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## STORM SEWERS FEARED INADEQUATE Veregin's Sister Likely To Be Chosen Doukhobor Leader

### KU KLUX KLAN WARNS STUDENTS AT WESTERN

#### Will Recondition Old Battleships

Associated Press Despatch.  
Washington, Dec. 10.—Reconditioning of old battleships to keep them in fighting trim and inauguration of a building program for auxiliary craft, based on similar construction under taken by the other naval powers, was the program outlined by Secretary Wilbur to the house subcommittee on naval appropriation as necessary to establish and maintain the navy at the 5-5-3 ratio provided for by the Washington naval limitation treaty.

### JELlicoe PLACED ON RETIRED LIST

Famous Naval Commander Is  
Honored For Part in Battle  
of Jutland.

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Dec. 10.—The admiralty announced today the retirement of Admiral Lord Jellicoe, effective Dec. 6 last.

Admiral Jellicoe, Viscount of Scapa, commanded the British grand fleet in the battle of Jutland May 31, 1916, and afterwards was first lord of the admiralty and chief of the naval staff.

In 1920 he was appointed governor-general and commander-in-chief of the dominion of New Zealand, serving as such until last August. The retirement of the admiral, who was 65, was announced as he was born Dec. 5, 1859.

### STACK DEATH DEMANDS CALLED PRE-CONCEIVED

Egyptian Prince Charges British  
Requests Are  
Extortionate.

Associated Press Despatch.  
Cairo, Dec. 10.—Prince Omar Toussein, a relative of King Faisal, in an interview yesterday, declared that he deplored the recent murder of Sir Leo Stack, the Egyptian consul, and regarded the British demand on Egypt as extortionate and as indicating that the British had seized this opportunity to carry out pre-conceived plans.

The prince regretted that Egyptian ministers were willing to accept of the terms of the Egyptian ultimatum, and said that it would have been better to have allowed Great Britain to carry on with her forces. He supported the Egyptian ultimatum, but said that the government's request to treat foreign officials of the municipality similarly to those in the government's ultimatum, the prince asserted that "only between all political parties was required before the calling of a national conference to consider the situation."

### JUDGE URGES TOLERANCE WITH YOUTH OF TODAY

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Kingston, Dec. 10.—In the county court this afternoon, Judge Lavell, in referring to criminal cases which all related to offenders against youth, said: "One hesitates to draw a hasty deduction from this, but I think it fair to say that in any kind of a general condition of this kind, the cause is deeper than appears on the surface. We should not be too harsh in criticizing youth, but I think all are agreed that the manners of young people have greatly changed during the last years, and it is just a question whether this has not something to do with the cases now before the court."

### TRIPLE ENTENTE STRESSED BY FRENCH PRESIDENT

Associated Press Despatch.  
Brussels, Dec. 10.—Former President Millemans of France, in the course of a lecture here last evening declared that a close entente of Great Britain, Belgium and France was necessary to preserve the peace of Europe, as Germany's attitude showed she was impatient. The speaker was loudly applauded by a large audience, which included many ministers, former ministers and diplomats.

THREE ARE INJURED.  
Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Three persons were injured here yesterday afternoon when a street car split a switch and the rear trucks swinging on the curb and the rear of the car striking and knocking down several pedestrians. The injured, T. L. Browne, 45; Miss J. Reid, 25, and Edward Deroin, aged 4, are in hospital, but their condition is reported as favorable.

#### Threatening Letter Sent to the Gazette Editor Following Notice of Meeting.

LONDON CORPS  
Points to Formation of Branch  
of Organization in  
City.

Warning the students and the members of the faculties of the University of Western Ontario against holding any meetings where a discussion of the Ku Klux Klan is to be taken up, a letter has been received by Robert Shaw-Wood, editor of the Western U. Gazette.

In the last issue of the university paper the members of the History and Political Science club announced a meeting for Thursday night, when the subject for general discussion would be "The Ku Klux Klan."

The letter was received at the university today. It is carefully typed on plain paper. In the center, done in red ink, is the K. K. cross. At the top of the paper are the letters K. K. K., London Corps. It is dated Dec. 6.

Text of Letter.

"The text is as follows:  
"Sir: The last issue of the Gazette has come to our hand and note that the History and Political Science club propose to hold a discussion on the Ku Klux Klan at their next meeting. As the president of the club is unknown to us we are unable to warn him directly to the interest of parties and the students in general."

The second paragraph is in capitals, as follows: "Western students, you are warned that the Ku Klux Klan will not be tolerated at this meeting or if you go keep your mouth shut and beware lest you say anything derogatory to the Klan."  
"Vengeance will be swift and sure. No mercy will be shown. This includes professors as well as students. Officers of the club cancel this meeting now or suffer the fate your temerity has drawn upon you. This is no bluff or joke. Stay away from this meeting or keep your mouth shut."

K's In Corner.

In the right hand corner of the letter are three K's underlined in red. The warning sentences are underlined in red ink. The cross in the center bears the letters K. K. K. and they have been carefully done. The meeting of the members of the History and Political Science club will be held as usual.

Speaking for Robert Shaw-Wood, editor of the Gazette, William P. Parsons, news editor, said this morning that it was not known whether the letter actually came from the Ku Klux Klan or whether it is the work of some practical joker. He said that if it were a joke those responsible for it had taken pains to make a thorough job of it, for the letter is well executed.

Dean Fox, when asked his opinion of the letter this afternoon, stated that he believed it was a joke played on some of the students, and not worth serious consideration.

### SPANISH MAIL STEAMER COLLIDES WITH TANKER

New York, Dec. 10.—The Spanish royal mail steamer Montevideo, carrying 55 passengers, collided with the Standard Oil tanker Charles P. Spratt late Monday off Ambrose Light, it was learned yesterday when the steamer put back into port and discharged her passengers. Three seamen on the tanker were injured when the steamer and seamen's quarters were crushed. The Montevideo had her bow plates badly crushed. The tanker reached its pier, but settled there under the weight of water taken in through a great rent in its side.

### EARLY FEDERAL ELECTION RUMOR DENIED BY LOW

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Toronto, Dec. 10.—Hon. Thomas A. Low, minister of trade and commerce, who is in the city today, when asked during a conference with leading Liberals of the city if his visit had any connection with local rumors that there was prospect of an early federal election, stated that it had not. "The government is interested just now," he said, "in preparing for the coming session."

### Kitten Goes With the Laundry, Owner Has Sleepless Night

There was great consternation and considerable grief in the home of a well-known Londoner last night when it was discovered that the family kitten had vanished as if by magic. The entire neighborhood was canvassed and a minute search made of the house from cellar to garret, when the kitten was found.

After a more or less sleepless night, the mistress of the house got up early this morning and made another search of the premises. What on earth could have become of that kitten?

Suddenly she remembered that the only time the door had been open during the afternoon was when the



SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES, chairman of the British royal commission on food prices, who announced at the opening session of that body today in London, England, that it was highly imperative that the people be furnished with the reasons for the continued high prices of food.

### GEDDES SAYS FOOD PRICES ARE UNFAIR

Former Ambassador to U. S.  
Presides Over Commission  
to Investigate Conditions.

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Dec. 10.—The royal commission on food prices, composed of 16 members under the chairmanship of Sir Auckland Geddes, former ambassador at Washington, held its first sitting at the board of trade this morning. Sir Auckland, in opening the session said the question why the price of food was so high as compared with the pre-war prices, why the food in shops cost 70 per cent more than in July, 1914, demanded an answer which must be found.

It was big business, and could not be rushed, he explained, and some time would be in a position to make its report. Therefore the public must bear patiently with it.

The first meeting will be devoted to taking evidence from statistical experts dealing with food prices.

Later the ministry of agriculture will furnish the committee with evidence. Next week information will be gathered from the wheat, flour and bread trade.

### YEATES FIRE GIVING SQUAD STIFF FIGHT

Building Occupied by J. Harris  
and Son Is Still  
Burning.

Firemen continued to fight a blaze at the old Yeates' munition building at 603 Bathurst street today, 24 hours after the first alarm was turned into the central fire hall yesterday.

The building was being used by J. Harris & Son, junk dealers, for the storage of munitions and fire arms. It was noticed in it at about 2 o'clock yesterday.

Although firemen managed to hold the blaze in check yesterday, throughout the night, large quantities of junk were still burning among the ruins of the building. Streams of water were being steadily played upon the smoldering mass.

The cause is unknown. Chief Aitken stated today, but the loss is estimated at about \$17,000.

Surrounding buildings were threatened when the fire was at its height, owing to a strong wind which blew sparks on to nearby roof tops.

### BLACKMAIL IS MORALLY AS BAD AS MURDER

Associated Press Despatch.  
London, Dec. 10.—"Blackmail is morally quite as bad as murder," declared the judge of the London sessions yesterday, adding that "there was quite a crop of these moral assassins until a few months back, when they were drastically dealt with." Motor stealing, said the judge, was again raising its head in the metropolis.

### JUDGE ALLOWS \$3,950 IN \$50,000 AUTO SUIT

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Hamilton, Dec. 10.—Miss Rena Henderson, stenographer of the workmen's compensation board, Toronto, was allowed \$3,950. Mrs. Mary Buttram, Hamilton, \$300, and her husband, Hugh, \$100, were awarded \$150, this afternoon by a county court jury which heard their claim against Mrs. Anna Udell for \$50,000 for personal injuries and damages to an automobile. The car in which the plaintiffs were riding, driven by Hugh Buttram, figured in a collision with a car driven by the defendant at Lowe and Main streets some time ago. Miss Henderson and Mrs. Buttram were injured.

### FRENCH-CANADIAN UNIT WILL BE ORGANIZED

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Ottawa, Dec. 10.—The minister of national defence is to be asked, within a short time, to authorize the formation of a French-Canadian regiment in Ottawa.

### HEAVY RAIN DANGEROUS TO SEWERS

Storm Sewers in City Taxed  
to Limit in Recent  
Years.

MEASURE FALL

Condition Being Experienced  
in Other Ontario Cities  
at Present.

Because of an unexplained increased intensity in rainfall, storm sewers which were considered ample to carry the "peak-load" of rain from the streets of London 20 years ago are no longer adequate. London is experiencing the same difficulty other cities have found, that while there is little or no increase in the amount of rainfall, the intensity of storms is greater.

Storms that at one time occurred perhaps only once in 30 years in London now happen almost once in 10 years or better.

In the old days sewers to take care of such a severe storm as occurred only once in a quarter-century were not needed. But now the storm sewers systems have to be increased accordingly.

Elements "Modern."

It would appear that the elements have been "jazzed up," just like many other modern conditions. Instead of being satisfied with striking the earth with a steady downpour of rain, a high explosiveness is injected into the storms of today, and there is a greater volume of rain in a shorter span of time than ever before.

This peculiar condition cannot be explained. It is proven, nevertheless, by a rain gauge which has been in use at the office of W. P. Near, city engineer.

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Cause of Floods.

The frequency of this "peak-load" of rain has caused a serious attack of gripple. His physicians' bulletin says his malady is accompanied by a swelling of the leg. The premier has been ailing for more than a week. He saw his doctor about ten days ago and was told he had better take a rest. He insisted upon going on with his cabinet, however, and got through them until today, although his tired condition was remarked during his trip to Ronabax Sunday.

The premier's friends hoped his iron constitution would enable him to hold out through this particularly trying period, but he was taken ill during the early hours of this morning after last night's especially trying session of the chamber of deputies.

### ACTORS IN PILL BOX HATS ADVISED TO GET HAIR CUT

Canadian Press Despatch.  
Ottawa, Dec. 10.—"Get your man" is not the slogan of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, but an echo from Hollywood. "This and several other 'traditions' of the famous service have been invented outside of Canada, one gathers from the remarks of a high official of the mounted police yesterday.

"For one thing," said the official, "if movie actors who personate Canadian mounted policemen insist on wearing a pill box hat with service uniform, I wish they would get a haircut to begin with. A haircut goes so much better with a pill box than the original locks now current on the stage."

### Prisoner Is His Own Judge So He Chooses Freedom

Frank Neville Decides To Go  
When Court Gives Him  
Novel Power.

### VAGRANCY CHARGE

Declares Illness Forced Him to  
Sleep in Barn—Pride  
Prevents Aid.

In police court today Frank Neville, charged with vagrancy, was allowed to act as his own judge, to decide whether or not he should go to jail, a privilege seldom accorded any prisoner.

Neville was arrested yesterday. He was out of work, penniless and sick. He told the court. He had friends in the city, but rather than seek their aid he availed himself of his right to a comfortable sleeping habit, a barn filled with soft straw, and slept.

Police men awakened him. He was brought to the police station and spent the remainder of the night in the cells.

He told his story to Magistrate Graydon in court this morning. He said he had been in the city for some time, but had no money, and was forced to sleep in a barn. He said he was ill, and that he was unable to work.

Magistrate Graydon said: "What do you want to do, go to jail or a week and get better, or find some friends who might care for you?"

It took Neville several minutes to decide. He debated the question seriously, and finally chose the street again in preference to a week or two in jail. A sister, he said, would provide for him, and he would be well enough to look for work.



DOUGLAS GRAHAM, prominent merchant and former mayor of Strathroy, who died at Midland on Sunday.

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## MODERN MOTHER SUBJECT OF TALK

Mrs. J. M. Chalmers Gives an Address Before Empress Avenue Club.

"The Modern Mother and Her Daughter" was the subject of an inspiring talk given before the Empress Avenue mothers' club last night by Mrs. J. M. Chalmers.

The modern mother, she said, did not get the confidence of her daughters as she should. The girls were not altogether to blame for this. In fact she found many excuses for the modern girls, who had some justice in thinking that their mothers were far behind the times. The modern mother, she said, should adjust her life so as to meet the needs of the girl. She should encourage her daughters to get a good education and be able to make use of the privileges which came to them.

Principal R. Fowler of the school also spoke briefly on "The Home and School Federation." Mrs. George Bryant, the president, was in the chair.

Plans were made for the opening of the baby welfare clinic in the new school on the first Tuesday in the new year. A very fine program was given, over which Mrs. Chalmers presided. The numbers included "A Christmas Message from the Scriptures," by Miss Ruth E. Donahue; a reading by Mrs. Newhouse and Mrs. Ballantyne from the River-view mothers' club; violin numbers by Mrs. P. Granger, and piano numbers by Miss Alma Brown.

## NEW CHURCH OF CHRIST TO BE OPENED JAN. 11

Outstanding Churchmen Will Attend Function—Edifice Now Completed.

The fine new edifice erected on Elizabeth street by the Church of Christ disciples is to be formally opened on January 11.

Announcement to this effect was made this week by the pastor of the congregation, Rev. James H. Versoy. Two of the outstanding men of the church in Canada and the United States who will be present in the opening ceremonies are Rev. C. W. Caudle of Indianapolis, Ind., and Rev. Edgar de Witt-Jones, M. A., D.D., L.L.D., of Detroit.

Following the opening of the new church, Rev. W. Wells, well-known Canadian evangelist, will conduct an evangelistic campaign for several weeks.

The corner stone of the new church was laid last summer with befitting ceremony, since which time excellent progress has been made with the erection of the building.

## BRITAIN AUTHORIZED TO COMPLETE SURVEY

Research Director Now Rewriting Education Board Rules.

Dr. Horace L. Brittain, director of the Canadian research institute, Toronto, is at present engaged in the task of revising and rewriting the rules and regulations of the local board of education.

Instructions to proceed with the task were given Dr. Brittain immediately following the meeting of the board, with the request that the revision be completed at the earliest possible moment.

The secretary of the board was directed to forward to each member of the board prior to the special meeting, which is to be held by chairman Heyden on the 15th of the month, in order to clean up the year's business.

## PROFESSOR ROBERTSON WILL LECTURE TONIGHT

Address To Be Given Before Workers' Educational Association.

The Workers' educational association of Western Ontario will hold its annual meeting in the London public library tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

At 8:15 the meeting will be thrown open to the general public and a lecture will be given by Professor A. D. Robertson, of the university of Western Ontario on "Some Simple Forms of Life." The lecture will be illustrated.

The association aims at extending adult education throughout Western Ontario by forming classes among all groups wishing to pursue a course of study in any of a great variety of subjects. Lecturers are provided for the classes from the staff of the university of Western Ontario.

The meeting will be open to all, and any organizations interested in forming study groups are cordially invited to send delegates.

## MRS. MARY ANNE WELLMAN PASSES AT THE AGE OF 63

The death occurred at 10 o'clock last night of Mrs. Mary Anne Wellman at her residence, 467 Dundas street. She was 63 years of age and very well known in the city.

Mrs. Wellman had been ill for about a month and her death came as a shock to her many friends.

She was born in Canada and had resided in London for the past 28 years.

She is survived by her husband, George Wellman of this city, and one daughter, Mrs. Edward Tudge, also of London.

The funeral will be held Friday afternoon at 2:30 to Mount Pleasant cemetery, where interment will take place.

A. E. M. Thompson of Centennial Methodist church will have charge of the services.

## RANKS OF JOBLESS CUT AS THIRTY-ONE GET WORK

Koretz Now "White Wing"

Associated Press Despatch, Stateville, Ill., Dec. 10.—Leo Koretz, serving a sentence of from one to ten years for swindling in connection with the promotion of a phantom oil scheme in which relatives and friends invested \$2,000,000, has been made a prison "white wing."

He will police the yard of the state penitentiary for bits of paper and rubbish.

Warden Whitman assigned him to the job when informed by prison physicians that the fresh air would be beneficial to his chronic diabetic.

## EVANGELICAL DRIVE PLANNED BY BAPTISTS

Campaign Will Open Monday, Jan. 5, in Talbot Street Church.

On Monday, Jan. 5, in the Talbot street church the Baptists of the city will inaugurate a city-wide evangelical campaign. For the week following, services in connection with this campaign will be held in each of the Baptist churches in the city.

The revival was decided upon at a meeting representative of London Baptists on Tuesday last in the Talbot street church, and was enthusiastically received by an excellent musical program.

Rev. John Holman was appointed chairman in charge of the revival arrangements and a competent committee was chosen to act with him in the preparatory work.

It was felt that the New Year season was peculiarly apt for the inception of such a revival, and special musical programs are being arranged in each of the churches for the week.

## LIBERAL CHIEF WILL GO TO AILSA CRAIG

Great Interest Shown in Annual Meeting of Association.

The London Liberal association will not be officially re-elected tomorrow at Ailsa Craig at the annual meeting of the North Middlesex Liberal association.

Although an annual meeting, and including the election of officers, it will also be an organization meeting of the Liberal party to some extent.

Speakers will include W. E. N. Sinclair, K.C., the Liberal leader; Hon. Nelson Parliament and Senator F. F. Jarvie.

The meeting begins at half past one and will be held in the Ailsa Craig town hall. All Liberals in the riding have been invited to attend, and the presence of the majority is expected to insure a large attendance.

Following the opening of the new church, Rev. W. Wells, well-known Canadian evangelist, will conduct an evangelistic campaign for several weeks.

## WIFE RETURNS HOME HIRED MAN IS JAILED

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The couple drove to London on Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

They took a L. & P. S. car for St. Thomas and stayed at a hotel there over night, registering as "Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson."

The couple boarded the L. & P. train for Hagersville, and took a bus to Hamilton from there.

Jamieson took charge of the \$18 Mrs. Ferguson had and also took her diamond engagement ring and pawned it. He secured a job on a farm with an old couple and took Mrs. Ferguson with him. He threatened to kill her, she charges, if she did not go through a form of marriage with him by today.

In the meantime, however, she managed to write her husband, telling him where she was. The letter was turned over to the high constable, who got in touch with Hamilton authorities, took the train to that city and drove out to the farmhouse with High Constable Clarke of Wentworth county.

Leaving Mr. Clarke to guard the doors, Chief Wharton walked in the front door of the house at 10 o'clock last night. Mrs. Ferguson was in the living room and told the officer that Jamieson was asleep upstairs. She did not know if he still possessed a revolver and asked Chief Wharton to take one to the hotel.

Jamieson was snoring gently when the constable entered the bedroom. He reached quickly under the pillow when awakened by Wharton, but produced no gun, neither was one found in the search conducted by the officials.

The party then motored to Dundas to the hotel there, and came on to London this morning.

"My wife told me that Jamieson said he would shoot me if I took the train out in a bid to show her where he got off at."

Ferguson stated that Jamieson had been employed at his farm for weeks and as far as farm work was concerned there "wasn't a better man standing in shoe leather."

## ACTION AGAINST HARRIS OPENED IN COURT TODAY

The \$500 damage action brought by the Canada Rug Company against Louis Harris of this city, being brought by Judge Macbeth today.

The company alleges that Mr. Harris was to blame for an automobile accident on the Longwood road west of Melbourne on Dec. 21, 1923, in which company's truck was badly damaged.

Mr. Harris claims that he was not negligent in any way and that the driver of the plaintiff's truck was responsible for the accident.

J. G. Gillanders is appearing for the plaintiff and W. E. Spencer for defendant.

## Council Authorizes Winter Projects to Alleviate City Conditions.

WEEKLY SHIFTS  
Every Bona Fide Citizen Needing Job Will Be Taken Care Of.

Thanks to actions and orders of the city council, the ranks of London's army of jobless were materially cut today when 31 men were given employment on new works authorized. A similar number will be taken care of on work that will be opened up tomorrow, and it is expected that 200 or more men will shortly be engaged on city relief work.

Jobs will be provided for practically every bona fide citizen who needs and wants employment. But there will not be any jobs for "importers" or "immigrants" who are looking for charity from the citizens of London to tide them over the winter.

200 Married Men.  
Records at the government employment bureau show that there are about 200 married men, residents of London for at least twelve months, who are in need of work.

It is estimated that the city recently or have no dependents. Relief work at Springbank park was started this morning when a gang of ten men was sent out to commence opening up new roadways.

There are trees to be cut and roads to be staked out. Another gang of men will be engaged on this job tomorrow. It is possible that the Springbank job will be able to take care of 50 or 60 men, divided into equal shifts, with each man working one week out of two.

Graveling Starts.  
Graveling of city streets in West London has started, and similar work will be going on with in other sections of London tomorrow. No grading can be done at this season of the year, though gravel can be hauled and used on the streets.

Ten more men were today added to the gang on the Dorinda creek sewer in East London. The work there has been handicapped by conditions at Dundas street, where it has been found necessary to tunnel under street car tracks and pavement. As soon as this part of the work is complete more men can be used.

## SCHOOL DAYS IN 1925 ARE 197, DEPT. STATES

Period Two Days Shorter Than This Year—City Officials Advised.

School children and teachers will attend school for 197 days during 1925, or two days less than during the year just drawing to a close.

Such is the information received by Senior Inspector V. K. Greer in a bulletin from the provincial department of education this morning.

The regulations affect high continuation, public and separate schools. Easter holidays next year will be on April 10 and conclude on the 19, midsummer holidays on June 30 and close on Aug. 31; Christmas and New Year's holidays the first four days of January, 1925, and Dec. 23, 1924, to Jan. 1, 1925.

The non-school days will include also all Saturdays, local municipal holidays, dominion and provincial, public and thanksgiving days. Amongst this list are Victoria Day, May 25, (May 24 coming on Sunday), the king's birthday, June 3, Labor Day, Sept. 7, Armistice Day, Nov. 11.

The children will be required to attend school for 20 days in each of January, February, May, June and November; 15 days in April and December; 21 days in September; and 22 days in March and October.

The bulletin concludes as follows: "No other days are deducted from the proper divisor except the days on which teachers' institute is held and the days on which school is closed under provisions of the public health act."

## WORK SCARCITY CUTS ADOLESCENT PERMITS

Number of Certificates Drops From 193 to 157 in Year.

According to figures prepared by Chief Attendance Officer H. M. Sims, there were 17 home permits and 17 employment certificates in effect amongst the boys and girls of the public schools on Nov. 30.

It is expected that the corresponding date, there were 20 home permits and 173 employment certificates.

Mr. Sims' department issued 8 permits and 15 certificates during November, while 5 permits and 17 certificates expired during the same period.

In commenting upon the decrease in the number of certificates from 193 to 157, Mr. Sims pointed out that the situation has arisen from the fact that there is a difficulty of securing employment. Perhaps more important, however, is the growing realization of the value of education and the securing of an education beyond merely the grade schools.

The provincial police are conducting a search for Michael Thomas Devine of Charlton, who was last seen in London on Nov. 14, and who was starting on a visit to his son at Windsor on that date.

The man bought a ticket at the Engelhart station and boarded a train, and it is believed that he is living in London, for the ticket was traced to this point.

The description, as furnished to the provincial police, is: Age, 58 years; height, 5 feet 9 inches; weight, 160 pounds; gray moustache, gray complexion. When last seen he was wearing a black and gray suit, light green overcoat with a velvet collar and shoes and black rubbers.

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Answering this description should be directed to Inspector Loughhead at provincial police headquarters at Windsor.

## JOHN CONROY CHARGED WITH STEALING AUTO

A man giving his name as John Conroy was arrested in Woodstock last night for London police on a charge of stealing an automobile.

Soon after J. W. Stevenson reported to the local police last night that a touring car owned by him had been stolen while it was standing on Dundas street between Richmond and Jarvis, the car and driver were located by Chief of Police Moore of Woodstock in that city.

Detective Elmer Walsh left London this afternoon to bring Conroy back to this city, where he will stand trial.

As will appear before Magistrate Graydon in police court tomorrow morning.

## CLEAN SAE SEEN BY WORKS BOARD

\$3,000 Surplus Will Care For Last-Minute Expenditures.

An existing surplus of nearly \$3,000 caused by the payment of paving repairs accounts was announced today by W. P. Near, city engineer, and the board of works will likely be able to finish the present year without a deficit. This year considerable repair work was carried out on the city's asphalt pavements and as the contracts of the paving firms which laid these had not run out, some fair sized checks have been provided for the city.

With the available funds from the payment of paving accounts, the engineer's department will be able to look after added expenses this month in connection with relief work.

Expenditure of \$20,000 has been authorized by the council for extra relief work, but none of this will actually be spent this year because of the surplus in the engineer's department.

The weather has been a friend to the engineer's department this season and has saved the city money. Ordinarily the few thousand dollars available at this time of year would be necessary to repair pitch holes in roadways, caused by wet weather and frost. But with continued dry days little repair work of this sort has been found necessary.

Hector ZWICK, sentenced to two years in penitentiary by Judge Judd last week, has signed away all rights to the city of London, and will likely be removed to Kingston penitentiary some time tomorrow. It was learned at the court house today.

Following recent legislation, all prisoners sentenced for indictable offences must sign papers waiving their right to appeal before they will be accepted at the penitentiary.

## SHROUD STILL HANGS OVER PORTRAIT OF LADY ASTOR

City of Plymouth Likely To Get Pictures of Its Popular Member.

REAL DILEMMA

Associated Press Despatch, London, Dec. 10.—An amusing dilemma has arisen over the disposition of Lady Astor's portrait which hangs on one of the staircases of the House of Commons.

The picture was presented to parliament by Lord Astor with the approval of a former government, but parliament has found that it is "undesirable as a matter of principle" that pictures or statues of living persons should be displayed there.

During the controversy, which lasted for some weeks, the picture was covered with a cloth and it was suggested that it be sold and the proceeds used for the relief of the poor.

It is reported that a request has been received for transference of the portrait to Washington. The city of Plymouth also wants it for its art gallery, and the present expectation is that Plymouth will get it.

At the regular meeting of the London real estate board held last night, the annual election of officers took place. Harry Simon was elected vice-president, and S. D. Campbell, secretary-treasurer.

Plans were made for the promotion of public improvements during 1925 in London and district, and it was pledged itself to give greater protection to the general public during the forthcoming year.

## WORTLEY ROAD MOTHERS RAISE \$236 AT BAZAAR

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## THE FAMILY ALBUM—SENDING THE WASH.

CALLS DOWNSTAIRS THE WOMAN'S COME ABOUT THIS SHIRT HANGING IN HIS CLOSET, AND IS TOLD FROM BEHIND A NEWSPAPER, ALLRIGHT TO PUT IT IN.

A MINUTE OR TWO LATER CALLS HOW ABOUT THIS SHIRT HANGING IN HIS CLOSET, AND IS TOLD FROM BEHIND A NEWSPAPER, ALLRIGHT TO PUT IT IN.

HAS JUST TUCKED A SHEET NEATLY OVER THE WASH WHEN SHE HEARS HUSBAND COMING UP WITH TWO OR THREE HANDKERCHIEFS. HE FOUND IN HIS POCKET—THEY OUGHT TO GO.

LIFTS UP SHEET TO ADD THEM TO WASH, WHEN HUSBAND FRODING ROUND OTHER END WANTS TO KNOW WHY HIS PINK STRIPED SHIRT IS DOING IN HERE. HE'S ONLY WORN IT ONCE.

DAY AND HE WANTS SPECIALLY TO WEAR IT TO THE BOSSERS LUNCHEON TOMORROW BECAUSE IT'S KIND OF SPORTY. SAYS, CERTAINLY HE DIDN'T TELL HER TO PUT IT IN, HE THOUGHT SHE MEANT THE

BLUE DOTTED ONE THAT'S HANGING IN THE CLOSET. INVESTIGATION FAILS TO REVEAL ANY BLUE DOTTED SHIRT IN CLOSET. WELL, WHAT'S BECOME OF IT, HE HASN'T ENOUGH

SHIRTS TO LOSE THEM AFTER PULLING WASH TO PIECES, FINDS BLUE DOTTED SHIRT AT BOTTOM AND REMEMBERS HE PUT IT IN THE HAMP—ER HIMSELF A DAY OR TWO AGO.

PUTS CLOTHES BACK TUCKS SHEET IN AT TOP AND FINDS THAT THE PINK STRIPED SHIRT HAS GOT MIXED WITH OTHER THINGS AND IS IN THE BASKET AND, SAYS HIS WIFE, IT'LL STAY THERE.

A LITTLE LATER ASKS BY THE WAY DID SHE TAKE HIS CUFFLINKS OUT, FURNISHING A FINE ARGUMENT FOR THE EVENING AS TO WHOSE PAUD IT WAS LEAVING THEM IN.

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Fifty dozen All Linen Towels, hemstitched border and damask ends. Thursday, each ..... **44¢**

Twenty dozen embroidered, hemstitched and scalloped edge. Values to \$1.00. Thursday, each ..... **69¢**

Twenty-five dozen Manufacturers' Sample Handkerchiefs. Values to 25¢. Thursday, 2 for ..... **25¢**

500 yards of 70-inch Bleached Table Damask. Values to \$2.25. Thursday, yard ..... **\$1.00**

Manufacturers' Sample Beaded Hand Bags. Values to \$7.00. Thursday, ..... **\$3.95**

Men's \$2.00 Caps. Thursday ..... **97¢**

Twenty dozen men's All Wool Socks, with silk stripe. Values to \$1.00. Thursday, pair ..... **69¢**  
2 pairs for \$1.25.

Men's \$1.00 Silk Knitted Ties, in a large assortment of colors. Thursday, 2 for ..... **\$1.00**

Men's 50¢ Black Cashmere Socks, Penman's make. Thursday only, 3 pairs for ..... **\$1.00**

Youths' \$3.00 Jumbo Knit Pull-over Sweaters, in gray, brown and cardinal. Thursday ..... **\$1.98**

Men's \$4.00 English Broad-cloth Shirts, with collar to match. Thursday ..... **\$2.95**

Men's \$2.50 Lined and Unlined Mocha Gloves. Thursday ..... **\$1.48**

Boys' All Wool Sweaters, sizes 26 to 32. Thursday ..... **\$1.00**

## DECLARES UNITY NEED OF CHURCH

Rev. D. C. MacGregor, D.D.,  
Addresses Hamilton  
Road Church.

Unity in place of competition, and brotherhood instead of discord is the great need of the church today.

Thus did Rev. D. C. MacGregor, D.D. of St. Andrew's church, paint the picture and plead the cause of church union in an address delivered in Hamilton Road Presbyterian church last night.

"The world is crying for peace and brotherhood and instead we have a fighting church," declared Dr. MacGregor. "What contribution can a fighting church make to a fighting world? If the world is ever to be reconciled how essential it is to have the spirit of Christ instilled into the hearts of all men. And if the church cannot exemplify that spirit by coming together, what message can she bring to the nations of the world?"

Will Be Cut Off.

Dr. MacGregor asserted that the recognition accorded the churches by parliament in recognizing their right to unite was "the recognition of a model state." "Parliament did not unite the churches; it only gave legislation as to the property."

"Since the Presbyterian church in Canada is going into union," pursued the speaker, "those who vote to stay out of that union are separating themselves from the mother church. Such congregations will still have their work in the community, but they will be cut off from the great tide of religious life in Canada and from the home and foreign mission work of the church, and a church without a missionary outlook and a missionary outlet is a living church?"

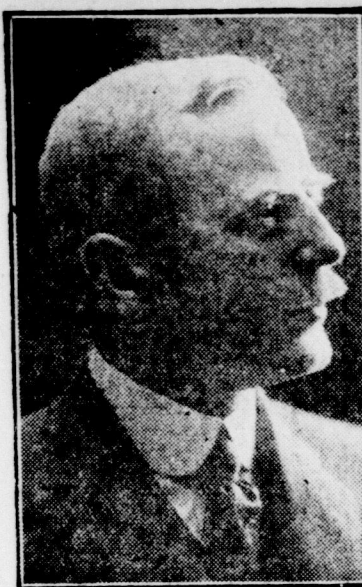
Commenting upon the fact that his first convictions in favor of organic union had come to him while on a mission field in Western Canada some years ago, Dr. MacGregor stated that "the world was not interested in 'isms,' but in Jesus Christ."

"Hold him up in all his atoning blood; that's what the world needs," he said.

Agree To Spiritual Union.

"Unionists and anti-unionists are alike agreed that the prayer of Christ that 'all may be one' refers to spiritual union," said the speaker, "but further than that the anti's will not go. Christ prayed, however, that all may be one so that the world may believe. The world means the unspiritual people, and since spiritual things are only spiritually discerned the unspiritual can only judge by what they see. Is the unspiritual man impressed by the spiritual unity underlying the church in the world? Or is he impressed by the divisions, sectarianism and denominationalism he sees in the church today? Christ's prayer must mean a visible unity that will impress the world. The world must be made to see the invisible through things that appear."

Turning to the Westminster confession of faith, Dr. MacGregor claimed that the confession had been drawn up at an assembly in 1643 as "a basis of union upon which the reform churches of Great Britain and Ireland could unite." Dr. MacGregor stated that there were some things



W. N. MANNING.

of this city, retiring president of the Canadian piano and organ manufacturers' association, who urged yesterday at the annual meeting of that organization the great need for closer trade relations within the empire.

In the confession which were not in the basis of union and rightly so since "we had gotten to see deeper into the things of God."

Dr. MacGregor held his audience in rapt attention for upwards of two hours by reason of his earnest and eloquent discussion of the question.

The pastor of the congregation, Rev. M. F. Cree, presided, while Miss Tingey sang sweetly the solo, "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

## CANADA WILL GAIN ON FOOD EXPORTS

Imperial Conference Resolutions Increase Duties On Foreign Produce.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—If effect is given by the British government to the Imperial economic conference resolutions as they were adopted, Canada will chiefly benefit on her exports of canned salmon and tinned lobster, raw apples, honey, dried fruit, sugar, tobacco, and to a certain extent perhaps on native wine.

Under the resolutions, empire dried fruit is to enter the British market free, while foreign dried fruit will be dutiable at 10s 6d per cwt. This applies to such foreign dried fruit (e.g. apples, pears and peaches) as the dominions may consider of interest to their trade.

On sugar the British government guaranteed that if the duty were reduced the preference for a period of 10 years would not fall with it. On tobacco the preference is to be increased from one-sixth and one-quarter.

On sparkling wines preference is to be increased from 30 per cent to 50 per cent.

Raw apples from the dominions to be admitted free; foreign raw apples to be taxed 5 shillings per hundredweight.

Canned salmon, canned lobster,

crayfish, crabs and honey to be dutiable 10 shillings per hundredweight when from foreign countries; free when from within the empire.

## H. B. ELFORD PASSES AT RESIDENCE IN CITY

Popular Man Dies Suddenly  
—Funeral Will Be held  
in Ingersoll.

The funeral of H. B. Elford, 694 Maitland street, who died Monday, will be held this afternoon from the home of H. D. McCarty, Ingersoll. Mr. Elford lived in this city for two years, and during that time had made many friends who were grieved to hear of his sudden death. Mr. Elford had been confined to his home for several weeks. Monday he went out for a walk but became ill. He returned home and had only been in the house for a few minutes when he died.

He is survived by his mother, his widow, one daughter, Elizabeth, one brother, C. W. Elford, Ingersoll, and one sister, Mrs. Thomas Flood. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Mr. Wood of Ingersoll Presbyterian church and Rev. D. C. MacGregor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Interment will be made in Ingersoll cemetery.

POSTPONE MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Victoria hospital trust, at which the financial statement for the past month was to have been presented and which was scheduled to have been held last evening, has been postponed until next week according to Dr. G. G. Clegg, superintendent at Victoria.

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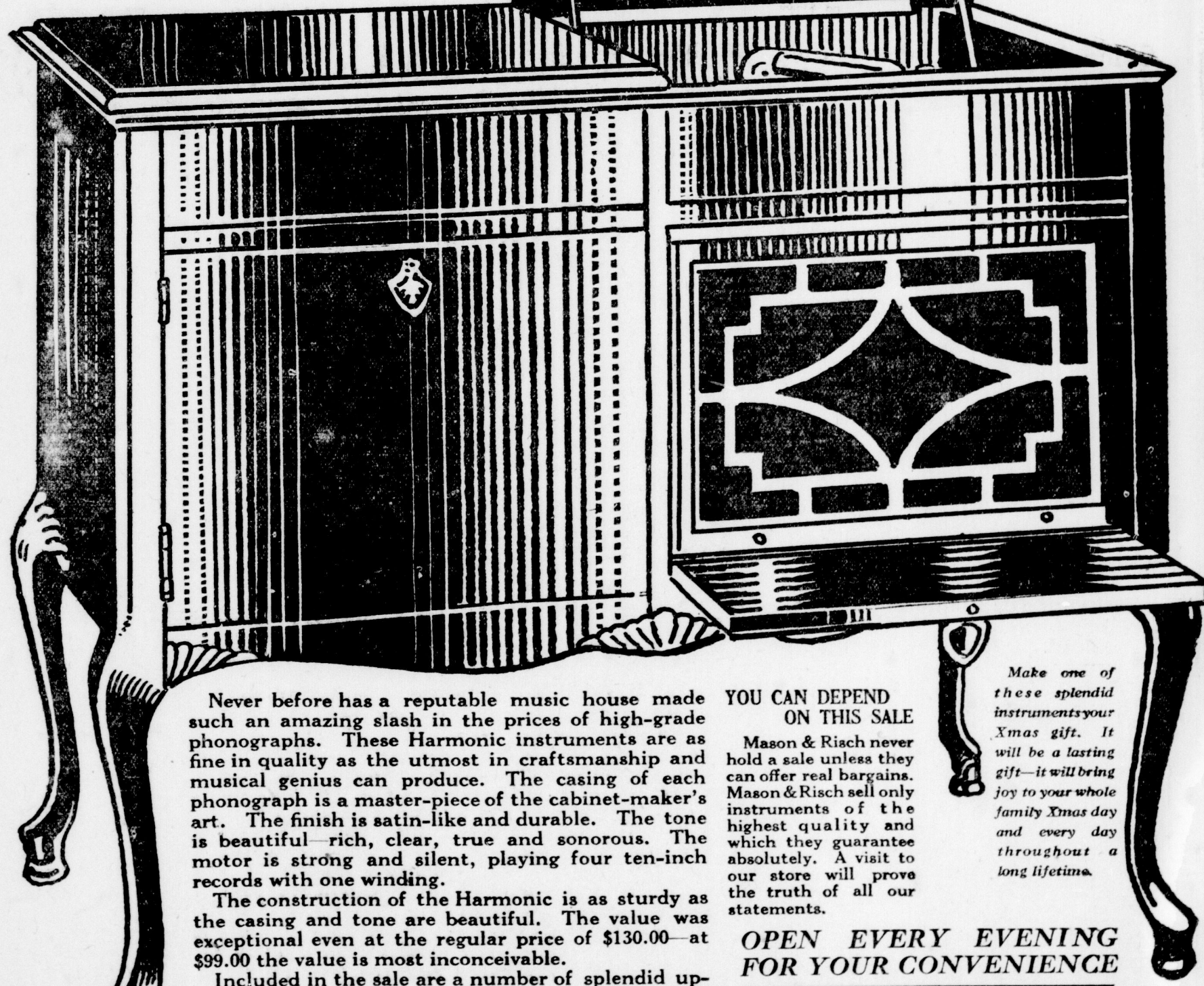


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Never before has a reputable music house made such an amazing slash in the prices of high-grade phonographs. These Harmonic instruments are as fine in quality as the utmost in craftsmanship and musical genius can produce. The casing of each phonograph is a master-piece of the cabinet-maker's art. The finish is satin-like and durable. The tone is beautiful—rich, clear, true and sonorous. The motor is strong and silent, playing four ten-inch records with one winding.

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MAHOGANY - WALNUT - OAK

**\$5<sup>00</sup>**  
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**MASON & RISCH** LIMITED

248 DUNDAS ST., LONDON

YOU CAN DEPEND  
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Mason & Risch never hold a sale unless they can offer real bargains. Mason & Risch sell only instruments of the highest quality and which they guarantee absolutely. A visit to our store will prove the truth of all our statements.

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FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE**

FOR OUT-OF-TOWN-PURCHASERS  
For those who cannot visit our store personally, we have arranged to give special attention to mail orders. Just write a letter saying which style you wish and whether Mahogany, Walnut or Oak. It will be sent immediately, strongly crated—express prepaid. The terms for those out of Toronto are \$10 cash, \$8 monthly.

Make one of these splendid instruments your Xmas gift. It will be a lasting gift—it will bring joy to your whole family Xmas day and every day throughout a long lifetime.

**\$2<sup>00</sup>**  
WEEKLY

## For the Coming Festive Season--

Serve Orange-CRUSH! Everybody likes it because of its wonderful fruity flavor. Even the small children can drink it, because it is so pure and wholesome. It is nourishing, delicious! Economical, too, because there is absolutely no waste. Just a good single drink in each individual krinkly bottle.

Get a case of 24 bottles from your nearest dealer. Have it handy—just when you want it. Serve it all through the holiday season. Serve it from the Krinkly Bottle. No other contains Orange-CRUSH goodness. This is the genuine—with the name blown right into the glass. Only tremendous demand allows us to sell it for five cents. Orange-CRUSH is sold wherever drinks are sold. Get it at confectionery stores, drug stores, fruit stores, grocery stores—everywhere.

Orange-CRUSH is genuine only IN THE KRINKLY BOTTLE with the name blown right into the glass.



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**Lemon-CRUSH**

Orange-CRUSH Bottlers Limited

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**Kingsmills**

PURE WOOL BLANKETS, \$8.95 PAIR.  
Double Bed Size Pure Wool Blankets. The  
best we've sold at this low price since 1914.  
ON SALE—SECOND FLOOR.

**Kingsmills**

## SPECIAL BARGAINS TODAY To Encourage Early Christmas Shopping

This great Christmas store is ready with a thousand gifts, and every one a sensible, serviceable, suitable Christmas present. Shop in the morning if possible. Here is a partial list of special sales to help your Christmas money and to make it doubly profitable for you to do your Christmas shopping now and here—Kingsmills's.

**Girls' \$10 and \$12  
Winter Coats  
\$7.95**

For girls, 3 years to 12 years,  
warm and smart pure-wool polo  
clothes and plaid back coatings,  
full lined and interlined; real  
serviceable, good-looking coats.  
Main Floor, Rear—West Aisle.

**Girls' Flannel Dresses**

Lovely new styles, pure-wool flannels, good as-  
sortment of colors; sizes for girls 4 to 12 years.  
On sale—Main Floor—West Aisle. \$4.95

**\$2.25 Boston Bags, \$1.89**

All real leather, in a dark brown shade or black patent  
leather; good size and all lined.  
On Sale Tables—Main Floor.

**\$2 and \$3 Blouses, \$1.59**

Soiled Voile and Dimity Blouses, in white and colors,  
prettily designed and trimmed; sizes 34 to 42.  
Main Floor—Kingsmills's

**Rib Top Silk Hose, \$1.50**

Special line of Fine Quality Ladies' Silk Hose, ribbed  
top, all the wanted colors; all sizes.  
Hosiery Dept.—Main Floor.

**Silk Dressing Gowns, \$10.50**

Ladies' Japanese Quilted Gowns, all silk lined and with  
silk girdle; also some richly embroidered. At  
\$12.50 and \$15.00.  
Ready-to-Wear Dept.—Kingsmills's

**China Cups and Saucers, 50c**

Nothing nicer for a Christmas gift than a Cup and  
Saucer. These are fine English china, in pretty patterns.  
China and Glass—Basement.

**\$2 and \$3 Corsets, \$1.00**

Some slightly counter soiled, others are odd sizes  
and discontinued lines, white or pink; all sizes  
in the lot.  
West Aisle—Main Floor.

**Sale of Bandeaux, 59c**

Pink Bandeaux Bandeaux, in the new models, will be sold  
in all sizes at this special low price.

**Ladies' Kid Gloves**

Full assortment of Ladies' Novelty French  
Kid Gloves, with cavalier or turned cuffs;  
plain and embroidered, in mode, gray, beige,  
brown and black. \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$5.00

**Wash Leather Gloves**

Wonderful assortment of Wash Leather  
Gloves, in doe, chamois and deerskin; white,  
champagne and natural.  
\$2.00, \$3.25, \$3.50 and \$4.00 pair

**\$3.00 Pearl Necklaces, \$1.50**

Graduated indestructible pearls, beautiful color, silver  
safety clasp, prettily boxed.  
Front—Main Floor.

**\$1.00 Dolls For 59c**

12 inches tall, jointed body, real hair; dolls that go to  
sleep; very pretty faces, daintily dressed.  
Toy Town—Basement.

**\$1.75 Baby Ella Dolls At \$1.25**

Very pretty baby faces, real hair and blue eyes, that  
go to sleep; all bisque jointed body.  
Toy Town—Basement.

**\$1.50 Table Linen, \$1.00 Yard**

54 inches wide, Pure Irish Linen, semi-bleached, dainty,  
small patterns; extra good \$1.50 yard quality.  
On Sale Rear—Main Floor.

**Women's Fur-Collar  
Coats, \$19.50**

Cut velours and pointes, full lined,  
with brocade satin and sleeves,  
with storm lining, fawns, grays,  
sand, browns, black, newest styles;  
sizes 16 to 20 and 34 to 42.

**Former \$45 and \$50  
Coats, \$39.50**

Marvellous cloths, novelty cut velours  
and English plaid-backs, fur collar  
and some fur-trimmed; wide variety  
of latest styles; all the wanted colors.  
Kingsmills's, Main Floor—Rear.

**40, 60-Watt Bulbs, 25c, 5 for \$1**

Guaranteed quality, 40 or 60-Watt Electric Light Bulbs.  
You'll need extra bulbs at Christmas. Get a supply now.  
Basement.

**Men's \$1.50 Underwear, 98c**

25 dozen Men's Fleece-Lined Shirts and Drawers, in all  
sizes, Penman's and other good makes. Some are  
counter soiled.  
On Sale Tables—West Aisle.

**\$8.50 Electric Heaters at \$5.95**

The Equator is equal to any room heater sold. We  
have just 12 to sell at this reduced price. Also a few  
\$12.00 Heaters at \$8.95.  
On Sale in Basement.

**\$2.00 Silk Stockings, \$1.69**

These are our standard Crown and Radium makes,  
Women's Pure Silk Stockings; all sizes; good colors  
and black.

**Kingsmills**

**\$5.00 Beaded Bags at \$1.89**

Cut Steel and Iridescent Beaded Bags, in long pouch  
shape. They are most appropriate for gifts.  
Main Floor—Front.

**\$3.50 Framed Pictures, \$1.95**

50 only, 20 inches long, in lovely oval walnut finished  
frames; beautiful colored reproductions of landscape  
and marine paintings.  
On Sale Tables—Main Floor.

**\$2.00 Brass Fern Pots, \$1.39**

Medium-sized Brushed Brass Pot, stands on 3 claw feet.  
Complete with pot insert.

**\$6.00 Mantel Clocks, \$3.95**

Mahogany finished Mantel Clocks, in six pretty shapes,  
Swiss make, guaranteed time-keepers. A rare bargain.

**\$4.00 Electric Lamps, \$3.48**

10-inch mahogany candlestick, with pretty fancy silk  
shade, all electric wired complete.  
Sale Table—Main Floor.

**Special Box Stationery, 50c**

Gage's Linen Stationery, in special Christmas boxes,  
24 double sheets, 24 envelopes.

**Men's Ties, 50c**

A special showing of Men's Silk Ties, in light and dark  
colors; each in Christmas gift box.

**\$4 Canton Crepes, \$2.69 Yard**

Special purchase, 2,000 yards Best Quality \$4 Silk Canton  
Creme, in black and all the wanted colors; full 40 inches  
wide.

**\$2 Brocade Silks, \$1.25 Yard**

In evening shades, lovely brocade patterns, for dance  
frocks and party dresses; all 36 inches wide.  
On Sale—Second Floor.

**Sale of  
Dinner Sets**

All are 97-piece  
sets and all in  
open stock pat-  
terns.

**\$25 DINNER SETS, \$14.98**

English semi-porcelain, in the favorite gold line  
and cloverleaf designs, 97 pieces; a complete ser-  
vice for 12 persons.

**\$59 BRIDAL ROSE DINNER SETS, \$39.50**

All china dinner set, of 97 pieces in this pretty  
rose wreath design.

**21-PIECE TEA SETS, \$4.95**

A Tea Service for 6 people, in pretty designs on  
real china.  
Kingsmills's—Basement.

**Folding Card Tables, \$2.95**

Strong oak frames, 30 inches square, green felt tops.  
These tables make appropriate Christmas gifts.

**Linen Towel Bargains**

Hemstitched Damask Towels, size 18x40  
inches. Priced at \$1.25 each  
Hemstitched Guest Towels, size 16x24 inches.  
Specially priced at \$1.00 each

## COUNTY ELECTORS MAY VOTE ON ONTARIO'S PAVING POLICY

Middlesex Council Considers  
Proposal For Plebiscite On  
Government Stand.

GOES TO COMMITTEE

Rights of Transient Vendors  
Are Debated—Grants  
Are Sought.

Residents of municipalities in Mid-  
dlessex county may be given an op-  
portunity to express their opinion on  
the extensive paving operations now  
being carried on by the provincial  
government if a motion proposed  
yesterday by Councillors J. N. Sulli-  
van and T. G. Turnbull is adopted  
by the county council now in session.  
The resolution asks the councils of  
the various municipalities to take a  
plebiscite on this question at the  
coming municipal elections. The  
matter was referred to the highway  
committee for consideration.

Echoes of the famous successful  
legal battle waged by Jimmie Lam-  
port, London's peanut king, against  
the Byron village trustees, occupied  
the attention of the council yester-  
day afternoon for a short time.

Leslie Griffith, Byron trustee, ap-  
peared before the council and asked  
that a bylaw be passed prohibiting  
pushcart proprietors from operating  
in front of the Springfield, a resi-  
dential park. Mr. Griffith pointed out  
that the territory was on the county  
road, and as such came under the  
jurisdiction of the council. Children  
who thronged around Jimmie's pean-  
ut cart were in constant danger of  
being run down by motor cars. Mr.  
Griffith stated that Byron collected  
\$300 in fees from booth proprietors  
in the park, and that if Jimmie was  
allowed to operate, the fees would  
stop.

Councillor Turnbull stated that  
other parts of the county might want  
similar protection, to which Coun-  
cillor Allan McPherson replied that  
it would be a good thing if they did.

**Position Is Unique.**

William Boler also explained  
Byron's position, stating that the  
position was unique and did not hold  
good in any other part of Middlesex.  
Councillor Turnbull reminded Mr.  
Boler that there was a fine park at  
Poplar Hill, where similar conditions  
might arise. "If you are going to  
protect the merchants at one place,  
protect them at all places," declared  
Mr. Turnbull.

"If we give a man a license to sell  
and then prohibit him, it isn't a  
square shake," declared Councillor  
William Boler.

County Clerk Stuart stated that he  
had issued a license to Mr. Lamport  
in accordance with the bylaw.

The matter was finally referred to  
the highway committee for a report  
on motion of Mr. Turnbull.

James Ramsay, Thorncliffe, ad-  
dressed the county on the deplorable  
condition of country cemeteries, and  
thought it was up to the county to  
remedy conditions or offer a solution.  
Mr. Ramsay stated that the council  
had given \$55,000 to Western Univer-  
sity for the beautification of grounds,  
and thought something should be  
done for cemeteries.

**Money For Buildings.**

"We voted money for the erection  
of the main university building, and  
not for bowling greens," declared  
Warden Henry. "I hope you will  
change your ideas on the subject."

A. L. McDougall declared that the  
matter was not under the jurisdiction  
of the county, but was one for each  
municipality to consider.

"True, the cemeteries have been

**67 Autos In Day  
Prey To Thieves**

Special To The Advertiser.

Detroit, Dec. 9.—Judge Chris-  
topher E. Stein and Police Com-  
missioner Frank Croul today is-  
sued warnings to automobile own-  
ers to lock their cars and take  
every precaution against theft,  
following a startling increase in  
the number of stolen cars.

The police report that 67 cars  
were stolen in the 24-hour period  
ending at 8 a.m. today. The fact  
that none of these have been re-  
covered leads police to believe that  
a highly-organized ring of thieves  
may be operating.

Judge Stein, who is presiding  
judge in recorder's court, has an-  
nounced that auto thieves brought  
before him will be severely pun-  
ished.

neglected," said Mr. McDougall, "but  
recent legislation has restricted that  
and the municipalities must take  
proper care of the cemeteries."

Tom Elliott wanted to know if the  
warden was entitled to committee  
fees and salary as well.

Warden Henry replied that the  
matter was covered by a council reso-  
lution passed several years ago, which  
Mr. Elliott had no doubt voted for.  
He stated that he might have col-  
lected far more than he had for at-  
tending committee meetings.

Ex-Warden Wm. Ross upheld War-  
den Henry, stating that during the  
time he was warden he had attended  
numerous meetings, for which he  
had asked no pay. He had saved the  
county many trips to London,  
and while Murrell was confined in the  
county jail had even made a trip to  
London one Sunday to confer with the  
jailer.

**Seeks County Pension.**

Warden Henry stated that Miss  
Minnie Harris, former assistant  
matron at the jail, had waited on  
him with a request that the county  
pay her \$10 a month, as did the city  
of London, as a superannuation al-  
lowance. He had told her, he said,  
that he considered it a matter to be  
dealt with by the county council of  
1925. No action was taken by the  
council at yesterday's session.

The first report of the finance com-  
mittee was adopted. It provided for  
the usual county grant of \$50 to the  
Middlesex teachers' institute and a  
\$10 grant to the Caledonian society  
of Middlesex and Elgin counties.

A motion by D. Lewis and R. T.  
Reycraft that the pooling of the  
county road system be abolished was  
referred to the highway committee.

**Asks Money for School.**

The motion of W. J. Stinson and  
Binnie Galbraith that the usual \$200  
grant for Wardsville high school be  
maintained was referred to the edu-  
cational committee.

The report of the house of refuge  
committee, submitted by chairman  
Allan McPherson was adopted. W. H.  
Steeple's report for drugs for the  
house of refuge was accepted. S.  
Oakes' tender for livery service was  
accepted. The accounts of the house  
of refuge were audited and found  
correct.

The report of County Engineer  
Talbot for the year's work was tabled  
till this afternoon.

**STORM ABATES.**

Canadian Press Despatch.

Fort William, Ont., Dec. 9.

Weather conditions have greatly  
ameliorated today on the upper lakes,  
and wireless reports from all the boats  
that were living to indicate that  
everything is now moving.

## AN INACTIVE LIVER IS THE CAUSE OF CONSTIPATION

When your liver gets sluggish and  
inactive your whole health suffers.

Your bowels become constipated;  
you have sick and bilious headaches;  
your tongue coated and furry; your  
breath bad; specks float before your  
eyes, and often you feel as if you  
were going to faint, especially if in  
a crowded place where there is little  
or no ventilation.

When in this condition there is  
only one thing to do, and that is to  
take

**Milburn's  
Laxa-Liver Pills**

They will stimulate the sluggish  
liver so that it will regulate the flow  
of bile to act properly on the bowels,  
and thus clear away all the poisonous  
matter that is responsible for all  
your liver troubles.

For sale at all druggists and dealers;  
put up only by The T. Milburn  
Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.—Advt.

## Beauty

A Gleamy Mass of Hair

35c "Danderine" does Wonders

for Any Girl's Hair



Girls! Try this! When combing  
and dressing your hair, just moisten  
your hair-brush with a little "Dan-  
derine" and brush it through your  
hair. The effect is startling! You  
can do your hair up immediately and  
it will appear twice as thick and  
heavy—a mass of gleamy hair,  
sparkling with life and possessing  
that incomparable softness, freshness  
and luxuriance.

While beautifying the hair "Dan-  
derine" is also toning and stimulating  
each single hair to grow thick, long  
and strong. Hair stops falling out  
and dandruff disappears. Get a bot-  
tle of "Danderine" at any drug or  
toilet counter and just see how  
healthy and youthful your hair ap-  
pears after this delightful, refreshing  
dressing—Advt.

## URGES IMPROVED TRADE RELATIONS

W. N. Manning Speaks at  
Conference of Piano  
Manufacturers.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Toronto, Dec. 9.—The Canadian  
Piano and Organ Manufacturers' association will urge the dominion  
government to co-operate in efforts  
to establish favorable trade relations  
with other countries within the  
empire. This was decided at the annual  
meeting of the association held here  
today.

J. W. Alexander, Bowmanville, was  
elected president, succeeding W. N.  
Manning of London. C. A. Bender  
of Toronto was elected first vice-  
president; D. B. Carlyle, Oshawa,  
second vice-president; Fred Kille,  
Toronto, treasurer, and John A. Ful-  
lerton, Toronto, secretary.

In his valedictory address, Mr.  
Manning, who had recently visited  
Great Britain, observed that while  
Canadian pianos are in good repute  
over there, competition from the  
American, German and home manu-  
facturers practically closed that  
market to Canadian manufacturers,  
although in player-pianos it is pos-  
sible to compete.

He found that, paradoxical as it  
seemed to protectionists, English  
manufacturers have experienced an  
almost unprecedented demand for  
pianos since the removal of the Mc-  
Kenna tariff, and the trade there is  
facing a shortage, although during  
the first eight months of the year  
the factories were running consid-  
erably under half-time.

He learned that the sudden increase

## Firemen Haul Fire Truck As Horses Stage Runaway

Special To The Advertiser.

Petrolia, Dec. 9.—When the fire  
department endeavored to answer an  
alarm of fire last night, the only team  
owned by the department ran away,  
and it was necessary to haul the fire  
engine by hand. A second team to  
haul the hose reel did not respond to  
the alarm, and a truck was pressed  
into service.

The fire was in the home of Bloss  
F. Corey on Main street, and was  
caused by an overheated furnace  
pipe. The blaze was extinguished  
before the firemen arrived.

Today there is considerable dis-  
cussion of the situation, and on every  
hand is heard comment that more  
modern fire-fighting apparatus might  
be secured for the town. It is felt  
that a serious fire may result from  
some of the unavoidable delays which  
are now experienced in getting ap-  
paratus to the scene of a blaze.

The council has realized the situa-  
tion for some time, but has hesitated  
to undertake the purchase of new  
equipment because of the cost and the  
debt which would result, but now  
it is likely that the question will be  
placed before the electors, as the  
citizens generally seem very anxious  
to have better fire protection.

To France last week.  
There are persistent reports that  
Gulibeaux has slipped into the  
country and is in hiding at St. Denis,  
just north of Paris, and the police  
are hunting for him there. On the  
other hand, despatches from Geneva  
say that Gulibeaux is in hiding  
there. The Geneva police are search-  
ing for him as he was expelled from  
Switzerland some time ago and the  
ban against him is still in force.

**NO. 9, MOSA W. I.**

A well-attended meeting of the No.  
9, Mosa W. I. was held at the home  
of Mrs. Neil Gillies on Thursday  
with Miss Annie Mitchell presiding  
at the piano.

A splendid report of the convention  
at London was given by Mrs. J. C.  
Graham.

A good program was given. In-  
strumental, Miss Jean Gillies; solo,  
Miss Jessie Mitchell; recitation,  
Margaret Gillies; and a reading by  
Mrs. Frank Abbott. A social hour was  
then spent.

## FALLING CHIMNEY INJURES 7 PEOPLE

Heavy Wind Blows Steel  
Smokestack Over Onto  
House.

Special To The Advertiser.

Detroit, Dec. 9.—A gale which  
swept Detroit and Lakes Erie and  
Huron today caused the injury of  
seven persons in Detroit.

Members of two families, asleep,  
were hurt when the gale toppled a  
100 foot steel factory chimney onto  
the roof of their home at 8657 Barnes  
avenue.

Julius, the three-year-old son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rabb, was  
struck in the face by a brick from  
a chimney which was crushed by the  
steel tube.

Others in the home were struck by  
bricks and falling debris.  
The brick chimney on the roof broke  
the fall of the chimney, saving the  
lives of all the occupants of the  
house.

Patrolmen Clyde Snow and James  
Coll heard the crash and rushed to  
the home. They found the seven  
tenants buried beneath bricks and  
shingles.

The stack was one of two on the  
roof of the boiler house of the Ameri-  
can Products Company.

A section of one of the stacks was blown  
off and struck the second stack in its  
descent, causing it to topple upon  
the Rabb home.

The stack fell about three years ago  
on the same house. In the previous  
fall the force was broken by the  
only other chimney in the house.

## ALGOMA HUNTERS CAPTURE ONE WOLF

Hounds Imported For Hunt  
Follow Trail Through  
Rough Country.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 9.—Master  
of the wolf hunt, Duncan Fremlin is  
well pleased tonight as a result of  
the showing made by the two hounds  
imported from Kentucky for the Al-  
goma wolf hunt club.

The hounds followed a wolf through very rough  
country for almost four hours this  
afternoon without being shaken off.  
They were called in only when dark-  
ness made further chase impossible.

"I regard the eventual success of  
our campaign as a certainty now  
that we have been able to get the  
dogs to keep the wolves on the  
move," said Mr. Fremlin.

"Today's hunt was only to prove the dogs."  
Wolf tracks galore were seen by  
the hunters on the fresh snow of  
last night and this morning, but the  
last was only one wolf wounded after  
a four-hour chase by the hounds.

**LONDON PASTORS CALLED  
TO CHATHAM PRESBYTERY**

Special To The Advertiser.

Chatham, Dec. 9.—Two calls from  
churches in the Chatham presby-  
tery were received and ordered to be  
forwarded, at a session of the Chatham  
presbytery held today.

The Blenheim church extended a call to  
Rev. W. S. Galbraith, of Thamesford,  
and the Comber church extended a  
call to Rev. D. N. Cowan of Hinton.

## For "Her" At Christmas









# WOMEN and THE HOME

## RED CROSS SOCIETY PLANS BYRON DINNER

Christmas Tree and Concert in Auditorium Will Be Feature.

The annual Christmas dinner for the men at Byron sanatorium will be held on Dec. 22. For this occasion the London Red Cross society is planning to supply fruit, candy and other delicacies as well as decorate the building for the holiday season. There will be a big Christmas tree in the auditorium after dinner, and upon it the Red Cross will place gifts for the men.

A concert will also be given in the evening by some interested organization. Mrs. George Fraser, chairman of the Red Cross Byron visiting committee for this event by an energetic committee, including Miss Shaw-Wood, Mrs. Thomas Wilkie, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. George Fraser, Mrs. G. W. W. Fraser, Mrs. Ronald Harris, president of the society, and members of the executive, including Mrs. (Dr.) Morris, the buying committee will also visit the sanatorium on that day.

**DAY NURSERY TREE.** The day nursery board meeting yesterday made plans to have a Christmas tree and tea for the mothers of the Creche children on Monday afternoon, Dec. 22. A committee to look after this event was appointed. Mrs. C. J. W. Karn, the president, was in the chair.

New York, Dec. 9.—The day time frocks of sombre hue lend themselves admirably at present to the addition of embroidered collars in the collar and cuffs. Most of the collars are V-shaped, and they also cost about a V.

## DARKENED WINDOWS

By CORNELIA KANE RATHBONE.

The Green Spangle. "Four—Are you sure, Mrs. Hurst?" Miss Smith said three, "put in Flint sharply. 'We think they must have been stolen last night.' " "Miss Smith is wrong. I know them too well. Four are gone." "I only remember seeing three vacancies when she pointed out the loss to us. She said a great ruby, a Medall ring and one belonging to some French queen were gone," Flint objected.

"The fourth is an old Italian poison ring. That is gone, too." "How about Miss Smith's annexing the fourth for herself when she went back for the papers she had forgotten?" whispered Graham in Flint's ear.

Flint shrugged his shoulders expressively. "She had the chance," he muttered. "But what the devil would she want with a poison ring?" "I wonder why just the four should be taken, why not all?" said Graham.

"I don't know, except that they are the ones that Mr. Hurst and Hermann Tessler fought over so long. Mr. Tessler never forgave my husband for outbidding him. He had a terribly stormy interview here one night when I was present. Mr. Tessler offered my husband a fabulous sum if he would give up even one of the rings. When Mr. Hurst refused, he became so abusive that I was really frightened. Mr. Hurst laughed at his threats; he didn't care how many enemies he had; but I was frightened."

"Is that the Tessler who has the big house on Madison avenue?" "Yes." "What sort of a man is he?" "I don't know. I only know that he is a little mad. I only know of him as a collector. Jewels are a passion with him. My husband's interest was in the collecting itself; with him

the great thing was acquisition; with Mr. Tessler it was possession. Flint was making rapid entries in his notebook. This may prove a valuable clue," he said. "May I use your telephone, Mrs. Hurst? Thank you." "He can't suspect her," thought Graham, struck by a certain softening of Flint's voice as he addressed Evadne. Flint's speech, always less slowly than that of the usual police official, seemed to take on an added note in his presence. Graham took it as a subtle homage paid to her.

Flint was already bending over the telephone as Evadne went slowly toward the door, her soft, old-fashioned dress floating gracefully about her. "Remember my letter," she whispered. Flint, at the telephone, did not hear.

"This you, inspector?" he was saying. "Flint speaking. Can you get the fellow with the weak spot. We approach him and shortly afterward his mother dies, and he goes a fortnight off to sea for the funeral. It's an excellent man, highly recommended, who would accommodate. Or it might be the sailor maid—tale slightly varied. We won't have any trouble."

"I shall never look at a new valet again without suspicion; and as to parlor maids, I forswear them," laughed Graham.

"Best thing for you to do is to keep a clear conscience," jested Flint. "A cold, uncomfortable sensation checked Graham's laughter. Could he say that his conscience was clear? Was he not withholding important evidence, thereby defeating the ends of justice? He, the junior partner in the revered firm, pledged to carry on its honorable traditions! Then, as counsel for the defense, he pleaded extenuating circumstances of the prisoner at the bar. The firm, he pleaded, had never known Evadne.

Flint was busy replacing the ring trays in the safe, wondering whether that young woman could have overlooked the fourth ring, or whether her errand upstairs was to annex it, as he suggested. Mr. Graham! A poison ring.

"Well, all I know is that the papers she said she went upstairs for were not in her hand when she came down."

Suddenly Flint beckoned to Graham. "Look at this!" he exclaimed. On the velvet lining of one of the trays, in Graham, following the direction of Flint's pointing finger, saw a small pale-green paillette.

"A woman has been at these," said Flint.

He removed the paillette by means of a small pair of pinchers, and placed it carefully on a sheet of paper. Then he rang the bell. In a moment Denise appeared. "Send Mrs. Hurst's maid to me, will you?" he said. He whistled through his teeth as he waited, gazing thoughtfully down at the small green disk. It seemed to confide something to him, for Graham heard the tone, indicative of perplexity, change to that of "The Swanee River." Flint saw a gleam of light, and didn't like it.

He received Marie with a disarming smile. "I want your help in a little matter on which you women are authorities—dress," he said. "We men are a stupid lot when it comes to colors and trimmings and so on."

Marie's Gallic hands protested. The two smiled pleasantly at one another, amicable relations established.

"Now, what I want to know," continued Flint, "is whether you ever saw a dress with spangles on it like this?"

He beckoned the maid over to the table where the paillette lay on its background of white paper, and watched her sharply as she bent over it. If he expected hesitation or reluctance in her recognition of it, he was mistaken.

"Mais oui, Monsieur—but, yes," she exclaimed. The paillette, it is from the dress of Miss Estelle, the dress she wear last night. Mon Dieu, how she had sew in this country! The first time she wear it to drop like this!"

"France has many things to teach us," said Flint gallantly. "Well, what do you know about that?" he murmured, when the girl had left the room. Chin in hand, he stood ruminating, his eyes half closed behind his spectacles.

Graham hesitated to break in on his meditations, but time was flying. "I must be getting along or I shall miss my train," he said at last. "I'll call on you with you," responded Flint, rousing himself.

Graham waited for him to speak of this latest discovery, this small green clue which he was carefully folding up in a piece of paper and stowing away in his capacious wallet. But on this subject he was evidently not yet ready to be communicative. His silence seemed to say: "There is the clue; you know as much as I do about it; draw your own conclusions."

Graham was on the point of venturing a question, when Flint suddenly spoke. "How long do you expect to be away?" he asked. "That depends on how I find my uncle."

"I wish you would ask him about the provisions of Mr. Hurst's will, and wire me what they are, in case you do not return at once." "Certainly," promised Graham, somewhat surprised. "I had forgotten that the will figured in the case. It can't, can it, after what Mrs. Hurst has told us about Hermann Tessler and the rings? It looks to me as if we had the whole thing right there. It was my idea in the first place, you know, that a thief committed the murder. I'm beginning to think that I am some sleuth!"

He laughed, and Flint laughed with him. Graham's laughter was deprecatory. Flint's indignant.

"But seriously," persisted Graham, "you and Brethman both acknowledged that if something was found to have been stolen from the safe it would go far toward establishing my theory. Well, something has been stolen."

"I'm not saying the thief was Tessler himself; he may have been merely the instigator, and of course, all he could have contemplated was theft, not murder."

"Yes," nodded Flint. "A very plausible theory. But you have forgotten one thing—one very little thing."

"What is that?" "A green spangle. Mr. Graham," descended from three generations of lawyers, Graham was eager to argue the case. "The spangle may have been there for days," he contended.

"The dress it came from was worn for the first time last night," insisted Graham. "But your theory leaves a lot of questions unanswered. Why, for instance, was Mr. Hurst stopping to change his will when he should have been dining with Colonel Sanford? What happened which induced him to change it? Something must have happened. Who telephoned, and what was the message which brought him hurrying home to his death? And who was the damn German?"

But Graham had no more theories to offer. The two men left the house together, and walked in silence as far as the corner of the street. Then Graham drew Evadne's letter from his pocket and approached the post-box. Inadvertently he held the envelope with the address uppermost, and Flint's quick eye lit upon it. In an instant his hand was on Graham's arm.

"What are you doing?" he asked sharply. "Posting this for Mrs. Hurst?" "My dear Mr. Graham, you can't do that!" Flint exclaimed. "That letter is addressed to a house we're suspicious of. It's the house Mrs. Hurst tried to get on the telephone. I'm not mistaken, am I? The number is 333, isn't it?"

Graham turned the envelope quickly over. "No gentleman looks at a lady's letter," he said haughtily. "Well, I'm not a gentleman, I'm just a detective, and my job is to find out who murdered Hannibal Hurst. It's a big job, and I can't afford to leave a stone unturned. This is no kid-glove affair, Mr. Graham. I'm sorry, but I've got to see that letter."

Graham's eyes glittered ominously. "Not on your life!" he cried hotly. "Mrs. Hurst has no connection whatever with her husband's murder—I'd stake my life on that. This letter is a personal matter, and a woman's personal matters are sacred."

"Do you know what is in this letter?" "I do not; I have no wish to know." Flint surveyed the excited young man gravely. Something like sympathetic understanding looked out of the round spectacles, even while the tightening of his thin lips told of unshakable determination.

**Gambling on Faith.** "Just look at it this way, Mr. Graham," he urged. "Mrs. Hurst's interest in this particular house looks bad—I tell you that frankly. The house is under suspicion for reasons which I can't disclose just now.

And every one connected with it is under suspicion, too. Now the contents of that letter may prove a connection with the person in that house to be a perfectly innocent one. Besides that, it may remove any other suspicious which Inspector Brethman and I may have had of her. There may be something in it which will account for her rather unfortunate testimony last night, and prove her improbable story true."

You say that you are convinced that she is in no way implicated in her husband's murder. Well, then, would you let a sentiment, a scruple, stand in the way of my being convinced, too?"

Graham looked away uneasily, nervously fingering the letter. The Flint whom he had been drawn to, whom he thought he knew, was gone. It was a new man who confronted him, a new, unguessed-at force.

"Mrs. Hurst is under suspicion," shot out this new Flint. "That letter may prove her innocent. Can you afford to throw away a chance of exonerating her? Or—are you afraid?"

The question came like the sharp snap of a whip. Graham paled. "I'm not afraid," he muttered, "but—"

Flint's lifted shoulders and the scornful twist of his expressive lips were eloquent. With a gesture which cast away all responsibility, and seemed to say, "On your own head be it," he swung on his heel.

"Wait," Graham's voice, uncertain, troubled, betrayed how heavily the burden of decision weighed on him. Never before had he faced a vital issue. He had drifted pleasantly down easy, inavoidable paths, neatly kept and trimly bordered, and now suddenly he had come unprepared upon a cross road, whose signboard he could not read.

"Wait," he repeated. "If you think—if you are sure—"

"I don't think; I'm not sure," Flint hurried back. "I only say there is a chance. Will you give her that chance? Or do you consider it too big a gamble? There is the question."

The two men faced one another, eye meeting eye. Graham felt primordial instincts rising in him. He understood again the savage joy of killing. Hot hatred of the man who was cleverly forcing his hand surged over him. Flint's eyes continued to challenge him, his own shifted. Was he afraid? Answering the old note of fear thus struck, came again the response as if whispered by some inner prompting voice. "Help thou mine unbelief." For a moment longer he hesitated. Then he held the letter out to Flint. "Well, take it," he said shortly.

Flint gave no outward sign of satisfaction. "Arthur Fitzpatrick, good name Fitzpatrick," he commented as he scanned the envelope. "Hardly stuck—that's lucky."

Graham did not hear the last words. He was listening again to Denis Maher's shrill cry: "Ask her who Arthur is."

"Shall I read it to you?" Flint asked. Graham nodded. He felt he must know in what relation to her this Arthur stood. The temptation was too great—he must know.

There was no formal heading. "I tried to telephone you in spite of your forbidding me," it began. "I thought that what I had to say warranted the risk, but I couldn't get your number. Besides, I think some body was listening in downstairs. Perhaps I can't get this to you—I don't know. For you were right, they do suspect me. I was so upset last night that I bungled things. I am watched and followed—I feel it. So whatever you do, don't try to communicate with me, and

don't come near the house. Now I wish you had taken the diamonds. They found them in my bag, and I think that may have made me more. And now made them suspect me more. Oh, my dear, my dear, it is horrible, but I must say it—I'm glad! glad! glad!"

"Think what it means—I'm free. Now by and by we can leave this terrible town where we have both suffered so much. But till then I can't help being afraid—horribly afraid for us both."

"EVADNE."

There was a moment of tense silence. "I'm sorry, Mr. Graham," said Flint gently. "I told you it was a gamble, you know."

Graham's fists clinched; his every muscle grew taut. "You're a low-down spy!" he cried through tight-lipped teeth, and strode away blindly down the street.

Flint stood on the corner for several minutes looking after him. "Poor chap! I wish I hadn't had to do that," he muttered.

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## DRESS

By MARY MARSHALL

Scraps From the Furrier's Cutting Table Are Turned to Good Account By the Clever Designer.

We no longer judge a woman's taste by the actual intrinsic value of the peltry involved but by the manner in which the fur has been manipulated, the cut and finish of the garment and the style and originality of the design. It is quite possible now for a garment trimmed with a peltry no more valuable than dyed hare to be of more value in the eyes of fashion than a coat or ermine or a cape of seal.

Of late years the leading French designers have become very expert in using furs. They are not content to use them merely to show the quality of the fur itself, but to use them for decorative purposes. For instance Lanvin hit upon the idea of making enormous cuffs, like inverted morning glories, of black velvet coat frock. These cuffs were made of a mosaic work of ermine and seal and the ends of the scarf encircling the neck are tucked in the cuffs. Now these pieces of ermine and seal might conceivably have been scraps left from the making of the conventional sort of fur wrap. Quite often one imagines that the trifling pieces of fur that the great dressmakers sometimes use for decorative purposes were scraps from the fur cutter's table that offered inspirations to the master imagination of the designer.

White rabbit assumes real importance in the hands of the French dressmakers and from them we have learned to have something like respect for this cheap peltry. For a trifling accessory that is to be worn a few times and then discarded for something else there is no good better sense in using good quality white rabbit than costly ermine—and the effect is quite as good. The sketch shows a charming white georgette collar and jabot, edged with this white fur. Leopard fur is used for collars, sometimes with cuffs to match. A brown frock is finished with a narrow collar of leopard which is tied with orange ties which hang down and then run through a slit in the frock, while a bit of the leopard ends the silk.

There are all sorts of strange combinations of fur nowadays, and furs are colored in surprising manner. At the outset of the season there was much talk of the use of hare dyed purple, green and red, and ermine and seal were applied to fashionable women unless it had taken on the color of the pansy or the rose, the lily or the buttercup. But though the talk above the fashion, very few women followed it. Gilded goat fringe, however, seems to appeal to more conservative taste, and when used on a frock of gold lace the effect is really charming.



Unusual ways of using fur. Lanvin puts large cuffs of applied fur, seal and ermine on black velvet coat frock, which is shown at top. Scarf ends are tucked into the cuffs. On hat in circle, band of beaver caught with tortoise shell buckle. Trims beige faille hat. Below it, white georgette collar and jabot edged with white rabbit, and next that, narrow collar of leopard tied with orange ties, which run through a slit in the frock, while a bit of the leopard ends the silk.

Old coat is trimmed with wide band of black fox and two narrow bands of reindeer. At left, gold lace frock finished with gilded goat fringe.

## WISE AND OTHERWISE

THAT OPEN FIRE.

At present it seems as if an open fireplace counted more in the rentability of a city apartment than steam heat, and while the suburbanite aspires to a house with a sun parlor, the city dweller looks forward to the time when he or she can afford an open fireplace. It seems so interesting—it somehow marks the abode as out of the ordinary.

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### The People Behind the Money.

The old pound sterling is putting up a great battle in Wall street, New York, and stands now at \$4.704, within 16½ cents of its face value.

It cannot be said that Wall street is the most favorable battling ground for the British currency, because it is surrounded by interests that desire to see New York dominate the money world completely.

Britain came out of the war staggering under a debt that had been contracted because she used her credit to the limit in financing other allied nations. Her shipping was riddled by submarine warfare, and she was faced by a quickly-constructed American fleet that sought to take from her the carrying business on which her trade was built.

Britain has not been paid principal or interest from her debtors; her trade is not by any means restored; she has had to face ruinous competition from continental countries with depreciated currencies. Yet in the face of these staggering odds she has cut her expenses, trimmed her sails to hard winds, and was the first nation to go to United States with a proposal to pay off her indebtedness to that country, every last high-peak dollar, with interest.

These are the causes behind the recovery of the British pound sterling. It is not merely stacking one form of currency against another—the determining factor is the spirit of the people who stand behind the British pound.

### No Country Can Stand It.

Mrs. Henry La Forge, aged 45, got her thirtieth husband disposed of in the divorce court at East St. Louis. One might suppose that this had something to do with comic opera, but it was an actual transaction in a fully-accredited court where justice is supposed to be dealt out.

Her first marriage was at 15, and since then her record is one marriage annulled, eleven divorces, and once divorced by her husband on the ground of desertion. In the list of husbands the same man figured three times, and was three times divorced.

Interesting reading you say, and fine topic for the jokers. All that and more—the recognizing by the courts of the country of a cesspool of moral worthlessness.

Great in numbers and rich in money as United States undoubtedly is, it is neither great enough or rich enough to have its courts nursing cases of moral cancer, or prostituting its official seal on documents that sanction a state that is removed from free love in name only.

### Might Stop Crime Quickly.

Professor Dean, of the O. A. C., has a new method of dealing with criminals on whom the death penalty has been passed. He would not hang them, nor electrocute them, but turn them over to the scientists engaged in experimental work.

At present rats, guinea pigs and such are used by those who are delving into mysteries in order to bring forth new remedies for the hundred and one things that pursue the human race. It never did seem like a fair trick to play on rats and guinea pigs. When some wise-looking scientist decided to give an injection of something or other these animals couldn't talk back; they couldn't describe just how they felt, nor explain that the treatment was worse than the disease.

There is some value to Prof. Dean's theory, though, and that is if it were put into effect it would probably cause a scaling down of the crime record.

If it were to become the law of the land that a man on whom the sentence of death was passed heard the judge say that he was to be taken to the place from whence he came, and thereafter handed over to the scientists to be used as an experimental plot—well, where is the man who could receive such a sentence and not have to be carried back to his cell on a shutter.

Perhaps that's what Professor Dean really has in the back of his mind—a plan to put more fear in the criminal mind than the prospects of the gallows could ever do. If a plebiscite were taken in the death cells of the country the gallows would win by a decisive majority.

### How Great Speakers Prepared.

Austen Chamberlain, in the current issue of the Empire Review, goes into a question on which little has been written, "How do great speakers prepare their addresses?" It is not often that people on the outside get a look into the workshop of such men as Bright, Gladstone, Salisbury, and others of that type, and less frequently still do they get a chance to look over their notes.

Sir Edward Hamilton, for years private secretary to William Ewart Gladstone, once stated that his chief did not prepare his speeches in writing unless there was some very important announcement to be made, but hastened to add that "none of us like to go near him the day before he makes a great speech."

Disraeli, for twenty years Gladstone's duelling partner in British parliament, had a wonderful memory, and many times took occasion to state that he never depended on notes, for "if I once used them I should learn to lean upon them." Those who knew him best said that Disraeli caught his inspiration from the audience, but it is a fact that the former premier of Britain did prepare many of his speeches with great care, and he used to rehearse them in the presence of an experienced reporter on the

London Times, J. F. Neilson, in whose judgment he placed the greatest confidence.

Macaulay used no notes when he came to speak, but as he walked on the streets or in the corridors of the parliament buildings he lined up his statements, made and remade speeches. Lord Salisbury, according to his son, was one of the great parliamentarians of his day who never learned to use notes and often regretted the fact that he had not. He was famous for the apt illustrations or epigrams that ran through his speeches, but all these, he claimed, came to him as he went along.

John Bright made very copious notes before he attempted an address. Perhaps no man in public life was so well informed on three books, the Bible, Milton and Byron. Bright had a homely fashion of trying out some of his arguments on his intimate circle of friends first; if he found they were impressed he would use the same line in the House, if not, he would drop them.

Joseph Chamberlain, according to his son, Austen, took "immense pains with his prepared speeches." When he opened his campaign on tariff reform in 1903 he put in actual months of preparation and whole days of study. In his earlier days he said he could give just one speech a month because it took him two weeks to prepare it and two weeks to recover afterward. Often he worked until three and four in the morning over his notes and references.

There is no set plan by which speakers of today or those of the time of Bright, Cobden, Gladstone and Salisbury made ready for battle. One used notes, and the next one did not; one wrote it out carefully first and another, equally brilliant, and often more effective, never touched a pen. The speaker who can draw his inspiration from the moment finds most favor with the audience, because he is far more apt to establish quickly a point of contact between himself and those whom he wishes to impress by his message.

### The Living and the Dead.

Lady Astor's portrait, which is hung on one of the staircases of the British House of Parliament, must come down. The Conservative government has so decided, and it has a majority great enough to walk all over the picture, its ponderous frame and the artist who painted it. After Lady Astor passes on from this troubled sphere it will be quite all right to hang her portrait in the parliament buildings.

That may be according to the rules of the game as it is played in parliament, but there is a growing feeling in the rest of the world that it is better to pass out a few bouquets while the recipients can smell the flowers than to hire a truck to carry floral tributes at a funeral.

### Note and Comment.

Man in New York was on subway track when four cars passed over him. It was expected he would be in a very run-down condition, but he got up unhurt.

Cities like Ottawa and London, where the councils plan to do as much useful work as possible to provide employment, are giving more definite leadership in this direction than provincial or federal governments.

A newspaper in Kansas was blown up because it supported the K. K. K. Others have been threatened with similar treatment because they opposed the organization. So the Kansas editor knows he's going to get blown no matter which way he goes.

The Owen Sound Sun-Times issued a souvenir edition in connection with the opening of the new collegiate institute and vocational school, an establishment that is a credit to the city. Judging by some of the comment in the Sun-Times, there are those who doubt if all the space in the new school will be used. There need be no worry on that score, as the history of vocational schools is that the rooms fill up rapidly and the problem then becomes one of finding more space.

### Goin' Back Years

When comes once more this time of year the Christmas concerts get the stage, and sayin' pieces seems to be the thing that's just now all the rage.

Folks go to movies now and then, they enter in the playhouse too, to see the villain do his stuff, the hero beats him black and blue, but when it comes to concert time these other things has got to cease, when Jane and Joe and Sue and Bill get sayin' on their Christmas piece.

Which makes me think when I was young we used to have a concert then, but all the boys and girls what was have growed to women and to men.

Yet in the schoolhouse where we went we had a concert there each year, a bang-up thing that raised the roof and set the country on its ear.

I mind Sue Dean she always said some story that would make folks weep, about a poor and homeless kid who slept upon a ragged heap, and how she wished she was dead, a-lyin' on her injured back, for Santa Claus he never come and left a bundle at her shack. Then Sue would sob a spell herself and roll her eyes out like a calf, I mind we got our ears boxed once for startin' in to grin and laugh.

Then Billy James he always sung, his father ran the village choir, and Billy's song told about the chance that Santa Claus he took with fire, of how when he was crawlin' down the chimney in his native place, he'd be in danger, sure as guns, of scorchin' whiskers on his face.

And then they hung us all at once and stood us on the platform there, the teacher she had taught us how to sing a sweet and tuneful air, about the shepherds on the plain a-chasin' up the sheep at night, and how when they were wanderin' round they seen a great and dazzlin' light.

Tom Joyce and me we was all draped up to look like shepherds from the hill, we was a-walkin' back and forth to give the song a proper thrill, while Lena Dunn and Jennie Small was angels singin' not too loud, they had them tied up near the roof, like chantin' voices in a cloud.

Of course such things would look odd now, old-fashioned, so the crowd would shout, and like as not for such a show the crowds would not be turnin' out—but just the same I'd like to go, if such a thing as that could be, and join once more with them again a-singin' 'fore the Christmas tree.—ARK.

## Rarebits By Rex

### A CHRISTMAS BOX.

A puritanical young miss  
Was modest little Mary,  
And when I asked her for a kiss  
She just became contrary.

To win her favor and her smile  
For Christmas I procured her  
A wrap done in the latest style—  
"It's seakins," I assured her.

"Now you give me a Christmas box,  
Some kisses—you won't miss 'em."  
She shook her head and pursed her lips,  
So I began to kiss 'em.

But Mary shed no modest tears,  
And from her gifts please save me!  
A Christmas box upon the ears  
Was all sweet Mary gave me!

"We heard of a chap yesterday who was run over by a car as he was stooping to pick up a horseshoe for luck.

"No girl should marry a man until she knows all about him,"—Dorothy Dix. And then she won't want to marry him.

When we meet certain men we are inclined to go further than Darwin and believe that some members of the species have started on a return trip.

A chafing-dish is a frying pan that's got into society.

The reason we prefer borrowing money from a pessimist is that a pessimist never expects to get it back.

The American Magazine says that J. B. Serge of Chicago made his fortune in soothing syrup for babies. We call that hush money.

### NO ESCAPE.

Once a very nervous chap  
To cross a street did try;  
An auto handed him a tap  
And sent him to the sky.

And ere he could descend again  
He got an awful whack;  
Somebody's whizzing aeroplane  
Just tapped him on the back.

He shot down to the lake below  
And tried to keep aloof,  
Alas—he fell a victim to  
A passing motor-boat!

When a woman suddenly begins calling her husband pet names at this time of the year it means that Christmas is coming.

Our barber says he doesn't like to bob hair because he never gets a chance to talk.

To keep his house warm nowadays a man must have a lot of cold cash.

It's a good thing to change your food often, yet we know a woman who has a crab for breakfast every day of the year.

Don't blame a man for joining the klan. He probably never had a chance to play cowboy and Indian when he was a boy.

## Editorial Opinion

### THE GOVERNMENT AND RUSSIA.

(From the Manchester Guardian)

THE notes of the British government to soviet Russia are short and even curt in tone, but they cannot be said to contain anything that is surprising after the election. It is true the election was fought on the question of the loan, but the Labor government destroyed any chance that the treaties ever had when it accused Russia of violating the good faith on which they rested. Mr. Chamberlain's note now affirms the authenticity of the Zinovief letter and refuses to discontinue the publication of any further evidence that may become available, but, with a Russia declaring the document to be a forgery, the present government affirming its authenticity, and the late Labor government not being able to decide between the one view and the other of a document on the strength of which it published its famous censure, there is perhaps something to be said for a course which promises a respite from recriminations. Nevertheless, our relations with Russia should be put as soon as possible on such a footing that this affair might be regarded as a mere historical curiosity.

### MACDONALD AND LAURIER.

(From the Montreal Gazette)

HON. MR. LEMIEUX delighted the Canadian club of Quebec on Saturday with word pictures of Macdonald and Laurier, couched in stately English replete with incident and precept, and adorned with lofty principles. Great objects can only be seen at a distance and as we draw away from the period of the two greatest Canadians their figures loom larger. Wendell Phillips remarked that our self-made men are the glory of our institutions, and in a young country without old families, where entail of property does not perpetuate riches, where there is comparatively little leisure to acquire learning, where history begins with yesterday, and where monuments are few to inspire reverence and emulation, success must be conquered by self-effort. It was so with Macdonald and Laurier, neither of whom had other aid than natural talent, industry, ambition and the singular gift of attracting and holding men. It is more than thirty-three years since Macdonald passed away, yet his name is still potent in the party he founded, while devotion to the memory of Laurier is as intense as when in life his silver tongue swayed his audience. Mr. Lemieux might well have quoted the words of Plunkett when, in deploring the loss of many great men in the British House, he said: "Walking before the sacred images of these illustrious dead, as in a public and solemn procession, shall we not dismiss all party feeling, all angry passions and miss all party prejudices?" A once-powerful minister exercises a control over his long-obedient followers somewhat like that of the heart of the Bruce in the fine old Scottish story.

## Press Comment

### Yes, It's Awful.

A magazine written and edited by lunatics has appeared in England. Competition these days is getting sumptuous.—Ottawa Journal.

### Country First.

H. H. Asquith, present in Cairo at the time of the assassination of Sir Lee Stack, wires home to his Liberal following that the action taken by the Baldwin government is along the proper lines. He thus puts country before party, and it is courage like that which makes Mr. Asquith stand high above the level of the politicians.—St. Catharines Standard.

## To the Editor

### Wants Shelter.

Unemployed Man Points Out Hardship of Standing in Cold Outside Employment Office.

Editor of the Advertiser:

Sir—Will you kindly allow me a small space in your widely read paper to attract some of the good people of the city to the need for some kind of shelter for the unemployed when called to the employment office. It is not very comfortable for crowds of men to have to stand about in the cold waiting a chance to be given work to provide a few of the wants and needs of ourselves and families.

I make an urgent appeal that something should be done, for it is not a pleasant experience for anyone if warmly clothed and with plenty of nourishing food, but for men who have been unemployed for months, through no fault of their own, they are needed to keep themselves fit to the conditions to fight the cold weather. Also there are numbers of young single men who are not provided for on the city relief work. I think something should be done for them, as there are many up against it.

Thanking you in anticipation, I remain, yours faithfully,  
"ONE OF THE UNEMPLOYED."  
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Expressing his satisfaction on the splendid showing of the officers and men of the First Hussars, who assembled for inspection at the armouries last night at 8:15, General King, D.S.O., C.M.G., general officer commanding military district No. 1, complimented the troops on their excellent performance.

General King said that he hoped the near future would bring a larger government grant, which would enable the regiment to be carried on half to full strength. He knew that the hearts of the officers and men were in their work, else they would not have shown the improvement evidenced by the last few months' training.

The general urged the men to keep a pal in mind for the time when recruiting would be carried on, so that they could bring their friends in when the time arrived, adding that he hoped that next year he would have the pleasure of meeting the same men again.

In conclusion, General King emphasized that the cavalry branch of the service is senior in Canada, and that the regiment's present mechanical devices which entered into military matters, horses and horsemanship occupied as high a place as ever.

Three rousing cheers for the general were then given.

Following General King's address, Lieut. Col. C. H. Leonard, D.S.O., Capt. J. Wood, R.C.D., First Hussars; Lieut. Col. F. A. Taylor, D.S.O., C.O., First Hussars; Capt. H. Lawson, adjutant; Lieut. Col. C. H. Anderson, O.B.E.; Major E. B. West, Capt. R. B. Crouch, Capt. J. P. Lucas, Lieut. Quartermaster S. Warner, Lieut. T. Saunders, Lieut. R. C. Clinger, Lieut. C. Abell.

The First Hussars band, under Lieut. D. Cooke, was in attendance, and the inspection of martial airs during the inspection.

The inspection finished the season's training of the regiment. The members are now through until next year.

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RUSH HAS STARTEDEarly Mailing Necessitates  
Additions to Local Post-  
office Staff.

Showing an increase of 400 per cent in the business transacted daily, the money order department at the postoffice is now operating with an increased staff to meet the Christmas rush.

Early mailing of money gifts to the old country is partly responsible for five extra men being put behind the money order desks, where a constant stream of people make their way through the day.

Hundreds of people who visit the department in the Carling block do so by a round-about way. They first go to the postoffice and there at any window from the little stamp booth to the registered letter office they inquire for money orders. When they are told to go further down the street they appear surprised at not being able to buy a money order in the postoffice. Then they go through the revolving doors to the street and enter the gate leading to the second floor offices. Here they are met by a kindly disposed "postie," who tells them they are in the wrong place, the money order department is two doors further down the street. There they find it behind the large panes of tinted glass and the hunt is over. It only remains for the purchaser to stand in line a little while.

London's blue boys are now busy on an organization campaign, the main feature of which at the present time is the location of a clubroom in the east end of the city. Since the last election the blue organization has suffered a split, due to the personal campaign conducted by George Wenige. There are now two strings of the Tory bow in the city of London.

According to members of the Conservative association in the city, a new clubroom will be organized in ward three, which will be a center and a rallying point for the next elections. They admit that the association feels that it needs a renewed interest among the electors if it is to return the next city member to Toronto or Ottawa.

The emissary sent out by the executive found what he considered a fine location, and everything was looking bright when it was found that the owner of the building and the man who rented the store below were good "died-in-the-wool" Tories. At the present time the emissary is busy in his spare time looking up another location in ward three.

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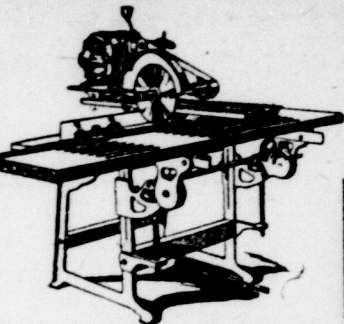
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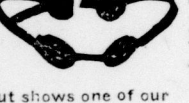
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To Organize.  
**POINTS TO DANGER**

Associated Press Despatch.  
Paris, Dec. 9. — General Edouard  
Castelnau, former commander of the  
French armies in France and Bel-  
gium, and now president of the  
recently-organized patriots' league,  
whose purpose, it was announced,  
was to "defend the rights of Cath-  
olics, law and order in France," today  
issued the following appeal:  
"The hour is grave. Subsidized by  
foreigners, a certain element is openly  
preparing for the explosion of a vast  
plot, evolved by terror and massacre,  
proposing to condemn France to the  
abominable servitude of a regime  
which provoked in Russia anarchy,  
ruin and death. Against this peril we  
must not simply wait, whine, discuss  
and criticize.  
"United, organized and resolute,  
good citizens of France have now  
to fear from internationalistic revo-  
lutionaries. Patriots, come to us.  
We can use you and your resources  
in the urgent work, organization and  
co-ordination which the league is  
undertaking."  
The patriots' league is the organ-  
ization to which General Herriot had  
frequently referred in the Chamber  
of Deputies and in other public speeches,  
recently as "a clerical menace." The  
premier emphasized that this organ-  
ization was "just as dangerous as the  
Communists."

**HERIOT WARNS.**  
Associated Press Despatch.  
Paris, Dec. 9. — Premier Herriot to-  
night persisted in his refusal to take  
the agitation of the Communists too  
seriously. He declared the magnitude  
of the danger from the movement of  
the extremists of the left had been  
aggravated, and some insisted that  
the real peril came from the activity  
of the reactionary clerical organiza-  
tions.  
"Communism is not capable of de-  
stroying law and order in France,"  
declared M. Herriot. "The Commun-  
ists amuse me when they talk about  
forming a peasant bloc. The worst  
they can do is to provoke riotous  
orders, with collisions and blood-  
shed, which will be promptly re-  
pressed."  
"On the other hand I hear that the  
Action Francaise people are very  
active. We have proof that decisive  
action is being prepared by them;  
that orders have been issued to buy  
blackjacks and revolvers. These at-  
tacks will find the government  
ready."

**QUEBEC APPLAUDS FIGHT.**  
Canadian Press Despatch.  
Quebec, Dec. 9. — An echo of the  
religious combat between the Herriot  
government in France and the Roman  
Catholic church, following upon the  
omission in the French budget of  
any provision for supporting the  
French ambassador to the Vatican,  
and the program of the Herriot ad-  
ministration to substitute the church  
schools in Alsace by sectarian  
schools, has been a repercussion in  
Quebec as indicated by a communi-  
cation addressed to the cardinals of  
France by Cardinal Begin, arch-  
bishop of Quebec.  
Cardinal Begin deplores the threat  
to withdraw the Vatican embassy and  
declares that the present is no time  
to undermine the influence of the  
church, since "resolute hands" are  
taking away from the "capitol" the  
sacred symbol of our salvation.

**Applauds Struggle.**  
His eminence applauds the struggle  
being waged against the anti-clerical-  
ism of the French government, and  
assures the faithful in France of  
the prayerful support of Catholics  
in Canada.

The communication in part reads:  
"Your eminences know the depth of  
sympathy which joins up—the Can-  
adian descendants of the old  
French families—to Catholic France.  
The grave events now being enacted  
in your noble country cannot leave  
us indifferent, and if we experience  
a feeling of sorrow at the thought of  
the violent attacks threatening the  
Catholic church in France, we note,  
on the other hand with a lively  
pleasure, that the faithful, moved  
and directed by pastors who are as  
zealous as they are vigilant, are  
laboring to organize a dignified and  
proud resistance in defence of their  
religion."  
"Already our Franco-Catholic jour-  
nals of all shades of opinion, echoing  
the courageous letter of your emi-  
nence and other French episcopal  
communications, have greeted this move-  
ment with great acclaim. On his part  
the honorable prime minister of the  
province of Quebec, Mr. Taschereau,  
in a sympathetic message to  
France, has not hesitated to pro-  
claim what Canada owes to Catholi-  
cism, and what Catholicism repre-  
sents as a social force in every coun-  
try."

**Regret Changes.**  
"On my own account, let me ex-  
press to your eminences and through  
you to all the people of our ancient  
motherland, my sorrow—and that of  
all French compatriots in the Catholic  
world."

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Never have I wished more ardently that I could follow each separate Christmas gift to its destination than did I this morning, in the Furniture Department.  
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And wives or mothers—no matter what their age—three women are going to be as delighted as school girls on Christmas morn.  
One is to receive a sewing cabinet, and I even heard a suggestion of a silver thimble and other fittings which are to be put into it.  
Another will find under the Christmas tree one of those graceful Queen Anne rockers, and I'm almost sure she'll neglect a thoughtful husband for love of sitting in it!  
The third selection seemed to be more puzzling. It developed finally the most gallant characteristic of the lady to be pleased was, as her husband announced it to the salesman: "My wife's the best cook in London."  
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*Judith*

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