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CENTRAL POWERS' PEACE TERMS

CROWN PRINCE TRIES FRESH VERDUN RUSH; HAS SMALL SUCCESS, THEN HURLED BACK

Heavy Assault Made Last Night Penetrates Portion of French Line, But Enemy Is Quickly Ejected With Great Losses.

Paris, Dec. 27.—Three attacks were made by the Germans last night on the Verdun front east of the Meuse, it was announced officially. At their third attempt the Germans succeeded in reaching the French lines, but were driven out immediately with heavy losses, leaving prisoners.

Paris, Dec. 26.—Delayed.—The Germans made two attacks on the Verdun front today, but were not able to break through the French lines, the war office tonight reports. The statement follows:

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

"There was heavy artillery fighting in the region north of St. Quentin and in the sector of Sapigneul.

"Macedonian Front—On December 25 there was no event of importance. Snow and fog in the mountains hinder military operations."

BOURASSA CHARGES UNION GOVERNMENT HAS DISUNITED THE CANADIAN NATION

Declares It Was Organized to Subjugate Quebec.

SAYS IT HELPED ENEMY

Believes Kaiser Would Have Congratulated Sir Robert Borden Over Election.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Discussing the subject of the isolation of Quebec, Henri Bourassa in Le Devoir states that Union Government was not a coalition to win the war, but a combination of forces to subjugate this [...]nce.

[...] object," he continues, "con[...] hatred and lies, has run its [...]ourse. It has roused up the [...]Protestants against everything [...]d everything that is not [...]as received the distrust of [...]ians and 2,500,- [...] everything Pro- [...] In a word, the [...]nited the Can- [...]

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HUNS DEMAND THE COLONIES BE GIVEN BACK

This Is Agreeable to Russia and Recess Taken at German Wish.

London, Dec. 27.—In a statement on the central powers' peace terms, made at the Teuton-Russo peace conference on Wednesday, Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, declared that one of the conditions that Germany would insist upon was the return of her colonies that had fallen into Entente hands.

Regarding the compensation for maintenance of prisoners of war, the Russian chairman said it might be construed as an indemnity. He insisted that an international fund be used to pay damages against private persons. He had no objection to Germany's request that her colonies be evacuated by the Entente troops.

A TEN DAYS' RECESS.

Russia's delegation, he stated in conclusion, notwithstanding differences of opinion, thought that the German declaration that Germany has no aggressive plans offered the possibility of immediate beginning of negotiations for a general peace among all belligerents. He proposed a ten days' recess until January 4 "so that the peoples whose governments have not yet joined in the negotiations for a general peace may have an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the principles of such a peace as now is being established."

"At the expiration of the indicated time," he declared, "the negotiations must be resumed, disregarding whether or not other belligerents have joined in the negotiations or how many."

The next session of the conference was set for December 26.

WILSON TO CUT BIG SALARIES OF R. R. CHIEFS

But President Will Increase the Wages of Railway Workers.

WANTS 200 MILLIONS

Vast Sum To Be Used To Build Cars—May Take Over Express Companies.

Washington, Dec. 27.—One of the first acts of the Government in beginning operation of railroads will be to reduce large salaries now paid to the railway executives and increase in some measure the wages of the railway workers.

Securities to be issued while the Government is in control will be at interest rates not less than 4 per cent, and the issues will be made under joint authority of the director general and the interstate commerce commission.

President Wilson, when he outlines the Government's plans in his forthcoming address to Congress, will ask that the Government be empowered to buy any quantity of new railroad securities. All dividends over and above an amount to be agreed upon will go to the Government.

Congress will be asked also to appropriate a large fund—probably $200,000,000—for the immediate supply of rolling stock to handle the flood of traffic which has swamped the roads.

The director general will have authority to decide whether the Government shall also assume operation and control of the express companies.

BANKERS ARE PLEASED.

New York, Dec. 27.—Almost without exception, leading bankers and executives of railroad having their headquarters here today expressed their approval of the action of President Wilson in taking over the country's railroad lines. The action of the president had been anticipated by railway officials for some time, and most of them agreed that the Government's program as a whole met their expectations.

The president's statement regarding guarantee of compensation to the railroads will have the effect of reassuring holders of railway securities, it was asserted.

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

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

RANCHERS AND CAVALRY KILL 8 MEXICAN BANDITS

Avenge Death of Stage Driver and Passengers.

Marfa, Texas, Dec. 26.—Eight bandits were killed yesterday when ranchers and American cavalry fired on a band of Mexican raiders after the Mexicans had killed Michael Welch, driver of a United States mail stage, and his two Mexican passengers.

300 GERMAN SOCIALISTS PLACED UNDER ARREST

London, Dec. 27.—More than 300 members of the German minority Socialist party were arrested on Christmas Eve, according to a Zurich dispatch given out today by the Wireless Press.

BLIND FIGHT TO FINISH.

New York, Dec. 27.—Two blind men, inmtes of the Home of Aged and Infirm on Blackwell's Island, became engaged yesterday during an argument concerning the war, and fought to a finish. Gustav Sailor, who came from Germany, took the German end of the discussion against Alexander Bugdn, who is 69, and a former subject of Russia.

Sailor had a cane near his cot. He seized the weapon and belabored the Russian until he was unconscious.

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Advertiser Illustrations

STOCKS SOAR ON WALL STREET WHEN GOVT. TAKES RAILWAYS

New York, Dec. 27.—President Wilson's proclamation taking over control of railroads with guarantees as to earnings was reflected in Wall Street today by one of the most sensational advances in stocks seen in years. The market leaped forward at the outset, prices jumping five to eighteen points above yesterday's close, and although there were recessions later, the buying continued strong and vigorous. The advances were most pronounced in shares which recently registered the lowest records. Standard rails, including transcontinentals and coalers, made more moderate gains, but in every quarter of the list improvement extended from three to five points.

Much of the early advance was effected at the expense of a formidable short interest. This faction rushed to cover at the opening, and was kept busy throughout the active first hour. Recessions of two to five points from maximums, and as much as ten points in one instance, succeeded the first feverish outburst of enthusiasm.

Sales of the first hour approximated 400,000 shares, which is greater than the total of some recent sessions.

YOUNGER BLOOD TO RUN FLEETS OF THE EMPIRE

Further Changes Likely To Follow the Retirement of Admiral Jellicoe.

London, Dec. 27.—The prominence given to the retirement of Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe as first sea lord in favor of Vice-Admiral Sir Rosiyn Wemyss in the morning newspapers is commensurate with his great reputation and the place he long has held in public estimation. Notwithstanding the recent severe animadversions concerning the admiralty from some quarters, several newspapers treat the announcement as a sensational surprise and two or three accompany their remarks with warm expressions of regret. The Daily Telegraph, one of these, calls for a fuller official statement and the reasons for Admiral Jellicoe's retirement. The Daily Chronicle also regretfully recalls the "well-founded public confidence" in Admiral Jellicoe, and hopes that those responsible for the change have been guided wisely in their decision.

Daily Mail Pleased.

On the other hand, the Daily Mail, which long has campaigned against Admiral Jellicoe says openly that it cannot pretend regret. It adds that Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, deserves the thanks of the country for not shrinking from a painful duty. The Times, though less frankly outspoken, does not conceal its satisfaction and sees in the change the determination of the Government to give stronger men a chance. It says:

"We heartily congratulate the Government."

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

More Changes Demanded.

"All these together worked naturally

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EVERY SUGAR REFINERY RUNNING IN TWO WEEKS

U. S. Food Official Promises Cut in Price.

New York, Dec. 26.—Within two weeks every sugar refinery in the country will be in operation, according to George M. Rolph, head of the sugar division of the food administration, who returned here from Washington today. By the end of January, he asserted, 5,000 tons of sugar will have been brought in, and the consumer then should get sugar at 9 cents instead of the present price of 10 cents.

A GLOOMY VIEW.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—L'Union Des Cantons De L'Est sees in the result of the general elections a national disaster, and if the appeals of the Ontario and western press are listened to, there are dark days ahead for the French race in this country. "Let her be sacrificed, this French province," they cry out in unison, says this French paper "for it is her blood they want."

LE CANADA'S VIEW.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Le Canada, the Liberal French morning paper here, is not in favor of any French representation in the federal cabinet. It says:

"After having provoked the population of the five western provinces against us, a certain number of Unionist newspapers, now that the elections are over, are making their bow to us and covering us with compliments, are trying to tame us by offering us portfolios in the Borden Government. Today, as was the case before the election we are proud that there is not one French-Canadian willing to enter the Ottawa Government."

BIG BRITISH STEAMER LOST IN DELAGOA BAY

London, Dec. 27.—The British steamer City of Nagpur has been wrecked in Delagoa Bay, Portuguese East Africa, according to a dispatch to the Times from Lisbon. The passengers, numbering 259, were saved, as was the cargo.

The steamer City of Nagpur, of 8,331 tons, was built in Belfast in 1914. She was owned by the Ellerman Line of Liverpool, and was engaged in the eastern service.

TROTZKY IS TRYING TO TURN RUSSIANS AGAINST THE ALLIES

Spreads Report That U. S. Is In League With General Kaledines.

London, Dec. 27.—The Bolsheviki newspapers continue to print revelations of an alleged American plot to support Gen. Kaledines, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Morning Post dated Tuesday. So far as Ambassador Francis is concerned, the dispatch adds, the whole ridiculous charge falls to the ground before the straightforward statement issued by him on Tuesday. Col. Kolpashnikoff never applied to the ambassador for any fund for any purpose, although fully empowered to draw as needed on the Red Cross account, he being connected with the American Red Cross.

Leon Trotzky's charges against Kolpashnikoff and American representatives in Petrograd, the correspondent adds, amount to a series of suppositions unsupported by evidence of any kind.

Trotzky's object is to discredit the Entente Allied governments through their representatives and the methods he has adopted are calculated to intensify the hostility of the Russian proletariat toward the Allies, which German agents also have fostered.

MIKADO CALLS AIDES FOR IMPORTANT TALK

Oska, Dec. 27.—This morning the Emperor of Japan received Viscount Monoto, the foreign minister, with three members of the Generes, Prince Yamagata, Gen. Matsukaya and Viscount Spanji. The gravest significance is attached to the consultation, as the subject of discussion is understood to have been the attitude Japan had to keep in the event of Russia concluding a separate peace.

"PHONY" FOOD CARDS.

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.—The various German food cards are now being issued on a special water-marked paper, as protection against counterfeiting, which had become a profitable business in many parts of the country. The watermark, a capital "B" in an octagonal frame, stretches over the entire card and is easily seen against the light.

BRITISH CONCEDE POINT.

London, Dec. 27.—The British embassy at Petrograd has announced, according to a Petrograd dispatch to the Times, the liberation of Tchitcherin and Petroff, two Russians who have been under arrest in England, and they will be permitted to return to Russia.

QUAKE IN GUATEMALA.

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

KAISER, THROUGH RUSSIANS, STATES HIS TERMS OF PEACE; NO ANNEXATION, NO INDEMNITY AND WANTS COLONIES BACK

Austrian Foreign Minister Informs Brest Conference That Teutons Are Opposed To Forcible Annexations or Indemnities, and Are Not In War For Conquest—Declares All Lost Lands Must Be Returned To Germany and Suggests International Fund To Pay For War Destruction.

CENTRAL POWERS' TERMS.

No indemnity.
No annexations.
International fund to pay for damages.
Return of colonies.

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

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

Not For Conquest.

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

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

No Annexations.

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

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

More "Stalling."

In the event of a mutual refusal to meet war expenditures and pay damages caused by the war, Count Czernin continued, each belligerent shall bear only the expense of its subjects made prisoner, and damages caused to property of civilian subjects by deliberate violations of international law on the part of the adversary. The creation of a special fund for this purpose, as suggested by Russia, could be discussed only in the event that the other belligerents join in the peace negotiations within a certain time.

The Little Peoples.

The chairman of the Russian delegation expressed gratification at German willingness to make peace without annexations and indemnities, and with the self-definition of peoples. He demurred, however, at the German statement of self-definition as being incomplete. He said the war could not end without the re-establishment of the violated rights of little and oppressed nationalities, and Russia would insist on guarantees that their lawful rights would be protected in a general peace treaty.

PEACE TERMS OF TEUTONS

"Clause 1—Forcible annexations of territories seized during the war does not enter into the intentions of the Allied powers. About troops now occupying seized territories it must be stipulated in the peace treaty, if there is no agreement before, regarding the evacuation of these places.

"Clause 2—It is not the intention of the Allies to deprive the political independence of those nations which lost it during the war.

"Clause 3—The question of subjection to that of the other court of those nationalities who have not political independence, cannot, in the opinion of the powers of the quadruple alliance, be solved internationally. In this case it must be solved by each Government, together with its peoples, in a manner established by the constitution.

To Protect Minorities.

"Clause 4—Likewise, in accordance with the declarations of the statesmen of the quadruple alliance, the protection of the rights of minorities constitutes an essential part of the right of peoples to self-definition, indicated by a constitution.

"Clause 5—The governments of the (Teutonic) allies also recognize this principle. (This refers to Clause 5 of the Russian peace terms, stipulating that no belligerent country shall be required to pay contributions, and that private persons shall be compensated for losses incurred through the war from a special fund contributed by all the belligerents on a proportionate basis.) There is a material possibility of mutual refusal not only to refund war expenditures, but also to pay for damages caused by the war. In this event each belligerent would be required to bear only the expense of its subjects made war prisoners and to pay for damages caused to civil subjects of an adversary by deliberate violations of international war."

The creation of a special fund for this purpose, as suggested by the Russian Government can be discussed only in case other belligerents join in peace negotiations before the expiration of a certain time.

Want Colonies Back.

"Clause 6—Of the four Allied powers, Germany alone possesses colonies. On the part of the German delegation in full accord with the Russian proposals regarding that, the following is declared:

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

Bunk for Natives.

"The circumstances that in the German colonies the natives notwithstanding the greatest difficulties and the improbability of victory in a struggle against an adversary many times stronger, and who had the advantage of unlimited import by sea, remained in the gravest circumstances faithful to their German friends, may serve as proof of their attachment and their resolve by all means to preserve allegiance to Germany, proof which by its significance and weight is far superior to any expression of popular will.

Economic Relations.

"The principles of economic relations proposed by the Russian delegation in connection with the above six clauses are approved wholly by the delegations of the small allied powers, who always have denied any economic restrictions, and who see in the re-establishment of regulated economic relations which are in accord with the interests of all people concerned, one of the most important conditions for bringing about friendly relations between the powers now engaged in war."

TWO MORE WEEKS FOR BIG GAME SHOOTING IN NORTH ONTARIO WOODS

Toronto, Dec. 27.—An order-in-council reopens the season for shooting moose, deer and caribou in Ontario north of the Mattawa River and Lake Nipissing and French River from December 20 to December 31. The season closed on November 30, but the Government decided to extend it for two weeks.

FLAVEIN MOFFET DEAD.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—After a brief illness, culminating in an attack of heart failure, Flavein Moffet, for some time editor of Le Temps, and for many years on the translater's staff of the House of Commons, died at his home here on Christmas night. He was 66 years of age, and a native of Charlsborough, Quebec.

FOE "STALLING" IN PEACE TALK, AMERICAN VIEW

Czernin's Proposals Considered Insincere and Unacceptable at Washington.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The conditions surrounding Count Czernin's proposals for a basis of peace cause officials here to feel some apprehension for their sincerity. There is a great disposition to feel that the object of the German plenipotentiaries is simply to protract the negotiations as long as possible without any expectation of an immediate peace agreement, with the double purpose of leading the German people to believe that their Government really is desirous of making peace, and of gaining time for the further strengthening of the German lines in the west.

America Unchanged.

It can be stated authoritatively that the position of the American Government has not changed in any respect with regard to its determination to enter into no agreement with a Government which does not represent the free will of the German people. This would dispel any hope the Germans might have that the Russians could induce America to subscribe to the peace treaty which they are now trying to arrange.

Apparently Belgium is promised freedom by Count Czernin if all the other German demands are met. But officials note there is a reservation, almost inseparable from German diplomacy, in the shape of "guarantees" which Germany requires to insure the execution of all these complicated factors of the peace treaty. From public declarations of German statesmen and publicists, it is understood that in the "guarantees" Germany would insist on retaining control of Belgium for an indefinite period.

UKRAINIANS SEIZE RUSS HEADQUARTERS ON SOUTHWEST LINE

Take Over All Equipment of the Fourth, Eighth and Eleventh Armies.

London, Dec. 27.—Ukrainian forces, according to a report received from Petrograd from the Ukrainian rada, and forwarded by Reuter's, have occupied the headquarters of the fourth, eighth and eleventh armies on the Rumanian and southwestern fronts. Those who resisted were disarmed and a quantity of guns and rifles was seized.

The Ukrainians have occupied the station at Brailof and disarmed the guards.

A telegram received in Petrograd from Tomsk reports fighting in Irkutsk, Siberia. Cossacks and military cadets have engaged the garrison there for two days with alternating success.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 23; lowest, 15.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 17; lowest, 10.

TOMORROW—COLDER.

Toronto, Dec. 27—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Today—Southeasterly winds; milder, with light snowfalls.

Friday—Comparatively mild at first, then turning much colder again.

Temperatures.

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

Victoria	38	36	Rain
Calgary	—20	—24	Cloudy
Port Arthur	— 2	—10	Cloudy
Parry Sound	4	— 4	Snow
Port Stanley	24	8	Cloudy
Buffalo	24	12	Cloudy
Toronto	18	10	Cloudy
Kingston	14	— 2	Fair
Ottawa	4	—18	Snow
Montreal	— 2	—10	Clear
Quebec	— 6	—18	Clear
Father Point	2	—12	Clear

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

The weather has been fair and decidedly cold from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, but a shallow depression, accompanied by some light local snowfalls, has now moved into the Lake Region from the westward.

It has continued very cold in the West, with snow in some southern sections of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

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GLASS' MAJORITY PLACED AT 1,024, OFFICIAL REPORT

Returning Officer's Figures Different From Semi-Official Ones.

Official returns of Returning Officer Boler of East Middlesex, given out to the press today credit S. F. Glass, the Unionist candidate, with a majority of 1,024 over J. M. Ross. This is somewhat larger than the unofficial figures announced on the night of the election. The recapitulation of Mr. Boler shows the following record:

	Glass.	Ross.
Westminster Township	601	769
Nissouri Township	363	302
Lucan Village	121	61
London Township	1,045	659
Dorchester Township	506	374
Biddulph Township	369	190
London City	753	379
	3,758	2,734

Majority for Glass, 1,024.

By subdivisions the official figures are:

The following is the finding of the returning officer in the East Middlesex election:

Westminster.

	S. F. Glass.	J. M. Ross
No. 1	42	76
No. 2	36	98
No. 3	25	42
No. 4	23	64
No. 5	17	53
No. 6	66	70
No. 7	70	111
No. 8	57	62
No. 9	78	56
No. 10	75	37
No. 11	90	74
No. 12	22	26
Totals	601	769

Nissouri West.

	S. F. Glass.	J. M. Ross
No. 1	48	29
No. 2	92	55
No. 3	59	38
No. 4	29	29
No. 5	20	32
No. 6	37	25
No. 7	49	48
No. 8	29	46
Totals	363	302

Lucan Village.

	S. F. Glass.	J. M. Ross
No. 1	58	32
No. 2	63	29
Totals	121	61

London Township.

	S. F. Glass.	J. M. Ross
No. 1	57	59
No. 2	68	33
No. 3	44	21
No. 4	72	114
No. 5	64	46
No. 6	54	21
No. 7	72	25
No. 8	69	31
No. 9	66	23
No. 10	68	48
No. 11	38	62
No. 12	66	18
No. 13	55	43
No. 14	60	66
No. 15	43	9
No. 16	27	22
No. 17	73	21
No. 18	49	17
Totals	1,045	659

Dorchester North.

	S. F. Glass.	J. M. Ross
No. 1	30	30
No. 2	26	28
No. 3	76	69
No. 4	50	30
No. 5	71	50
No. 6	29	48
No. 7	85	43
No. 8	74	29
No. 9	65	47
Totals	506	374

Biddulph.

	S. F. Glass.	J. M. Ross.
No. 1	58	56
No. 2	72	35
No. 3	50	19
No. 4	39	79
No. 5	150	21
Totals	369	190

City of London.

	S. F. Glass.	J. M. Ross.
No. 39	81	47
No. 40	105	51
No. 53	89	64
No. 54	98	82
No. 55A.	100	37
No. 55B.	98	34
No. 77A.	104	32
No. 77B.	78	32
Totals	753	379

WILLIAM BOLER, R. O., Middlesex East.
ERNEST LANGFORD, Clerk.
London, Dec. 26, 1917.

Greetings From All Parts of World To Local Board Arrive

Doctor Who Served Here Last Spring Now in British Navy.

Christmas greetings from Canadians in all parts of the world are beginning to arrive at the mobilization centre here. Major H. A. Kingsmill, president of the medical board, has received a letter from Capt. W. P. Tew, who was a member of the board last spring, and is now a surgeon in the British navy. He writes that he arrived in England in July, and after spending nine weeks in a naval hospital at Portsmouth, went overland through France and Italy to join his ship, the H. M. S. Bianitz.

"I have been with the ship now over two months, and am beginning to like the sea life real well," he writes. "We have been moved about considerable since I joined, but at present are in harbor. Really, the British navy is a wonderful piece of machinery when one gets a peep into its interior. It is marvelous when you see how the old flag is recognized in so many corners of the globe. It surely carries with a deep and significant meaning. It is a marvel to me to watch our navigators handle our ships at sea—they seem to know every square inch of it. They surely give 'Fritz' a run for his prize."

Cards were received from Lieut.-Col. Evans G. Davis, C. B., and other officers of No. 9 General Hospital, and from No. 3 Stationary Hospital.

SOME STRAY SHOTS FROM CAMPAIGN ON FOR CIVIC HONORS

The high tone which marked the address of Mayoralty Candidate Somerville at his campaign meeting was in marked contrast to the mud-slinging and recriminatory campaign which was launched by one of his opponents at another meeting.

Those interested in good civic government will work in every ward for the election of Mr. Somerville.

Controller Shaw said that Mr. Somerville had been president of a business that had failed. He cited this with a view of convincing the handful of electors at Talbot Street School that Mr. Somerville was not such a good businessman after all. Ben Noble, who lost $7,000 in the concern referred to, said that Mr. Somerville's brother, and not the mayoralty candidate, was the head of the firm in question. Controller Shaw was giving his information to the meeting as a fact. Seemingly he was dealing in hearsay. He did not go to the trouble of verifying the report. "And just a few minutes previously he had told the meeting that the campaign "will be clean as far as I am concerned."

The electors of Ward 2 are seemingly not much interested in the municipal campaign. No more than 25 were out to hear the opening guns of the campaign fired.

"I don't take Mayor Stevenson seriously," was Controller's Shaw's tribute to the people's choice of the last three years. Perhaps the electors will adopt the same attitude towards him.

The Independent Labor candidates for the school board want free text books. They were the only speakers among the candidates for the board who put forth a real constructive idea.

The controller candidates are not interested in placing their views before the electorate. Not one of the five contestants was on hand last night.

London is certainly a "public ownership city if the remarks of the candidates for municipal honors are any criterion.

Judging from the views expressed by the different candidates on the uselessness of the board of control, there are a number of men in the city who are due to blush for having taken a salary from the city for services performed.

If the economy being preached by the candidates today is carried out after election, it is almost impossible to see the need of a tax rate for 1918.

After each of the candidates seeking re-election concludes telling "what I did" last year, one is to wonder how there was anything left for the other fellow to do.

"No more contracts in municipal affairs" is the cry of the candidates. If they would only agree to make it read "contracts or politics."

Sir Adam Beck's honors received a considerable setback last night. The credit of making hydro a public-ownership utility was snatched frm his hands by no less than two candidates. Mr. Daly was the first. He was the first to advocate it. Mayor Stevenson said "I told them to do it." What did Adam do?

Mayor Stevenson says the "interests" are after him. Did he mean the Borden interests or the interests of the people?

After having two meetings cancelled on them without notice, it is hardly to be expected that the residents in the vicinity of the Empress Avenue School will be over anxious to turn out for meetings in the future.

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ALDERMAN CALLED SCOUNDREL BY MAYORALTY CANDIDATE IN FIERY PRE-ELECTION MEETING

Passage-at-Arms Between Con troller Shaw and H. B. Ashplant Seemed Certain at Sc hool Gathering Where the Municipal Campaign Got Under Way in Earnest.

"Take that back, you scoundrel, or you'll be sorry for it."

The above threat, made by Controller Shaw to Ald. H. B. Ashplant, constituted the first real fireworks of what promises to be a hot election campaign. It marked the meeting held last night in the Talbot street school.

Controller Shaw was deriding Mayor Stevenson for seeking a fourth term. Ald. Ashplant asked the controller how many times the city of Windsor had returned Mayor Wigle. Was it not seven?

Controller Shaw replied: "We're living in London. There are no French-Canadians here."

Ald. Ashplant—That is not answering the question.

Dr. Shaw wanted to know how he wanted it answered.

"Truthfully," was the unhesitating reply.

Then came the controller's threat, which was followed by the query of "When did you ever hear me answer otherwise." "Take that back; take that back, or you'll be sorry," repeated the riled controller, as he advanced threatningly down the aisle of the room about half way to where the alderman stood, at the same time shaking his fist.

"Then I will have to be sorry, I guess," was the alderman's complacent reply.

Did Not Retract.

John Cottam arose. "Mr. Chairman, Mr. Shaw has answered the question as he sees fit. The remark of the alderman is out of order and I think you should so rule."

The chairman obeyed. Ald. Ashplant "did not take that back," and the incident ended.

This was the major of many minor exchanges during the evening. Of the minors, the major portion came when Controller Shaw was speaking.

Chairman Philip Pocock of the utilities commission, who is seeking re-election, was asked numerous questions over the McGregor wells. J. M. McEvoy was the inquisitor. He stated that he had drilled the McGregor wells. He practically stated that he would not have been at the meeting had the commission taken over these wells instead of the Foster wells.

The meeting was not large. It was made up of about two-fifths candidates and three-fifths electors. All candidates present were given an opportunity to speak. Those out for the board of education started the ball rolling, aldermen for the ward followed. Then came the utilities commission candidates, and then the mayoralty contestants. It is to be noted that there was not a candidate for the board of control out.

The speeches for the most part were short. The meeting might perhaps be termed a public testimonial gathering. It is safe to say that the majority of those seeking re-election confined themselves to telling "what I did." Controller Shaw was no exception, although he attempted to deride the previous speakers for doing so in his opening remarks. He said that he would rather tell "what he did not do."

School Board Candidates.

Edwin Smith started for the board of education. He promised a thorough business management of the affairs of the board.

F. G. Waide, an ex-school teacher, and a graduate of the schools of London, said that he did not think well of the high expenditure on the schools of the city in wartimes. He declared the Ontario Department of Education to be too narrow. It was for the classes rather than the masses. It was the masses that were to be taught in the schools.

E. H. Russell objected to acclamations for the school board as was the case last year. It was too important a body. He also considered that professional men had pre-empted the seats on the board, and believed the electors should have a chance of naming others.

Chester Scoyne said that he had been asked to stand by the Independent Labor party. There were many things amiss on the board, and the labor men thought they should have representation.

The speaker said that at present there should be economy in school supplies. He suggested that the books be purchased by the city and left in the different grades from year to year. It would save the poor men of the city a great deal of money. Public swimming baths were also suggested by the candidate. They would save many lives that the river otherwise claimed. The policy of the labor men, he said, was that all teachers, male and female, should have equal pay.

C. H. Thorne and Herbert Collier, two other labor candidates, declared for the same policies as Mr. Scoyne. Mr. Thorne also called for day labor instead of contracts in building schools.

John S. Barnard was the only member of last year's board to appear. He paid a high tribute to the late Dr. Teasdail, whom he had succeeded in office. He believed that his 18 months' apprenticeship had fitted him to serve the electors well during the next two years.

Thos. Coleridge had no promises to make. He would use his best judgment.

Aldermanic Candidates.

Ald. M. J. Donohue said that he did all possible last year to economize. He was strongly in favor of day labor, declaring that $16,000 or $17,000 had this year been saved by this method on paving. During the coming year he expected an even greater saving. He promised to do as well next year.

Ald. O. G. Keene spoke in regard to the discussions about the city audits. Some $5,800 or $6,000 had been spent on the audit the year previous. One member of the council suggested that the work be done for $4,500. Another suggested that they spend $5,500. He would give away $1,000. It was an eye-opener to him, he said.

A Voice—"What was his name?"

Ald. Keene said he could not give it. The man was not present. He declared that he had the interests of the city at heart. He had shown it in his work during the year. He had done as well as any alderman the ward ever had.

Ald. Frank Harley said that he felt that he and Ald. Keene were more valuable to the city than they were a year ago. He was one of those instrumental in getting the Richmond street pavement put through.

"You ought to see what went into it," said a voice.

Mr. Harley touched on the bylaws to be voted on. He declared the board of control to be nothing more than a committee of the council. He spoke in favor of the commission form of government, and declared in favor of the council having a greater control of the money which it was called upon to raise. At present it controlled but 26 per cent of the expenditure.

Ex-Ald. Wilson said that more men asked him to run for alderman this year than ever before in his life. He claimed to be the originator of the municipal paving plant idea, and also said that it was Wilson who had got Richmond street paved. Mr. Wilson outlined several things that had been done, and claimed by other aldermen, for which he was responsible. Among many of the things he was proud of having secured was the breakwater. He opposed the board of control, declaring it a "useless commodity." He also wanted level crossings abolished and subways built. He favored the abolishment of tax exemptions. He would tax Government buildings and churches, and grant no exemptions.

Utilities Candidates.

Chairman Philip Pocock of the utilities board declared that he had no apology to make for the water or electrical departments. He said that the rates of each had been reduced, the hydro by about 100 per cent, and yet the surplus was the highest in history. The customers had increased over 1,000 for the year. The policy of doing all work by day labor was almost completely adhered to by the commission. During his eight years in office, he said, about one million dollars had been expended, and he believed that the citizens had got good value for the money expended. As an instance of the economy practiced he cited the plans of the hydro building, which cost $1,500. If the commission had employed an architect for the supervision of these plans it would have had to pay the usual 5 per cent.

As to the water problem he believed that the purchase of the Foster wells at a cost of $35,000 up to the present time, was one of the best deals the city had ever put through. It was a splendid supply of water at a minimum cost. The price quoted, he said, included the delivery of the water to the Horton street station. At the present time there is 4,500,000 gallons of water at Springbank, 2,000,000 gallons at Horton street, and about 3,000,000 or 3,500,000 gallons at Foster's.

Foster Water Is Best.

J. M. McEvoy—You are getting the same water as from the McGregor wells.

Mr. Pocock declared that the water at Foster's is better. The latter wells were deeper.

Mr. Cottam asked the property cost.

Mr. Pocock—Foster's $2,500, as compared with $30,000 for the McGregor wells.

Mr. McEvoy—There are also eight wells drilled at McGregor's.

Mr. Pocock said that the wells being used at Foster's pumped three-quarters of a million gallons in a day.

Mr. McEvoy—The McGregor wells did many times that much.

Mr. Pocock—We never could do it.

Mr. McEvoy—I don't think you tried very hard. If I thought you did I would not be here.

Mr. Pocock spoke of his support of public ownership. He said that the new hydro building was being erected out of surplus funds only, and this in face of the fact that the city's domestic electric rate was lower than Hamilton or Toronto, though the city paid a higher price for its power than either.

Referring back to his advocacy of day labor, Mr. Pocock spoke of the proposal to let a contract for the plumbing in the new utilities building at $5,000. He objected, and blocked the plan by leaving the chair. Now the work is to be done by day labor for $3,000.

Ald. Manness wanted to know if a part of the big surplus should not go to the council to reduce the tax rate. Mr. Pocock said no. He believed that water and hydro should be kept separate.

Mr. McEvoy asked several more questions about the wells until one of the audience asked if there was any bottom to this well.

Favors Public Ownership.

F. W. Daly declared himself to be a public ownership man. For 20 years he had been an old and steadfast friend of such a policy. He had been one of the first to advocate the public ownership of the hydro system when he ran as a prohibition candidate for the Legislature some years ago. He declared himself to be in favor of a minimum expenditure during the war.

Mayor Stevenson explained that he had not intended to run for mayor this year, but he had been urged to do so. There were many things he had brought to a head, and should be carried out in the interest of the workers. He had waited and others had not come forward, and so he decided to stand.

Experience is what counts in business, he declared. He wanted to be returned to power to get control of every spending body. He would save thousands of dollars. He would put the man in jail who overexpended. He objected to the critics standing back and kicking. If they had any ideas why not come out and work with them?

The mayor declared that he had done his best to reduce the cost of living. He spoke of the municipal fish market and the changes that had been brought about in the market. A voice: "While others talked about it."

The mayor said the taxes were high and were going higher. There was only one way to reduce and that was to keep expenditures down by giving him control of all moneys.

The garbage department, he declared, was better run than it ever was, because it was in charge of a capable head. He wanted all departments in the same position.

Interests After Him.

The mayor declared that the interests were after him, and that was a good sign for the workers to vote for him. He had turned deficits into surpluses and for this reason he considered that the city should be run like a business, and a capable head continued in office. Three times, he declared, he had been called upon during the year to cast the deciding vote, and each time he had saved the city money. He branded the board of control as a useless body.

After his preliminary remarks Controller Shaw expressed regret that Mr. Somerville was not present. He considered it his duty to attend the meeting if he was seeking the vote of the people. "I do not take Mayor Stevenson seriously," he declared, "but there are some things that I would like to have Mr. Somerville hear. He was also sorry that Mr. Pocock went. He wanted him to hear also. He said that the campaign as far as he was concerned was to be clean. If it was not he would rather stay at home. Returning to Mr. Somerville he said that he would not be in the race were it not for the clique that is behind him. He then enumerated reasons why he believed that Controller Little, and Lieut.-Col. Gartshore did not want him as mayor.

A voice: "How about Adam Beck?"

Controller Shaw: "Sometimes a politician has to do things he would rather not do. Is that enough?"

Dr. Shaw added that he would rather not say anything against Mr. Beck, and then proceeded to analyze the board of health records during the time that Mr. Somerville was chairman. The statistics he read from the year book, he believed, showed that Mr. Somerville had not been a success. Sickness had increased and so had the expenditure.

Controller Set Right.

The controller declared that Mr. Somerville was in another business also like himself. He said that he had made a success of his manufacturing business. Could Mr. Somerville tell what had become of the Miller, Limited, brass works, of which he was the president?

Ben Noble corrected the controller. He said that he was wrong. He said that he had been a director of the company and lost $7,000 in it, and he ought to know. He said that it was Mr. Somerville's brother, now overseas, who was interested in the brass company.

Controller Shaw—He was at the creditors' meeting.

Mr Noble—Yes, he represented his brother, who is overseas.

Mr. Shaw charged Mayor Stevenson with having the audacity to stand up and claim credit for the change in the system of the market, when he had brought this about. He said the same about the gas and the Chipman & Power contractors.

Someone remarked that the Chipman & Power agreement was signed during Mayor Graham's time. This was the sign for a slight display of annoyance on the part of the controller.

"Yes, Mayor Graham was the man who wanted a fourth term, and Mayor Stevenson said no. He is now overseas, and he has a wife and family, while our present mayor who has no ties is home and wears the uniform. He acts as head of the Flying Corps recruiters. Why has he not the soldier's clothes on?"

"Why haven't you," asked a voice.

The controller said that he offered his services in January, 1915, and he was still willing to go.

A few more remarks on the part of the speaker led up to the great pyrotechnic display as described above, and shortly afterwards the meeting closed.

In West London.

The municipal meeting announced to have been held last night at the Empress avenue school was cancelled. The school building was not lighted or heated for the occasion, the janitor claiming at 8:30 o'clock that he had been given no instructions to have the building ready for a meeting.

A number of persons who had turned out to hear the candidates waited until nearly 9 o'clock, and then left. This is the second time this month that a municipal meeting has been cancelled at the Empress avenue school.

WHO'S WHO IN LONDON'S MUNICIPAL CONTEST OF 1918

This is the second of a series of brief biographical sketches of the candidates who are appealing to the electorate of London to place them in public office at the municipal elections of January 1. The others will follow.

Utilities Commission.

FREDERICK W. DALY, merchant, born at Napanee, educated in Napanee and Victoria University. Entered business in London in 1890 with the firm of E. Daly & Co., and still is active head of the business. He contested a seat in the Legislature on the temperance ticket. Was elected to the city council in 1915.

PHILIP JAMES POCOCK, merchant, born in this city and educated at the public and high schools here. Has been in shoe business since 1872, and was made president of the London Shoe Company, Incorporated, in 1890. Water commissioner 1910-13, utilities commissioner 1913-14-15-16-17, trustee and for several years chairman of the separate school board; governor of the Western University; chairman of the public utilities commission.

JARED VINING, barrister, born in Missouri, and educated in London, Toronto University and Osgoode Hall. Has practiced his profession in London for some years. Though this is the first time he has run for public office he has taken an active part for years in municipal affairs and welfare movements. A past president of the Men's Canadian Club. Prominent in Masonic circles.

Aldermen—Ward One.

JOHN JAMES HARDING, grocer, born in the city, but farmed for a number of years in Westminster Township, returning to South London to go into the grocery business. Has always taken a keen interest in municipal and public affairs, though this is the first time he has appeared as a candidate in a civic election.

LAURENCE SEALE HOLMES, physician, born in London, educated at the public schools and collegiate institute, and a graduate of the Western Medical College. Took post-graduate courses in New York and Chicago, and has practiced his profession for several year in London. Is associated with several fraternal societies, Masons, I. O. O. F., I. O. F., and Woodmen of the World. The first time he has appeared as a candidate for municipal honors.

EDWIN RHODES SEABROOK, shipper, born in Delaware Township, and removed with his parents to Lobo Township when 12 years of age. From early manhood took an active interest in municipal affairs and gained practical experience as a township councillor of Lobo for a couple of years. Gave up farming to go into lumber business in New Ontario, near Charlton, where he remained a year or so, taking an active part there in public affairs. Returning to the vicinity of London, took up his residence at Springbank, engaging in business in the city. Has been quite an extensive property holder for the past dozen years, and consequently has had reason to be interested in the subject of taxation. Removed to the city at a comparatively recent date. Is at the present time employed as a shipper.

THOMAS STEPHENSON, tinsmith, appears for the first time as a candidate for civic office though he has lived in London and been well known here for seventeen or eighteen years. Born in London Township, he was engaged with his father in a tinsmithing business in Ailsa Craig for several years before coming to London to start up a similar business for himself.

PETER JAMIESON WATT, gentleman, born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. Though he has lived in London for more than 45 years this is the first time he has been prevailed upon to stand for a public office. Probably no citizen is more widely known. Has taken an active part in public affairs. Known to many friends as the "Commodore," owing to the keen interest he takes in his favorite sport, yachting. Took a deep interest in the naval recruiting campaign in Canada. Prominent in Masonic circles and in the Sons of Scotland.

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Mayor Cornish, Back in 60's, Only Man to Get Honor Dr. Stevenson Is After.

London this year has its first real three-cornered mayoralty fight since 1912, when C. M. R. Graham first secured office in a triple contest with R. C. Eckert and Dr. W. J. Stevenson. There were three candidates in 1915, the year that Dr. H. A. Stevenson defeated C. M. R. Graham, B. G. H. Wright was the third man, but he hardly figured in the battle.

This year another Stevenson, Dr. H. A., Controller Shaw and C. R. Somerville are battling for the honors.

The 1918 contest has an added feature. Mayor Stevenson is after the honor held by Frank E. Cornish since 1864, as the only mayor of the city to hold office for four terms. Seven have been returned for three years, and Mayor Stevenson is one of them. Eleven have held office for two years. In all the city has had 36 mayors from 1855 to 1917, a period of 62 years.

London's first three mayors held office for but one year each. The fourth, David Glass, who was first returned in 1858, reappeared in .65, and again in '66. In the meantime Mr. Cornish stepped into the ring, first in 1861, and for four consecutive years acted as chief magistrate.

Others to hold office for three years were: John Campbell, 1872, and then 1880-81. George Taylor was elected in 1889-90-91. John W. Little, the father of the present controller, was the next to so serve his city. He was returned in 1895-96-97, and Adam Beck in 1902-03-04. Then came C. M. R. Graham for 1912-13-14. He tried for a fourth term but evidently the ratepayers did not take kindly to the Cornish precedent. Mayor Stevenson defeated him. In 1916 Mayor Stevenson was opposed by Col. Gartshore, and was defeated, but on the recount was elected on the deciding vote of Returning Officer Baker. Last year Mayor Stevenson defeated W. W. Gammage.

Mayor Stevenson has not been defeated in a contest since he first run for office in 1911, and in which year he polled one of the largest votes ever cast for a municipal candidate in the city. In that year he ran for the office of water commissioner, and was returned by 4,548 votes out of 6,800 cast.

In 1914, Mr. Graham faced J. G. Richter, and defeated him for the mayoralty by 4,061 to 3,312. The vote on this occasion, 7,375, was one of the heaviest in the history of the city.

Nineteen hundred and fifteen saw the record established. Mr. Graham, who was elected in a three-cornered fight, went down to defeat in one. The vote was 8,600, and Mayor Stevenson drew 4,400 of them, Mr. Graham 3,700, and Mr. Wright 440.

The 1916 contest brought out 7,760 votes, with Gartshore leading on the first count.

The contest this year between Mr. Gammage and the present incumbent, interested 7,141 voters, of which total Mayor Stevenson drew his biggest poll of 5,618, which gave him a majority of 4,095. The mayor's two opponents have this majority to pull down this year.

Besides the election contest this year there are several bylaws to be voted upon. The principal of these is one to abolish all tax exemptions in the city.

Other than these there are no outstanding features in the contest, and chief interest will centre upon the question as to which will be the best man of the three to handle the helm as mayor during the coming year.

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YOUNG BLOOD

enough to discredit severely the theory of sea power for which Admiral Jellicoe has been understood to stand. But if the admiralty is to regain complete confidence, which it has lost partially, more is necessary than the change announced today."

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

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

The Times' Complaint.

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

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

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

Of his successor the public knows comparatively little owing to the fact that he never held a conspicuous command afloat, and had no administrative experience in the admiralty until appointed second sea lord last summer. In the navy, however, Admiral Wemyss has a well-established reputation. He also had a large and varied experience in the war, and his services under Admiral De Roebeck at Gallipoli received the unqualified praise of naval and military authorities.

CLUBB—THOMPSON.

WILTON GROVE, Dec. 26.—On Wednesday at high noon a quiet wedding took place at the manse, Westminster, William Henry Clubb of Shedden and Miss Agnes Thompson, daughter of William Thompson, Pond Mills, were the contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. Clubb will make their home in Shedden.

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Marvelous Work at Front Re viewed by Distinguished London Soldier Who Tells Ca nadian Club City Should Be Proud of Its Bo ys "Over There."

How a company of Canadians, after losing all its officers and non-coms. except one lance-corporal "carried on" and attained its objective was told by Major Hugh Niven, D. S. O., M. C., to the Canadian Club at its noon luncheon in the Tecumseh House today. Major Niven, who was the guest of honor, used the story to demonstrate the fact that army training did nothing to kill a man's initiative.

The company referred to formed part of the Princess Pats. The regiment had been given orders to advance 400 yards on a 1,200-yard front, commencing at daybreak. Before the company had advanced 200 yards, every officer had been killed, and by the time another 100 yards had been gained every non-com. but one had been killed or wounded. The young lance-corporal left in charge led the remainder of the company forward to the objective, took two "pill-boxes," consolidated the position, reported to Major Niven, and 24 hours later led the company back to billets.

Know as Much as Brigadier.

"Every man who goes over the top today knows as much as the brigadier in charge of his brigade," said Major Niven. At Paschendaale, the last "show" in which he had taken part, the staff had a map of the front as big as the Tecumseh dining-room. On it every stream was shown, every shell hole and "pill-box," and every strand of wire. It was corrected daily from photographs made by the airmen. By means of this map every man knew to the inch how much ground he had to cover when he went over the top.

The battleground at Paschendaale before the engagement, he said, was an area ten miles square composed of meadows and grassy mounds. After the artillery concentration of both sides on it he offered $100 to any man who could find a blade of grass within the ten-mile area.

Does the Impossible.

"You would say that it was absolutely impossible to advance any distance over such ground, much less 1,500 yards," he said. "But give the British soldier the impossible and he does it."

The division at Paschendaale had an average of three big guns to the yard behind it. The barrage which these effected moved 100 yards every four minutes, and the soldiers followed it at a distance of only a few yards.

The Germans rarely showed fight when the British troops were close to them, the major stated. They would shoot while their ammunition lasted, but when a Canadian was within fifteen yards of him he would throw up his hands and cry "Kamerad."

Wouldn't Carry Private.

"I didn't think those men deserved mercy," said the major, "but I did manage to save two officers—I thought we might get some information from them. We sent them back of the lines, but they refused to say anything, and it was decided to send them back further. To make them useful, they were made to carry a stretcher. At the first stop they noticed that the man they carried was a private and refused to go any further. There were a couple of British soldiers on the other end of the stretcher, and when I reached that spot the next morning, after all my trouble, I had to report those German officers casualties.

The gas being used by the Germans now was practically invisible. It smelled faintly of mustard, and could be distinguished by the small puff of smoke from the shell when it broke. The Canadian helmets were absolutely proof against it, and although it made the men uncomfortable it did not harm them. Liquid fire was an exploded idea, and really caused little damage. It was used now chiefly as a screen to hide enemy operations.

City Should Be Proud.

Referring to London men at the front, Major Niven said that they were all proud of their home town.

"London should be proud of many of them, for they have done their little bit over there to the best of their ability.

Nine-tenths of the mail sent to the Canadians was delivered, stated Major Niven in opening his address. The postal system was marvellous. If the gifts were not acknowledged it was because the men were too busy "had a fight on hand or something," and not because the parcels had not been delivered. British and colonial troops were envious of the large amount of mail received by the Canadian forces. A Canadian regiment received as much as an English brigade.

Lieut.-Col. A. A. Campbell presided at he luncheon, which was one of the most largely attended in the club's history.

FINALLY ADMITS TRUE NAME AFTER SHOULDERING BLAME

Self-Confessed Burglar Commits Perjury First.

DEFENDS ARRESTED PAL

Says Latter Had Nothing To Do With Eight Charges Preferred Against Pair.

Pleading guilty to eight charges of burglary, and then committing perjury when he swore his name was Joseph Stanton of Montreal, George Marello, Ingersoll, was remanded today by Magistrate Graydon for sentence on Saturday.

Marello has served two terms in the Ontario Reformatory, one of twelve months and another of two years, for crimes committed in other parts of the province.

Marello was arranged under the name of Joseph Stanton, and was called into the witness box by J. M. McEvoy, counsel for William Wollfitz, who pleaded not guilty to housebreaking in company with Marello.

After Wollfitz pleaded not guilty his counsel asked that the examination be proceeded with, as Wollfitz, if committed for trial, would elect to be tried before a judge of a higher court.

After a number of witnesses had been heard in the three charges laid against Wollfitz, the latter's counsel called Marello.

Under oath he stated that he had committed all the eight burglaries alone, and Wollfitz had nothing whatever to do with the crimes. After securing this evidence Crown Attorney McKillop took the confessed burglar in hand.

Crown Attorney—"Is your correct name Joseph Stanton, and were you born in Montana?"

Witness—"Yes, sir."

Mr. McKillop here produced a photograph of the prisoner, and asked him if it was this or not, to which the prisoner replied in the affirmative.

"Then you are George Marello, and your father conducts a fruit store in Ingersoll, and you have served two prison terms," said the crown attorney.

"Yes, my name is George Marello and Joseph Stanton and my father lives in Ingersoll," said the witness after a severe gruelling by the crown attorney, in which Marello said his name three times before admitting the truth.

The examinations for evidence in the case of Wollfitz were heard in three charges.

Roy Barrell and wife, 437 Oxford street; Alfred B. Ferrer, 317 King street, and Mrs. Mary Smithson 619 Waterloo street, all gave evidence to the effect that their homes had been burglarized the last week in November, and identified jewelry produced in court as their property.

Mrs. Anna Kaufmann, Waterloo and Hill streets, testified she had purchased two rings and one brooch from Wollfitz, the latter claiming a friend of his was broke and that the jewelry had been left to his friend by the latter's mother on her death.

Wollfitz will be tried before one of the county judges in the near future.

CITY BREVITIES

ASSIGNMENT ANNOUNCED.—The assignment of C. H. Bangs & Co., manufacturers of slot machines, to the London and Western Trusts Company, has been announced.

TO ERECT TOWERS.—The McClary Manufacturing Company has taken out a building permit for the erection of two large steel water tanks near their plant on Adelaide street. The cost is estimated at $1,000.

GOOD FURNITURE DEMAND.—The first day of the auction sale of the furniture of the Metropole Hotel attracted good crowds from the moment the sale opened this morning. More than half of the hotel furniture was disposed of during the morning.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS—A cablegram of greeting from Lieut. Chester Mathewson was received by his mother, Mrs. Mathewson, 486 Princess avenue, on Christmas day. Lieut. Mathewson is with the 53rd Battery, 13th Brigade, "Somewhere in France."

$283,401 INCREASE.—Bank clearings for the week show a substantial increase over the clearings of the corresponding period of last year. This week's returns amounted to $2,149,568, while the clearings of the same week of December, 1916, were $1,866,167, making an increase of $283,401 for this week.

CHARITY TEA.—Many objects of rare artistic value have been promised for the art loan exhibition in connection with the charity tea for the benefit of the starving children in France to be given by Mrs. Mathewson, 486 Princess avenue, at her home on the afternoon of January 4, from 2 o'clock to 8 o'clock. A sale of home-made cooking will be a feature. All pictures, etc., promised for the loan must be at the home of Mrs. Mathewson on Wednesday, January 2, in order to be put in place in the exhibit

35 CARS DESTROYED BY FIRE AT SAGINAW

Saginaw, Mich., Dec. 27.—Fire of unknown origin today destroyed 35 cars of the Saginaw-Bay City Railway Company and a large section of the car barns. For several hours street car traffic was paralyzed. The loss it estimated at $200,000.

STAFF READY FOR TAKING VOTES AT CIVIC ELECTIONS

City Clerk Announces Deputies' Names.

VOTING PLACES SPECIFIED

Details Given Out of Where Voters Will Cast Ballots and Men in Charge.

City Clerk S. Baker is busy preparing for the municipal elections on Monday. He has resurrected some old ballot boxes and also secured a number of new ones. His staff of returning officers and poll clerks is ready for the task.

The polling booths, with the deputies in charge and clerks, are as follows:

SIMCOE STREET SCHOOL.
Subdivision 1—J. O. Richards, deputy returning officer; T. H. Janes, poll clerk.
Subdivision 2—J. M. Parsons, W. Legg.
Subdivision 3—C. W. Heaman, G. D. Dutton.
Subdivision 4—C. Hollins, J. W. Thomas.
Subdivision 5—O. Dale, F. Wegg.
Subdivision 6—W. T. Lawrence, S. Wilson.

TECUMSEH SCHOOL.
Subdivision 7—E. Clegg, F. H. McLaren.
Subdivision 8—Gordon England, S. Wilson.
Subdivision 9—A. W. Hayman, F. H. Spier.
Subdivision 10—R. N. Wright, J. W. Soutare.
Subdivision 11—C. Taylor, D. J. Watson.

ST. MARTIN'S SCHOOL.
Subdivision 12—J. Tennant, T. R. McLeod.
Subdivision 13—C. J. Phillip, J. V. Munroe.

ASKIN STREET SCHOOL.
Subdivision 14—A. M. Hunt, H. Mann.
Subdivision 15—N. B. Graham, A. W. Woodward.
Subdivision 16—Gordon S. Chantler, T. Clift.

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL.
Subdivision 17—Fred V. Langford, T. Thomas.
Subdivision 18—J. Vivian, W. E. Dyer.

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL.
Subdivision 19—F. J. Blackwell, T. H. Ellis.
Subdivision 20—W. J. Bugler, L. Howard.
Subdivision 21—D. Jacobs, R. Gorwell.

TALBOT STREET SCHOOL.
Subdivision 22—J. G. Quick, W. Clark.
Subdivision 23—V. Jackson, W. J. Hodder.
Subdivision 24—W. Corcoran, J. W. Brown.
Subdivision 25—G. McGuffin, R. H. Braund.

RYERSON SCHOOL.
Subdivision 26—C. D. Manness, A. McQueen.
Subdivision 27—R. P. Pearce, E. F. Housen.

EMPRESS AVENUE SCHOOL.
Subdivision 28—A. H. Jeffries; A. H. Langford.
Subdivision 29—W. Wilson, R. Quick.
Subdivision 30—W. J. Cook, Gerald Braund.

RIVERVIEW SCHOOL.
Subdivision 31—R. W. Garrett, J. F. Chapman.
Subdivision 32—D. Dawson, J. C. Fitzgerald.

ALEXANDRA SCHOOL.
Subdivision 33—John Tanton, R. N. Elair.
Subdivision 34—W. C. Fitzgerald, A. Philip.

RECTORY STREET SCHOOL.
Subdivision 35—L. Keenleyside, C. Jacques.
Subdivision 36—J. H. Hambly, S. Merrett.
Subdivision 37—J. A. Calhoun, W. J. Nutkins.
Subdivision 38—C. Barrett, W. N. Noble.

POTTERSBURG SCHOOL.
Subdivision 39—W. H. Brimblecomb, W. C. Keen.
Subdivision 40—J. L. White, J. A. Fleming.

ALEXANDRA SCHOOL.
Subdivision 41—E. A. Brady, H. E. Westland.

ABERDEEN SCHOOL.
Subdivision 42—W. L. Jolliffe, W. D. Yeo.
Subdivision 43—R. H. Westby, J. W. Cahill.

CHESLEY AVENUE SCHOOL.
Subdivision 44—W. R. Adams, George Bonney.

ALEXANDRA SCHOOL.
Subdivision 45—W. Ball, W. J. Lewis.

ST. JOHN'S SEPARATE SCHOOL.
Subdivision 46—W. O. Spry, J. C. Greason.

ST. JOHN'S SCHOOLHOUSE.
Subdivision 47—F. W. Parker, M. Platt.

ABERDEEN SCHOOL.
Subdivision 48—John Poure, Mr. Lear.
Subdivision 49—R. H. Pring, R. C. Mann.

CHESLEY AVENUE SCHOOL.
Subdivision 50—M. H. Rowland, E. Walker.
Subdivision 51—W. A. Mowat, W. J. Gray.
Subdivision 52—A. Tutt, F. C. Ball.

CHELSEA GREEN PUBLIC SCHOOL.
Subdivision 53—P. C. Hooper R. A. Johnston.

CHESLEY AVENUE SCHOOL.
Subdivision 54—A. C. Thompson, J. W. Lawton.

EALING SCHOOL.
Subdivision 55—O. Carrothers, C. Tutt.

CITY HALL.
Subdivision 56—John Anderson, J. H. Harley.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL.
Subdivision 57—J. E. Sutton, O. J. Shore.
Subdivision 58.—R. A. Emery, A. S. Cox.

LORNE AVENUE.
Subdivision 59.—G. R. Keenleyside, E. Wegg.
Subdivision 60.—G. E. Martin, R. L. Annett.
Subdivision 61.—A. Wanless, J. L. Wilson.

BOYLE MEMORIAL SCHOOL.
Subdivision 62.—W. M. Allaster, W. G. Francis.
Subdivision 63.—F. England, G. Woonton.

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL.
Subdivision 64.—F. K. Anstle, G. T. Skepper.

LORD ROBERTS SCHOOL.
Subdivision 65.—A. C. McMullen, T. D. Buchner.
Subdivision 66.—E. A. Bock, S. B. Johnston.

LORNE AVENUE SCHOOL.
Subdivision 67.—R. Cadwallader, C. Bayliss.
Subdivision 68.—C. Hayes, P. Kool.

LORD ROBERTS SCHOOL.
Subdivision 69.—J. C. Ross, A. Wyatt.

ST. GEORGE'S SCHOOL.
Subdivision 70.—A. Woonton, E. Cox.
Subdivision 71.—F. Marsden, J. W. Sarchet.
Subdivision 72.—Fred Smith, J. A. McNaughton.
Subdivision 73.—R. C. Crawford, R. Henderson.
Subdivision 74.—W. G. Pepper, W. Lancaster.

RYERSON SCHOOL.
Subdivision 75.—H. E. Spettigue, W. J. Wilson.
Subdivision 76.—H. Hawthorne, B McDonald.

BOYLE MEMORIAL.
Subdivision 77.—Geo. H. Balch, Jos. Hill.

CITY ONCE MORE FACING FAMINE; SUPPLY SCANTY

Fuel Situation Again Acute as Result of New Cold Spell.

With less than 60 hours of real cold weather since the mild spell of last week, this city is again facing a coal famine because of the nearly exhausted stocks of the dealers. Up until Christmas Day the situation had assumed a brighter aspect and with the arrival of several carloads of coal daily actual hardship was averted during the mild spell.

With the return of much lower temperatures, citizens have doubled their consumption of fuel, and although an average of four carloads of coal is arriving daily, this does not begin to supply the demands.

The Grand Trunk has sent a number of locomotives to Port Erie prepared to move the coal trains to their destination as soon as brought over the Suspension Bridge. The trouble continues to be a shortage of coal at the mines, and not the lack of transportation facilities which existed last winter.

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50c Canadian Hair Dye	50c Fruit-a-tives	50c Milburn Heart and Nerve Pills	25c Miller's Worm Powders	35c Castoria	25c Carter's Pills	25c Hamilton's Pills	25c Putnam's Corn Cure	25c Thomas' Eclectric Oil	$1.00 Nuxated Iron
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While it lasts
Not more than 2 boxes to one customer.

STOCK-TAKING SALE
3 gross
Pebeco Tooth Paste
Large size tube, made in England
Regular 50c
Friday and Saturday 33c
Limit 2 to one customer.

STOCK-TAKING SALE
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Imported from England
Regular 25c 19c
Regular 50c 39c
Friday and Saturday

London and St. Thomas Agents for VOGUE ROYALE TOILET ARTICLES.

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30 Cases
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We would advise our customers to take advantage of this bargain, as higher prices are predicted in the immediate future.

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Palm Olive Toilet Articles
15c Soap .....3 for 25c
50c Face Powder 39c
25c Talcum 19c
50c Creams 39c
50c Shampoo 39c
Friday and Saturday only.

STOCK-TAKING SALE
1 Gross
Stanol
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STOCK-TAKING SALE
3 Gross
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Regular $1.00
Friday and Saturday 59c
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STOCK-TAKING SALE
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Assorted odors. This is an exquisite talcum in dainty tins. We would advise buying now.
Regular 25c.
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Regular 25c 16c
Regular 50c 32c
Regular $1.00 .....64c
Friday and Saturday only.

STOCK-TAKING SALE
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Regular 10c value, 3 for 25c.
While they last
5 for 25c
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The great System Builder.
One month's treatment.
Regular $1.50.
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Cocoanut Oil Shampoo
Regular 50c.
While it lasts 24c each

STOCK-TAKING SALE
Rubber Goods
Friday and Saturday
75c Rubber Gloves 49c
75c Combination Fittings 49c
$2.25 Fountain Syringe $1.49
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CIGARMAKERS' UNION ELECTS ITS OFFICERS

William Brennen Again Heads Local Organization for Next Year.

William Brennen has been elected president of the Cigarmakers' International Union, Local 278. Other officers elected were: Vice-President, Charles Scoyne; secretary-treasurer, Harry Wheatcroft; recording secretary, Ernest McComick; sergeant-at-arms, Joseph Pask; finance committee, Thos. O'Dea, C. Scoyne, and J. P. Hevey; trustees, Robert Pevler, George Byron and J. Sweeney; trades and labor council delegates, A. Borland, C. Scoyne and W. Brennen; executive board, C. Scoyne, E. McCormick, Joseph Pask, J. McGuire, Percy Stone, J. Sweeney, H. Wheatcroft and O. Ellwood; blue label committee's trial board, C. Scoyne, H. Wheatcroft, Joseph Pask, William Godwin, James Heavey, Ed. Singer and William Pettit; organization committee, I. DeSonga, Arthur Borland, George Byron, H. Wheatcroft and C. Scoyne.

This local has donated $82 to the Halifax relief fund.

TO INSTALL OFFICERS

Masonic Blue Lodges Holding Annual Joint Meeting Tonight.

The annual joint installation of the masters and officers-elect of the eight Masonic lodges in the city will take place at the Masonic Hall this evening. Rt. Wor. Bro. Dr. C. H. Ziegler, P. D. D. G. M., and V. Wor. Bro. O. Bridle are installing officers, and will be assisted by a number of members of the lodges in the city.

The masters-elect to be installed are: St. John's, 20, E. Gerry; St. George's, 42, Charles T. Ross; Kilwinning, 64, N. P. Walsh; Tuscan, 195, B. N. Campbell; St. John's, 209, F. S. Campbell; Corinthian, 320, W. Busch; King Solomon, 378, J. W. Holliday; Union, 380, W. D. Macgregor.

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FUEL LIES WASTING.

THANKS to mild weather and lack of snowstorms recently, the fuel problem is not quite so acute now as earlier in the season, but there is no reserve accumulating in case of trouble during the coming months, and this year's experience shows that it is unsafe to rest content with getting through the winter somehow, and hoping for better things next year. Some additional sources of fuel supply should be tapped if any are available, and the sooner work is begun the better.

Wood is being retailed to consumers in surrounding districts at $18 and $20 a full cord, or $7 and $8 for 16-inch stove wood. Similar wood was obtainable at $2 to $3 a full cord a very few years ago. The tremendous increase is attributed to the scarcity and high cost of labor and to the diminishing woods.

There is wood, however, in abundance, which is lying rotting on the ground. Walk through the woods on any farm in Ontario, and it is impossible to ignore the fact that thousands of cords of wood lie useless on the ground, unmoved from year to year. The farmers find it takes too much time to bother with this fallen timber and leave it there, using only that which is most easily handled. Could there not be devised some way of getting this waste timber cheaply, and having it cut up into useful lengths? At this time of need and with thrift the watchword for the nation, this good wood ought not to be neglected and left to spoil.

ENTERTAINING AT "HOMES."

AMONG the Christmas entertainments given in the city, it would probably be safe to say that none give more genuine pleasure than those held at the homes for orphans and destitute children, and at the homes for old people. To the children, the time is one of pure delight, and to those whose childhood is long past it is a mixture of pleasure and some pain; pleasure that there is still thought for them and pain in remembering, as many do, other Christmases when they had their own homes and family gatherings.

For these Christmas truly comes just once a year. Those more fortunate have various feast days and celebrations to break life's monotony, but they who live in "homes" have little to look forward to from day to day, no matter how kind and thoughtful the authorities may be.

Could not more be done for the inmates of homes without any great expense? There are organizations now which give concerts and little treats and earn deep gratitude by their efforts, but there is room for more. Some of the older people were among those who helped to make Canada what she is today, but failed to amass a competence or, having saved, have lost their little fortunes. The nation owes them much, and it would be to the credit of the community if London's old people's latter days were made as happy as possible.

A FEARFUL SCOURGE.

THERE is a movement on foot among the medical men and those deeply interested in Canadian life and health to have venereal disease placed among those infectious diseases which must be reported to public health authorities and treated under their supervision until thoroughly cured. It has become recognized that this class of illness is not only one of the worst scourges of the country, but possibly the worst of all, more disastrous and widespread than tuberculosis. The movement to have it brought under control is gaining ground daily, and it is believed that if the facts are brought to the attention of the public there will be a popular demand for laws to deal with it and to protect the nation.

Those foremost in urging the reform recognize the necessity of some degree of secrecy, and strongly advocate that the names and addresses of patients under treatment be not registered or made known to anyone but the attending physician. Their aim is not to bring shame to those affected, but to insure that all precautions will be taken against them spreading infection, even unintentionally.

Interesting, but startling and shocking statistics and facts in connection with this class of diseases are given in a pamphlet issued by the Canadian Commission of Conservation, and everyone interested in public health (and who is not?) would be well advised to obtain a copy from Ottawa. The pamphlet is educative to a degree, and is calculated to show the vital necessity of immediately grappling with the enemy which is destroying the health and happiness of many thousands of persons yearly, even among the small population of this country.

Among the statistics presented are some from New York Department of Health. These show that in 1914 of the 6,000,000 people in New York, 25 per cent, or 1,500,000 had venereal disease of some kind. These figures are enough in themselves to prove the terrible nature of the plague, especially when it is noted that such diseases as locomotor ataxia, general paralysis of the insane, diseases of arteries, aneurisms and many extremely serious female afflictions follow in its wake.

It must not be imagined that New York is an outstanding example, for Toronto is little, if any, better. Of all cases entering the public wards of the General Hospital in Ontario's capital in a year, 12 per cent were infected with one kind of venereal disease alone, and how many suffer from other varieties is not recorded.

The people of Canada must be awakened to the fearful danger which confronts them, and must be educated to cope with it. Too long have the eyes been kept shut against such a menace. Realization of its dread possibilities will create a demand for its elimination, and the law will be invoked to help in the battle.

THE SUGAR SITUATION.

JUST what is the sugar situation on this continent is a question to which it is difficult to find a reliable answer. From time to time news dispatches referring to this commodity appear, one day warning all of the need of strict economy, another saying that there is no danger of a serious shortage. In the United States the question has assumed such importance that a Senate investigating committee has been appointed to inquire into the facts. This committee received a report from Food Controller Hoover, but refused to make it public or read it into the official records until Mr. Hoover had given evidence in person. Evidently there was some influence at work in this refusal of which President Wilson did not approve, so, on Mr. Hoover's request, he has given the report to the press. The food controller says that reports declaring there have been or will be ample supplies of sugar are false, and liable to do incalculable harm to the great cause. He declares:

"It is our stern duty to feed the Allies, to maintain their health and strength at any cost to ourselves. There has not been nor will there be, as we see it, enough sugar for even their present meagre and depressing ration unless they send ships to remote markets for it."

If this is the case, how does Canada stand? Are we, in this country, using for luxuries what ought to be conserved for the necessities of the Allies? If we are, why has there not been a stop put to it by the food controller, and what influences have been at work to stay his hand?

In this instance, Canada's position must be identical with that of the United States. If there is a shortage, and every pound that can be done without here is needed by the Allies, some limit should be placed on consumption. Enormous quantities are used in the manufacture of eatables which cannot, by any stretch of imagination, be called necessities. The eating of candies of all kinds goes on as freely and thoughtlessly now as in 1913. Is it not time to call a halt? Economy in sugar consumption ought not to be difficult to enforce.

CHARLES R. SOMERVILLE, LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON.

CHARLES R. SOMERVILLE has all his life given evidence of fitness for business, coupled with accuracy, rarely met with. In later years he has given evidence of his fitness for public life. He has taken an active interest in the Hygienic Institute, and is chairman of the board of health. He has done more than any other man to establish in this city the Western University, and is chairman of the board of governors.

He has had leisure to attend to the duties of these offices, and has given them the most conscientious attention. When the world war started his oldest son, now Capt. Kenneth Somerville, joined the colors, and has been in the trenches nearly three years, among the Canadian boys who have brought glory to the name of Canada. His other son regrets that he is not old enough to join his brother in the trenches.

C. R. Somerville at home has been one of the best workers, and largest contributors to the patriotic cause, while his son overseas in the trenches has done his bit, and obtained promotion by his bravery on the field of battle.

EDITORIAL NOTES

The Bolsheviki are busily engaged in digging their own grave when they allow the Germans to gain time as they are doing.

Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton has expressed his opinion of British censors in emphatic language, and in doing so has only said what many others have thought.

As Germany and Russia draw together in the peace movement, Sweden should begin to reconsider her attitude. That combination spells danger to her.

Montreal City Council is to consider whether fair play is given to English-speaking Canadians in Quebec province. If the discussion is frank and fair, much good may result.

British airmen have begun their reprisal raids on German towns. May Berlin rock to the explosion of their bombs, thus bringing home the horror of such warfare to the originators.

Christmas, with its Christmas trees, stockings and parties, proves one thing each year—that man is just an enlarged child, ready to enjoy childish things just as fully as do his children.

New York Evening Post: "There may be difficult times ahead, in which Sir Wilfrid's moderating influence would be of the highest importance. Even in defeat, the country is anxious to hear from him."

It is time some attention was given on this continent to the prevention of rear-end collisions on the railways. There are laws regarding the time which must elapse between trains running in the same direction on the same lines, but does anyone believe they are obeyed?

When one reads that anti-vivisectionists are protesting against the appropriation of $100,000 of Red Cross funds for the purpose of medical research work on the grounds that such may include experiments on live animals, one wonders which one of them would forbid an experiment on a rabbit, if the performing of it would save his own life.

FINE CHRISTMAS NUMBER.

Each year sees an improvement in the Christmas number of the Farmer's Advocate, and this year the publishers have reason to be proud of their achievement. The frontispiece, a picture of the wise men presenting gifts to the Infant Jesus, done in beautiful colors, is a fit introduction to the wealth of good material inside the covers. Articles on all branches of farming, on agriculture in the Old Land, and on other subjects, profusely illustrated, form the greater part of the contents with a few breezy stories to leaven the whole. Throughout is the real Christmas flavor, that tinge without which a Christmas number fails. The Farmr's Advocate will be welcome in every home.

The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

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THE GIRL AND THE TAMBOURINE

By Martha GaGiser.

It was the Saturday before Christmas. The winter's day was fast disappearing as Tom Danvers and John Harding stepped out of the club and joined the moving holiday crowd. For an hour they had watched it through the window as they smoked and talked, and Tom, while he had been much amused at John's cynical comment, had taken it all as a joke, for John was never pessimistic. Now, as they walked down the crowded thoroughfare conversation was difficult, and John was unusually silent. Recalling bits of phrases in their recent conversation, it suddenly occurred to Tom that there had been an unaccustomed tone, even a note of bitterness, underlying the smile and lightly-spoken words of his oldest and best friend, whom he felt he knew as he did himself. At the thought he looked sharply and piercingly at him, but the strong, resolute profile bore no trace of the cynicism of the last hour, much less evidence of its cause. It was just imagination, Tom concluded.

As they stood waiting for a cross-town car an observant and clever beggar approached. Tom answered the appeal with a coin.

"Not from me," said John, in a disapproving tone.

"Oh, well, it's Christmas time," said Tom.

"Yes, that's just it, and he knows it and makes capital of it. It is sympathetic or sentimental charity, and I don't approve of it."

"Upon my word, Tom, you are funny this afternoon. What is the matter with you? First you condemn women, then you denounce this happy holiday crowd as a 'passing show,' and now this poor beggar. It's well you are going to be with me for awhile; you need the home influence, and—by Jove! you need a wife! That is the antidote for you, old fellow," he concluded, emphasizing his conviction with a slap on the back.

"No, thank you," was the laughing reply as they stepped aboard the car.

It was well filled. Across from the friends sat two good-looking women, evidently mother and daughter. Next to the younger woman sat a sweet-faced Salvation Army girl, with her tambourine in her lap. Her plain dark blue dress was in marked contrast to the fashionable suit and beautiful furs of the ladies beside her. Suddenly the younger of the two turned and spoke to her. She smilingly responded and shook her head, but as the other continued to urge a wistful look came into the Army girl's face as she glanced about the car.

"No, no," they heard her say; "the conductor would not allow me. The rules are very strict," she added in explanation. For a moment or so there was silence, and over the faces of both showed disappointment.

Then suddenly the younger woman, with the color suffusing her lovely face, caught up the tambourine and, depositing a coin in it, started down the car, ignoring th eshocked and ex-the car, ignoring the shocked and expostulating "Nancy!" and the detaining hand of her astonished companion. Passing from passenger to passenger, she extended the tambourine, always with a little smile and "It's Christmas, you know," or some little word, until each one felt it a privilege to contribute something. As she turned by the door the conductor stepped forward with, "Please, Miss, I want to add something to that, too."

Flushing, she exclaimed, "Oh! thank you so much."

She passed on to her seat and returned to its owner the tambourine, that never before had received contributions so promptly and so bestowed.

John Harding's hand had gone at once into his pocket, and now he realized what the girl was doing, and now he was watching her with an almost awe-struck interest—her lovely, sympathetic face, as she talked earnestly to the little worker in blue, apparently unconscious that her sudden impulse had first astounded and then knit together in kindly sympathy an entire car of strangers.

"By Jove! that was a great thing to do," said Tom enthusiastically, when the tension of an absorbing interest had subsided a little.

"Yes, I never saw its equal," replied John. After a moment's hesitation he added: "I should like to know that girl. Do you suppose we could find out who she is?"

"We can try," his friend replied: "but why do you want to know?"

"Well, I do," JoJhn answered curtly. Tom glanced quizzically at him and smiled to himself. This was another phase of John he was just getting acquainted with. When the car reached the railway station where John and Tom were going to take a train for Tom's suburban home, the two women also left the car. They went straight to the ticket window. Tom took out his commutation book and passed it to John.

"You follow them and I will join you," he whispered, the spirit of mischief and adventure now possessing him. Having bought their tickets, the women turned from the window and hurried to the train. There in the same car Tom found them all.

"Well, if this isn't luck," he exclaimed, as soon as he was seated. And then, with the air of a boy bursting with news, he said, "They are going to D——."

"Yes, I know it," Harding replied. But as he vouched no information and did not seem inclined to talk, Tom took refuge in his paper and promptly forgot the whole affair, until he was abruptly called back by:

"Tom, I cannot tell you when a thing so impressed me as that did"—as if there could be but one "that."

"That?" he questioned, puzzled. Then, "Oh, I thought you did not believe in that kind of charity—sympathetic and sentimental, I think you called it," he teasingly reminded him, remembering the crisp bill John had dropped in the tambourine.

"Oh, that is altogether different," John answered, half defiantly.

"Yes, different because a pretty girl made this appeal, an old man the other," laughed Tom. "But, tell me, how do you adjust your acts to theories?"

"Oh, theories, the dickens! What are they ever compared to acts? And that act this afternoon was a spontaneous expression of the true Christmas spirit, from which springs the desire to help, to bring some joy to a lot of poor unfortunates, because 'it's Christmas, you know,'" he quoted softly. "It was the real thing, and everybody in the car felt it."

And having, as it were, justified his position and interest, he looked across at the unconscious subject of their remarks. Truly she was good to look at, though at present all he could see was the well-cut profile and the glorious copperfish-brown hair turning to dull gold where the western sun struck it, and eyes that with her mood, he knew, varied from hazel to brown. A veritable gem of a girl, he thought, as she began adjusting her furs. With an intuitive feeling of understanding her, he turned to Tom.

"Don't mention the affair to anyone, not even Mary, for it would not please her, I am sure," he added, as the train pulled up at D——.

The station was small and John had just finished greeting Mrs. Danvers, when Billy Grant's deep voice broke in: "Hello, Harding; glad to see you," as they shook hands.

Grant, an old friend of both Harding and Danvers, also lived in D——.

"Now, I want you to meet our friends, for its cold and I want to get home."

While Tom and John were bowing in acknowledgement to "Mrs. North and Miss North," their host chatted on about its being "too bad they couldn't have met at the other end of the line, as long as they happened to be on the same train."

Nancy North threw a quick glance at Harding, but otherwise no outward sign was given, as he walked with her to the car, that they had ever seen one another before or that the same thought was in the minds of both, but John was so strangely elated that Miss North's color deepened each time she looked up and met his smiling eyes.

"Now, don't you fellows keep our bridge waiting tonight," called Grant, as he gave the signal to start.

"I'll guarantee our arrival on time, Grant," answered John, well satisfied with the arrangement, whether it was chance or fate, for somewhere within him something was thrillingly alert, tantalizingly expectant, confidently hopeful, and the feeling of the afternoon that had expressed itself in cynicism and manifested itself in loneliness was gone.

At the wedding reception of John Harding and Nancy North, six months later, many of the guests were curious as to the presence in the gay assemblage of guests of a sweet-faced little woman in the dress of the Salvation Army, who was the recipient of much attention from the bride and groom, and was quite a centre of attraction as she related again and again the remarkable story of that December afternoon, after which all looked with greater interest and understood why in the array of handsome and costly wedding gifts an old and battered tambourine occupied the place of honor.

Bits of Byplay

by Luke McLuke

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"It is a wonder to me that we do not send missionaries to Greenland," said Mrs. Suff.

"What is the matter with Greenland, my dear?" meekly inquired Mr. Suff.

"Why, they tell me that in Greenland a man is considered as good as a woman," indignated Mrs. Suff.

Tuff!

Said Jack the Ripper to Old Nick:
"Why did I have to die, sir?
I am disgraced. I'll have to stick
In Hades with the Kaiser!"

Oh!

"See here, sir," said the indignant man, "didn't you tell me that if I used your patent holders I could send eggs anywhere in safety by parcel post?"

"I did," replied the dealer.

"Well, I sent six dozen the other day and every egg was smashed when the packages reached their destination."

"Perhaps you forgot one important precaution before you shipped the eggs," said the dealer.

"What important precaution?" demanded the indignant man.

"Perhaps you forgot to hard boil the eggs before mailing them," explained the dealer.

An Epitaph.

No more he'll taste the joys of life,
He's dead, the poor galoot;
He bought a pistol for his wife,
And taught her how to shoot.

The Wise Fool.

"All the world's a stage," quoted the Sage.

"Yes," agreed the Fool. "All it needs is an asbestos drop curtain."

Beat.

"All sugar's good," said Mr. Bane,
"It's all real sweet;
And yet I know that sugar cane
Cannot be beet."

Water You Talking About, George?

[Houston Post.]

Here is another great rheumatism cure on the market. We suppose it will eventually find a place in Luke McLuke's Museum of Rheumatic Remedies, but we doubt that Luke will ever permit our own personal remedy to get in so long as government by injunction retains its efficacy.

No Ladies Served.

You may not believe it, but Vul Gaherty is doing "kitchen police" work in the Regimental hospital of the 308th Engineers at Camp Sherman, Ohio.

Great Scheme.

Doc Lewstader claims that a school teacher in Hamilton, Ohio, received the following note from the mother of one of her pupils:

"Deer Teecher,—Johnny is too nervous to git licked. If he gits sassy on your hands just give the kid in front of him a good whaling and that will scare Johnny, and he will be good fur the rest of the day."

What?

What has become of the old-fashioned hatrack that folded up like an accordeon?—See-Bee-Ess.

What has become of the old-fashioned moustache-cup?—Gee-Emm-Eff.

Strange!

A paradox is Helen Hutt.
She puzzles us, Great Saints,
We know she is no artist, but
We all know that she paints.
—Luke McLuke.

No cook at all is gentle May,
That trade she doesn't know,
And yet she tells her dad each day
How much she needs his dough.
—Detroit Free Press.

Not Yet, Elaine.

A little girl named Elaine Swing, who lives at 2549 Ingleside avenue, Cincinnati, was looking over the paper the other day and suddenly asked her father this question: "Papa, is Luke McLuke Alma Gluck's father?"

Oh, Joy!

Any time you are in the neighborhood and anything happens to yours, you can find an Otto Topp in Grace City, N. Dak.

Names is Names.

Hank Sprang lives in Dayton, Ohio.

Our Daily Special.

Good Judgment Has a Bigger Bank Account Than Good Luck.

Luke McLuke Says.

A wife gets a heap of pleasure out of telling her husband how good other women's husbands are.

There may be lucky days for other kinds of gambling. But there are no lucky days for getting married.

If you want to make enemies out of both women, just tell two of them how much each resembles the other.

A woman hates to be so old that she feels justified in lying about her age.

When a woman brags that a woman is at her best when she is 40, it isn't hard to guess how old she is.

Every boy longs to be 21, so he will be his own boss and do just as he pleases And when he reaches that age the blame fool goes and gets married and fails to realize his ambition.

The difference between Congress and Parliament is that when a member of Parliament is shooting off his mouth, some other M. P. interrupts him by shouting: "Ear, ear!" and when a member of Congress is shooting off his mouth, some other M. C. interrupts him by shouting: "You're a liar!"

Fifty per cent of the trouble in this world is imaginary, 49 per cent is brought on ourselves and the balance is unavoidable.

After a man has been scared into being good he likes to go around boasting about his virtues.

A republic, Ignatz, is a country in which all of our rulers, except our wives, are elected by ballot.

Let a young couple sit in a darkened parlor long enough, and it is a cinch that they will strike a match.

KEPT HIM BUSY.

[Grit.]

Little Harold came in the other day crying and rubbing several bumps caused by a series of "butts" administered by a pet sheep.

"Well, Harold," said the sympathetic auntie, "what did you do when the sheep knocked you down?"

"I didn't do anything; I was getting up all the time."

SOMERVILLE HAS ALL QUALIFICATIONS OF A FIRST-CLASS MAYOR

Citizens Have Chance to Elect Real Candidate This Time.

A candidate running for a public office is judged by three things—his character, his platform and his known ability to carry out what he undertakes In entering the mayoralty contest, Charles Ross Somerville has laid down as the chief plank in his platform the placing of the municipality of London in a sound financial position and seeing that its affairs are administered as efficiently and with the same attention to counting the cost which he applied in building up his own large manufacturing industry from a small beginning. While Mr. Somerville holds the view that public finances should at all times be administered with the same conscientious intelligence and consideration for the interests at stake that a man expends upon his private business, it is further his conviction that under present wartime conditions and in view of the probable money stringency after the war, it is the civic and patriotic duty of the city to conserve resources and exercise thrift in every possible way, just as it is the duty of every individual patriot and citizen worthy the name. It is his firm conviction that the wartime commandment, "Thou shalt not waste," "Thou shalt have no unnecessary expenditure," and "Thou shalt take careful thought for the morrow," were framed for cities as well as for citizens. If he is elected to office, he will refuse to sanction fresh expenditures involving extra borrowing and increasing the city's indebtedness. As a practical businessman, he realizes that money will appreciate rather than depreciate in value as the war continues and after its close. He fully appreciates the bad business of decreasing the credit of a municipality and increasing its financial obligations. Borrowed money can be paid back in two ways, borrowing some place else at higher interest, under present conditions, and by heavier taxation, the same thing in the end It all comes back upon the taxpayer. Mr. Somerville's idea is to lessen the burden of the ratepayers by stopping all leakages, cutting out luxuries and fresh expenditures and managing the city's business with the same scrupulous attention to "counting the cost" that experience has taught him any business which is holding its own requires. If made mayor of London for 1918, Mr. Somerville pledges himself to bring to bear whatever ability and experience he possesses upon placing London in a sounder financial position and serving the community impartially.—Advt.

24 THOUSAND MEN OF FIRST DRAFT TO BE CALLED JAN. 3

A1 and A2 Men Who Are Not Exempted.

IN 12 DISTRICT UNITS

Returned Soldiers Will Train and Officer Battalions.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—Twenty-four thousand men will be called to the colors on Thursday, January 3, under the military service act. These are A1 and A2 men who have reported for service or who have been refused exemption and have not appealed or were refused exemption on appeal. There will be twelve battalion depot headquarters, one in each military district, and it is expected there will be 2,000 for each depot.

Equipment Ready.

The officers in charge of the mobilization and training will, so far as possible, be men who have seen active service overseas. It is stated here that all uniforms and equipment necessary to fit out the new draft immediately are ready, and that no time will be lost getting down to intensive training.

The new men who are destined to provide reinforcements for the battalions overseas will be gathered territorially and will be disposed overseas according to the territorial arrangements at present in force. That is, men who have been drafted in the Toronto, Kingston, Winnipeg or other division will go to reinforce regiments whose natal division was Toronto, Kingston or Winnipeg, as the case may be.

No Figures Yet.

No official figures are as yet available as to the number of men secured in the various districts under the first draft. The proportional numbers vary considerably in various districts. In some a great many appeals lodged by the military representatives of the tribunals are still pending.

In others many appeals lodged by the men themselves for exemption are still to be heard. Out of the 400,000 men estimated to come under the first class about half have been found to be medically fit for service overseas. It is estimated that at least half will receive exemption for various causes.

The drafts will be called without much consideration, for the numbers already sent under the voluntary system for particular districts. The reason for this is that it is not expected that the first class will supply much more than the 100,000 required. This being so, the district which has still the most unmarried men available will provide the most for the draft.

PREPARING IN MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—It is expected that 250 men a day will report for duty under the military service act after January 3, so Major-Gen. E. W. Wilson, G. O. C., stated today. Notices have been sent out by Registrar Eugene Godin, on instructions from Ottawa, to the required men, with instructions when and where to report for duty.

"I can lay my hands on three thousand men who have not registered," said Capt. B. Brosseau, of the militia department, today.

"As soon as we want the men we'll go out and get them," he declared, "and lots of persons around Montreal will be surprised."

Capt. Brosseau said his staff had been at work several weeks securing the names of men who have neither reported for service nor claimed exemption. He said there are from 8,000 to 10,000 deserters in Military District No. 4, Montreal, and surrounding municipalities. He said he thought about 40,000 men here should be eligible for service under the military service act. The district will be combed fine and few eligibles would escape, he declared.

FORMS FOR U. S. CITIZENS.

CALGARY, Dec. 26.—From United States Consul Harry D. Clum of this city it was learned this morning that the war department of the United States is sending out a questionaire for every citizen of the republic who is registered under the military service law, to fill out. It is explained that the registered men in Canada must fill out these questionaires in the same manner as those of the American side, excepting that in Canada they must go personally before a consul for affidavits.

BURIED AT RIPLEY.

RIPLEY, Dec 26.—The funeral of John N. Logan of Ripley was held on Sunday. Deceased was born near Thorndale. He leaves his wife, three sons and a daughter, Harry and Ben of Purple Grove, Rev. [illegible] F. of Brantford, and Mrs. Dierlan[illegible] of Ripley. He is also survived by one brother, Richard of London, and a sister, Mrs. Craig of Elkton, Mich. Interment took place in Ripley Cemetery.

ITALIANS GAIN MOUNTS BUT ARE UNABLE TO HOLD

Desperate Fighting Continues on the Northern Front.

CHECKS FOR ENEMY, TOO

Attempted Advance Toward Frenzela Valley Does Not Get Very Far.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Except on the Northern Italian front the military operations continue far below normal. In France, where snow has fallen along the entire front, only bombardments and small raiding operations are taking place.

West of the Brenta River, in the Italian highlands, the Italians' Christmas Day continued their counter-attacks upon the Austro-Germans' forces which previously had succeeded in making gains on Col Del Rosso and Monte De Val Bella. The battle waged throughout the morning with great violence and the Italians wrested several of their former positions from the enemy, but owing to renewed onslaughts by the Teutonic allied forces they were again compelled to give round.

The Berlin war office admits that the Italians threw heavy counter-attacks against the attackers, but says all of them broke down with heavy losses.

IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD.

ROME, Dec. 26.—Col Del Rosso and Monte Val Bella, on the Asiago plateau, were recaptured by Italian forces in a counter-attack yesterday, but it was found impossible to hold them, the war office announced today.

The text of the statement reads:

"The struggle on the Asiago plateau was resumed at dawn yesterday. The enemy concentrated his efforts on our extreme right, between Col Del Rosso and Val Frenzela-Maise. Held frontally, he was unable to advance beyond the dwellings of Sasso.

"Our Costa Unga and our Monte Melago troops several times renewed their attacks on Col Del Rosso and on Monte De Val Bella, which they captured, but were unable to retain. In the afternoon the fighting diminished in intensity.

Enemy Attack Checked.

"On the left bank of the Brenta an attempted attack to the west of Ostell and of Osteria Il Lepre was promptly checked.

"An Austro-German attack was launched between Col Del Rosso and the Frenzela valley. The enemy, however, was not able to advance beyond Sasso (close beside the Col Del Rosso height)."

ITALIAN ATTACKS FAIL.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—Via London.—Violent counter-attacks against the Austro-German positions on Col Del Rosso and neighboring heights on both sides broke down yesterday, with heavy losses, says the official statement issued today by the German general staff.

The text of the statement reads:

"Italian front: After strong artillery preparation, the enemy violently counter-attacked on Col Del Rosso and the neighboring heights to the westward and to the eastward, but the assaults broke down with heavy losses."

AW, WHAT'S THE USE OF LEAP YEAR, ANYHOW?

[Inez Mecel, in "One Life to Live."]

I hate all men! I loathe their habits!
I simply turn from all their pleasures
With a shudder! I cannot tolerate them
In the guise of either husband,
lover or friend.

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VICTORY LOAN

Payments due on January the 2nd may be made at any time to and including January the 11th. Scrip Certificates will be delivered in exchange for payments then due. Payments due January the 2nd must be made at the Bank branch mentioned in the application.

The extension of time to January the 11th is given for the convenience of subscribers and Banks so that subscribers will not be unduly detained waiting their turn at a Receiving Teller's wicket, as would most likely be the case if all payments had to be made on one day only. Subscribers should not wait until January the 11th, or a day or so before and thus create the situation sought to be avoided. In every case interest at the rate of five and one half per cent per annum from January the 2nd must be paid if payment is not made on or before the 11th.

For the convenience of subscribers, by arrangement of the Canadian Bankers' Association, Banks will remain open on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, January 3rd and 4th, and on the afternoon of Saturday, January the 5th. Evening hours 7.30 to 9.30. Saturday afternoon from 2 until 6 o'clock.

It has been brought to the attention of the Finance Department that a considerable number of subscribers, who have deposits with Banks, are under the impression that their Banks will take care of their January payments by automatically debiting their accounts with the necessary payments. This is incorrect. Each and every subscriber must personally arrange for these payments.

T. C. BOVILLE,
Deputy Minister of Finance.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE,
Ottawa, Dec. 24th, 1917.

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NOTHING BUT GIRLS.

[Louisville Courier-Journal.]

"I'm glad to see portraits of our great men on our postage stamps."

"What are you driving at?"

"Everywhere else you see nothing but portraits of girls."

MOTHERS, LISTEN!

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HOW TO PREVENT ACID STOMACHS AND FOOD FERMENTATION

By a Stomach Specialist.

As a specialist who has spent many years in the study and treatment of stomach troubles, I have been forced to the conclusion that most people who complain of stomach trouble possess stomachs that are absolutely healthy and normal. The real trouble, that which causes all the pain and difficulty is acid in the stomach, usually due to or aggravated by, food fermentation. Acid irritates the delicate lining of the stomach and food fermentation causes wind which distends the stomach abnormally, causing that full, bloated feeling. Thus both acid and fermentation interfere with and retard the process of digestion. The stomach is usually healthy and normal, but irritated almost past endurance by these foreign elements—acid and wind. In all such cases—and they comprise over 90 per cent of all stomach difficulties—the first and only step necessary is to neutralize the acid and stop the fermentation by taking in a little warm or cold water immediately after eating, from one to two teaspoonfuls of bisurated magnesia, which is doubtless the best and only really effective antacid and food corrective known. The acid will be neutralized and the fermentation stopped almost instantly, and your stomach will at once proceed to digest the food in a healthy, normal manner. Be sure to ask your druggist for the bisurated magnesia, as I have found other forms utterly lacking in its peculiarly valuable properties.—F. J. G.—Advt.

TRACTION COMPANY

SUNDAY CARS WILL BE DISCONTINUED ON AND AFTER SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 1918, UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

LONDON AND PORT STANLEY RAILWAY

Timetable Effective Sept. 20.

TO ST. THOMAS—†5:20, †6:20, 7:20, *8:20, 9:20, *10:20, 11:20 a.m., 12:20, *1:20, 2:20, *3:20, 4:20, *5:20, 6:20, *7:20, 8:20, 9:20, *10:20, †11:20 p.m.

TO PORT STANLEY—†*6:20, *8:20, *10:20 a.m. *1:20, *3:20, *5:20, *7:20, *10:20 p.m.

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For particulars of sailings and rates apply to Local Agents, or The Robert Reford Company, Limited, General Agents, 50 King street east, Toronto. D. 31.

BIG YEAR-END SLIPPER SALE

For the Last Four Days of 1917

The big Christmas rush is over, and consequently we have many broken lines of slippers which we have gathered together for a final clean-up. Every pair must be cleaned out ere January 1, 1918, rolls around. Here is your opportunity for true economy. Note the price and take advantage of the saving.

Many pairs of Men's Fancy Brown and Black Felt Slippers. Clean up price 98c

Women's Fancy Felt Cosy Slippers, brown, black, red, grey and red with grey felt collars. Special clean up prices 98c

Women's Fur-trimmed Juliets, brown, black, grey and Oxford pink; $2.00 values. Sale price $1.69

Slippers for the kiddies and misses galore. At clean out prices.

57 pairs of Women's Tweed Slippers with leather soles and heels. While they last 49c

Men's Black Kid Pullman Slippers; $3.00 values, for $2.48

Special reduced prices on all our hockey shoes.

EXTRA

4 Big Shoe Specials for Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Monday. Men be sure and see our swell line of Men's Gunmetal Lace Shoes, full rounding toes, with Neolin soles and rubber heels; $6.00 values, for $4.98

Men's Mahogany Calfskin Shoes, recede toes, Neolin soles, a beauty; $7.50 value, for $5.95

Men's Gunmetal Bluchers, with leather lining and heavy Neolin soles and rubber heels; a splendid shoe for winter; $7.00 values, for $5.95

The latest Havana Brown High Laced Shoes, Neolin soles, the new sport model for women; $7.50 value, for $5.95

Women's and Growing Girls Fine Gunmetal Lace Shoes, English walking model, Neolin soles and rubber heels; $7.00 values, for $5.95

RUBBERS! RUBBERS!

Men's Good Quality Rubbers 89c

Women's Rubbers to fit low and medium heels 69c

Children's Rubbers, 5 to 10½ 49c

The Peoples Shoe Store

The Shoe Store That Saves You Money.

131 DUNDAS STREET, 12 MARKET SQUARE.

Big Clearance Sale!

Forced To Sell Out

MUST RAISE MONEY AT ANY COST

We offer you a saving of half and more on any coat, suit, dress, fur or hat in our store. Every garment to go regardless of former cost or loss of profit. To out-of-town customers we wish to emphasize the fact that it will pay them to come early for the best selections.

MILLINERY

You will find some exceptionally good values in smartly trimmed hats for quick clearing at 98c to $3.50. These hats represent the newest and smartest models in the market.



SUITS—Smartest models, newest materials Regular $20.00, for $10.00. Regular $35.00, for $18.00.

COATS—Magnificent display, remarkably priced, from $5.00 to $45.00.

FURS—Furs to be sold out, including natural wolf, white fox, red fox, white Thibet, natural lynx, coon. Also other big specials. Prices from $3.75 up.

Children's coats, skirts, dresses, waists, sweaters to clear at less than cost price. Extra large skirts for stout ladies.

The Dominion Ladies' Outfitters

269 DUNDAS STREET, CORNER WELLINGTON.

FEEL 100% BETTER BY MORNING--TRY IT!

Get a 10 Cent Box of "Cascarets" for Your Liver and Bowels.

Tonight sure! Remove the liver and bowel poison which is keeping your head dizzy, your tongue coated, breath offensive and stomach sour. Don't stay bilious, sick, headachy, constipated and full of cold. Why don't you get a box of Cascarets from the drug store now? Eat one or two tonight and enjoy the nicest, gentlest liver and bowel cleansing you ever experienced. You will wake up feeling fit and fine. Cascarets never gripe or bother you all the next day like calomel, salts and pills. They act gently but thoroughly. Mothers should give cross, sick, bilious or feverish children a whole Cascaret any time. They are harmless and children love them.

MAYBE BUYING MATCHES never struck you as being an important job. But it is. It is important that you buy none but EDDY'S

CHEMICALLY SELF-EXTINGUISHING "SILENT 500"

The matches with "no after-glow," EDDY is the only Canadian maker of these matches, every stick of which has been dipped in a chemical solution which positively insures the match becoming dead wood once it has been lighted and blown out. **Look for the words "Chemically self-extinguishing" on the box.**

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A PAGE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO WOMEN

Red Cross and C. W. C. A.

Canadian Red Cross Society and Canadian War Contingent Association, London Branch.

Statement of receipts and disbursements, Aug. 1-Oct. 31, 1917.

INCOME SECTION

Receipts.		Disbursements.	
Bal. on hand July 31, 1917	$7,911.28	Merchandise purchased	$40,273.36
From general income account	30,000.00	Special	3,936.23
Sales	6,294.28	Including—	
Special	2,536.66	Duty	$978.68
Including—		Prisoners' fund	600.00
Refund of freight paid	$39.95	Special comfort fund	600.00
Refund of duty paid	2,490.71	Hospital comfort	90.00
Fruit	6.00	Fruit and maple sugar for overseas	1,300.00
	$2,536.66	Stenographer	127.00
		Insurance	43.75
		Ventilators	155.15
			$3,936.23
		Annual Meeting—	
		Tea	13.85
		Rent	15.00
		Sundries	12.80
			$3,936.23
		Printing, postage, freight, express, etc.	275.67
		Rent	125.00
		Packing cases	478.52
		Balance in bank, less checks outstanding	1,553.44
	$46,742.22		$46,742.22
Balance	$1,553.44		

SPECIAL SECTON.

Receipts.		Disbursements.	
Balance on hand July 31, 1917	17,649.30	On account of Byron Sanatorium	$2,499.34
Donations	536.00	Balance in bank	19,831.50
Fees	330.00		
On account of Byron Sanatorium	3,630.54		
Christmas stockings	185.00		
	$22,330.84		$22,330.84
Balance	$19,831.50		

Audited with accompanying vouchers and approved.
November 19, 1917.

ALFRED J. DOGGERELL, C.A.
November 23, 1917.

A. J. Doggerell, Esq., 776 Wellington street, London, Ont.:

My Dear Mr. Doggerell,—On behalf of the executive of the London Branch of the C. R. C. S. and C. W. C. A. I am asked to convey to you the very sincere thanks of the society for so generously auditing the books ever since the war began, often at great inconvenience to yourself. We deeply appreciate your kindness and take this opportunity of thanking you. With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,
JOAN PATTESON,
Honorary Corresponding Secretary.

During November donations of work were received from the following:

Ailsa Craig—Beechwood Women's Institute, Ebenezer Red Cross Circle.
Alvinston—Napier Women's Institute, Burns Church Red Cross Circle, Culloden Red Cross Circle, Rokeby Aid Society, Walnut Red Cross Circle, Ferguson Crossing Needle Club, Maple Ridge Red Cross Society.
Atwood—Patriotic League of Elma Centre.
Aylmer—Red Cross.
Belmont—Women's Institute, Salem Women's Institute.
Belton—Wellburn Red Cross Circle.
Belgrave—Patriotic Society and Red Cross.
Birr—Red Cross Circle.
Blenheim—Women's Patriotic League.
Blyth—Girls' War Auxiliary, Blyth Red Cross Circle, S. S. No. 10 East Wawanosh, D. A. M. I. D. K. Club, Burns Church Ladies' Aid, Blyth Women's Institute.
Bothwell—Girls' Red Cross Society of Aughrim.
Brucefield—Red Cross Workers.
Bruce—Red Cross Circle.
Byron—Red Cross Circle.
Carlingford—Red Cross Workers.
Cairo—Ladies' Aid of Cairo Presbyterian Church.
Camlachie—Sixth Line (Plympton) Red Cross Circle, Red Cross Circle, Aberarder Red Cross Circle.
Christina—Sewing Circle.
Chatham—Red Cross Society.
Clandeboye—Women's Institute.
Delaware—Patriotic League.
Denfield—Red Cross Circle, Bryanston Presbyterian Red Cross Circle, Carlisle Helpers.
Dorchester Station.
Dutton—Talbot Chapter I. O. D. E.
Maple Leaf Club of Largie.
Ed's Mills—Geato Red Cross Circle.
Ettrick—Ballymote Red Cross Circle.
Florence—Patriotic League.
Forest—Red Cross Workers, Ravenswood Red Cross Circle, North Plympton Red Cross Circle.
Fullarton—Women's Institute.
Glanworth—St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Red Cross Circle.
Glencoe—S. S. No. 9 Mosa Red Cross Circle, Tait's Corners Red Cross Circle.
Granton—Prospect Hill Red Cross Circle, Whalen Red Cross, Glendale Red Cross Workers, Red Cross Auxiliary.
Goderich—Ashfield Soldiers' Aid.
Harrow—Patriotic League, Woodman Hall.
Hensall—Chiselhurst Red Cross Circle.
Highgate—Patriotic Association, Women's Institute.
Hyde Park—Women's Institute.
Ingersoll—Banner Red Cross Circle.
Ilderton—Red Cross Circle, Coldstream Women's Institute, Vanneck Red Cross Circle.
Kerwood — Keyser Women's Institute, Adelaide Patriotic League.
Kirkton—Ladies' Aid, St. Paul's Church.
Komoka—Lobo Women's Institute and Melrose Ladies' Aid.
Lakeside—Red Cross Circle.
Lambeth — Littlewood Lady Allies, Tempo Presbyterian Church Ladies' Aid.
London Township — Medway Red Cross Circle.
London—Salvation Home League, The Grove Church, Siloam Ladies' Aid, Mrs. J. W. Little, Smallman & Ingram Red Cross Auxiliary.
Longwood—Sutherland's Section.
Mandaumin—Union Branch Women's Institute, Patriotic League.
Melbourne—Red Cross Circle.
Merlin—Glenwood Red Cross Circle.
Milverton—Egerton Torrance Chapter I. O. D. E.
Moorestown—Sixth Line of Moore Patriotic Society.
Mossley—Red Cross Circle, Crampton and Avon Red Cross Circle.
Mount Brydges—Caradoc Red Cross Circle.
Mount Elgin—Ebenezer Red Cross Circle.
Mount Elgin—Ebenezer Red Cross Circle Women's Institute.
Muirkirk—Doreas Society.
Munroe—District Patriotic League.
Newbury—Red Cross Circle, Women's Institute.
Oil Springs—Oakdale Branch Women's Institute.
Parkhill—Help-On-a-Bit Circle, Do-Your-Bit Club.
Putnam—Red Cross Circle.
Ridgetown—Patriotic Women, Rushton's Corners Branch.
Ripley—Red Cross Circle.
Rodney—Women's Institute.
Springfield—Patriotic Society.
Stratford—S. S. No. 4 Downie Chapter I.O.D.E., 28th Regiment Chapter I.O.D.E., Thomas Delamere Chapter, I.O.D.E., Pride of Perth Chapter, I.O. D.E.
Strathroy — Mrs. Marion Sumner, Crathie Red Cross Circle, Bethesda Red Cross Circle.
St. Marys—N. Nissouri and Blanshard Circle, Metropolitan Patriotic League, Anderson Patriotic League, Patriotic Society of S. S. No. 10 of Blanshard, Women's Patriotic League, Zion Patriotic League.
St. Pauls—Women's Institute.
St. Thomas—Elgin Patriotic Society and C.W.C.A., Port Stanley Chapter, I.O.D.E.
Thamesford — Kintore Red Cross Circle.
Thamesville—Red Cross Circle.
Thorndale—S. Nissouri Presbyterian Church, Devizes Red Cross Circle, Women's Institute.
Walkers—Bethel Red Cross Workers, Springfield Ladies' Aid.
Wallaceburg — St. Peter's Church Patriotic Club.
Wanstead—Uttoxeter Union Society.
Wardsville—Women's Guild of St. James Church.
Warwick—Women's Institute, Women's Patriotic League.
Watford—Birnam Red Cross League, Sutorville Red Cross, Wisbeach Patriotic League, Red Cross Workers' Union, Kingscourt Sewing Circle, Fourth Line Forest Sewing Workers.
Wilson Grove—Women's Institute.
Windsor — Princess Mary Victoria I.O.D.E., Central Methodist Church, All Saints' Patriotic Society, St. Andrew's Patriotic Society, Sandwich Patriotic Society.

During November money donations were received from the following:

London—Farmers' Advocate Dollar Chain.
Walkers—S. S. No. 6 Metcalfe.
Byron—Red Cross Circle.
Belmont—Women's Institute and Red Cross Circle.
Mount Elgin, R. R. No. 2—Ebenezer Red Cross League.
London—Campbell Becher Chapter, I.O.D.E.
London — Hamilton Gault Chapter, I.O.D.E.
London—Trafalgar Chapter, I.O.D.E.
Port Lambton, R. R. No. 3—Thornyhurst Women's Institute.
London—Edith Cavell Memorial.
Parkhill, R. R. No. 1—Help-On-a-Bit Circle (Lieury).
Wilton Grove—Women's Institute.
Duart—Dramatic Club.
Komoka—N. and W. Middlesex Women's Institute.
Bethel—Ladies Aid.

Money donations were received from individuals amounting to $5.25.

MARIAN KEITH,
Con. Press Com.

Need For a Special Effort.

"Owing to the disaster at Halifax, the Red Cross Society is in special need of Red Cross garments of all kinds."

So reads a statement from our Red Cross headquarters in Toronto. All over Canada the Candian Red Cross Society leaped to the assistance of the victims of the Halifax catastrophe. As soon as word of the disaster reached Toronto, Col. Marshall, chairman of the executive commmittee, wired Mr. Milburn, the society's shipper at St. John to go to Halifax with all necessary supplies, and place them and himself at the disposal of the relief committee. He did so, and a carload of Red Cross supplies, which was providentially waiting at St. John for shipment overseas, was requisitioned for the relief of the sufferer.

And now that this piece of emergency work is accomplished we must not forget the inevitable result: we are in imminent danger of a shortage in our output. And a shortage will certainly mean unnecessary suffering for those poor fellows overseas who should be spared every pain and discomfort possible.

So the only thing for us is to take up our needles and do more than we have ever done. And we must enlist other needles which have as yet not responded to the call for help. The shipments for December and January will be awaited with anxiety. Will they be as big as needful?

A Message From Overseas.

"The message we get from our boy is, 'God bless the Red Cross,' so writes the mother of a soldier lying in a Canadian hospital in England. And it is the message that comes from thousands of our wounded who find themselves after the agony of the battlefield, lying in a clean sweet bed in an airy room, ministered to by kindly hands. And we who are toiling at home must not forget that it is because we work that this relief from pain is made possible for our boys. Ours is indeed a blessed task, and we are fully and richly paid when we hear such a message as this from thousands of grateful hearts: "God bless the Red Cross."

"A Homesick Bunch."

Here are a few words from a letter of a hungry homesick Canadian boy, imprisoned in Germany, but lately escaped.

"In spare time the Canadians get together and talk about Canada, for we are a homesick bunch, and being a prisoner of war is not amusing. When I get back I am going to have a real Canadian breakfast, and follow it by a dinner, and follow it again by a supper, and make a perfect hog of myself. I dream about hot cakes. Our one luxury here is thinking what we will do when we get home."

Poor fellow, we who have so much at home might spare him a little of our abundance. The Red Cross is doing nobly by such as he, but it must be supported by funds. He has a word of appreciation of what is being done for the prisoners in Germany.

"I must state that while a prisoner I received the Red Cross parcels regularly, and in good condition, the contents of which enabled us to exist, as the German rations were so poor and afforded no nourishment whatever.

"Canada will sure look good to me, when I see it again, and there will be an awful yell from the boat when we come up the St. Lawrence."

This boy will soon be able to utter that yell, but there are many of his comrades still in Germany, with only the Red Cross food parcels between them and death. When they get home it will be good to remember we helped especially in the work of sending them food. Anyone who wishes to "adopt" one of these homesick boys whose only luxury is thinking about home, can do so by applying to Miss Dorothy Gunn, secretary, prisoners' committee, Hyman Hall.

MARIAN KEITH,
Convener Press Committee.

SEVERE RHEUMATIC PAINS DISAPPEAR

Rheumatism depends on an acid which flows in the blood, affecting the muscles and joints, producing inflammation, stiffness and pain. This acid gets into the blood through some defect in the digestive processes, and remains there because the liver, kidneys and skin are too torpid to carry it off.

Sarsaparilla, the old-time blood tonic, is very successful in the ... of rheumatism. It acts directly, with purifying effect, on the blood, and through the blood on the liver, kidneys and skin, which it stimulates, and at the same time it improves the digestion.

Get Hood's Sarsaparilla today. Sold by all druggists.

DAILY BIBLE QUESTION CLUB

SUGGESTIVE QUESTIONS ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.
By Rev. T. S. Linscott, D.D.

Review—"God's Redeeming Love." Psalms, cxxiii. and cxxiv.

Golden Text—"With Jehovah There Is Loving Kindness, and With Him Is Plenteous Redemption." Psalms, cxxx., 7.

The questions for this week may be used as an original lesson, or as a review of the twelve preceding lessons. The date, and title of each lesson, Golden Text, and one question from each lesson follow

Nov. 18—"Nehemiah's Prayer Answered." Nehemiah, ii., 1-11. Golden Text: "Ask and It Shall Be Given You." Matt., vii., 7.

7. Verses 7-8—Will God ever help a man or not, and why, who does not do all he possibly can to help himself?

Nov. 25—"A Psalm of Thanksgiving." Psalm, ciii. Golden Text: "Bless Jehovah, O My Soul, and Forget Not All His Benefits." Psalms, ciii., 2.

8. Verse 2—What is the benefit of the habit, of frequently meditating on the wonderful goodness of God?

ADVERTISER PATTERNS



A SMART GOWN.

Waist—2252. Skirt—2251.

This model comprises Ladies' Waist Pattern 2252 and Ladies' Skirt Pattern 2251. Pussy willow satin in a new shade of brown is here combined with embroidered crepe for the underwaist. Serge, velvet, broadcloth and cashmere are also nice for this style. The Waist Pattern is cut in 6 sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches, bust measure. The Skirt Pattern is cut in 6 sizes: 22, 24, 26, 28, 30 and 32 inches, waist measure. A medium size will require 5 yards of 44-inch material for the skirt and bolero, and 2¾ yards for the waist. Skirt measures about 1¾ yards at its lower edge.

This illustration calls for TWO separate patterns, which will be mailed to any address on receipt of 10 cents FOR EACH pattern, in silver or stamps.

ADVERTISER PATTERN DEPT.

Please send above-mentioned pattern, as per directions given below:

Name .....

Town .....

Province .....

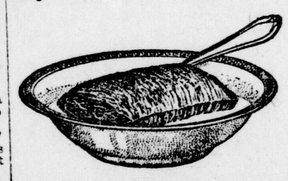
Age (if child's or misses' pattern).....

Measurement: Bust..... Waist.....

Caution: Be careful to inclose the above illustration, and send size of pattern wanted. When the pattern is bust measure you need only mark 32, 34 or whatever it may be. When in waist measure, 22, 24, 25 or whatever it may be. If a skirt, give waist and length measure. When misses' or child's pattern, write only the figure representing the age. It is not necessary to write "inches" or "years." Patterns cannot reach you in less than one week from date of application.

Watch Your Sneeze!

It may be the forerunner of bronchitis or a bad cold. It is nature's warning that your body is in a receptive condition for germs. The way to fortify yourself against cold is to increase warmth and vitality by eating **Shredded Wheat,** a food that builds healthy muscle and red blood. For breakfast with milk or cream, or any meal with fresh fruits.



Made in Canada.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Our readers are invited to phone all news of this kind to the society editor. Phone 3670.

Dr. and Mrs. Burroughs and family of Seaforth are spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. Harvey.

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William F. Gorring and Elizabeth G. Webber, of this city, were married by Rev. A. C. Bingham on Tuesday evening. They were assisted by Victor Langford and Margaret A. Gorring. After the ceremony the young couple left for a trip to Hamilton, and on their return will reside in this city.

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Mr. and Mrs. Parker and family of Montreal are visiting at the home of Mrs. Parker's mother, Mrs. J. Brown, of this city.

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The Lieutenant-Colonel Becher Chapter, I.O.D.E., are expecting Mrs. Allan, a former member of the Chapter, from Sandusky, Ohio, to be present at their meeting today.

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A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Leitch, Cranbrook, on Christmas Day, when their daughter, Violet Rosella, was united in marriage to William Laurie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Laurie of this city. The drawing-room was attractively decorated with ferns and flowers. The bride looked pretty in a gown of navy taffeta with bead and satin trimmings, and carried a bouquet of Ophella roses. Rev. J. L. McCulloch officiated. After a dainty wedding luncheon, Mr. and Mrs. Laurie left for Toronto and points east, and on their return will reside in this city.

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Miss Margery McNeil of Havergal College, Toronto, is spending Christmas with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. McNeil, Arva.

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A Christmas wedding, characterized by the decorations of this festive season, was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John James Tuesday afternoon, when their daughter Emma Loretta was united in marriage to Samuel Arnold Walker of Philadelphia, Pa. The ceremony was performed by Rev. James H. Boyd, pastor of the Adelaide Street Baptist Church, in the presence of immediate relatives and friends. The bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. Frances E. Wilcox, of Buffalo, while Kenneth James, brother of the bride, supported the groom. The bride was gowned in cream colored crepe de chine, with a corsage bouquet of roses to match. A Christmas dinner was served following the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker will spend a brief honeymoon in Hamilton, Toronto and Buffalo before taking up their residence in Philadelphia.

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Miss Hazel Wrightman of Toronto is visiting with her aunt, Mrs. James Butchart, at Burgessville.

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Capt. F. R. Miller and J. W. Crane have secured leave of absence, in order to attend the Scientific convention at Minneapolis.

JIMMY COON STORIES

By Dr. Warren G. Partridge.

JIMMY COON SHOWS OFF PETER RABBIT'S NEW PANTS.

When Jimmy Coon and Peter Rabbit left the second-hand clothing store of Mr. Jim Crow, they were both very much pleased with their bargain. For they had picked out very lovely new pants for Peter.

"Come on, let's run, Peter Rabbit," cried out Jimmy Coon, "for there are all the Little People down by Mirror Pond and we must get there quick."

And Peter tried to run; but he fell down, and rolled heels over head. "Peter, what makes you so awkward and clumsy?" shouted Jimmy Coon. "Can't you stand up? Why, you'll ruin those new pants."

But poor Little Peter couldn't get up and he cried "Come give me your hand, quick, Jimmy, for my new pants are so tight that I can't get up." So Jimmy got Peter on his legs at last, after much lifting and grunting on the part of Jimmy Coon."

And all of a sudden a big voice cried out, "Now is my time to catch Peter Rabbit!" It was Mr. Red Fox as he came bounding down the hill among the white birches.

It did nearly frighten poor little Peter out of a year's growth. Jimmy Coon went up a tree like a streak of grey and yellow fur. And all thought that the last moment in life had come to poor little Peter Rabbit, who stood there trembling in his new tight pants, which seemed to hold him bound as if he were tied up in a bundle with new cords.

But just as Mr. Fox got within a bound of trembling little Peter, a great courage jumped into Peter's little heart and he said in his mind: "For my mother's sake, I'll make an awful jump and run for my life, no matter what happens to my lovely new pants."

And the next second Peter Rabbit raced like the wind for Mirror Pond. It was the greatest race ever seen around that famous pond. Jimmy Coon was up in the tree, and he yelled at the top of his voice, "Go it, Peter, for all you're worth! Never mind your new pants, but save your skin. You can outrun that sly Mr. Red Fox if you half try."

And how little Peter's legs did fly, and his little stub tail of white flashed through the air like a swift snowball racing for a target.



"Go it, Peter, for all you're worth! Never mind your new pants."

All the little people of Mirror Pond saw the mad race, and they all, in fright, climbed up trees with a mad rush, or dived into holes, or dived into the pond

Tomorrow—Peter's Rabbit's Race for His Life.

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

She Drops Everything.

Dear Miss Grey,—I was just getting ready to iron when my little boy brought in the paper, and I always drop everything to read what the Pagelites have to say. My, I do enjoy the Mail-Box so much. I am the only woman in the house, and it seems like a caller for sure. I was real disappointed in the election, but must take it and look pleasant. I did think "Sunflower's" letter just fine, so true, and then "J. B." comes along and tries to spoil it. I think "J. B." must be a doctor or lawyer, of may be a coalman. Ha, ha! If he is he had better be getting at it or some poor people will be frozen. Miss Grey, is it against you rule to print soldiers' addresses. If not, I would like "Twenty-One's," please.

FARMER'S WIFE.

Ans.—It certainly is pleasant to receive so hearty an appreciation of the Mail-Box. Pagelites who contribute so nobly to it day by day, did you ever stop to realize how much your letters of help are valued by some of the rest of us?

It is not customary to publish the names of "lonelies," and as "Twenty-One" is known in this city, neither he nor his friends might like to see the address in print. Sorry if you are disappointed.

Not Consistent.

Dear Miss Grey,—May I take up a little space in your valuable page? I just want to tell the readers the way a great many farmers acted in the recent election. You all know how farmers were exempted by the wholesale at the eleventh hour. If it hadn't been for that the Borden Government would not have been in power today, and they knew it, and the farmers were "cheap" enough to vote for them.

Now, for instance, right in this neighborhood most of them voted for conscription either because they thought they would escape being drafted themselves or their friends with two or three sons old enough, had been going around with a pitiful face and calling the Government everything, when, just as soon as his boys were exempted, he turned right over and was strongly in favor of conscription. Wasn't that a cowardly act? I can't see if a person wants to vote for conscription why they want to keep right out of it themselves. Talk about Quebec enlisting! What better are they themselves?

I wonder if those who voted for it really understand what a serious thing they did. They took the most precious thing—human life, and sent it to the slaughter. Now, will they do all they can to help those boys save their lives, or will they think they have done their share of the war? When one of those boys is killed, or worse, crippled for life, will those who sent him see that he has every comfort? We must remember that all we have (money) couldn't make those boys better, and they can never be repaid for what they have done for us. Yet, how few are looked after right?

Would be glad to hear others write about this question. LOYALTY.

WOMAN'S INSTITUTE

The regular meeting of the Woman's Institute was held at Mrs. H. Smith's, Arva, recently. A letter from Hyman Hall was read, asking that a special work for Red Cross should be made. It was decided to have a week's drive, and meet every afternoon in the hall. Ten ladies were appointed to canvass the town and country near and ask everyone who could to come and sew, or for money if they could not come. The council gave $50 towards the work. The ladies began work December 5, and ended the week with a 25-cent supper, which amounted to $52. Money from all sources for the work amounted to $163.54. From 20 to 40 ladies turned out to sew. Some made quilts for Halifax relief, some knit, and others sewed at machines or by hand. The result of work done is as follows. Fourteen quilts, 1 pair of pillows and covers, 1 blanket, to Halifax relief. To Hyman Hall—Fourteen mattress covers, 1 pair sheets, 24 suits pyjamas, 5 dozen pillow covers, 3 dozen bath towels, 14 dozen trench towels, 6 dozen handkerchiefs, 9 stretcher caps, 26 pairs socks, leaving a balance of $35.32 on hand for Red Cross work.

The ladies meet every Wednesday afternoon in the hall for sewing, and will be glad to have anyone drop in and help. On December 19, under the auspices of the institute, Rev. C. W. King, pastor of the Baptist Church, gave a lecture, "The Angel-Captain." Music was furnished by the Arkona Orchestra, ladies' quartet and others. A collection was taken up for Halifax relief. Owing to the wet night the meeting was not large, but $31.50 was given toward the fund.

PTE. ORVAL SMITH IS WOUNDED AND PRISONER

HIGHGATE, Dec. 26.—Thomas Whitesell has received official word that Pte. Orval Smith has been wounded and taken prisoner. Pte. Smith went overseas with the 186th Battalion.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the manse, Duart, recently, when Miss Bessie Wightman was united in marriage to Fred Schmeltz of Orford. Rev. J. Bannatyne officiated.

Chester Taylor of the Molsons Bank staff, Highgate, has been transferred to Merlin. Miss Annie Gillis will take charge over Mr. Taylor's work here, while W. J. Dalton of Kingsville will act as cashier.

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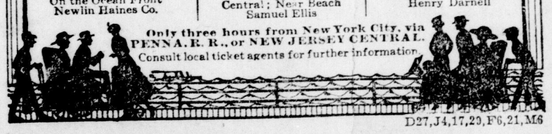
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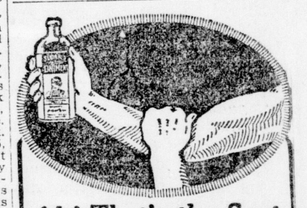
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THE SPORT-LIGHT

By Grantland Rice.

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The indications are that the intercollegiate outdoor track and field championships which were abandoned in 1917 will be resumed in 1918.

In view of President Wilson's stand for the continuation of sport, and the fact that most of the young men in our colleges are combining military training with their study courses, it would seem there is no reason why these championships, that contribute much to the amateur sport calendar, should not be held as usual.

In its many-sidedness nothing compares with the track and field. Almost any man athletically inclined can find some branch among the many offered under this head in which he can aid his physical development. For that reason the track and field is broadly more valuable than either collegiate baseball or football, which require a specialized talent.

It is planned now to hold these games in May.

Fred Fulton with his airy left hand is the heir apparent to the heavyweight throne, though Willard persists in the notion he can come back. Willard is said to be about 100 pounds heavier than he was when he fought Moran, and he weighed 260 then. Most fans will doubt that he can ever train down again.

Fulton has found the path rather thorny en route to his goal, but there is to say for him, that he seems to grow better as he nears the crown. If he would not compare with the old school, he at least outshines the new.

One reason advanced for the decrease in gridiron fatalities during the 1917 season is the improvement in the football warrior's uniform. The style makers in gridiron sartorials have so bettered their art that the modern-day player takes the field with every vulnerable spot scientifically protected.

Head guards are stronger and better padded. Neck, shoulder and chest pads are made in one piece and are slipped on beneath the jersey or sewed to it. The ribs, stomach and hips are protected by heavy pads. Knees, ankles and wrists are taped. Light but protective shin guards are often worn beneath gridiron hosiery. Shoes are heavy and well cleated.

This better equipment furnishes the answer, for it is an undisputed fact that backfield men, who receive less aid from their interference than they did in the hauling, mauling days, are rquired to withstand greater shocks than ever before.

Different motions are used in throwing the forward pass, and, as a matter of fact, few if any of them are identical with the movement used in tossing a baseball. Bert Bell, the Pennsy quarter, comes as near the baseball throw with a football as any man we have seen in the East this season.

ART ROSS, KNOWN AS BEST HOCKEY PLAYER, TO QUIT

Wanderers' Star Quits Ice to Run Team From the Bench.

Every sport has its particular hero In hockey, Arthur Ross of the Montreal Wanderers, generally is considered the greatest player of his day. Art Ross's day has extended over a period of many years. Recently word was received that the great star was talking of retiring. If he does he will be showing better sense than did many another veteran—by quitting the game which has made him famous before he draws the inevitable pink slip in his envelope. This season he will manage the Wanderers from the bench.

When Art Ross quits hockey the winter game will lose "the greatest player it ever produced." That battered title has been tossed about a bit, conferred on first one and then another, but when they have all been rattled through the sifter, Ross stands out as the brainiest, most consistently brilliant player, over a long period of years, that the game has ever known.

Six feet in height, perfectly proportioned, always in the pink of condition, Ross in his heyday added to these assets terrific speed and a stick wizardry that was little short of marvelous. In later days he has lost his high flight of speed, but the ability to puzzle opponents with sheer stick skill has not deserted the big Scotsman.

Although he does not flash and circle about the ice with the meteoric dash of yore, opposing defence still find it a difficult task to get the puck off Ross's elusive twisting stick.

Add to this a hockey brain of far more than average keenness, which stored up the experience of many years, and Ross is still today a formidable addition to any team.

The ice game has never had a smarter player than Ross. How, when playing with Ottawa, he euchred the Wanderers out of the championship of 1914-15, is still fresh in the minds of contemporary fans. Ottawa came to Montreal for the final of the home-and-home with a lead of three or four goals.

The dope was that Ottawa would try to make its defensive stand through a strong offence, and that was the style for which the Wanderers primed themselves. Instead, when the game started, Ross spread out three players in a barrier in front of the Ottawa net. Wanderers could not fathom this switch at all. The red hoops went up in the air, demoralized, scored only one goal in the game, and lost the chance to go to the coast.

ZBYSZKO CHAMPION.

Boston, Dec. 26.—Wladek Zbyszko the Polish wrestler, defeated Youssuf Hussane in a wrestling match announced as for the world's heavyweight title here last night. Zbyszko won the first fall in one hour and 40 minutes. His opponent was unable to continue.

CLINGER HIGH GUN AT SPRINGWOOD CHRISTMAS SHOOT

The Springwood Gun Club held their usual Christmas Day shoot under very severe weather conditions. The high, cold wind made the targets hard to hit and the scores suffered very much; in fact there was only one member who seemed to have any idea of how to point the gun so as to get the birds. Clinger was right on the job and made the rest of the members look like greenhorns. The program consisted of 50 targets, and Clinger just ran out with a straight score. Every bird was simply plotted out as soon as it appeared above the trap. The prizes for this shoot were something extra and every member got one. Clinger was responsible for the selection of these prizes, and, as he knew what each one desired most, he made his selection accordingly. McCausland needed a new rabbit dog, and he got one. Baker needed a new gun, and he also was supplied. "Ford" Smith also got what he needed most, and "Gunner" Stone was well pleased with his prize. Day got a duck, but he did not have it for dinner, and Clinger's prize was a camel, "but who wants to be a camel"?

The scores made were as follows, all shooting at 50 targets: Clinger, 50; Day, 41; Glover, 40; Gibson, 38; McCausland, 38; Stone, 38; Webb, 37; Simcox, 30; Smith, 28, Roy, 28; Baker, 27.

Five Times Wounded, Swims Across Seine At Freezing Point

French Veteran Wins Annual Race at Paris on Christmas Day.

Paris, Dec. 26.—Gerard Meister, who was five times wounded in the battle of the Marne, yesterday won the annual Christmas swimming contest across the river Seine, a distance of 350 yards. The temperature stood at about the freezing point, and the bridges and banks of the Seine were crowded with spectators, who cheered the swimmers as they plunged through the icy waters. Meister won this event in 1913.

STRATFORD CURLERS OPEN SEASON TONIGHT

STRATFORD, Dec. 26.—Local curlers are planning to open their season here tomorrow night. The ice has been put into good shape, and local rinks will be drawn up.

The two local clubs amalgamated this year, and a season of activity is looked for. Already two competitions have been arranged for, and officers state that there are more to follow.

On Friday some rinks from London are expected here for exhibition games.

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Promising Material At Hermit Workout

London Juniors on Ice at Jubilee Rink Last Night—Thirteen Men Show Classy Stuff—Look Like Real Puckchasers.

The London Hermits held their first workout of the season at the Jubilee Rink on Wednesday night, when thirteen would be junior O.H.A players staged a game under the eye of A. T. Taylor. Mr. Taylor expressed himself as satisfied with the material that turned out, and is confident that they can be worked into a real classy lot of puck-chasers of the variety that fans like to talk about.

The boys were shifted from one position to another to better enable them to show what they could do. Quite a bunch of them are known to have speed and pep, while some are new to the O.H.A. end of it. Mr. Taylor, who knows athletes around this town about as well as any one, is acquainted with the sporting careers of the boys, and knows just what hockey every man has played in the past.

Quite a lot of last year's Northern League aggregation were on hand. Those out last night were Suter, Lightfoot, Gillies, Tiffin, Bryant, McGeough, Hynde, Burgess, Logan, Everett, Lamonte, Struckett and McKay. Smith Lancaster, Cline and Rechnitzer, it is hoped, will be out at the next practice.

In the short time they were on the ice, almost an hour, it was not possible to give the players a real going over, but they all showed up well. Two who looked especially good were Hynde, whose work in the nets was excellent, and Burgess, who should be a good wing man. Hynde let the puck past him only once, and displayed all kinds of pep and life. He was on the job every minute.

"Things are looking fine," said Manager Taylor. "The boys are enthusiastic for the game, and I am confident that we have the real stuff here. Tonight was more or less in the nature of a preliminary turnout. I know the fellows well, and at the next workout hope to get them worked into their places pretty well. As soon as possible I will put them against another team, just to give them a chance to show what they can do."

Gillies is a defence man; Suter and Smith take care of the net; Lightfoot looks like a defence man; Hynde is best at goal; Delaney, defence; Roy McKay is a wing-chaser with pep galore; Norman, Everett and Logan are wing men who looked promising last night; Harrison, a star of last season, is too old; Walden, a defence player, is unable to play this season; McGeough, a rugby man from Western "U.," looks to be as good a man on ice as he is on the gridiron.

After the next practice it will be possible to give some idea of the line-up of the team. At all events, it sure does look as if London will be on the hockey map in earnest this winter

Brilliant Feats on Mound For Past Forty-Two Years

Herewith is presented a list of no-hit games from 1875 up to and including the season just closed:

1875—The first no-hit game we find recorded was that pitched by James Mann of Princeton against Yale, at New Haven, Conn., in May of that year.

1876—Galvin of St. Louis club in a game with a Detroit club at Ionia, Mich., did not allow a hit or a man to reach first base. Records do not show this to be a league game, however.

The following, from records at hand, is a table of no-hit games pitched by major league pitchers:

1876—Bradley, St. Louis, N. L.; not a man reaching first base.

1879—Richmond, Worcester, N.L., pitched two games, not a man getting to first base.

1880—Corcoran, Chicago, N. L.; Galvin, Buffalo, N. L.; Ward, Providence, N. L.; Richmond, Worcester, N. L. Ward and Richmond did not permit a man to reach first base.

1882—Mullane and Harker, Louisville, A. A.; Corcoran, Chicago, N. L.

1883—Radbourne, Providence, N. L.; Dailey, Cleveland, N. L.

1884—Corcoran, Chicago, N. L.; Galvin, Buffalo, N. L.; Atkisson, Athletic, A. A.; Morris and Mountain, Columbus, A. A.; Gagus, Washington, U. A.; Cushman, Milwaukee, U. A.; McKeon, Indianapolis, U. A.; Kimbler, Brooklyn, A. A. (11 innigs).

1885—Clarkson, Chicago, N. L.; Ferguson, Philadelphia, N. L.

1886—Terry, Brooklyn, A. A.; Atkisson, Athletics, A. A.; Kilroy, Baltimore, A. A.

1888—Terry, Brooklyn, A. A.; Porter, Kansas City, A. A.; Saward and Weyhing, Athletics, A. A.

1890—King, Chicago, N. L.; Titcomb, Rochester, A. A. King's game went 10 innings and was lost by errors in the 10th inning.

1891—Lovett, Brooklyn, N. L.; Ruse, New York, N. L.; Breitenstein, St. Louis, A. A.

1892—Stivetts, Boston, N. L.; Sanders Louisville, N. L.; Jones, Cincinnati, U. L.

1893—Hawke, Baltimore, N. L.

1897—Cy Young, Cleveland, N. L.

1898—Breitenstein, Cincinnati N. L.; Hughes, Baltimore, N. L.; Donohue, Philadelphia, N. L.; Thornton, Chicago, N. L.

1899—Phillippi, Louisville, N. L.; Willis, Boston, N. L.

1900—Hahn, Cincinnati, N. L.

1901—Mathewson, New York, N. L.

1902—Callahan, Chicago, A. L.

1903—Fraser, Philadelphia, N. L.

1904—Tannehill, Boston, A. L.; Cy Young, Boston, A. L. Young did not permit a runner to reach first base.

1905—Mathewson, New York, N. L.; Henley, Philadelphia, A. L.; Dineen, Boston, A. L.; Smith, Chicago, A. L.

1906—Rush, Philadelphia, N. L.; Eason Brooklyn, N. L.; McIntyre, Brooklyn, N. L. (10 innings). This game was lost to Pittsburg in the 11th inning.

1907—Pfeffer, Boston, N. L.; Maddox, Pittsburg, N. L.

1908—Cy Young, Boston, A. L.; Rucker, Brooklyn, N. L.; Rhodes and Joss, Cleveland, A. L.; Joss did not allow a man to reach first base; Smith, Chicago, A. L.; Wiltse, New York, N. L. (10 innings).

1909—Ames went nine innings for New York without allowing a hit, but his club lost in the 13th inning.

1910—Joss, Cleveland, A. L.; Bender, Philadelphia, A. L.; Hughes, New York, A. L., went 9 innings without allowing a hit, but Cleveland scored on hits and won the game in the 10th inning.

1911—Wood, Boston, A. L.; Walsh, Chicago, A. L.

1912—Mullin, Detroit, A. L.; Hamilton, St. Louis, A. L.; Tesreau, New York, N. L.

1914—Scott, Chicago, A. L., nine innings without a hit, Washington winning the game in the tenth inning; Benz, Chicago, A. L.; Davis, Boston, N. L.; Lafitte, Brooklyn, F. L.

1915—Marquard, New York, N. L.; Lavender, Chicago, N. L.; Hendrix, Chicago, F. L.; Allen, Pittsburg, F. L.; Main, Kansas City, F. L.; Davenport, St. Louis, F. L.

Rush Building Of Big Alleys For World Meet

Ten-Pin Stars Will Gather at Cincinnati for Big Tournament.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 26.—Contracts have been let during the past few days for the construction of sixteen standard alleys in the Ohio National Guard Armory here for the international bowling tournament to be held from February 16 to March 10, under the auspices of the American Bowling Congress.

That interest in the bowling game is intense is evidenced by the fact that several cities whose teams are lined up for the tournament even at this early date show a larger number of entries than at any previous tourney in which they have participated. This means substantial additions to the general prize money, and also assures the realization of the estimate of $30,000 for distribution among the winners.

Cincinnati established a precedent for entertainment at the international tournament in 1908 that has ever since given added impetus to these annual gatherings of bowlers.

Arrangements also have been completed for the annual tournament of the Women's National Bowling Association, to be held on the tournament alleys immediately following the American Bowling Congress contests.

Entries for the international tournament, under the auspices of the American Bowling Congress, close on February 1. Entry blanks and general information may be secured from A. L. Langtry, secretary, 175 Second street, Milwaukee, Wis.

COST OF LIVING BOOSTED 106 PER CENT BY WAR

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(By mail.)—The cost of living in Great Britain has risen 106 per cent since the war, according to official figures given in the House of Commons.

OTTAWAS DEFEAT WANDERERS 6 TO 3

Montreal Team Slowed Down After Ten Minutes' Playing.

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—Ottawas defeated Wanderers in the local arena tonight by 6 to 3 before a comparatively small crowd of spectators. The game was fast for the first ten minutes, then the locals slowed down, and the visitors kept piling up the score until they were a safe distance away from their opponents.

The Wanderers played practically the same team which has suffered defeat before, though it had been announced that they would have some new blood tonight. Skillon, who was in the Saturday night game against Canadiens, was ill tonight, and did not play. The Senators were strengthened by the services of Frank Nighbor. His brilliant playing was a feature of tonight's game, and through his clever puck-carrying work he assisted his teammates in scoring.

The play was too one-sided to be rough, and all the penalties handed out were for minor offences. Both Benedict and Lindsay were warned for getting on their knees, but were allowed to go unpenalized, although they offended several times in this respect.

The teams:

Ottawa.		Wanderers.
Benedict	Goal	Lindsay
Shore	Defence	Ritchie
Gerard	Defence	Ross
Darragh	Wing	Stephens
Denneny	Wing	McDonald
Nighbor	Centre	Hyland

Referee—P. Melville.
Judge of Play—Jack Marshall.

SPORT NOTES

Well, the Hermits finally got on the ice.

They had a tough time of it After arrangements had been completed the recent thaw put a crimp in hockey for a few days. The slippery was hard enough last night, as those whose skates weren't sharp found out.

Manager A. T. Taylor expressed himself as satisfied with the boys who turned out last night. On the whole, they showed life and pep and in one or two places there were some real bursts of speed.

Thirteen men had their skates on. When their names were taken by Mr. Taylor's assistants, that gentleman put the referee's John Henry down, too, to break the spell of the deadly "thirteen." Great to be superstitious, isn't it—or are you?

Still they couldn't dodge that thirteen. The candidates were formed into two six-man teams, and when the referee got on the ice there were thirteen out. That's something that is going to happen often this winter. Here's hoping it will break the spell.

The Hermits would like to get a game away from home on New Year's night Mr. Taylor will try to connect with some town, preferable not in this group, with that date open.

Manager Fred Mitchell of the Chicago Cubs will have an assistant next season in Otto Knabe, the old Philadelphia second baseman, and later with the Federal and International Leagues. Last season he managed the Richmond Rebels. Knabe is considered a pretty sharp baseball tactician, and he will occupy much the same position with the Cubs as "Kid" Gleason does with the White Sox. What the Cubs need more than anything else is aggressiveness, and it is expected that Knabe will instil them with the proper fighting spirit.

It looks like a very slim year for the Northern Hockey League. Stratford, Milverton, Durham, Mount Forest, Palmerston, Hamilton and London are the only clubs entered.

The O.H.A. season in Toronto will be opened Saturday, when Bill Marsden's champion Aura Lees face George Cruise's Beaches. Coach Eddie Longfellow has a nifty team to break into the league with, and he isn't worrying one whit because they have to take the plunge against the champions. "The bigger they are, the harder they fall" is the motto of the Beaches this season.

The one-time crack Hawthorn, for which an offer of $14,000 at one time was refused by his then owner, Charles F. Baechmeyer, was disposed of at an auction sale held in the New Orleans paddock for a paltry $190. He was in the consignment of G. A. Alexandra, and all the horses offered brought ridiculously low prices. The sale in full follows: Grapeshot, to U. DeLong, $600; Shaban, to J. Clark, $135; Baron de Kalb, to P. Dwyer, $100; Galeswinthe, to U. DeLong, $40; Caro Nome, to L. F. Weeghman, $225; Lieut. Sawyer, to L. A. Marrefo, $20; Privet Petal, to W. Walker, $100; Spring Valley, to W. J. Steele, and Hawthorn, $100, to E. W. McElroy. Bonnie Lassie was also disposed of by Nagman, and Franks went to L. O. Sawyer for $55.

Hugo Bezdek, manager of the Pirates, besides being a keen student of athletics and a competent developer of men in all branches of sport, is himself something of an all-round performer. Born in Bohemia, he came to this country as a child, and was a powerfully-built young man when he entered the University of Chicago about fifteen years ago. He was equally proficient at football, baseball and track athletics as a student, and, it is said, boxed professionally for a time under the name of "Young Hugo."

Following his graduation, Bezdek was coach of all the athletic teams at the University of Arkansas, and from that institution went to the University of Oregon in a similar capacity. He still retains the latter position, in addition to his duties as manager of the Pittsburg club

During the taking of testimony of ball players in the suit of Pratt and Lavan against Phil Ball, Attorney Lyon was quizzing Dave Davenport.

"All ball players have their bad days, don't they?" asked Mr. Lyon.

"Yep," replied Long Dave.

"Even the White Sox go bad every now and then," Lyon suggested.

"Not when the Browns were around," replied the nonchalant Dave.

Over 500 head of horses are on sale at the Chicago Horse Sale Company's auction this week. Some very promising trotting and pacing material are among them.

Harvard University boasts of 65 out of the 73 athletes awarded the honor of wearing the "H" last year are now with the United States forces. There are 22 rugby men, 10 baseball players, 17 puck-chasers, 5 of the eight-oared shell, 8 trackmen, one tennis and one golf player. Quite a bunch of the stars are with the United States Marine Corps.

Rumors from the big circuit have it that Suldine, the handsome little football of the harness turf, is to get another chance in 1918 instead of being sent into the show ring. The champion four-year-old trotter of the past season has been owned by more horsemen and trainers during his young life than most horses are in their entire existence.

"A baseball player should be able to hit inside a twelve-inch circle from 45 to 60 feet away, seven times out of ten without any preparation for the throw," —Grover Cleveland Alexander. Imagine Weaver trying to do it.

A novelty in future balk-line billiard tournaments may be the appearance of Miss Clara Catharine Haywood of Philadelphia in Class B. contests. She is a pupil of Harry Cline, the ex-champion, and was recently admitted to honorary membership in the Nation. Association of Amateur Billiard Players.

TURF STATISTICS OF ENGLISH SEASON SHOW BIG SUCCESS

Mr. Fairie Heads the List of Winning Owners.

GAY CRUSADER STARS

Won Many Purses — Steve Donaghue Wins Honors for Jockeys.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Some remarkable figures are shown in the turf statistics of the flat racing season of 1917, which was brought to such a successful close recently. In the list of winning owners Mr. Fairie won the largest amount in stakes with $58,805, nearly all contributed by the "triple crown" here, Gay Crusader In normal times this amount would have been very much more, for the prizes won by the famous son of Bayardo have been very much reduced in value, and there were no Ascot and Goodwood "plums" to be picked up. The figures are in striking conirast to the other occasions when Mr. Fairie headed the list of winning owners in 1909 and 1910. In the former year Bayardo's eleven successes as a three-year-old brought his owner no less than $123,985, and in 1910 Lemberg's seven victories placed $14,120 to Mr. Fairie's credit. Lord Derby won the largest number of races (22) and comes second with $26,875

Other big winners were Lord D'Abernon with $23,810, Lord Londonderry with $17,555, and D. Fraser with $15,150. Mr Fairie also heads the list of winning breeders, he having bred Gay Crusader, Telephus and My Dear, whilst his old hero, Bayardo, is the kingpin of winning sires with fifteen races, representing a total of $61,685. Twenty-five winners, with a total of $89,650, the bulk of it coming through the agency of Gay Crusader, places Alec Taylor's Manton establishment at the top of the winning trainers, and the jockey honors, for the fourth consecutive season, were won by the famous Steve Donoghue, who, by the way, is the only jockey to win the triple crown—the Two Thousand Derby and St. Leger on two occasions. Donoghue had 42 winners in 224 mounts, J. H. Martin coming second with 35 wins in 171 mounts.

BIG OFFENSIVE OF TORONTO BOYS TRIMS CANADIENS

Blueshirts Win in Fast Play Near End of Game.

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—The sensational offensive instituted by Manager Charlie Querrie's Blue Shirts in the closing ten minutes of play against the Canadiens at the Arena tonight, resulted in a victory for the local team by a score of 7 to 5. It was an exciting finish, and the crowd in the well filled arena were keyed up to the highest pitch. Manager George Kennedy had his whole team, with the exception of the goalkeeper, up on the forward line in the closing moments of play, but Toronto not only played a wonderful defensive game, but carried the battle to the visitors' territory, and kept them so busy defending their own citadel that they had little opportunity to even the score.

To Harry Cameron, Querrie's sterling defence player, belongs the lion's share of the credit. Three of the goals were directly due to his clever skating, stick-handling and shooting, while he notched another on a pass from Meeking. On the defence he stopped Lalonde, Pitre and Malone, and on many occasions outskated the whirlwind "Newsy."

Reg Noble, who started at left wing for Torontos, was another who was responsible to a great extent for the victory. From start to finish the Collingwood product was in the game, rushing, checking and relieving the defence.

Vezina, in goal for Canadiens, was a marvel of efficiency. He stopped shots that were seemingly impossible to reach, getting them inches from the ice, batting them down and clearing with his stick and slapping the high ones into the corner with his gloved hand.

The Blue Shirts changed their style of attack in the last period, and it was this change that was responsible for the victory. In the opening periods of play the forwards started down the ice abreast at a slow pace, gaining speed as they progressed, and coming into Canadiens' defence at top speed, thus being forced to shoot at random.

The teams that

Toronto (7)		Canadiens (5)
Brooks	Goal	Vezina
Cameron	Defence	Hall
Randall	Defence	Corbeau
Noble	Wing	Malone
Skinner	Wing	Pitre
Denneny	Centre	Lalonde
Coughlin	Subs	Couture
Meeking	Subs	Berlanquette

Referee—Lou E. Marsh
Judge of play—"Steve" Vair.

HOME RUN MADE COACH JEALOUS

Jack Hendricks, manager of the pennant-winning Indianapolis American Association team, when making a trip to Columbus played a team composed of convicts at the Ohio State prison.

The game was played in the prison yard, with the cold gray walls in the background.

In the latter part of the game a negro murderer who was playing the outfield for the convicts came to bat. He took an awful cut and the ball soared over the fence and out of sight for a home run. A negro burglar who was coaching on the sidelines, yelled:

"Lawdy, Mussy, how I'd lak to be on dat ball."

ONE SALE MEANS SEASON'S SUCCESS

"The sale of one ball player frequently makes the season a success for a minor league club, when the loss of the money involved means failure," remarked a prominent International League man.

"Take the case of Newark and Walter Smallwood, for example. Smallwood was the only player sold by the Newark club, the Yankees purchasing him. One of the conditions of the transfer, however, was that in the event of Smallwood being drafted the deal was off. Smallwood reported to the Yankees, was caught in the draft, and left to join the national army, so the Yankees did not have to pay the price decided upon. If Newark had realized the amount involved in this deal the club would have closed the season with a balance in the treasury. It got nothing, and ended the campaign with a deficit."

SARNIA AROUSES IRE OF DETROIT TEAM

May Eliminate Team From Schedule—After London or Hamilton Now.

DETROIT, Dec. 26. — Such a strong feeling has developed here against the Sarnia hockey team, following the tactics displayed by that club in its two-game series here this week, that the Arena management is seriously considering the elimination of the players from the tunnel town from its schedule for some time to come, at least.

The Detroit Free Press relative to the affair will say tomorrow: "The fistic display in the opening game, together with the 'laying down' of the team in the final section, were entirely unwarranted, and Sarnia's reputation in hockey suffers accordingly.

"A scrappy game of the ice pastime is relished by any fan, but to have the players inject slugging and stick-slashing is not what Detroit hockey followers desire. It is to be regretted that the visitors so far forgot themselves as to use the objectionable tactics, which may result in robbing the public of a hockey fixture."

The Hamilton club have canceled its engagement here for New Year's eve and night, and an effort is being made to secure the London military club, the Union Jacks of Kitchener, or the Toronto Dentals for these dates.

CUDGEL GREATEST; SCHORR DENIES THAT HOURLESS IS BEST

Southern Horseman Tells Why Honor Should Go to Cudgel.

There were three great performers on the running track last season—Hourless, Cudgel and Omar Khayyam. In an interview with Sam Hildreth, trainer for August Belmont's horses, Hildreth was reported as calling Hourless "the greatest race horse ever foaled."

J. W. Schorr, of Memphis, Tenn., who nearly always had a string of horses at Windsor when a meeting was on, recently sold Cudgel for $30,000. And he claims that Cudgel, and not Hourless, is the greatest horse ever foaled.

"I don't think that Cudgel could be kept from beating both Hourless and Omar Khayyam," says Schorr, and adds: "Cudgel performed feats, while under my ownership that no other horse has ever put over.

"I may mention in particular his last race when Cudgel, carrying 126 pounds, fell to his knees, got up and ran a mile in better than world's record time.

"They are now proposing a race between Hourless, Omar Khayyam and Cudgel. If it comes off bank on it that Cudgel's nose will be first under the wire."

LLOYD GEORGE DOES NOT ORATE IN FRENCH

Outlook Playfully Calls Attention to Discrepancy.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—(By mail.)—"It was more amusing than interesting," says the current issue of the Outlook, "to read in the personal column of a Sunday newspaper that 'Mr. Lloyd George is speaking French with greater fluency than ever.' The truth is that Mr. Lloyd George does not speak French at all, or at least, not French that can be understood by any Frenchman or Englishman. He travels with an interpreter—who translates everything he says—except when M. Franklin Bouillon occasionally takes that task upon himself.

"Mr. Lloyd George's famous 'candid' speech in Paris took several hours to deliver, simply because he had to pause after every few minutes of oratory while his English was rendered into French. However, our friends across the channel have been trained to bear our weakness; Viscount Grey's French was almost equally non-existent. On the other hand, M. Clemenceau, the French premier, speaks English with the greatest ease and fluency."

ALL ARE RE-ELECTED.

STRATFORD, Dec. 26.—There will not be an election for separate school trustees this year, thus keeping up the record established by that body of returning its members by acclamation.

The trustees nominated and declared elected today were: John Duggan, Avon ward; J. P. King, Falstaff ward; Felix Devlin, Hamlet; Rev. D. J. Egan, Romeo, and M. Fleming, Shakespeare. Other members of the board are Dean McGee, P. J. Kelly, J. P. Malloy, Jas Lavelle and Thos. Gaffney.

ROSEBUD WINNER IN EIGHT STARTS DURING PAST YEAR

Famous Winner Makes Year's Sensational Come-Back.

WON 15 OF 20 STARTS

Six-Year-Old Beats Ponies to Wire Often During Past Season.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Few followers of the ponies can be found who would back a six-year-old in stake events.

A six-year-old runner seldom looks like a good thing to the boys who venture their velvet on the races, for the reason that most of the ponies have outlived their usefulness as stake winners when they reach that age.

But anyone who backed Old Rosebud consistently during the 1917 campaign has no reason to regret it, for Old Rosebud, the horse who came back, won more stake events than any of the other ponies, though his winnings were not as large.

Old Rosebud is owned by H. C. Applegate. He went to the post in twenty races during the season and in fifteen of this number his nose was first under the wire. Out of his 20 races eight were stake events and his total stake winnings reached $28,515. The feature events won by Old Rosebud were the Clarke handicap, Cherokee handicap in Kentucky, the Queen's County, Carter and Red Cross handicaps at Aqueduct, the Frontier handicap at Windsor, and the Delaware at Saratoga.

Wins $193,830.

Four other crack racers, two of which were three-year-olds and two that raced as two-year-olds, together with Old Rosebud, won a total of $193,830 on the tracks this year, and ranked as the biggest winning quintet.

Sun Briar, owned by Willis Sharpe Kilmer, is the leader of the quintet, with total winnings amounting to $59,040. Sun Briar ran in nine races and won five. He captured four stake events at Saratoga, namely, the Albany handicap, Saratoga Special, Grand Union Hotel and Hopeful. He also won the Great American stakes.

The other two-year-old ranking among the first five was Papp, owned by George W. Loft. He ran eighteen races and won eight, five being stake events. His total winnings amounted to $95,500.

Hourless and Omar Khayyam were the biggest winning three-year-olds, the latter winning $41,550 in stake events. Hourless took down more than $25,000 in stake events and classed with Omar Khayyam as one of the greatest three-year-olds in the business



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MATERIAL DROP IN SHIP LOSSES FOR PAST WEEK

Eleven of Over 1,600 Tons and One of Less Capacity.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The losses to British shipping show a material decrease for the last week. According to the admiralty report tonight eleven British merchantmen of 1,600 tons or over were sunk during this period by mine or submarine, as well as one merchantman under that tonnage and one fishing vessel.

The summary:

"Arrivals, 2,316.

"Sailings, 2,466.

"British merchantmen sunk by mines or submarines, 1,600 tons or over, 11; under 1,600 tons, 1; fishing vessel, 1.

"British merchantmen unsuccessfully attacked, 12, including 2 previously."

For the week ended December 19, seventeen British merchantmen were sunk, fourteen of them of more than 1,600 tons. In the previous week the losses were 21, fourteen of them of more than 1,600 tons.

U. S. FRUSTRATES HIDEOUS HUN PLOT TO KILL WOUNDED

3,400 Bandages Found Infected With Deadly Poison at Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26.—A plot to poison Red Cross bandages and spread wholesale death among the soldiers of America and her allies has been exposed and frustrated here.

Revelations of the conspiracy were made today, when it became known the department of justice agents were hunting the perpetrators of the deed.

Three thousand four hundred surgical dressings, rolled by patriotic women in Toledo, were infected with a mysterious greenish poison while in transit between Toledo and Cleveland.

Immediately every one of the 3,400 bandages were burned.

WORKING WITH BOMBS NOW.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 26.—A letter declaring nine bombs had been placed in the executive mansion, capitol building, police station and residences of "two head officers of the state" has been received by Governor Stephens and turned over to the police, it became known today. The letter demanded that $50,000 be placed "in a rock pile," presumably near Oakland, Cal., December 31, at 3 o'clock.

BRITISH AIR SQUAD ALMOST GOT KAISER IN MANNHEIM RAID

Station From Which Emperor Departed Hour Before Partially Destroyed.

Geneva, Dec. 26.—The German Emperor, returning with his staff from the Verdun front, had a narrow escape during the reprisal raid of a British air squadron on Mannheim on Christmas Eve, according to a dispatch from Basle. Only about an hour earlier the emperor's special train left the station, which was partly destroyed by several bombs. A section of the tracks was torn up, cutting off communication north.

In fact, the emperor's train was the last to leave Mannheim, and no trains arrived at Basle yesterday from that city. Two bombs fell on the palace gate and one on the suspension bridge across the Neka River, both structures being badly damaged.

An ammunition factory in a northern suburb was blown up; few persons were killed there, however, as the employees were having a holiday. A considerable number of persons were killed or injured within the town, and several were blown into the Rhine.

FIRST REAL REPRISAL ATTEMPTED

London, Dec. 26.—Monday's British air raid on the German city of Mannheim was the first instance of an exact reprisal policy for Hun raids over England, according to announcement today.

It was the first air raid carried out by the British fliers which did not aim at purely military objectives.

All London newspapers express satisfaction at the actual carrying out of the policy of "bomb for bomb, with compound interest," announced by Premier Lloyd George in October, and on December 14 reiterated by Lord Rothermere, British air minister.

DISTRICT CASUALTIES

DIED

SARNIA.

C. G. Vallis.

WOUNDED

ANNAN.

D. McArthur, R. R. No. 2.

GAS POISONING

ST. THOMAS.

Pte. Hubert Smale.

Pte. Arthur Fletcher.

WOUNDED AND PRISONER

HIGHGATE.

Pte. Orval Smith.

Roosevelt's Second Son Recommended For Promotion in Rank

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Among 47 officers of the expeditionary forces recommended for promotion by General Pershing in a list made public today by the War Department is Second Lieutenant Archibald D. Roosevelt, son of former President Theodore Roosevelt, who is recommended for a captain of infantry.

FORMER LAW PARTNER OF PREMIER BORDEN IS DEAD

W. B. A. Ritchie, K. C., Victim of Mastoid Abscess.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 26.—W. B. A. Ritchie, K.C., former law partner of Sir Robert Borden and one of the most widely known lawyers in Canada, died here last night after a two days' illness. Mr. Ritchie was taken to the General Hospital on Saturday night, suffering from a mastoid abscess. His death followed an operation.

Mr. Ritchie, who was 58 years old, was born in Annapolis, N.S., and practiced law for many years in that city and in Halifax. He came to the coast about five years ago and was connected for some time with the firm of Bowser, Reid & Wallbridge.

NO FIGHTING CANUCK WITHOUT HIS TURKEY ON LINES IN FRANCE

Christmas Banquets, Shows and Atmosphere.

MAPLE LEAVES ON HAND

Real Old-Fashioned Time Is Enjoyed Despite War Conditions.

CANADIAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, VIA LONDON, Dec. 26.—(By W. A. Willison, special correspondent of the Canadian Press.)—Christmas has come and gone. The front line was quiet Christmas Day, which was wet and stormy. There was rain in the morning, turning to a snowstorm in the evening, and it was clear and cold at night. Behind the firing line the officers and men celebrated the day in wooden Armstrong huts or iron Nissen dwellings, or in the basements of shattered French houses or deep dugouts won back from the enemy.

They paused in the midst of action to drink old toasts to celebrate old customs and to remember old associations. The spirit of the day was the old Christmas spirit, with the message of all messages, which found expression in the Christmas number of the famous "Listening Post"—"To our own folks, whose dearest wish was that we should be with them at the festival board this Christmas time, just the old, old message, a merry Christmas and glad new year from the bottom of our hearts."

Banquet In Rest Station.

Stricken fighting men at the rest station in the Green Hills amidst the quiet surroundings of a quiet old chateau celebrated the season at a happy banquet in a great hut which was cool with evergreen, brightened with innumerable red, white and blue and green streamers, lightened by many Red Cross lamps and Chinese lanterns, and warmed by two big stoves. Men of all services were there—veterans of many fights, new men who had only arrived in time to help in the glory that was Passchendaele, and move on to the fighting ground of the present.

Maple Leaves and a Tree.

There were maple leaves to decorate the walls and many flags to add to the cheeriness of the room, and a real Christmas tree, groaning under a load of presents from home. The men who sat down at the banquet were dressed in the uniforms of their respective services or in hospital blue or pyjamas supplied by the Red Cross. They had their celebrations just as the wounded in the casualty stations or field ambulances had theirs. The C. A. M. C. strained itself to make the day a bright one for the wounded, and the Canadian Red Cross supplied them with special delicacies, games and toys. The Y. M. C. A. and chaplains vied with one another in helping all to have a good time. Wherever the men were present in large numbers there were concert parties or moving picture shows. At more than one place the Canadians had special Christmas trees for the children in the neighborhood, and at all the large entertainments France was represented by mothers, fathers or youngsters. It was altogether as happy a day as the war conditions would permit. No man, as far as I can learn, went without his turkey or his Christmas pudding.

UNION GOVERNMENT HAS DISTRIBUTED TWO NICE PRESENTS

The Railways' Stocking Not Overlooked.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—Christmas and New Year's presents are being distributed by the new Union Government. The first present handed out was to the liquor manufacturers of the Dominion. The second was to the railways.

In the first instance an announcement was made that total prohibition was to be inaugurated throughout the Dominion. The importation of intoxicating liquors was prohibited. It was hinted that in the near future the manufacture of intoxicating liquors within the Dominion would also be prohibited.

The result has been that, despite the fact that no liquor has been imported into the Dominion since shipping began to go short, the price of imported liquors has been jacked up by the liquor men 40 per cent since Christmas Day. While the price of Canadian liquors, whose manufacture has not been prohibited, has risen in proportion. Thus have the liquor men been accorded their Christmas present by the Government.

The next Christmas (or rather New Year) present handed out by the Government is to the old friend, the railways. It is many months since these corporations made their application for an increase in freight rates. Naturally they placed that application as high as they thought it possible for them to secure it. They asked for a flat increase of 15 per cent. They didn't expect to get it.

But they did; the Government waited until after the election to make its announcement. Today an order has gone forth jacking up freight rates by exactly the maximum asked for, namely, 15 per cent. Besides, passenger rates are advanced in the same ratio.

More New Year's presents may be expected at an early date.

But the common people and the consumers may just as well give up hope of being in on the deal.

TORONTO DOCTOR FACES MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—Dr. R. McP. Turner is under arrest on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Marion Stone, who died today at the General Hospital following an alleged operation. The doctor is confined to St. Michael's Hospital, suffering from blood-poisoning, and his condition is said to be serious.

Dr. Turner is under police surveillance, and will be removed to the jail as soon as his condition permits.

The doctor's arrest has caused a sensation in medical circles. Norman Joliffe, chauffeur, is also under arrest.

REVERSES DECISION

TORONTO, Dec 26.—That the Ontario extra provincial corporation act held by Mr. Justice Masten to be invalid, is valid, is the decision of the appellate division in a judgment given today in the action brought by the attorney-general of Ontario against the Harris Lithographing Company.

The effect of the decision is that companies chartered by the Dominion must take out a provincial license and pay the provincial fees before operating in this province. Unless they do so they are subject to the penalties provided by the province.

LIQUOR REGULATION IS ADJUSTED TO FIT PROVINCIAL ORDERS

Term "Alcohol" Changed to "Proof Spirits."

HARMONIZE VARIOUS LAWS

Congratulatory Words From Premiers of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26. — In the regulations touching the importation and sale of liquor adopted by the Government on December 22, the general phrase, "alcohol," was used in dealing with the alcoholic contents of liquors which should be deemed to be intoxicating. As the several provincial prohibition statutes make use of the technical phrase, "proof spirits," a slightly lower alcoholic content, it has been considered advisable to amend section 2 of Saturday's regulations by substituting the words "proof spirits" for the word "alcohol" therein, thus obviating any possibility of confusion which would arise from two different standards. This amending order, it is understood, was passed at today's council meeting, and brings the provincial laws and the Dominion regulations into complete harmony in this regard, and removes all possibility of misunderstandings.

ALBERTA PREMIER PLEASED.

EDMONTON, Dec. 26. — Premier Charles Stewart this afternoon wired to Sir Robert Borden commending the Government for the recent order-in-council restricting the liquor traffic.

NORRIS ADDS HIS PRAISE.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 26.—Premier Norris (Manitoba) today gave the following statement to the Canadian Press, Limited:

"In reference to the recent order passed by the Dominion Government concerning the control of the liquor traffic, it is regarded as very satisfactory to the Provincial Government, rendering more effective the Manitoba temperance act. It supplies the missing link, and will, I believe, be acceptable to the great majority of the people of the province."

THE VOICE OF P. E. I.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I., Dec. 26.—Premier Arsenault says: "The Government's action in prohibiting the importation of liquor into Canada will be generally approved by the people of Prince Edward Island. Dominion-wide prohibition is a war-time necessity and should have the support of every loyal citizen."

CABINET GETS BUSY SCATTERING ITSELF ALL OVER THE EARTH

None Seem Disposed To Stick On the Job.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Dec. 26. — Sir Robert Borden has gone to the Hot Springs, Virginia, where he will play golf for the next three weeks.

Hon. Frank Cochrane, who has been seriously ill for the past few days, left today for New York to undergo treatment.

Hon. C. J. Doherty, minister of justice, is on his way south for a vacation.

Sir George Foster, minister of trade and commerce, is seriously indisposed in Toronto, and may be compelled to take a long vacation in the south.

Hon. N. W. Rowell and Gen. Mewburn contemplate a sea voyage to England in the near future.

Sevigny Takes It Hard.

Hon. Albert Sevigny has been indisposed since the beginning of the campaign and is still confined to his bed.

Hon. P. E. Blondin was recently congratulated by Edmond Bristol of Toronto on having been elected, and has not yet been notified at the Savoy Hotel, London, that he has lost his deposit.

Sir Thomas White has "gone away for a well-earned rest." Nobody knows where he has gone.

Western members have not yet realized whether they have a low tariff or a protectionist government, and are remaining out west to find out.

Hon. C. C. Ballantyne and a few others have gone down to Halifax to see whether there is anything which the State of Massachusetts has left undone, to which they can give "their earnest consideration."

Otherwise the Union Government is right on the job.

PROFESSOR C. H. McLEOD DIES.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—Professor Clement Henry McLeod of McGill University died this afternoon while seated in his chair at his office at the university. He was 64 years old. He was in charge of the McGill Observatory. He had been secretary of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers since 1891, and was a charter member of the society.

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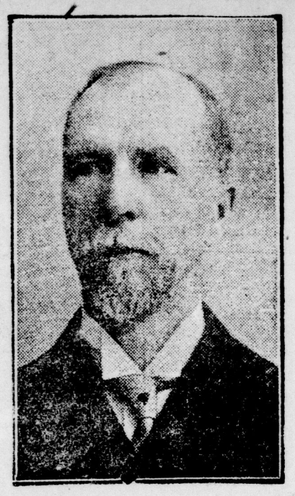
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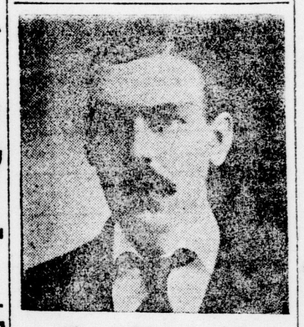
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YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE SOLICITED FOR

F. R. Watkinson

FOR ALDERMAN

WARD NO. 3

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RE-ELECT

THOS. ROWE

FOR

Board of Education

1918

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At the Solicitation of the Workers of the City

RE-ELECT MAYOR STEVENSON

Three Continued Years of Surpluses.

The Reduction in the High Cost of Living.

Efficient Management.

Water Question Solved (2,000,000 gallons daily added).

All Public Utilities Paying.

The Paving Plant Has Paid Itself This Year.

Public Market Improved.

WHY CHANGE?

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VOTE FOR

JARED VINING

FOR THE

Public Utilities Commission

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YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED FOR

EX-ALD.

C.H.Merryfield

FOR THE BOARD OF CONTROL, 1918.

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YOUR VOTE AND INFLUENCE FOR

P.J.Watt

FOR

Alderman

WARD NO. 1.

THANKS!

Dec.27,29,31

RE-ELECT

ALDERMAN

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WARD 2

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AMUSEMENTS, LECTURES

MAJESTIC
·THE THEATRE·
·THE SHOW·THE ORCHESTRA·

TODAY.
ETHEL BARRYMORE
IN
"LIFE'S WHIRLPOOL"
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.
SESSUE HAYAKAWA IN "THE SECRET GAME." b

PATRICIA
TODAY—MATINEE AND NIGHT.
3---BIG FEATURES---3
GEORGE WALSH IN "THE YANKEE WAY."
CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN "THE ADVENTURER."
MARY PICKFORD IN "THE LITTLE PRINCESS."
ONE BIG SHOW --- 2:15 to 5. 7 to 10:45. b

Musical Art Society
PRESENTING THE
"MESSIAH"
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH.
Next Monday Night
NEW YEAR'S EVE.
SOLOISTS:
EILLEEN MILLETT LOW.
LUTA LAYMON.
FRANK L. MELLOR.
ARTHUR MIDDLETON.
CHORUS 150 VOICES.
Tickets $1. On sale at music stores. b

VICTORY BONDS
Purchased. Offers wanted for one hundred or any part Huron & Erie, also Ontario Loan & Debenture.
F. B. CLARKE
416 Richmond Street, Next Bank of Commerce, London, Ontario.
Bankers: Merchants Bank of Canada.

London Canine Association
Annual ribbon show for all breeds. Silver cups and special prizes will be given. Also special for best puppy under 6 months. Entrance fee, 25 cents. Mr. Fred Hessell of London, Police Magistrate A. H. Marshall Graydon, Mrs. W. Waters of St. Thomas, and Mr. J. Meddows of Oakville will judge. Place, 351 Richmond street. Starts 7:30 p.m. Admission 10 cents. b

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCE — PALACE Academy. Dance to the orchestra with the pep. Next week four dances —Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday nights. Lessons any time. Phone. Dayton & McCormick.

MUSIC FURNISHED FOR PARTIES, balls, banquets. Phone 1265. Tony Vita's Italian Harpers. 122 Queen's avenue.

ROBERT HANNAH, ELOCUTIONIST, entertainer, concert engagements. 367 Princess avenue. Telephone 3735.

GEORGE A. STEER, ELOCUTIONIST and soloist—Concert engagements accepted. Care The Purdom Hardware Company, London.

MRS. ALICE HENDERSON'S SCHOOL —National and fancy dancing. Open for season. Reasonable terms. 91 Wellington. Phone 2670.

FIRST-CLASS ORCHESTRA FOR garden parties, entertainments, dances. Part or whole program provided, songs, recitations, comis, serious. Ask for terms. Lombardo Bros. Phone 5796.

GLADYS COMBER, PIPER AND dancer, pupil Pipe-Major James Hamilton. 102 Wellington. Phone 4397.

SCHOOL — MODERN BALLROOM dances. 214 Dundas. Jack Cortese, instructor. Phone 1570.

LOST AND FOUND.

LOST — CHRISTMAS EVE — ON Richmond street, white paper parcel containing brocaded knitting bag, satin lined. Please leave at Dominion Bank or telephone 353. Mrs. Bowker. 65u

LEFT ON DUNDAS CAR, WEDNESDAY—Small suitcase. Reward at this office. 65c

STRAYED FROM LOT 7, CON. 13, Lobo, two ewe lambs, last week in November. Please notify Isaac Zavitz, R. 3, or Marsh telephone. 65c

LOST — BROWN WATER SPANIEL —Answers to Peter. Reward at 477 Dundas street. 65c

LOST.—OPEN-FACED GOLD WATCH in South London. Reward B. Gillett, Postoffice. 64c

LOST.—HORSE COVER, BETWEEN Hyde Park and 585 Queen's avenue. Reward if returned to R. Baldwin, 585 Queen's avenue. 64u

LOST.—HANDBAG, MONDAY MORNING, on Ottaway car, containing valued gold watch, sum of money and keys. Liberal reward this office. 64u

LOST.—MONDAY NIGHT ON RICHMOND street, between Central and Queen's avenue, purse containing sum of money. Reward, if returned to 569 Richmond street. 64c

STRAYED OR STOLEN FROM 171 ST. George street, Saturday, Dec. 22, brown spaniel, female; answers to Brownie. Reward at above address. Phone 931. 63c

WANTED.

THREE FURNISHED ROOMS, NORTH of Dundas street preferred. Edward Towe, 405 Richmond street. Phone 245. 65c-wtz

LIVE AND DRESSED POULTRY WANTED
We can handle a large quantity of spring chickens, ducks and hens, either alive or dressed, at top prices. We supply crates to farmers who ship their poultry to us. Write for particulars.
C. A. MANN & CO.,
78 King Street, London, Ont.
ywt

USED CARS FOR SALE.

FORD SEDAN FOR SALE—STARTER, electric lights. Box 224, Advertiser. 62c-zxw

AUTO ACCESSORIES AND TIRES.
Canada Auto Devices Co.
330 Dundas St. (Opp. Armories). J. A. McLAREN, ywt Manager.

WE HAVE SEVERAL GOOD
Used Chevrolet Touring Cars
for sale at very low figures. Also one Ford touring car. Bargain at $275. See these before buying.
ONTARIO GARAGE AND MOTOR SALES, LIMITED.
Phone 2431. Cor. Dundas and Colborne. ywt

AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES.
New motor fuel, Leneogas, will give you from 3 to 7 miles' increase to the gallon of gasoline, and do away with the carbon troubles in your motor, and make it start easy in the cold weather. Also good driving gauntlets and mitts, engine hood covers, Johnson's Freezeproof, leakproof piston rings, etc. H. A. Warren's Accessories Store, 350 Dundas street. Phone 4903. ywt

CHIROPRACTIC.

DR. MACFIE, DRUGLESS PHYSICIAN (Chiropractic, electro-therapy, X-ray, etc.) — Dominion Savings Building. Phone 4710. Residence 5710.

CLARA KILBOURNE, UNIVERSAL College of Chiropractic graduate. Office, 321 Queen's avenue. Telephone 3353.

ADVERTISING RATES.

Amusements—Fifteen cents per line each insertion.
Meetings—One cent per word each insertion.
Births, Marriages and Deaths—One insertion, 50 cents. Each subsequent insertion, 25 cents.
Cards of Thanks—Fifty cents each insertion.
Articles For Sale, To Let, Help Wanted, Situations Vacant, Board and Lodgings, Lost and Found, Rooms To Let and all similar condensed advertisements—First insertion, one cent per word; each subsequent insertion, one-half cent per word. No advertisement less than fifteen cents.
An extra charge of ten cents is made for all transient advertisements that are charged.

BORN, MARRIED, DIED.

BORN.

MORRISON—To Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Morrison, 456 Adelaide street, on Dec. 24, a son. 65u

PARKER—To Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Parker, Dec. 21, a daughter (stillborn). 65u

MARRIED.

GRAHAM—SKUSE—On Saturday, Dec. 22, by Rev. G. B. Sage, Miss Hannah Skuse to W. H. Graham, both of this city. b

DEATHS.

CLEMENS—At Victoria Hospital, on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1917, Hazel Marie, youngest and dearly beloved daughter of Arthur and Matilda Clemens, of 105 Adelaide street, aged 5 years, 4 months and 9 days.
Funeral (private) on Thursday afternoon. Interment in Woodland Cemetery. b

DALE.—At his late residence, Glendale, Wednesday, December 26, 1917, Nathaniel Dale, in his 88th year.
Funeral from his late residence, 2nd concession, Westminster Township, on Friday, December 28, 1917. Services at 2 o'clock. Funeral at 2:30. Interment at Brick Street Cemetery.
Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. 64u

GOBLE — Suddenly, on Wednesday morning, William Henry Goble, of Philadelphia, in his 54th year, beloved husband of Georgia Goble.
Funeral (private) Friday at 12:30 from the residence of John Goble, No. 6 St. George street. Burial at Ingersoll. "In the midst of life we are in death." b

LEONARD—At the residence of his daughter, Mrs. A. Joyes, 518 Elizabeth street, on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1917, George Leonard, aged 72 years.
Funeral from above address on Saturday 3 p.m. Services 2:30 p.m. Interment at Woodland Cemetery. 65u

NIXON—At his late residence, 888 Waterloo street, on Tuesday, Dec. 25, 1917, Joseph Nixon, beloved husband of Isabell C. Nixon.
Funeral (private) from the above address on Thursday afternoon. Please omit flowers. Interment at Woodland Cemetery. 64u

PARKER—On Dec. 26, at Victoria Hospital, Zella Kew, beloved wife of Herbert E. Parker, in her 23rd year.
Funeral from her late residence, 1197 Florence street, Saturday, Dec. 29, at 2:30 p.m. (private). 65u

PORTEOUS—In this city, on Wednesday, Dec. 26, 1917, James Porteous, in his 68th year.
Funeral (private) from his late residence, 374 York street, on Sunday, Dec. 30. Services at 2:30. Funeral at 3 o'clock. Kindly omit flowers. 66c

RICHARDSON.—At McConnb, Mississippi, on December 24, 1917, Robert, beloved husband of Emma Wright Richardson, aged 58 years.
Funeral from the residence of Mr. Frank J. Wright, 320 Hill street, on Thursday at 3 p.m., service at 2:30.
Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation. Interment at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. 64u

IN MEMORIAM.

DELANEY—In loving memory of Jack Delaney, dearly beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Delaney, who died one year ago today, aged 16 months.
God has taken home our darling,
Placed our bud among the flowers,
Taken back the child he lent us,
To a better home than ours.
—Mamma, Daddy and Baby Sister. b

GELDART—In loving memory of my beloved husband, Henry Geldart, who died one year ago today.
In a far but silent graveyard,
Where the trees their branches wave,
Lies a true and loving husband,
In his cold and silent grave.
You are not forgotten, dear,
Nor will you ever be as long as life and memory last.
The happy hours we once enjoyed,
How sweet the memory still;
But death has left a vacant place
The world can never fill.
Days of sadness still come o'er us,
Tears in silence often flow,
For memory keeps you ever near us,
Though you died one year ago.
—From Wife, Daughter and Sons.
b 61 East Gore street, Stratford.

MEETINGS.

THEBES SANCTORIUM MEETS TOMORROW (Friday) evening, 8 o'clock. Election of officers and general business. J. W. Guthrie, registrar. b

DELAWARE TOWNSHIP
NOMINATION
Town Hall, Delaware, Monday, December 31, 1917, 12 o'clock noon, for
REEVE, COUNCILLORS AND POLICE TRUSTEES FOR 1918
J. H. MATTHEWS, Clerk.
Delaware, Dec. 24, 1917. b

BEAVER LOYAL ORANGE LODGE, No. 2101, meets fourth Friday monthly, in Orange Hall, Market Lane, at 8 p.m. Chas. Elborne, worthy master; Geo. Loney, recording secretary. P

RYERSON CIVIC LEAGUE MEETS tonight at 8 o'clock sharp. Controller Moore on "Commission Government." C. B. Edwards on "How to Get Strong Men to Manage London Better." 64u

PUBLIC MEETINGS
will be held for the discussion of municipal questions at the following places, viz.:
Thursday, December 27, at the East End Town Hall.
Friday, December 28, at Simcoe Street Public School.
Friday, December 28, at Chesley Avenue Public School.
Saturday, December 29, at the City Hall.
Addresses will be given by members of the council and others in explanation of bylaws submitted and the work of the year.
The meetings will be held at 8 o'clock on each evening. All ratepayers are invited to attend.
S. BAKER,
City Clerk.
Dec.8,11,13,18,20,26,27,28,29

REGULAR COMMUNICATION of the eight Blue Lodges of the city will be held in Masonic Hall, Queen's avenue, this evening, at 8 o'clock. The officers for 1918 will be installed. Rt. Wor. Bro. W. H. Dunlop, D.D.G.M., London District, No. 3, assisted by the past masters of the several lodges, will perform the ceremony. On behalf of the lodges: Neil McGill, W. M.; R. Booth, secretary St. John's Lodge, No. 20, G. R. C., A., F. and A. M. b

THE KING NEEDS YOU AND YOU need Him in this great war on sin and the devil. No physical test required. Recruiting office, 357 Richmond street. City Mission, nightly.

AUCTIONEERS

ROSE & SHAW, LICENSED AUCTIONEERS—City Hotel, London, every Saturday, or phone Dorchester. Specialty, farm sales.

FEMALE HELP WANTED.

YOUNG LADY FOR CASHIER'S DESK. Apply Peters Tea Room, Dundas street. 65c

WANTED — A GOOD GENERAL servant. Apply Mrs. R. E. Davis, 113 Wortley road. Phone 216. 65c

WANTED BY OFFICER'S WIFE — Girl to look after small boy, aged 4, in daytime; central locality. Box 231, Advertiser. 65c

WANTED — GOOD RELIABLE WOMAN to keep house for two (mother and son). Work light. Apply Mrs. E. Phillips, Strathroy, Ont. 65c

WANTED.—YOUNG WOMAN BOOKKEEPER; also one as stenographer. Both must have experience. Box 230, Advertiser. 64c

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED FOR small family, to go home nights. Middle-aged woman preferred, living in east end. Apply evenings. 832 Dufferin avenue. 64u

GIRL TO FEED PRINTING PRESS. Experienced one preferred, but will consider one who desires to learn. Highest wages. Sam Charlton, Printer, 123 King street. 64c

WANTED.—GENERAL FOR HOUSEWORK. Apply Mrs. Lerner, 502 Hill street. 64c

STENOGRAPHER WANTED—MUST have experience and be quick and accurate. Apply, stating experience, also salary wanted, to Box 226, The Advertiser. 62u-zxw

COMPETENT WOMAN, TO TAKE care of child and to do general housework. Ontario Employment Bureau, 108 Dundas street. No fees.

WANTED — GOOD GENERAL MAID —Apply Mrs. John Purdom, 429 King street. 61tf

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED COOK; high wages. Apply Miss Gibbons, 257 Dufferin avenue. 60n

EGGS ARE 15c A DOZEN—EGGINE is a pure food product. Use the same as eggs for baking and cooking. Your grocer can get it by phoning 2450, or 15c in stamps will get you a package. Address, Eggine, 285 Wortley road. Agents wanted outside of London. 60tf

TEACHERS WANTED.

TEACHER WANTED FOR S. S. NO. 1 and 2, Adelaide, duties to commence Jan. 3, 1918. State qualifications and experience. Salary $650. J. T. Murray, Arkona, Middlesex County, Ontario. 65n

WANTED—TEACHER S. S. NO. 7, Lobo; second-class; salary, $650. Apply F. A. Bayne, R. R. No. 7, St. Thomas, Ont. 62c

WANTED — TEACHER FOR UNION S. S. No. 11, Harwich; duties to commence Jan. 3. Apply, stating salary and experience, to L. A. Galbraith, secretary-treasurer, R. R. 2, Northwood, Ont 54tf

QUALIFIED PROTESTANT TEACHER wanted for S. S. No. 15, Mersea —Duties begin Jan. 3, 1918. Apply, stating experience, qualifications and salary. Colin Noble, Leamington, Ont., R. R. No. 1. 53bu

HELP WANTED.

YOU CAN MAKE $25 TO $75 WEEKLY writing show cards at home. Easily learned by our simple method. We sell your work or start you in business. Write for particulars. American Show Card School, 801 Yonge street, Toronto. xt-March 9

BUSINESS CHANCES.

PARTNER WANTED IN GOOD SUBSTANTIAL business, wholesale and retail; advertiser has the business, but requires more capital. 65n

OPPORTUNITY OFFERED TO SECURE paying grocery store, residential part of London. Sydney Smythe, Talbot street.

FOR SALE—EGG AND POULTRY business, in thriving village Western Ontario. For particulars, apply Box 200, Advertiser, London. 61a

AGENTS WANTED.

HIGH-PRICED FRUIT HAS CREATED a splendid demand for nursery stock. Our trees are known to be the best in the trade. We want reliable salesmen to sell in every unrepresented district, and pay well for services rendered. Exclusive selling rights for allotted territory. Write Pelham Nursery Company, Toronto, Ont Feb. 5.

BUSINESS CARDS.

MORREN FOR DRY CLEANING, pressing, repairing. 423 Wellington street. Phone 2598. Heavy overcoat for sale.

LEFF, JUNK DEALER, PAYS BEST prices. 316 Grey. Phone 4626.

McLEOD & GREY, REAR ADVERTISER—First-class livery and boarding. Bus parties our specialty. Phone 1277.

FOR GENUINE PLUMBING REPAIRS phone 5778. S. H. Hammond, 765 King street.

ALLIES DRY CLEANING, PRESSING, expert work, experienced tailors. 342 Dundas. Phone 5444. wvt

FACTORY EXPERT AND PRODUCTION ENGINEER
In London for a short time. Any factory not running up to expectations of its owners and managers can have consultation free and services at practically no cost. Apply Box 228, Advertiser. 63c


HAVE YOUR PIANO TUNED BY
S. Boardman
Formerly six years with Heintzman & Co. Phone 3511. ywt

TRY OUR 20c DINNERS—FISH DINNER Tuesday and Friday. Frank Allen Smith's Quick Lunch, 101 King street. ywt

HARRY BOSS
(Formerly of Palace Livery, East London.)
Closed, heated carriages; large, comfortable buses ywt

HORSES, CATTLE, ETC.
For Sale or Wanted.

WANTED.—TWO CARLOADS OF good heavy work mares, suitable for the Northwest. Apply 342 Colborne street, or Phone 3335. 64c

WANTED — DEAD HORSES AND cattle. Will pay $2 to $5 for live animals. London Fertilizer Company, Phone 638.

WAGONS AND CARRIAGES

DELIVERY WAGONS BUILT TO order. See our second-hand wagons. Abbott's Carriage Factory.

POULTRY AND EGGS.

WHITE WYANDOTTE BREEDING cockerel and pullets. Regal strain. Fred Gracey, 120 Thompson avenue. 65c

EDUCATIONAL.

IF YOU HAVE A SOLDIER FRIEND returned, disabled, have him train at Canada Business College, Chatham, for bookkeeper or stenographer, where pay is good, work light, and surroundings pleasant. We place thousands in choice positions. Write D. McLachlan, principal, for catalogue. 62n

MALE HELP WANTED.

Advertising Manager
for large financial institution. State experience and qualifications. Apply Box 236, Advertiser. b

SHOE SALESMAN WANTED — Rowland Hill, Reliable Footwear, 189 Dundas street. 65u

MESSENGER WANTED — APPLY G. T. R. freight office. 65c

PRESS FEEDER WANTED. ONE who can run Gorden presses. Highest wages. Sam Charlton, Printer, 123 King street. 64c

WANTED.—MIDDLE-AGED NIGHT watchman, who understands firing boiler. Apply Scott Chamberlain, Limited, Richmond and Bathurst streets. 64c

$13.00 WEEKLY PAID YOUNG MEN while learning to be station agents through night school. Limited number only. First applicants given choice. Act quickly. Write Dominion School Railroading, Dept. O, Toronto. tf-w

A RELIABLE SALESMAN WANTED in every town and district in Western Ontario where not represented. Spring planting list now ready. Send for terms and new catalogue. Start now at best selling time. Stone & Wellington, the Fonthill Nurseries, Toronto, Ont 25tf

REAL ESTATE WANTED.

There has been listed with us for sale within the past few days four beautiful 50-acre farms, with first-class buildings, clay loam, well drained, and at very reasonable prices. Anyone interested in getting a first-class 50-acre farm should see us at once.
ANDERSON & CO., 12 Market Lane. zyxwv

100 ACRES—NEAR ST. MARYS, GOOD house, basement barn, drive barn, soil clay loam, level. Price $66 per acre; half cash. Patterson, Imperial Bank Chambers.

FOR SALE — $2,600 WILL BUY THE property known as the Gordner Hotel Main street, Mitchell. The barn on this property is worth nearly all we are asking for the whole thing. Receipts will average over $18 per day. The above price includes bar furniture and fixtures, also the furnace in front sitting-rooms. Good reasons for selling. If not sold will be rented. For further particulars apply to John Elligson proprietor, or to A. D. Cameron, Box 69, Mitchell, Ont 9tf

WANTED—For clients, farms of 40 to 50 acres, with good buildings, in Middlesex and Elgin Counties
No charge unless sold by or through me.
THOMAS C. KNOTT,
217 Dominion Savings Building, London, Ontario.
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TO LET.

TO LET—149 MAMELON STREET, 1½-STORY brick, all conveniences. Possession January 1. Apply Samuel Plumtree, 93 Sterling street, after 6 and Saturday afternoons. 65c

VERY FINE CORNER STORE, RIDOUT and Dundas; four large plate windows, front and rear entrances, low rent. Good opening for druggist, butcher or furniture business. Also good flat, $10 per month. Apply W. H. Thornton, 52-54 Dundas street. 65c

FURNISHED HOUSE, SUNNY AND well heated. Twenty dollars a month if rented immediately. Box 204, Advertiser. 64c

SMALL FOUR-ROOMED HOUSE ON Delaware avenue. Immediate possession. Apply J. W. G. Winnett, barrister, Talbot street. ywt

SIX-ROOM HOUSES, 162 HYMAN street. $9. Phone 2839

ROOMS TO LET.

TO LET—WELL-HEATED, FURNISHED or unfurnished rooms, all conveniences, central. Phone 5811. 65c

TWO BRIGHT, WELL-FURNISHED warm rooms in modern home. Phone 2244. 65c

GENTLEMAN WISHES TO RENT room within five minutes walk of intersection of Dundas and Richmond; must have modern conveniences and be well heated. Box 229, Advertiser. 64c

TO LET FURNISHED OR UNFURNISHED housekeeping rooms. Apply 405 Dundas street. 62n

UNFURNISHED AND FURNISHED rooms, by month, steam heated, light. London House, corner Dundas and Talbot. Jan. 11

WANTED TO RENT.

WANTED — BY YOUNG MARRIED couple, small furnished house or flat, all conveniences. Box 232, Advertiser. 65c

BOARDING ACCOMMODATION WILL be required for students attending the Westervelt School. Give rate, two in a room and single, J. W. Westervelt. 64k

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WANTED, JAN. 1 — FOUR OR FIVE room apartment. Must be first-class in every particular and central. Reply, stating full particulars and rental, to Box 164, Advertiser. 52tf

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S. J. HENDERSON'S LARGEST moving vans and storage. Phone 1254. Residence, 573 Adelaide.

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MOVING DAY REMEMBER "DAY the Mover." Motor vans. Fireproof storage at reasonable rates. Residence, 480 Maitland. Phone 2887. H. F. Day.

UP-TO-DATE MOVING VANS—FURNITURE and pianos carefully handled. W. R. Flowers, 863½ Colborne street. Phone 2626.

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PURDOM & PURDOM— —DOMINION SAVINGS BUILDING First Floor, Corner of Richmond and King Streets.

MACPHERSON & PERRIN, BARRISTERS, solicitors. Money to loan. Robinson Hall Chambers.

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GRAYDON & GRAYDON, BARRISTERS, Bank British North America, 2 Market Square.

U. A. BUCHNER, BARRISTER, SOLICITOR corner Talbot and Carling. Phone 99. Money to loan.

W. G. R. BARTRAM, BARRISTER, notary, etc., 59 Dundas street.

EDUCATIONAL.

WINTER TERM FROM JANUARY 2
NEW CLASSES IN BOOKKEEPING, SHORTHAND, ETC., WILL BE FORMED JANUARY 2 IN THE
Westervelt School
LONDON, ONT.
DAY AND NIGHT CLASSES
J. W. WESTERVELT, JR., Chartered Accountant, Vice-Principal. J. W. WESTERVELT, Principal.
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ARTICLES FOR SALE.

COWS — REGISTERED HOLSTEINS —By such sires as Canary Butter Baron, No. 4054, and Dutchland Colanthe de Koll, 10648; Sir Pieterge, Josephine Keyes, No. 2095, the sire of Baroness Madaline, official record 34 pounds butter in 7 days, at head of herd; three in fresh, others due January and February, 1918. Thomas Thirlwall, R. R. 1, Ailsa Craig, Ont. Phone, Falkirk line. 65u

FORD DELIVERY CAR FOR SALE. Snap, if taken at once. J. M. Chivas, 117 Dundas street. 64c

GENT'S FIRST-CLASS FUR-LINED coat, cheap, large size. Phone 4912. 64c

UNDERWOOD TYPEWRITER — BIG bargain, $35. E. O. Graves, 110 Dundas street.

FOR SALE — QUANTITY OF 20 AND 24 inch green hardwood in car lots or more. Can cut any length to order. Northern Forests Products, Orillia, Ont. Phone 795. Jan. 14

BASS VIOL AND BOW, FOUR NEW strings, $25. B. Kriesel, Baden, Ont. 60n

CONFIDENTIAL CREDIT TERMS ON the newest ladies' fall suits, tweeds and plush coats and furs, also men's and boys' overcoats and suits. Get your wearing apparel in the beginning of season; no need to wait until you have all the cash. My prices are most reasonable. Call, write or phone J. Wolf, 821 Lorne avenue. Phone 3308.

CABINET PHONOGRAPH AND RECORDS, at Keene's, 342 Talbot. Records exchanged.

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SEE, HEAR THE WONDERFUL Brunswick—All phonographs in one; plays all makes of records, in addition to the beautiful, soft-toned Brunswick records. C. Crawford, 326 Dundas street.

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TEN POUNDS GRANULATED SUGAR, 90c, delivered free with a dollar order for tea, coffee, etc. Mail or phone orders sent C. O. D. Tyler, 355½ Clarence.

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BUY YOUR CLOTHES ON CONVENIENT terms—Ladies' suits, tweed and plush coats, hats, furs; men's, boys' suits and overcoats. Let us help you with our confidential credit system. Prices and terms to suit every purchaser. A telephone call will bring goods to your home. Call, write or phone. W. Goldenberg, 761 Dundas street, next Wood's Fair, Phone 1957. Open evenings.

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ELECTRIC COFFEE MILL, QUARTER h.p.; brand new; finished in red enamel; guaranteed. Price $110. Fisher Electric Company, Toronto. ywt

YOU NEED NOT WORRY HOW TO get your latest fall suit or winter coats of up-to-date cloths and plushes, and furs of all description. Also men's and boys' suits and overcoats, and with a complete line of house furnishings, on easy terms. Will show goods at your home without obligation of purchasing. Write, call on M. Lerner, 502 Hill street. Phone 1267. Your business confidential.

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WINDOW AND DOOR SCREENS made to order. Chamberlain weather strip. Phone 1534.

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The War Charities Act, 1917
Department of the Secretary of State of Canada.

The War Charities Act, 1917, defines "war charities" as follows: Any fund, institution or association, other than a church or the Salvation Army, whether established before or after the commencement of this act, having for its objects or among its objects the relief of suffering or distress, or the supplying of needs or comforts to sufferers from the war, or to soldiers, returned soldiers or their families or dependents, or any other charitable purpose connected with the present European war. Any question whether a charity is a war charity shall be finally determined by the minister."

The act also provides:

(1) It shall not be lawful to make any appeal to the public for donations or subscriptions in money or in kind for any war charity as hereinbefore defined, or to raise or attempt to raise money for any such war charity by promoting any bazaar, sale, entertainment or exhibition or by any similar means, unless—

(a) the war charity is either exempted from registration or is registered under this act, and

(b) the approval in writing of the executive committee or other governing body of the war charity has been obtained, either directly or through some person duly authorized to give such approval on behalf of such governing body;

and if any person contravenes any of the provisions of this section he shall be guilty of an offence against this act.

(2) This section shall not apply to any collection at divine service in a place of public worship.

The act was assented to on the 20th of September, 1917, and the above section so far as it relates to registration is applicable to war charities on the 20th of December, 1917. After that date collections made otherwise than on behalf of a registered war charity by subscriptions, donations, bazaars, sales, entertainments, exhibitions or similar means of collecting money are illegal.

Regulations and information respecting registration may be obtained from the undersigned.

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BLINDED SOLDIERS AT ST. DUNSTAN'S LEARNING TO BOX

Other Senses Trained To Substitute Sight In English Institute.

Boxing is one of the favorite sports of the blinded soldiers in St. Dunstan's Hostel in London, England, where the Canadian boys who have lost their sight in battle are being re-educated.

Th extent to which the other senses can be scientifically trained to replace vision, as outlined by Mr. W. E. Cowen, the Canadian representative of the hostel, explains the eagerness of the re-educated Canadians who have returned to take up civil life in St. Dunstan's, to have all their comrades benefit by this training rather than return to Canada to be cared for in institutions newly established.

Bells on the Gloves.

Boxing is made possible for the men by attaching little bells on the wrists of the gloves, which are differently toned for the right and left hands. Hearing becomes so keen with practice that it is easy for the men to judge the distance, and follow the motions of their sparring partners, so easy, in fact, that the spectators cannot be convinced that the boxers are really blind.

The Canadian boys whose re-education has been arranged for at St. Dunstan's by the Military Hospitals Commission not only learn a new occupation there, but through the general training regain self-confidence and a firm grasp on the new life in a new world.

SCHOOL CHILDREN ARE MAKING BOOKS FOR T. B. SOLDIERS

Collect Interesting Clippings and Bind Them Simply.

The school children of Canada and the United States have assembled all the literary lights from George Ade and H. C. Witwer with their "Fables in Slang" and baseball stories to Henry James in the little collections of stories which they have pasted into paper booklets for the use of T. B. soldiers in the sanatoria of the Military Hospitals Commission.

The question of keeping the men affected with tuberculosis supplied with sufficient reading matter is a problem. Every so often the books in service must be burned for sanitary reasons, and to destroy valuable books in this way seems a great pity.

One of the Best Services.

The effort of the children to supplement these libraries which must be replenished ever so often with reading such as soldiers like is one of the most appreciated supplementary services which anyone has yet thought of rendering the boys.

Teachers have supervised the selection of stories, and the collections are varied. There are love stories, sporting tales, adventure, detective mysteries, humorous essays and poems, everything bright and cheerful that can be found in the present day monthly publications.

From Distant Points.

Pasted on heavy white paper and stitched down the back they are very fine little books. In each one is a little letter from the child who made it hoping in his best copybook form that the soldier will enjoy it as much as he did making it.

They come in lots to the sanatoria from points even as far distant as Spokane and North Carolina, and some of the children engaged in making the collections are as young as eight years.

NEW SOCIALISTIC PARTY ALMOST AS STRONG AS GOVT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26. — The newly-organized Independent Social-Democratic party in Germany has become almost as strong as the Government Socialists, according to information reaching Government officials here today from Germany. The new independent party was founded last April, during what is known as the Gotha conference, and is represented as now having 120,000 members. The Government Socialist party had over a million members when the war began, but this has dwindled to less than 200,000 members, and it is between the latter and the Berlin Government that serious difficulties are reported to have arisen as a result of the circumstances under which the armistice was concluded between Germany and the Maximalists of Russia.

HEADQUARTERS EXPLAINS RE-ATTESTATION RULING

Abilities Acquired in Service in Canada Given Same Consideration as Those Received Overseas.

A discharged soldier suffering a recurrence of a disability, pronounced by the medical offiicer to be due to military service, is entitled to re-attestation on pay and allowances while receiving further treatment in a military convalescent hospital.

A case arose recently where a discharged soldier who had never been overseas experienced a recurrence of a disability acquired as a result of service in a Canadian camp. He applied for treatment, but the local officer was not sure that under P. C. 568, the order-in-council, designed to permit the re-attestation for treatment of returned men under certain circumstances included men who had not been overseas.

He applied to the headquarters of the M. H. C. at Ottawa for instructions, and was informed that the order-in-council made no difference between overseas men and the men whose disability was acquired in a Canadian camp, providing the M. O. declared that the disability was due to service.

MENORAH ASSN. CONVENES.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The Intercollegiate Menorah Association, a nonsectarian organization whose purpose is to advance the study and development of Jewish culture among university and college students in the United States and Canada, opened its fifteenth convention at Columbus University today. Delegates were present from 58 societies in various parts of the country.

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WILSON ASSUMES POSSESSION OF U.S. RAILROADS AS WAR MEASURE

From Tomorrow All Lines Will Be Operated by Government.

McADOO PLACED OVER ALL

Congress Will Be Asked to Guarantee Fixed Incomes to Companies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Government possession and operation of the nation's railroads for the war was proclaimed by President Wilson tonight, to become effective at noon next Friday, December 28. William G. McAdoo, retaining his place in the cabinet as secretary of the treasury, is placed in charge as director-general of railroads.

Every railroad engaged in general transportation, with its appurtenances, including special lines, is taken, an all systems will be operated as one under the director-general. In a statement accompanying his proclamation the president announced that as soon as Congress reassembles he will recommend legislation guaranteeing pre-war earnings and maintenance of railroad properties in good repair.

Government backing will be given to new issues of railroad securities that a ready market may be found.

Managements Remain.

The present management of the roads will remain in the control of the railroads, and the railway war board, comprised of five railroad heads, will continue to direct actual operation under Secretary McAdoo's general supervision.

The chief practical effect of Government operation will be to permit a complete unification of all-rail systems, impossible under private operation by reason of the statutes prohibiting pooling of rail traffic and earnings. The roads themselves had gone as far as they dared in this direction, and it became known only today that they had been warned by Attorney-General Gregory that a violation of anti-pooling laws could not be permitted.

The situation was fully realized by President Wilson, who, in his statement, declared the railroads had gone as far as they could, and already some systems were endangering their earnings in attempting unification.

To Guarantee Earnings.

Although the proclamation applies to all electric lines engaged in general transportation, local interurban systems are specifically exempted. Congress will be asked to guarantee earnings equivalent to the average net operating increase of each railway for the three-year period ending June 30, 1917.

The interstate commerce commission and other boards will continue to perform their functions as heretofore, except that they will be subject to orders of the director of railroads.

The president makes it clear his decision was not made because of any failure on the part of any of the railroads to perform their whole duty in so far as they could while hampered as they were by legal restrictions.

Follow British System.

The plan of control, as outlined in the proclamation and statement, leaves much unsaid as to details, but the general scheme appears to follow closely the British system. In England, however, Government freight is carried free, and the guaranteed earnings require an enormous amount of money from Governmental funds, while in the United States the Government will pay for its freight as in the past, and will stand its part of increased freight tariffs, if they are found to be necessary.

Aside from the president's statement there was no comment in the capital tonight on the Government's move. Secretary McAdoo declined to be quoted, and members of the railroads war board said they would have no statement to make until tomorrow.

The railroads will be taken over under war authority already granted by Congress, through the secretary of war.

Policemen Will Be Rewarded $10 For Catching Deserters

Order-in-Council Puts Price Upon Defaulting Eligibles.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—An order-in-council passed on December 24 provides for the payment of a reward of $10 to any member of the civil police or any peace officer who arrests and delivers into military custody a man who is absent without leave from the military forces of Canada through failure to comply with the military service act. The order-in-council also provides for the payment of expenses incurred in affecting the arrest and while the deserter is in civil custody.

German People Begging Food Christmas Day

GENEVA, Dec. 26.—Features of the German Christmas, according to news from across the frontier, were women and children openly begging in the snow-covered streets for food to appease their hunger, and riots in some of the towns.

Only the rich enjoyed a good but ordinary dinner, and for this they paid high prices, as much as $50.

Most of the churches in Germany were closed, owing to the lack of coal.

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SIR ROSSLYN WEMYSS BECOMES FIRST SEA LORD, SUCCEEDING ADMIRAL SIR JOHN JELLICOE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—High naval officials here regard the change in authority in the British admiralty as meaning a strenuous offensive against the U-boats.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Vice-Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss has been appointed first sea lord in succession to Admiral Sir John R. Jellicoe, according to an official announcement issued this evening.

Admiral Jellicoe has been elevated to the peerage in recognition of his very distinguished services. The hope is expressed that his experience may be utilized later in another post.

Admiral Jellicoe, who had performed notable service in the British navy as commander of the Atlantic and home fleets, and also as second sea lord, was made supreme commander of the home fleet at the outbreak of the war. In the summer following the Jutland battle, he was appointed first sea lord, turning over command of the grand fleet to Vice-Admiral Sir Edward Beatty, who had commanded the British warships in their fight against the Germans. Jellicoe is 58 years of age.

Vice-Admiral Wemyss became second sea lord of the admiralty in August of the present year. Although little known to the British public, Wemyss has always borne the reputation of being a fighter of the first order. He won commendation for the part taken by him in the Jutland battle. Wemyss entered the navy in 1877, and was made a rear admiral in 1912. He represents the old aristocratic element in the navy.

Something Behind Change?

The translation of Sir John R. Jellicoe to the honorable eclipse of a seat in the House of Lords and the promotion of the second sea lord to his place, briefly announced in an official communication tonight, will convey but one interpretation to the mind of the general public in view of the strong criticism for a long time passed upon the admiralty, which culminated in deep disappointment and dissatisfaction at the impunity with which German raiders recently again sank a British convoy.

The announcement says nothing of Admiral Jellicoe having for any reason desired to resign his appointment, but merely announces his replacement by Vice-Admiral Wemyss, and the bestowal of a peerage "in recognition of his very distinguished service." The announcement proceeds:

"During the war Admiral Jellicoe was for two years and four months in command of the Grand Fleet he came to the admiralty to take up the position of first sea lard, which he has held with distinction for the last thirteen months. It is hoped that his services and experiences may be made use of at a later date in another important appointment."

PASSENGER AS WELL AS FREIGHT RATES WILL BE INCREASED

15 Per Cent Advance to Cost of Travel in All Parts of Canada, Except British Columbia—Railway Board Says Rise Will Not Adequately Compensate Companies.

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—An important judgment handed down today by the board of railway commissioners provides for a 15 per cent increase in passenger rates in all parts of Canada with the exception of British Columbia, where the maximum rate is now three cents per mile.

The judgment also permits, subject to the limitations of the Crow's Nest agreement and certain specific limitations, an increase in freight rates of approximately 10 per cent in the west and 15 per cent in the east.

The Crow's Nest agreement was made by the Canadian Pacific Railway with the Government, and by its provisions, rates on a large number of commodities are reduced.

The judgment points out that "there can be no question, in view of the actual results that the railways require greater revenues, and must have them if proper efficiency is to be maintained, and the demands of the country for transportation at all adequately met." Cost of labor, coal and materials have been increasing, with the result that the expenses of the Canadian roads are mounting at a much swifter rate than earnings. The increased rates allowed, states the judgment, will certainly not equal the increase in costs to which the railways are subject, and which are not in any way attributable to the railway management.

With regard to the increase in passenger rates the judgment states that "it is in the public interest with a view to conserving coal, railway facilities and man power that passenger travel should be as light as possible, so as to facilitate efficient freight movement."

No mention is made in the judgment of the date on which the increased rates will come into effect. This is because the railways will have to file new tariffs based on the judgment, and these must receive the approval of the board. It is quite probable that several weeks will elapse before the higher scale of freight and passenger rates come into force.

"Card System" Basis of Coal Distribution For City of New York

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A national coal shortage, due to the wiping out of the reserve supply and the increased consumption, is an "actual fact" and must be faced by the small consumer with the practice of the "utmost conservation," according to a report of the New York State Fuel Conservation Committee, filed today with Albert H. Wiggin, state fuel administrator.

The committee, to assure the needs of the small consumer in New York State, has devised a plan for the distribution of coal on the "card system" basis and recommends its adoption as conservation measure.

MAY HAVE TO POOL COAL.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Fuel Administrator Garfield told the Senate investigating committee today that if the war continued very long the Government would be compelled to pool coal and sell it at reasonable prices.

Vimy Ridge Hero Met His Bride While In London

Pte. Gordon Latimer and Rose Hodgkinson Married Here.

KITCHENER, Dec. 26.—Pte. Gordon Latimer, twice wounded at the battle of Vimy Ridge, returned to this city from overseas in time to spend Christmas with his relatives here. While training in London, Ont., previous to going overseas with the 34th Battalion he met Miss Rose Hodgkinson, and the pair were married quietly on Sunday in London. Pte. Latimer brought his bride home with him, and received a shower of good wishes as well as many gifts from his host of friends in this city. Mr. and Mrs. Latimer will reside in Kitchener.

PORT STANLEY PASTOR MARRIED AT KITCHENER

KITCHENER, Dec. 26.—A pretty wedding took place this afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Zegler here, when their youngest daughter, Edna J., was married to Rev. C. Charles Gifford, B.A., of Port Stanley. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. A. Sykes, B.D., in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties.

The bride was becomingly attired in a gown of crepe charmeuse with lace trimmings and bridal veil caught with a wreath of orange blossoms, and carried a beautiful shower bouquet. Little Stewart Vaughn, nephew of the bride, was the ringbearer. There were no attendants. The wedding march was played by H. Leslie Staebler, cousin of the bride.

CAME FROM DRAYTON.

KITCHENER, Dec. 26.—Simeon B. Trask, formerly of Drayton, is dead here. Besides his wife he leaves three sons and one daughter: S. E. Trask of Drayton; O. S. Guy Trask, overseas; ex-Ald E. W. Trask, Mrs. E. G. Henry, Kitchener. The funeral will be held on Friday at Drayton.

STRATFORD I.O.D.E. TO HELP HALIFAX BY MILITARY EUCHRE

Big Turnout Is Expected for Event on January 4.

STRATFORD, Dec. 26.—At a meeting of the Municipal Chapter, I. O. D. E., it was decided to join in the movement inaugurated by the general executive in raising funds for the Halifax sufferers. A military euchre on January 4 will be the first step in this direction.

Wm. Livingstone, aged 69, is dead. He was born in Glasgow Scotland. For a time he worked at Baden with his brother, but later started in the flax business at Milverton. He retired about six years ago and moved to the city with his wife. Besides his wife one daughter and two sons survive. One brother, James Livingston, resides at Baden.

Relief calls upon the city were reduced almost to a minimum during Christmas. Relief Officer Dunseith reports he was only called upon to provide about $7 in groceries and three tons of coal.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merrylees of this city celebrated their golden wedding surrounded by members of the family and friends. They were married 50 years ago in the old Presbyterian Church by Dr. George. Mrs. Merrylees was formerly Ann Menzies, daughter of the late Archibald Menzies of North Easthope. They resided on the groom's farm in North Easthope for 40 years, and then retired and moved to the city. Many handsome presents and messages of congratulation were received.

CANADA HAS INCREASED GIVINGS FOR MISSIONS

United States Contributions Show Decline of $100,000.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Foreign missions in the United States and Canada received total subscriptions of $20,407,861 in 1917, of which $19,166,864 was from the United States, and $1,240,997 from Canada, according to a report by the foreign missions conference of North America, made public here today. Nineteen organizations in Canada and 178 in the United States are represented in the figures.

While the combined total is almost exactly that of a year ago, the figures show that Canada, regardless of the burdens of war, subscribed approximately $100,000 more than a year ago, while the United States contributed the same amount less.

TRANSFER W.O.R. VOLUNTEERS TO PROVIDE ROOM

One Company May Go to St. Thomas to Leave Quarters to Drafted Men.

READY FOR FIRST RUSH

Arrangements Have Been Completed for Handling of Men Secured by First Call.

Preparations for the reception and absorption of the 1,500 men expected to arrive in this city next week to report for duty with the 1st Depot Battalion. Western Ontario Regiment, under the first call of the military service act, have been completed, and everything is now ready to handle the men.

An increased staff has been provided at the armories, where the collecting depot will be located, and the men will be met at the trains, and taken to the armories, and from there will be escorted to the 1st Depot Battalion at Queen's Park Camp.

While the preliminary papers will be made out at the armories, the other papers will be made by the staff of the 1st Depot Battalion, and in order to provide better facilities for the staff, the orderly-room has been moved from the administration building to the main building.

In order to provide the room required for the new arrivals, it is expected that one of the volunteer companies will be transferred to St. Thomas on Friday for the remainder of the winter at least. A barracks has been ready there for some time, and the troops can be quartered there at once. The volunteer company is about three hundred strong, and its removal will make sufficient room for the drafted men.

ADMIRING NEW HORSE, NOT BOTTLED GOODS

Farmer Accused of Bringing Whiskey to Dance, Explains "Select Party."

David Tazzman, a London Township farmer on the Gore road, was found not guilty in police court today of having conveyed liquor to a dance held in the city on Monday night.

The magistrate decided to dismiss the case because of conflicting evidence.

Clifton Griffin, 1042 Dundas street, a witness called by the license department testified he was a carpenter by trade and "fiddled" for dances as a side line. He gave evidence that Tazzman had the bottle secreted in a fence corner, and that it had been passed around to a select party gathered in the stable.

Tazzman denied he had brought any whiskey, and explained that the party in the stable was admiring a horse he had recently purchased.

7TH GUARDS HOSTS TO 150 KIDDIES AT CHRISTMAS DINNER

Single Men of Company Entertain Families of Married Soldiers.

One hundred and fifty children were tendered a supper and given Christmas presents at an entertainment given by the single members of the 7th Guard Details to the children of the married members of the company Wednesday evening. A large Christmas tree, decorated with electric lights and Christmas prizes, delighted the boys and girls who sat down to a full course dinner after the prizes had been distributed.

Lieut. A. E. Burwell acted as the distributor of prizes. Although only a substitute Santa, Mr. Burwell, bewhiskered and clothed appropriately for the occasion, attended to the distribution of prizes to the satisfaction of everyone.

A program, which included dancing and singing, was carried out. The company orchestra supplied music, while the kiddies themselves rendered a variety of songs and recitations.

The expense of the dinner was taken from the canteen fund. The committee of single men, who arranged the dinner and concert, comprised: Lieut. A. E. Burrell, Lieut. H. L. McCrimmon, Sergt.-Major Roberts, Sergt. Hurrall, Sergt. McKenzie, Corp. Say, Sergt. Root and Pte. Fowler.

Lieut. Slater, commander of the 7th Guards Details, was in charge of the program.

100 DISTRICT SHIPPERS PROTESTING ANY CHANGE

Sign Circulars Against Removal of Bruce Branch Trains.

Over one hundred London and district shippers have already signed the circulars to be sent to the Dominion railway board protesting agianst the Grand Trunk's proposal to cut off two trains from the London, Huron and Bruce service.

Industrial Commissioner Philip sent out about 300 of the circulars on Monday and up to noon today well over 100 had been returned. These will be sent on to the railway board tomorrow and the others will follow as they come in.

LOCAL NEWS

PASSING LAST ACCOUNTS.—The 1917 city council will hold a special and final meeting Friday morning at 9 o'clock. The council will pass the last of the accounts of the year.

FINAL MEETING.—The final meeting of the board of health has been called for Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. C. R. Somerville will preside. Routine and a winding up of the affairs of the board is on the program for the meeting.

STEAM CAUSED RUN.—The firemen were called to the home of John Dillon, 10 Marley place, this morning, when the maid noticed a cloud of escaping steam from the hot water pipes in the kitchen and telephoned in an alarm. No damage was done.

STILL UNCONSCIOUS. — Mrs. R. Wallace, who was almost asphyxiated by escaping gas in the home of her son, at 534 Dundas street, Sunday night, is still unconscious. Hopes are still held for her recovery, as she has been able to take a little nourishment.

IN LOCAL HOSPITAL.—A cable list of wounded Canadians shows that Lieut. G. A. Wheable of this city, son-in-law of Rev. Dr. D. L. McCrae of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church, a former officer of the 142nd, is in hospital in Old London. He was wounded some time ago.

MAY REACH HERE THIS WEEK.—Mrs. Appleyard has received a letter today from her husband, Capt. (Rev.) E. Appleyard, written on December 13, stating that he expected to sail for Canada within a few days. Under the circumstances, it is probable he will reach London this week.

WINDS UP THURSDAY.—The final meeting of the 1917 board of education will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 o'clock when the retiring board will get in its final licks. The appointment of teachers to replace those who may be called to the colors under the military service act, and the arranging of the details for the reopening of school after the holidays are expected to take up the time of the meeting.

GIRL WHO WAS HIT BY WOLVERINE DIES; INQUEST TO BE HELD

Miss Lottie Couchman Never Rallied From Terrible Injuries.

ST. THOMAS, Dec. 26. — Miss Lottie Couchman, who was struck by the Wolverine express at the M. C. R crossing at Metcalfe street on Christmas night, died at the hospital early today. Deceased was a native of England and had resided in St. Thomas five years. An inquest will be held.

Mrs. Ida Smale, 48 Hemlock street was today notified that Pte. Hubert Clayton Smale had been wounded on December 14 by gas shell poisoning.

Mrs. Emma Fletcher, 42 Barwick street, was advised that Pte. Arthur Fletcher had been officially reported wounded on December 12 from gas shell poisoning.

Both men went overseas from St Thomas with the 91st Battalion.

Mr. Justice Hodgins of Toronto will be in St. Thomas on Monday next, December 31, to hear the appeals at this point arising under the military service act.

NEW TRIAL LIKELY AT BRANTFORD FOR CARMELLO CALLEJA

Reprieve of Two Months Is Recommended for Condemned Man.

BRANTFORD, Dec. 26.—A reprieve of two months is recommended for Carmello Calleja, the Maltese condemned to be hanged here on January 3, according to information received here today. The recommendation was wired to the minister of justice at Ottawa, and it is expected will be granted. T. C. Robinette acted for Calleja at Toronto. A new trial may be secured for the prisoner.

Judge Hodgins presided over the exemption appeal court here today. A number of appeals were made. Exemptions were granted in all cases to bona fide farmers and farm laborers, while in two or other cases exemptions were made for domestic reasons entirely.

A mandate will be issued to the city council of 1918 that no work involving capital expenditure and payment by the issue of debentures be undertaken. City Treasurer Bunnell announced today that following the order-in-council issued at Ottawa, forbidding the sale of municipal debentures, Brantford's policy of pay-as-you-go would have to be still more rigidly adhered to during the remainder of the war. Large expenditures on permanent works would be impossible, as the city's tax rate next year would be 30 mills on the dollar.

Stanley Murazak paid $200 in police court today for having a quantity of wine in his boardinghouse on Christmas Day.

Some 100 tons of coal daily are being distributed in quarter-ton lots through the agency of the municipal coal distributing depot, which is proving a success.

POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR GLADSTONE RAY ON MANY CHARGES

Young Guelph Man Wanted for Horse-Stealing and Robbery.

GUELPH, Dec. 26.—The police are looking for Gladstone Ray, a local character who has given them a lot of trouble during the last few years, and who was once charged with murder, but acquitted. This time he is accused of stealing a horse and buggy, the property of Wm. Ariss, a farmer, and of breaking into Sleeman's Spring Bank brewery on the Edinburgh road and stealing a quantity of ale and ten gallons of whiskey.

It is also alleged that Ray smashed the door of the brewery office, broke the typewriter all to pieces, and otherwise seriously damaged the office furniture.

The theft of the horse and rig took place from the sheds of the Albion Hotel, where it had been left. The owner was only gone half an hour. It is supposed that the thief drove over to the brewery and there was held up by Fred Houck, the driver of Sleeman's delivery rig, as he was about to leave, but let him go, and it was after this that the place was broken open. The police were at once notified and the surrounding villages and towns were told to be on the watch.

Late today Chief Randall received word from Galt to the effect that the horse and rig had been located there, but there was no trace of Ray. He had been away from Guelph for several months, returning only one day last week.

PARIS IS SAVING ON FOOD, MAKING THE BREAD CARD AN UNNECESSARY RULING

Paris, Dec. 27.—The issuance of bread cards, which was to have been made on January 1, will not be carried out. The minister of provisions, Victor Boret, made this announcement today. He said the inhabitants of Paris and the other chief cities seemed to have grasped the seriousness of the appeal for food conservation which had been addressed to them, and he was satisfied with the bread consumption of the last few weeks. Appreciable results had been obtained by this voluntary rationing, he added, and if a further effort were made it would be unnecessary to issue bread cards.

Restrictions in the consumption of bread have been applied since December 20 to hotels and restaurants resulting in a saving of 20 per cent.

PEASANTS' DELEGATION FAILS TO GET RADA AND BOLSHEVIKI UNITED

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—The peasant delegation which went to Kiev to effect a compromise between the Bolsheviki authorities and the Ukraine Rada report that they had no success.

The central executive committee of the workmen's and soldiers' delegates yesterday approved the appointment of of seven social-revolutionists as members of the council of national commisioners to replace the Bolsheviki members. Four of the new appointees will have portfolios, among them those of justice and agriculture. Three of them will be without portfolios. The number of Bolsheviki members of the council is ten, including one woman, Alexandra Kollantay, minister of public welfare. Efforts made by social-democrat members of the central executive to point out the significance of the changes failed. Their request that the president of the council explain the reason for the changes was voted down by the Bolsheviki members

MUMMERY JOINS TORONTO

Brandon, Man., Dec. 27. — Harry Mummery, the well-known Brandon hockey player, left yesterday to report to Manager Querrie of the Toronto Hockey Club.

Financial, Market and Commercial Section

FEW VEGETABLES BEING OFFERED ON MARKET

Live Stock and Grain Comprise Only Trading.

There was practically no vegetable market today, the only trading done being in grain and live stock. After the brisk Christmas market farmers are keeping away from the square, having disposed of all their immediately available produce. It is traditional that the week after Christmas on the local square is the slowest of the year and present indications point to one of the poorest periods for trading experienced this season. After the New Year it is certain that normal supplies of produce an brisk trading in all lines will characterize the market, but until then farmers and purchasers may look for extreme dullness. The roads are rounding into shape. As a rule post holiday sessions on the square are prolific of advances in prices, and according to officials of the market the effect of the Christmas trading will be an inclination toward increases

A good proportion of citizens are utilizing the remnants of their Christmas dinner this week and this is the principle reason given for the indifferent trading recorded on the square.

The mild spell, lasting during the end of last week until the beginning of the present one, was accompanied with some good work on the part of the hens of the district. However, when the cold spell gripped the city a discontinuation in respect to the output of eggs resulted.

Butter dealers voice the opinion that oleomargarine will shortly be instrumental in causing a drop in butter prices. The butter market is characterized by a slow tone and this will likely be succeeded by a distinct decline.

Live hogs are selling at the increased price of $17.25. The demand is only fair for hogs at this time of the year owing to the sudden jump of poultry into popularity. The scarcity in hogs, however, is pronounced, and the advance in price was daily expected last week.

Potatoes were plentiful on Monday, but few bags appeared for sale at a later period. Although any forecast of potato prices is regarded as hearsay because of the experience in tubers last year, it is said that agents of vegetable concerns across the border will refrain from buying up Canadian spuds this season.

Grain, Cwt.—			
Oats, per cwt.	$2 10	to	$2 20
Grain, Bushel—			
Wheat, per bu	2 12	to	2 12
Oats, per bu	68	to	72
Vegetables—			
Celery, per doz	30	to	50
Cabbage, dozen	40	to	60
Home-grown potatoes, per bag	2 00	to	2 25
Hay and Straw—			
Hay, ton	12 00	to	14 50
Straw, per ton	7 50	to	8 50
Fruit—			
Apples, per bu	1 50	to	2 00
Dairy Products, Retail—			
Butter, creamery, lb.	48	to	50
Butter, dairy, lb. rolls	48	to	50
Butter, crocks, lb.	48	to	50
Butter, store lots, lb.	48	to	52
Eggs, per doz	50	to	60
Dairy Produce, Wholesale—			
Butter, creamery lb.	46	to	50
Butter, dairy, lb rolls	47	to	50
Butter, crocks, lb.	48	to	52
Eggs, crate lots, doz.	45	to	46
Eggs, basket lots, doz	40	to	52
Poultry, dressed, Retail—			
Spring chicken, lb.	22	to	22
Ducks, pound	23	to	26
Geese, pound	23	to	26
Turkey, pound	30	to	32
Live Stock—			
Hogs, per cwt.	17 00	to	17 25
Small pigs, pair	12 00	to	16 00
Butchers' Meats—			
Dressed hogs, cwt.	22 00	to	22 00
Fat sows, cwt.	13 50	to	13 50
Beef, per cwt.	13 00	to	16 50
Veal, per cwt.	20 00	to	22 00
Heifer beef, cwt.	16 00	to	16 00
Lambs, per cwt.	20 00	to	22 00
Hides and Wool—			
Wool, unwashed, lb.	50	to	50
Wool, washed, lb.	60	to	62
Calfskins, per lb.	24	to	25
Cow hides, No. 1	18	to	18
Cow hides, No. 2	17	to	17
Cow hides, No. 3	16	to	16

GRAIN.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Opening: Corn—December, $1 27½; May, $1 24⅝.

Oats—December, 80c; May, 76⅝c.

Winnipeg, Dec. 27.—Oats opened ⅜c down for December at 82c; May, ⅛c to ⅜c up at 85⅜@85½c.

Barley opened unchanged for May at $1 46¾.

Flax opened ¼c higher for May at $3 11¾.

Inspections on Wednesday were 803 cars for all grains, as compared with 1,173 last year.

LIVE STOCK.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—The market was slow this morning and prices medium. Hogs were steady. Receipts, 35 cars, containing 304 hogs, 155 sheep, 259 cattle and 70 calves. Quotations:

Cattle—Exporters, choice, per cwt. $12@12 50; do, bulls, $9@10 25; butchers, choice, $10 25@11 50; do, common, $7 50@8 25; do, cows, choice, $8 25@9 75; do, medium, $6 50@7; do, canners, $6 50@6 75; do, bulls, $7 50@8 25; feeding steers, $8 50@9 75; stockers, choice, $7 50@8 50; do, light, $6 50@7 50; milkers, choice, each, $90@130; springers, each, $90@120; calves, $15@16.

Sheep—Ewes, per cwt, $12@13; bucks and culls, $8 50@9 50; lambs, $18@18 25.

Hogs—Fed and watered, per cwt, $17 75@18.

East Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 200; slow

Calves—Receipts, 75 head; steady, at $7@17 50.

Hogs—Receipts, 1,000; strong; heavy, $17 40@17 50; yorkers, $17 20@17 30; mixed, $17 30@17 40; light yorkers, $16 25@16 50; pigs and roughs, $16@16 25; stags, $13 50@14 50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 4,000; steady and unchanged.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Notice that the Government would take possession of the railroads had a bearish effect today on the corn market. A majority of traders inclined to the belief that the Government action would tend to result in a larger movement of grain from the interior to the principal terminals. Selling based on this theory, however, was not of an aggressive character.

Opening prices, which ranged from unchanged to ⅜c to ½c lower, with January at $1 25¼@1 25½, and May at $1 25½@1 24⅞, were followed by a moderate setback all around.

Although at first oats showed considerable strength, the market later took a downward swing with corn. The initial upturn was ascribed to a forecast of much colder weather and to the likelihood of export sales.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Cattle—Receipts, 21,000; market weak; beeves, $7 35@14 25; stockers and feeders, $6 60@10 20; cows and heifers, $5 20@11 30; calves, $8 50@15 75.

Hogs—Receipts, 42,000; market slow; light, $16 20@17 10; mixed, $16 60@17 20; heavy, $16 55@17 20; rough, $16 55@16 70; pigs, $12@15 0; bulk of sales at $16 80@17 10.

Sheep—Receipts, 16,000; market was steady; lambs, $12 60@16 40; wethers, $9@13 10.

COTTON.

Liverpool, Dec. 27.—Cotton—Futures closed dull. New contracts: January, 22.63d; February, 22.63d; March, 22.51d; April, 22.47d; May, 22.43d. Old contracts (fixed prices): December, 21.33d; December and January, 21.18d; January and February, 21.08d; February and March, 20.99d; March and April, 20.90d; April and May, 20.82d; May and June, 20.74d; June and July, 20.66d.

WALL STREET.

New York, Dec. 27—Wall Street, 10:30 a.m.—The widespread approval of the United States Government's proposed action in taking over the railroads and allied properties of the country, found reflection in a buoyant advance of prices at the active opening of today's stock market. The shorts were almost panic-stricken in the rush to cover contracts, some of which were made as recently as yesterday.

Included among the more substantial advances of the first half hour were Baltimore and Ohio, which rose 17 points, Delaware and Hudson 14, St. Paul 12½, Atchison 10, Atlantic Coast Line 9½, Northern Pacific 9, Norfolk and Western 8½, Union and Southern Pacific 8 each, New York Central 7½, Louisviel and Nashville 6½, Lackawanna and Chesapeake and Ohio 5 each, Canadian Pacific and Soo 4 each, and others 2 to 3 points.

Industrials, coppers, shippings and an unusual array of specialties rose 2 to 4 points, the movement being the broadest and most extensive since the middle of the year.

There was considerable profit-taking on the early rise, with consequent recessions of 2 to 5 points. St. Paul preferred, which rose almost 18 points in the initial dealings, reacted 10 points.

Noon.—Short covering continued, but further selling for profits proved a partial offset. Early reactions of 3 to 10 points were followed by fresh absurptions, which lifted some stocks, notably Great Northern, Canadian Pacific, Rock Island, coalers and Texas Company above initial maximums. Industrials also strengthened, especially the war group. Trading diminished in the second hour, the market going through the process of assimilation, but at noon activity was renewed at or near highest levels. Bonds of minor railroads profited 2 to 4 per cent by the rise in stocks.

1:30 p.m.—The advance was actively resumed in the afternoon, industrials, war specialties and shippings showing extreme gains of 3 to 5 points. Standard rails held the greater part of their rise, and minor issues of that group developed further strength.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

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

New York, Dec. 27.

	Open.	High.	Low.	1:30.
Trunk Lines and Grangers—				
Baltimore & Ohio	52⅜	52⅜	51¾	51¾
Erie, com	16	16¼	15	15⅞
Erie, 1st pfd	22	24	22	24
Great Northern	85	87½	85	87½
Llinois Central	87¾	90	87¾	90
New Haven	30	30	28¾	29
New York Central	70½	71	70¼	70¾
Rock Island	18½	21⅝	13¼	20½
St. Paul	45	46¾	44¾	46
Wabash, com	20⅞	20⅞	20½	20½
Pacifics and Southerns—				
Atchison, com	87½	87½	83¾	85
Canadian Pacific	134	134¾	133⅜	134¼
Louis. & Nash	109½	111	109½	111
Missouri Pacific	23¾	24⅞	23¼	24⅝
Northern Pacific	83½	84⅝	81½	84⅝
Southern Pacific	83⅛	83⅞	83⅛	83⅝
Southern Railway	23¾	24⅜	23⅝	24⅛
Union Pacific	110	111¾	109½	110½
Coalers—				
Ches. & Ohio	47	48⅛	46	47⅞
Lehigh Valley	57	59	57	58
Norfolk & West	103¾	104	102½	104
Pennsylvania	45¼	46⅜	45	46
Reading Railway	72½	72½	72¼	72¼
Tractions—				
Brooklyn Transit	38	38⅛	38	38⅓
Industrials—				
Allis-Chalmers	16⅞	..	..	..
Am. Beet Sugar	66½	66½	66	66¼
American Can	35	36¼	34½	35¾
American Car	65	66⅞	64¾	66⅞
Am. Locomotive	51⅜	53Z	51	53⅝
American Sugar	95¼	..	..	..
Am Smelters	71½	73	70½	73
Am. Tel. & Tel	100¼	101½	100½	100½
American Wool	41¼	42	41¼	42
Baldwin Loco	58	..	..	..
Central Leather	59½	61¾	58¾	61
Corn Products	29	29¼	28¾	27¼
Col. Fuel & Iron	33	34¼	33	34¼
Distillers	32⅝	33½	32	33½
Dome Mines	8⅛	..	..	..
General Electric	124⅛	125⅜	122½	125⅜
General Motors	3½	95	93	95
G. Northern Ore	25	25½	25	25½
Inter. Nickel	26⅞	26⅞	25	26½
Marine, com	20¾	20¾	20⅛	20¾
Marine, pfd	79¾	81¼	78½	80½
Pacific Mail	23½	..	..	..
Studebaker	43¾	44½	43¾	44
Westinghouse	36⅝	38¾	36¼	38¾
Willys-Overland	17⅞	18⅞	17⅞	18½
Coppers—				
Anaconda Copper	57	58⅝	56⅝	58¼
Chino Copper	39¼	40⅛	39¼	40⅛
Inspiration	40½	42¾	40½	42½
Miami Copper	27	..	..	..
Ray Consolidaetd	21½	21½	20½	21½
Tennessee Copper	12¼	..	..	..
Utah Copper	75½	77½	75½	77½
Oils—				
New Mexican	73¼	75⅜	73¼	75
Texas Oil	128	130½	127	130½
Steels—				
Bethlehem Steel	72⅝	72⅝	71⅞	72½
Crucible Steel	50	52¼	50	52¼
Lackawanna	75	75½	75	75
Republic Iron	76	78	75⅞	77¾
Railway Steel	44	45⅛	44	45⅛
Sloss-Sheffield	37	..	..	..
U. S. Steel	87⅝	88	87½	88
U. S. Steel, pfd	103	104⅜	103	104⅛
Bonds—				
Anglo-French 5's	8½	888½	88	88½

MONEY.

London, Dec. 27.—Bar silver, 43⅜d per ounce.

New York, Dec. 27.—Bar silver, 86⅝c per ounce.

BANK CLEARINGS.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Bank clearings for the week ending today, $51,634,390.

Montreal, Dec 27.—Clearings for the week ending December 27, $68,158,793.

Brantford, Dec. 27.—Clearings for the week ending December 27, $776,958.

Hamilton, Dec. 27.—Bank clearings for the week amounted to $4,501,397.

Halifax, Dec. 27.—Bank clearings for the week ending today were $2,989,840.

BANK OF ENGLAND.

London, Dec. 27.—The weekly statement of the Bank of England shows the following changes:

Total reserve decreased	£ 141,000
Circulation increased	906,000
Bullion increased	759,973
Other securities decreased	225,000
Public deposits increased	5,083,000
Other deposits decreased	4,966,000
Notes reserve decreased	70,000
Government securities increased	483,000

The proportion of the bank's reserve to liability this week is 18.56 per cent; last week it was 18.66 per cent.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Dec. 27.—Closing prices today were:

British 5 per cent loan	93⅝
British 4½ per cent loan	99¼
Consols, for money	54⅛
Anaconda Copper	14¼
Atchison, com.	83½
Baltimore & Ohio	44
Canadian Pacific	159
Chesapeake & Ohio	49
Chicago Great Western	8
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	45
De Beers	12⅞
Denver & Rio Grande	9
Erie, com.	21
Erie, 1st pfd.	31
Grand Trunk	8¾
Illinois Central	92
Louisville & Nashville	113
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	6
New York Central	68
Norfolk & Western	103
Ontario & Western	22
Rand Mines	3
Reading Railway	72
Southern Railway	24
Southern Pacific	83½
Union Pacific	110
United States Steel	90

FLOUR

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Listed quotations at Toronto are:

Flour—Manitoba: First patents, $11.50, bags; second patents, $11; strong bakers, $10.60; Ontario winter, 90 per cent patents, $9.70, bulk, seaboard.

Millfeed—Manitoba bran, $35 per ton; shorts, $40 per ton on track, Toronto.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—There was no change in millfeed, rolled oats or baled hay.

Flour—Manitoba spring wheat patents, firsts, $11.60; seconds, $11.10; strong bakers, $10.90; straight rollers, bags, $5.20@5.37½.

Rolled Oats—Bags, 90 lbs., $5.30.
Bran—$35.
Shorts—$40.
Middlings—$48@50.
Moullie—$56@58.

Minneapolis, Dec. 26.—Flour—In carlots, fancy patents, $9.75 a bbl., contained in 98-pound cotton sacks; first clears no longer quoted; second clears, $6, jute.

Bran—$32@39.

BIG CASH ACTIVITY FOLLOWS HOLIDAY

Offering, However, Light at Winnipeg.

BARLEY FIRMS UP

Cash Flax Quiet, But Futures Close Higher for All Months.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—When the grain exchange opened this morning after three days' holiday there was considerable activity in cash oats, and a number of buyers were in the market. Offerings were light.

Cash barley was in good demand and prices were firmer. Cash flax was quiet, with No. 1, ½c over December. Millers were in the market for No. 2 and No. 3 northern. The Wheat Export Company as usual took everything offered at fixed prices.

Oats, new contract, closed 1⅞c higher for December, 1¾c higher for May, and 1⅜c higher for July. Old contract May closed 1¾c higher.

Barley closed 2½c higher for December, 2¾c higher for May.

Flax closed 6¼c higher for December, 8½c higher for January, and 5¼c higher for May.

Futures ranged:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Oats—(Old contract)—				
May	..	..	..	85¼
Oats—(New contract)—				
Dec.	81¾	..	..	82⅜
May	85¼	..	..	85¼
July	84⅞	..	..	84½
Barley—				
Dec.	1 37½	..	..	..
May	1 46	..	..	1 46¾
Flax—				
Dec.	3 07½	..	..	3 10¼
Jan.	3 09	..	..	3 10½
May	3 08	..	..	3 11½

Cash grain:

Oats—No. 2 C.W., 83⅛c; No. 3 C.W., 79⅜c; extra No. 1 feed, 79⅜c; No. 1 feed, 76⅜c; No. 2 feed, 73⅜c.

Barley—No. 3 C.W., $1.37½; No. 4 C.W., $1.32½; rejected and feed, $1.17.

Flax—No. 1 N.W.C., $3.10¼; No. 2 C.W., $3.07¼; No. 3 C.W., $2.90¼.

TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Grain quotations are as follows:

Wheat—Ontario, No. 2 winter, $2.22, in store, Montreal; Manitoba, No. 1 northern, $2.21½, including 2½c tax, in store, Fort William; No. 2 northern, $2.20½; No. 3 northern, $2.17½.

Oats—No. 3 Canada western, 83⅛c; No. 3 do., 79⅜c, at lake ports for immediate shipment; Ontario, No. 2 white, 77@78c, outside; No. 3 white, 76@77c, outside.

Peas—No. 2, 37@38c, according to freights, outside.

Rye—No. 2, $1.78.

Barley—$1.30@1.31, outside for malting.

Buckwheat—$1.55; shipping points, $1.60.

MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—The tone of the local market for oats was stronger today in sympathy with the strong feeling in the option markets at Winnipeg and Chicago, and prices for all grades were marked up one cent per bushel. The trade on spot was quiet, owing to the fact that buyers seemed to be fairly well supplied for the time being and were not disposed to operate at the higher level. On spot No. 3 Canadian Western were quoted at 90½c per bushel.

Corn—American, No. 2 yellow, $2.15@2.30

Oats—Canadian Western, No. 3, 90½c; extra No. 1 feed, 90½c; No. 2 local white, 89c; No. 3 local white, 86c.

HAY

Montreal, Dec 26.—Hay—No. 2, per ton, carlots, $15.50.

TORONTO STOCK EXCHANGE.

[Reported by Edward Cronyn & Co.]

Toronto, Dec. 27.

	Asked.	Bid.		Asked.	Bid
Am Cy	20	15	Spanish	14	..
do pfd.	..	52	do pfd.	50	..
Ames, c.	14½	..	St Ch, p	57	..
do pfd.	50	..	Stl Can.	49½	..
Barcel	9¼	8¾	do pfd.	85	..
Brazilian	32	..	T Paper.	..	72
Burt, c.	68½	..	Tor Ry.	53	..
do pfd.	84¼	..	Tucketts	19	..
C Bread.	18	..	Tw City.	65	..
C Car.	18½	..	Win Ry.	48	..
do pfd.	50	..	**Banks—**		
Cement.	57	..	Com'rce	185	..
C S L.	39¼	..	Dom	199	..
do pfd.	72½	..	Hamil'n	184	..
C G Elec	99½	..	Imperial	185	..
C Loco.	56½	..	Merch	167	..
do pfd.	82¾	..	N Scotia	244½	..
C P R.	133½	132½	Royal	..	205
C Dairy.	30	..	Stand	200	..
do pfd	60	..	**Loans, etc.—**		
ConLife	375	..	C Land.	150	..
C Smelt.	24⅜	..	C Perm.	162½	..
Con Gas.	150½	..	C Invest.	74	..
Cr Nest.	50	..	H Prov.	..	134
Dome	825	800	H & E.	207	..
D Steel.	52½	51¼	20% pd	..	196
Mackay.	..	71½	L Bank.	..	139
do pfd.	60	..	L & C.	126½	..
M Leaf.	93	91	T Trust.	202	..
do pfd.	93	..	T Mort.	134	..
Monarch	..	30	**Bonds—**		
do pfd.	77	..	M L & P	40	30
N S Car.	7½	6	Penmans	..	80
Nipis'g.	850	825	Rio Jan.	..	81
NSSteel.	66	..	Stl Can.	89¼	..
P Paper.	..	41	War Loan 1925	95¼	95
do pfd.	81	..			
Russell.	..	50	War Loan, 1931	92¼	92
do pfd.	70	..			
Sawyer.	11	..	War Loan, 1937	92	91¾
do pfd.	41	..			

STANDARD STOCK AND MINING EXCHANGE.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Toronto, Dec. 27.—Morning mining sales: Apex, 6,500 at 7, 3,000 at 6¾; Dome Extension, 500 at 11, 1,000 at 10¾, 500 at 10½; Holly, 45 at 500; Moneta, 3,500 at 7½; McIntyre, 175 at 140, 2,500 at 141; New Ray, 8,000 at 43, 1,000 at 43½, 2,000 at 44; Vipond, 300 at 17¼, 1,000 at 17½; V. N. T., 500 at 16½; Schumacher, 1,000 at 41; Hargraves, 500 at 9, 2,500 at 9¼, 1,000 at 9⅛, 6,000 at 9¾; Buyers, 60 days; Kennebeck, 500 at 7, 1,500 at 6½; Larose, 300 at 37; McKinley, 300 at 59; Nipissing, 10 at 855, 25 at 850; Ophir, 1,200 at 12½, 500 at 11½, 200 at 12; Provincial, 1,800 at 44½, 200 at 45¼; Temiskaming, 500 at 28½, 1,500 at 27½, 2,500 at 28.

NORWICH FUNERAL WAS LARGELY ATTENDED

TILLSONBURG, Dec. 26. — The funeral of Louis A. Pearce, held this afternoon from his home in South Norwich to Springford Cemetery, was one of the largest ever held in the district.

Rev. Mr. Ottowell of Otterville conducted the services. Besides his wife he leaves three daughters at home, Ruby, Hazel and Ollie, and two sons, Frank at home and Pte. R. Pearce in France. The pall-bearers were six nephews—E. Gilbert, W. Pearce, Chas. Pearce, A. Pearce, W. W. Pearce and Roy Cornwall.

POSED AS PRIEST.

Paris, Dec. 13—(By Mail).—A young German newspaperman, who made his escape from a prison camp in the south of France, has been captured after two weeks' liberty. He was wearing a long black beard, and a long cloak like that worn by some of the French religious orders.

In his hand he carried a French prayer book, on the fly leaf of which he had written in perfect French that he was a priest on a pilgrimage to Lourdes, and that he had vowed to make the journey on foot and without speaking a word. He asked that he be given bread to eat and water to drink and a lodging at nighttime. The German had shown this soiled prayerbook everywhere along his way, and the simple-minded peasants, believing him to be a priest, had fed and sheltered him without question.

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TOO MUCH ADVICE, REGULATIONS LACK, CANADA'S TROUBLE

Coal Situation Here Not as American Correspondent Puts It.

In reply to a story appearing in a Detroit paper from a special correspondent in Toronto, to the effect that Government fuel control has worked out better in Canada than it has in the United States, if Ontario and Michigan may be taken for examples, a man in London who is thoroughly informed in regard to the coal situation in both the United States and Canada says: "It is true the official advice was given in Canada to buy coal this summer while the getting was good, and that dealers remembering the experience of the previous winter went out and bought. But the trouble is, too much official advice without regulations resulted in as bad a mixup as ever, and perhaps worse. The outcome is that while more coal has been purchased distribution has been bad owing to the failure of officialdom to make and enforce regulations in time.

"The people who had the money and storage room got their coal for the season, and in a good many cases more than their share. They paid more than they would have done, probably about 50 cents a ton more, than would have been necessary had there been no panic. The people who lacked storage room or money to purchase are in worse straits than before. While it is true London has had more coal than formerly at this time of the year, between 70 and 80 per cent of the amount used the whole of last season, some 17 or 18 coal dealers have no coal for sale, and many people are without coal to burn. The regulations now in force should have been in force as far back as last June or July in order to make fuel control effective and really benefit the public as a whole. While it is true that more coal will be available in Ontario with the closing of navigation, the towns that have received their proportion or more than their proportion from the coal companies, cannot get more until other places have received their portion and things have thus been squared up."

MASONS OF KOMOKA ELECT NEW OFFICERS

KOMOKA, Dec. 26.—Myra Masonic Lodge, No. 529, has elected the following officers for the year:

I. P. M., Wor. Bro. Dan Campbell; W. M., Bro. Colin McKinley; S. W., Bro. Duncan McIntyre; J. W., Bro. Charles Foster; treasurer, Wor. Bro. Archie McKellar; S. D., Bro. Peter Barber; J. D., Bro. Fred Payne; S. S., Bro. Gordon Campbell; J. S., Bro. Ray Fletcher; inner guard, Bro. Gordon Pincombe; tyler, Bro. Blair Gray; chaplain, Bro. Wm. Macdonald; D. of C., Wor. Bro. A. D. Graham.

All officers-elect gave excellent addresses. After the business was concluded supper was served by Wor. Bro. A. D. Graham.

TWO BADLY HURT BY FALLING ON THE ICE

AILSA CRAIG, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Neil McAlpine, George street, fell on some ice while spending Christmas at her daughter's, Mrs. Thos. Blake, of McGillivray, and broke her wrist, besides receiving a severe shaking up.

Miss Mary Thompson, who lives with her brother, Mr. Wm. Thompson, East Williams, fell on Monday and broke her hip. At present the doctor has not been able to just locate the other injuries, but her suffering is intense, and owing to her advanced age her friends are very much alarmed.

Mrs. Harold Abbott and children from the West and her brother, Neil McDonald, are visiting Mrs. B. McDonald, William street.

Misses Charlotte and Lena Stephenson left on Wednesday to attend the wedding of their cousin, Miss Ada Phillips, which takes place at London today. Miss Phillips was formerly of Ailsa Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brownlee and children, also Mr. Cleve Brownlee of Unity, Sask., are here to spend the winter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wes Brownlee.

IN WESTMINSTER FOR EIGHTY-EIGHT YEARS

The death took place on Wednesday of Nathaniel Dale of Glendale, Westminster Township. He was born at Glendale 88 years ago, and resided there ever since. He is survived by four sons, John Dale of Dakota, and Hugh F. Dale, Thomas Dale and James Dale, Westminster Township; two brothers, Solomon Dale and Ezekiel Dale of Westminster Township. The funeral will be held from the residence of his son Hugh F. Dale, Westminster Township, on Friday to Brick Street Cemetery.

SCHOOL REPORTS

S. S. NO. 27, LONDON.

The following report gives the percentage obtained by the pupils of S. S. No. 27, London Township, on their fall term examinations. The junior and senior third pupils wrote on the same papers. The pupils of the first class and primer are arranged in order of merit:

Class IV.—Hilda Lott, 73; Mildred Yake, 71; Dorothy Anderson, 67; Erwin Ellis, 38.

Class III., Senior—Irene Piper, 73; Lorne Warwick, 72; Homer Marshall, 61; Lillian Geddes (absent for examination).

Class III., Junior—Stewart Smith, 54; Elsie Dibsdale, 49; George Geddes, 20.

Class II.—Hazel Smith, 70; Richard Blight, 69; Fred Lott, 66; Keith Anderson, 65; Thelma Logan, 57; Walter Geddes and Mildred Ellis (absent for examination).

Class I., Senior—Edna Piper, 79; Harry Yake, 75; Wilbert Smith, 60; Russell Pack, 58; Reggie Gledhill, 58; Caroline Mutch, 58, Jean Mutch, 48; Albert Garlick and Clarence Flannigan (absent for examination).

Promoted from Senior Primer to Class I.—Eleata Johnston, David Ellwood, Walter Dibsdale, Murray Collier, Floyd Lott, Leonard Flannigan.

Junior Primer—Wilma Kernohan, Inez Kernohan, Frank Collier, Helen Anderson, Dorothy Geddes, Christine Mutch, Eleanor Gledhill, Orville Logan, Marion Flannigan, Ulu Schram, Merriett Wilcox.

Teacher—R. Clare Harding.

S. S. 16, WESTMINSTER.

Names in order of merit. A subject after a name indicates failure.

Class Fourth—Honors—Marr Marsh. Pass—Leda Jones, Kenneth Davidson, Jessie Nichol, Margaret Jackson (absent), Thelma Jackson (absent).

Class Third, Senior—Honors—Florence, Axford, Gordon Walch. Pass—Jean Oldham, Belle Marsh, Clark Harris (Spelling, arithmetic).

Class Third, Junior — Pass — May Mungar, Emerson Nichols (Spelling).

Class Second, Senior—Honors—Lena Nichols, Elma Axford. Pass—Archie Tate (Spelling).

Class Second, Junior — Honors—Willie Marsh. Pass — Abbie Mann, Wilma Harris (Spelling), Luella Jackson (absent).

Class First—Honors—George Donnelly.

Primer—Pass—Clarence Mungar.

ARTHUR MIDDLETON IS COMING MONDAY

It is related of Arthur Middleton, the bass-baritone of the Metropolitan Opera Co., New York, that Dean Lutkin of the Northwestern University, Chicago, and conductor of the North Shore Music Festivals, characterized Middleton as the "singer with the rhythm in his voice," a charcterization that is subscribed to by all of the conductors with whom he has appeared.

"When Middleton is around we do not have to worry about the baritone role," was another famous orchestral conductor's tribute. From this it may be seen that Arthur Middleton is not only a shining example of vocal culture but sight reading, and all of the fundamentals which make the musician as distinguished from the singer. Hence the remarkable record of this artist of never using a score for the singing of his enormous oratorio repertoire.

Mr. Middleton sings the solo parts in "Messiah" next Monday evening, (New Year's Eve), at the First Methodist Church when the choir of the Musical Art Society under the direction of Mr. Albert D. Jordan present this work that has maintained its hold upon the hearts of all lovers of music the world over.

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JAMES PORTEOUS, VETERAN ENGINEER, DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Taken Ill Few Days Ago While on His Run to Sarnia.

James Porteous, aged 68, one of the best-known Grand Trunk engineers in this district, died at his home, 374 York street, last night, after an illness of only a few days with pneumonia. While on his run to Sarnia a week ago he became chilled, and soon after pneumonia developed.

Mr. Porteous was a resident of London for over 50 years. As a young man he went to Hamilton and entered the employ of the old Great Western, working his way up to engineer. For a time he was with the Pere Marquette, but several years ago went back with the Grand Trunk.

Besides his wife he is survived by two sons, John and James, both of Winnipeg; three daughters, Mrs. Mitchell of Kansas City, Mrs. A. Matthews of Los Angeles, and Miss Marion at home; two brothers, Thomas of Los Angeles and John of London, and five sisters, Mrs. Bella Rogers of Montreal, Mrs. J. Turnbull of Detroit, Mrs. A. L. Crossin and Mrs. S. McKay of Winnipeg, and Mrs. E. Wrighton of London.

The funeral will be held on Sunday and will be private.

CITIZENS UNITE TO ELECT SOMERVILLE AS MAYOR OF CITY

Strong Organization Formed at Meeting Last Night.

ALL ARE ENTHUSIASTIC

Every Effort Being Put Forth to Return Big Business-men.

An organization which will carry the work of the campaign into every ward and subdivision of the city was formed last night at an enthusiastic meeting of those citizens interested in the election of C. R. Somerville as mayor of this city, held at 150 Dundas street (the former Victory Loan headquarters).

Men of every political stripe and religious creed were present, and this fact was referred to by Mr. Somerville, who in a few brief remarks stated that he had been prevailed upon to allow his name to go before the people by men representing all sections of the community, and that was one of the chief reasons why he had consented to run.

Can Be Improved.

Mr. Somerville was not, he said, overcritical of the present city government, but thought that it might be improved in some respects. The holding of securities in the hope of obtaining a lower rate of interest, he declared to be bad business. He did not think that there was any intention of grafting in this connection, but it showed that those responsible were unfamiliar with commerical economics. Debentures should be put on the market and sold at the prevailing rate of interest, for by holding them and borrowing money for short periods in the meantime they were merely speculating on the money market, in the hope that the interest would be lower later on. Any bank manager could have told them that the interest would not be lower. There was considerable wastage along that line.

"We should save in every way possible," said Mr. Somerville. "In times like these, when we are asked to even save on our tables, it seems unwise to put down pavements, curbs and storm-sewers during the war-time stress. Some of them may have been placed where they are necessary, but there are many places where they are not necessary, and those places could easily wait until after the war.

City Has to Pay.

"Curbs have been laid along property where there are no houses, and the city has to pay for it in the first place, even if it collects from the owners later. We have got to be careful with our finances. Our market in the old country is closed, and if the New York market were closed where could we dispose of our debentures and raise our money to pay for these things?

"We are in a very critical condition, and we should cut out expenditures as much as possible until after the war."

The work at the city hall, added the speaker, could be improved upon by getting the department heads working together. They should be considered as superintendents or foremen, and should be brought together. The whole work of the city should be toward efficiency and economy.

Needed More.

The council had magnanimously granted the board of health $6,600, which was perhaps all that it could spare, but which was certainly not all that was needed. In Toronto the health department was spending $370,000, but if it was on the same basis as London it would only spend $65,000.

Regarding the checks that Mayor Stevenson had refused to sign, Mr. Somerville explained the circumstances of the case, and stated that he might as well have signed them a week earlier than he did, as he had been instructed by the solicitor to do so.

Following the address, temporary chairmen were chosen to act for each of the four wards, and the gathering was divided up into ward meetings. It was explained that there were 77 subdivisions and that about three hundred workers would be required, and that all those who would volunteer would be welcome.

Volunteers Needed.

Those who wish to volunteer to work and also those who desire to lend their automobiles, should hand their names in at the headquarters today, or as soon as possible. Speakers are also needed to address voters at the factories at noon hours, and those who can volunteer, should do so at once.

Posters, windowboards, hand cards and circular letters are also being prepared, and will be distributed as soon as possible.

An organization meeting for the women will be held at 4:30 o'clock today, when the heads of all the women's organizations will be invited to cooperate in the campaign and assist in the election of Mr. Somerville.

A meeting of the men workers and all those interested in the campaign will also probably be held at the Somerville headquarters tonight, and in the meantime the headquarters rooms will remain open all the time from now until the election, and any information wanted will be gladly furnished there.

WEST OXFORD WOMAN IS PAINFULLY INJURED

INGERSOLL, Dec. 26.—Slipping on an ice-covered board at her home in West Oxford, Miss Margaret Kennedy fell and fractured a leg.

Rapid progress has been made in the rebuilding of Bowman & Co.'s store, which was destroyed by fire early in November.

After fifteen months of efficient service G. J. Coutts has resigned as organist and choirmaster of St. James' Anglican Church. As a mark of appreciation of his faithful services he was the recipient of a smoker's outfit, the gift of the choir. A suitable address accompanied the presentation.

At St. James' Church the rector, Rev. R. J. M. Perkins, officiated at a quiet wedding when he united in marriage Miss Kitty Elizabeth Harriott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Harriott, Charles street, to Charles Robert Kendall of Barrie. The couple were unattended and the ceremony was witnessed by only immediate relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. Kendall will reside in Barrie.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

THANKS TO G. W. V. A.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Will you kindly allow me a small space in your valuable paper in reply to the letter of the 23rd inst., signed "True Soldier's Wife"? I would like to make a few remarks on behalf of the Great War Veterans' Association. I was one of the mothers whose children were overlooked, but I certainly think that it is very unjust of "True Soldier's Wife" to refer to the event as red tapeism, as I think the work was carried out splendidly, considering the many hundreds of children that were so kindly remembered. I am quite sure it involved a lot of work for many willing helpers, and it was possible for a few to be overlooked. I myself think there is great credit due to the Great War Veterans' Association in so kindly remembering our soldiers' children at this season of the year. I remain,

Yours sincerely,
ANOTHER TRUE SOLDIER'S WIFE.
London.

DROPS DEAD ON STAGE.

New York, Dec. 27.—Just as he was about to appear on the stage during the second act of "The Tailor-Made Man" at the Cohan & Harris Theatre last night, Theodore Freibus, a member of the cast, dropped dead in the wings.

Freibus, who was 38 years of age, responded when the call boy announced the act, and just as the curtain rose he fell over.

RED-HOT CONTEST IS RUMORED FOR REEVE IN LONDON TOWNSHIP

Patriotic Fund May Be Centre of Political Storm.

Although it is expected that the majority of the township councils in Middlesex will be returned by acclamation, a red-hot contest, according to report, may be staged in London Township.

Stories are in circulation that a London Township farmer may enter the field for the reeveship, his platform to be the abolition of the $6,000 a month patriotic grant. This particular aspirant for municipal honors has, it is understood, a large number of supporters.

His stand to have the patriotic fund abolished is based, it is understood, not because of lack of patriotism, but because of his allegation that the fund is not being administered impartially, in his opinion.

A woman relative of his was not given a patriotic allowance, because she possessed a 200-acre farm, and it was not considered she required it, although her husband was overseas.

Those in charge of the administration of the fund claim that the fund was intended to be distributed to those in actual need of assistance, and not to persons whose financial position placed them out of the needy class.

The man who takes exception to the omission of his relative's name from the list of patriotic fund beneficiaries claims all soldiers' wives should be dealt with alike, regardless of financial position.

Reeve Brooks will be nominated, and he will, it is understood, support the members of the patriotic fund, who claim the fund was intended only for those in actual need.

The nominations for London Township municipal candidates will be held at Arva village hall on Monday next from 12 noon to 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

The nomination proper will be followed by speeches, when the stand of the candidates on the patriotic grant will be announced.

WEDDING BELLS

WILSON—PARKER.

The wedding took place at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. C. F. Foster, 89 Smith street, last evening, of Miss Flossie Parker and John T. Wilson, both of this city. Rev. A. C. Bingham officiated, and following the ceremony 25 guests sat down to a wedding dinner. Among the presents was a silver shower from the employees of the Helena Costume Company. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson will reside at 87 Smith street.

ROWELL—McCALL.

On Christmas eve the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McCall, eighth concession, Westminster, was the scene of a pretty wedding, when their youngest daughter, Lillian, was united in marriage to Frederick Lorne Rowell of Sarnia Township. The groom is a son of Edward Rowell of Plympton Township. Immediately after the marriage service, performed by Rev. A. W. M. Crawford, the bridal party and their guests sat down to supper, which concluded with a toast to the bride, given by Mr. Gordon McCall, recently returned from the west, where he has been engaged in teaching during the past thirteen years. After a wedding trip Mr. and Mrs. Rowell will reside in the township of Sarnia.

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PATRICIA

Synopsis of "The Yankee Way."

Dick Mason (that's George Walsh) sees a beautiful girl in a Chicago cabaret. He falls in love with her. A big ruffian annoys the girl. Dick steps up to interfere. There's a fight, the ruffian is laid low and Dick goes to jail.

Then Dick's dad determines to get him out of the country and sends him to manage his cattle concessions in Luthunia, a Balkan principality. Dick takes with him Coyote Jones, former foreman of the Mason ranch, and Jimmy O'Malley, a New York crook whose friendship with Dick began when he was rash enough to hold him up.

While on shipboard the beauty appears again. Dick gets busy and receives a little encouragement. But on reaching Luthunia his hopes begin to fade. His young lady is no other than Alexia, Princess of Lithunia. What's worse Count Vortsky is wooing her.

Then things happen. Dick falls out with the powers that be in Lithunia. They try to railroad him out of his dad's concession. Then the people



Charlie Chaplin in his latest comedy, "The Adventurer," at the Patricia today, Friday and Saturday, (Matinee and night.)



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revolt. Dick restores peace with American gold.

On the eve of his wedding to Alexia, Count Vortsky disappears. He sends her a note that it's all off. The reason he disappears is that Coyote and Jimmy bundled him into a freight car consigned to Bulgaria. They also attended to the note.

Alexia is far from disappointed. She summons Dick and tells him about the count. Dick takes the hint and pops the question.

They are next seen on their way to America for a honeymoon.

At the Patricia Theatre Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

MAJESTIC

A fight scene in which a lighted lamp is upset and several chairs are demolished is seen in "Life's Whirlpool," the Metro wonderplay starring Ethel Barrymore, under the direction of her brother, Lionel, which will be shown at the Majestic Theatre today. John Martin (Reginald Carrington), and Dirk Kanset (Frank Leigh) are the contestants in this death struggle. The two men fight around the room, breaking furniture and pommeling each other furiously until death ends the contest. While the scene was being rehearsed and taken at the Metro studio in New York City, seven lamps were smashed and fourteen chairs were put out of commission. Nearby, out of the focus of the motion picture camera, stood three property boys ready to extinguish any flames, so that no damage might be done to the studio when the burning lamp was upset. Director Barrymore is a stickler for realism, and when the "O. K." was finally put on the scene the actors had gone through the fight seven times each and were badly used up.

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