

DEFINITE CONDITIONS FROM RUSS

General Peace on No Annexation or Indemnity Basis
Teutons Would Bind Allies by Russian Terms

Germany Anxious For General Peace,
Count Czernin Told Conference; Wants
Assurance That Entente Would Keep
Faith

By Courier Leased Wire.

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—The Central Powers, Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, told the peace conference at Brest-Litavsk yesterday, solemnly declare their resolve to sign terms which will terminate the war on conditions equally just to all belligerents. The Central Powers also favor a general peace without forcible annexations and indemnities. They could not bind themselves to such terms without a guarantee that Russia's allies would recognize them and carry them out honestly toward the Central Powers.

Count Czernin declared that the Central Powers believed that the basic principles uttered by the Russian delegates could be a basis of such a peace. He said they shared Russian condemnation of a continuation of the war for the sake of conquest.

It is necessary, the Count added to indicate most clearly, however, that the Russian proposals could be realized only in the event that all belligerents obligated themselves to adhere to the terms of such a peace.

The Austro-Hungarian foreign minister declared that the Central Powers did not intend to forcibly annex territories seized during the war, nor to deprive nations of political independence lost in the war.

The question of the separation of nationalities who have not political independence to another country cannot be solved internationally and must be met by each government and its people in the manner established by the constitution of that government. The protection of the right of minorities is an essential part of the right of peoples to self-definition.

In the event of a mutual refusal to meet war expenditures and pay damages caused by the war, Count Czernin continued, each belligerent shall bear only the expense of its subjects made prisoner and damages caused to property of civilian subjects by deliberate violations of international law on the part of the adversary. The creation of a special fund for this purpose as suggested by Russia could be discussed only in the event that the other belligerents join in the peace negotiations within a certain time. The chairman of the Russian delegation expressed gratification at German willingness to make peace without annexations and indemnities and with the self-definition of peoples. He demurred, however, at the German statement of self-definition as being complete. He said the war could not end without the re-establishment of the violated rights of little and oppressed nationalities and Russia would insist on guarantees that their lawful rights would be protected in a general peace treaty.

Count Czernin explained the position of the Central Powers in a statement which he read at the second session of the peace conference at 10 o'clock Tuesday evening. His statement follows:

"The delegations of the allied (Teutonic) powers acting upon the clearly expressed will of their governments and peoples, will conclude as soon as possible a general peace agreement in complete accord with the repeatedly expressed viewpoint of their government, think that the basic principles of the Russian delegation can be made the basis of such a peace.

"The delegations of the quadruple alliance are agreed immediately to conclude a general peace without forcible annexations and indemnities. They share the view of the Russian delegation, which condemns the continuation of the war purely for reasons of conquest."

The statements of the allied (Teutonic) governments in program and statements, have emphasized time and again that for the sake of conquest they will not prolong the war a single day. The governments of the allies unswervingly have followed this view all the time. They solemnly declare their resolve immediately to sign terms of peace which will stop this war on the above terms, equally just to all belligerents without exception. It is necessary, however, to indicate most clearly that the proposals of the Russian delegation could be realized only in

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following is declared. "The return of colonial territories forcibly seized during the war constitutes an essential part of German demands, which Germany cannot renounce under any circumstances. Likewise the Russian demand for immediate evacuation of territories occupied by an adversary conforms to German intentions. Having in view the nature of the colonial territories of Germany the realization of the right of self-determination beside the above outlined considerations, in the form proposed by the Russian delegation is at present practically impossible.

"The circumstances that in the German colonies the natives, notwithstanding the greatest difficulties and the improbability of victory in a struggle against an adversary many times stronger and who had the advantage of being import by sea remained in the gravest circumstances, faithful to the German friends, may serve as proof of their attachment and their resolve by all means to preserve allegiance to Germany, proof which by its significance and weight is far superior to any expression of popular will. The principles of economic relations proposed by the Russian delegation in connection with the above six clauses are approved wholly by the delegations of the small allied powers who always have denied any economic restrictions and who see in the re-establishment of regulated economic relations, which are in accord with the interests of all people concerned, one of the most important conditions for bringing about friendly relations between the powers now engaged in war."

Chairman of the Russian delegation, expressed gratification at the willingness of Germany to conclude peace on the basis of no annexations, no indemnities and the self-definition of peoples, but pointed out that the self-definition of peoples within the limits granted by constitutions, as stated by the German reply, was not complete. "Renouncing the application of the right of the stronger nation with regard to territories occupied during the war," said he, "the powers of the quadruple alliance at the same time give all their opponents an implicit right of the stronger nation with regard to territories occupied during the war, shall be preserved with all its integrity within each of the countries, no regard for little and oppressed nationalities."

"The war cannot end without the violated rights of those nationalities (Continued on Page 2.)

FAILED TO PIERCE LINES

By Courier Leased Wire

Paris, Wednesday, Dec. 26.—(Delayed)—The Germans made two attacks on the Verdun front to-day, but were not able to break through the French lines, the war office to-night reports. The statement follows:

"On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) the enemy, after a very violent bombardment, made two attacks on our positions at Carrières wood. He was not able to break through our lines, and left many dead on the ground.

"There was heavy artillery fighting in the region north of St. Quentin and in the sector of Saplignoul. "Macedonian front:—On December 26th there was no event of importance. Snow and fog in the mountains hinder military operations."

London, Dec. 27.—"Except for some hostile artillery activity north and east of Ypres," Field Marshal Haig reported to-day to the British war office, "there was nothing to report last night."

BOLSHEVIKI CHARGE
U.S. WITH CONSPIRACY

Leon Trotsky Alleges That His Foster Country Plotted
To Support General Kaledines

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Dec. 27.—The Bolshevik newspaper continues to print revelations of an alleged American plot to support General Kaledines, according to a Petrograd dispatch to The Morning Post, dated Tuesday. So far as Ambassador Francis is concerned, the dispatch adds, the whole alleged charge falls to the ground before the straightforward statement issued by him on Tuesday. Col. Kolpashnikoff, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, has adopted a series of suggestions to intensify the hostility of the Russian proletariat toward the allies, which German agents also have fostered.

RETIREMENT OF JELICOE HERALDS INFUSION
OF YOUNGER BLOOD AND NEW VIGOR IN FLEET

First Sea Lord Did Not Retire Voluntarily,
According to Belief Current in
Old Land; Fleet Must Re-establish
Its Prowess to Regain Public Confidence

By Courier Leased Wire

LONDON, DEC. 27.—THE PROMINENCE GIVEN TO THE RETIREMENT OF ADMIRAL SIR JOHN R. JELICOE, AS FIRST SEA LORD IN FAVOR OF VICE ADMIRAL SIR ROSLYN WEMYSS IN THE MORNING NEWS PAPERS, IS COMMENSURATE WITH HIS GREAT REPUTATION AND THE PLACE HE LONG HAS HELD IN PUBLIC ESTIMATION.

NOTWITHSTANDING THE RECENT SEVERE ANIMADVERSIONS CONCERNING THE ADMIRALTY FROM SOME QUARTERS, SEVERAL NEWSPAPERS TREAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT AS A SENSATIONAL SURPRISE AND TWO OF THEM ACCOMPANY THEIR REMARKS WITH WARM EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET. THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, ONE OF THESE, CALLS FOR A FULLER OFFICIAL STATEMENT AND THE REASONS FOR ADMIRAL JELICOE'S RETIREMENT.

THE DAILY CHRONICLE ALSO REGRETTFULLY RECALLS THE "WELL FOUNDED PUBLIC CONFIDENCE" IN ADMIRAL JELICOE, "AND HOPES THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHANGE HAVE BEEN GUIDED WISELY IN THEIR DECISION."

On the other hand, The Daily Mail, which long has campaigned against Admiral Jellicoe, says openly that it cannot pretend regret. It adds that Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the Admiralty, deserves the thanks of the country for not shrinking from a painful duty.

The Daily News, though less frankly outspoken, does not conceal its satisfaction, and sees in the change the determination of the government to give younger men a chance. It says:

"We heartily congratulate the government having once taken a decision, on accepting its full consequence at once."

There is generally expressed the opinion that the first sea lord's removal is only the first of a series of changes, that it is evident that if expectation is not fulfilled, there will be great dissatisfaction in many quarters. In this connection, criticisms of the Admiralty administration are reserved. The Daily News for instance, says it is idle to pretend that the Admiralty record of the last months has inspired general confidence. It alludes to various causes of dissatisfaction, including the losses of convoys and adds:

"All these things together worked naturally enough to discredit severely the theory of sea power for which Admiral Jellicoe has been understood to stand. But if the Admiralty is to regain complete confidence, which it has lost partially more is necessary than the change announced to-day."

It demands among other things, the establishment of a naval general staff. The Times, after referring to the convoys, also says:

"These are by no means the whole of the story for there have been other misadventures. We would lay stress upon the cumulative effect of a series of episodes, every one of which has been unfortunate. That effect is to justify the general belief that there has been a lack of energy and foresight in the Admiralty."

As an instance of indications of the continuance of the submarine warfare on merchant vessels and complains that greater progress has not been made against the submarine. The Times contends that the submarine problem is no more insoluble than any other new problem of warfare and adds:

"Our younger seamen are convinced that they can entirely overcome the submarine peril if they receive a free hand, which never yet has been granted. We share their faith."

Although nothing has been stated officially, it is implied by the newspapers that Admiral Jellicoe did not retire voluntarily, and according to The Telegraph, the government's decision was conveyed to him before Christmas in the form of an intimation that it had been determined to appoint a new first sea lord.

Of the successor the public knows comparatively little on account of the fact that he never held a conspicuous command afloat, and had no administrative experience in the Admiralty until appointed second sea lord last summer. In the navy, however, Admiral Wemyss has a well established reputation. He also has a large and varied experience in the Admiralty, which was thrown down the hatch and his services under Admiral De Robeck at Gallipoli, received the unqualified praise of naval and military authorities.

CENTRAL POWERS VIRTUALLY
ACCEPT RUSS PEACE TERMS

Cannot Bind Themselves Unless Allies Will Recognize
Terms—Ukrainian Forces Continue Uprising
Against Bolsheviki

By Courier Leased Wire

Virtual acceptance of the peace terms offered by Russia, was made by the Central Powers in a statement issued to the peace conference Tuesday by Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister. The Teutonic allies, however, cannot bind themselves to the Russian terms unless Russia's allies also recognize them and carry them out honestly toward the Central Powers.

Peace without forcible annexations and indemnities is agreeable to the Central Powers and they will conclude a general peace immediately on conditions equally just to all the belligerents. The Central Powers share Russian condemnation of a prolongation of the war for the purpose of conquest. Count Czernin agrees that the people have the right of self-determination, but says that subject nationalities must solve their problem under the laws of the countries under whose sway they live.

The Entente Allies up to this time have not recognized the lawful right of the Bolsheviki Government to rule Russia, and they have not agreed to the terms Russia proffered at the beginning of the Brest-Litovsk conference. Recent utterances of responsible allied leaders have expressed opposition to German-made peace. Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson recently have declared that peace with Prussian military autocracy still in power was impossible.

Meanwhile the Bolsheviki are taking measures to placate their opponents. Seven members of the Social Revolutionary party, which has a majority of the Constituent Assembly, have been admitted to the Council of National Commissioners, the ruling body in Russia is called. The Bolsheviki still retain tanks and machine guns and have occupied the station at Bratlof and disarmed the guards. A telegram received in Petrograd from Toms reports fighting in Irkutsk, Siberia. Cossacks and military cadets have engaged the garrison there for two days with alternating success.

Ukrainians Successful
London, Dec. 27.—Ukrainian forces, according to a report received from Petrograd by the Ukrainian Rada and forwarded by Reuters, have occupied the headquarters of the Fourth, Eighth and Eleventh armies on the Roumanian and southern western fronts. Those who resisted were disarmed and a quantity of guns and rifles was seized. The Ukrainians have occupied the station

BUNK FROM BOURASSA

By Courier Leased Wire

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Discussing the subject of the isolation of Quebec, Henri Bourassa in Le Devoir states that Union Government was not a coalition with the war, but a combination of forces to subjugate this province. "This object," he continues, "conceived in hatred and lies has run its normal course. It has roused up the 4,000,000 Protestants against everything Catholic and everything that is not British. It has revived the distrust of two million French-Canadians and 2,500,000 Catholics against everything Protestant and English. In a word the Canadian nation. To the troubles in India, South Africa, Australia and Ireland and our 'saviours' of the empire' have found the means to add inter-racial hatred in Canada. If the Kaiser was not too busy, he would have sent a wireless message congratulating Sir Robert Borden. The Union parliament did more in three months than the paid agents of the Kaiser could have done. This racial discord and inter-provincial division will be remedied when the real Canadians, both English and French will throw down the shackles of the imperialists. Matters are not so bad as painted, however."

EARTHQUAKE IN GUATEMALA

By Courier Leased Wire

Panama, Dec. 27.—An earthquake is reported to have occurred near Amatlan, 15 miles south of Guatemala. Telegraphic communication has been interrupted, and no details have been received.

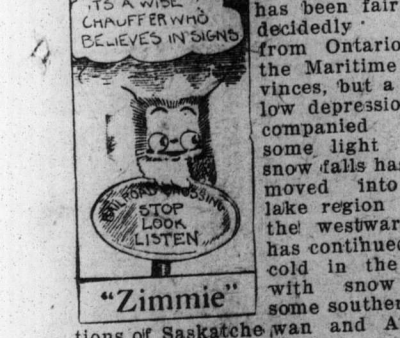
JAPS CONFERRED

By Courier Leased Wire

Osaka, Dec. 27.—This morning the emperor of Japan received Viscount Monoto, the foreign minister, with three members of the genera, Prince Yamagata, General Matsukaya and Viscount Saloni. The gravest significance is attached to the consultation as the subject of discussion is understood to have been the attitude Japan will take up in the event of Russia concluding a separate peace.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Dec. 27.—The weather has been fair and decidedly cold from Ontario to the Maritime provinces, but a sharp low depression accompanied by some light local snow falls has now moved into the lake region from the westward. It has continued very cold in the west with snow in some southern sections of Saskatchewan and Alberta. Forecasts. Southeasterly winds, milder with light snow falls. Friday—Comparatively mild at first then turning much colder again.



W. V. CORY, Meteorologist of the Interior, is the author of this publication. It will not be paid for.

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CHRISTMAS DAY
TUESDAY
Almighty God, who hast given us thy only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure Virgin...

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST THURSDAY.
Merciful Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon thy Church, that it being enlightened by the doctrine of thy blessed Apostle and Evangelist Saint John may so walk in the light of thy truth, that it may at length attain to the light of everlasting life...

NEWSPAPERS OF NORFOLK

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EX-SIMONIAN DEAD
Mr. Justice Hodgins to Hold Final Appeal Court Friday
Write Simcoe Agency, Box 311, or phone 850-8 all matters regarding delivery or subscriptions, news items or advertisements.

Simcoe, Dec. 27.—(From our own correspondent)—There were but three nominations for the vacancies during the hour that secretary F. E. Curtis of the Board of Education sat alone at the town hall yesterday...

GIGANTIC RAILWAY SYSTEM OF U. S. NOW POSSESSED BY GOVT.

Drastic Step Announced by President Wilson to Make Nation's Facilities More Fully Serve the War Needs of the Allies—W. G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, is Appointed Director-General of Railroads—Proclamation is Issued.

Washington, Dec. 27.—President Wilson today formally announced his decision to take possession and assume control at noon on Friday, December 28, of each and every system of transportation in the United States...

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Bread Omelet
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Tea or Coffee
Dinner
Baked Haddock
Baked Potatoes Mashed Turnips
Coddled Apples
Peas
Spanish Beans
Steamed Graham Bread
Stewed Prunes

WAR MENUS

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Military arrangements have been made for the handling of the men who are to be summoned to the colors on January 3 and succeeding days, and the province for absorbing the men quickly and smoothly without disturbing the training that is now being carried on by the infantry units...

FOUR UNITS NAMED TO TRAIN DRAFTEES

Recruits to be Placed With Infantry Battalions at Rate of 250 Daily
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Bowling

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Rows include McGaw, Beatty, Kallett, Moulle, Hope, Thompson and Sanderson, Kingdon and Gibbs, Johnston and Hackburn, and Bowler meeting to elect officers.

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Fancy Linens in hand made Madera, in centre pieces, doilies, tray cloths 25c and 5 o'clock cloths; from \$3.50 to

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Habituata Silks, colored satin \$1.50 stripes; 36 in. wide; special \$1.00
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The Matches with "No After Glow"
EDDY is the only Canadian Maker of these matches, every stick of which has been dipped in a chemical solution which positively ensures the match becoming DEAD wood once it has been lighted and blown out.

GERMANY ANXIOUS

Continued from Page One. being re-established. The Russian delegation insists that those nationalities must in the very next peace treaty establishing a general peace among all nationalities receive on the basis of international agreement, guarantees that their lawful rights will be protected. The lapse of time in no case legalizes the violation of one people by another.

FRESH FISH FOR FRIDAY

Table listing prices for various fish: Halibut Steak, Fresh Herrings, Haddie, Salmon, sliced, Brazil's Special.

SEE FRIDAY'S PAPER FOR HOLIDAY BARGAINS

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Seedless Raisins, 1 lb. 18c
Dried Peaches, 1 lb. 23c

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THE SITUATION

The Italians after retaking heights from the Germans in the Asiago region found themselves unable to hold them, and at other points they are also under great pressure from the invaders.

There has been another shake-up in the British Admiralty and Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, Vice-Admiral, takes the place of Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, First Sea Lord.

The official record for last week shows a great decrease in the loss of British vessels by submarines. The total was eleven vessels of over 1,600 tons and one under that figure.

The allies are naturally watching the peace conference between Germany and Russia with a good deal of anxiety. The danger is that the latter country may not only definitely pull out of the war, but in addition aid the Teutons.

The war is teaching a great many needed lessons and this is one of them.

Further regulations restricting the manufacture and sale of package cereals have been issued from the office of the Food Controller.

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AUSTRALIA AND CONSCRIPTION.

The fact that the people of Australia have again defeated conscription by a majority of 175,000 has come as an unpleasant surprise.

A year ago when a similar referendum was taken the record read, Nays 1,146,198; Yeas 1,084,918 or an adverse majority of 61,280.

It is said that the objecting forces have consisted very largely of the labor vote, the Irish vote, and of course the entire slacker outfit.

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QUITE A CAREER

An adventurous career has been that of A. S. Williams, 83 Balfour street, late a member of the C. E. F. and who is leaving shortly to assume the management of a mine in Central America.

For two years and five months prior to the outbreak of the war, Mr. Williams engaged in mining work in Peru, at the Cerro De Pasco mine, seven thousand feet above the sea level.

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FEDERAL CONTROL OF RAILWAY IN U.S. IS APPROVED

Leading Bankers and Financiers Express Satisfaction at Wilson's Course

BLIND SOLDIERS AT ST. DUNSTON'S BOX Other Senses Scientifically Trained to Substitute Sight

By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Dec. 27.—Stocks soared at the opening of the Stock Market today, denoting the satisfaction of the financial community with the President's decision to take over the railroads.

Bankers Approve. New York, Dec. 27.—Almost without exception leading bankers and executives of railroads having their headquarters here today expressed their approval of the action of President Wilson in taking over the country's railroads lines.

Some bankers at first expressed surprise that Secretary McAdoo should also retain his position in the Treasury, but upon closer examination of the President's plans they gradually agreed that in view of the financial phase of the problem, Mr. McAdoo's retention of the Treasury portfolio was desirable.

Authorities on railroad finance said that in their opinion the change in status will have little, if any, effect on the operation of the railroads. They anticipated that Mr. McAdoo would direct questions of general policy only leaving the actual operation of the lines to a staff of experts.

DROPPED DEAD IN WINGS. New York, Dec. 27.—Just as he was about to appear on the stage during the second act of "The Tallor-made Man," at the Cohan and Harris theatre last night, Theodore Freibus, a member of the cast, dropped dead in the wings.

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To the Citizens of Brantford: During the last few weeks many ratepayers in the city have approached me asking that I let my name go before the electors as a candidate for the office of Street Railway Commissioner.

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C.N.R. EARNINGS. Gross earnings, Canadian Northern Railway for week ending December 21, 1917, are \$738,300, corresponding period last year, \$805,700. Decrease, \$67,400.

CARD FROM OLD LAND. In a card received by Mr. and Mrs. George MacDonald, 35 Peel St., from their son, Lieut. Norman MacDonald, 4th battalion, the latter expresses the wish to be remembered to his many friends in this city.

C.N.R. TIME UP NEXT WEEK. It is expected that the board of arbitration named to fix the value of the 600,000 shares of Canadian Northern Railway stock to be taken over by the Government for a sum not to exceed ten million dollars, will commence its labors next week. The representative of the Government on the board, while Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., represents the stockholders and pledges of Canadian Northern Railway stock, W. N. Tilley, K.C., is counsel for the Government and Mr. I. F. Hellmuth for the Canadian Northern Railway. The railway has not yet named its representative on the board. The arbitrators are instructed to have their report ready for Parliament by March 1.



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CAN'T USE SCHOOLS. The board of education have written the city clerk informing him that the city schools cannot be placed at the disposal of the electors on January 7th, municipal election day. This will necessitate a number of changes being made in the location of the polling booths.

POLLS CHANGED. City Clerk Leonard announced this morning that the poll at number 9 Colborne Street in sub-division 6, had been changed to Morrison's umbrella shop, 7 Colborne street. The poll that was to have been held at Victoria School will now be held at 55 Albion Street owing to the action of the Board of Education. This poll is situated in subdivision number 11.

JOINS GUELPH FIRM. After six years' service with the Cocksfoot Plow Company, during which time he was in charge of the Dalhousie street rooms, Mr. D. J. McGowan, Eagle avenue, has accepted a position with the Machine Co. of Guelph, which firm he will represent in Brantford and the surrounding district.

COAL DEPOT GOING WELL. The rush yesterday for coal at the civic coal distributing depot in the City Hall eclipsed the demand of the first day, and two hundred and sixty-nine orders on coal merchants were issued to citizens throughout the day. The city's supply is running low, and had not the present system been adopted the situation here would certainly have been serious.

SEASON EXTENDED. An order-in-council reopens the season for shooting moose, deer and caribou in Ontario, north of the Mattawa River and Lake Nipissing and French River from December 20 to December 31. The season closed November 30, but the Government decided to extend for two weeks.

SECONDS NATIONAL. The Women's Patriotic League have from time to time received donations and contributions for the Secours National, an organization formed for the purpose of securing and transmitting relief to the people of Northern France.

TRUCK HAS ARRIVED. The big "jumbo" truck that is to be added to the equipment of the fire department, arrived in the city yesterday and is now on a flat car in the Waterloo Engine Company's yards. The truck was enclosed in a temporary water-proof structure which has been removed, and is now being held pending the arrival of an expert, who will demonstrate the operation of the mechanism. The truck will probably be delivered over to the city to-morrow when the tests will be commenced.

AT NIAGARA. Capt. R. J. Ferguson, formerly quartermaster of the 215th, Second Brant Battalion, is now stationed at Niagara-on-the-Lake, where he is in charge of the commissariat of one of the Polish regiments stationed there. The Poles are recruited by the French Government and Capt. Ferguson states that these men are actuated solely by patriotism to join the colors, receiving as they do, only a few cents per day. Recruiting officers of this unit are scattered throughout Canada and the United States and at the present time there are 3,000 Poles stationed at the camp. Recently the camp was honored with distinguished visitors, including the Prince of Poland, and Madame and M. Paderewski. Ross Beckett, formerly secretary of the boys' department of the local Y.M.C.A., is engaged in Y.M.C.A. work at this camp also.

APPROVED EXTENSION. Notification has been received by the city solicitors that the application of the city of Brantford, heard in Toronto on Saturday last before D. M. McIntyre, Esq., K.C., chairman, and A. B. Ingram, vice-chairman, for the approval of the Railway and Municipal Commission for the expenditure of \$100,000 on extensions to the waterworks had been approved. The city was represented by the city solicitors and in addition to the proposed by-law affidavits sworn out by Thomas Lamb, waterworks engineer and City Clerk H. F. Leonard, were considered as evidence. The board approved of the expenditure and gave authorization for the issuing of debentures to cover the cost.

PRESENTATIONS. On Monday the employees of the Brantford Laundry Co., Ltd., presented their foreman, Mr. W. H. Halstead, with a large arm chair and the following address: To Mr. Halstead.—The employees are taking advantage of the coming season by presenting this to you as a token of appreciation and good wishes, especially those who were here during the hot summer days, and consider the efforts you made on behalf of their comfort gratefully. So many of us accept our wishes for a lifetime of happy New Years, and an eternity of merry Christmas days. Signed on behalf of the employees of the Brantford Laundry Co. Mrs. W. G. Hine, A. Browne, Miss Jennie Kent, one of their number, was also presented with a beautiful parasol, and Mr. Garry Pickles, manager of the company, with a Masonic emblem, a fountain pen and a handsome Christmas stocking, containing a various assortment of whistles, snooking dice, rattles, and various other articles that would make the heart of a small boy leap for joy. After the presentations short speeches were made by the recipients, thanking the employees for their kindness, and expressing the hope that 1918 would prove even more pleasant and profitable to all than the year just closing.

Xmas Festivity Still Holds in Hospitals

SOCIAL and PERSONAL. The Courier is always pleased to see items of personal interest. Phone 276.

Mr. G. W. Bonny has returned to Toronto after spending Christmas at his home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Geddes returned yesterday to the city after spending Christmas in Toronto.

Cadet Duncan Dempster of the Royal Flying Corps left last night for Camp Borden after spending Christmas in the city.

Mrs. R. H. Hope and daughter, Alto, George street, are spending the Christmas holidays at the parental home in Hamilton.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy W. Cook, St. Catharines; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snider, Mr. and Mrs. Royal E. Batchelor, Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. B. Batchelor, Jr., Mr. S. W. Hazelton spent Christmas with Mrs. B. Batchelor, Echo Place.

SIXTY YEARS MARRIED. Toronto Star.—Monday was the occasion of a very unique celebration at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Mohr, 41 Wallace ave. Mrs. Mohr's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James Calbeck celebrated the 60th anniversary of their marriage. The many members of the family assembled from all parts of the United States and Canada. At the respective homes of 33 and 31, the old couple are hale and hearty and keen of intellect. They are early pioneers of Caledon East, having both been born in that locality. Later they removed to Brantford, Ont., raising a large family of six boys and six girls. Many of the sons and daughters, with their families and great grandchildren were present. One member of the family, Mrs. G. H. Gowland, of California, who was unable to attend, wired greetings. Mr. Frank Calbeck of this city, is one of the sons.

Everybody Helped. In the Orthopaedic Hospital at North Toronto no less than ten organizations conspired together to play Santa Claus to the men. London societies joined in giving Christmas cheer to London men and together with Kingston patriots, cared for the men at Freeport.

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CHRISTMAS, 1917. ONE OF SACRIFICE IN STRICKEN HALIFAX Day Was Devoted to Unparalleled Service and Giving Throughout

By Courier Lensed Wire. Halifax, Dec. 26.—Christmas Day 1917, will stand out in the history of Halifax as a day of unparalleled giving and service. Never was there such an opportunity for the exercise of the Santa Claus spirit, and never was opportunity more effectively and generously taken advantage of. Organization made it possible to reach every hospital and shelter, and various societies co-operated heartily in the work. There were well-filled Christmas trees at Bellvue Hospital, Y. M. C. A. hospital, Waegwolt club hospital, Children's hospital, St. Mary's College hospital, Ladies' College hospital and many shelters were not forgotten.

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All Members and Friends of the Brantford Young Men's Christian Association Invited to OPEN HOUSE -ON- New Years' Day 3 to 6 p.m.

Patriotic Public Provided Royally for Wounded Boys at Hospitals

The cloud which fell upon many of the boys in the military convalescent hospitals when the M. O.'s told them that they were in no condition to go home for the holidays, proved one with a tinsel lining, and is still raining theatre tickets, gifts and cigarettes.

Canada's heart is big. She finished her "overseas" Christmas in November and it seems now that Christmas is over, that she must have at least working every minute that came after for the boys who had done their bit and returned wounded. Every man had every bit of Christmas festivity which he could stand and the M.O.'s stretched their judgment to make the measure full. Whether the man was a bed case or able to go about freely and only kept by need of frequent dressings to a wound he had his gala day.

Miniature Xmas Trees. In the Orthopaedic Hospital in Toronto where amputation cases from the whole breadth of the Dominion are treated, the boys in bed received their Christmas on a tray, even to the Christmas trees fully decked in bangles and tinsel, and were as delighted as five-year-olds.

Dinner itself was a feast starting with soup and rumming the whole array of delicacies from drumsticks and cranberry sauce to English plum pudding and ice cream. The tables were gaily decorated and the rooms were hung with greens.

Even a Cabaret. In some districts they not only enjoyed the dinner in the home but strove away a second at a Kingston where "The Daily Standard" undertook to give a big dinner for the 1,127 returned soldiers under treatment in that city, and in Montreal where all returned soldiers were entertained at dinner in the Rose Room of the Windsor Hotel followed by a cabaret.

Help in making Christmas happy came from all sorts of sources. Little children helped, and big corporations, department stores, men's clubs, sewing circles, patriotic societies, and individuals vied with one another to supply the stockings of festivity. The Soldiers' Comforts committees of the Commission organized them and the staffs in the hospitals did everything in their power to make the whole a success.

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VICTORY LOAN Payments due on January, the 2nd may be made at any time to and including January the 11th. Scrip Certificates will be delivered in exchange for payments then due. Payments due January the 2nd must be made at the Bank branch mentioned in the application. The extension of time to January the 11th is given for the convenience of subscribers and Banks so that subscribers will not be unduly detained waiting their turn at a Receiving Teller's wicket, as would most likely be the case if all payments had to be made on one day only. Subscribers should not wait until January the 11th, or a day or so before, and thus create the situation sought to be avoided. In every case, interest at the rate of five and one half per cent per annum from January the 2nd must be paid if payment is not made on or before the 11th. For the convenience of subscribers, by arrangement of the Canadian Bankers' Association, Banks will remain open on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, January 3rd and 4th, and on the afternoon of Saturday, January 5th. Evening hours 7.30 to 9.30. Saturday afternoon from 2 until 6 o'clock. It has been brought to the attention of the Finance Department that a considerable number of subscribers, who have deposits with Banks, are under the impression that their Banks will take care of their January payments by automatically debiting their accounts with the necessary payments. This is incorrect. Each and every subscriber must personally arrange for these payments. T. C. BOVILLE, Deputy Minister of Finance. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, Ottawa, Dec. 24th, 1917.

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NEW YEAR NIGHT. Be sure to hear the Annual performance of Messiah by Brantford Oratorio Society at First Baptist church. Members note rehearsal Friday evening at First church.

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CARD OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. A. Butler and family wish to thank their many friends for expressions of sympathy and kindness, during their recent bereavement.

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WESTBROOK—On Thursday, the 27 inst. Rachel Bethwell widow of the late W. B. Westbrook in her 76th year. Funeral will take place Sunday at 2.30 p.m. from the family residence 215 Chatham St. to Mt. Hope cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. Kindly omit flowers. The Municipal Council of the city of

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NOTICE!

In the Supreme Court of Ontario, Between: James H. Dryden, Plaintiff, and Albert E. Faulkner and Sarah Ann Faulkner, Defendants, To Albert E. Faulkner and Sarah Ann Faulkner. You are notified that pursuant to the order of His Honour Judge Hardy, dated the 18th day of December, 1917, you are requested to enter an appearance to this action, and file affidavits of merit therewith on or before the 10th day of January, A.D. 1918, and that in default of your so doing, judgment may be entered against you. This action is for the recovery of \$102.92 said to be due on a certain mortgage made by you to the Plaintiff, and dated the 18th day of May, 1913, and for the foreclosure thereof. Dated this 18th day of December, A.D. 1917. JONES & HEWITT, Solicitors for the Plaintiff.

RAILWAYS GIVEN PERMISSION TO RAISE RATES 15 PER CENT

Commission Says They Must Have Greater Revenues, if Efficiency to be Maintained and Country's Demands Adequately Met—Increase Due to Higher Cost of Coal, Labor and Materials

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—An important judgment handed down to-day by the Board of Railway Commissioners increase in passenger rates in all parts of Canada, with the exception of British Columbia, where the maximum rate is now 3 cents per mile. The judgment also permits, subject to the limitations of the Crow's Nest agreement and certain specific limitations, an increase in freight rates of approximately 10 per cent, in the West and 15 per cent, in the East. The Crow's Nest agreement, made by the Canadian Pacific Railway with the Government, and by its provisions rates on a large number of commodities are reduced. The judgment points out that "there can be no question in view of actual results, that the railways require greater revenues, and must have them if proper efficiency is to be maintained and the demands of the country for transportation adequately met." Costs of labor, coal and materials have been increasing, with the result that the expenses of the Canadian railways are mounting at a much swifter rate than earnings. The increased rates allowed, states the judgment, will certainly not equal the increase in costs to which the railways are subject, and which are not in any way attributable to the railway management.

Must File New Tariffs No mention is made in the judgment of the date on which the increased rates will come into effect. This is because the railways will have to file new tariffs based upon the judgment, and these must receive the approval of the board. It is quite probable that several weeks will elapse before the higher scale of freight and passenger rates comes into force. Minimize Passenger Travel With regard to the increase in passenger rates the judgment states: "It is in the public interest, with a view to conserving coal, railway facilities and man-power, that passenger travel should be as light as possible, so as to facilitate efficient freight movement." A summary of the judgment reads as follows: "Subject to the limitations of the Crow's Nest Pass agreement, and to the specific limitations contained in the judgment, freight rates are permitted to be increased in general approximately 10 per cent in the

NARROW ESCAPE FOR THE KAISER

Only Fifteen Minutes Before Air Bombs

Geneva, Dec. 26.—The German Emperor, returning with his staff from the Verdun front, had a narrow escape during the reprisal raid of a British air squadron on Mannheim Christmas evening, according to a despatch from Basel. Only about an hour earlier the Emperor's special train left the station, which was partly destroyed by several bombs. A section of the train was torn up, cutting communication north. In fact, the Emperor's train was the last to leave Mannheim, and no trains arrived at Basel yesterday from that city. Two bombs fell on the palace and one on the suspension bridge across the Neckar River, both structures being badly damaged. An ammunition factory in northern suburb was blown up; few persons were killed here, however, as the employees were having a holiday. A considerable number of persons were killed or injured within the town, and several were blown into the Rhine.

GOING UP, GOING UP

Following the prohibition proclamation of the federal government, the wholesale liquor dealers of Montreal have issued an ultimatum to their customers in the form of an announcement of a jump in the price of the wet goods. The first "note" provided for a raise of \$3 per case on all Scotch and Irish whiskeys, gin, etc. This was followed by the statement that a total toll of \$5 extra per case had been made, with nothing cheaper than \$19 for imported brands. For whiskey bottled by the wholesalers themselves, bulk whiskey has been increased from \$1 to \$3 per gallon. These prices are subject to change without notice. The very interesting correspondence that has been maintained so regularly between local sun worshippers who use fire water in their religious exercises, and the Montreal gentlemen, will now be brought to an abrupt conclusion.

CAR HIT BAKER'S HIG

A Market-Street car, bound for the station, this morning struck one of Hammond's bakery wagons, inflicting damages to both horse and rig. The wagon was uncoupled and the horse moving slowly down the street accidentally crossed the track in front of the car. The motorman applied the brakes, but was unable to bring the car to a standstill in time to avert the crash. The horse, upon examination, was found to have a broken leg, and was shot.

MORE CHANGES IN ADMIRALTY

Vice-Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss Succeeds Sir John Jellicoe

LATTER NOW A PEER

London, Dec. 27.—Vice-Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss has been appointed First Sea Lord in succession to Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, according to an official announcement issued last evening. Admiral Jellicoe has been elevated to the peerage in recognition of his very distinguished services. The hope is expressed that his experience may be utilized later in another post. The translation of Sir John R. Jellicoe to the honorable rank of a peer in the House of Lords and the promotion of the second Sea Lord to his place, briefly announced in an official communication to-day, will convey but one interpretation to the mind of the general public in view of the strong criticisms for a long time passed upon the Admiralty, which culminated in deep disappointment and dissatisfaction at the opportunity which German raiders recently again sank a British convoy. The official announcement says nothing of Admiral Jellicoe's having for any reason resigned his position, but merely announces his replacement by Vice-Admiral Wemyss and the bestowal of a peerage "in recognition of his very distinguished services." "During the war Admiral Jellicoe was for two years and four months in command of the Grand Fleet before he assumed the position of First Sea Lord, which he held with distinction for the past thirteen months. It is hoped that his services and experience may be made use of at a later date in another important appointment."

Admiral Jellicoe was made supreme commander of the home fleet at the outbreak of the war. In the summer following the Jutland battle he was appointed First Sea Lord, turning over command of the Grand Fleet to Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty, who commanded the British warships in their fight against the Germans. Jellicoe is 58 years of age. Vice-Admiral Wemyss became second Sea Lord in 1915, and has a little known to the British public. Wemyss has always borne the reputation of being a fighter of the first rank. From Port Arthur west, 3 to 5 cents, according to distance. Between points in Eastern Canada, a 15 per cent increase, which works out a maximum of 3 cents.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL OPENS HOSPITAL

Renovated School Becomes Model Hospital for Convalescent Soldiers

His Excellency the Governor-General, the Duke of Devonshire, expressed great admiration for the accommodation supplied by the Military Hospitals Commission in the wing added to the Ross Park Military Hospital for convalescent soldiers, when he formally opened that institution on his recent visit to Moose Jaw. The main building was originally a school, but renovated by the construction experts of the Hospitals Commission its conversion for hospital purposes is now most complete. Supplemented by a new wing of the standard plan for military convalescent hospitals it offers splendid facilities. Splendid Facilities Following an inspection of the buildings in which the Duke accompanied by his staff, was conducted over the institution by Major Ashton, D.S.O., the O.C. of "H" unit, His Excellency said, "The facilities for taking hold of the noble fellows who have done such good work in France, and placing them in position to resume civil life, are all that could be desired, and with such facilities I am convinced that you will be able to make just as good citizens of them as they were soldiers."

MR. SPENCE Says He Does Not Propose to Lower His Dignity to Level of the Mayor

Mr. John Spence, president of the local branch of the Canadian Patriotic Association, when interviewed to-day with regard to Mayor Bowly's latest letter said that he did not propose to lower his own dignity, or that of the association to Bowly's level. He has already expressed his personal opinion to the Mayor with reference to the latter's attitude, in no uncertain terms and the people could judge why it was that Bowly absolutely refused to advance proof of his contemptible and utterly unworthy allegations.

THE TERRIBLE TURK.

At present there are fourteen prisoners enjoying the kind hospitality of Governor Jones at the county jail, and being sheltered from the cruel winds of winter. One of these a Turk, is being held for deportation, but here the authorities are confronted with a quandary. The man, who is an alien, originally resided here, but after the outbreak of the war crossed over to the U. S. Since that time and after the passport regulations came into effect he has crossed the border several times, eluding the vigilance of the immigration officials. An order for deportation has been issued, but it is now reported that the military authorities across the line are not favorable to receiving him. He is in the position of a man without a country.

ALD. JONES FOR MAYOR

Brantford, Dec. 27, 1917. His Worship, Mayor Bowlby, City.

Re Tax on Coal Orders

Dear Sir,—I have to acknowledge your letter of this date refusing, unless compelled to do so, to call a meeting of the Council to consider the abolition of the five cent tax on municipal coal orders. If you thought that his refusal would block my efforts to have this tax removed you were sadly mistaken. Within an hour of your refusal I had nine members of Council sign the requisition for the meeting to-night. I hope that by to-night you will have changed your attitude in the matter.

Yours truly, S. A. JONES.

Advertisement for Ald. Jones for Mayor, including a portrait of S. A. Jones and a letter to Mayor Bowlby regarding the coal tax.

Advertisement titled "Why Should the Electors Take More Interest in Our City's Management?" listing financial details of the city and urging support for Mayor Dowling.

Advertisement for Frank Calbeck to Railway Commission, including a portrait and text: "Vote for Re-election of Frank Calbeck to Railway Commission"

Table titled "County Finances" showing receipts and expenditures for Brantford, including resident taxes, interest on surplus funds, and various municipal expenses.

Advertisement for Hood's Pills, stating "sure constipation, biliousness and all liver ills. Do not get or irritate. 25c."

BASEBALL FIVE

"Connie Mack Is No Sporting Critic; and Willie"

Going back about 25 years some baseball gems of the past in the light of history take on a new interest. Items which were jotted down as they were forgotten the next day more interesting reading than accounts of modern duels or slugging matches. We find that at one time, that during the last day more interesting reading than accounts of modern duels or slugging matches. We find that at one time, that during the last day more interesting reading than accounts of modern duels or slugging matches.

Advertisement for Mayor Dowling for 1918, including a portrait and text: "MAYOR FOR 1918 WATCH THIS SPACE ALD. JNO. S. DOWLING"

Advertisement for A.L.D. P.H. Secord for Street Railway Commissioner, including a portrait and text: "FOR STREET RAILWAY COMMISSIONER A.L.D. P.H. SECORD YOUR SUPPORT IS CORDIALLY SOLICITED."

Advertisement for Arthur O. Secord for Street Railway Commissioner, including text: "VOTE FOR EX-ALDERMAN ARTHUR O. SECORD FOR STREET RAILWAY COMMISSIONER"

Advertisement for Scotch Short-Bread and Oat Cakes, including text: "Scotch SHORT-BREAD and OAT CAKES FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY"

Advertisement for Russell's, Ltd. 110 Colborne Street, Phone 179

Advertisement for Pa Could's, including text: "Pa Could's AM-I SAY, COULD YOU IN SOME SORT WHAT?"

# BASEBALL TWENTY FIVE YEARS AGO

## "Connie Mack Is Not Much of a General," Wrote One Sporting Critic; Cy Young Considered a Failure, and Willie Keeler Too Light to Last

Going back about 25 years reveals some baseball gems of the past that in the light of history take on unusual interest. Items which then were jotted down as idle gossip, to be forgotten the next day, make more interesting reading to-day than accounts of modern pitching duels or slugging matches.

We find that at one time Billy Sunday, the big league evangelist, confided to some buddies that when he got through playing baseball he would start a pool and billiard parlor.

We also find old Hankus Pankus O'Day grumbling at the umpires, who never gave him a square deal, and Hank always pulled rough stuff on them. A little quip says that what Hank thinks of the "ump" is not fit to print. It perhaps cheers up Hank's old days to know that during the last dozen years many worthy athletes have felt the same way toward him.

And then we find the paragon taking a whack at John Kinley Tener for giving up an easy job which netted him anywhere from \$1,500 to \$2,000 to go into business. But J. Kinley just kept plugging along, became a bank president, director in numerous corporations, member of congress, governor of Pennsylvania, and finally president of the National League.

We also find that Ban Johnson rejoiced when the Brotherhood collapsed and wrote in his baseball column in the Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette that the smash-up of the Brotherhood meant that never again would there be an attempt to establish a second major league.

Comiskey's Batting Weakness. Then old Charley Comiskey is accused of being a "sucker," at least for any pitcher who fed him a high curve on the inside, but just the same Charley owns one of the finest baseball parks in the United States and next to the Giants has the biggest following.

The worst knock is aimed at poor old Connie Mack. Connie, the only manager in the game who ever won six league pennants and three world's pennants, is always spoken of as having been a wise old bird behind the plate in his younger days. But the scribe of those times didn't think so. While conceding Connie could throw the ball around a bit, he accused him of lacking generalship, but still thought there was a little hope for him. He expresses an opinion that Manager Al Buckenberger, then of Pittsburg, and later with Toronto, might teach Connie to think a bit if he worked him hard enough. That sure is poking a few at the astute Cornelius, now known as the shrewdest man in baseball.

Then we hear of such kids as Mugsy McGraw and Willie Keeler breaking in. McGraw is admitted to be a good prospect, but poor Keeler is passed over as being too lacking in fast company. After pitching two years Cy Young's failure already was predicted. He was curving them too much and only two more seasons were given as his limit. Yet Cy lived to pitch until he was 43 and twirled his third no-hit game in 1909.

Lava Cross, who played on the Brooklyn champions of 1889 and 1890, and captained Mack's Athletic champions of 1902 and 1905, during which years he ranked with the greatest third basemen in baseball.

was being shipped to the minors in the middle '90's.

Here Are the Gems. Amos Rusie is winning regularly for the Giants. Bid McPhee, Cincinnati's second baseman, still plays without a glove. Baltimore critics say that Third Baseman Mugsy McGraw has made good and will cover the position regularly.

Brooklyn has offered Centre Fielder Mike Griffin to Cleveland for Jimmy McAleer, but Pat Tebeau will not consider the offer.

Baseball is growing. Nearly 10,000 were at the Polo Grounds when Amos Rusie shut out Boston. Extra ticket windows were opened. A critic predicts that Cy Young, the youthful phenom of the Cleveland team, will not last two more seasons because he is curving himself to death. There is much wisdom in this assertion.

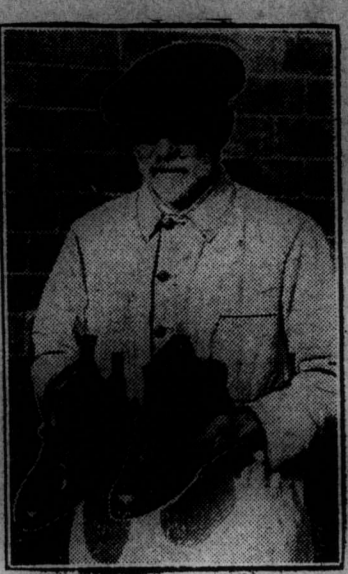
Pop Anson is almost 35 years old, but he can still hit. The big fellow rapped Theodore Pfenstein for two singles, a double and a triple in the recent series.

Manager Bill McCloskey of the Louisville team, has issued a denial that he was going to sign a certain college pitcher of an eastern university. Bill says he has no time to bother with the "rah rah" boys and everybody agrees with him.

Charles Nichols, of the Boston team, is a wonderful pitcher, but few fans think he is worth \$2,500 a season. That is the salary he held up Boston for.

Connie Mack is catching regularly for the Pittsburg team now. This fall Mack has a good whip, but does not seem to be much of a general behind the plate. Manager Al Buckenberger is working hard to make a thinking ball player of him.

Keeler Looked Light. It is reported that the Phillies are going to let out Lave Cross, who, no doubt, will go to the minors.



BRITISH WAR BOOTS

Two million pairs of British Government controlled war boots—the term "standard" boots has been chosen—are to be turned out every month at prices considerably below the present rates, they are smart and of good finish. Photo shows the finished boot.

### MILITARY HOSPITALS FEED THOUSANDS

Convalescent Hospitals at Halifax are Caring for 1,100 Civilians

The cafeterias established by the Military Hospitals Commission in the convalescent hospitals at Halifax supplemented by kitchens fitted to serve men in thousand lots proved a godsend to the homeless victims of the great explosion. Between four and five thousand meals were served daily to the stricken people, men, women and children carrying their trays to the big steam tables in an endless stream day after day. The last of the breakfasters were hardly out of the dining room when the fire for dinner began to form. The clutter of the electric dish washers was never stilled.

1,100 Patients Cared For. In addition to the meals served, over 1,100 patients were cared for in the two institutions, Camp Hill and Fine Hill, which were emptied of their military patients to make room for the victims of the disaster. The lockers, which never before had held anything but khaki and war trophies, were filled with the non-descript remnants of women's wardrobes and children's toys saved from the wreckage.

The transfer of the military patients was arranged by Lt.-Col. Charles, C.O. of the Military Hospitals Commission Command who, directly the news of the disaster was reported in Ottawa, left for the scene to offer all available facilities of the military hospitals to the relief workers.

Two hundred wounded convalescent soldiers under treatment in the Halifax institutions were taken to Sydney, C.B., where the officers in charge of the Moxam and Ross Military Convalescent Hospitals made provision for them, and later wired that if necessary they could care for 50 more.

Repair- Receiving Depot. The convalescent hospitals would have been able to care for 2,000 more had not the great receiving depot on Pier 2 been wrecked. This building was badly damaged and will require extensive repairs before more returned men can be received at that port. The work is already under way.

NEWPORT. (From our own correspondent) The Christmas tree and concert was held at the church on Wednesday evening, Dec. 19th. The program consisted of recitations, songs and a drill by the pupils.

# BRANT-OLA

"THE PHONOGRAPH OF MERIT"

In less than two years the Brant-ola, the product of a Brantford factory, has taken its place in the front rank of Phonographs. This has not been accomplished through extensive advertising but purely on merit.

A Demonstration OF THESE WONDERFUL INSTRUMENTS WILL BE GIVEN AT THE Tea Pott Inn FOR TEN DAYS COMMENCING Dec. 20th

The Exhibit will be in charge of one of our experts and an invitation is extended to every one to see the product of a Brantford Industry

Concerts Afternoon and Evenings

## BRANTFORD PIANO CASE CO., LIMITED

Hamilton, are the guests of Rev. Mr. and Mrs. James Drew at the Grand River Mission.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Young, of Hamilton, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Wheeler.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Smith of Brantford, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Phillips for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. George Charlton and Mrs. M. J. Houlding were holiday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Pawcett, River Road.

Mr. Lloyd Phillips is visiting at Etoula.

Miss Clarion Henry spent a few days with Miss Esther Wheeler.

Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. M. Savage, Brantford.

Miss Clara Yates is visiting friends in Brantford.

Mrs. A. Root, and Mrs. R. H. Root and children, are visiting relatives in Guelph.

Miss Flossie Brown of Harley, was a guest of Miss Irene Morris last week.

The Mission Circle will meet on Thursday at the home of Mrs. G. H. Morris.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler and daughter of Brantford, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Knowles for the holiday.

NO BIG EXODUS. Dominion Emigration Officer Wilfrid Scruton states that the applications for passports entitling Brantfordites to cross the border to the United States showed no notable increase immediately prior to Christmas. It was difficult to estimate the number who went over the line at Christmas, as all passports issued continue valid.

MOUNT ZION (From Our Own Correspondent.) Quite a number from here attended the Christmas market in Brantford on Saturday last.

Mr. Thomas Hanson and sister, Mrs. Clement have returned home from Bay City after attending the funeral of their brother-in-law Mr. Habbershaw of that place.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Mason, of Cleveland, Ohio, were the guests of his sister, Mrs. Dawes on Sunday last.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Howey and daughter, of Brantford Mr. and Mrs. Carl Terryberry and children of Salem, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coakley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Swears of Brantford, spent the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. C. Radford, here.

Mrs. Emma Carter and daughter, Mabel, and Miss Sarah Carter all of Brantford, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. John Read.

The Ladies Aid of the Congregational church, New Durham met at the home of Mrs. Wm. Coakley on Thursday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Radford spent the week-end with the former parents in Brantford.

Mr. and Mrs. Butler and daughter of Brantford, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Knowles for the holiday.

Miss Alice Clement of Buffalo, visited relatives here last week.

Mrs. Savage has gone to Brantford to spend the winter with her son, Mr. Melvin Savage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Silverthorne and children spent Christmas with relatives at Mt. Zion.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Cox and children, of Brantford and Mr. Ross Burtis, of Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. M. Burtis.

We regret that Mrs. Wm. Moore is very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Morris, Miss Irene and Master Lorne Morris, Mrs. Lorne Scott and children, spent



FROM HUN PRISON CAMPS TO CHRISTMAS AT HOME. These six members of the Fourth Canadian Mounted Rifles, (raised in Toronto), escaped from Germany, sat for their "pictures" at 32 Sandysgate Road, Folkestone, England, and then "scattered" for their own firesides and Christmas trees. One remaining in England and the others came back to Canada. Of the five two live in Toronto, and one in Oshawa, one in Windsor and one in the Marathies.

### Pa Could'nt Permit Cedric to Make Any Sacrifice THAT SON-IN-LAW OF PA'S

---By Wellington

AW-I SAY, OLD TOP-I-AN SUP-POSE YOU INTEND MAKING ME SOME SORT OF XMAS GIFT, EH?

ER-YES-O COURSE I'VE GOTTA GIVE YA SOME-THIN'!

WELL-I'VE BEEN THINKING THAT THIS YEAH, WITH OAH BOYS IN THE TRENCHES NEEDING SO MANY THINGS, IT WOULD BE MOST SELFISH OF ME TO ACCEPT GIFTS.

-I'M GOING TO ANSK YOU TO SEND THE AMOUNT YOU INTENDED TO SPEND FOAH MY GIFT TO THE BRAVE FELLOW'S 'OYAW THEAH!

HM-M! ALL RIGHT IF YA SAY SO, BUT-

-I'M THINKIN' YA MIGHT JUST AS WELL HAVE TH' CARPET SLIPPERS, FER ALL TH' GOOD 'TH' FORTY-NINE CENTS'LL DO OUR SO'LDIERS IN FRANCE!

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Grand Trunk Railway

MAIN LINE EAST
Hamilton Standard Time
2:01 a.m.—For Hamilton, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and New York.

MAIN LINE WEST
2:46 a.m.—For Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.
3:30 a.m.—For London, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago.

G. T. B. ARRIVALS
From West—Arrive Brantford 2:01 a.m., 5:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:29 a.m., 1:23 p.m., 5:20 p.m., 6:00 p.m., 8:37 p.m.

Brantford and Hamilton Electric Railway

Leave Brantford 6:52 a.m., 7:43 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 1:40 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

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EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 18, 1917.
7:30 a.m. ex. Sudb. Niagara Falls and intermediate points, Hamilton and Toronto.

L. E. and N. Railway

Effective November 11th, 1917.
Leave Kitchener 8:05 10:05 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 2:05, 3:05, 6:05, 8:05, 10:05 a.m., 12:10, 2:10, 4:10, 6:10, 8:10, 10:10 p.m.

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Uncle Sam's Wonderful Work in Repairing 117 Austro-German Vessels

United States Engineers Did in Weeks What the Foe Had Expected Would Take Months; Smashed Cylinders Replaced so Thoroughly that the Ships will Probably be used as They are to the End of the War.

Theodore M. Knappen writes as follows in the New York Tribune: The Shipping Board may not be building new ships fast enough to please everybody, but when it comes to making damaged interned German ships as good as new, in record-breaking time the board performed one of those brilliant feats that Americans like to read and talk about as typical of American energy and expedition in achieving great things.

When Germany forced war on the United States she kindly solved the costly phase of the transport problem. Lying in American harbors were 103 German and fourteen Austrian ships. The day ruthless submarine warfare was resumed orders were flashed to every commander to wreck his engines according to previous instructions. In one day the whole fleet was put out of commission for as much as a year and a half—so the Germans thought. Today the ships are all sea-worthy and practically all of them are in service. Thereby Germany provided the United States with transport for 53,000 soldiers and a million tons of freight a trip, or, roughly, 500,000 soldiers and 3,000,000 tons of freight a year allowing as much as seven weeks for a round trip across the Atlantic.

Repairs Cost \$30,000,000
The total outlay for repair and renovation was only \$30,000,000. Four weeks after war was declared the first repaired ship was put in a commission, and after that they took to the sea at the rate of one a week, and finally at such a rate that by the end of October not only were repairs completed but all the passenger boats had been converted into transports.

A majority of the German boats were lying in Atlantic mainland ports when war was declared on April 6, but some were in Gulf ports, some in Porto Rico, some were on the Pacific coast and many were in Hawaiian and Philippine ports. Had American efficiency been of the spirit with regard to the Hun, there would never have been any repairing of German ships to do because guards would have been placed on them from the day that the situation between the United States and Germany began to grow difficult and menacing.

Unfortunately, the United States still looked upon the war as an international duel at odds with the latter respect for the traditional code. At the battle of Fontenoy when a bank of fog lifted it left the Royal Guards of France and England confronting each other at fifty paces with a profound howl and a flourish of his chapeau the French commander invited the gentlemen of England to fire first.

German Not Chivalrous.
More than one hundred and fifty years later the United States tried to act chivalrous with the world's great ruthless German autocracy. It seems as if we might have congratulated ourselves with letting the other fellow draw first and then try to shoot first. Though we knew that the Germans would wreck their ships the moment they felt that war was certain we not only let them go ahead and do it, but let them in full possession of those ships for more than two months after the engines were injured. It is a wonder that they didn't sink every ship at its dock on anchorage.

At one time there was even a lot of foolish chatter about how we would magnanimously refrain from appropriating the German ships, but would guard and protect and coddle them until the war was over, when, to demonstrate our Don Quixotism, we would hand them back to the international burglar. We have traveled a long way since then, as witness the pressure we have exerted on neutral shipping. If we had it to do over again we would find a pretence to put a file of soldiers in the engine room of every ship and we would not be such dreamy fools as to leave 117 floating bases throughout the littoral of our empire as gathering places for conspirators who were carrying on unperceived, but therefore all the more dangerous, war.

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Music and Drama

"LILAC TIME"
The fight against myths and legends Brantford says, is one of the most hopeless ever waged by man. Therefore, our deep and sincere appreciation to Jane Cowl, who in writing her play "Lilac Time," to be seen at the Grand Opera House Saturday, Dec. 29th, matinee and night, has disproved the imbecile refrain that no one knows what he is best suited to do. She has shown that a woman sometimes does know.

REX THEATRE
Vaudeville—Pictures
Thursday, Friday and Saturday
LeRoy Osborne AND THE Apple Blossom Girls

Brant Theatre
Pauline Frederick
In the tense dramatic play "The Hungry Heart"
THE RAY TRIO
Comedy Singing and Talking
ROY GRIFFIN
Popular Songs
MOLLIE KING
IN "The Seven Peals"

ALONG ITA BATTLE
Enemy's Foot hold Bank of Piave no Menace
By Courier Leased Wire
Italian army headquarters Northern Italy, Tuesday (By the Associated Press) a general commanding an army the Piave front took the cent along the line once again to the general of the Austro-German nest of bank of the river, which foothold he has succeeded in taking.

Grand Opera House SATURDAY, MATINEE AND NIGHT, DEC. 29TH. Jane Cowl's Wonderful Hit "LILAC TIME" A comedy of Love and Springtime, as played at the Republic Theatre, N. Y., for one whole year.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31st, JANUARY 1st and 2nd. MATINEE EVERY DAY AT 2:30 SIR HERBERT TREE AND CONSTANCE COLLIER IN MACBETH A stupendous Film Version of Shakespeare's Masterpiece Supervised by D. W. Griffith PRICES—Matinee all seats 15c; Evening 15c, 25c, at few at 35c

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SUTHERLAND'S There can be nothing nicer for a New Years Gift than A BOOK A few of the popular new ones are: "The High Heart" Basil King \$1.50 "Missing" Mrs. Humphry Ward \$1.50 "Up the Hill and Over" \$1.35 "Changing Winds" St. John Ermine \$1.60 "Next of Kin" Nellie McClung \$1.25 "Familiar Ways" Margaret Sherwood \$1.25 "My Home in the Path of Mercy" \$1.35 "Fighting for Peace" Henry Van Dyke \$1.25 "No Man's Land" Sapper \$1.35 "A Green Tent in Flanders" \$1.50 "The Indian Drum" \$1.50 "Green Fancy" G. B. McCutcheon \$1.50 "Those Times and These" Irwin Cobb \$1.35 "The First Canadians in France" \$1.35 "Entreaty Obadiah" Joseph Lincoln \$1.50 AND MANY OTHERS Jas. L. Sutherland BOOKSELLER

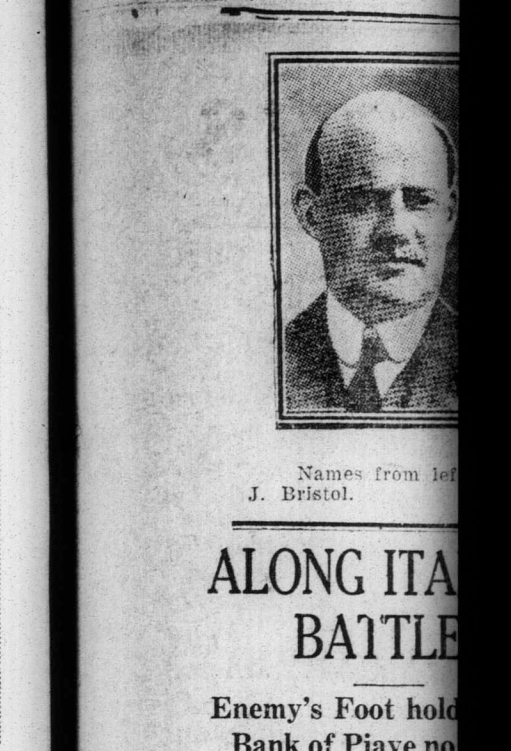
Smashed the Cylinders
It was decided that smashing the cylinders was the thing. It would take the Americans a long time and a mint of money to build new cylinders of so many different sizes and types, whereas it was an easy matter for the shops of Germany to have new cylinders made in the ones. So, with German thoroughness new cylinders were ordered from the shops the moment it was decided to destroy those in the ships. The dismay of the Board of Survey when it first inspected the damaged engines soon gave place to confidence that every cylinder could be patched. The method of repair was quickly decided upon, and within a few days every German ship in the North Atlantic was at a shipyard or a machine shop. A few of them were repaired at navy yards, but most of them were handled by private concerns.

Each Cylinder Completely Lined.
The great jagged wounds were trimmed down to smoothness and regularity. Then steel castings were made to fit the gaps, with overlapping flanges on the outside, in which were bolt holes bored through the cylinder around the periphery of the gap. The bolts had flush heads on the inside and the nuts were attached on the outside. Next the cylinders were reamed out to make true surfaces over the joints. Then as an additional precaution element of strength, each cylinder was fitted with a complete internal casing of steel. To make assurance doubly sure electric welding was sometimes used to supplement the bolting. This casing, of course, reduced the bore of the cylinder and made it necessary to trim down the piston correspondingly. The reduction of the bore had little or no effect on the speed of the ship.

The case of the Vaterland, which was the most superb piece of marine architecture he had ever seen described from that of all the other steamships because she had turbine instead of reciprocating engines. The Vaterland's turbines were wrecked in this manner, and as each of many of the cylinders, just as the Germans had calculated. In fact, it was a long and tedious process, but in time it was accomplished.



Jane Murlin Leading Lady in "Lilac Time" at the Grand Opera House Saturday Dec. 29, Matinee and Night.



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REWARD FOR ARMY
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UPPER CANADA COLLEGE OLD BOYS IN DOMINION PARLIAMENT
Names from left to right are: F. H. Keefer, J. A. M. Armstrong, G. W. Allan, Dr. Charles Sheard, F. F. Pardee, W. Smith and Edmond J. Bristol.

ALONG ITALIAN BATTLE LINE

Enemy's Foot hold on West Bank of Piave no Serious Menace

By Courier Leased Wire
Italian army headquarters in Northern Italy, Tuesday, Dec. 25. (By the Associated Press)—General commanding an army corps on the Piave front took the correspondent along the line occupied by his corps to-day and pointed out the Austro-German nest on the bank of the river, which is the only foothold he has succeeded in maintaining.

The main purpose of the Italian commander was to carry a holiday greeting to his men in the first trenches, but incidentally this visit to the extreme front gave an opportunity for the general to explain the lay of the land and why the enemy was finding himself able to hang on. As the party moved forward, it was noted that the defences had been highly organized so that any sudden rush of the enemy would meet tremendous resistance. The defences comprise a string of trenches fortified for defense with masses of tangled wire and constructions after the Chevaux de Frise order, with numerous sharp projections.

Entering the first line trenches the general led the way. The ground in front was covered with low bushes and scrubby vines running down to the water's edge. Behind this ran a high earthen embankment originally erected as a dyke, but now serving the enemy as a refuge against petty shelling. In the foreground were three large stone farm houses that had been torn to pieces by Italian shell fire. One of these had had the roof, the upper story and two wings blown away while the jagged walls of the first story were still standing. It was still used, the general said, for the enemy's machine guns. They were silent just now as the holiday season had common consent allowed a lull. The heavy Austrian guns were heard now and then.

The general stated that the enemy force in the Zenson curve was about three battalions, or 2,000 men, with an exceptionally large supply of machine guns. Their communications were principally operated in the night hours. The enemy's foothold on the west bank of the Piave here was not regarded by the general as a serious menace to the Italians as it was not a base which could be augmented by an increase of the force. It could be cleared out at any time, he said, but the efforts were not worth the sacrifice it would require in the face of the machine guns. The bank was completely controlled and hemmed in and it was better, he thought, to let the enemy sacrifice his men in holding a position useless to him.

REWARD FOR ARREST.

An order-in-Council, passed on December 24, provides for the payment of a reward of \$10 to any member of the civil police or any peace officer who arrests and delivers into military custody a man who is absent without leave from the military forces of Canada through failure to comply with the Military Service Act. The order-in-Council also provides for the payment of expenses incurred in effecting the arrest and while the deserter is in civil custody.

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By Anabel Worthington.



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OFFICERS OF THE 3RD BATTALION IN FRANCE
Group of 3rd Battalion (Toronto regt) officers taken at Hallcourt before they went up the salient, Oct. 20 1917. This photo is taken after a rugby football match in which the left half of the battalion beat the right half of the battalion 22 to 3. Some of these officers have since paid the supreme sacrifice.

SIDE TALKS

By RUTH VAN CAMELIN THE OTHER FELLOW MOVEMENT.

Have you heard of "The Other Fellow Movement" yet? Of course you have heard of the Conservation movement. I doubt if there is anyone in the country who has not. When I went the other day through a remote country district, I saw a conversation card in almost every window. And equally of course so you are trying to do your bit, trying to help the nation and her allies (and incidentally conserve your own resources) by saving whatever you can in your own household. But the Other Fellow's Movement asks you to go one step farther. Being the Keeper of Your Brother's Goods.

It wants you in the words of its instigator "to look about you for opportunities to save that which belongs to your neighbor and which stranger you have not even seen." Perhaps you do not at once realize how you can do this. Well here is an instance. I was stopping in a hotel not long ago. We left the lights burning when we came down to dinner, and found them so when we came back. Said the Lady-who-always-knows somehow, "Oh isn't that too bad. We should have been more careful." Our companion was a young girl. "You should

worry," said she, "I guess they can stand it. They charge enough." Wasted Electricity or Wasted Linen Is Wasted Labor. That is true, they charge enough to cover those losses. But that is the nation's loss. That wasted electricity was a unit in the vast unnecessary wastage all over the nation. Infinitesimally small, yes, but no longer small when you multiply it by millions. Faucets left open are another similar wastage, also needlessly lavish use of linen, also careless wear and tear of hotel or public property. Having articles sent out on approval from shops when you know in your heart of hearts that you are not likely to keep them, is a tremendous wastage, first of delivery service, second of merchandise (since it has to take away from the freshness of the goods) third of capital, since it keeps that much capital tied up. (Infinitesimal in the individual case enormous in the aggregate). Again, think of the utterly needless wastage of automobile tires because of throwing glass and nails, etc., into the street.

Try To Think Nationally Instead Of Individually. Fire loss is a national loss. Suppose it is covered by insurance. That protects you, but it doesn't bring back the lost property. The whole idea of the movement is to think in larger terms than those of self. Think of all our wealth, all our resources, all our moral courage as one vast reservoir. If you waste any of it, your own or your brother's, you are making this reservoir a little less. And thereby you are hindering the coming of that which we all want more than anything else in the world—an honorable, a righteous and a lasting peace.

SCOTLAND. The Congregational Sunday School held their Annual Xmas Tree on Monday night and was well attended. The Baptists' Sunday School held theirs on Wednesday night. Mrs. W. M. Smith gave a dinner on Xmas to the family. Miss Flossie Mitchner of Bookton, is home for the holidays. Mr. Morley of Toronto, preached in the Congregational church last Sunday. Mr. Bert Watson of the Northwest is a holiday visitor in the village. Mr. T. Houston is improving from his sickness. We are sorry to report the illness of Mrs. R. Ritchie. A number from here attended Sabbath School at Zion on Sunday. Mrs. McCutcheon spent one day last week at Mrs. Fred Smith's.

SPREAD DEATH BY WHOLESALE

Plot to Poison Red Cross Bandages is Unearthed DRESSINGS INFECTED

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 25.—A plot to poison Red Cross bandages and spread wholesale death among the soldiers of America and her allies has been exposed and frustrated here. Revelations of the conspiracy were made to-day when it became known the Department of Justice agents were hunting the perpetrators of the deed.

Three thousand four hundred surgical dressings, rolled by patriotic women in Toledo, were infected with a mysterious greenish poison while in transit between Toledo and Cleveland. Immediately every one of the 3,400 bandages was burned. They were destroyed secretly in the rear of the Red Cross warehouse here. In Regular Shipment. Every effort was made to keep the matter secret, and it was successful until to-day. Officials of the lake division of the Red Cross refused to discuss the poisoned bandages, but the authoritative information was obtained that the bandages had been destroyed, and that Government agents, aided by only slender clues, were trying to solve the mystery. The poisoned bandages were part of the periodical shipments received at the local headquarters of the lake division from Red Cross headquarters in other cities in the division, which comprises Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. The box of bandages arrived here from the Toledo chapter last week and were taken to the warehouse. While women were examining the huge quantity of surgical dressings as to specifications a dark greenish substance was noticed on one of them. Investigation showed that all of the bandages in the box had been treated with poison.

Good Night Stories

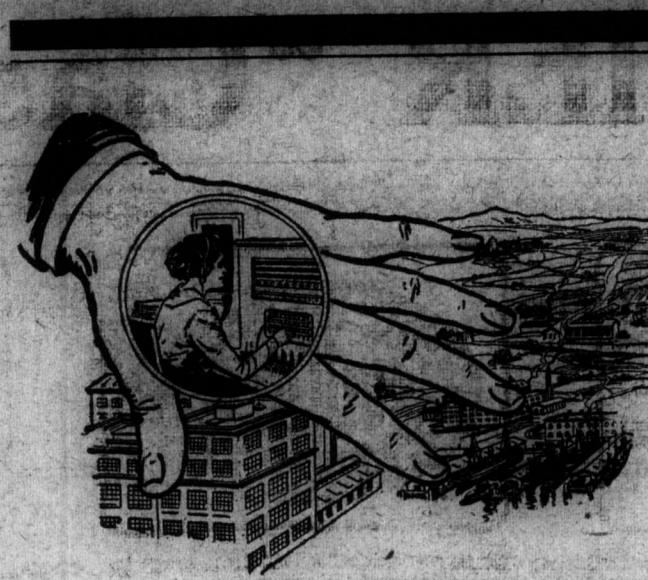
IMP PUTOFF. Once there was a little girl named Susan who was always putting off until to-morrow the things her mamma said she ought to do to-day. "Better fix that hole in the fence so Tito won't run away," warned her mamma one day as she kissed Susan and went downtown. "I will, after a while," Tito's asleep, so he won't run away now," Susan said to herself. So she took her playthings out under the tree and was just dressing her doll when a little neighbor girl came to ask her to go with her on an errand. "There's a hole in the fence, but I guess Tito'll sleep until we get back," whispered Susan, and away they went.

Tito soon awakened and trotted out in search of his little mistress. She was nowhere around. Her doll trunk was open, so Tito helped himself to the pretty doll clothes. Then he yanked Susan's beautiful doll around the head by its golden curls until he discovered the hole in the fence. Down went the doll and away went Tito right through the hole up the road in search of a stray cat to chase.

When Susan returned her dolly, clothes were scattered all over the yard. The beautiful wax doll was lying on the walk with her face upturned to the hot sun and her pretty wax cheeks had melted until her nose was flat. Her lovely blue eyes had fallen back into her head and her golden hair was all matted with dirt, and Tito—was gone. That was the most terrible of all. "Tito was gone!" Susan sat down on the steps and began to cry.

"Hello Susan! In trouble again?" asked a speckly voice. Susan looked up and saw Squeedee's happy face smiling at her from the rosebush. "She told him what had happened, and ended by saying: "And now Tito's gone!" "Didn't I hear mamma tell you to mend the fence?" asked Squeedee. "I was going to, but it seems something always happens, wait awhile, when I'm told to do things," sobbed Susan. "Hm! Putoff," exclaimed Squeedee. "He thinks it a great joke when trouble comes to folks who turn to him when he tells them to muddle things off."

"I ever saw Imp Putoff," cried Susan. "Of course not, no one ever has, but you listened to him and put off mending the fence," laughed Squeedee. "Now there's only one way to settle that little Imp. When any one asks you to do anything, run quickly before Imp Putoff gets a



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chance to whisper "wait awhile." And when you've turned a deaf ear to him several times he'll take the hint and not bother you any more."

Just then Tito turned the head in the rear. His lovely white fur was filled with burrs, and his pretty blue bow was dragging in the dust. He knew he had disobeyed by running away, and he sneaked up to Susan expecting to be scolded.

But Susan was so happy to see him safe and sound that she forgot all about Squeedee, and when she turned around he was nowhere in sight.

She didn't scold Tito, because Squeedee had shown her it was all her own fault, but she ran and found a board and mended that fence right away.

Susan never forgot her little talk with Squeedee. Now she always runs and does the things she knows she should do before Imp Putoff has a chance to whisper "wait awhile!" in her ear.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA



CHRISTMAS THIS YEAR SEES BRITISH IN POSSESSION OF CHRIST'S BIRTHPLACE. Cementing their hold in Palestine the British forces that captured Jerusalem have established guards at Bethlehem, the birthplace of Christ. The British forces have taken measures to safeguard all the shrines in Jerusalem and all the Holy places nearby. This photo shows the church of the Nativity, built where Jesus was born in Bethlehem, in the foreground. In the background is the market place that has been an open square as far back as history and tradition reach. The church in the background is flanked by three monasteries, two of which can be seen. According to Jerome, who lived here shortly after its construction, this church was undoubtedly built upon the site of the Bethlehem Kahn or Inn, where Christ was born.

