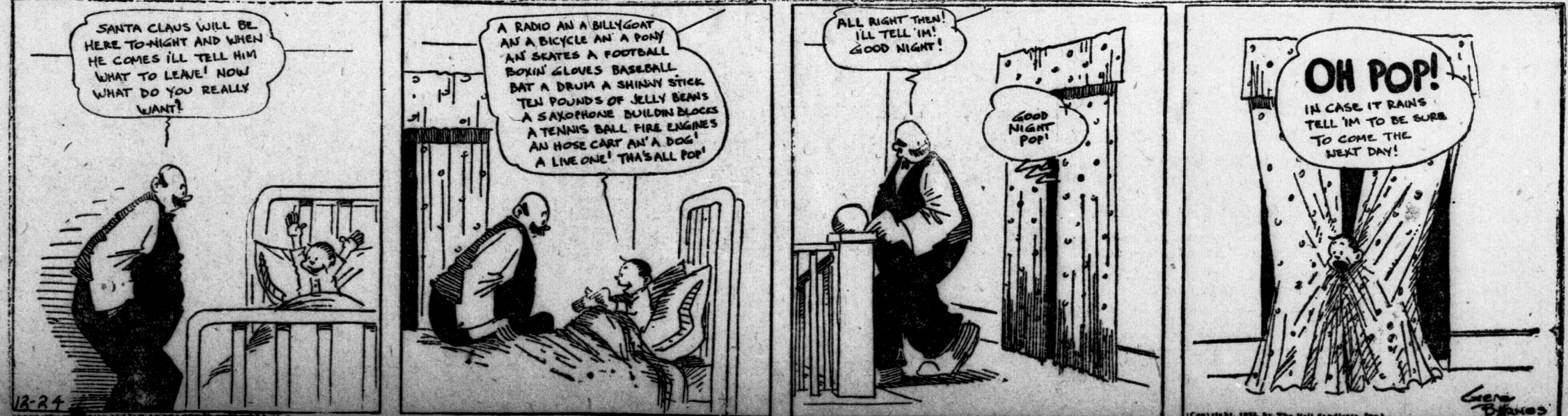
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BY GENE BYRNES



## FIANCE ORDER OF CANON SKEY CARRIED THROUGH

Shows Minister of Other De-  
nomination To Speak in  
His Pulpit.

## OPENLY DEFIES ORDER

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Toronto, Dec. 23.—Although the  
shop of Toronto had ruled that  
Canon Lawrence Skey, rector of  
St. Anne's Anglican Church, was pro-  
viding contrary to the canon law of  
the church in arranging for ministers  
of other Protestant denominations to  
occupy his pulpit, Rev. Dr. Tevor H.  
Skey, pastor of Timothy Eaton  
Memorial Church, preached in St.  
Anne's Church this evening as he  
had announced.

There was a capacity congregation,  
attendance being augmented both  
by the fact of Dr. Skey being the  
speaker and because the service  
might be one of a series marking  
the reopening of the church edifice  
after extensive interior redecoration.  
Canon Skey himself preached at the  
evening service, but no reference was  
made at all at the Sunday services  
either of the clergyman to the  
opening of the church.

Interviewed this evening, Rev.  
Canon Skey said he intended to ad-  
here to the course he had announced  
in having ministers from churches of  
other denominations preach from the  
pulpit of his church on the two com-  
munion Sundays. Next Sunday, he said,  
Dr. John MacNeill, pastor of  
St. Mark's Road Baptist Church, To-  
ronto, would preach at the morning  
service, and on the following Sun-  
day, the pulpit would be occupied in  
the evening by Dr. George C. Pidgeon,  
pastor of Bloomingdale Presbyterian  
Church, Toronto. Asked if his in-  
viting ministers of other Protestant  
denominations to occupy his pulpit  
violated that he was inclined in favor  
of church union. Canon Skey was  
emphatic in declaring: "Yes, it  
certainly does."

Canon Skey stated that he had  
invited the Bishop of Toronto that  
he was inviting clergymen other than  
Anglicans to occupy the pulpit of St.  
Anne's Church, and he had received  
reply from the bishop which prac-  
tically amounted to Bishop Sweeney  
forbidding him to proceed. The as-  
sertion was made tonight, however,  
by Canon Skey in his interview, that  
he felt the course he was taking was  
perfectly right and on that account  
he intended to go right ahead.

Rev. J. F. Sweeney, Bishop of  
Toronto, when inquiries were made  
Sunday evening at the See house,  
said he had nothing whatever to say  
to the matter, and it was intimated  
that he had a strong desire not to  
become involved in the public controversy on the  
subject.

## CRACKS OF AUTO LEAD TO ARREST

Police At Brantford Capture  
Two Charged With Sim-  
coe Theft.

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Brantford, Dec. 23.—Two arrests  
were made in Brantford for Simcoe  
authorities today in connection with  
the robbery of Kindy's fur store at  
Simcoe on Friday last, when goods to  
the value of \$7,000 were taken.  
The trail was left by a car with  
diamond-treaded tires on an  
automobile, which was followed to  
Brantford. Here it was found that  
the car had been stolen and had been  
turned almost to the point from  
which it had been stolen.  
An effort is being made to locate a  
third man believed to have been  
implicated, pending which identity  
of the two arrested has not been dis-  
closed.

## DEFERS CONFERENCE ON AIR ARMAMENTS

British Secretary Advises  
Against Parley to Discuss  
Limitations.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Washington, Dec. 23.—The general  
session of an international confer-  
ence for limitation of air armaments  
was discussed today at a confer-  
ence between President Coolidge and  
the Duke of Sutherland, under secre-  
tary for air in the British cabinet,  
who is spending several weeks in the  
United States. The British secretary  
after his conference seemed to hold  
the view repeatedly expressed by re-  
sponsible United States officials that  
the present time was not propitious  
for calling such a conference.

The position of the British govern-  
ment is well known, we favor  
an air conference, the duke said.  
In view of the general conditions  
existing in Europe, however, I do  
not believe that France would agree  
to any reduction in aircraft and  
consequently a conference would be  
fruitless.  
The British secretary, whose call  
was arranged by the British embassy  
in Paris, said he discussed the gen-  
eral subject of aviation develop-  
ments with the president, detailing  
one of the plans of the British  
government, including the proposal  
for a dirigible service between the  
British Isles and India. He described  
United States Shenandoah, which  
was inspected at her Lakehurst hang-  
ar a few days ago, "a wonderful  
thing with a promise of great possi-  
bilities."

## COX CHALLENGES PREFERENCE PLAN OF CONFERENCE

Well-Known British Writer  
Says Parley Powerless To  
Impose Tax.

## QUOTES MAGNA CHARTA

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Dec. 23.—Harold Cox, the  
well-known journalist and writer on  
economic subjects, writing in the  
London Sunday Times, challenges the  
Smuts-Massey assumption that the  
conference ought to be granted re-  
gardless of the result of the recent  
election. Mr. Cox says the implica-  
tion is that the conference was em-  
powered to tax the people of Great  
Britain, a power which was denied  
by and since Magna Charta.

Mr. Cox notes that no such "false  
conception of the power of the con-  
ference" was entertained by Premier  
Mackenzie King of Canada, who  
"soundly declared that the conference  
was neither a cabinet nor a council,  
and its members had no mandate."  
Mr. Cox points out that if the Bal-  
dwin government had remained in  
power, the Commons might still have  
rejected the proposed preferences.  
He assumes that Premier Smuts and  
Massey are thinking less of imperial  
consideration than political influences  
in their own countries.

Mr. Cox proceeds to discuss the  
Dominions' existing preference re-  
lations with Great Britain, which, he  
argues, are one-sidedly in favor of  
the former. He discusses also the  
question of imperial defence in re-  
gard to which he says the view of the  
Dominions appears to be that it is  
the duty of the people of Great Brit-  
ain for all time to bear the whole cost  
of imperial defence, and concludes  
that it is not on such lines that the  
empire can be held together.

## GIRL, THE ONLY CHILD, DIES IN AUTO MISHAP

Little Gladys Jackson of Win-  
sor Killed As Car  
Overturns.

Special to The Advertiser.  
Windsor, Dec. 23.—In the window  
of the house of Charles Jackson,  
Windsor fireman, 1639 Dougall  
avenue, is a Christmas tree, placed  
there Saturday noon. Today there  
is a wreath on the door, for the 4-  
year-old daughter for whom the tree  
was being decked with Yuletide  
trimmings, is dead, a victim of an  
automobile accident about midnight  
Saturday.  
With Gladys, his only child, Jack-  
son was returning home from a shop-  
ping tour. At the wheel of the car  
was Jack Thornton, a fellow fire-  
fighter. In the rear seat sat Mrs.  
Jackson, clasping a big blue-eyed  
doll, that was to hang near the top  
of the tree.  
At the intersection of Erie and  
Pelissier streets, a big sedan roared  
across the path of Thornton's car. To  
avoid being run down by the speed-  
ing car, Thornton had to swerve, in  
doing so the fireman's automobile  
struck a car that had no lights, and  
which, the police say, was parked on  
the wrong side of the street.  
Thornton's car turned turtle, and  
the child, who was sitting on her  
father's knee, was thrown to the con-  
crete pavement. She died at Hotel  
Dieu 15 minutes later from a double  
fracture of the skull.  
Jackson suffered serious cuts on  
the head and face, but notwithstanding  
the injuries he staggered two  
blocks to the hospital, the dying child  
in his arms.  
Arthur Roach, owner of the parked  
car, was taken to police headquarters,  
but was released after being ques-  
tioned. Dr. H. Crasswell, coroner,  
has ordered an inquest for Thursday  
night.  
Burial of the child will be made at  
Cedar Springs, where Jackson's par-  
ents live.

## FRENCH SHOPS EMPLOY 12,000 BRITISH WORKERS

Associated Press Despatch.  
Paris, Dec. 2.—Referring to the  
Franco-British agreement for the  
employing of British workers in  
France, the publication L'Auto says  
that only some 12,000 British work-  
men are at present employed in  
French works and these are almost  
entirely in the motor car industry.  
The paper adds that they evidently  
have given satisfaction since French  
firms are now ready to take further  
contingents. One firm is prepared to  
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ing 50 British experts and eleven  
have already left England to accept  
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## GROUND TREACHEROUS

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Dec. 23.—Football was played on muddy fields and under depressing conditions yesterday. The ground was treacherous after the snowfall and subsequent thaw. The full backs miskicked and gave the forwards the chances they were quick to seize.

There was sensational scoring in the Chelsea match. Their center forward, Andy Wilson, made five great shots, but Dawson, Burnley's goalkeeper, stopped each time. Eight thousand assembled at Charlton's new home at Catford, which promised to be one of London's best grounds. Five of Huddersfield's goals were scored in the second half. This Yorkshire team scored more goals than they had ever done in any previous game since their entry into the first division.

There was an early surprise for 16,000 spectators, when Notts Forest took the lead from West Ham, who was allowed to go on and scored from outside position. Spectators expressed their opinion of the referee. He seemed to be on the Blackburn-Tottenham match, when the latter won for the first time in history. He seemed to be on the Tottenham-Tottenham match, when the latter won for the first time in history. He seemed to be on the Tottenham-Tottenham match, when the latter won for the first time in history.

## ENGLISH LEAGUE.

## First Division.

Aston Villa 2; Sheffield U. 2.  
Birmingham 0; West Bromwich 0.  
Blackburn 0; Tottenham H. 1.  
Cardiff C. 2; Liverpool 0.  
Chelsea 3; Burnley 2.  
Everton 0; Manchester C. 1.  
Huddersfield 6; Arsenal 1.  
Middlesbrough 2; Preston N. E. 2.  
Newcastle U. 0; Sunderland 2.  
Notts County 1; Bolton 1.  
West Ham U. 3; Nottingham F. 2.

## Second Division.

Blackpool 4; Derby County 0.  
Bradford City 3; Barnsley 2.  
Clapton 0, 1 Stockport C. 1.  
Bury 3, Leeds United 0.  
Hull City 5, Bristol City 0.  
Manchester U. 5, Port Vale 0.  
Nelson 1, Fulham 1.  
Oldham A. 0, Leicester City 0.  
The Wednesday 6, Crystal Palace 0.  
South Shields 1, Southampton 2.  
Stock 2, Coventry City 1.

## Third Division.

Brentford 3; Gillingham 2.  
Brighton & H. A. 3, Bournemouth 0.  
Bristol R. 4, 1. Middlesbrough 1.  
Charlton A. 0, Northampton 0.  
Merthyr T. 2; Queen's Park R. 0.  
Plymouth A. 3; Newport C. 2.  
Portsmouth 4; Abingdon 0.  
Reading 0, Luton T. 1.  
South End U. 0; Exeter C. 0.  
Swansea T. 1; Norwich C. 0.  
Watford 0; Woking T. 0.

## Third Division.

(Northern Section)  
Aston Villa 5, New Brighton 0.  
Barrow 1, Rochdale 2.  
Chesterfield 2, Burslem 1.  
Crewe A. 2, Halifax T. 2.  
Darlington 3, Southport 1.  
Durham C. 2, Doncaster R. 1.  
Hartlepool U. 0, Accrington 1.  
Lincoln C. 4, Wrexham 2.  
Tranmere R. 0, Rotherham C. 2.  
Wigan B. 4, Grimsby 0.  
Wolverhampton W. 0, Walsall 0.

## SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

## First Division.

Airdrieonians 2, Aberdeen 1.  
Clyde 4, Patrick 1.  
Clydebank 1, Ayr United 0.  
Dundee 2, Celtic 1.  
Falkirk 2, Morton 0.  
Hibernians 4, Queen's Park 0.  
Kilmarnock 2, Hearts 1.  
Motherwell 1, Raith R. 3.  
Rangers 4, Hamilton A. 0.  
Raith R. 3, Hamilton A. 0.  
Third Lanark 3, St. Mirren 0.

## Scottish League—Second Division.

Armadale 3, Broxburn 1.  
Boothgate 4, Alloa 1.  
Dunfermline 2, Arbroath 1.  
East Fife 3, Cowdenbeath 2.  
Forfar A. 2, Stenhousemuir 4.  
Johnstone 2, Dundee Hibs 1.  
King's Park 1, Albion R. 1.  
Longwellby U. 0, St. Johnstone 3.  
St. Bernard 3, Dumbarton 0.  
Vale of Leven 1, Boness 1.

## IRISH LEAGUE.

## First Division.

Glentworth 1, Cliftonville 0.  
Glenavon 2, Adra 1.  
Distillery 0, Barn 0.  
Queen's Island 4; Newry 0.  
Northern United vs. Rugby League.  
Bally 10, Hunslet 10.  
Bradford 6, Featherstone 5.  
Bramley 14, Keighley 7.  
Halifax 7, Oldham 0.  
Hull 18, Middlesbrough 0.  
Hull 18, Dewsbury 3.  
Leeds 21, Hull Kingston 0.  
Leigh 3, Widnes 0.  
Rochdale 3, Broughton 3.  
St. Helens vs. Salford postponed.  
Swinton 4, Wigan 10.  
Wigan Highfield 6, Barrow 5.  
Warrington 9, Huddersfield 5.  
York 5, St. Helens Res. 12.

## RUGBY UNION.

Richmond-Blackheath (scratched, ground unfit).

Harlequins 12, Navy 5.  
Swansea 19, London Welsh 0.  
Bath 8, Old Blues 4.  
Bristol 19, Old Merchant Taylors 15.  
Nuneaton 14, Birmingham 0.  
Bradford 7, Liverpool 0.  
Crumlin 5, Crossakel 9.  
Gloucester 3, Aberllynny 7.  
Headingly 16, Hull and East Riding 20.  
Coventry 0, Leicester 0.  
North 3, Mountain Ash 0.  
Newport 4, Pili Harriers 7.  
Northampton 9, Nottingham 3.  
Llanelli 5, Llanelli 5.  
Plymouth 5, Pontypool 0.  
Aberavon 8, Cardiff 9.  
West Scotland 4, Edinburgh Acadia 4.  
Royal High School 14, Edinburgh Institute 3.

## Scottish Rugby Trial at Edinburgh.

Scotland 6, The Rest 10.

## County Championships at Gosforth.

Northumberland 29, Durham 0.

## YALE LOSERS.

Cleveland, Dec. 23.—Cleveland defeated Yale here last night in a hockey game by a score of 3 to 2.



## OTTAWA REFUSES TO TAKE DEFAULT

Senators Allow Game With Montreal Canadiens To Be Postponed.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The world's champion Ottawa hockey team was ready for its first trip to Montreal Saturday when word came from Leo Dandurand, manager of the Canadiens, that it would be impossible to play there. Ottawa could have claimed the match by default, according to Manager German, as it was up to the Canadiens to provide ice for their scheduled engagement at home, but President Frank Ahern stated that no sportsmanlike advantage would be taken and the Ottawa club consented, accordingly, to the postponement of the understanding that the match take place on the first open date at Montreal. It may possibly be played at the Mount Royal Arena, Monday, December 31.

## CRIQUI IS BROKEN AS TITLES WHISKED AWAY

Mascart Formally Gets Crown From French Boxing Federation.

Associated Press Despatch.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Eugene Criqui's pugilistic career is ended. The abandonment of his titles of featherweight champion of France and Europe, owing to the injuries he received in his bout for charity against Hebrance, on October 6, is expected to be permanent.

Criqui's hands, which he smashed on the Belgian champion's head, are not as badly broken as his heart over his failure to defeat Johnny Dundee in New York. Through his victory over Kilbane, the champion achieved an ambition of twelve long years divided between the ring and the battle front. For sixty days his name was blazoned on the billboards as featherweight champion of the world, but Dundee ended all this.

The sledge-hammer blows Criqui received from Dundee at the Polo Grounds broke down some of his indomitable spirit. The jeers of the bleachers fans did the rest.

The council of the French Boxing Federation has formally deprived Criqui of the featherweight championship of France, conferring it upon Edouard Mascart, who last Tuesday defeated Hebrance of Belgium. The council, which recently decided that because of Criqui's inability to meet Mascart because of injuries the latter boxer should be champion, has given Criqui the right of priority in challenging for the title in the future.

## BUSILY PREPARING ICE FOR OLYMPIC

Heavy Snowfall Comes As Relief to French Officials.

Associated Press Despatch.

Chamonix, Dec. 23.—The heavy snowfall of the last two days came as a relief to the French officials who are here organizing the Olympic winter games. The continued mild weather had caused those preparing for the games to fear there would not be enough snow and ice to go around, but today the bobslight track was in full swing. Two Swiss crews who went over the course yesterday said they were delighted with it and that the banking of the turns was perfect.

The ski jumps were also tried out by the Swedish workmen who helped build them. The jumpers made good distances but found that the landing must be elevated three feet.

Water has been poured on the ice rink which is now freezing hard.

Canada has requested accommodation for 20 athletes.

## CUBAN SLIPS K. O. OVER DARCY OF PHILADELPHIA

Associated Press Despatch.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 23.—Agramis Delphino, Cuban lightweight, who came here last week from Havana, punched Jack Darcy of Philadelphia severely here last night in the opening rounds, and finally knocked him out in the seventh of their scheduled

## EPIC RACES IN U. S. ASSURED

French Thoroughbred Will Meet American Horses On Three Tracks.

Associated Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 22.—Epineard, French thoroughbred champion, will race the pick of next year's American 4-year-olds in three races next September and October, two on metropolitan tracks and one in Kentucky. M. Pierre Wertheimer, owner of Epineard, revealed today before sailing for France on the Berengaria. M. Wertheimer, who has practically completed all details of the international series as a result of conferences during the last two weeks with American turfmen, said the first sweepstakes, a mile, would be run early in September at Belmont Park. The second race will be run at Aqueduct track between Sept. 15 and 18, while the third at Lexington, Ky., the first week in October.

## RACE RESULTS

## NEW ORLEANS RESULTS

FIRST RACE, 6 furlongs: Julia M. 112 (Lang) 15 to 1, 6 to 1, 3 to 1, won. Seth's Flower 96 (Mergler) 6 to 1, 5 to 2, second. Fido 101 (Noel) 6 to 1, third. Time: 1:17 3-5.

## SECOND RACE, 6 furlongs:

Simplicity 100 (Lee) 12 to 1, 5 to 2, won. Valencia 103 (Thomas) 5 to 1, 5 to 2, second. Haddin 105 (Mergler) 6 to 1, third. Time: 1:18.

## THIRD RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs:

Jno. Finn 112 (Wallace) 16 to 5, 4 to 1, won. Tuscola 100 (Parke) 2 to 1, 4 to 5, second. Pandogy 109 (Corcoran) out, third. Time: 1:11 2-5.

## FOURTH RACE, mile and 70 yards:

Flying Devil 99 (L. Lang) 8 to 1, 2 to 1, even, won. Dan 97 (Breaning) 4 to 1, 3 to 2, second. Annemiel 102 (Wallace) 2 to 1, third. Time: 1:54.

## FIFTH RACE, mile and sixteenth:

Waukegan 103 (Farland) 7 to 1, 5 to 2, won. Dan 101 (Stutts) 2 to 1, even, second. Herald 103 (Thorndyke) 4 to 1, third. Time: 1:58 1-5.

## SIXTH RACE, mile and 70 yards:

Spugs 106 (C. Lang) 5 to 1, 2 to 1, even, won.Smarty 112 (Morris) 2 to 1, even, second. Gen. Cadorna 106 (Wallace) 7 to 10, third. Time: 1:54.

## SEVENTH RACE, mile and 70 yards:

Soviet, Attaboy H. Whalebone, St. Donard and Who Cares also ran.

## HAVANA RESULTS

FIRST RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs: Kufiya 103 (Callahan) 2 to 1, 3 to 5, 1 to 5, won. Charming 107 (Bryson) 5 to 2, 6 to 5, second. Sawbroke 105 (Woodstock) 3 to 5, third. Time: 1:07 2-5.

## SECOND RACE, 6 furlongs:

End Man 112 (Pernia) 8 to 5, 1 to 3, 1 to 5, won. Elizabeth Jewell 105 (Williams) 2 to 1, 4 to 5, second. Liles 109 (Pickens) 1 to 10, third. Time: 1:14 2-5.

## THIRD RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs:

Legacy 110 (Smith) 12 to 5, 5 to 1, 5 to 2, won. Whippoorwill 115 (Williams) 2 to 1, third. Time: 1:07 1-5.

## FOURTH RACE, 2 years, 6 furlongs:

Chopsticks 110 (Williams) 7 to 5, 2 to 1, won. Ruth Wehle, Middy, Ed. Garrison, Bab. Equator, Milda, Valencia, Capers, Havana also ran.

## FIFTH RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs:

Trifalgar 114 (Woodstock) out, third. Time: 1:13 2-5.

## SIXTH RACE, mile and 70 yards:

Lilac Time 104 (J. Callahan) 5 to 2, 1 to 1, won. Lillie 104 (Callahan) 5 to 2, even, second. Bruce Dudley 106 (Primrose) 5 to 2, even, 1 to 2, won. Seaports 95 (Eaton) 5 to 1, 5 to 2, second. Mooreque 101 (Pernia) 7 to 10, third. Time: 1:45 2-5.

## SEVENTH RACE, mile and 70 yards:

The Girl Glory of the Seas II, Marj Old Rose, Financé Roomer, Miss Sweep, Doriene, Reg. LeBlond ran. SEVENTH RACE, mile and 70 yards: Eya 101 (Pernia) 5 to 1, 3 to 1, 1 to 7 to 5, won. Hillman C. 108 (Overton), even, 1 to 2, second. Eranger 108 (Woodstock), 1 to 2, third. Time: 1:43 1-5.

## EIGHTH RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs:

Paula V., Evelyn White, Black Watch II, Blue Brush also ran. FIRST RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs: Ben Bolt 110 (Pickens), even, 1 to 2, 1 to 6, won. Virgo 106 (Seremba) 4 to 1, 2 to 1, second. Black Baby 102 (Dawson) 1 to 2, third. Time: 1:07 3-5.

## NINTH RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs:

Primitive, Almirante, West Meath, Eya 101 (Pernia) 5 to 1, 3 to 1, 1 to 7 to 5, won. Hillman C. 108 (Overton), even, 1 to 2, second. Eranger 108 (Woodstock), 1 to 2, third. Time: 1:43 1-5.

## TENTH RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs:

Paula V., Evelyn White, Black Watch II, Blue Brush also ran. FIRST RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs: Ben Bolt 110 (Pickens), even, 1 to 2, 1 to 6, won. Virgo 106 (Seremba) 4 to 1, 2 to 1, second. Black Baby 102 (Dawson) 1 to 2, third. Time: 1:07 3-5.

## ELEVENTH RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs:

Primitive, Almirante, West Meath, Eya 101 (Pernia) 5 to 1, 3 to 1, 1 to 7 to 5, won. Hillman C. 108 (Overton), even, 1 to 2, second. Eranger 108 (Woodstock), 1 to 2, third. Time: 1:43 1-5.

## TWELFTH RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs:

Paula V., Evelyn White, Black Watch II, Blue Brush also ran. FIRST RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs: Ben Bolt 110 (Pickens), even, 1 to 2, 1 to 6, won. Virgo 106 (Seremba) 4 to 1, 2 to 1, second. Black Baby 102 (Dawson) 1 to 2, third. Time: 1:07 3-5.

## THIRTEENTH RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs:

Primitive, Almirante, West Meath, Eya 101 (Pernia) 5 to 1, 3 to 1, 1 to 7 to 5, won. Hillman C. 108 (Overton), even, 1 to 2, second. Eranger 108 (Woodstock), 1 to 2, third. Time: 1:43 1-5.

## FOURTEENTH RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs:

Paula V., Evelyn White, Black Watch II, Blue Brush also ran. FIRST RACE, 5 1/2 furlongs: Ben Bolt 110 (Pickens), even, 1 to 2, 1 to 6, won. Virgo 106 (Seremba) 4 to 1, 2 to 1, second. Black Baby 102 (Dawson) 1 to 2, third. Time: 1:07 3-5.

## Happy Christmas to the Smallman &amp; Ingram Family and Its Friends—

The business of Christmas is almost over and we are already breathing the joy of a Christmas morning, with the happiness of family re-union and the exchange of gifts prompted by love and friendship.

The store says "Thank You" to its loyal associates in sales, clerical and delivery departments; to its courteous patrons whom it has been a pleasure to serve; to all who have helped to make the busy before-Christmas weeks happy, cheerful weeks; and it wishes them a right Merry Christmas and many of them.

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Short Jobs

One man sat in the boxes roasting the efforts of the referee, an army officer in uniform, in a bout among Filipino sailors.

"Why doesn't that dressed-up dude break those boys. Why doesn't he pull them apart?" he shouted.

"It is against the rules of good boxing to break boxers or even touch them," a man in an adjoining box remarked.

"Well, he ought to be back with his kitchen squad anyway. What does he know about good boxing? I know you know the fathead is?" the first speaker asked wrathfully. The man in the other box said quietly:

"The gentleman you refer to was one of the greatest defensive boxers of all times, a master of ringcraft. He won and held a world's ring championship after twelve years of fighting. The 'fathead' you refer to is Capt. Frederick Hall Thomas, United States Army. Did you ever hear of him?"

"No, I never did," snapped the disgruntled box-seater holder.

"Well, let me enlighten you. Capt. Frederick Hall Thomas is the ex-lightweight champion of the world. In the ring he was Freddie Welsh, and was the man who lost his title to Benny Leonard. You've heard of Benny Leonard, of course?"

The man in the opposite box, now feeling as tremendous as an English sparrow, was mum.

Raoul Godbout, "Kid" Roy's manager, announced that if Joe Lynch will not come to Montreal to fight Roy, he will take the latter to New York for a month or so to work out with the stars in his class there.

He even has visions of getting Benny Leonard to agree to work out with Roy, who it is expected will gain some wonderful experience in that manner.

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