

Weather Forecast:
Fair and Colder

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Allies' Reply to Germany Practically Ready STUBBORN RESISTANCE TO GERMAN DOBRUDJA ADVANCE

1917 HOLIDAY FINDS BRITISH MORE CHEERFUL THAN BEFORE

Despite the Unseasonable
Weather, Canadians Re-
fuse To Be Unhappy.

WILL BE HOME NEXT YEAR

Sure War Will Be Over Before
Another Yuletide
Arrives.

INUNDATED WITH PARCELS
Flood of Mail Swamps Boys of
Maple Leaf in Britain
and in France.

[Special Cable to The Advertiser.]
London, December 23. Christmas finds Britishers and Canadians here and in France cheerful and more optimistic than for many months. The weather both here and in Flanders is decidedly "un-Christmassy" when compared with the crisp, bright Canadian climate, but Canadians absolutely refuse to be unhappy despite the rain and mud. There is a general spirit of "Let's make the best of it this Christmas—we have to be here to watch Fritz, but next Christmas we will be home in Canada and the war all over."

Canadians in British training camps, French billeted and the firing line, are inundated with parcels and letters from home.

EDWARD SAID TO BE
IN HANDS OF VILLA

Mexican City Reported Captured To
Bandit Chieftain.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 23.—Unconfirmed reports that Torreón had been captured by Francisco Villa's forces, were forwarded to Washington by Government agents early today. These reports stated that the fighting started yesterday morning and continued until 1 o'clock in the afternoon, when the city capitulated.

SANTA ROSALIA TAKEN.
El Paso, Texas, Dec. 23.—Santa Rosalia, 12 miles southeast of Chihuahua City, was captured December 12 by Villa forces, according to a message received today by an El Paso man who owns property in Santa Rosalia. Three hundred Carranza soldiers who had remained there to go to Chihuahua City were captured and nearly all, including their commander, were executed, the message said. No property was destroyed.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW — FAIR AND COLDER.

Forecast.

Fair and colder tonight and on Sunday.

Temperatures.

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

Stations	High	Low	Weather
Victoria	50	32	Cloudy
Calgary	40	20	Cloudy
Winnipeg	30	10	Cloudy
Port Arthur	40	20	Cloudy
Perry Sound	30	10	Cloudy
Port Stanley	30	10	Cloudy
Buffalo	30	10	Cloudy
Toronto	30	10	Cloudy
Kingston	30	10	Cloudy
Ottawa	30	10	Cloudy
Montreal	30	10	Cloudy
Quebec	30	10	Cloudy
Thunder Point	30	10	Snow

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

The disturbance which was near the middle Atlantic coast yesterday morning has moved northward to the Gulf of St. Lawrence with increased intensity, and has caused rain with heavy snow in Eastern Ontario and Quebec.

The Western Provinces weather is fair and cold.

FAITHFUL NEWSBOYS BRAVE ALL WEATHER

With the first fall of snow, commence the hardest season of the year for the little fellows who deliver The Advertiser to London homes. No matter what the weather, they must be on duty six days a week, and their work often entails a walk of as much as four miles with a load of nearly a hundred papers. Few subscribers have complaints to make. It is not surprising that out of a route of at least seventy customers one should occasionally fail to receive a paper. Throughout the whole year the evening newspapers are brought to nearly every house in the city long before supper-time comes round.

Those who maintain the morning delivery service do so under even greater difficulties than the evening carriers. They must be at the newspaper office before 5 o'clock every morning, even in the coldest weather, and long before most Londoners are awake the paper is lying on their doorsteps. Among the faithful who are remembered at this season, the newsboy is worthy of a prominent place.

TEUTON ADVANCE IN DOBRUDJA IS COSTING HEAVILY

Russians Still Retreat, But
Inflict Heavy Loss
On Enemy.

REARGUARD FIGHTING ON
Four Guns Damaged and
Squadron Bayoneted in
One Village.

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—Via London.—(British Admiralty, per Wireless Press).—Russian troops in the Rumanian Province of Dobrudja continue to retire to the northward, says the official statement issued by the Russian war department today. The Russian rearguard yesterday fought engaged with the Teuton forces which came to advance. The text of the statement reads: "In the region of Balaschene, our companies which penetrated Rumania damaged at that place four guns belonging to the enemy and surprised a sleeping squadron which they bayoneted. An enemy battalion coming from Kirienska surrounded our company, but the company broke through the cordon taking with it killed and wounded comrades."

Beat Enemy Back.
"Aggressive attempts by small detachments of enemy infantry at Vichani and Ovaty at Stankuta were beaten by our fire and dispersed."

"In Dobrudja our detachments have been withdrawing to the northwards. The enemy, continuing his advance, came in contact with our rearguards."

MORE THAN \$1,000,000
IN PRINCESS' ESTATE

Much-Married Detroit Girl's Will
Divides It Between Children
and Husband.

Chicago, Dec. 23.—The will of Mrs. Clara T. Reckard, formerly Clara De Kintet, Princess de Chalmay, formerly Clara L. Ward, and a petition for letters testamentary were filed in probate court here yesterday by John W. Gary. The petition recites that the estate is worth approximately \$1,250,000 in personal property and \$500,000 in real estate, practically all of which is left to Giuseppe Reckard, who is in Italy; Marie De Chalmay, a daughter of the late De Chalmay, a son, who resides in Paris; Mrs. Clara L. Blakeslee of Chicago, a cousin, is given a bequest of \$15,000.

Under the terms of the will the estate is to be divided into three trust funds for the benefit of the husband and two children. Thomas R. Lyon, Wm. Gary and John W. Gary are named as trustees of the estate. Mrs. Lyon died in 1909. The will was signed in 1914.

Mrs. Reckard died in Italy several days ago. She was the daughter of Eber B. Ward, a millionaire shipbuilder of New York.

HIGH COURT SITTING.—Chief Justice Falconbridge presided at the weekly sitting of the high court at the court house today. One case only was disposed of, an application re the Fagan estate, to pay insurance moneys into the court. The case was allowed to stand over for four weeks.

The Larger Christmas

Give each new day its own good cheer.

All other days apart.

And every day throughout the year

Keep Christmas in thy heart.

ALBERT D. WATSON.

CHRISTMAS, 1916.

INTERESTING SIDELIGHT OF SOMME ADVANCE



With the French army on the Somme. These are "Somme" boots, removed from C man prisoners and assembled for disinfection. Their owners were captured in the reeking trenches of the Somme. This is an official photograph.

ALLIES' PEACE ANSWER SETS FORTH CLEARLY WAR RESPONSIBILITIES

Not Only Gives Grievances of the
Entente but Crushing Culpa-
bility of Central Powers.

NOT TO BE CHRISTMAS BOX.
London, Dec. 23.—The foreign office states there is hardly any possibility that the reply to the German peace note will be dispatched before Christmas. Owing to difficulty in communication, it is even possible that the answer will not be forwarded with-

Paris, Dec. 23.—The Allies' answer to Germany's peace proposals is almost finished, according to the Petit Parisien. The paper says it is a rather long document, and sets forth clearly both the "grievances of the Allies and the crushing culpability of the central powers."

TRAINS HOURS LATE COMING FROM EAST HAMPERED BY SNOW

Passenger Traffic Heaviest in
Years. Say Officials of
Both Lines.

G. T. R. and C. P. R. officials report today the heaviest Christmas passenger traffic in years.

All trains were reported late. G. T. R. trains from New York and Montreal arriving from two to six hours behind time.

The C. P. R. train from Toronto, due to arrive at 11:15, was reported four hours late.

The lateness of the trains from the east on G. T. R. lines was attributed principally to heavy snow in New York State.

Several of the trains are running today in sections in order to provide better accommodation.

SUBMARINE MENACE INCREASES RATES

Government War-Risk Insurance Moves
Up Says Daily News.

London, Dec. 23.—The Daily News says that owing to the increased submarine menace the Government war-risk insurance office has raised the insurance rate per voyage for British vessels to 40 shillings per cent.

In the Champagne district, after a spirited bombardment, a detachment of the enemy endeavored last night to approach our lines to the west of Auberoch, but they were easily repulsed.

The night passed quietly on the remainder of the front, except in the region of Harmandout and near Chambray, where the artillery of the enemy showed considerable activity.

NO MACEDONIAN MOVES.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Bad weather along the Macedonian front on the 22nd of December prevented any military operations, according to the official announcement given out in Paris this afternoon.

TIMES SKEPTICAL OF WAR THEORY TO EXPLAIN ACTIONS

Refers To Wilson's Note as
Ill-Judged Move.

OPPOSITION IS GENERAL

Even More Charitable Chron-
icle Points To Parallel
of German Threats.

London, Dec. 23.—The Times editorial is rather skeptical concerning the explanation offered from some American quarters that President Wilson wants Germany to commit herself to a program which would warrant him in asking the American people to enter the conflict. It says:

"Our regard for the American people and for President Wilson's high moral character have imposed in this country a large measure of restraint upon expression of feelings which his ill-judged action undeniably caused. These feelings, however, are strong and keen, and may be aggravated by American applause of the president's initiative. The fact that this applause is a tribute to his idealist pursuit of pacifism and humanitarianism hardly lessens the danger of misunderstanding and exasperation. The best safeguard against such a danger might perhaps be found in the views of eminent Americans such as Dr. Eliot, Joseph H. Choate and Theodore Roosevelt."

The Chronicle editorially finds unusual unanimity in the opinion of the British papers.

Striking Parallel.
"While it is advisable not to attach undue importance to Secretary Lansing's statement about the verge of war," says the Chronicle, "it is impossible to overlook the parallel between this statement and the dark hints of German propagandists concerning new forms of frightful and less peace comes. Though the president's love of peace is genuine and profound we decline to believe that he could thus allow himself to be blackmailed as Secretary Lansing's words seemed to suggest. Until the contrary is proved we prefer to suppose that both the president in his note and Mr. Lansing in his statement have done themselves less than justice and that, if the Allies show reason on their side, the American Government will show reason also."

Decries Propaganda Theory.
In another editorial the Chronicle vigorously protests against a section of the United Press, which blames the German propaganda and the "miserable inactivity" of the late Asquith administration for the president's note. It says that whatever prompted the president it was not the activities of the German propagandists.

The Telegraph sees indications that the Allies' reply to the German note will be a very full document, setting forth why the Allies are bound not to halt in their work until Germany's military collapse is complete. It expects this reply to precede the answer to President Wilson and, passing through his hands, to leave him little room to doubt the fate of his own suggestions. The Telegraph Daily Mail and other papers follow the Post office in considering the president's speech an ample reply to President Wilson's note.

REPORTS DISCONTINUED.

New York, Dec. 23.—The Associated Press is advised by its London office that all shipping reports, except announcements of casualties, are discontinued by an official order issued last night.

U.S. SELFISHNESS ENOUGH TO STOP ANY HOSTILITIES

German Press Sees Hint of
War in Wilson Note and
Laughs.

VARIANCE OF OPINIONS

Some Papers Joyful, Some
Cynical and Some Wait
Allied Reply First.

AGAINST ANY ARMISTICE

Truce Impossible, Says Vos-
sische Zeitung, Which Talks
of Increasing Severity.

Berlin, Dec. 23.—Via London, Dec. 23.—The Berlin press receives President Wilson's note to the belligerent powers with varying degrees of interest. The views range from the enthusiastic welcome accorded the plan by the Tagblatt to the unexpectedly cynical quiet acquiescence of the Vossische Zeitung, with the middle grounds represented by the Lokal Anzeiger, which prefers to await the answer of the Entente powers to the emperor's note before deciding for or against the George Bernhard. In the Vossische Zeitung views President Wilson's proposal as actuated purely from American selfish motives. America, he says, finds itself in the position of having passed the heyday point in its financial operations with the Entente and now wants peace and the co-operation of England in preparing for what it alludes to as the inevitable Japanese trouble.

Relies on American Selfishness.
Herr Bernhard refers to Secretary Lansing's statements regarding America's war drawn to the verge of war as a distinct tip to Germany, yet he is convinced that America desires to avoid such a conflict, primarily for selfish reasons. The suggestion that Germany as well as combatants participate in the peace conference is energetically and vigorously rejected by the newspaper, which declares that this must not come to pass in any circumstances. The Vossische Zeitung declares also that President Wilson need not decide himself into thinking that he can lay down any proposals for the conference. There will be no truce, it (Continued on Page 4, Column 3.)

ARABIA NEVER IN
ALLIED SERVICE,
BRITISH REPLY

"Unarmed Auxiliary" Alibi of
Germany Exploded.

TO GET ALL INFORMATION

All Data Asked by State De-
partment Will Be For-
warded.

Washington, Dec. 23.—An official report from the British Government to the British liner Arabia, sunk without warning by a submarine in the Mediterranean, declares the Arabia was not at that, or any other time, in the service of the Allies.

The British report was made in answer to an inquiry from the state department, and further information probably will be asked to clear up doubtful points after that at hand has been forwarded to Germany.

The report was summarized in the following state department announcement:

No Coolies On Board.
"The department of state has received a reply from the British Government to the inquiry regarding the status of the steamer Arabia, to the effect that she was not at the time she was sunk."

Two Burned to Death
IN NEW JERSEY FIRE

Two were Injured When Woman Doctor's
Residence Falls Victim to
Flames.

Grantwood, N. J., Dec. 23.—Two persons were burned to death and two others badly hurt today when the residence of Dr. Margaret Browder, a woman physician, was destroyed by fire. The dead are Dr. Browder's brother, Harry Browder, a lieutenant in the 7th New York Regiment, and her 8-year-old daughter, Margaret.

100 WOMEN REPORTED HURT
IN FOOD RIOTS OF DRESDEN

Soldiers Brought in When Police Prove Powerless To Check
March Past Palace of King—Many Arrested for
Using Insulting Language About Monarch.

London, Dec. 23.—A Rotterdam dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that there were food riots in Dresden on December 17, 18, and 19, especially on the 19th, when troops were called to help the police in suppressing the trouble, which arose from the closing of several food shops on Sunday because they were without stocks. The dispatch says the women stood the rioters. There was another parade on Monday when the paraders passed the king's palace shouting for food. Several women are said to have been arrested for using insulting language about the king. The disturbances were renewed on Tuesday, when a sharp fight occurred, in which 100 women and three policemen are reported to have been wounded. The soldiers then charged the crowds and cleared the streets.

PRESIDENT ANSWERED BY SPEECH REPLYING TO GERMAN PROPOSALS

British Press Takes This Attitude
Over Wilson Appeal—Polite
Reply Will Be Drafted.

London, Dec. 23.—The American note to the belligerent nations still is the dominating feature of the news in Great Britain today. Practically all the newspapers continue to devote leading articles to the note, while British, French, German and other comment is prominently displayed under such headings as "Lansing's Verge of War Blunder," "The Snare of Peace," and "Wilson's Mistake."

So far as Great Britain is concerned, the press says that President Wilson already has been answered by Premier Lloyd George when he delivered in the Commons on Tuesday his speech in reply to the German proposals, by the address made on Thursday night by Andrew Bonar Law, the chancellor of the exchequer, and finally by the emphatic declaration of the cabinet through the King's speech on prorogating Parliament.

However, it is recognized in official circles that a formal, polite reply is due to President Wilson, and this, it is said, will be drafted after consultation with Great Britain's allies. Like his uncle, the late Lord Salisbury, Foreign Secretary Balfour is a masterly dispatch writer. This was displayed in the communications written by him when he was first lord of the admiralty in refutation of various German statements.

FRENCH SOCIALISTS REALIZE IMPORT OF FIGHT FOR VICTORY

Those Struggling for Liberty
Determined To Conquer.

KINDLY TO AMERICAN

Leader Expresses Belief That
Wilson Note Will Force
Germany Into Open.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The only reference to President Wilson's note at the public sitting of the Chamber of Deputies was made by Deputy Renaudie, who expressed the belief that it would compel Germany to tell plainly her aims. Deputy Renaudie made his brief reference in announcing that the Socialist party would vote for the appropriations for the first six months of 1917, which were subsequently passed. He said:

"We vote for these appropriations because they are conditions of national defence which we could not refuse without threatening the safety of the country. Twenty-nine months of war have allowed us to realize its full horror, but those who suffer aggression and who are struggling for their liberty must not be deterred by the specter of conquest. However, the enemy has spoken of negotiations, and whether as a ruse or a sincere appeal, the result must be to awaken in all peoples the desire to see this war ended by a peace which will be lasting and just. We therefore ask the Government not to decide negatively, without examination or without serious reasons publicly pronounced, against the offers of the enemy, helping to clear the way for a new war. Today the president of the United States of America asks the belligerents to make known their views as to the objects of the war. We do not wish to judge his intention. We only wish to see this war ended by a peace which will be lasting and just, helping to obtain more light, our enemies can now no longer keep making hollow statements. They must speak clearly."

Not Single Act by Allies.
"Can a single act of this kind be imputed to the Allies? Everybody knows there cannot. To Germany these acts are confined to a doctrine. On land and sea a systematic disregard of the rules made by centuries of civilization is the basis of the direction of the war. We, in reality, as it is declared in the sovereign name of force. Here again is there any assumption possible between these two groups of acts? No, it is not. It is not the United States is suffering from the war and nobody denies it, but they suffer by the fault of those who declared and brought on the war. They cannot forget however that in the present conflict Frenchmen's companions in combat American independence, defended French independence. It is not a moment when our forces and those of our Allies, developed or created during the war, are promising one just revenge that we can be asked to sheath the sword. They know that the German note, despite its substance, lacking strength, is only a ruse, and a ruse which will prevent a return of aggression and save us and neutral from the horrors of war and its consequences."

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STATES REALIZE PEACE MOVE IS MERELY A TRAP

Parisian Temps, in Authorita-
tive Article, Makes This
Answer to Wilson.

CANNOT BE SET ASIDE

New Crimes of Germany Place
That Nation Outside
Pale.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The following editorial in the Temps is understood here to represent authoritative views in French official circles.

Referring to President Wilson's note the Temps asks: "Can new crimes, such as the Belgian deportations, which at this moment are provoking the indignation of people in the United States be set aside? In a word, can one not see in the same order words which mean and acts which remain or believe (being which of the same 'time development' deny? Evidently not. As to the harm caused by the war this is certain but it is not in the power of any belligerent to avoid it absolutely. Therefore, there are two kinds of armistice. On the one hand there are the inevitable consequences of war, search at sea, blockade and similar things; on the other there are violations of the written law, poisoning of neutral ships with the drowning of women and children."

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GAMMAGE FOR MAYOR

**A Program of Progress
A Bigger, Greater and
More Aggressive London**

**Let Well Enough Alone
RETURN MAYOR
STEVENSON
FOR 1917**

**It Means Economy, Honest
Government and Efficiency**

**VOTE FOR
The Industrial Association
Guarantee Bylaw**
A WAR-TIME MEASURE TO INSURE
INDUSTRIAL PREPAREDNESS
FOR PEACE
INDORSED BY THE TRADES AND LABOR
COUNCIL, BUILDERS' EXCHANGE, BANKERS
ASSOCIATION, COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS'
ASSOCIATION, ROTARY CLUB, BOARD OF
TRADE AND CITY COUNCIL.
FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT COST
TO THE RATEPAYER.
DECREASED RISK OF UNEMPLOYMENT AFTER THE
WAR.
INCREASED PAYROLLS, SPENDING POWER, RETAIL
BUSINESS.
BUILDING ACTIVITY, LAND AND PROPERTY VALUES
AND MUNICIPAL REVENUES, AND
DECREASED TAXATION FOR ALL RATEPAYERS.

**DR. SHAW TOO LATE
WITH RESIGNATION,
STATES CITY CLERK**

Not Eligible For Election To
Board of Control.

MUNICIPAL ACT DEFINITE

Most Leave Education Board
Ten Days Before Nom-
inations.

Although Dr. R. W. Shaw, who this
year sat as a school trustee, sent in his
resignation to Secretary McMillan this
morning, he will not be eligible for elec-
tion to the board of control. Dr. Shaw was
nominated as a controller at the nomina-
tions yesterday, but the municipal
act states that no school trustee shall
sit on a council unless he has resigned
on days before the day of nomination.

Act is Definite.
As there has been a dispute in the
past, City Clerk Baker was asked by
the advertiser to read that portion of
the municipal act which applies to the
case. He produced section 53, which
reads as follows:
"The following shall be not eligible to
be elected a member of a council or be
nominated to sit or vote thereon: a mem-
ber of a public school board or board
of education of a city, town or village,
prior to the day of nomination, unless he
has resigned on days before the day of
nomination."

**Tangled Thoughts
Of Reporter Sent
To Witness Market**

Poverty Keeps Him From
Even Asking Price of
Turkeys.

The visitor who entered the market
from the Market Lane entrance today
found to find that he was walking
through that neck of woods known as
the Black Swamp, so great was the
array of cedar saplings that were on
trees. It is a long step from the middle
of a cedar bush to the illuminated
corner in the market, and the farmer
who brings the turkeys and mixes it
possible for dad and mother to have
something on which to hang the gifts
for the various members of the house-
hold, is decaying of special mention.
Having donned a pair of snowshoes
and struggled through the forest of
cedar, the reporter then set to join
"the maddening throng" that "surges
over here and there" in search of
Christmas viands.
Where turkeys passed by the booths
who were lying in state,
without so much as a glance at the
golden birds. Whether they feared they
might be charged for looking at them
or that the sight of them might tempt
them to spend their monthly allowance
all at once, it is hard to tell. Others
with more timidity, advanced boldly
and looked the impossible creature
over, and some, recklessly extravagant
citizens, screwed up sufficient courage
to inquire as to the price.
One man who was actually seen
calmly carrying a real turkey away
from the market attracted attention.
The opinion of the majority of those
who saw him was that "he must be
a millionaire."
But to the woman who enjoys look-
ing at nice things, even though she
cannot buy them all, the turkey was
day proved an unending pleasure. Rows
upon rows of sleek, plump and ar-
ranged turkeys, geese, ducks and
chickens, rows of winter apples, plu-
skinned little pigs and beautiful hares
and quarters of beef were there in
no small numbers.
A big amusing contest ensued
between everybody including the
inevitable small boy. The guesses
seemed to vary from 200 to 800 pounds.
The man who was selling the turkeys
and was selling everything
from ladies silk cuffs at a cents to
coon skin coats at \$20. Such is the
variety of the market. A number of
spectators who had got chilled
while standing there (in spite of
the flow of heated oxygen from

CITY BREVITIES

SWALLOWED PIN.—The little
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Stock-
ton, 122 Oxford street west, is rapidly
recovering from the effects of an acci-
dent sustained a few days ago when
she swallowed a pin.

LIEUT. SNIDER WOUNDED.—Lieut.
Burnett Kelly Kennedy Snider has been
officially reported wounded on Decem-
ber 15, according to a message received
by Mrs. D. Snider, 271 Wellington
street. Lieut. Snider is attached to an
infantry battalion.

SIX A. S. C. RECRUITS.—The Army
Service Corps sent a Christmas con-
gratulation to six recruits to Toronto
last night. Their names were: W. P.
Robinson, C. R. Barnes, J. F. Saun-
ders, F. Martin, A. McDonald and
P. D. Frohman.

REMEMBERED BY PUPILS.—W. J.
O'Brien, commercial master at the
Galt Collegiate Institute, who has re-
signed his position and is returning to
London, where he will open a business
college, was presented with a letter-
sound index notebook by members
of his commercial class there.

NOT THESE PHOTOGRAPHERS.—Leslie
Edy of the Edy studio and
George Henry of the Henry studio wish
it distinctly understood that neither of
them is the photographer mentioned in
the advertisement of the 21st evening
regarding a breach of the liquor license act.

TROOPS ON HOLIDAY.—The hol-
iday spirit has taken full possession of
the troops in London. At least 10 per
cent of the troops in the city have
gone away on leave and quiet
reigns. Major Daly, D.A.A. and Q.M.G.,
is in command of the district tempo-
rarily.

PTE. CHAPMAN ILL.—Pte. Samuel
Chapman (19558) has been officially re-
ported deceased at No. 15 General
Hospital, Lethbridge, on December
22. This information was contained in
a message received by Mrs. Elizabeth
Chapman, 296 Clarence street. Pte.
Chapman is attached to the Medical
Service.

PRESENT FOR STRIKERS.—These
union elms are on strike in this
city were agreeably surprised this
morning to find a Christmas gift of
\$2 each each, which was contributed
by outside sister unions and labor or-
ganizations. It was very much ap-
preciated, coming at this season of the
year.

JOINS FLYING CORPS.—Lieut. Guy
Noyes, who has given up his position
with the 155th Battalion when that unit
was ordered overseas and dropped its
superannuated officers, has been given
commission in the British Naval Flying
Corps, and will leave for England
within a short time to commence his
training.

ARRIVES IN ENGLAND.—Relative
in the city have received a cable an-
nouncing the safe arrival in England of
Nursing Sister Myrtle Lockie, who is
stationed at Moore Barracks, near
Shorncliffe. Nursing Sister Lockie is a
graduate of this year of Victoria
Hospital. Upon her arrival in England
she was met by several friends, among
whom was Major Clifford Ross.

CARD FROM PTE. GOULDING.—
Inspector Joseph Sanders has received
a Christmas card from Pte. Eric Hoes
Goulding, who is lying in Cambridge
Hospital, recovering from his
wounds received in action. He lost
the sight of one eye and was otherwise
badly injured. Mr. Goulding used to be
a frequent contributor to the Advertiser
prior to enlistment.

CORRECTION ASKED.—In the de-
scription of three soldier brothers,
which appeared in Friday evening's
Advertiser, exception has been taken
by a relative, Mrs. Percy Tanner. She
states that her brother-in-law, D. C.
Tanner, is not in a convalescent home
and has not been passed, but is at
Shornham Camp, England. She also
wishes it known that her husband is
in Corp (Pte.) P. Tanner, and that
his home was at 35 Kensington street.
She now resides at 349 Van street.

NEW HIGHLANDERS SIGN.—To
further their campaign for men here,
recruiters for the 21st Scottish Border-
ers have erected a striking sign at a
highway. The sign is a large white
board, life size, stands on a pedestal,
bayonet fixed and below him appears
the appeal for men. Corporal Allen has
been at the sign for several days, dis-
tributing the past month and quite a
number of recruits have been obtained.
Over 30 men have been classified their
intention of signing up in the New
Year.

**BYRON TRUSTEES ALL
GIVEN ACCLAMATION**

Nominations for police trustees for
Byron Village were held in Byron Hall
on Friday evening, December 22nd, be-
fore Returning Officer William Boler.
When the following were re-elected by
acclamation: Warren Elson, Fred Knies
and Wm. R. Wadsworth.

E. H. JOHNSTON OUT OF MAYORALTY RACE, HE HAS ANNOUNCED

Mayor Stevenson and Con-
troller Gammage Qualify.

ACCLAMATIONS EXPECTED

**Little Likelihood of Any Com-
petition For Utilities or
Hospital Trust.**

With ex-Ald. E. H. Johnston definitely
out of the running for the mayoralty,
it is probable that the contest will be
between Mayor Stevenson and Controller
W. W. Gammage. Mr. Johnston in-
formed the Advertiser today that he
had decided not to run this year. The
others have qualified, and it looks very
much as if they will have the field to
themselves. Both are hustling for the
places.

Contest For Control Board.
There will be a contest in all proba-
bility for the board of control. Con-
troller John M. Moore, Ald. E. S. Little,
Ald. R. J. Webster, Ald. C. W. Sum-
mers, and Ald. Adam W. Palmer are pre-
sented. Mr. Moore is president. The
contest is certain to run, although the latter
may drop out at the last minute. Con-
troller Frank White has stated positive-
ly that he is through with municipal
life.

Acclamations Likely.
It begins to look as if there will be
an acclamation for the utilities com-
mission. Commissioners F. G. Mitchell and
T. W. McFarland are both definitely in
the field, and there does not seem to
be any possibility of opposition.

**Lieut.-Col. W. M. Gartschore will be re-
elected to the board of control. He has
qualified, and none of the candidates
named will oppose him.**
As for the council, there will be bat-
tles in every ward, with the possible
exception of Ward 1. It would seem as
if Ald. Thomas Copp, Ald. Dyer, and
Dr. O. L. Cunningham would be the
choice. Ald. Dr. Reynolds has stated
that he will not run again, but may be
induced to stand.

Lineup.
The lineup at this writing seems cer-
tain to be this:

For Mayor.—Dr. H. A. Stevenson, W.
W. Gammage.
For Board of Control.—John M. Moore,
E. S. Little, R. J. Webster, C. W. Sum-
mers, Adam W. Palmer.

For Board of Education.—A. A. Lang-
ston, W. T. McFarland, Dr. H. A. Stevenson,
Harry Hayman, Dr. H. H. Blue,
James Husey, D. H. McDermid.
For Utilities Commission.—F. G. Mit-
chell, T. W. McFarland.

For Hospital Trust.—Lieut.-Col. W. M.
Gartschore.

For Aldermen.—Ward 1.—Thomas W.
Copp, J. Dyer, and either Dr. Reynolds
or Dr. O. L. Cunningham.
Ward 2.—C. R. Barnes, George H. Hay-
man, M. J. Donahue, J. E. Secker, O. K.
Keene.

Ward 3.—G. E. Rose, F. R. Watkinson,
J. C. Park, Jos. Gwathmole.
Ward 4.—Charles G. Leonard, J. H. Seun-
ders, Joshua Garrett, S. Man-
ness, H. B. Ashplant, John R. Moran.

At noon today, the following had qual-
ified for mayor, Dr. H. A. Stevenson,
W. W. Gammage, for controller, J. M. Moore,
for alderman—W. A. Wilson, J. E. Secker,
R. R. Watkinson, M. J. Donahue,
for hospital trust, Lieut.-Col. W. M.
Gartschore; board of education, Harry
Hayman.

CHRISTMAS TREES AND ENTERTAINMENTS

SANTA AT McCLARY'S.
The annual Christmas trees and en-
tertainments were held in the dining
rooms of each of the McClary factor-
ies last night.

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PROBABLE REMOVAL OF HUNT MILLS PUTS END TO EXTENSIONS

L. and P. S. R. Siding at
Bathurst Street Unlikely
To Proceed Further.

It is probable that the Bathurst
street siding of the London and Port
Stanley Railway, now laid as far as
Silverwood's, Limited, will not proceed
further. The plan of the siding at
Hunt Mills being moved to the east end
of the city is understood to have influ-
enced the commission to contemplate
no further extension.

It was only a question of time of pre-
venting the construction of the siding
upon the City Gas Company is said to
have been made. The gas company
was willing to sell property required
for the siding but in the agreement
he made was found a clause which
stated that the gas company was to
turn over its business to the city road
department. The gas company
refused to accept this clause, as it
would have given outsiders access
to its business. Although the commis-
sion agreed to remove this clause it
was never removed. Each time the
agreement came back after its sup-
posed revision, it was found to contain
the clause, and as a result the gas
company refused to accept it. This
was the failure of the city to construct
the siding explained. The gas com-
pany was blamed for holding up the
work, when as a matter of fact the real
reason was the probable removal of the
Hunt property to the east end.

TANCREADE STARVING AND HAS TO BE FORCIBLY FEED

Condemned Man May Not Wait Until
Date Set for Execution.

The condition of Mike Tancreade,
sentenced to be hanged one month from
today, is growing gradually more alarm-
ing, and unless the forcible feeding
which has been resorted to within the
past few days proves effectual, the con-
demned man, it is thought, will not live
until the sentence of the law is carried
out.

Tancreade has been growing weaker
for some time past because of his steady
refusal to take food.

Doctor Puzzled.
Dr. James D. Wilson, jail physician,
does not know whether to attribute
Tancreade's refusal to eat to a mental
determination to starve himself, or
whether it is because of the partial
state of collapse in which he has been
reduced.

Through an interpreter efforts were
made to get an explanation from him,
but he declined to discuss the matter,
and no means of persuasion could in-
duce him to eat.

As a last recourse Dr. Wilson held a
consultation with other physicians, and
forcible feeding was decided upon.

This has been done only twice up to
the present, and whether this method
will prove effective in sustaining Tan-
creade's life Dr. Wilson was at a loss
to say.

For a time after the petition was
circulated on his behalf asking the
Governor-General to exercise clemency,
Tancreade appeared to be somewhat
brighter, and entertained hope of a life
sentence. As the days passed and no
word came, he lapsed into a state of
extreme despondency about a week ago,
and each day appears to be growing
worse.

The officials at the jail consider that
he has only a few days to live. His
life and death in the next month if he
continues to refuse food.

Six Want to Hang Him.
Sheriff Cameron has received six ap-
plications from persons requesting to
be allowed to officiate at the execution.
He has not considered any of these
yet, nor will he until a final word is re-
ceived from the department of justice.
Bills, the official hanged, it is thought
will be on the job if needed, but nothing
has yet been heard from him.

WEDDING BELLS

JOHNSTON-McCABE.
A pretty home wedding was cele-
brated Thursday evening, the 21st inst.,
at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander
McCabe, when Miss Helen Johnston, daugh-
ter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnston, was
united in marriage to Mr. J. H. McCabe,
son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McCabe.

After a sumptuous wedding dinner,
and a program of songs was enjoyed
by the guests. Rev. H. D. Moyer of
the Wesleyan Methodist Church offici-
ated.

JOSELIN-ROSE.
A simple and quiet wedding took
place at Saturday afternoon at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Rose, 517
Cameron street, when Miss Hazel
Isabelle Rose, a cousin of Mrs. Kerr's,
and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs.
John A. Rose of London, Ontario, be-
came the bride of Mr. Harold Alexander
Joselin, son of Mr. E. J. Joselin, of
Toronto.

The marriage ceremony was per-
formed by Rev. W. A. Guy, B. D., min-
ister of St. Andrew's Presbyterian
Church, and the happy couple left im-
mediately after the ceremony for Win-
nipeg, where they will reside. Mr.
Joselin, who has made his home in
Regina for the past two years, carries
with her the good wishes of her many
Regina friends, and Mr. Joselin, who
is the special agent in Western Can-
ada of the New York Underwriters'
Agency, is well known to many in-
surance and business men here, is the
recipient of sincere congratulations
from his business associates and
friends.—Regina Leader.

AT HERMITAGE CLUB.
Over fifty members of the Hermitage
Club were present at the tenth annual
Christmas tree entertainment held in
the club rooms last night. Christmas
gifts were distributed by Tom Baker,
in the guise of a Santa Claus. The
club proved to be a great hit for him
to fulfill, he was assisted by A. L. Davis,
and also by a long white beard
and other distinguishing marks of a
genuine Santa Claus.

A short impromptu musical pro-
gram was given as well as a recitation
by Frank Murphy.
Representatives were served and the
remainder of the evening spent in card
games and other amusements.

Mayor H. A. Stevenson delivered a
short address. Many soldier members
of the club were present, but the num-
ber was somewhat diminished by the
fact that 28 are now at the front.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY
LAST—LARGE BLACK PURSE, SAT.
URDAY, about 1:30, containing sum of
money and other articles. Reported at
this office.

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tinues until Twelfth Night.

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These make a charming finish to a
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HOLIDAY PERSONALS

J. D. Barnett of Stratford, the fame
of whose magnificent collection of rare
books has traveled far, is to be a Christ-
mas visitor in the city, the guest of
Principal S. J. Radcliffe and Mrs. Rad-
cliffe, Marley Place.

Robert Boston of this city is spending
Christmas at his old home in Lobe.
Miss Tessie McMechan, B.A., of Tor-
onto, will spend Christmas week with
her mother, Mrs. J. H. McMechan, King
street.

Miss Leta Layman, contralto; Miss
Florence Eggleston, violinist; Gladstone
Paul, cellist, and F. G. Killmaster,
pianist, are giving a concert in Arkona,
Christmas evening. Mr. and Mrs.
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Sirloin of Christmas Beef, Yorkshire Pudding.
Roast Young Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.
Steamed Potatoes. Mashed Potatoes.
Early June Peas. Asparagus, Hollandaise.
Merry Widow Salad.
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Pumpkin Pie.
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Continued From Page One ARABIA NEVER

and never had been, in the service of the British Government or any of the allied governments; that she carried some government passengers booked as ordinary packet passengers at the expense of the Government. The number of such passengers will be communicated later. It is understood also that there were no Asiatics on board, except the Indian native crew, and that vessels do not follow the ordinary peace route on account of the operations of submarines.

Germany's Usual Lie.
Germany asserted that the Arabic was in the service of the British Government, filled with noddie laborers, with no women or children visible on board, painted like a transport, and traversing the regular transport lane; but has offered reparation if she shall be shown to have been wrong in that opinion. Whether the Arabic and Marina cases are regarded as analogous will be considered sufficient to justify action or demands by the government if the submarine issue has not been decided, but it has been indicated that the developing seriousness of the situation may require a general stand.

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says, but the fighting will continue, with Germany's terms increasing in severity as she achieves military successes.

Aims for Reconciliation.
"President Wilson's step we welcome," are the words with which Theodore Wolff opens his comment in the Tagblatt. He adds that quite regardless of feeling for or against President Wilson or the desires in some circles for war with America no responsible politician capable of thinking has the right to reject peace proposals because they come from Washington. Herr Wolff points out that President Wilson undoubtedly has many sources of information as to the feeling towards peace in various warring countries, and, therefore, is not guided by parliamentary speeches delivered for home and enemy consumption. If the real peace conditions of the Entente are actually reflected in the speeches of Mr. Pokrovsky, the Russian foreign minister, or David Lloyd George, the British premier, he asserts, then the path to peace is not a smooth one, for such a peace would be merely a humiliation. President Wilson, however, he concludes, is obviously aiming for a peace that would be a reconciliation, and Germany despite what the writer recalls to as the angry clamor of the greedy, desires an understanding for such a peace.

Cannot Be Hushed.
In ending his article, Herr Wolff declares that whatever may be the outcome of the proposition, the discussion of peace has in any event begun and cannot be hushed.

WILL KEEP PEACE WELL IN FOREGROUND.

London, Dec. 23.—The Neue Freie Presse of Vienna, according to a Reuters' Amsterdam dispatch, says that President Wilson's note will have the effect at any rate of keeping the question of peace for some time in the foreground. It adds that the Entente will be obliged to discuss a reasonable basis on which to end the war, and that the desire for peace in the Entente countries will be further strengthened.

More Self Congratulations.
The Vienna Allgemeine Zeitung remarks with satisfaction that Austria-Hungary and her allies considered the same moment opportune to prepare the way for peace negotiations. The Neues Wiener Journal eagerly awaits the attitude of the Entente toward President Wilson's move in view of the recent declaration of the leading statesmen of the Entente that interference by neutrals with the object of bringing about peace, would be scarcely a friendly act.

We Wish You
A Very Merry
Christmas

Webster-Harvey
Limited

LIEUT. COTTAM FELL ON LONE EXCURSION TO FOE'S PARAPET

Some Say He Was Dragged
Over by Germans.

Details of the action in which Lieut. Bart Cottam was either killed or wounded, are given in a letter received from Lieut. Joe Walters, who went overseas with the same battalion.

The possibility that Lieut. Cottam may be still alive was first intimated in this way, and has since been confirmed by his friends that he may be held prisoner by the Germans.

Referring to the action in which Lieut. Cottam disappeared, Lieut. Walters says:
"In Charge of Party.
"The battalion to which Bart was attached, and which is holding the line at our right, had been ordered to make a raid on the Hun lines on their front, who had been acting as scout officer for some time, was detailed to take charge of the raiding party."

"About 2 1/2 hours in the morning, December 1st, with a party of scouts and bombers, Bart started across 'No Man's Land.' The battalions in support, including my company, had been ordered to 'stand off' all night in readiness for whatever might develop from the raid.

Took All the Risk.
"Good old Bart! He wasn't going to risk the lives of his men needlessly, so he left his party in the middle of 'No Man's Land,' and crawled on alone to reconnoitre the situation before taking his men through the wire.

"He was shot by the Hun machine gunners without being detected, either because his presence was unobserved or because the Huns wished to lead him into a trap. In the faint light from a cloud—the only light from the patrol behind saw his form silhouetted against the dead-white of the chalk on the parapet. Evidently he was attempting to crawl alone into the Hun front line.

Seen To Fall.
"Suddenly a rifle shot rang out. It was followed by others in rapid succession. Some bombs were thrown. By the light of numerous flares sent up along the Hun line, Bart was seen to pitch forward on his face on the German parapet.

"The patrol rushed forward to his rescue, but the Hun machine gunners turned against them. They made desperate efforts to reach the prostrate form, but the entanglements were too thick. They were unable to find a passage through and beaten off, we were forced to return to shelter, but not before three had been wounded. This much is fact.

Opinion Divided.
"Regarding the possibility of Bart being alive and, though wounded, a prisoner in German hands, opinion differs among the men of the patrol who accompanied him. Several claim that they saw him move after falling, and that late he was pulled into the trench by the Germans. Certainly the body had been removed from the parapet by morning.

"It's just like the boy to do what he did. In the old days in St. Thomas, when we were in training, his first consideration was always for the men of his platoon. Maybe that's why he was so popular. His was the action of a man and a true officer. It is my sincere hope that, though badly wounded, he is still alive, even though in the hands of the Hun."

NEW YORK COTTON EXCHANGE.

[Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.]
New York, Dec. 23.
Open. High. Low. Close.
January 16.23 16.63 16.20 16.60
March 16.41 17.00 16.30 16.96
May 16.88 17.32 16.82 17.22
July 17.04 17.30 16.85 17.29
October 15.46 15.60 15.25 15.57

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Thomson & McKinnon, Royal Bank Building, report fluctuations in New York stocks for The Advertiser as follows:
New York, Dec. 23.

Trunk Lines and Grangers—
Baltimore & Ohio, 83 1/2, 84 1/2, 83 1/2, 84 1/2
Erie, 47, 47 1/2, 46 1/2, 47 1/2
Erie, 1st pfd., 49 1/2, 49 1/2, 49 1/2, 49 1/2
Great Northern, 117 1/4, 117 1/4, 117 1/4, 117 1/4
Great Western, 114 1/4, 114 1/4, 114 1/4, 114 1/4
G. Western, pfd., 41 1/4, 41 1/4, 41 1/4, 41 1/4
N. Y. Central, 104 1/4, 104 1/4, 103 1/2, 103 1/2
St. Paul, 131 1/2, 131 1/2, 131 1/2, 131 1/2

Pacific and Southern—
Atchafalpa, 104 1/2, 104 1/2, 104 1/2, 104 1/2
Canadian Pacific, 165 1/2, 165 1/2, 164 1/2, 164 1/2
Col. Southern, 26 1/2, 26 1/2, 25 1/2, 25 1/2
Kansas & Texas, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2, 11 1/2
Missouri Pacific, 17 1/2, 17 1/2, 17 1/2, 17 1/2
Northern Pacific, 110 1/2, 110 1/2, 110 1/2, 110 1/2
Southern Pacific, 97 1/2, 97 1/2, 97 1/2, 97 1/2
Southern Railway, 33 1/2, 33 1/2, 33 1/2, 33 1/2
Union Pacific, 147 1/2, 147 1/2, 146 1/2, 146 1/2

Ches. & Ohio, 65 1/2, 65 1/2, 65 1/2, 65 1/2
Lehigh Valley, 70 1/2, 70 1/2, 70 1/2, 70 1/2
Port & West, 137 1/2, 137 1/2, 137 1/2, 137 1/2
Ontario & West, 30 1/2, 30 1/2, 30 1/2, 30 1/2
Pennsylvania, 56 1/2, 56 1/2, 56 1/2, 56 1/2
Reading Railway, 104 1/2, 104 1/2, 104 1/2, 104 1/2

Tractions—
Brooklyn Transit, 82 1/2, 82 1/2, 82 1/2, 82 1/2
Interboro, 17 1/2, 17 1/2, 17 1/2, 17 1/2
Allis-Chalmers, 26 1/2, 26 1/2, 26 1/2, 26 1/2
Am. Beet Sugar, 91 1/2, 91 1/2, 91 1/2, 91 1/2
American Can, 47 1/2, 47 1/2, 46 1/2, 46 1/2
Am. Locomotive, 76 1/2, 76 1/2, 76 1/2, 76 1/2
Am. Smelters, 105 1/2, 105 1/2, 104 1/2, 104 1/2
Am. T. & T., 125 1/2, 125 1/2, 125 1/2, 125 1/2
American Wool, 43 1/2, 43 1/2, 43 1/2, 43 1/2

Baldwin Loco., 61 1/2, 61 1/2, 61 1/2, 61 1/2
Central Leather, 83 1/2, 83 1/2, 83 1/2, 83 1/2
Corn Products, 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2
Col. Fuel & Iron, 46 1/2, 46 1/2, 46 1/2, 46 1/2
Consolidated Gas, 23 1/2, 23 1/2, 23 1/2, 23 1/2
Distillers, 30 1/2, 30 1/2, 30 1/2, 30 1/2
Dome Mines, 20 1/2, 20 1/2, 20 1/2, 20 1/2
General Electric, 167 1/2, 167 1/2, 167 1/2, 167 1/2
G. Northern Ore, 35 1/2, 35 1/2, 35 1/2, 35 1/2
Ice Securities, 30 1/2, 30 1/2, 30 1/2, 30 1/2
Maxwell Motor, 23 1/2, 23 1/2, 23 1/2, 23 1/2
Marine, 26 1/2, 26 1/2, 26 1/2, 26 1/2
Met. Ind., 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2, 24 1/2
Studebaker, 112 1/2, 112 1/2, 112 1/2, 112 1/2
U. S. Rubber, 69 1/2, 69 1/2, 69 1/2, 69 1/2
Virginia Chemical, 41 1/2, 41 1/2, 41 1/2, 41 1/2
Westinghouse, 55 1/2, 55 1/2, 55 1/2, 55 1/2

Copper—
Anaconda Copper, 82 1/2, 82 1/2, 81 1/2, 82 1/2
Butte & Superior, 49 1/2, 49 1/2, 48 1/2, 49 1/2
Chino Copper, 53 1/2, 53 1/2, 53 1/2, 53 1/2
Miami Copper, 37 1/2, 37 1/2, 37 1/2, 37 1/2
Nevada Con., 23 1/2, 23 1/2, 23 1/2, 23 1/2
Utah Copper, 102 1/2, 102 1/2, 102 1/2, 102 1/2

Oils—
Am. Lined Oil, 18 1/2, 18 1/2, 18 1/2, 18 1/2
Cal. Petroleum, 2 1/2, 2 1/2, 2 1/2, 2 1/2
New Mexican, 96 1/2, 96 1/2, 96 1/2, 96 1/2
Texas Oil, 212 1/2, 212 1/2, 212 1/2, 212 1/2

Steel—
Crucible Steel, 59 1/2, 59 1/2, 58 1/2, 59 1/2
Lackawanna, 82 1/2, 82 1/2, 81 1/2, 82 1/2
Pressed Steel, 75 1/2, 75 1/2, 75 1/2, 75 1/2
Republic Steel, 77 1/2, 77 1/2, 76 1/2, 77 1/2
Railway Steel, 49 1/2, 49 1/2, 49 1/2, 49 1/2
U. S. Steel, 107 1/2, 107 1/2, 106 1/2, 107 1/2
U. S. Steel, pfd., 118 1/2, 118 1/2, 118 1/2, 118 1/2

Bonds—

Anglo-French 5's, 98 1/2, 98 1/2, 98 1/2, 98 1/2

FIRE CHIEF'S WARNING.

Fire Chief Aitken issues a final warning to citizens to exercise every precaution to prevent fires where Christmas trees are used.

The usual custom of decorating the house trees with gauzy, fluffly battings to represent snow, and then placing candles near this is regarded as highly dangerous practice, and unless the utmost caution is observed fires are liable to occur.

Chief Aitken suggests that lighted candles, where used, be placed a sufficient distance from inflammable material to reduce the danger of fire to a minimum.

9,000 SWITCHMEN GET AN INCREASE AND 8-HOUR DAY

American Union Wins Out in
Fight for Better Conditions.

New York, Dec. 23.—The 8-hour day with straight pro rata time for overtime is granted to the Switchmen's Union by the federal arbitration board in a decision today on the switchmen's controversy with the railroads. The award gives an increase of 5 cents per hour for both foremen and helpers.

The switchmen had asked an advance of 10 to 12 cents. They had demanded also time and a half pay for overtime work instead of the pro rata basis fixed by the board. While all the six arbitrators signed the award, James B. Connors and W. A. Titus, representing the switchmen, dissented as to the 5-cent increase, to the denial of time and half for overtime, and to the award given overtime at the pro rata rate.

E. F. Potter and T. W. Evans, the railroad representatives, dissented to the award of the 8-hour day.

Charles B. Howey was chairman of the board and Jeremiah W. Jenks was the sixth member.

The award affects thirteen eastern railroads.

"Much emphasis has been laid upon the fact that the hours of work of the switchmen are often long," says a statement of the arbitrators. "Although the standard work day has been ten hours, frequently the men have worked from eleven to twelve and sometimes even longer hours."

"It was said here today on behalf of the railroads that the switchmen's award was interpreted by them as 'not giving an O. K. to the Adamson law.'"

The award affects about 9,000 men.

Does Not "O. K." Bill.
"This decision in the switchmen's controversy with railroads has an important bearing on the Adamson law," it was stated here today by an official spokesman for the conference committee of managers of the railroads. "It does not O. K. the Adamson act, in our opinion. The Adamson legislation gave the men ten hours' pay for eight hours' work, or an increase of about 25 per cent in wages. The award today gives the switchmen only nine hours' pay for eight hours' work, or between 13 and 15 per cent in increased wages. We get a great deal of satisfaction out of this award."

It was pointed out on behalf of the railroads that they were pleased with what was alluded to as the switchmen's arbitration board's liberal proposition in its document filed in the federal court, of the road's argument as advanced during the hearings here. Nearly all of the road's contentions were emphasized, it was declared.

Resumes Act's Consideration.
The meetings between the conference committee of the railroads and the Brotherhood of Railroad Switchmen, which have been in abeyance pending the settlement of the switchmen's demand. With this controversy out of the way, it was stated by railroad officials today, the Adamson conferences will be resumed after Christmas.

It was said, however, that the situation probably will remain in statu quo until the U. S. supreme court has determined the constitutionality of the Adamson Act.

MUST FIRST LAY FOUNDATIONS OF PERMANENT PEACE

London, Dec. 23.—Viscount Haldane, in a speech at Westminster last night, referred briefly to President Wilson's note. He said that the British people desired peace intensely, and in that respect were in profound sympathy with the president.

"I think," he said, "that we are not the only nation that desires peace deeply. When Germany went into the war she reckoned on her magnificent controlled and magnificently organized armies to accomplish their purpose within a few months at the longest. She has been bitterly disappointed, and today the international situation is putting a heavy strain on her resources. Let us be careful about what we wish and what we need. What we must insist upon is a settlement and a peace which will contain within themselves the elements of agreement and of security for the permanence of peace. When that is secured it may be found to entail consequences which go very far. Questions of detail may be much less difficult when the foundation has been well and truly laid. Until that foundation of principle has been attained it is difficult to speak."

Drive Invaders Back First.
W. P. Massey, premier of New Zealand, speaking at Horncchurch, said: "It is our duty to go on until the power of Germany is broken and her armies driven back over their own border. That will be the time for peace. I cannot speak with any authority on the subject of President Wilson's note, but I would like to see, after what has taken place, that the president of the United States be told firmly that we have carried on the war thus far without his advice, and so intend to carry it on to the end."

Wait Allies' Answer First.
Reginald McKenna, former chancellor of the exchequer, speaking at Pontypool, closed his speech with these words: "I cannot ignore the news of the morning, though it would not be becoming in me to express an opinion on the American note, and the war in conjunction with our allies and in conjunction with them only can we consider overtures or proposals of any kind. Until there has been an interchange of views between the responsible governments I think it would be most prudent to refrain from any expression of opinion upon the situation thus created."

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SIR ALBERT H. STANLEY ELECTED TO COMMONS

Former Detroit Man, in New Cabinet,
Wins Parliament Seat.

London, Dec. 23.—Sir Albert H. Stanley, president of the board of trade in the reconstructed cabinet of Premier Lloyd George, was today elected to the House of Commons for Aston-Under-Lyne without opposition. He succeeds in the House of Commons Sir William M. Aitken who has been raised to the peerage by King George.

WINS SILVER TEA SET.—Taken from three events. Major Hay Barris of The Advertiser won last night the three-piece silver tea set awarded by the Thistle Club to the member who secured the highest score in the silver tea set tournament covering a period of five weeks. Fifty-six contestants competed for the prize, which was carried off by Mr. Barris by a score of 278, as touched.

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THE REAL AMERICAN.

A YOUNG AMERICAN who left his position and came across to Canada to join the army, sat in a local theatre and heard the American flag hissed. In a letter to The Advertiser, he says the hissing came from young men who looked as if they might be able to serve their country. And when he says the hissing of his country's flag hurt him, we all know just how he felt about it. If any man in that audience had a right to feel that he made a sacrifice and could justly feel proud of it, that young American was the man. And if that audience had known that he was there, and that he was injured by the insult to his flag, we feel sure that they would have risen to their feet and cheered him until he was deaf. That is the way real Canadians feel about real Americans. There have been thousands like him respond to the call. They are found, not only in the Canadian army, but in the French legions, in the ambulance service, in the flying corps and in the regiments of all the Allied nations. And many hundreds of them are now sleeping in France, as almost any day's casualty lists will prove.

These young Americans are about the finest types of manhood that the world produces. When they continue to come across the border, knowing that there can be but little individual glory for them, they do so because they are fired by the ideals of liberty. And a Canadian who would show them anything but the greatest admiration and affection is lacking in the instincts of decency, to put it mildly.

Thinking Canadians know that these Americans represent the best sentiment of their country. They are the real Americans, and we prefer to think that they are in a vast majority across the line. They are of the same stock as Canadians, and even if they were not, we would admire them quite as much for their sacrifice. They create a bond between the two countries which should, and must make for a finer feeling.

These boys of the old United States make Uncle Sam one of the Allies, whether he is willing or not. When we hiss the flag they seek to uphold by offering to suffer unto death, we hiss them! Realizing this, The Advertiser feels that there is a place for the American flag in our theatres, though we have previously protested against the too frequent appearance of American films, and by no means retreat from that position. The flag should be honored for the sake of the young men who are upholding it for civilization despite neutrality, despite the "too proud to fight" attitude that may be found at home as well as across the line.

These young Americans coming over the border to give their lives are one of the most inspiring sights of the war. Let the flag as represented by their service be honored. Let those who would heap upon it the same contumely they bestow upon an enemy flag remember that the service of Americans, as individuals, in this war has been a shining page in the history of the conflict. Their service should be made known everywhere. For if ever the crusaders of old were reincarnated these men must be regarded as knights in a holy cause, who have made their nation's flag worthy of a place beside that of Canada. All honor to them, and all confusion upon those who would tear their hearts with a cruel hiss! They have made the American flag a thing that need not be faced with blushes.

AMERICANS ANSWERED.

AN ARTICLE in the current Atlantic Monthly by Professor Gilbert Murray constitutes an effective reply to the November article by the Dutch writer, Simons. Professor Murray's subject is "Great Britain's Sea Policy," and is formally a rejoinder to a somewhat hostile paper by Arthur Bullard in the October number of the same periodical, but it answers also the insinuating or open charges made by Simons.

Mr. Bullard said that Great Britain, moving "decided that there is to be no sea law," has consequently "alienated neutral sympathy more gradually but more surely than the Germans." Professor Murray replies: "And this alienation, we are led to suppose, is not mainly because of any selfish annoyance on the part of neutrals whose interests are crossed; it is just their high-minded disapproval of wickedness." Yankee Bullard and Dutch Simons obviously agree that "might makes right" with the British admiral, that the British are always "biting below the belt," and that "the scrap of paper on which Great Britain had promised fair play at sea is torn up." In this sort of talk they are really threshing straw, as the same charges made previously and more particularly in American notes have been completely disproved in detail by the British replies. Professor Murray proceeds to give the straws-thresher his answer.

The "scrap of paper" torn up is the Declaration of London, which was never accepted by Great Britain or any other nation, and it is untrue to say that Great Britain promised to observe that document. It was favored by many of the Liberals, when it was proposed in 1909, as a concession to avoid war with Germany. When, however, Germany forced war upon civilization, Great Britain is censured by Meers, Bullard and Simons for not still granting such a concession! The concession was in any case understood to involve certain compensations on Germany's part. These were not forthcoming.

One of the tricks that have been used by German apologists is to quote treaties or pronouncements, stopping somewhere in the middle of them, at a comma, say, or even in the body of a phrase. Professor Murray shows up how the American neutral follows a German professor (reliable authority) in thus misquoting the British position in regard to the Declaration of London. So much for superficiality, unfairness, or dishonesty.

The British scholar goes on to meet

each one of the carping or superficial criticisms of Great Britain's conduct of the naval war. If there is any fault to be found with the general British policy it is that it has been almost too scrupulous and considerate. "Timid" probably jokes over it, in candid moments, with his wife.

But it looks as though a number of American "neutrals," including perhaps the president, were taking up the position of viewing the war as between two "bad lots," or two lot that may be described as pursuing "the same concrete object." An anonymous writer in the current Atlantic Monthly deplores the British conduct of the war and suggests that the Government at London do not want Germany to propose definite terms. Pretty soon there should be a more general waking up in the United States to the simple fact that it is not a game of checkers going on in Europe, nor a row between two rowdies equally vile, but a life-and-death struggle between a murderous assassin and the friends of freedom and culture. Can sensible Americans much longer be found who will misunderstand the submarine devilry, the Belgian deportations and the threats made in German newspapers that Belgium and Northern France will be wiped out as the Armenians were in Asia?

AT KITCHENER.

KITCHENER, ONT., is here to stay, thanks to the "never-say-die" patriots who have won trench after trench in the battle to rid a thriving Canadian city of the sentiment of Prussianism.

But certain firms identified with the movement to defeat the present city council and the candidates of the British League cling to the name Berlin and boast that it will be restored. The press of Canada is a unit in denouncing the element that seeks to destroy the work that has been accomplished.

The men of the 115th Battalion, who have votes in Kitchener will, it is hoped, have an opportunity of voting on the question of who shall rule the new city.

It is scarcely to be credited that the movement of the battalion before the voting occurs has anything to do with the struggle at the home city of the battalion. Yet strange things have happened since war broke out and Kitchener has been the scene of many of them.

Dr. Hoenberger is the candidate of the British League for mayor. He will have the support of a large and influ-

This Is the Season When All Ma Has To Do Is Stick Her Head Out of the Window and Call Once.

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The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

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A Gift For Miss Purdy

[By Olive Roberts Barton.]

A LAME HORSE.

PRESIDENT WILSON developed lameness when he was confronted with the great test, and now he appears to be requiring secretarial aplints and bandages. When he reaches the stretch, he gets off an even trot, and when he "interferes" he breaks into a gallop. His change of pace is remarkable, but his consistency is the despair of all backers and would-be backers. The day after the race his supporting talent has all manner of alibi. But the candid thinker believes that the favorite was thinking of the hay in the barn, German votes, or got going the wrong way about the track.

It has come to a case of "Is he a winner in the diplomatic race, or does he play the game by dropping weight and crowding the good horses? Is he trying to pocket the British entry so that the German entry can breeze home? And if he is not set on this, what makes him behave so strangely? The 'dope' of pro-German influence, or the desire to be known as the great stake horse of diplomacy?"

The horse that won at his own country fair may get his real measure when he goes down the grand circuit.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is rumored that the United States woodrow the ship of peace.

It's a bad thing to be one of Wilson's secretaries these days.

It's snowing! Don't crow too soon. The weather has lots of time to retract before Christmas.

So the States Zeitung applauds Wilson's move. At last he pleases the Daeshund organ. There must be a reason.

The Kaiser may be said to be "standing with reluctant feet, where the brook (Allied peace terms) and river (complete destruction by prolonged war) meet."

The furore roused by Secretary Lansing's statement regarding Wilson's note has calmed down already. Truly the American mind can be hypnotized into believing that black is white.

As the new year approaches the interest will centre more and more on the municipal elections. The old question, "When will the war end?" will give way to the more ponderous question, "Who will be mayor?"

The Christmas number of the St. Thomas Daily Times might be mistaken for its New York namesake, in volume and interest. It is commendable when a public organ expands to meet the needs of times and seasons.

We notice as how Port Stanley has become a naval base, the Vigilant putting up there for the winter. Port Dover, rival claimant for the navy of the lakes, is angry, and while Lake Erie is cold these days it may be said that Hon. Tom Crethers is in hot water.

WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED.

[Journal of Commerce.] An old colored uncle was found by the preacher prowling in his barnyard late one night.

"Uncle Calhoun," said the preacher sternly, "it can't be good for your rheumatism to be prowling round here in the rain and cold."

"Doctor's orders, sah," the old man answered.

"Doctor's orders?" said the preacher. "Did he tell you to go prowling round all night?"

"No, sah, not exactly, sah," said Uncle Cal; "but he done ordered me chicken broth."

Mr. John Tipman picked up a paper, and starting at him in big red letters across the front page were the words, "Fourteen Shopping Days Till Xmas. Have You Done Yours?"

Mr. Tipman scratched the top of his head and reflected that he hadn't, which made him uneasy indeed. Not that he minded the actual purchasing. In fact, he rather liked the crowded stores, the humiliated populace, and snow-laden streets of holiday time. But it was this task of deciding what to give each person on his list that was the thorn in his side.

There were his brothers and their wives, and their children and the servants, and a few club friends to whom he generally sent wine or cigars, with candy for the people in his office.

And there was Miss Purdy! Miss Purdy had long been a cause of anxiety at Christmas time for Mr. Tipman. If he had only known her perhaps it wouldn't have been so bad, but he didn't. One night say that she had been misled on him.

It was this way. When Father Tipman died he left a will that was original as well as substantial. And when the family lawyer had read the bequests to various members of the family, hospitals and charities, he added: "And John must remember Miss Purdy at Christmas."

Reckless John had stirred uneasily and sought the lawyer's advice when the rest had gone. "Who is Miss Purdy?" he asked.

"I think," said the other, "I think she was poor or something of that sort. If I were you I'd hunt her up."

"Oh, that," John had answered hastily, "can be attended to when Christmas comes. I'll just send a check."

But when he had sent the money through his secretary, who had looked up the address, it was returned with a polite note from Miss Purdy, saying that she could not accept it.

So he sent flowers, which, he reflected afterwards, was foolish. The lawyer had said she was poor. A dress or a few bolts of muslin to make up into aprons would have been better, perhaps. He would have turned the whole thing over to his sisters-in-law, but he had been teased on the subject until his sensitive nature shrank from any further discussion of the subject.

The next year he had sent a consignment of groceries upon the advice of Miss Gray in the office. He received a note of very warm thanks, which encouraged him to a like contribution the next Christmas, bacon, potatoes, apples and flour, for which he again received a note of thanks that made him rejoice in his happy selection.

The days slipped by and Mr. Tipman finally had to make up into aprons, present to Miss Purdy. He sat at his desk one cold snowy day pondering over this annual dilemma, when a happy thought struck him. "I'll send for Miss Gray again. She's a wonder at getting to the heart of things."

So Miss Gray, pretty, alert, and with eyes matching her name, brought in a notebook and sat down. "Miss Gray," he began, "you remember every Christmas I've given you a commission to send a present to a certain lady of my acquaintance—or rather, not of my acquaintance, for I never saw her—a Miss Purdy."

She nodded. "Yes, Mr. Tipman." "I thought I'd consult you about it again this year. What do you think she'd like?"

Miss Gray was thoughtful. "Really, it's pretty hard to say, Mr. Tipman." "I don't know. It just seems so un-Christmaslike to send potatoes."

"They're a luxury this year. Today's paper says they are selling some places at sixty cents a dozen."

"Yes, but potatoes are potatoes at any price." Then he had an idea. "What would you like, Miss Gray, for yourself?"

"Me?" She reddened, which made her eyes look gray rather than blue. She was very pretty, Mr. Tipman for the first

time in his life felt like kissing somebody—preferably Miss Gray.

"I—I mean if you were the lady in question, what would you like?" "Why, I'd like so many things I hardly know where to begin."

"Try?" "Well, I'd like a dress or—"

"I thought of that, but I don't know her size. She might be as big as any thing for all I know."

"Or some gloves, or furs, or slippers, or— Oh, I don't know, Mr. Tipman." And then suddenly Mr. Tipman said something he never meant to say, but which came out like a projectile out of a gun. "How would you like a husband?"

"Mr.—Tipman?" she gasped. The worst was over, so he might as well go on. He reached over and took her hand very gently in his. "Miss Gray, won't you give me the right to buy you dresses, and gloves, and furs, and everything. I'd just love to, for I just love you. I'm not very old—just settled, that's all. Please, if you think you care a little say so now, for I've got my courage now, and may never have it again. I've been trying to tell you this for months."

"Why, yes, I think I do care, Mr. Tipman. I care very much."

The door was open a trifle and the chief clerk's voice was heard calling cheerily to the bookkeeper. "Is Mr. Tipman going to send something to the mine this year? If he is he'll have to hurry. It takes a week to go."

Mr. Tipman looked at his fiancée with surprise. "What's that?" he asked. "I never saw anything of the mine?"

"Oh, yes, you do," she smiled. "The joke's too good to keep any longer. We've always called the Alhambra Silly. Miss Miss Purdy. Your father knew it, of course. Miss Purdy is the family fortune. The men out there can't get supplies; that's why they like your Christmas gifts so well. You might not live in some tobacco and cigars."

"They shall have a carload," cried Mr. Tipman, "to celebrate my wedding."

Wait a Minute!

By J. H. F.

The United States will remain neutral. A blind man without arms is not much of a fighter.

If you order from Tiffany's now you may get that egg for Christmas.

Claude Grahame-White, the aviator, has married an American actress. He is always taking hazardous chances.

The Mexicans are tired of dying. It's really not a healthy pastime. We are quite tired of them living.

Garaway seed has advanced 1200 per cent in price during the war. We are so worried about this that we cannot sleep.

Only married men in Virginia can get a quart of booze. Marriage will be popular in Virginia if this keeps up.

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In years since then we've wandered far, we've passed through strain and stress, But the memory of the mother's kiss is with us still to bless; For we never turned from heaven above, odds what trouble came, But she'd wrap us in her tender arms and love us just the same.

She's been in heaven this many a year, but still she's by our side In spirit, and she leads us, no matter what betide, We know her blessed influence will keep us straight and right, That her spirit kiss will calm us when we say our last good-night.

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CANADA DOESN'T WANT PEACE THAT IS MERELY TRUCE

Premier Borden Surprised at President Wilson's Suggestion.

CAUSE OF WAR IS CLEAR

Large Toronto Audience Applauds Stand That Objects Must Be Attained.

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—Thrilled by a burst of eloquence that revealed the indignation animating his words, two thousand citizens of Toronto tonight tumultuously acclaimed the reply of the prime minister of Canada to the suggestions of peace that have been heard of late. It was the last of the series of national service meetings that have been addressed by Sir Robert Borden across the country, and while Massey Hall was not filled to capacity, the audience was highly representative and entirely in accord with the views of the speaker. Sir Robert devoted the main portion of his address to the aims of the national service commission, going over the same ground practically as in former speeches. Toward the end, however, he adverted to the question of peace and evidently chose his utterances with great care.

He spoke slowly and with much deliberation, emphasizing every phrase until warming up to his subject, and allowing a measure of expression of his feelings, he carried his audience into an enthusiastic outburst of applause that lasted several minutes.

Canada Peace-Loving.

"In the last few days," he said, "there have been heard suggestions about peace which I cannot but say a few words. We are a peace-loving people, and there is no need of emphasizing it, that the people of Canada were and are a peace-loving people. Before August, 1914, they were immersed in the desire to have peace, and engaged in the solution of the tremendous problems that will remain to be settled after the great conflict is over. But Canadians have shown that they were not afraid to fight in a great cause for the security of the Empire and for the ideals of civilization. There is not one but earnestly desires that we shall have peace, and that on the north half of this continent we shall continue working out our destiny as in the days before the war. But there isn't a man here tonight who would not say that from any peace that would not fulfill the purposes for which this war was undertaken."

Cause of War Clear.

"We have seen some remarkable statements lately. I may only allude to them, as one must use certain restraint in such matters, but I had thought that the cause of the war had been made abundantly clear more than two years ago. If I have a correct recollection, a distinguished statesman of Italy said that his country had been invited to join Germany and Austria-Hungary in making war on Serbia, and she had refused, because it was a war of aggression. When Austria sent a war note to Serbia, and the latter country yielded to all the demands excepting one, and on this point offered to submit to the judgment of The Hague, Austria declared war on Serbia, and with the sanction of Germany, precipitated a war for which it had long been preparing.

World-Wide Significance.

"The war has been said of late that the war is now only of significance, say that the war is of world-wide significance, and I continue till the end of time. We cannot yield while military aggression goes unchecked in pursuit of world domination, for the purpose of the war will be useless unless the result be an absolute triumph for the Allies. We seek peace, but not a mere truce, of which Germany and Austria will take advantage to sharpen their swords, to renew the conflict. The purpose of the war is to bring to you from the great western country is that the purpose of the nation will never be fulfilled till every resource and every power is organized to bring about a complete realization of the aims and objects with which Canada entered upon the war."

No Compulsion Here.

An equally strong impression was made by R. B. Bennett, chairman of the commission, who, in an impassioned address, impressed on the audience the vast importance of the conflict in which Canada is engaged. He came into conflict with his audience when he insisted that any measure of compulsion at the present time would be liable to result in insurrection and civil war. There were cries of "No, no" from all parts of the hall, but Mr. Bennett reminded his hearers that they must not judge all of Canada from the local atmosphere. They must think in larger terms. He had just completed a trip of 6,500 miles, and a week ago in Vancouver he had been warned by the local atmosphere that there should be no compulsion now. They must allow for differences of opinion and afford every man an opportunity of measuring what his responsibilities were.

Mr. Bennett was surprised that there was one man on the American continent who did not know who we went to war. There was one in Canada.

The speakers were introduced by Hon. Dr. Fyfe, F. P. Farver, M.P., and N. W. Rowell, K.C., M.P.

CONCERT AT THORNDALE

Special Program in Methodist Church Put On for Christmas.

[Special to The Advertiser.] THORNDALE, Dec. 22.—At the annual concert of the Methodist Sunday school Rev. W. L. Hiles was chairman. The balance of the year amounted to \$18, and the receipts from the Christmas entertainment made the balance at the end of this year \$20. The proceeds went to the Red Cross fund.

Japanese General Says Allies Cannot Lose

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Major-General Masatomo Fukuda, chief of the second section of the Japanese army war office, and recently an observer attached to the French army, arrived here today on the French line steamer La Touraine from Brest.

Discussing the European war, Gen. Fukuda said that his impartial view as a soldier was that the Entente Allies could not lose their cause.

WARM CONTEST FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION ASSURED IN SARNIA

W. J. Proctor Returned for Mayor by Acclamation.

HYDRO COMMISSIONERS

William Kenny and Chester Belton Elected Without Opposition.

SARNIA, Dec. 22.—Nominations for the candidates for the position of mayor, hydro commissioners and members of education were held in the city hall today, with a very small attendance of ratepayers and an entire lack of enthusiasm. The mayor, W. J. Proctor, was nominated for re-election, and as no other names were put forward he was declared elected by acclamation.

As for the hydro commission, Wm. H. Kenny and Chester H. Belton were the only nominees and were declared elected. The nominations for the board of education brought a list of candidates and a war of attrition ensued. With five members to be elected, nine candidates have been nominated, which includes several newcomers. The list of nominees is as follows: R. E. Lesieur, A. W. Proctor, A. Proctor, Dr. Wm. A. Logie, Rev. John R. Logan, Norman S. Gurd, Thomas Bulman and Marshall Wright.

Of these candidates, Dr. Logie is the only one who has so far declared his intention of dropping out of the contest. Five of the present members retain their seats for a second year, as candidates are elected on alternate years.

The only bylaw before the ratepayers at the elections is the one for the extension of the hydro power, and the development of Chippewa Creek. This bylaw, the election of the various aldermen and the board of education will be voted on by the ratepayers on New Year's day.

The following were nominated for aldermen tonight:

Ward 1, C. McArthur, C. Langan (acclamation); ward 2, H. Shanks, C. Gardner, Albert Gates, Elmer McAdams; ward 3, A. Gates, T. H. Manley (acclamation); ward 4, J. C. Crawford, J. Farquharson (acclamation); ward 5, D. McMurphy, J. N. Norwood, Ed Richards, A. Carson; ward 6, W. S. Jennings, E. Holmes, R. H. Wheatcroft, T. H. Lucas.

WILL INTERN AUSTRIANS UNLESS LAW IS OBEYED

Sarnia Magistrate Fines Two Who Left Without Registering.

[Special to The Advertiser.] SARNIA, Dec. 22.—George Middleton, charged with being intoxicated, was fined \$25 and \$5.50 costs. This was his second offence, and he was liable to a fine of \$50, but the magistrate decided to give him another chance.

Ted Malachuk and Alex Kucha, two Austrians, were charged with violating the alien enemy act by leaving the country without reporting to the police. They were fined \$5 and \$6.75 costs each or one month in jail. These two men had their identification cards signed at the police station a day or so ago, and were warned that they must not leave the country without permission, but they stated through an interpreter, that they had seen some of their fellow-countrymen cross to Port Huron and had followed suit. The magistrate warned them that another occurrence would mean a trip to an internment camp, and they agreed to heed the law in the future.

Wm. Ellis, charged with assaulting G. Paradis, pleaded guilty to police court today, and sentence was suspended upon payment of costs. J. Storker was arrested by the police yesterday in an intoxicated condition, and contributed \$25 and \$5 costs. When arrested Storker, who was well dressed, even to a cane, pleaded with the police to take him to his home, but the police officers could not see it that way, and he was forced to spend a night in the cells, despite his stories about wealthy brothers, selling inventions, etc.

ENGLAND'S WAR PRINCIPLES DEAR TO PURITAN HEARTS

New England Society of New York President Pays Tribute to Cause.

New York, Dec. 22.—Members of the New England Society of the city of New York celebrated their annual dinner tonight, the 29th anniversary of the landing of the pilgrims. Francis Lynde Stetson, retiring president of the society, paid a tribute to the part Great Britain has taken in the war. "Our mother country still is in the agonies of a war which from the totality of my heart," Mr. Stetson said, "I believe to be for purposes not less dear to the descendants of puritan and pilgrim than to the sons and grandsons of Mother England. I believe that through the mother's mighty and mortal struggle there will be preserved the principles of liberty and civilization which moved New England in its infancy, and which today underlie the very existence of that America that we love and would serve first of all."

REMOVING TO COTTAM

[Special to The Advertiser.] HIGHGATE, Dec. 22.—G. J. Furman, manager of the Dominion Canadian Canning Factory, Highgate, has resigned, and has accepted a position as manager of a factory at Cottam.

Mr. Furman has resided here several years and has a wide circle of friends. Mr. Furman will take charge of his new duties the first of the new year. The assistant manager, J. H. Benzing, also goes to Cottam January 1, where he has accepted a similar position. The manager of the factory at Cottam, Mr. Taylor, has accepted a position as clerk with the Molson Bank staff, Ridgeway.

LANSING SCORED BY N. Y. PAPERS FOR "BUNGLING"

His Further Usefulness in State Department Questioned.

PRESIDENT MUST EXPLAIN

Panic in Stock Market Is Blamed to Secretary's Words.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The leading editorials in most of the New York newspapers this morning are given over to severe criticism of Secretary of State Lansing for what is termed his "bungling" attempts to explain the meaning of President Wilson's peace note to the belligerents. The New York Tribune in a vigorous editorial says: "Twenty-four hours have not in the smallest degree modified the situation created by Mr. Lansing's extraordinary statement. The question it raises has not been answered, and it must be answered."

"Every news dispatch from Washington now asserts that the peril of the United States to the verge of war, was the German threat of a resumption of submarine warfare in contravention of international law and the specific pledge made to the United States after the murder of many American citizens."

Want a Denial.

"Unless there is a positive denial from the president of the United States or from the secretary of state, the whole world will be forced to believe the president made his gesture of peace under the direct influence of a German menace—that Mr. Wilson asked Europe to make peace because Germany threatened to attack the United States if peace was not forthcoming."

"Mr. Lansing has destroyed all value that Mr. Wilson's peace venture may have had in the eyes of the Allies. He has established in their minds a conviction that Mr. Wilson acted as a German agent, because the Allies know, quite as well as the United States does, that a German threat has been repeated in the most responsible quarters and in a most unmistakable fashion."

Caused Market Panic. The Brooklyn Eagle, a newspaper friendly to the president, and loyal supporter of the Democratic cause, refers to a belated current in some quarters that advance information of the president's intention to submit his proposals to the belligerents was reaching the market, and says, referring to the Lansing statements: "Either it should be made perfectly plain that Mr. Lansing spoke without sufficient warrant, in which case his further usefulness in the state department must be seriously questioned, or all the information needed for a clear understanding of the situation (as to the 'verge of war') as it actually exists be laid before the public."

The Sun caustically refers to the move made by the administration as "the new model statesmanship," and concludes: "Imagine Seward and Olney explaining the emancipation proclamation and the Venezuelan message and then explaining the explanation."

ONE BROTHER KILLED, ANOTHER WOUNDED

Young Hespeler Men Enlisted Together in St. Thomas.

[Special to The Advertiser.] ST. THOMAS, Dec. 22.—In Friday's casualty list given out from Ottawa appears the names of Andrew and John Smith, members of the 51st Battalion. The former is listed as killed, and the latter as among the wounded. The Smith boys enlisted at this point, and came here from Hespeler. They gave their ages as 18 and 19 respectively, and their birthplace as Dublin, Ireland.

Pte. E. W. F. Baker, who went overseas with the 51st Battalion, has arrived home. Pte. Baker was wounded in the back by being hit with a sandbag.

Stanley G. Hooker, teller-accountant at the branch of the Royal Bank here, has enlisted in the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve. He will leave after the holidays for Toronto, where the naval reserves are in training.

VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA

Mrs. James Watt, of Guelph, Ill Only Few Days.

[Special to The Advertiser.] GUELPH, Dec. 22.—After an illness of only a few days, Mrs. James Watt died this afternoon at the family residence "Sunny Acres." She was taken ill with pleurisy on Saturday, and this brought on pneumonia. Mrs. Watt was born in Edinburgh, Scotland, and came to Canada with her husband, the late Donald Guthrie, and sister, Mrs. McLeod of Woodstock, to this country. She was married to James Watt of the legal firm of Watt & Beho, who survives with the following family: Miss Lila Watt, Toronto, Mrs. McCalla, St. Catharines, and Miss Kate and Louise Watt at home, and one son, Frederick, a police magistrate of this city. In the work of Chalmers Church and the Leper Mission she was untiring and a great deal of her time was given over to the doing of kindly acts for others. The funeral takes place Saturday afternoon.

TURKEYS NUMEROUS

Prices on Sarnia Market, However, Remained High.

[Special to The Advertiser.] SARNIA, Dec. 22.—A slight decline in the price of butter was a notable feature of today's market; prices quoted at from 44 to 46 per pound. Turkeys were more numerous and sold at from 35 to 37 per pound; chickens sold at from 18 to 20c, ducks 18 to 20c, and geese 22 to 24c. Eggs maintained their high level of 50c per dozen, and as high as 60c was asked by some dealers. From present indication Saturday's market will be a record one, and prices are expected to run the scale from the highest to the lowest, as towards the latter part of the day dealers will be anxious to dispose of their produce and will be willing to make reductions.

Wrongs on Belgium Should Be Tackled Before Peace Talk

Wilson's Successor in Princeton Cites Neutrals' First Duty.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 22.—The deportation of Belgians by Germany was strongly decried at a mass meeting here tonight, called to protest against the action. Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton University, and successor to Woodrow Wilson, declaring it to be a "crime against the progressive civilization of the world," insisted that there should not even be a discussion of the possibility of peace until Germany has given to Belgium and the world some definite assurance that the undeserved wrongs of that stricken country are to be righted.

Dr. Hibben said that it was the duty of a neutral nation to promote peace. "But while recognizing this obligation," he continued, "I would point out a higher and more imperative duty of neutrality. It is to insist with all the spirit of an aroused national conscience that there must be a vindication of certain rights and reparation of certain wrongs that have been done with a high hand upon a stupendous scale and upon a world stage."

CANNOT NATURALIZE ALIEN ENEMIES DURING WAR TIME

Important Decision Given by Judges at Kitchener.

124 TRY TO GET PAPERS

Each Applicant Was Given Privilege of Appearing Personally.

[Special to The Advertiser.] KITCHENER, Dec. 22.—The court of general sessions sat all day considering the applications of 124 aliens who sought to be naturalized. Each applicant was given the privilege of applying personally, and a large number availed themselves of the opportunity. Those who sat in sessions were Judge Manning and Reade and Magistrate Blake of Galt.

The court found that all aliens of enemy birth cannot be naturalized during war time. Judge Reade read the judgment, which was concurred in by Magistrate Blake with Judge Manning dissenting. Fifteen applicants will receive their papers, however, as they are from neutral or friendly nations. Reeve A. C. Hallman at the nomination meeting of the township of Waterloo this afternoon gave an account of his stewardship for the past year. He asked for honorable criticism of the year's work, and said that he had been criticized in some quarters for his support of the patriotic fund, and in defence of his actions said: "I would rather be a martyr to the cause than a traitor to my country." He announced a small surplus for the current year notwithstanding that the township had given this year to the patriotic fund, Belgian relief, Red Cross, soldiers' insurance, etc., about \$15,000. The township has no debt, and a treasury fund of \$30,000.

Other nominees spoke. Deputy Reeve Janzen explained his action in not supporting the patriotic fund grant, that he was trying to save money for the township.

THOMAS CRAWFORD TO BE BURIED AT SIMCOE TODAY

Died Suddenly in His Office at Tillsonburg.

[Special to The Advertiser.] TILLSONBURG, Dec. 22.—The funeral of Thomas Crawford, who died suddenly in his office yesterday, was conducted by Rev. Mr. Shannon of the Avondale Presbyterian Church. The body was forwarded to Simcoe tonight for interment Saturday.

A telegram received by relatives from Winnipeg this afternoon conveyed the news of the death of Mrs. William Skelton, for many years a citizen of Tillsonburg. Her husband predeceased her years ago. He conducted his Tunisonburg Iron Works on Bidwell street. She is survived by two married daughters. The remains will arrive via M.C.R.R. on Monday for interment in Tillsonburg Cemetery.

Another of Tillsonburg's old citizens died today, in the person of Mrs. Hawkins, aged 94, at the residence of her son-in-law, Benjamin Hawkins. She was survived by two daughters, Jessie and Grace, home, two sons, Ben at home and Dr. Hawkins of Detroit, all of whom were at her bedside. Funeral services will be held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning.

SOLDIER DIES SUDDENLY

Pte. James Potts' Home Is at Delhi, Ontario.

[Special to The Advertiser.] BRANTFORD, Dec. 22.—Pte. James Potts of the 21st Battalion, died suddenly this afternoon, and cause of death is at present unknown. Potts was found lying on the floor of the armories by one of the men, and taken to the temporary battalion hospital. He was given treatment, and when visited a short time afterwards was dead. Corporal Hicks was called, but decided an inquest was unnecessary. Potts' home is in Delhi, Norfolk County. He leaves a wife and three children.

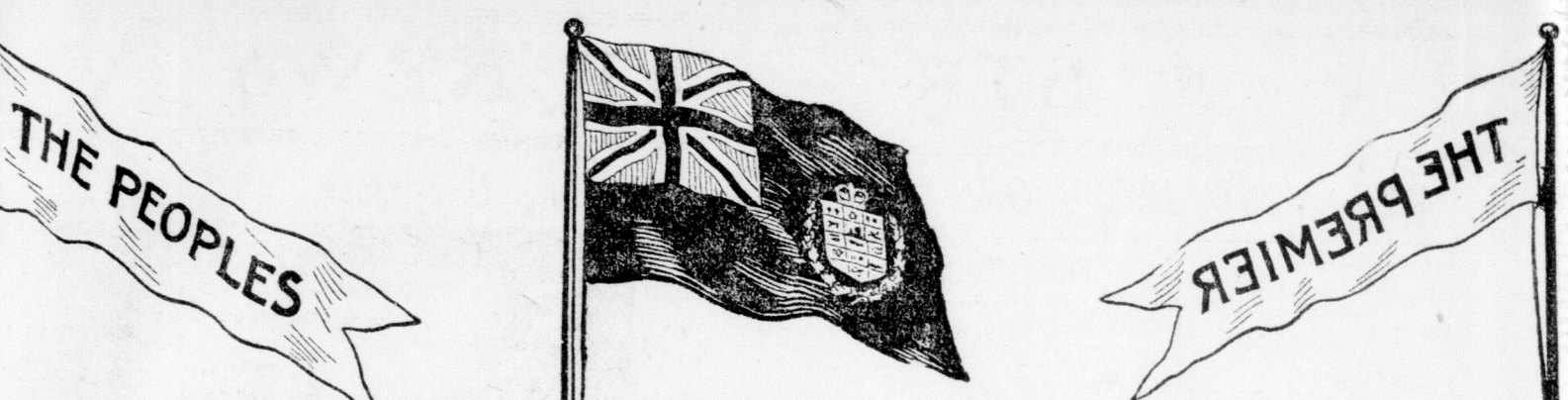
[Special to The Advertiser.] SARNIA, Dec. 22.—Hamilton Murphy, Point Edward, received the following message today: "Sincerely regret to inform you that No. 12317, Pte. Arthur Roy Murphy, infantry, is officially reported admitted to No. 3 General Hospital, Letreport, December 13, gunshot wound, left leg. Further particulars will be sent when received."

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VIENNA CABINET ASSUMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY

First Aim Is To Restore Full Constitutional Conditions.

TACKLES FOOD PROBLEM

Feeding of People Will Be the "First Care of Ministry."

VIENNA, via London, Dec. 22.—The following official statement was issued today outlining the policy of the new ministry:

"This Government has been entrusted with the direction of affairs at a serious time, and office has been assumed with a feeling of the greatest responsibility. Its first aim will be the restoration of full constitutional conditions and the creation of necessary conditions for that purpose and for the assembling of Parliament.

"Among its earliest tasks will be the conclusion of a treaty between the two states constituting the monarchy regarding economic relations. Another task will be the establishment of closer economic relations with the German empire. Both tasks will tend toward the political and economic consolidation of Austria.

"Other tasks in prospect are social problems which have considerably increased in importance since the war, the development of popular education and new regulations for state economy. The duty of feeding the people will be the first care of the ministry."

ENEMY REPULSED AT HOHENZOLLERN REDOUBT

One British Airplane Falls To Return.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The official communication issued by the war office this evening says:

"Last night (Thursday) the enemy bombarded our front on the south bank of the Ancre. We repulsed an attempted raid opposite the Hohenzollern redoubt.

"During the day (Friday) considerable artillery activity prevailed on both sides of the Ypres-Messines areas. North of the Ancre our artillery dispersed some enemy working parties. Between the Ancre and the Somme our front was shelled intermittently at various points.

"Yesterday, during a few bright intervals our airplanes co-operated successfully with our artillery. One of our machines has not returned."

CANADIAN CASUALTIES

INFANTRY.

Previously Reported Missing, Believed Killed; New Killed in Action—150292 W. B. Martin, Fort Hawkesbury, N.S.

Dangerously Ill—150223 E. R. Stultz, Telkwa, B.C.

Wounded—895154 W. M. McConnell, Kellher, Sask.; 195550 W. J. McMillan, Chatham, Ont.; Lieut. T. McGee, Soo, Ont.; 160693 E. M. Peck, Forest City, N.B.; 142375 A. Walton, Barrie, Ont.

ARTILLERY.

Seriously Ill—321895 W. W. Collier, Lethbridge, Alta.

Wounded—304167 Driver W. Zulfelt, Cogswagon, Ont.

Dangerously Ill—523743 E. R. Hicks, 220 Mulholland street, London, Ont.

Wounded—551361 M. J. Hollingshead, Winthurst, Sask.

INFANTRY.

Killed in Action—528925 W. B. O'Connor, Vancouver.

Died of Wounds—W. D. Boyd, Lower Five Islands, N.S.; 153875 E. H. Maxwell, Regina.

Wounded and Missing—703543 Fred Harrison, Columbia Gardens, B.C.

Previously Reported Wounded, Now Wounded and Missing—123073 D. H. Rankin, 51 Evergreen avenue, London, Ont.

Previously Reported Missing, Now Admitted to Hospital—199118 Daniel Broadley, Fort William, Ont.; 347283 Flavian Cardinal, Montreal; 129720 Auguste Davis, Montreal; 121222 Conrad Giesler, Guibourg, Montreal; 13262 Alexander Morrison, Montreal.

Seriously Ill—201530 J. E. Orr, Ed. Montreal.

Wounded—129508 Robert Allen, Toronto; 21256 Lance-Corp. Fred W. Balfour, Moose Jaw; 475364 Corp. Harry four, Moose Jaw; 475364 Corp. Harry Godwin, Brantford, Ont.

145273 John Lindsay, Toronto; 214436 Terrance Mountain, North Port, N.S.; 122717 A. R. Murphy, Point Edward, Ont.; 153162 R. A. Page, Brimdale, Ont.

119998 J. M. Stiles, Oranville, Ont.; 88199 H. L. Wallace, Toronto.

MOUNTED RIFLES.

Killed in Action—111284 O. F. Lockhart, Montreal.

Previously Reported Missing, Now Killed in Action—171021 John Goldie, 100 Downs street, Stratford, Ont.

Wounded—835737 Harold Mouch, Tanworth, Ont.; 832174 C. A. Riley, Sunnybrae, N.B.

7:30 P.M. LIST

INFANTRY.

Wounded—125655 G. W. Grege, Ireland; 110521 Edwin Lander, England; 125268 John Mills, Scotland; 477844 Paul Polozok, Russia; 419150 Thomas Potter, England; 430158 Corp. O. E. Shotton, England; 426333 Sidney Wager, England.

MOUNTED RIFLES.

Previously Reported Dangerously Ill; Now Died of Wounds—110145 Henry Eastham, England.

Previously Reported Missing; Now Not Missing—105116 Harry Suckin, Russia.

INFANTRY.

Killed in Action—142931 T. H. Coulthard, England; 435444 Lance-Corp. T. Waring, kin unknown.

Died—13499 Corp. G. Christie, Scotland.

Previously Reported Missing; Now Killed in Action—74139 J. E. Welch, England.

Missing; Believed Killed—150315 J. H. Bloom, England.

Previously Reported Wounded; Now Wounded and Missing—103237 J. H. Gillespie, Ireland; 105357 S. M. Thomson, Scotland.

Reported Seriously Wounded; Now Wounded and Remaining on Duty—Lieut. D. J. McNeill, Scotland.

Wounded—192410 J. A. Faird, Scotland; 447750 C. E. Brand, England; 438654 O. L. Brown, England;

AGED TILBURY WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH

Mrs. Beaulieu Supposed To Have Stumbled While Carrying Lamp.

[Special To The Advertiser.]

TILBURY, Dec. 22.—Mrs. Marie Beaulieu, of St. Joachim, Tilbury East Township, was so badly burned yesterday while visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Minneau, that she died soon after.

Mrs. Minneau was taken ill and the husband, at the time of the accident, had gone to Tilbury for a physician. The details of the accident will never be known on account of the daughter's inability to go to her mother's assistance, but when Mr. Minneau and Dr. McColl arrived, they found the house filled with smoke and Mrs. Beaulieu lying on the floor, her clothes practically burned from her body. It is conjectured that while Mrs. Beaulieu was preparing for the arrival of the doctor, she stumbled and fell, lamp in hand, and her clothing became ignited. A young grandchild upstairs hearing her grandmother's screams, rushed down and endeavored to put out the fire. The body was in a shocking state, being literally cooked from the neck down.

GERMAN CONSULATE HAS A WAR FUND IN U.S., CONFESSES BOPP

Some Money for Conspiracy From Washington.

RUBBER IS PURCHASED

Materials Needed by Fatherland Shipped to Neutral Countries.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—Workings of the German consulate at San Francisco during war times were revealed today in the United States district court by the cross examination of German Consul-General Franz Bopp, accused with six others of conspiring to violate American neutrality by blinding shipments of war munitions to England and her allies.

Bopp admitted existence of a "secret" German consulate "war fund" aggregating more than \$100,000. Some of the money, he said, came from the German embassy at Washington. The district attorney was attempting to show that the conspirators were financed on a gigantic scale. He asked Bopp if this war fund ever reached \$1,000,000. Bopp said it had not.

"We spent the money to buy rubber and other materials for Germany," declared Bopp. "We shipped these materials to neutral countries."

What other use the money was put to was not revealed. While Preston was questioning Bopp about "such an enormous fund," Bopp exclaimed: "Why, the British consulate here has millions."

"What is your attitude regarding the sinking of passenger ships carrying munitions?" Preston asked.

"I didn't cry when I heard of the destruction of such ships," Bopp retorted.

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FRENCH SURPRISES ARE FRUITFUL IN PRISONERS

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight reads:

"In the course of the day rather spirited artillery fighting took place in the region of Hardcourt work, Louvain and the Chambray farm (Verdun region). Several surprise attacks which were carried out to the east of St. Mihiel, in the Gercelles wood, at Chapelle, north of Celles (Voages), and in the Fave Valley, enabled us to destroy several enemy positions, and to bring back some prisoners. On the rest of the front there was intermittent cannonading."

Belgian communication: "On the southern portion of the Belgian front the bomb and artillery struggle has been very violent. Our field and trench batteries silenced the enemy artillery."

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—Via London, Dec. 23.—The official statement issued by German general headquarters tonight says:

"No special events are reported at present from any of the fronts."

TO STRENGTHEN PATROL OF BOUNDARY IN WEST

[Special To The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The mounted police patrol on the boundary line from the Great Lakes west to the Pacific coast will be strengthened. To this end notice has been given the western provinces of Canada that hereafter a good deal of the police work in connection with jail guards must be looked after by the provinces. The border police have been exceedingly busy since war began checking smuggling and horse-lifting.

FUTILE EFFORT IN SENATE TO INDORSE WILSON NOTE

Republic Leader Moves Matter Over Holidays.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—A resolution to have the House endorse President Wilson's peace note was introduced today by Representative Bailey of Pennsylvania.

Senator Hitchcock made another futile effort to get consideration of a similar resolution in the Senate. He introduced a resolution similar to that referred yesterday to the foreign relations committee, but Senator Gallagher, the Republican leader, blocked it.

He introduced a resolution by which that it go over a day under the rule. Senator Hitchcock then announced that he would seek action on the resolution immediately after the holiday adjournment.

KILLED IN COGWHEEL

TORONTO, Dec. 22.—Caught in the cogwheel of an elevator this afternoon, Frederick Pennock, 50 Perth avenue, an employee of a local coal company, was almost instantly killed.

King George at the Front

ROYAL VISIT to the BRITISH TROOPS

DURING the GREAT ADVANCE

THIS MOST INTERESTING RECORD OF A NOTABLE VISIT BY HIS MAJESTY TO THE BATTLEFIELDS OF FRANCE WILL BE A FEATURE OF THE

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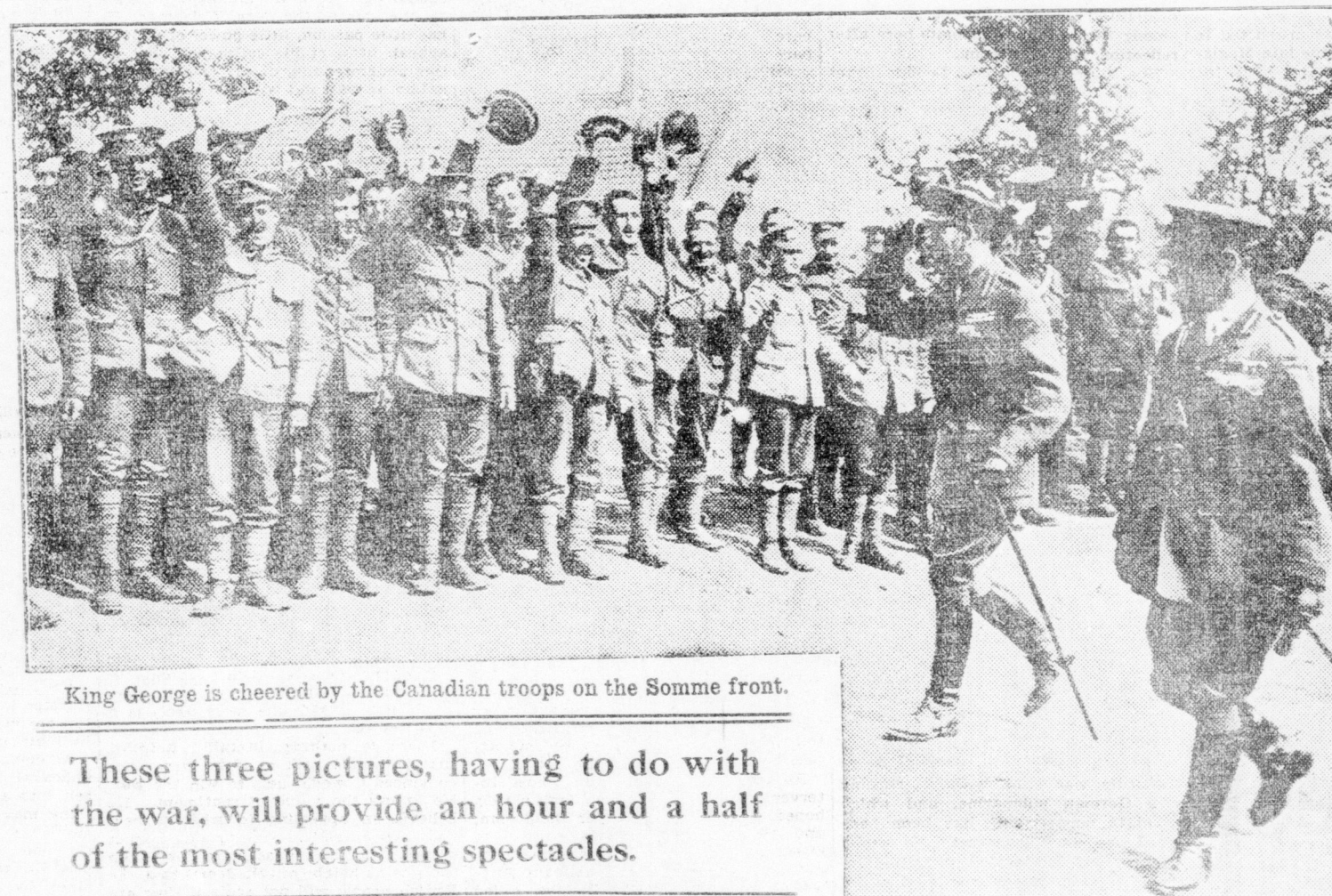
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Christmas Week Is National Service Week in Canada.

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King George is cheered by the Canadian troops on the Somme front.

These three pictures, having to do with the war, will provide an hour and a half of the most interesting spectacles.

TEIPER IS GUILTY IN SECOND DEGREE OF SLAYING MOTHER

Verdict Is Reached After 29 Hours.

BUFFALO, Dec. 22.—John Edward Teiper is guilty in the second degree of the murder of his mother in the Orchard Park road on the night of January 30. That was the verdict of the jury, which reported this afternoon after 29 hours of deliberation. Teiper will probably be sentenced on Thursday, December 28. At that time his counsel will make application for a new trial.

The verdict broke the iron nerve of the young defendant, who throughout the long trial had given no sign of emotion. In the 20-minute wait between the announcement that the jury was ready to report and the assembling of the court officers, Teiper had shown nervousness and anxiety. He stood to face the jury as they gave their report.

"Gentlemen of the jury," asked the clerk, "have you agreed upon a verdict?"

"We have," answered the foreman, "we find John Edward Teiper, the defendant, guilty."

Prisoner Breaks Down. An agonized cry broke the silence. It was the wife of the defendant. Teiper's strong frame appeared to crumple, and his knees sagged. He would have fallen to the floor had he not been caught from behind by a deputy.

Placed in his chair, he sagged forward, great sobs shaking his body. "Oh, my God!" he shrieked, as he struggled to rise, "this is not fair."

The jury was polled at the demand of the defence.

The sentence prescribed for second-degree murder is a minimum of 20 years' imprisonment.

Eleven for First Degree.

"Do you so find?" each juror was asked. The seventh man had said: "I do," when the roll was interrupted.

Teiper was struggling with the deputies, his face contorted. He was crying again. "My God! This isn't human!" His brother calmed him, and rollcall went on to the last man. In all of the balloting up to the last vote, it was said, eleven jurors had stood for a first-degree conviction. One man, according to report, held out against that verdict because the evidence was circumstantial. He could not be won over, so the compromise verdict was given.

"BERLIN" PLACED ON DEAD LETTER LIST

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—As a sequel to putting Kitchener on the list of named postoffices in Canada, "Berlin," the old name has been put on the dead letter list. The postmaster-general has issued an order that letters addressed to Berlin hereafter shall be returned to the senders, marked, "No such postoffice in Ontario."

TWO IN KINGSTON FIGHT.

KINGSTON, Dec. 22.—Dr. Richardson and Ald. A. M. Hughes will contest for the mayoralty, the former for a second term. Kingston goes back to the one-year aldermanic term in 1917.

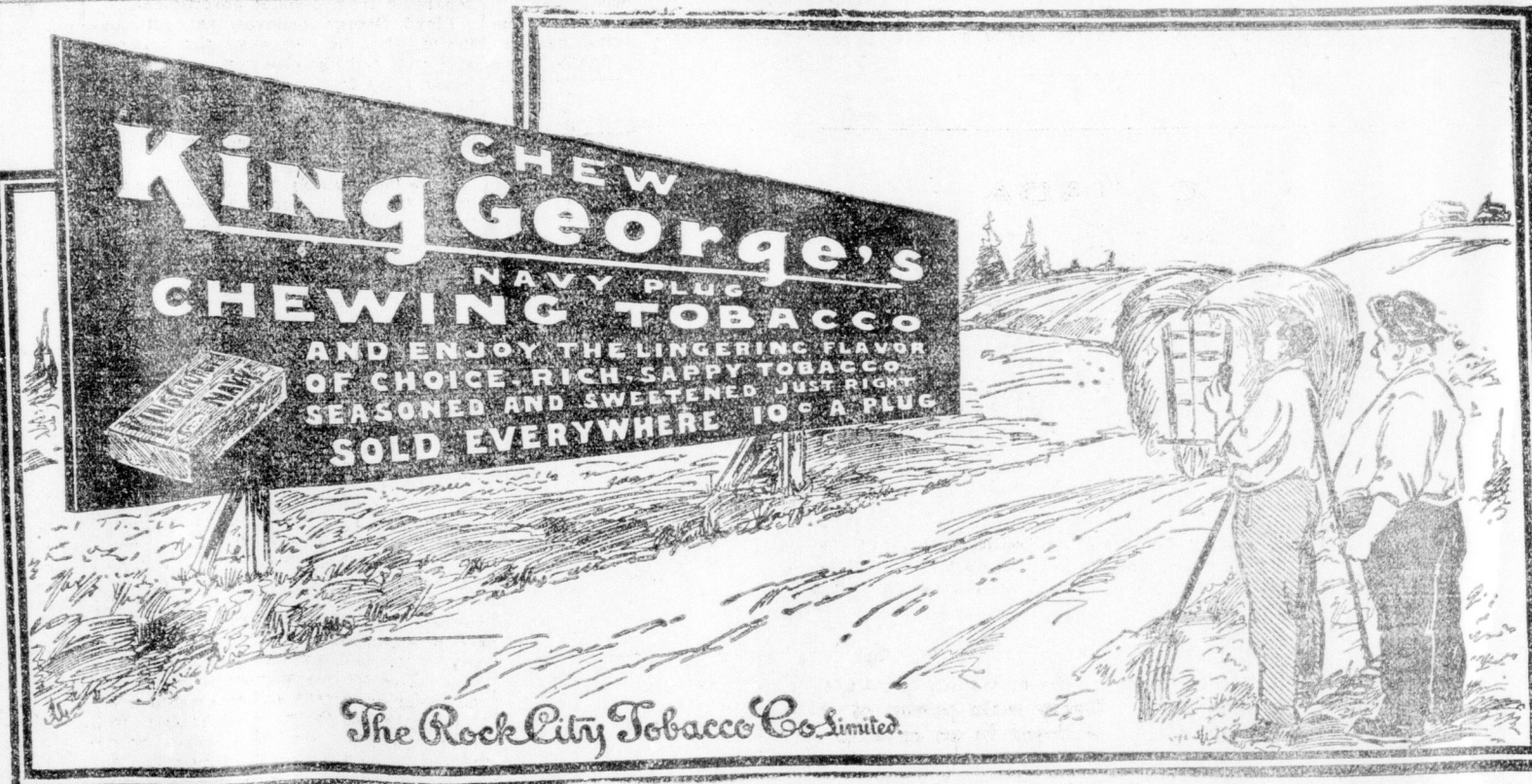
R. W. Newman, J. W. Litton, and P. B. Chow were re-elected aldermen by acclamation. Forty-three other nominations were made.

MISS BETH.

LANBETH, Dec. 22.—Miss Bessie Slick of the Toronto General Hospital is home on a two-weeks' visit with her aunt, Mrs. McAlpine.

Miss Thelma Walker has returned, having spent the past three months in Pittsburgh.

Miss Rita Lashbrook was a visitor with Miss Bernice Anderson yesterday. William Lown is with his daughter, Mrs. Ezra Smith, London.



FLOUR FOR BELGIANS.

LANBETH, Dec. 22.—The annual Methodist Sunday school entertainment held last night in the auditorium of the church was a great success. The Sunday school gave up its Christmas tree this year to the suffering Belgians. The curtain went up and a feeble old man, a mother with a baby and three small children huddled close together with outstretched hands as in petition were seen. This represented destitute Belgium. The next scene was of a large cross with twelve men hanging on it, containing the gifts of the scholars, which totalled \$290.

FIERCE STORM IN ERIE: 3 STEAMERS OVERDUE

BUFFALO, Dec. 22.—Buffalo is tonight in the grip of the worst storm of the season. Six inches of snow fell within two hours this afternoon, crippling railroad and street car service.

Three lake steamers bound from Port William with grain which were due at Buffalo this morning had not come in. The boats are the Hazard, the J. J. Sullivan and the Prince McKinney.

Their arrival will ease navigation on Lake Erie.

MORE ENEMY PAPERS BARRED FROM CANADA

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The ban has been placed on another batch of enemy publications, whose circulation in Canada is barred from the mails. The papers shut out this time are: The New York Freeman's Journal, Die Abendbulletin of St. Louis, the Ricz Boz of Chicago, the Westlicher Herald, the Volksblatt de Westenna and Sonntags of Winona, Minn., Der Wanderer of St. Paul, Narodna Vols of Scranton, and the Tagliche Abend Press and the Cincinnati Freie Presse of Cincinnati.

WAUPIQUE MUST HANG.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The Government has decided not to interfere between John Waupique and the gallows. John is an Indian. He hangs on the 27th.

The America, the \$29,000 flying yacht of the America Trans-Oceanic Company, was wrecked at its hangar at Port Washington, Long Island, in the 70-mile gale that swept that section last night. The flying yacht was torn from its moorings. The mahogany hull was demolished, the wings torn to shreds, the motors thrown to the ground, and all the scientific instruments were wrecked.

THE CHIEF CHARM
OF LOVELY WOMANSoft, Clear, Smooth Skin
Comes With the Use of
"Fruit-a-tives."NORAH WATSON.
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Nov. 10, 1915.

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"NORAH WATSON."
Fifty cents a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At dealers or sent postpaid on receipt of price by Fruit-a-tives, Limited, Ottawa.

WILL COLLECT FINES

Kincardine Council Instructs Constable To Get Busy.

[Special to The Advertiser.] KINCARDINE, Dec. 22.—At the final meeting of the year for the town council a bylaw was passed appointing T. H. Reed officer to look after the Ontario Temperance Act for the balance of the year.

The town constable was instructed to collect all fines levied by the late Magistrate Quinn, and pay same to the treasurer.

The cigarette bylaw was amended, license now being \$10 per annum.

Dr. McDonald, medical health officer, reported that the year 1916 had been a healthy one here. There were only three cases of typhoid fever, and six mild cases of measles, with no deaths.

ONE DISADVANTAGE.

[Montreal Daily News.] Conan Doyle believes in communication with the dead. Quite so. But we trust the dead don't have to read some of the things that are written about them for business purposes.

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FEELING IN U. S.
ENTENTE TEMPER
WILL COOL DOWN

Comment Is That British View on German Note Has Moderated.

DELAY IS LOOKED FOR

President Had Not Expected an Early Reply to Suggestion.

GERMAN EMBASSY IN GLEE

Relations Between Washington and Berlin Immensely Improved.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—While nothing official came from Europe today to show when the belligerents will reply to President Wilson's note urging discussion of peace, or what the nature of the responses might be, the London press dispatches indicate that an early reply was unlikely because of the necessity of consultation between the Allies, agreed with the view prevailing here.

Apparently, the administration having dispatched the note and in the interest of caution having taken steps to see that no misconstruction should be placed on the president's purpose, now is carefully watching the expression of opinion, especially in the British press.

London Tone May Soften.

As the attitude of the Teutonic allies had been clearly foreshadowed in advance and the president in the note specifically assumed any connection with that attitude, the interest of American officials centred on the question of the note in the Entente countries and among the European neutrals. It was recalled as the London dispatches, most of them hostile, arrived, that similar expressions greeted the original proposals of the central powers, but that the views were moderated in the British press and among the Entente diplomats here after reflection and discussion.

The suggestion from London that the manner of replying to the president's note will differ from the form of replies to proposals of the German allies correspond with official expectations.

German View Strengthened.

The German view is that what ever the reply of the Entente Allies, the relations between Germany and the United States will have been immeasurably improved, probably to the extent of ensuring careful steps by the Berlin Government to avoid any such conditions as led up to a crisis which threatened a break in diplomatic relations.

Entente diplomats, while they apparently had decided to accept the president's attitude in good faith, had not wholly disposed of their fear that it might rebound to the advantage of their enemies.

Subs Giving Worry.

The notes to the belligerents, Secretary Lansing's explanatory statement and the recent German submarine activities furnished the chief topic of discussion at today's cabinet meeting. After the cabinet meeting Secretary Lansing said that full information concerning the sinking of the British liner Arabia was not at hand. The American Government is anxiously awaiting word from Berlin regarding the British horse ship Marina, which admittedly was sunk without warning by a German submarine, and which the state department has been convinced was not a transport. No course of action will be decided on until Germany has been heard from further.

Interpreted as Peace Move.

Messages congratulating the president poured into the White House today in increasing volume. Almost without exception the senders interpreted the president's action as a peace move.

Republican Leader Mann referred to the note on the floor of the House today and heartily praised President Wilson's action. "Without regard to partisanship," he said, "I believe the whole people of the country warmly congratulate and commend the president in every effort he has made or may make to restore peace in the world."

ENGLISH CRISIS WHOLESOME

Ministerial Earthquake Had To Be Faced and Survived If Victory Was To Come, Says Sydney Brooks.

[By Sydney Brooks, in New York Times.]

The first thing to be said about the political upheaval in Great Britain is that it is one more token, and a highly dramatic one, of the popular determination to spend the last ounce of national energy in pushing the war with the utmost possible vigor to a successful issue. There is not the least reason in the world why the friends of Great Britain and of the Allies should be dismayed by what has happened. There is every reason why they should be inspired.

If the Germans think they can go to the spectacle of cabinet dissolution and reconstruction in Great Britain, the event will quickly undeceive them. For the upheaval of the crisis can only be that the conduct of the war is placed in the hands of the men whom a somewhat bitter experience has proved best fitted to wage it.

As I write, no more is known of the situation than that Mr. Asquith has resigned and that the King has sent for Lloyd George. There will be many and momentous consequences of these two events. It may be several days before a new Government can be formed with a fair chance of carrying on. When it is formed it may prove to contain not more than two or three members of the old cabinet.

It is more nearly a political convulsion than a political shake-up that is taking place in Britain. And I am aware, of course, of all that can be urged against so great and hazardous an experiment in such times as these. I do not forget that it may leave behind it friction and ill-will and impair to some extent that national unity which undoubtedly is an asset not lightly to be tampered with in the middle of a fight for life.

But even so, I am confident that this ministerial earthquake is not only wholesome but necessary, and that it had to be faced and survived if victory is to be achieved.

It is not the British people who have failed in this war. It is not the British navy. It is not the British army. It is the British politicians. And the meaning of the present crisis is that it is an effort to make the political and administrative leadership worthy of the nation and its temper and its sacrifices.

From a dozen different sources dissatisfaction with the supreme management of the war has been steadily accumulating. The Irish rising and the wretched aftermath, first of repression which went too far and then of negotiation which did not go far enough, laid bare the limitations of the capacity of the prime minister to seize a great chance.

The battle of Jutland, though it left British supremacy at sea unshaken and weakened not at all the sea power of the British navy, is maintaining upon the very vitals of Germany, was somewhat of a popular disappointment. From the successes of the enemy since the Channel communications and his reappearance off the east coast have stimulated doubts as to the vigor and capacity of the admiralty chiefs.

Prices, again, have continued to rise, and the Government has only very tardily and not as yet very efficiently, grappled with a problem that was palpable over a year ago, and that before the war is over may become little less than vital.

The big push on the Somme, though military men are more than satisfied with its results, has not so far justified those decisive and spectacular fruits that can alone be appreciated by the man on the street.

When I was at the front, a little over two months ago, I found but one conviction among our army leaders, that it is not now a possibility, or a probability, but an absolute military certainty that we shall break through the German lines next spring. But that conviction has not yet penetrated the popular mind, which is conscious of heavy losses but has not quite the confidence of those on the spot; that the military objects attained have been worth the price.

Rumania, moreover, from whose intervention so much was legitimately hoped, has proved a bitter disillusion; and though Great Britain cannot be directly saddled with the responsibility for her apparent collapse, still the British Government, like all the Allied governments, has inevitably suffered in prestige from the general and justified persuasion that there has been monumental blundering somewhere.

Greece, too, has emphasized very sharply the vacillating ineffectiveness of the whole Balkan policy of the Allies, a policy which is at least as much Viscount Grey's handiwork as anyone's. Besides this the pacifists, or those who think that as good a settlement can be reached and reached soon, by negotiation as can ever be arrived at by military efforts, however prolonged, are beginning to raise their voices.

Certain amount of labor unrest, due to the inordinate cost of living, has also to be reckoned with. And finally there is the question of the future of the empire.

He is indisputably the outstanding figure of the war, the man who first saved the tottering fabric of international credit, who then turned British industry upside down in order to devote it to munitions, who to these practical exploits has added the invaluable gift of enlisting the whole moral fervor of the nation.

Lloyd George has been more often right about the war than any military man or any civilian in Great Britain. His courageous open-mindedness has kept him straight where others went astray. He realized from the first the full magnitude of the struggle and the issues dependent from it. He took in the earliest days of the war a just estimate of the power and spirit of Germany, and he would fling into the sea the countenance to the insane prattle about a short war or an easy war or of victory being possible on any terms except a complete transformation of our way of life and our habits of thought. He never for one moment approved of the policy of secrecy and censorship. He has always had the most robust faith in truth and plain dealing as the only means of summing up all that is at stake in the struggle. He was the first statesman of the front rank to come out for compulsory military service. He was the first to insist that the drink question was one that was vital to victory.

With proper backing in the cabinet, he would have solved it two years ago by absolutely prohibiting the manufacture and sale of liquor for the duration of the war. He was the first, again, to stand up to Labor and to ram it into the heads of the workmen that in a war of engineers and mechanics any war of trades union custom or practice that interfered with the maximum output was little less than treason to the state.

He took up, once more, the Irish question at the request of his colleagues and

if they had not at the critical moment left him in the lurch, would have settled it in a way that for all immediate purposes would have been effective.

It is Mr. George's doing more than any man's that Great Britain is today so vast arsenal of war, and far beyond any other British statesman, he has impressed himself upon our French and Russian allies as the incarnation of British energy, resourcefulness, and tenacity.

It is inevitable that he and Mr. Asquith would clash. No man of his volition and headstrongness could long tolerate a time of hourly stress and crisis with the cautious, more reflective, less eager, and less active temperament of the late prime minister.

Take it there can be no question that to Lloyd George, as to many thousands of others, Mr. Asquith had come to appear an incubus and an obstacle to victory. Sooner or later it had to be determined which of the two should be the chief factor in shaping British policy.

The issue has now been joined and for the time being it has been settled in favor of Mr. Asquith. It is not "for the time being," because the situation as yet is far too confused for any final verdict.

Mr. Asquith has resigned, but that does not necessarily mean that he will not before very long return to power stronger than ever. He has a most powerful backing both in the House and in the country.

There are vast numbers of people who, while fully acknowledging Mr. Lloyd George's priceless services, do not trust his judgment or his stability, and who regard him as a distinctly incongruous figure in the quietude that a man at such an hour to be the spokesman and representative of the British Empire.

His command over the House of Commons, moreover, his extraordinary skill in extricating himself and his Cabinet from seemingly hopeless positions, his long record of devotion to Liberalism, and the fact that he has been prime minister for the last eight years, are all of them assets that tell strongly in his favor.

One has to remember, too, that Mr. Lloyd George occupies, now, a lonely position. Many of his old friends have left him. The workmen who used to idolize him have not yet recovered from the shock of the numberless humiliations he has told them since the war began.

His following is an ardent one, but unorganized. There are probably today more Conservatives than Liberals in sympathy with him. Some people affect to believe the under cover of a Liberal, the national crisis he has been pushing his own political fortunes and that ambition, and not anxiety for the safety of the country, is the real motive behind his break with Mr. Asquith.

A certain suspicion of intrigue has never quite been exorcised from the popular view of Mr. Lloyd George. It is hardly an intensity of personal feeling; and Mr. Lloyd George has never, even in his pugnacious life, set about any enterprise so formidable as that of forming a cabinet out of the odds and ends of all parties. He may succeed; I certainly hope he will; but it is too soon to be sure.

There is still a party truce in Great Britain, but the present turmoil must have stirred up an intensity of personal feeling; and Mr. Lloyd George has never, even in his pugnacious life, set about any enterprise so formidable as that of forming a cabinet out of the odds and ends of all parties. He may succeed; I certainly hope he will; but it is too soon to be sure.

One thing, however, may be predicted with confidence. A Lloyd George cabinet, if it comes into existence, will be a cabinet of youth and daring. There will be no old fogies in it, and no wobblers. It will be a hard-driving, rapid-fire ministry, the energizing effects of which will be felt, and felt quickly, not merely in all corners of the kingdom, but in all the theatres of war. And its chief will be not merely prime minister, but a man with a power little less than Cromwell's.

So far as one can tell at this distance it is now impossible for Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd George to serve in the same cabinet. One or the other must go. It seems equally impossible that the question of which should be settled by a general election on a register three years old and with hardly one per cent of the voters now resident in their proper electoral districts.

All common, however, on the political upheaval in Great Britain resolve itself into a issue of speculation. Anything may happen. What actually will happen would seem to be beyond the one side by Mr. Asquith's quite possible return to power and on the other by Mr. Lloyd George's equally possible resignation, either now or before very long, of a virtual dictatorship. In any event, the more vigorous prosecution of the war is a consoling certainty.

BRITISH PACIFIST
DISPATCHES APPEAL
TO WOODROW WILSON

Sent by Girl Messenger to Evade Censors.

SAYS U.S. CAN END WAR
Bertrand Russell, Who Has Annoyed British Officials, Makes Move.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A girl who came to America as a messenger for Bertrand Russell, British pacifist famous as a philosopher, delivered to the American neutral conference here today an open letter from Mr. Russell addressed to President Wilson, appealing to him to "bring peace to Europe." The letter was sent by messenger to evade the British censor. The name of its bearer was not disclosed through fear of making trouble for her should she return to England.

Three members of the conference committee, George Foster Peabody, Paul Kellogg and Miss Emily Greene Balch, were selected by the league to President Wilson and left here tonight for Washington.

Mr. Russell, who is the heir of Earl Russell and was a lecturer and fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, recently was fined \$500 for having written a pamphlet opposing conscription in England. He also was prohibited from coming to the United States to lecture at Harvard and was forbidden to enter any prohibited area in London.

In his letter Mr. Russell asserted that it was within the power of the president to "bring the war to an end by just peace and that the United States has the power not only to compel the European government to make peace, but also to reassure the populations by making itself the guarantor of the peace."

"Such action," Mr. Russell wrote, "even if it were resented by the governments, would be hailed with joy by the populations."

KITCHENER MAN MET
DEATH BY DROWNING

Body of Missing Real Estate Agent Found in Cistern.

Kitchener, Ont., Dec. 22.—The body of James G. Wing, real estate agent, who mysteriously disappeared on Monday evening, December 11, was found in a concrete cistern in the cellar of a house belonging to R. C. Anderson, who resides in Lindsay, and who had requested a Mr. Donohue, living next door to the vacant house, to secure the key and shut off the water supply. The coat and hat of the missing man were found in the cellar, and a box was standing

beside the cistern. Chief O'Neill and Sgt. Graham were summoned, and, cutting the ice in the cistern, found the body. Wing was in his 68th year, and had been in ill-health for about a year. He is survived by his wife, two daughters and one son.

PORTLAND MANAGER
IN AUTO COLLISION

Badly Injured When Two Fellow Passengers Are Killed.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 22.—E. H. Savage, manager of the Portland hockey team, yesterday afternoon was seriously injured in an automobile accident.

when the limousine in which he was riding was crushed between two street cars. Two passengers of the limousine were taken to the hospital and died as a result of their injuries, and there is little hope for Mr. Savage's recovery. He is suffering from a fractured skull.

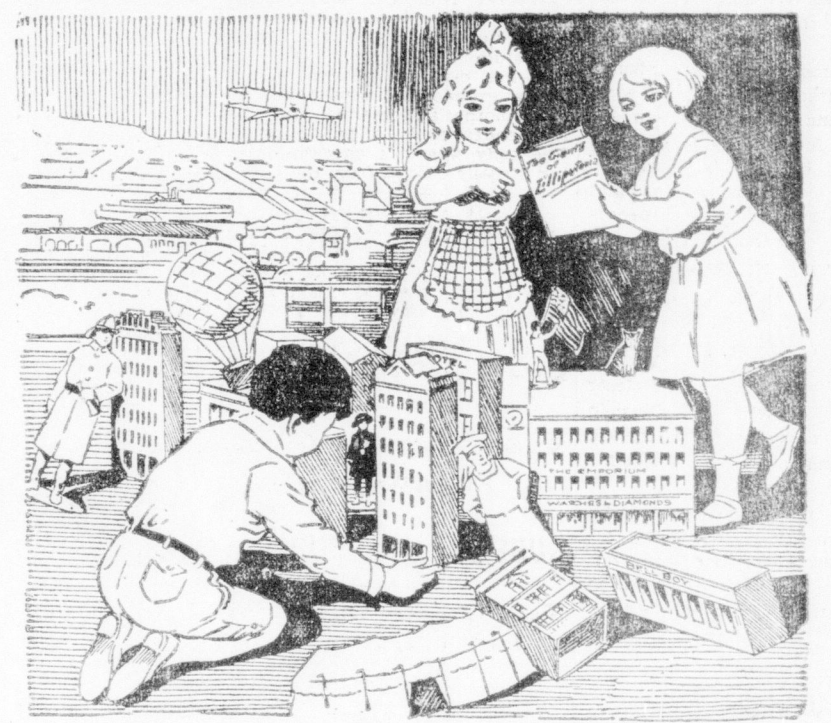
Mr. Savage was hurrying to the rink to make preparations for his departure with the Rosebuds for Vancouver when he met with the accident.

ANOTHER CONVERT.
[Hamilton Times.]

The Toronto Telegram heads its leading editorial with the words, "Let Ontario Women Vote." Another convert comes to the pontifical bench.

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Bracelets, in gold-filled. From\$3.00 up
Bracelets, in solid 9k gold. From \$10.00 up
Umbrellas, mounted in sterling and gold. Fifth avenue and Broadway\$3.00 up
Platinum Bar Pins, set with diamonds\$25.00 up
Mahogany and Oak Jewel Cases\$7.50 to \$12.00
Sterling Silver Coin Purses, \$5.00 to \$10.00
Sterling Silver Card Cases\$10.00 up
Crumb, Brush and Mirror Sets, in sterling silver, ivory and ebony.\$3.00 to \$40.00
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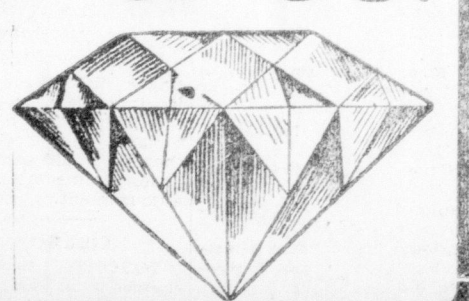
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National Service Cards and addressed envelopes for their return to Ottawa have been placed in the hands of all Postmasters for distribution amongst persons required to fill in such cards. Every male person of the prescribed ages is required to fill in and return a card enclosed in an envelope within ten days of its receipt.

Any person who fails to receive a card and envelope may obtain the same upon application to the nearest Postmaster.

R. B. BENNETT,
Director General.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK : 1st to 7th JANUARY.

Ottawa, 15th December, 1916.

THE CANADIAN BANK OF COMMERCE



Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ending 30th November, 1916

Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account brought forward from last year	\$ 461,892 25
Net Profit for the year ending 30th November, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts	2,439,415 17
	\$ 2,901,307 42
This has been appropriated as follows:	
Dividends Nos. 116, 117, 118 and 119 at ten per cent. per annum	\$ 1,500,000 00
Bonus of one cent, payable 1st June	150,000 00
do do do 1st December	150,000 00
War tax on bank-note circulation to 30th November	147,289 33
Transferred to Pension Fund (annual contribution)	80,000 00
Subscriptions:	
Canadian Patriotic Fund	\$50,000 00
British Red Cross Fund	5,000 00
British Sailors' Relief Fund	5,000 00
Sundry subscriptions, including Northern Ontario Fire Relief Fund and War Hospitals, etc.	11,700 00
	71,700 00
Balance carried forward	802,319 09
	\$ 2,901,307 42

GENERAL STATEMENT

30th NOVEMBER, 1916

LIABILITIES	
TO THE PUBLIC	
Notes of the Bank in circulation	\$ 19,259,347 68
Deposits not bearing interest	\$ 62,484,072 27
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date	167,412,079 88
	229,896,132 15
Deposits due to other Banks in Canada	144,317 41
Deposits due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	5,021,882 49
Bills Payable	2,186,836 68
Acceptances under Letters of Credit	2,092,640 13
	\$ 258,598,176 55
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS	
Dividends Unpaid	2,084 12
Dividend No. 119 and bonus, payable 1st December	525,000 00
Capital Paid up	\$ 15,000,000 00
Reserve Account	13,500,000 00
Balance of Profits as per Profit and Loss Account	802,319 09
	\$ 28,827,579 76
ASSETS	
Gold and Silver Coin Current	\$ 20,975,529 83
Domestic Notes	19,315,476 60
Deposits with the Central Gold Reserve	6,000,000 00
	\$ 46,291,005 83
Notes of other Banks	\$ 1,630,360 00
Cheques on other Banks	9,668,098 71
Deposits due to other Banks in Canada	144,317 41
Deposits due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	5,021,882 49
Deposits due to the Minister of Finance for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	806,964 42
	\$ 129,341,420 42
Other Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	133,738,131 21
Other Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest)	16,504,418 23
Overdue Debts (estimated less provided for)	2,092,640 13
Real Estate other than Bank Premises (including the unsold balance of former premises of the Eastern Townships Bank)	\$ 1,264,458 34
Less mortgage assumed	100,000 00
	1,164,458 34
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank	389,411 53
Bank Premises at cost, less amounts written off	5,139,457 26
Less mortgage assumed on property purchased	300,000 00
	4,839,457 26
Other Assets not included in the foregoing	126,904 34
	\$ 288,427,579 76

B. E. WALKER

PRESIDENT

JOHN AIRD

GENERAL MANAGER

Report of the Auditors to the Shareholders of The Canadian Bank of Commerce

In accordance with the provisions of sub-sections 19 and 20 of Section 56 of the Bank Act, 1913, we report as follows:

We have audited the above Balance Sheet and compared it with the books and vouchers at Head Office and with the certified returns from the branches. We have obtained all the information and explanation that we have required, and are of the opinion that the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been with the powers of the Bank.

We have checked the cash and verified the securities representing the investments of the Bank at its chief office and principal branches at a date other than, and in addition to, the verification at 30th November, 1916, and found that they were in agreement with the entries in the books of the Bank relating thereto.

In our opinion the Balance Sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the affairs of the Bank according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Bank.

T. HARRY WEBB, C.A.

of Webb, Reid, Gillingham & Co.

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AUDITORS

BURIED AT EXETER.

EXETER, Dec. 22.—The funeral of Mrs. Hallway of Peterboro took place here today. She was formerly Miss Lillian Welsh, daughter of the late

Mr. and Mrs. William Welsh of Exeter. She is survived by her husband and four sisters, Mrs. W. J. Blisset of Exeter, Mrs. J. Floyd of Kalamazoo, Mich., Mrs. J. R. Inkster of Paris, and Mrs. McDowell of Lisle.

COPPERS

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MANY ACCLAMATIONS

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and discussed at some length. It was, however, decided to leave it to the incoming council.

GREENOCK—Reeve, McPhail and McNab, councillors; J. Campbell, J. Symons, T. Sawyer, G. Gilchrist and J. Goldson.

BRANT—Reeve, Nesbitt and Willoughby; deputy reeve, A. Weir, P. Fisher, J. Tanner; councillors, W. A. Rowland, W. Findley, J. Greig, T. Carey, E. W. Johnson.

GARRICK—Reeve, M. Felsinger, J. Slinger, C. Smith; deputy reeve, Dr. Doering, A. Lewis, J. Montague; councillors, C. J. Egrins, T. Wagner, J. Whitler, J. W. South.

CULROSS—Reeve, W. Case, E. Kuntz; councillors, J. S. Armstrong, J. Donaldson, J. McPherson.

SAUGEEN TOWNSHIP—Saugeen Township Council all received acclamations. They are: Reeve, G. Christie; councillors, J. H. Webster, W. Atkinson, J. H. Webster, W. M. Groathead, H. Chappel.

GREY.

GREY—Reeve, R. W. Livingston; deputy reeve, H. A. McArthur and John McNabb; councillors, Wm. Fraser, John McEwan and F. Collins. Reeve and councillors by acclamation.

ESSEX.

ANDERSON—Reeve, Charles Whalen (acclamation); councillors, N. T. Beare, W. Papst, J. Drouillard, James Charette, R. Rochelleau.

MERSEA—Adolphus Armstrong (acclamation); deputy reeve, George A. Gulliver (acclamation); councillors, George Wiper, Charles E. Lambier, T.

J. Willan, James Gow, Everett Jones, and W. H. Gossin.

MALDEN—Reeve, Robert Atkin, William Waldron; councillors, T. Langlois, Wm. Pilon, W. H. Bennett, James Martin, James Argue, E. A. Deneau, John Dufour, F. C. Braun, James McBride.

LAMBTON.

BOSANQUET TOWNSHIP—Reeve, Fred Helling and Robert Tibball; councillors, William McDonald, John Minchin, Hugh Russell, M. Stewardson, Robert Stone, R. D. Thomson (four to be elected).

LYMPINGTON TOWNSHIP—(All by acclamation)—Reeve, Robert McLaren; deputy reeve, T. A. Patterson; councillors, Thomas Burnleigh, Joseph Tanton, Duncan Smith, Sid Shirk.

SHOKE TOWNSHIP—Reeve, Wm. Annett, W. J. Bourne; deputy reeve, G. Campbell, W. J. Johnston; councillors, Hugh Kennedy, John Gullbank, D. L. Fisher, C. E. Sutton.

PERTH.

DOWNIE—Reeve, J. A. McKay, (accl.); councillors, Robert Boyes, John Murray, W. Dewar, Bernard McDermott and Michael Murray.

ELLICE—Reeve, Robert Armstrong, (accl.); deputy reeve, Jacob Yundt (accl.); councillors, Joseph Quinlan, Geo. Koch, T. Coghlin.

FULLARTON—Reeve, Oliver Harris, (accl.); councillors, C. Ratz, S. C. Millson, James Nalra, P. Zeback, all old councillors, and L. F. W. Turner, W. W. Rodger and Harvey Willis.

LOGAN—Reeve, F. A. Wm., W. Moffatt, John Moogk, Z. Gill; councillors, Z. Gill, H. Chaffe, J. Moogk, P. Gaffney, John Culliton, George Herbert, Michael Hagarty.

HIBBERT—Reeve, A. A. Colquhoun, John Morris; councillors, J. Johnson, J. Kay, J. Murphy, T. Mahaffy, present councillors, and John Britton, Peter Jordan.

NORTH EASTHOPE—Reeve, J. M. McCallum (accl.); councillors, William O. Wing, George Falk, William A. Rennie, George Neib (accl.).

NORFOLK.

WOODHOUSE—Reeve, Albert Gilchrist, Gilbert Melloy, L. King, Thomas Chapman; councillors, Nathan Butler, Roger Gundry, R. W. Caswell, C. Woodley, Ed. England.

TOWNSEND—Reeve, Elias Hyde; deputy, G. Welsh; councillors, W. J. Schuyler, Wm. Wooddy, Herschel Glover.

WINDHAM—Reeve, Theodore Cunningham (accl.); deputy reeve, Horace Kellum; councillors, Fred Woolley, Annesley Slaght, Wm. Haviland.

Villages.

COURTFRIGHT—Reeve, G. Whitsett, (accl.); councillors, T. Hawes, C. Kent, T. Beggs, J. Egan, F. Brinkman, G. Johnston, H. C. Johnson, R. W. Caswell, C. Woodley, Ed. England.

POINT EDWARD—Reeve, John Mann, J. Onkes, R. A. Hill, J. McMillan; councillors, J. Coverley, F. Murray, R. Blackwell, J. McQuinn, R. Bryan, J. Oakes, J. McMillan, R. W. Burgess.

NEWBURY—Reeve, J. Holman, Chas. Rush; councillors, Jas. Whittington, Wm. Bayne, Hugh McNaughton, R. H. Moore, Edward Woods, Wm. Armstrong, S. Fennell; trustees, J. D. Armstrong, Wm. Connelly, Wm. Gillett.

ERIE BEACH—Reeve, George Meyer; councillors, J. W. Turner, J. W. Fleming, There was no opposition.

BELMONT—Dr. Beattie, M. Procter, John W. Chivers, Thomas M. Brown, William W. Dunwoody.

DORCHESTER—Trustees, T. McFarland, W. H. White, Colin Campbell (acclamation).

ALVINSTON—Alvinston's election will likely be an acclamation. While John Brown was nominated to contest the reeve ship with John McCallum, present reeve, he was also nominated for the council, and his withdrawal from that board would leave only three for the four places of the board. Nominated trustees, John McCallum, John Brown; councillors, Alex. McLaughlin, John Baird, Frank McNally, John Brown, John Wheeler (withdraw).

SOUTHOLD—Reeve, A. A. Miller, M. D. McCormick, J. H. Turner, H. Henderson, Isaac Gilbert, Turner, R. T. Meek; deputy reeve, M. D. McCormick, W. R. Gunning, J. J. McIntyre, J. J. McIntyre, S. A. Teare, A. J. McIntyre, S. A. Teare, Wm. Telford, A. Gilbert, J. Burton.

OIL SPRINGS—Reeve, John T. Spruille, John W. Sutherland, S. G. Jackson; councillors, A. W. Dewar, J. H. Penfound, George E. Lambert, Fred Hutchinson, M.D., A. W. Parks, John Woodward, Wm. Menhick.

PAISLEY—Reeve, S. Balchew, J. H. Steele; councillors, Dr. Houston, A. Logie, Ian Sparrow, John S. Nichol, A. A. Sinclair, A. L. Carter; school trustees, J. P. Fisher, D. McKenzie, Rev. David Fraser, C. Creighton.

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WATERFORD—Reeve, Dr. O. H. Duncombe, D. A. Hill; councillors, J. E. Chambers, Wm. Mason, G. B. Helmer, L. Leffer, S. G. Wilcox, Dr. R. J. Trotter, G. Purse, D. A. Hill.

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CHRISTMAS EVE MARKET DISTINCTLY DISAPPOINTING

Attendance Lower Than On Average Saturday—Poultry Plentiful But Firm.

The size of the Christmas Eve market was a surprise to everybody. The attendance of both buyers and sellers was far below that at the average market.

Poultry was the feature, although prices were steady. Turkeys brought from 50c to 55c a pound retail, and geese sold for 13c to 20c a pound. Chickens were in demand at \$1.50 to \$1.80 a pair, and ducks were in demand at 70c to \$1.25 each. Dairy prices for eggs were 22c a dozen, and for butter, the lowest price paid for creamery butter was 24c a pound. Dairy butter in rolls sold for 40c to 45c a pound, and dairy butter in crocks for 44c to 45c a pound.

Much honey was offered at \$1.20 to \$1.40 for 10-pound pails. Honey in sections brought \$2.40 to \$2.50 a dozen sections.

Vegetables were steady. Little grain was sold, and prices of wheat and old were unchanged in price.

Grain, Per Cwt.

Oats, per cwt.	2.00	to	2.00
Barley, per cwt.	2.00	to	2.00
Wheat, per cwt.	2.25	to	2.35

Grain, Per Bushel.

Potatoes, per bushel	68	to	68
Potatoes, new, per bu.	1.50	to	1.50
Wheat, per bu.	3.00	to	3.00

Vegetables.

Potatoes, per bushel	40	to	45
Potatoes, per bag	2.10	to	2.25
Cabbage, per doz.	60	to	1.20
Dry onions, per doz.	40	to	50
Parsley, per doz.	80	to	4.00
Carrots, per bu.	90	to	1.00
Spinach, per bu.	75	to	75
Hubbard squash, each	10	to	20
Cauliflowers, each	15	to	20
Parsnips, a bu.	1.00	to	1.25
Turnips, a bu.	50	to	60
Lettuce, per doz.	40	to	40
Beans, per bu.	6.00	to	6.50

Fruit.

Apples, per bushel	90	to	1.25
Crabapples, per bu.	1.00	to	1.00
Pears, per bushel	1.00	to	1.25
Grapes, each	10	to	10

Hay and Straw.

Hay, new, per ton	12.00	to	14.00
Straw, per ton	10.00	to	10.00

Dairy Produce, Retail.

Butter, creamery, lb.	47	to	49
Butter, day, lb.	47	to	47
Butter, crocks, lb.	44	to	45
Eggs, per doz.	52	to	55
Honey, sections, doz.	2.40	to	2.50

Wholesale.

Butter, creamery, lb.	45 1/2	to	45 1/2
Butter, day, lb.	38	to	40
Eggs, per doz.	40	to	45
Butter, day, lb.	41	to	42
Eggs, per doz.	44	to	48
Eggs, state, doz.	45	to	48
Chickens, per lb.	13	to	15
Old fowl, per lb.	10	to	12

Poultry, Alive, Wholesale.

Young chickens, lb.	16	to	16
Ducks, per lb.	12 1/2	to	13
Turkeys, per lb.	24	to	25
Geese, per lb.	20	to	21

Poultry, Dressed, Wholesale.

Chickens, per lb.	20	to	21
Ducks, per lb.	16	to	17
Old fowl, per lb.	14	to	15
Geese, per lb.	18	to	18

Poultry, Dressed, Retail.

Chickens, per pair	1.50	to	1.80
Ducks, each	.70	to	1.25
Geese, per lb.	19	to	20

Live Stock.

Hogs, per cwt.	19	to	11.10
Pat sows, per cwt.	8.25	to	8.25
Small pigs, pair	4.00	to	5.00

Dressed Hogs, Wholesale.

Veal, per cwt.	15.00	to	16.00
Pork, per cwt.	11.00	to	12.00
Heifer beef, per cwt.	13.00	to	13.00
Lamb, per cwt.	18.00	to	20.00

Wool, per lb.

Cow hides, No. 1	20	to	20
Cow hides, No. 2	19	to	19
Lambskins, each	1.00	to	1.75
Calfskins, per lb.	30	to	32

GERMAN PEACE STOCKS STRENGTHENED BY NOTE

Stock Market Thermometer Shows Enemy's Regard of Wilson's Act.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Via London, Dec. 22.—The Berlin bourse today followed the example of the New York stock exchange in the receipt of the news of President Wilson's note and "war babies" were offered with unaccompanied fervor. Values fell while the so-called peace stocks were strengthened all along the line.

American exchange, which last week reached the unprecedented high-water mark of 374, and which had fallen gradually to 345 as German exchange on New York rose, fell a solid ten points. Shipping stocks were particularly lively and strong, followed closely by potash, cement and bank stocks. Japanese, Canadian, American and Swiss paper was offered, but found no buyers, while Russian consols had a good market.

SHRINKAGE OF VALUES EXPLAINED BY PEACE

Constant Rumors Have Upset Financial Apple Cart.

New York, Dec. 22.—Weekly Financial Review.—The uncertain course of peace negotiations and weakened technical conditions in the stock market itself offer sufficient explanation for this week's extraordinary shrinkage of values, which was partially rectified by yesterday's moderate rallies.

There will always remain a difference of opinion as to the extent to which the German overtures figured as a market factor, but a canvass of the situation indicates that the speculative position was exceedingly vulnerable and only required some outstanding developments to bring about a general reaction.

Wall street and industrial interests are continuing to readjust the position on a peace basis, and the belief prevails in conservative quarters that the readjustment will be of no less benefit than causes which gave rise to so much prosperity in the past two years.

The stock market will doubtless be governed largely during the next few weeks by the course of the peace negotiations. Speculation is bound to be in diminished volume, if for no other reason than that the recent bull party will require some time to repair its shattered fortunes.

In the wider field of finance a further inflow of gold, enormous bank clearings, easy conditions to holiday trade and the general monetary situation offer abundant proof of the country's commanding position.

It is almost a foregone conclusion that the banking interests of the country will be asked before long to take part in additional foreign loans, regardless of the outcome of prevailing peace discussions. In fact, it is believed that cessation of the European conflict will be the signal for a decided expansion of the financial undertaking in which they thus far have found this market unavailable.

COTTON.

New York, Dec. 22.—Cotton—Spot quiet, prices weak. American middling, fair, 16 1/2; good, middling, 16 1/2; middling, 16 1/2; low middling, 15 1/2; good ordinary, 15 1/2; low ordinary, 15 1/2. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and 7,500 for export. American receipts were 11,000 bales, including 10,000 American. Futures closed quiet and steady. December, 15 1/2; January, 15 1/2; February, 15 1/2; March, 15 1/2; April, 15 1/2; May, 15 1/2; June, 15 1/2; July, 15 1/2; August, 15 1/2; September, 15 1/2; October, 15 1/2; November, 15 1/2; December, 15 1/2.

GERMANY WANTS TO NEGOTIATE RATHER THAN TO SURRENDER

Declaration of Vorwaerts, Berlin Newspaper.

Berlin, via London, Dec. 22.—The Vorwaerts which was one of the first newspapers in Germany to talk of peace expresses deep disappointment over the speech of Premier David Lloyd George. The paper cites passages in the speech from which it claims the only logical inference is that, firstly, the Entente refuses to make peace until it can do so upon the ruins of Germany's military power; secondly, the Entente, because Germany breaks treaties, will make no treaty with Germany at all, but will itself take substantial guarantees by force of arms; thirdly, that Germany must swallow the Entente's terms whole and unseen before Lloyd George will condescend to negotiate.

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CAMPBELL—On Friday, Dec. 22, 1916, at his late residence, 715 Lorne Avenue, on Saturday, Dec. 23, at 2 o'clock, the late John Campbell, aged 74 years.
Funeral on Sunday, Dec. 24, at 2 o'clock, from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. George W. Wegg, aged 55 years.
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December 22, at 2 p.m. sharp, the stock
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follows: Stock of groceries, \$15,712;
cabinet, cutlery, crockery, 1 refrigerator,
showcase for biscuits, 1 safe (iron safe),
shelving, 2 scales (iron), 1 cash register,
1 electric cutter, 1 showcase, 1 refrigerator,
grocery counters, meat counter, meat block, meat cutting
table, meat rails and hooks, 1 meat saw,
1 meat grinder, 1 wagon, 1 sleigh. The
stock of groceries, etc., etc. Terms,
offer on lot at a per centum on the dollar,
and the store fixtures and furniture
to the highest bidder. Terms.
The Consolidated Trusts Corporation,
M. J. Kent, manager, assignee;
D. H. Porter, Dec. 22, 1916.

**Auction Sale
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Largest number of used cars ever
offered at auction in London, will be
sold by auction at the Market,
Saturday, Dec. 23
These cars are conservatively valued
at from \$200 to \$800.

Bylaw No. 755
To take the vote of the ratepayers of
the village of Lambeth.
Notice is hereby given that a vote of
the electors entitled to vote on money
bills will be taken at the municipal
elections on Monday, the first day of
January, 1917, on the following question:
Are you in favor of having the village
develop or acquire through the Hydro-
Electric Power Commission of Ontario,
whatever works may be required for the
supply of electric energy or power in
addition to the existing contract with
the Hydro-Electric Power Commission?
A synopsis of the bylaw shall be published
on Dec. 16, 23, 30.
Made, passed and enacted this eighth day
of December, 1916.
G. RIDDELL, JAMES H. MAIR, Reeve.
Dec. 8, 1916.

**Frank in Thomas Clarke
Estate**
Notice is hereby given that all persons
having claims against the estate of
Frank in Thomas Clarke, deceased, who
died 21st of September, 1916, are required to
deliver to the undersigned solicitors for the
Trust Company, the administrator of the
estate of the said deceased, all
particulars in writing of such claims,
and that, after 1st of January, 1917, the
administrator will distribute the said
estate amongst the persons entitled
thereto, without regard to any claims
of which it shall then have had no
notice. London, 8th of December, 1916.
Jarvis & Vining, 101 Dundas street,
solicitors herein for the Premier Trust
Company.
Dec. 8, 1916.

**Victoria Hospital
OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT**
MONDAY.
9 to 11 a.m. Medical Cases
TUESDAY.
9 to 11 a.m. Surgical Cases
2 to 5 p.m. Tubercular Cases
WEDNESDAY.
9 to 11 a.m. Eye, Ear, Nose
& Throat Cases
THURSDAY.
9 to 11 a.m. Medical Cases
2 to 5 p.m. Tubercular Cases
FRIDAY.
9 to 11 a.m. Surgical Cases
2 to 5 p.m. Diseases of Women
Dec. 16, 19, 23, 26.

BUSH FOR SALE BY TENDER
About 5 acres good bush, elm and
hazewood, to be sold the way it
stands; 2 years to cut and move logs
and wood out of bush. Tenders to be
closed not later Dec. 29, 1916, on lot
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Dec. 18, 23, 25

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Dividend No. 91

Notice is hereby given that a Dividend at the rate of 6 per cent per annum and Bonus at rate of 1 1/2 per cent per annum has been declared on the Capital Stock of the company for the current three months, ending December 31st, 1916, and same is payable on January 2, 1917, to Shareholders of Record December 15, 1916.

M. J. KENT, Manager.

WE Greet Our Friends and Patrons This Merry Christmas Season and Wish Them Happiness in the New Year.
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AUTOMOBILE BODY NOW USED AS BOX ON "BOBS"

The practical uses to which an automobile body can be put are apparently well-nigh unending. The poor, unoffending automobile has been used as a traction engine to haul loads of produce, as a place to sleep in, as a stationary engine to saw wood and grind feed for the cattle, but these tasks are as nothing compared with what the long-suffering auto was forced to undergo recently.

A farmer and his family were driving into town behind a spirited team of bays, along Dundas street. The runners of the bob-sleighs were painted a spick-and-span red. And yet there was something about the occupants of the sleigh that made them appear more comfortable than usual. As the sleigh drew nearer, something strangely familiar about the vehicle began to break in on the mind of the reporter.

It was like meeting an old friend and being unable to recall where one had met him previously.

As the sleigh came abreast of the reporter, the light dawned upon him. You've guessed it! The mystery was solved! The body of the sleigh was the well-known body of a small car!

It had been torn from its faithful wheels in a ruthless manner, and now was resting serenely on the red "bobs."

TIME FLIES AT COOK'S

It seems but yesterday we were saying "Don't put off your buying until the days of the crush. Today is the last one, and promises to be the biggest and busiest of the many busy days we have had since Christmas buying began.

As our last suggestion we do not feel that we can commend anything better than the many things to be found in our leather goods collection. See the exhibit in our Richmond Street window and come in to examine more closely. You'll find quality and price satisfactory with which to please your friend and self with your choice.

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More than a hundred motor cars are certain to be shown at the London Motor Show, which opens here on January 28, and which will continue for a week.

Following closely upon the big New York, Chicago and Detroit exhibitions, the London show is certain to attract many of the latest types, including four, sixes, eights and twelves in all open, closed and convertible body styles.

Several leading manufacturers, some of whom are not at present represented by agents in this city, have signified their intention of bringing out-out chassis, by means of which the functions of various motor parts are shown in actual operation.

The prospective buyer will have the most favorable opportunity of the year of making his selection from the entire field. Not only will stock models be exhibited, but special jobs will be brought to London, in various popular colors, and equipped with wire wheels and other unusual accessories.

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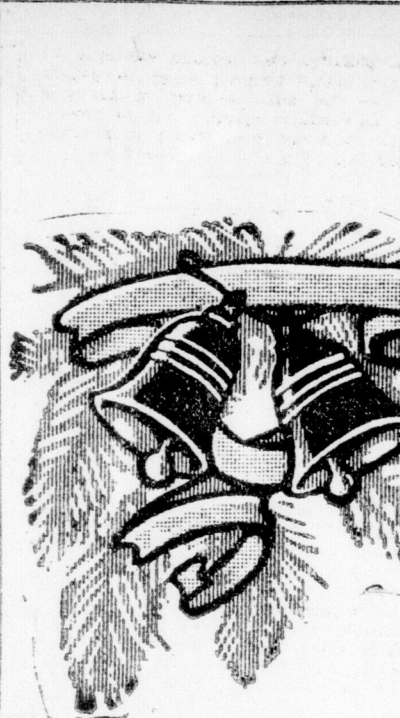
At a meeting of Ennisville Lodge, No. 834, Royal Preceptory Black Knights, the following officers were elected and installed:

Preceptor—Sir Knight J. W. Carson.
Deputy Preceptor—Sir Knight George Mitchell.
Chaplain—Sir Knight Rev. H. E. Ashby.

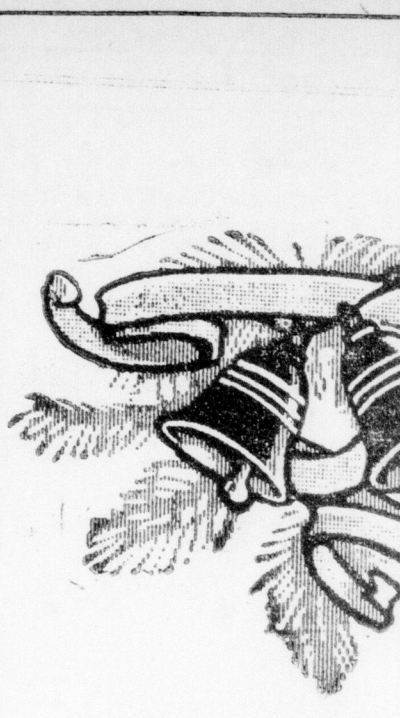
Registrar—Sir Knight John McKee.
Deputy Registrar—Sir Knight W. T. Clarke.
Treasurer—Sir Knight George George.

First Lecturer—Sir Knight William Strydom.
Second Lecturer—Sir Knight H. B. Knight.
Third Lecturer—Sir Knight J. T. Todd.

First Censor—Sir Knight James Lutman.
Second Censor—Sir Knight R. Sharpe.
First Standard-Bearer—Sir Knight James Barry.
Second Standard-Bearer—Sir Knight R. J. Ross.
Pursuivant—Sir Knight William Vaughn.
Committee—Sir Knights Alex. Lytle, P. Pulcher, Alex. Garrett, C. H. Cham-



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To the Citizens of London and Western Ontario:
I Extend a Hearty Wish for a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

I also wish to thank you one and all for the wonderful patronage we received during the past year. The Parnell Baking Company has done all in its power to keep down the cost of bread since the war started. Exceptionally good buying of high-class Flour made it possible for us to give the people bread—of the finest quality—at lower prices than other cities. I know the people appreciate this fact.

I also know they appreciate the care we take in making PARNELL'S Breads the very finest that skill and pure ingredients can make. Those, I think, are the reasons for the rapid growth of the Parnell Bread business during the past thirty-seven years.

I want to assure you that the quality, cleanliness and purity of PARNELL'S Breads will continue as in the past, as well as the service which I have tried to make the best in the country.

I appreciate the co-operation tendered this firm by its customers, and realize that without that co-operation and good-will this firm would not now be one of the largest of its kind in Canada.

TO ONE AND ALL I EXTEND AN INVITATION TO PAY A VISIT OF INSPECTION TO OUR PLANT AND TO ONE AND ALL I ALSO EXTEND A HEARTY WISH FOR A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.

F. E. Parnell, Manager

pit, R. J. Carson, Thomas Laing and Melvin Smith.
Auditors—Rev. Ashby and David Patterson.

CANADIAN WRITER ASKS HELP FOR PCOR SERBIA

"We Can Do Nothing Less Than Give," Says Miss Marjory MacMurchy.

Miss Marjory MacMurchy, one of Canada's foremost women writers, sums up the task Canada must assume in the relieving of Serbia's suffering in these words:

"How much can we afford to give to Serbia? But the one thing we cannot afford to do is to give nothing. No matter how little we have, we must send them some part of it. The sick, the hungry and broken-hearted have a brother's right, a sister's right, to share our food, clothing and shelter. Most of us cannot go to help. Are we free, untried, protected, sensitive to our obligations, eager to help? Then let us give. Perhaps we can do nothing more. But we can do nothing less."

The administrative work in connection with the Canadian Serbian relief is all carried out by the committee in Great Britain. Until recently the work has all been financed by the Mother Society, supplemented by contributions from all parts of the Empire and from neutral points as an expression of sympathy for Serbia in her sufferings.

But the London committee has found that new revenues must be forthcoming if the good work is to be maintained, and Canada has been honored with the call for help.

President R. A. Falconer of Toronto University is the honorary president of the Canadian Serbian relief committee. Mr. A. H. Campbell, 4 Wellington street E., is the treasurer.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Reply to "Knocker."

To the Editor of The Advertiser:
Through your columns last night your readers were once more treated to the opinions of one John Thompson, aptly self-christened "Knocker."

At half a dozen municipal meetings during the last two weeks his "hymn of hate" has been heard. Hate of the businessman, hate of the manufacturer, hate of anything and everything suggestive of progress or work! No more de plume can conceal his identity.

"Knocker's" letter faithfully reproduces the erroneous and exclusive opinions of John Thompson on the industrial bylaw, not as it is, but as he (let us be charitable) believes it to be, which is, unfortunately, a very different thing. In vain speaker after speaker has more or less patiently explained the bylaw to him, but he refused to be convinced and proclaims the press muzzled because his theories are not accepted and reproduced.

Let us invest "Knocker" John with the Ancient Order of the Hammer, wish him a Merry Christmas, and let it go at that. Yours truly, RATEPAYER.

IN THE POLICE COURT

Three persons appeared in the police court dock today, each charged with a breach of the Ontario Temperance Act. Henry E. Laidy, who has a room rented at 237 1/2 Dundas street, where he enlarges photos, was charged with

having liquor in a place other than a private dwelling.
A second charge of drunkenness was laid against him. On both charges he was bailed in the sum of \$250 for one week, when both cases will be heard.

A companion of Laidley, who was at the room when the latter was arrested, was brought into the station at the same time, charged with drunkenness.

He pleaded not guilty, but after four witnesses had been called he was convicted and fined \$10 and costs.

The last on the list pleaded guilty to a charge of intoxication for the first time a nice prohibition. He was fined \$10 and costs.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM SPECIAL SERVICE ACCOUNT CHRISTMAS EXCURSION TRAFFIC.

Special service via Grand Trunk Railway from London in connection with the above will be operated on Saturday, Dec. 23, as follows:

Tor Toronto—Leave London 4:20 p.m. For Wingham and Intermediate Stations—Leave London 4:15 p.m.

Extra section of regular train No. 16 due to leave London at 7:15 p.m. will be operated leaving London 7 p.m., carrying parlor car.

Extra parlor car service will be provided London to Toronto on train No. 16 due out of London 4:25 p.m., for Toronto, on Dec. 25 and 26.

Tickets, reservations and full particulars from city ticket office, R. E. Ruse, C. P. and T. A., "Clock Corner," Phone 60.

MUSICAL ART SOCIETY BRINGING GREAT ARTIST

Madame Anita Rio to Appear Here in "Messiah" at New Year.

Messrs. Haensel & Jones announce the return of Madame Anita Rio, the American soprano, who has been winning triumphs in opera and concert in Europe for the past few years.

Madame Rio made her "debut" in opera at Covent Garden, London, in an important revival of Mozart's "Don Giovanni," with John McCormack. She was an instantaneous success, and concert engagements with the leading orchestras and societies followed, including a tour of twenty concerts with Enrico Caruso. After this performance she was invited by the great "Augusteo Orchestra" to appear as the only assisting artist at one of the subscription concerts. This is the only event in the history of this world renowned institution that an American has been the solo attraction.

In London she has appeared several times as soloist with the London Symphony Orchestra and at the Bechstein Hall concerts.

Mrs. Merle Alcock, contralto; Bechtel Alcock, tenor, and Vivian Gonnell will also appear with Madame Rio at the festival performance of Handel's "Messiah," in the First Methodist Church on New Year's Night. Tickets may be procured at the music stores.

1st Class—Dorothy Watson, Edith Smith, Alice Routledge.
Primer—Edgar Mondak, Erma Keays, Kathleen Lamb.

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LONDON T. P. SCHOOL REPORT.
Following is the school report of S. S. No. 17, London Township. Total 800.

Senior IV.—Muriel Prince 659, Phyllis Gray 576, John Morris 570, Agnes Morris 531, James May 519.

Senior III.—Mary Ann May 514, Norman Routledge 578, Mae Willoughby 575, Mary Chittim 551, Ethel Lewis 462, Laura Keays 548, Willie Lord 238.

Junior III.—Myrtle Cooper 590, Bernice Gray 557, Orvi Quinney 542, Junior room total, 960.

Junior II.—Florence Watson 770, Kenneth Duke 710, Willie Douglas 720, Harvey Herbert 610.

Senior II.—Rose McDowell 529, Willoughby 777, Willie Dickie 742, Dickson 728, Austin Spink 650, Harold Keays 550.

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