

The highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night were: Highest, 27; lowest, 21.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 25; lowest, 20.

The sun rises at 7:46 a.m., and sets at 4:42 p.m.

Barometric Readings.
Wednesday—8 p.m.—29.11.
Today—8 a.m.—29.65.

BRANTFORD SCORES IN FIRST AID WORK

St. John Ambulance Corps Work Staged by Phone Company Teams.

Brantford's entry in the final divisional first aid contest of the Bell Telephone Co. of Canada, staged by the St. John Ambulance Corps, scored the highest number of points at the contest held in the central college auditorium last night.

Six teams, all winners in the elimination contests, were entered from the six divisions of the western division of the Bell Telephone Co. The contest consisted of a series of problems in first-aid work, including bandaging of all kinds of injuries, including fractures, burns, severed arteries, and resuscitation in cases of asphyxiation. In each case one member of the team was upon him the work was done. Speed and accuracy marked the performance of every team and it was a question which one was the best until the judges' decision was made.

The Brantford team finished with a total score of 98. Team members were: H. H. Drescher, captain; H. H. Cooper, C. F. Morrison, J. C. T. Jefferies and H. H. Smith.

St. Thomas came second with a score of 97. On the team were: L. C. Hind, captain; M. C. Mailing, A. A. McNamee, R. Osborne, L. C. Smith. The St. Thomas team was the representative team for London district.

Kitchener and Stratford tied for third place with scores of 91.1. Teams were: Stratford—L. C. Campbell, captain; W. J. Hodge, W. U. Cooke, A. A. Gale and J. McGowan.

Kitchener—W. G. Selby, captain; F. J. Gillard, P. W. Schindler, L. R. Bisset and H. Williamson.

Chatham's score was 90.4. The team: H. V. Kaidwell, captain; A. H. Padbury, R. Sanderson, H. Paulson and W. McIntyre.

Windsor finished with a score of 84. Team members: W. M. Frazer, captain; F. E. Hoffert, W. T. English, C. H. Westman, W. D. Smith. The Bell Telephone orchestra of this city furnished a splendid musical program during the contest. Other numbers included two solos by L. C. Bullen, a reading by Miss L. Grant, and a very enjoyable comedy skit presented by Gordon and Kathy.

W. H. Winters, general plant manager of this city, presented the awards to the winners. The first prize was the Bell first aid shield, which will be held by Brantford for the year. The members of the winning team were also presented with shawls, which are souvenirs of the occasion.

R. H. Hunt, plant superintendent of the western division, occupied the chair during the evening, and Dr. A. R. Penney, medical adviser to the Bell Co., was the chief judge.

At the conclusion of the evening Dr. C. Sanborn demonstrated the use of the new portable chemical apparatus for resuscitation from gas poisoning, which was presented to the city by C. M. Duffield of the City Gas Co.

France Shivers In Intense Cold

Only Five Above Zero at Paris—Even the Riviera Is Cold.

Associated Press Despatch. Paris, Dec. 17.—France is suffering from the most intense cold spell in thirty years. The thermometer in Paris last night dropped to five degrees above zero Fahrenheit.

Even the favored Riviera is feeling the bite of winter. The best that its propagandists can say for it is that "it is warm in the sun here." The cold weather is accompanied by fog of varying density. This has been responsible for a half dozen railroad accidents of a minor character, but which have caused delay on the system, which had only partially recovered from the effects of Tuesday's blizzard.

POLICE COMMISSION CONTROLS BUSES

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streets, neither could they give the street railway an exclusive franchise. All the council could do was to pass resolutions and make recommendations, the mayor declared.

The mayor pointed out that the council two years ago had passed a resolution asking the police commission to allow overwork from the police commission refused to do unless the council passed a resolution absolving the commission from blame in case of accident. The council did that and it was the reason the bus drivers were summoned to court several weeks ago.

In the opinion of Mayor Weighe the 1926 council would have to pass another resolution absolving the commission from all responsibility and legal tangles that might result by refusing to grant license to the Metropolitan Bus Company in 1926.

Cancellation Right.

There is nothing in the municipal act which says bus operators should have their licenses cancelled, but the police by-law states that the police commission has the right to cancel a license for any cause and it is not necessary to state a reason or reasons.

It is also reported today that several aldermen who were in favor of giving the street railway sole transportation rights in the city are wavering and it may be that the first gathering of the council on Monday will see some startling oratory and a sharp divergence of opinion.

DEATH OF GEORGE MIDDAGH.

On Friday afternoon at 3:30 the funeral of George, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leeman Middagh, who passed away at the family residence, 322 Forbes street, on Wednesday, will be held to Woodland cemetery. The services will be in charge of Rev. Bruce Hunter. He had been a student of the Manor Park public school. He is survived by his parents, four sisters, Lulu, Muriel, Dorothy and Lottie, and four brothers, Earl, Hudson, Mervin and Roy.

Dorchester Peat Has High Ash Percentage

Comparative analysis of American anthracite coal, a sample of Dorchester peat and a sample of peat from the bogs at Portadown, Ireland, shows considerable variance in fuel qualities. It will be noted that the Dorchester peat shows a high percentage of ash and that the amount of fixed carbon is low. The table below represents a typical analysis of American anthracite, having a 10 per cent moisture content:

	American Anthracite	Irish Peat	Dorchester Peat
Fixed carbon	84.50	41.50	24.14
Volatile matter	10.00	35.32	24.95
Moisture	5.00	18.98	18.65
Ash	10.00	1.10	22.25

HOT, SMOKELESS FUEL SOUGHT AT DORCHESTER

Analysis of Sample From Middlesex Peat Bogs Provides Encouraging Reports of High Carbon Content—Compares Favorably With Irish Peat—Drying Process Simple.

Samples of peat taken from bogs at Dorchester have been analyzed and, according to reports today, qualities of the fuel have surpassed all expectations.

A sample of the fuel, taken from bogs owned by Dr. J. McWilliam at Dorchester, was analyzed this week by Prof. J. W. Russell and G. H. Reavely, of the geological department of the University of Western Ontario. This result of these tests, conducted through The Advertiser, has given decided impetus locally to interest in the fuel situation.

The analysis definitely establishes the fact that peat possesses all the mechanical and heating properties of the anthracite coal, which is now being used to such an extensive degree, and which many citizens have come to believe is the only fuel which will keep in motion the wheels of Canadian industry. Moreover, it definitely testifies that peat, which is one of the greatest, but as yet one of the least developed Canada's mineral resources, also possesses many distinct advantages over the use of anthracite coal.

Smoke Means Loss.

Not only does a large waste in the heat value of many coals, due to the loss of gases containing unburned carbon, but with the lower grades of coal especially, considerable amounts of anthracite carbon are carried off in the form of smoke. Peat, burned under proper conditions in either stoves, furnaces or grates, is practically smokeless, and the consequent loss of unconsumed carbon in gases thus formed is exceptionally small, owing to more complete combustion.

Actual heating results obtained from a sample of peat, therefore, depend to an unlimited extent upon the completeness of combustion, and the results of Prof. Russell's analysis show peat to contain 24.14 per cent of fixed carbon. The amount of volatile, or gaseous matter, contained in the sample amounted to only 35.32 per cent, which is a comparatively small proportion in relation to that contained in many varieties of anthracite and non-bituminous coals. The moisture content of the peat sample amounted to only 18.65 per cent, while the amount of ash contained was but 22.25 per cent.

In fact, an estimate of the comparative heat value of peat by the customary method of basing it on the ultimate analysis of the fuel is somewhat misleading, and does not fairly represent the real value of the substance. The result of a sample recently analyzed at Portadown, Ireland, where the fuel is extensively used, showed it to contain 44.60 per cent of carbon, 18.98 per cent moisture, and 35.32 per cent volatile matter and only 1.10 per cent of ash.

Theoretically, one and a half tons of this peat would equal in value the same amount of coal containing 11.43 British thermal units. In real practice,

Bright Lads of London Not Bothered By Nerves

Wide-Awake Boys Succeed, Says Quintin Warner, Scoring English Educationist—Dull Boy and Bookworm Get No Praise From London Authorities.

Rev. G. Q. Warner, B.D., judge of the juvenile court, and the heads of London's primary and secondary schools departments, are unanimous in the complete confidence they place in the modern boy.

Dr. Cyril Norwood, formerly head of Marlborough college, and newly-appointed head of Harrow school, England, stated the other day that "nerves are the principal defect of the modern boy, and that dull scholars outstrip brilliant ones when it comes to business, since at 23 years dull boys are on a level with those who were brilliant scholars and at 30 years they pass them."

But Mr. Warner, together with Administrator G. A. Wheable, B.A., Principal H. B. Beal and Principal E. A. Miller, M.A., is quite unwilling to admit that the modern boy has any serious defects, and further they consider Dr. Norwood's comment upon dull and brilliant scholars quite aside from the general facts of the case.

"The modern boy, as I have come in contact with him," declared Judge Warner, "has no serious defects. In fact, I think the modern boy is perfectly wonderful and he is clearly the hope of the next generation. Rarely, indeed, do I find a boy in the juvenile court that is not willing to give me a full and straightforward statement in answer to my questions, and if there happens to be such a boy, I generally find that it is the fault of his home environment and his parents, not his own fault as an individual."

Doubts Nerve Theory.

"I can't understand Dr. Norwood's statement that nerves are the principal defect in the modern boy, because, as I say, I haven't run across any particularly glaring defect at all in the modern boy."

"Dr. Norwood's statement about dull boys outstripping brilliant boys may be true in a few isolated cases," observed Mr. Wheable, "but, as a general statement, it is outlandish to say such a thing. True, the brilliant boy in school may not have a brilliant business sense,

however, the heat value of the peat would be much higher than these figures would indicate, owing to the fact that more complete combustion of the peat than of the coal would be obtained under working conditions. This is due to the fact that a pound of carbon giving 14,600 B.T.U., when completely burned, gives only 4,500 units when the combustion is not complete.

Peat Retains Heat. One of the outstanding properties of peat is its capacity to retain heat. It burns with a much smaller air supply than coal, and this directly affects heat losses, through the necessity of employing a greater draft to burn coal. According to tests, the total loss in the dry chimney gases, in best practice, averages more than 25 per cent of the total heat generated from the burning of coal.

Another element of much practical importance is the greater uniformity of the product. Machine peat made by newly approved methods should be practically uniform in quality, although that obtained from different bogs will vary somewhat in quality. Coal, which shows a high B.T.U. from analysis of selected samples may be so mixed with slate and other impurities as to give poor results. There are, however, few bogs which show a fuel of high grade, the heating value of the entire shipment from which it is taken may be much lower.

The burning of coal under ordinary conditions a high percentage of the fuel value is often lost in the form of the coal, clinkers and ash which drop through the grates, in order to keep the fire open to an air supply the loss on this account in the burning of peat is vastly less. Requiring less draft, it does not need frequent shaking, and combustion being practically perfect, no clinkers are formed, and the residue being a fine white ash, which drops through the openings in the grate bars.

Peat, when taken from the bog, contains about 30 per cent of moisture. An air method during an average drying season, to contain less than 25 per cent, which is a comparatively efficient fuel. This is to say that ten pounds of raw peat will produce 1½ pounds of fuel, 8½ pounds having to be lost in the process. The drying of peat, 1,000 pounds of the raw peat are required, 25 per cent of ash.

Drying Method Simple. "It is a comparatively easy matter," states Dr. McWilliam, "to produce peat in a large and successful manner by simple and natural process of maceration and air drying, but to develop it in such quantities as to put the industry on a large and successful commercial basis involves the use of mechanical excavators, machinery for distributing and spreading, extensive drying racks, and a large amount of capital. During the past few years rapid advancement has been made in Canada along these lines, and a great impetus has been given to the industry in many parts of the Dominion."

But then again he may, and it must be remembered also that boys do not develop physically and mentally at the same rate always. Lumping everything together, the brilliant scholar will certainly outshine the dull boy.

"The present age is one in which boys must be prepared," declared Mr. Beal, "and it is an accepted fact that a boy who is successful in school will be successful after he leaves school, because it requires both brains and natural resources to be successful in school today, and furthermore, the courses of study are of a practical nature. The well-prepared and well-educated boy or girl, too, for that matter, will today outstrip the dull or poorly educated boy and any statistics that are at all general will prove that fact."

Bookworm a Failure.

"It is a very rare exception today for a dull boy to outstrip the brilliant scholar," pointed out Mr. Miller, "and in these few cases it is because the brilliant scholar is brilliant merely as a bookworm and not in all-round development. This explains the fact that young men who have been chosen as Rhodes scholars to study abroad sometimes fail to show up as brilliantly in the business world after they come back to Canada. But the colleges have made the mistake of choosing men solely on their class records, bookworms, perhaps, men whom the authorities considered would do credit to the colleges which send them over to the continent for post-graduate work."

"The proper men to pick as Rhodes scholars would be those who carry off the scholarships for all-round work and merit, not the scholarships for brilliancy in any few particular branches of learning. But even at that the average brilliant boy will certainly far outstrip the dull boy in business or any other sphere of activity in life."

POLICE DOG FINDS CHILD.

Lewiston, Me., Dec. 17.—Three-year-old Kenneth O'Hara, for whom nearly 1,000 persons searched the woods fifteen hours, was found this morning.

Police dog and the child's cries heard earlier in the night guided searchers to the spot. The boy suffered no ill-effects from his night in the open.

TRAVELLERS' VOTE NEARLY COMPLETE

Officers of O.C.T.A. Will Be Named at Annual Meeting on Saturday.

On Saturday afternoon of this week the new officers for the Ontario Commercial Travellers' association will be made known when the report of the scrutineers is heard at the annual meeting of this body in its rooms in the Dominion Savings building. The meeting will start at 3 o'clock.

The scrutineers, E. J. Dawson, J. F. Kern and W. R. Grant, have been receiving ballots from the members for the last month or so, and these are now about all in.

Aside from the discussion of general business, several notices of motion given at the last meeting in November will be heard. One of these, that dealing with a mortuary benefit, is considered of great importance to all members.

Another notice of motion has to do with the permanent relief fund which is doing a great deal of good at present in relieving distress among aged, sick and ex-soldier members of the association. This fund was begun in 1918, its object being to help members who are without any person other than the officials in charge of the work, knowing anything about it.

It is the purpose of the committee in charge, during 1924, to help the widows of deceased members, and to assist in the education of orphans. It is expected, with the large membership and the very generous response which is made yearly, that this will soon be possible.

A letter stressing the need of support in this work has been mailed to all members during the past few days. It says: "Your permanent relief committee is again appealing to you on behalf of the charitable work of our organization. During 1924 we received donations amounting to \$1,310, being an increase over the previous year, but if our work is to be continued in a real way, we must have help from a greater number of our members contribute."

"It is our desire to build up a fund that will not only take care of indigent cases, but will enable us to help the widows and orphans of our deceased members, in distress. We have many members of very limited means. If we supplied their wife's fuel, if we supplied their rent, if we supplied their food, if we supplied their clothing, if we supplied their medicine, if we supplied their education, if we supplied their recreation, if we supplied their comfort, if we supplied their happiness, if we supplied their peace of mind, if we supplied their spiritual needs, if we supplied their physical needs, if we supplied their emotional needs, if we supplied their intellectual needs, if we supplied their social needs, if we supplied their cultural needs, if we supplied their aesthetic needs, if we supplied their religious needs, if we supplied their moral needs, if we supplied their political needs, if we supplied their economic needs, if we supplied their legal needs, if we supplied their medical needs, if we supplied their dental needs, if we supplied their veterinary needs, if we supplied their agricultural needs, if we supplied their industrial needs, if we supplied their commercial needs, if we 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CANADA'S TRADE GROWS IN EIGHT-MONTH PERIOD

Increase of \$228,000,000 in That Time—Export Balance Continues To Be High—Food, Wood and Paper Chief Items.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 16.—An increase of \$228,162,289 in the grand total of Canadian trade during the eight months of the fiscal year, ended November 30, as compared with the same period last year, is shown in the trade statement issued this evening. Canada's trade for the eight-month period just ended totalled \$1,472,555,605. A year ago it was \$1,244,393,316. Of the grand total for the eight months' period, ended November 30, last, \$608,905,575 was the amount of exports entering Canada, and \$863,650,030, the total value of domestic merchandise exported from the Dominion. Foreign merchandise was exported from Canada to the value of \$8,555,343.

Rapid Rise of Exports.
Canada's exports amounting in value to \$140,275,225 during the month of November alone far exceeded domestic exports during November, 1924, which totalled \$118,346,536. Imports into the Dominion last month were also in excess of those for November, 1924. For the month just ended, British and foreign goods entered Canada to the value of \$75,285,692. During November, 1924, the value of goods entering Canada was \$66,229,489.

BRITISH CUT AIR DEFENCE BELIEVING SKY IS CLEARING

Great Britain Postpones Carrying Out Plans For Larger Air Force—Hopes Other Nations Will Follow Example—Result of Treaty of Locarno.

Associated Press Despatch.
London, Dec. 16.—Sir Samuel Hoare, head of the air ministry, announced in a speech in the Chelsea town hall to-night that Great Britain will postpone fulfillment of her present air defence program, in view of the clearer and more peaceful European skies resulting from the Locarno agreements.

will be enabled to avoid in the years to come a race in armaments far more disastrous than the world has endured. The plan for a home defence force of 52 squadrons remains intact, but the minister said that the normal rise in air costs by 30 per cent during 1925, making expenditures of over £20,000,000, as compared with £16,000,000 in 1924, would be materially curtailed by the recommendations he has made to the government, and which he believes justified by the changed conditions in Europe.

PEACE RIVER SEAT CLAIMED BY THREE

Each Candidate Threatens Protest If Other Declared Winner.

Special to The Advertiser.
Edmonton, Dec. 16.—All three candidates in Peace River constituency, the largest in the province, are claiming to have been elected on October 23. A recount is in progress, a deputy returning officer has been arrested on a fraud charge, and each candidate threatens a protest if either of the other two is declared elected. No writ has yet been sent to Ottawa, and it is doubtful if legal proceedings will be finished in time to permit of it being sent before parliament convenes on January 7.

MISS ANNIE WHITE DIES FOLLOWING OPERATION

Well-Known London Woman Passes in Victoria Hospital.

Following a serious operation and an illness of some eight weeks, the death occurred yesterday in Victoria Hospital of Miss Annie White, eldest daughter of the late George and Mrs. White. Miss White was very well-known throughout the city, and a host of friends will mourn her passing. She had been a lifelong resident of London, and for many years lived at the old family residence on Stanley street. She was actively interested in many local clubs and societies, and was a valued member of St. Matthew's Anglican church. She is survived by five brothers, George, John, of British Columbia; Arthur, Ernest, Fred and Frank H., all of this city.

CUSTOMS OFFICIAL GIVEN DISMISSAL

Montreal Inspector Goes As Result of Investigation—Smuggling Is Cause.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 16.—As the result of an investigation begun some time ago into the conduct of certain branches of the customs department in the province of Quebec, announces Hon. G. H. Boivin, minister of customs, the post of special inspector of customs, and the post of special inspector of customs and excise at Montreal have been transferred from J. E. A. Bisillon to G. M. Hunter of Ottawa. Mr. Hunter is in temporary charge of the office pending the appointment of a permanent bi-lingual inspector.

An order-in-council dismissing Mr. Bisillon was passed on Dec. 12, but was kept secret until the customs department here could arrange to take over the office. Mr. Bisillon was notified of his dismissal yesterday.

SIX INJURED WHEN CAR JUMPS TRACK

Brother of Amherstburg Mayor Seriously Hurt—Struck Obstruction.

Special to The Advertiser.
Windsor, Dec. 16.—Six persons were injured, one seriously, today near Lasalle, when a hydro-electric interurban jumped the track after striking an obstruction. The most seriously injured is A. S. Parks, brother of Dr. Fred Parks, mayor of Amherstburg. He received severe bruises and cuts. The five other persons were taken to their homes in Amherstburg.

OTTAWA RIVER SCENE OF NEW DRY OFFENSIVE

Complaints of Capital Merchants Said To Have Stirred Toronto.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—As the result of complaints lodged with the attorney-general, Toronto, and said to have come from Ottawa merchants, steps are being taken to throw a liquor-tight defence along the Ottawa and absolutely stop the flow of illegal stimulants into Ontario. Four officers of the Ontario provincial police will arrive in the city tonight or tomorrow for the purpose of increasing the number of the Ottawa staff. This will swell the corps of inspectors in the district to about eight men, and it is expected they will suffice to stop all further bootlegging from Hull, Quebec, and district.



GAGE'S FINE STATIONERY

In Holiday Packages. Newer and more artistic designs, of better values is the story of this line. Prices are 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

Hudnut's Three Flowers Travellets

A dainty package of miniature toilet articles. Price 35c a pkg.



MILITARY BRUSHES

EBONY BRUSHES Solid back and fine bristle, at special prices of \$2.49 a pair, \$3.95 a pair and \$4.99 a pair. We also stock French Ivory Military Brushes.

Harriet Hubbard Ayer's TOILETRIES

Luxuria Cream, tubes, 60c
Luxuria Cream, jars, \$1.00
Face Cream, tubes, \$1.00
Face Cream, jars, \$2.00
Ayeristocrat Cream, jars, \$1.00
Ayeristocrat, tubes, 60c
Skin and Tissue Builder—Tubes, \$1.00
Jars, \$2.00
Theatrical Face Powder, \$1.00
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ANSCO Fixed Focus FOLDING CAMERAS

When You Feel a Cold Coming On Take Laxative BROMO QUININE Tablets to work off the cause and to fortify the system against an attack of Grip or Influenza. A Safe and Proven Remedy. The box bears signature of Dr. W. V. Grove, 30c. Made in Canada.—Adv.

Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens

"The Pen for Satisfaction," at \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$4.50 and up.

STOP in and see the new Eversharp. It is a beautiful, practical pencil. Mechanical perfection guaranteed. We have an assortment of sizes and designs for you to choose from. Prices \$1.00 up

THE NEW PERFECTED EVERSHARP

IRREGULARITIES ALLEGED IN ATHABASCA VOTING
Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 16.—A further order to Chief Electoral Officer O. M. Biggar, K.C., Ottawa, was issued this afternoon by Mr. Justice Walsh for the production of all election papers from 36 additional polls in the Athabasca federal election. The order was issued following the filing of an affidavit by

Standard Drug Stores

ARE OPEN EACH NIGHT UNTIL CHRISTMAS

All our stores will remain open each night to 10:30 until Christmas Day. This will give you a further opportunity to look over our assortment of holiday gift suggestions, such as Thermos Bottles, Electric Curling Sets, Shaving Supplies in sets, Shaving Brushes, Manicure Sets, Dusting Powders, Perfume Bottles, Package Chocolates, Travelling Roll-Ups, Toilet Creams and Powders, Bath Brushes, Ebony Toilet Ware, French Ivory Toilet Ware, as well as the many items listed below. It also affords you an opportunity to take full advantage of these

BARGAINS FOR THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Gin Pills (for the kidneys) Reg. 50c, 29c	Rheuma (for rheumatism) Reg. \$1.20, 94c	Thermogene (curative wadding) Reg. 60c, 37c	Lyman's Health Salts, Reg. 15c, 2 tins 19c	McCoy's Cod Liver Tablets, Reg. 60c, 44c	Creomulsion (for bronchitis) Per bottle, \$1.25	Squibb's Stearate of Zinc Per tin, 25c	Molle Shaving Cream, Reg. 85c, 69c
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Hospital Cotton 1-lb. Rolls 54c

Milkweed Cream. Regular 50c, 32c; regular \$1.00 64c

M. T. Goldman's Hair Restorer \$1.29

Pear's Unscented Soap Regular 20c 2 for 29c

SETS OF FRENCH IVORYWARE

Two-piece, three-piece and sets of many pieces, at prices to suit almost any purse.

HAIRBRUSHES

French Ivory, finest quality. Hollow-Back Brushes at \$1.89 and \$2.19 Solid-Back Brushes at \$2.64, \$3.99, \$4.99, \$6.89

Ebony Brushes, solid back, special values at \$1.89, \$1.74, \$2.44 and up N. B.—We import these Brushes direct, thus the extraordinary values.

BERTOLLI OLIVE OIL

32-ounce tin 99c

De Vilbiss Perfumizers

New and prettier designs.

Simms' IVORY HANDLE WHISKIES

You will find this an extra well-made and serviceable Whisk. Special 44c Today, Friday and Saturday

Ganong's Stick Candy

15c a bottle or 2 for 29c

Pranafa Hair Clippers, No. 00

..... \$1.19

Swiss Weather Prophet

..... 69c

Kolynos Tooth Paste

Regular 35c 27c

FRENCH IVORYWARE

Ivory Brand

For stability of color, for artistic design, for quality and for value, we feel sure our stock of French Ivoryware is unsurpassed. We stock only first quality in this merchandise. We purchase it direct from the manufacturer and can offer you the best values to be found in Western Ontario.

Nearly all items come packed in a neat, blue box. We stock a complete range in this line.

Squibb's Magnesia Tooth Paste 45c	Bromo Seltzer Reg. \$1.20, 79c	Wincarnis the tonic Reg. \$1.50, \$1.19	P. K. Hops 1/4-lb. pkg., 9c 3 pkgs. 25c	Pinaud's Eau de Quinine Small, 75c Large, \$1.35	Virol Reg. 60c, 49c Reg. \$1.00, 82c	Herb Juice \$1.00 a bot. or 3 bots. \$2.50	Pebeco Tooth Paste Reg. 50c, 32c
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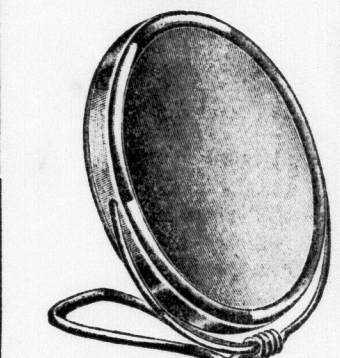
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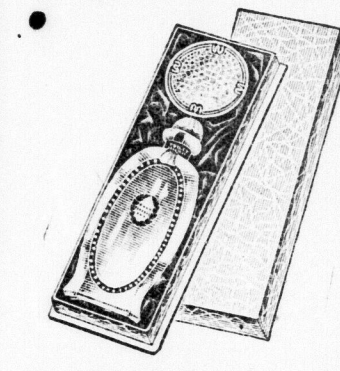
New, Delightful Perfume Packages at 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$2.00 Toilet Waters, four different odors, per box \$1.00 Three Flowers Toilet Water \$1.50

SHAVING MIRRORS



Has magnifying glass on one side and plain mirror on other. Special 99c each Also Shaving Stands and Sets at \$1.25 and \$2.25

MELBA TOILET SETS



Lov'me Set, two-piece (with face powder) \$1.75 Lov'me Set on bouquet set, two-piece with compact \$2.00 Lov'me Set, several pieces, assorted \$2.75

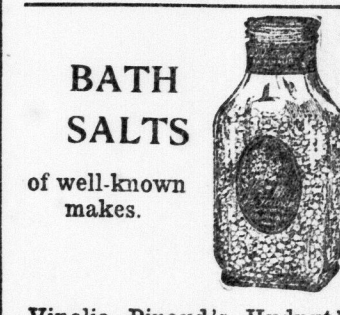
HOLIDAY SETS



of well-known toilet lines. Djer-Kiss Sets at \$3.25, \$4.50 and \$6.00. Yardley's Sets at \$3.75 and \$4.25. Colgate's Sets at \$3.50 Mary Garden Sets \$3.50 Hudnut's Violet Sec Sets at \$1.75 Three Flowers Sets at \$2.50, \$3.75, \$4.00, \$4.50 and \$5.50

TORRID ELECTRIC HEATING PADS

Fully guaranteed; has three-heat adjustment. Special, \$6.99



Vinolia, Pinaud's, Hudnut's, Yardley's, Melba, etc. At 35c, \$1, \$1.25 and up to \$3

For Man or Woman, Combination Sets of Toilet Luxuries Everyone appreciates these.

STRONG'S DRUG STORE

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POLLING BOOTH INJURY CLAIM SENT TO OTTAWA

Special to The Advertiser.
Blenheim, Dec. 16.—A claim for compensation for injuries received when she stepped through a hole in the floor of the polling booth at Romney, on October 29th last, has been sent to the Dominion government by Mrs. Hugh Shanks, of Chatham. Mrs. Shanks, at

GRASS FIRE CREATES STIR

Blaze Rages For An Hour Near Cove—Unusual In December.
A large grass fire, the second within the past three days, broke out at 5:45 last night near the Cove bridge, just west of the city, and for more than an hour raged on either side of the C.N.R. tracks. The reflection could be seen in the sky for miles around, and numerous calls were received at the fire hall from local citizens, asking for the location of what appeared to be a huge conflagration. No. 3 company of the local fire department was despatched to the scene.

THE TIME OF THE ELECTION, WAS A REALITY

of Romney. It is alleged that a board had been removed from the floor of the polling booth, and that Mrs. Shanks was injured when she stepped through the hole. Mac Huffman, who was returning officer for the riding of Kent, has been requested to make a report on the matter to the Dominion government. The deputy-returning officer failed to mention the matter to the authorities.

CALL TRADES COUNCIL UNIONS TO SUPPORT LABOR REVIVAL

Want Greater Interest Amongst Younger Members—Committee Satisfied With Wages Paid at New London East Collegiate—Shelve Move To Support Labor Defence League.

Plans to excite a revival of interest in the labor movement, especially among the younger members, were laid at last night's meeting of the trades and labor council, when J. F. Thomson, secretary, was requested to communicate with each local union, stressing the necessity of having a full representation at the next meeting, the first Wednesday in January, when nominations for officers for the new year will be made.

In his report from No. 2 committee, William Tite, chairman, informed the delegates that after an investigation into the wages being paid to workmen on the new East London collegiate, it was disclosed that the prevailing rates ranged from 50 cents to \$1.30 an hour. He said that there was no truth in the story that wages as low as 20 cents an hour were being paid.

The brewery workers union announced that George Robinson, H. Parker and Fred Young had been appointed as their new delegates to the council.

For Defence of Strikers. A communication from the Canadian Labor Defence League was read, seeking affiliation and requesting a contribution from the London labor council. This body has been formed to defend workmen who have been arrested as the result of participating in strikes or in picketing consequent upon strikes. The

letter mentioned the case of five men who had been arrested recently in Winnipeg. The local council decided not to take any action in the matter, however, until they had received definite information concerning these five men and have secured the complete facts of the case.

In the reports of special committees, it was brought out by J. F. Thomson that at present there is a great need in Ontario for some home other than the Mercer reformatory for wayward girls.

Mr. Thomson declared the Mercer institution was hardly a fitting place for girls who had no criminal inclinations, and he further stated the atmosphere of this place was hardly conducive to leading fallen girls back to the path of rectitude.

Aid Christmas Funds. After lengthy discussion the delegates approved a motion to make grants of \$5 each to the Salvation Army Christmas fund, the Free Press Santa Claus fund, the Thomas Alway Hall home, and the two other local orphanages.

The shoe workers' delegate informed the gathering that the employees of the Murray Shoe company, who are now working in an open shop, following the recent action of the company in discontinuing the use of union labels, are continuing to pay their dues and show every determination to maintain the integrity of their union.

PROPHECY LIKELY TO SPLIT THEOSOPHISTS

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views, and have put them forward as the result of their occult investigations. "Just what the result of such a movement would be upon the society is hard to foresee. In this country, particularly in Ontario, the result will be small. But any exodus from the society of members who desire to follow a personal leader cannot but leave the society in a stronger and more unified position.

"Theosophy requires a loyal and unswerving adherence to the highest principles and has nothing whatever to do with personalities and therefore any movement such as is reported in the press cannot be properly called a theosophical movement.

"Mrs. Besant has no doubt sponsored this movement, but she does so not in the name of theosophy or of the society, but as a private individual in much the same way as she has from the society sponsored various political movements.

Expect Convulsion. "Due to the fact that she is president of the society the public will naturally link the Theosophical Society with the news and temporarily it may involve the society in another one of its perennial convulsions which the ranks are cleared of those who follow personalities and care too little for principles which demand a high standard of life and discipline.

"Probably hundreds will be drawn out of the society's ranks to form a new religious sect, but the movement itself is not a movement within the society, nor has it anything to do with theosophy.

Mrs. Besant's prophecy describes the reformation in modern aspect, without angelical trumpetings and clouds of glory.

Seven persons are being prepared in the United States as apostles and the arrival of the new Christ as he and his apostles journey through the world, proclaiming his message to humanity.

The London Theosophical society has a membership of 60, and has been in existence for more than 10 years. Rev. R. W. Norwood, former pastor of Cronyn Memorial church, is listed among the members. Other prominent Londoners who belong to the society are E. E. Parsons, president; J. W. Wright, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Westland and George Peters.

GOFORTH AUXILIARY.

The Goforth fortnightly supper meeting of the Goforth missionary auxiliary of New St. James' Presbyterian church was held recently, when the annual election of officers took place with the following results: President, Miss Frances Margaret (re-elected); first vice-president, Miss Lila Hurley; second vice-president, Miss Irene Brown; secretary, Miss Jessie Weir (re-elected); treasurer, Miss Rose McIlvenna; conveners of the work committee, the Misses Ella Upshall and Frances Baxter; press representative, Miss Laura Baillie. The supper was planned and served by the Misses Jean Brown, Annie McWhinney and Betty Scott. After the election the girls spent the remainder of the evening sewing candy bags for the Christmas concert, to be held after Christmas.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DIED. WILKINSON—Suddenly, at Outremont, Montreal, Dec. 15, 1925, John Alexander Wilkinson, beloved husband of Georgina Seymour Macintosh. Funeral Friday, Dec. 18, from 258 Piccadilly St. at 3:30 p.m.

BIDDULPH PAYS ITS TAX SHARE, \$16,263

Biddulph's township share in the county tax rate, amounting to \$16,263.87, was paid in today to Captain Tom Robson, county treasurer.

Biddulph was the fourth check received from Middlesex municipalities in paying off their apportionment for the year 1925.

The first money to come in was from Lucan village, a check for \$2,573.96. Ekfrid was the first township to get a receipt for their share of the rate when they paid in \$20,725.99.

Caradoc township has settled for \$25,165.55, the amount allotted to that municipality for the past year.

The payment of the county rate is due for all municipalities in the county on Dec. 20.

MACDONALD CASE COMES BEFORE JUSTICE LENNOX

Mr. Justice Lennox of the supreme court of Ontario will preside at the sessions of the winter assize court to be held in the court house here on Jan. 25.

At least one criminal case will come before his lordship. William Macdonald, charged with conspiracy to defraud a bank, will be tried. Ill-health prevented his trial at the recent sessions of county court.

\$15,000 DRIVE AID TO HURON COLLEGE

Rev. A. L. G. Clarke Optimistic of Success For Diocesan School Fund.

Parish campaigns throughout the diocese of Huron on behalf of the Huron college diamond jubilee fund are being carried on quietly but effectively. Rev. A. L. G. Clarke, L.Th., St. John the Evangelist church, and rural dean of East Middlesex deanery, who is chiefly responsible for the prosecution of the campaign, states that the objective of \$15,000 for the purpose of paying for general improvements to the college buildings, will certainly be reached before the campaign is brought to a close early in the new year.

Simcoe's Dream. Some interesting material relative to Huron college is contained in a letter by Mr. Clarke in his capacity as chairman of the synod committee promoting the fund as follows:

"Over 110 years ago the first governor of Upper Canada, John Graves Simcoe, made a tour of Western Ontario. On his travels, he camped for some days on the banks of the Thames, near the present city of Huron (it is believed on the very site of Huron college), and he is known to have planned to have made London the capital city of the whole territory. It is recorded in his diary that at the nightly devotions of his camp, he prayed that there might some day rise on that spot an institution which would minister to the spiritual needs of the settlers.

"The plans of Governor Simcoe went astray, but his prayers were eventually answered, when over fifty years later, after the separation of the diocese of Huron from the diocese of Toronto, Huron college was founded by Bishop Cronyn, with the substantial aid of friends in England; and Governor Simcoe's daughters contributed to the college fund.

"In time, Huron college became the parent of the Western university; for many years the two institutions were worked together, and supported to some extent by the diocese.

"In more recent times, the charter of the university was made over to a secular authority, and soon after Huron college was raised to diocesan status, and a substantial measure of control vested in the synod of Huron.

Service of 60 Years. "Huron College has now served the church for over 60 years; its graduates number several hundreds, and have served, and are serving, in Huron diocese, throughout the dominion (especially in the missionary dioceses of the north and west), and in the mission fields abroad. Many of them have attained positions of honor and distinction.

"Mention might also be made of Huron college in Kenya (formerly Eastman West Africa), founded by a distinguished graduate, Dr. T. B. Westgate, and now training native catechists and ordinands.

Want Heating Plant. The two chief items in the outlay of \$15,000 are for the complete new steam heating plant, which has already been installed and from which also Bishop Cronyn is being heated, making possible a saving of between \$1,200 and \$1,500 in annual bills, and remodeling of parts of the college buildings to provide residential quarters for Anglican students in arts, medicine and other courses at the University of Western Ontario, as well as of Huron college itself, making possible an addition of approximately \$1,000 in the annual income to the college.

"Arrangement with the bursar and the college council," concludes Mr. Clarke's bulletin, "provision has been made for a sinking fund, by means of which the whole sum of \$15,000 will be repaid in a term of years and made available as an additional endowment."

The booster for tonight is John A. Nash, who has something real to give each lady present as well as a few major prizes for the ones who make the best suggestions as to the most interesting ways of drawing for prizes at the club's gatherings next year.

An unusual feature in connection with this evening's affair will be that the songs and addresses and minstrel act will be broadcasted over the radio. The party is scheduled to commence at 8:30.

HOSPITAL TRUST MAY CALL FOR NEW PLANS

Possibility That John M. Moore May Not Accept Home Contract.

Victoria hospital trust members will meet in a special session tomorrow afternoon, mainly to discuss whether or not present architectural plans for the new nurses home can be proceeded with by John M. Moore in view of his election as mayor of the city.

Tentative plans for the new home were drawn up several months ago by John M. Moore & Co., before Mr. Moore himself had announced his intention of becoming a mayoralty candidate. Should it be found illegal for him to continue with the drawings, contract must be made with new architects and commencement of construction of the building will be delayed for a short time.

Tomorrow's meeting of the trust will be the last which Mayor George A. Wenige, as an ex-officio member, will attend.

According to Dr. G. G. Clegg, superintendent of Victoria hospital, it is unlikely that Mayor-Elect J. M. Moore will accept the contract to draw plans for the new building because of his election.

In the absence of Col. W. M. Gartsch, who left last week for a trip to California and Honolulu, James Gray will act as chairman of the meeting.

COUNTY ENGINEER IN SIMCOE.

Charles Talbot, county engineer of Middlesex, will be in Simcoe tomorrow attending the funeral of Mrs. Russell Doan.

Young, Bobbed-Hair Preacher Says Church Travels In Buggy

Associated Press Despatch. Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 17.—The church is travelling in a buggy, while the rest of the world is using high-powered automobiles, and for this reason needs to adjust itself, Miss Hattie Horn, attractive 19-year-old bobbed hair girl preacher, declared here yesterday.

Miss Horn, who is booming the attendance at the Promised City Christian



PRINCE MATIAS GALITZANE, a member of the family of the last King of Poland, who is at present in Atlanta, Georgia, the guest of George L. Dick, and who will soon go to Hollywood, it is said, to seek a career in motion pictures.

City Churches

ELMWOOD W. A.

The regular meeting of the women's association of Elmwood avenue Presbyterian church was held yesterday.

With the president, Mrs. W. A. Reid, presiding during the first part of the meeting. The following officers, who were elected in June, were put in by acclamation: Honorary president, Mrs. P. W. Gilmore; president, Mrs. W. A. Reid; first vice-president, Mrs. Maitland; second vice-president, Mrs. McLeish; secretary, Mrs. A. Small; treasurer, Mrs. D. Carnie. Very successful reports were given and it was arranged to give a series of talent teas in January.

NEW ST. JAMES' SUPPER.

The mothers and children of the cradle roll and primary department of New St. James' Presbyterian church were being entertained by the ladies of the cradle roll department and primary department teachers at a Christmas supper on Friday night from 6 to 8 o'clock. Following the supper gifts will be distributed to the children from a Christmas tree.

ELMWOOD W. M. S.

The members of the W. M. S. of Elmwood avenue Presbyterian church held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening in the church home.

The president, Mrs. W. E. Kelly, presided, and Mrs. W. D. Love was in charge of the music. Mrs. T. Carney gave the scripture lesson on the Christmas story. Mrs. M. J. Maitland gave the address of the evening, taking up in a most capable manner the prayer and missions. Mrs. F. W. Gilmore gave a short paper on "Christmas Thoughts." Mrs. W. E. Duncan and Mrs. Gilmore were appointed to assist in arranging the annual meeting of the London presbytery, to be held in January.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Honorary presidents, Mrs. Gavin Rowat and Mrs. Kelly; president, Mrs. W. E. Kelly; vice-presidents, Mrs. F. W. Gilmore, Mrs. F. McLeish, Mrs. H. McKone and Mrs. Robert Campbell; secretary, Mrs. E. L. Goodwin; treasurer, Miss Christine Waters; press secretary, Mrs. McVicar; glad tidings secretary, Mrs. W. Simpson; supply secretaries, Mrs. W. Simpson, Mrs. W. E. Kelly, Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. G. Barnard; visiting committee, Mrs. W. H. Graham, Mrs. Morley, Mrs. H. Pollock, Mrs. Colman, Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Keyes; home helpers secretaries, Mrs. T. Carney and Mrs. Nightingale; pianist, Mrs. W. D. Love, and assistant pianist, Miss Helen Gilmore.

METROPOLITAN M. B.

The regular meeting of the mission band of Metropolitan United church was held yesterday, with a goodly number present and Annie Shannon in the chair.

Mrs. MacGregor was the interesting speaker of the afternoon, telling of some of her experiences in Jerusalem. Rewards were given to the members for faithful attendance during the fall term. Florence Paddock, Mrs. MacGregor, Manger, and Annie Shannon contributed a Christmas song, with the members of the band joining in the chorus. Members of the M. B. of the church were special guests.

ST. ANDREW'S PATHFINDERS.

The members of the senior and junior groups of St. Andrew's United church Pathfinders met for supper last night at 5:30 in the forum, after which the regular meeting was held in the church hall, with Miss Margaret Hall presiding.

Following the responsive Bible reading, Mrs. D. C. MacGregor told a story of Miss Caroline McNeill's prison work in Japan, and a letter from Dr. Gushue-Taylor was read.

The juniors held their devotional period and decided to bring their Christmas gifts in on Sunday for a little girl the members are looking after. The girls of the senior group took up their song, and during the evening Dr. Gushue-Taylor's hospital in Formosa, and during the evening 24 stockings were filled for the Christmas baskets in charge of the service committee of the church. It was decided to hold the next meeting on Jan. 6.

KNOX Y. W. S.

The members of the young women's society of Knox United church met for their annual meeting in the Beginners' room in the Sunday school this week. Reports were given by the treasurer, Miss Emma Weston, showing that the past year was a very successful one, and gratifying reports of the bazaar were given. The election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. president, Mrs. Malcolm MacArthur; president, Miss Florence Taylor; vice-president, Miss Hattie Blackwell; secretary, Miss Alma Grigg; treasurer, Miss Emma Weston, and convener of the work committee, Miss Eva Waddell. During the evening the girls held a Christmas gift scramble, which was greatly enjoyed. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served by the hostess, Miss Margaret Campbell.

THOMSON ARREST STIRS ALL BRITAIN

Former Head of Scotland Yard Denies Charges—Tried January 10.

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 17.—A great stir has been caused in society circles in London over the revealing of the identity of a man who, when arrested in High Park last week on an alleged offence gave the name of "Hugh Thompson." He is Sir Basil Thomson, former director of intelligence of Scotland Yard, and the son of a former archbishop of York. A woman arrested at the same time gave the name of Felma De Lava.

Everybody included in the nomenclature of "man in the street" is keen to learn the details of the affair which brought the former assistant commissioner of police into the hands of the men he formerly commanded. The case will be tried in the Marlborough street police court Jan. 10. It is understood that Sir Basil has denied the charges made against him, and has employed a well-known criminal lawyer to defend him.

Sir Basil's retirement from Scotland Yard in 1921 created much controversy. It was attributed to his unwillingness to co-operate with Chief Commissioner Horwood.

DIOCESE BUDGET FIXED AT \$84,000

Bequest of \$4,000 For Missions Announced by Bishop Williams.

Fixing of the diocesan budget at \$84,000 for the ensuing year constituted the most important single item of business transacted by the executive committee of the diocese at its last regular meeting.

Rt. Rev. David Williams, D.D., bishop of Huron, who presided at the meeting, announced the bequest of \$4,000 for missions from the estate of the late Matthew Wilson, K.C.

St. James' church, South London, was given power to increase its mortgage to \$14,500, while St. Matthew's church was given permission to sell two houses on Dundas street and purchase a property on Quebec street for use as a parish Ontario hospital. Permission was instructed to send letters of condolence to the widow of the late Rev. F. G. Newton and the widow of the late Rev. A. J. Thomas, in sympathy for their recent sad bereavements.

In regard to the season of Epiphany, it was decided "that during the season of Epiphany every parish in the diocese should be visited by strong deputations of clergy and laymen, and on the Monday following, work should be followed up by personal contact in order to make the guarantee of a full budget."

New Parish.

St. Paul's church, Windsor, was set apart as a new parish at the request of the congregation. Permission was given St. George's church, Windsor, and St. Mary's, Walkerville, to rearrange their boundaries. The church of the Assumption, Windsor, was given permission to

LONDONERS MUST PAY AFRICAN TAX

Regulation Affects Salesman's Income, Even If He Remains Here.

London manufacturers and exporters will be affected by the amendment to the South African income tax laws, in the opinion of Major Wood, secretary of the local chamber of commerce.

London firms exporting to South Africa should familiarize themselves with the conditions imposed by the law, so that there would be no misunderstanding, he advises.

According to the act, all goods sold in South Africa through a person receiving a commission or salary from such a sale, are taxable. This applies to overseas firms, it being the intention to collect income tax from all who earn money in South Africa.

"If a London man puts through a sale for a London firm, he has to pay income tax to the South African government, even if he does not move one step out of his office here," explained Major Wood today.

The Commercial Intelligence Journal of Dec. 12 carried an article regarding the meaning of the act, and copies of the article can be obtained at the London chamber of commerce.

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Cara Nome	7.00 to 12.00	Jontee	3.25 to 7.25
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Hudnut's	2.50 to 8.50	Djer-Kiss	2.50 to 8.50

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Cara Nome	3.50	Jontee	2.00
Hudnut's	1.00 to 1.85	Yardley's	1.00 to 3.00
Djer-Kiss	2.00	Piver's	1.75

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ITALIAN PRESS GAGGED

Mussolini Meets Strongest Opposition Yet in Senate On Newspaper Bill.

Associated Press Despatch.

Rome, Dec. 16.—The Italian senate today approved the government's bill designed to place restrictions on the liberty of the press.

The ballot in the senate, which was

secret, showed 150 in favor of the bill and 53 against it. This was the biggest opposition the government has yet met in the upper house.

WINDING-UP ORDER.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Justice Mowat this afternoon granted an order winding up the affairs of the Greater Canada Security Corporation of Toronto. A permanent liquidator will be appointed.

MINISTER TO KEEP ROAD CRASH BALM

Buggy Owner Cannot Collect \$20 From Rev. D. J. Bradshaw, Court Rules.

Special to The Advertiser.
Ingersoll, Dec. 16.—In division court today, before Judge Wallace of Woodstock, considerable interest was centered on a case in which James Cove, North Oxford farmer, was the plaintiff, and Rev. D. J. Bradshaw, of London, defendant. A buggy driven by the plaintiff and the defendant's car collided, and both vehicles were damaged. It was stated that, following the accident, Mr. Bradshaw had contended that Mr. Cove was to blame for not having a light on his buggy, and that Cove had paid to Mr. Bradshaw \$20 at that time. He later learned that the law did not stipulate that he should carry a light, and he brought action to recover the \$20, plus \$15 damages to his buggy. Plaintiff was nonsuited.

BEST YEAR SINCE WAR ON CANALS AT THE SOO

Tonnage Heavier and Season Was Remarkably Free From Mishaps.

Associated Press Despatch.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 16.—The American locks were officially closed at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The steamer Shagbush, looking up, was the last boat to pass at noon today. The Canadian canal will remain open until tomorrow morning. All the down-bound vessels which locked last night had little difficulty in getting through the river.

In commenting on the navigation season as a whole, Frank T. McArthur, superintendent of the canal, stated in regard to smoothness of operation and freedom from accidents to vessels and locks handling nearly \$2,000,000 tons of freight this year the record was the best in the history of lake shipping. No delays were occasioned at the canal by out-of-order machinery; no vessels ran foul in the turns and windings of the St. Mary's river, and only one wreck was marked up against the season, that of the barge J. L. Crane, which went down with seven on board near Crisp Point.

Thirty Hunters Get 13 Rabbits

Dereham Farmers Open War On Pests—Twenty Animals Sighted.

Special to The Advertiser.

Ingersoll, Dec. 16.—A successful "jack-rabbit drive" was held Tuesday afternoon in Dereham township, east of Verschoyle village. Thirty hunters participated. During the drive, thirteen jack-rabbits fell before the unerring aim of the hunters, and it was stated that some twenty escaped.

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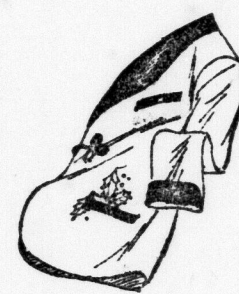
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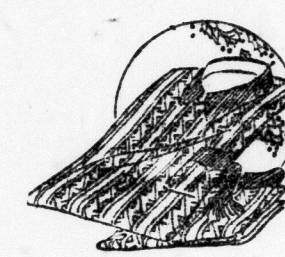


House Coats For His Hour of Ease

Give him a book, a pipe and an hour or so of leisure and he'll ask you for only one thing more to make him perfectly comfortable—a Dowler house coat of soft, warm wool or rich black velvet. \$6.50 to \$25.00.

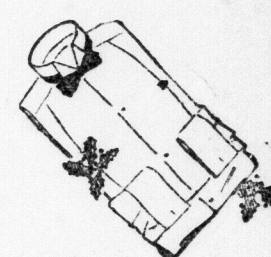
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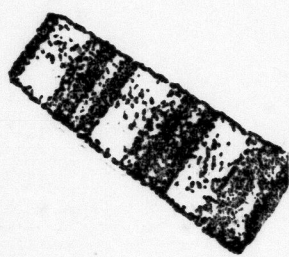
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Pure Knitted Silk Ties from England

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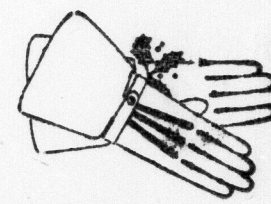
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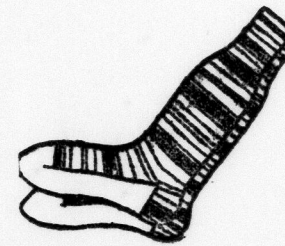
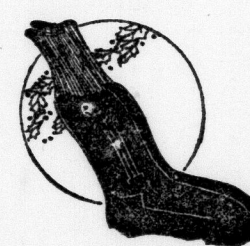
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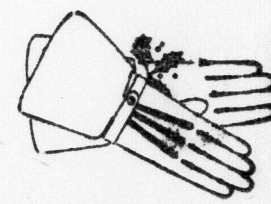
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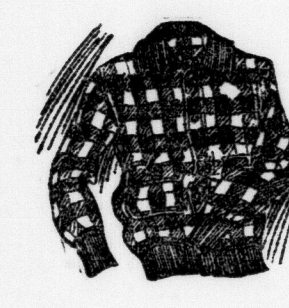
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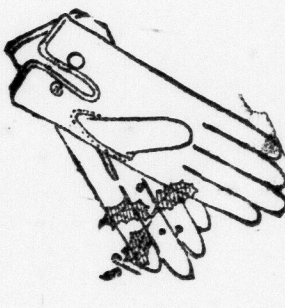
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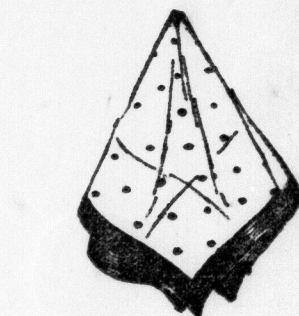
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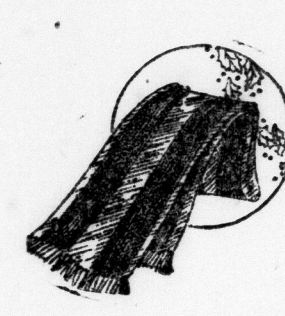
Silk Handkerchiefs For His Breast Pocket

Give him a colored silk handkerchief and if you watch him closely on Christmas morning you'll find him in front of the mirror somewhere artistically arranging it so that one corner peeps coyly out of his breast pocket. \$1.25.



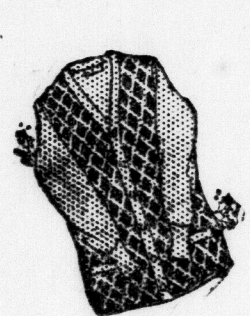
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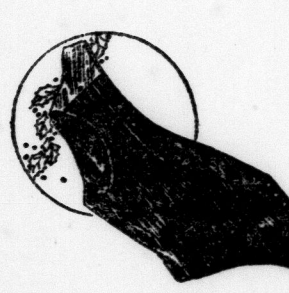
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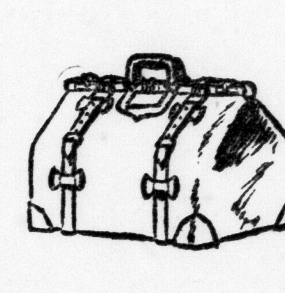
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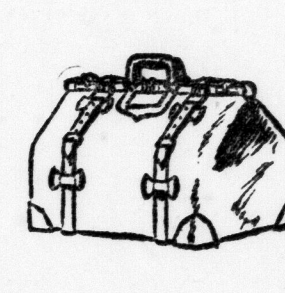
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What Is National Greatness?

The Dearborn Independent tells of a man from England who dropped into the office and spoke of the feeling of resentment there was in Britain toward United States and United States goods. He claimed that in Regent street "you will see store windows filled with German goods displaying German trade-marks to all passers-by. But if a merchant has a stock of American goods he carefully removes every evidence of their place of origin—they would not sell otherwise."

The Dearborn paper comments on the situation as follows:

"The reason for this state of mind is obvious. Britain is slipping off her high places. Telling herself that she is the greatest nation in the world has no effect in improving her fortunes. She hates to bow to a nation which has only the aristocracy of work to boast of. She cannot forgive America for possessing more energy and brains than Britain does. So she just cordially dislikes us and says so with superior bluntness."

We don't think Britain has been engaged in telling herself or the world at large that she is the greatest nation in the world. Since she emerged from the war Britain found by even a cursory process of stock-taking that in world possessions she was very humble; her shipping trade had been broken down; her place as a seafaring nation of carriers had been seriously challenged; she was in debt on a colossal scale; her pound sterling was very much discounted. There were labor troubles at home; there were suspicions between her and her immediate European neighbors; there was a huge war debt to pay to United States and there was no prospect of Britain collecting from her debtor nations. There was surely nothing in that situation that could warrant Britain "telling herself that she was (or is) the greatest nation in the world."

The claim that Britain "is slipping off her high places" can very conveniently be linked up with the above. Britain was not in a position to slip off a very high place. As positions are rated by dollars and industry, she was in humble station.

Britain has not slipped off a high place, rather she has moved toward it. It seems necessary here to take only two of the cardinal characteristics that make nations either great or small, (1) the determination of a nation to pay its debts, and (2) a realization by the nation of its moral obligations in a community of nations.

Before urgency developed on the part of United States for collecting war debts Britain sent a financial commission to United States headed by Mr. (now Premier) Stanley Baldwin, and undertook the repayment of \$160,000,000 per year for sixty-two years; these payments started in 1923 at a time when Britain had no prospect of collecting from other nations. It made her people the most heavily taxed in the world, but it was exactly what the world expected Britain to do. Her money was not high in the world market; New York discounted it heavily. Britain tried no substitutes and took no short-cuts to currency restoration. It was the rough-hewn path of dogged persistence that led back to the reinstatement of the pound sterling.

Britain has recognized her responsibility to other nations, not by proclaiming, as the Dearborn Independent states, that she is the greatest nation in the world, but by a course of toleration that treated defeated enemies as equals and persisted always that confidence is greater than suspicion and mutual advantage is stronger than individual pre-eminence. It was her desire that true national greatness should become the property of all nations. Her statesmen contributed leadership, the sincerity of which has never been called into question; they defied war-born prejudice in asking fair treatment for Germany and in making possible her entrance to the League of Nations on an equal footing with other members. Britain conquered the inherent fear of France of German aggression, and it was in London that German signatures were affixed to the Locarno pact.

All these things are attributes of true national greatness. They are not computed in terms of ocean tonnage, nor are they written in trade statistics or clipped off as coupons. They can only be designated as the visible evidences of a sense of national honor that has not "slipped off its high place."

Guelph Has a Problem.

Guelph faces a peculiar situation with its street railway, a road that is owned by the city but operated by the hydro-electric commission. There were defects when the road was operated by local control, and there have been more defects since operation has been carried on by the provincial body.

The hydro commission, according to the Guelph Mercury, states frankly that it has no remedy to suggest for removing the annual deficits. It cannot compel sufficient people to ride on the cars to make the system pay any more than a local board could. The service is there, the roadbed is in fair shape and the cars run on time, but people do not ride in sufficient numbers, and this tendency will increase rather than diminish, as it has done elsewhere.

The Mercury questions whether a city, as such, is called upon to provide transportation for the few who use the cars at the expense of those who do not, and it is a pertinent point. The Guelph road runs at a loss; the loss must

be met by all the taxpayers, and in this way those who do not use the service are helping to provide transportation for those who get it for less than what it costs.

Guelph finds itself in the position of a man who has made a losing investment, and who finds it difficult to decide whether to hang on or let go. If he lets go he stands to lose his entire investment; if he hangs on he will do so at a smaller initial loss, yet one that will repeat itself with monotonous regularity, and if the process is continued long enough one loss will equal the other.

On the other hand, transportation is necessary. Guelph is one of those comfortably-built places where people are not huddled together, and for that reason distances are comparatively great, and many people who have built homes some distance from the business or factory sections have no doubt done so because there were transportation facilities.

A problem such as this, if it is tackled by the entire council with the one idea of arriving at what will prove the best and fairest solution, will make the council itself more competent. It brings the members face to face with a large business proposition, one that is losing good money each year. A public servant who bends all his energies to stopping that leak or pointing to a workable alternative is receiving a business training well worth all the time and energy he devotes to it.

The Storm in Texas.

The state of Texas has received more notoriety than any section of United States during the year with the possible exception of Chicago and its water theft, and one woman, Mrs. Jim Ferguson, more often called "Ma" Ferguson, stands in the center of the publicity wave.

James E. Ferguson, serving his second term as governor in 1917, was impeached on the charge of stealing state funds. Last year his wife entered the race for governor on the plea that she desired to vindicate the family name. She was successful, and one of her first acts was to sign an amnesty bill restoring civil and political rights to her discredited husband.

Graft was the reason why the governor was impeached in 1917; graft charges are the reason why there are repeated calls for a special session of the legislature to deal with them. The answer of Mrs. Ferguson is a plain "No." The law provides that a special session must be called upon request of a sufficient number of members, but the answer is "No" and there it stands.

The Houston Post-Dispatch gives some idea of Ferguson methods in Texas, especially with regard to emptying jails on Thanksgiving Day. "While the people were gathering in their temples of worship and in their homes to express their gratitude for the good things that had come to them during the year, the governor of their state was opening the prison doors and bidding a horde of murderers, rapists, liquor law violators, thieves, to come forth and go their way."

"Twenty-two of the number were serving time for the killing of fellow human beings. Six had been convicted of criminal assault. Twenty-one had been sentenced for burglary, theft or robbery. These are the Thanksgiving gifts of the governor of Texas to the people of the state—105 proven criminals, all in a bunch."

The decent element in the community are sick of it, and although law is being defied they have so far found no way to work a cure. They claim they are governed by the man whom they impeached for crookedness eight years ago, because he directs every move his wife makes. The Texas affair is about as confusing as some of the things that come to pass in United States courts of justice.

The Position of Mayor.

Mayor Duquette of Montreal will not run for office again. His reasons are that he has power to preside, but is powerless to voice an opinion; his only authority is over a secretary and stenographer. He regards his position as mayor as only a social necessity, and himself in that office as merely an administrative figurehead.

If a mayor is a success as a presiding officer he has gone a long distance in making the work of the council effective. The fact that he realizes that his authority is limited is not a bad thing in itself. Cities generally get into trouble when a mayor refuses to recognize the limitations of his office.

For The Last Time.

"Batting" Siki, the Senegalese pugilist, has broken into print for the last time. A policeman in New York on his beat early in the morning found him lying dead on the sidewalk. Two bullet wounds told all the story there was to relate.

A giant in framework, he had made more money in his short, inglorious career than most men get in a lifetime, but money to him was simply a lever with which to pry open more excess and more debauchery.

It's a poorly balanced machine where the fist is mightier than the brain.

Note and Comment.

A baker in England has made a Christmas cake that weighs a ton, and there have been much smaller ones that felt that way.

Japan is telling the warring Chinese the spots where they can't fight. One way to stop the war would be to make the restricted district large enough.

Scarcely a half dozen women in London have been fined for breaches of motor laws in a year. Most of them play safe by doing their driving from the back seat.

Detroit man of 104 years was excused from doing duty on a jury. He probably felt he was too old-fashioned to sanction the views of the average Detroit court of today.

A deputation waited on the provincial government asking some let-up in the requirements of proof of age. It is urged that when a girl is obviously 21 years of age it is needless to ask her for proof of the fact. The trouble is that it's difficult now by appearance to tell whether they're 21 or 41.

Yes, It's Wicked

By ARK.

A chap lives up not far from me, he's smart in everything he does, yet he's a jay that not a man would own up that he likes or loves. It's not that he's a wicked guy or tells his wife to split the wood the trouble is it seems to me that he's too earnest in his good.

And he's a married man as well, a sort of model husband type, who helps to clear the table up and he can either wash or wipe. He helps to dust the picture frames, he sweeps the corners of the stairs, he dabbles in a varnish can and paints anew the kitchen chairs.

And on a certain day each year he goes and puts the fly-doors on, he has a mower of his own and shaves the whiskers off his lawn.

He always has his garbage cans as neat as any cookin' tin, this fussin' round the premises it seems a specialty with him.

Now all these things are fine I know, we ought to praise a jay like him, but yet I know of seven men who'd like to boot him on the shin.

The women folks they dangle him before their faulty husbands' eyes, and say the girl who landed him she surely fished a worthy prize. They point out how he helps at home, and never argues with his wife, and never stays out late at night, but trots a sort of model life. And they can't see why all us blokes can't cease from all our noise and sin, and start and make attempts to be a model person shaped like him.

I know it's wicked for to think and still more wicked yet to say, as how we wish he'd sell his house and move just fifteen blocks away.

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The Once-Over

Today is 8 B.C. Eight days before Christmas.

We were shocked to read that the Druses rush into battle crying "Ham! Ham! Dam! Dam!" They must be a hard-boiled lot.

A headline assures us "Bankruptcy figures point to prosperity." How come?

A baby dromedary has been born at the Detroit zoo. Yes, you've guessed it. They named him "Volstead."

Barely having recovered from its Red Grange complex, the American public has gone mad over Melle Dunham, fiddling champion of Maine.

Poor Battling Siki! He had bad luck right from the time he agreed to fight the man named Mike McTige in Dublin, Ireland, on St. Patrick's Day.

"Lawyer's secret revealed in suit" says a headline. Well, all we can say is he shouldn't have given the suit to his wife to press.

Toronto social workers found that 277 applicants for relief possessed between them 47 telephones, 28 pianos, 5 organs, 88 gramophones, 2 motor cars, 2 trucks and a motorcycle. No wonder they needed relief.

We sympathize with France in her financial crisis. We have one ourselves every time the rent comes due.

The council of the League of Nations is having almost as tough a time over Mosul as the London city council is over the street railway.

It was a British M.P. who said recently that people in America were divided into just two classes—those who have still a little and those who have a little still.

E. J. P.

Isn't It The Truth?

Fatherly kiss: Any one your wife finds out about. Well-balanced ration: Highbrow for hash.

Counter attack: What happens on Dec. 24 where the toys are.

France now has all the ingredients for Fascism except a Mussolini.

Nature provides a grand opera voice, but you must learn to sing unintelligibly.

Perhaps the miners could get an injunction requiring the operators to come clean!

In football, victors tear up the goal post; in politics, they tear up the platform.

The removing the tax on mah jong sets. Let's see, now, what in thunder was a mah jong set?

If your voice returns within three minutes and the humor doesn't, it is called "putty good."

There's no hope. By the time we can get radio reception from Europe, every orchestra over there will be playing jazz.

A position is a job where you accept 60 per cent less wages for the privilege of keeping your hands clean.

An ideal traffic cop is one who doesn't act as though he made the rules just to spite you.

Feminism won't worry us a great deal until somebody begins to hold beauty contests for males.

A husband and father isn't fully tamed until he stops bringing in minority reports.

The meanest man is the one who is so good to his wife that she never has opportunity for martyrdom.

Wouldn't it be awful if there could be no tax reduction until everybody agreed on where to pay it?

Correct this sentence: "It is astonishing," said the man, "how many coal dealers go broke."

R. Q.

Editorial Opinion

A WORD FOR PETER.

From the Brantford Expositor.
SINCE the acquittal of Andrew Papall on the charge that he conspired with Aemilius Jarvis and Peter Smith to defraud the province of Ontario, it appears to be a gross injustice to keep Peter Smith in the penitentiary on the same charge and the same evidence. The imposition of a fine of \$100,000 in the case of Peter Smith was tantamount to a sentence of life imprisonment. It is undoubtedly a case for executive clemency.

ANOTHER TOWER OF BABEL?

From the Bruce Herald.
IF CANADA is not to be as polyglot a country as Europe, English must be the one language of all our primary and public schools. A party of 72 immigrants landed at Montreal lately, speaking 16 different languages.

ABSOLUTE PROOF.

From the Ottawa Journal.
SO DENSE was the recent London fog that the pigeons in St. Paul's cathedral slept all day. It seems incredible and we cannot accept the statement without reservation until the correspondent assures us that he actually heard them snore.

An Unmoved Spectator



Uncle Sam.—"Take this off! Can't you see it's killing me?"

To the Editor

Quick To Report.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir—In common with other citizens, I was glad to read this morning that the street railway service was not going to be stopped, but I can't get it clear in my head yet what all this fuss is about. I wrote the other day asking you if it was that was trying to force the situation. The meeting on Tuesday night did not give any answer to that question.

The plan fact is, that the city council asked for the reduction of fares from five cents to seven and nine for a quarter, and then two days after it was granted to them they had to call a special session and say by a unanimous vote that they didn't want the very thing that they had asked for.

It may be that I am not well served in such matters, or that I am jumping at conclusions, but if I'm wrong in this summing up of the situation, then I'm ready to be corrected, and I have no doubt the Advertiser will be glad enough to publish the letter of any person who feels called upon to set me right.

If other businesses were run on the same basis they wouldn't last the week out.

FAIRPLAY.

London, Dec. 16.

The Pound of Flesh.

Editor of The Advertiser:

Sir—Is Canada in danger of losing something? Is she in danger of seeking to gain the whole world by starving in any degree helpless millions throughout the earth whose needs, due to blighted crops, give us a clever chance to demand our pound of flesh and to extract all that business-like traffic in our bountiful harvest can be made to pay?

A Canadian pioneer once had a heavy crop of wheat in a season when his neighbors around him, hit by the blight, had none.

That winter, with bursting granary, he, too, had a chance to gain the whole world.

Instead, he emptied his store to needy neighbors, who each got from him no more than a spring supply of seed, no more than a bushel.

And what a darn fool he was, according to wheat pool standards, asking each recipient of his bounty to give him a bushel in return for weight the following autumn.

Can any way be found to let that simple decency which prevails among individual Canadians express itself collectively in control of Canada's wheat market this winter?

JOHN COTTAM.

London, Ont., Dec. 16, 1923.

HOMELIKE.

"This is the best parrot we have," said the dealer, "but I wouldn't sell him without letting you know his one fault. He'll grumble terribly if his food doesn't suit him."

"I'll take him," said Miss Fitz promptly. "He'll seem quite like having a man in the house."

JUST THE SAME.

Brown: "Did you hear those fool roosters crowing early this morning?"

Mrs. Brown: "Yes, dear."

Brown: "I wonder what on earth they do that for?"

Mrs. Brown: "Why, don't you remember, dear? You got up early one morning yourself, and you crowed about it for a week."

SUN-PROOF.

Drygoods merchant—"James."

Clerk—"Yes, sir."

Merchant—"Why don't you pull down those sun curtains? Don't you know that the goods in the window are guaranteed not to fade?"—The Progressive Grocer.

INQUIRING AUTOS.

"Gentleman—Enclosing check for pings sent on free trial. Have driven my Ford with them over the worst mountains in Vermont without changing a wheel. Other cars would turn and look at me when I went by them."

From an advertising card.

PROBABLY SO.

She: "I wonder who invented that superstition about Friday being an unlucky day?"

He: "Oh, some poor fish."

25 Years Ago

From The Advertiser, Dec. 16, 1900.

From The Advertiser, Dec. 16, 1900. At the annual meeting of the Children's Aid Society of this city last night, the following officers were elected: President, Sheriff Cameron; vice-president, Messrs. V. Cronyn, T. B. Scott, Andrew Thompson and Mrs. Yarker; secretary and inspector, Mrs. J. Sanders; treasurer, Mrs. J. T. A. Hunt. The Hellmuth ladies' college held their annual Christmas concert at the college on Oxford street last night. An enjoyable program was presented.

Hon. J. Israel Tate, dominion minister of public works, made a short visit to London this morning. A basketball club has been formed at the St. John's athletic club. A number of prominent London young ladies are among the members.

Hon. Geo. W. Ross, "christened" the smelter at the opening of the Midland iron works. It is said to be the first step in the great march of the iron industry in Canada.

The city council of Chicago has passed an order banning prize fights in that city.

The Dutton extension of the Detroit River and Lake Erie railroad has just been completed.

car rides at seven and nine for a quarter. In fact it is more than likely that the five-cent fare has gone. There is not much ground for doubting that a street-car ride for five cents is about the cheapest public service performed today. The community that goes out to fight it is likely to find that it is into a hopeless campaign. Of course in the background of the battle with the street cars, is the bus. Perhaps a service of that kind can be maintained on a five-cent fare. That may hold while the street cars and buses are in competition on the same routes, but when one or the other is forced out the survivor is pretty certain to demand a higher fare.

QUITE CLEAR.

Mrs. Smith had inserted an advertisement in the papers for a new nursemaid and was interviewing the first applicant. "And what," said she, "is your attitude on corporal punishment?"

The applicant thought for a while and then replied, "Generally I take 'em across my knee, but I can smack 'em across the back if I choose."

She Couldn't Sleep Heart Was So Bad

Mrs. J. D. McClintock, Charlotte-town, P.E.I., writes:—"About a year ago I was greatly troubled with my heart."

I could not sleep at night, and was so nervous I imagined that I could see everything in the room moving, and would have to turn on the lights before I could get to sleep.

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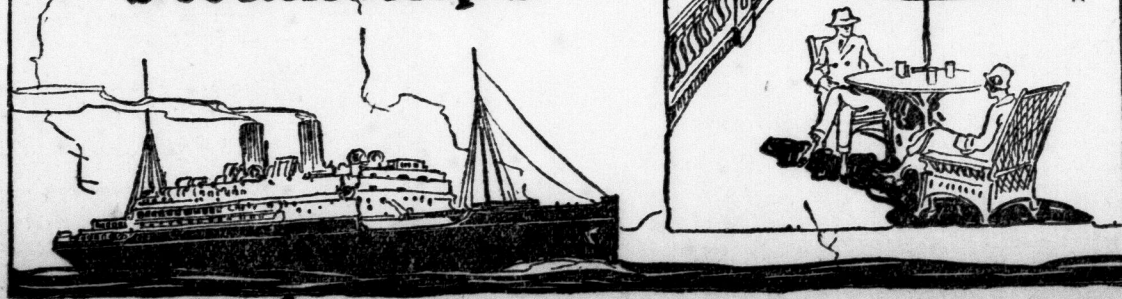
This winter, of all times, go to the Riviera—to Cannes, Nice, Mentone—amid the palms, roses and violets—where the blue Mediterranean stretches away like a sheet of sapphire towards Africa—where the balmy sunshine invites you to golf, and tennis, bathing and boating—winter resort of the world's royalty and the inner circle of the socially elect.

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Ask your local steamship agent for special literature or write—

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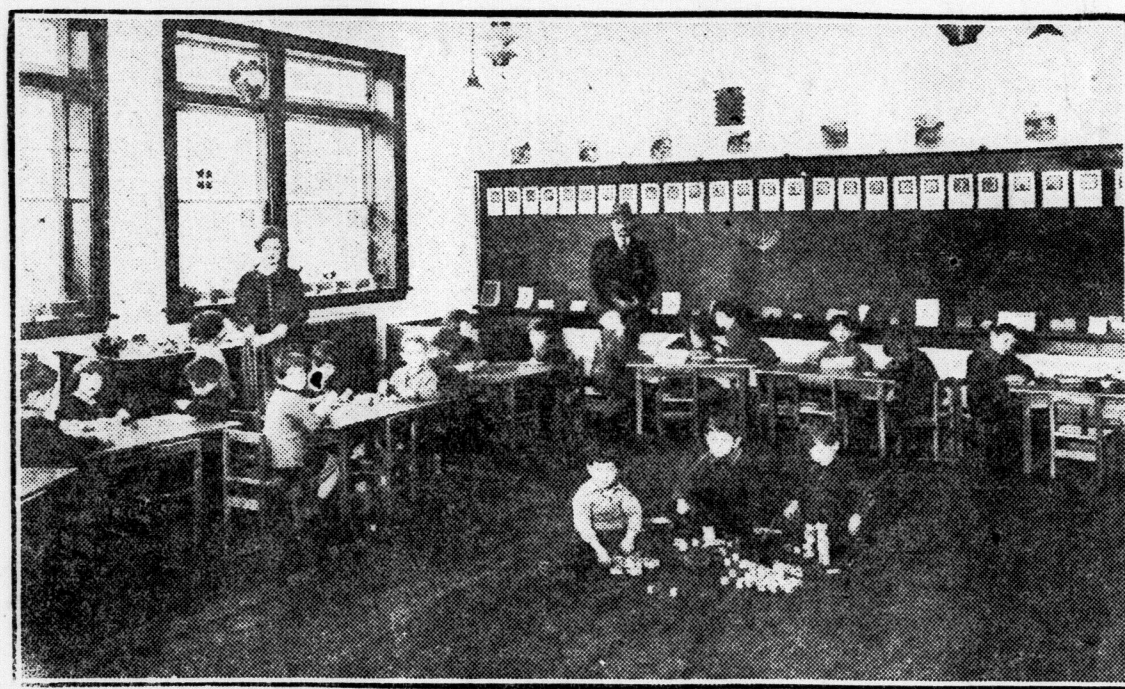
Canadian Pacific Steamships



Huge Death Toll in Mine Disaster; British Evacuate Cologne District



STRINGS ON FASCISTI CHIEF—By special royal decree Victor Emmanuel of Italy gives Premier Mussolini further proof of the country's loyalty and faith in fascism. The new records "Duce" unlimited power and freedom of action. The photo was taken immediately after the proclamation.



NEW JEWISH SCHOOL—The Toronto Hebrew free school, Talmud Torah, built and to be maintained by the Jewish community, will be officially opened on December 20. Photo shows the kindergarten class. All the children are taught Hebrew, a unique feature. The school is situated on Brunswick avenue.

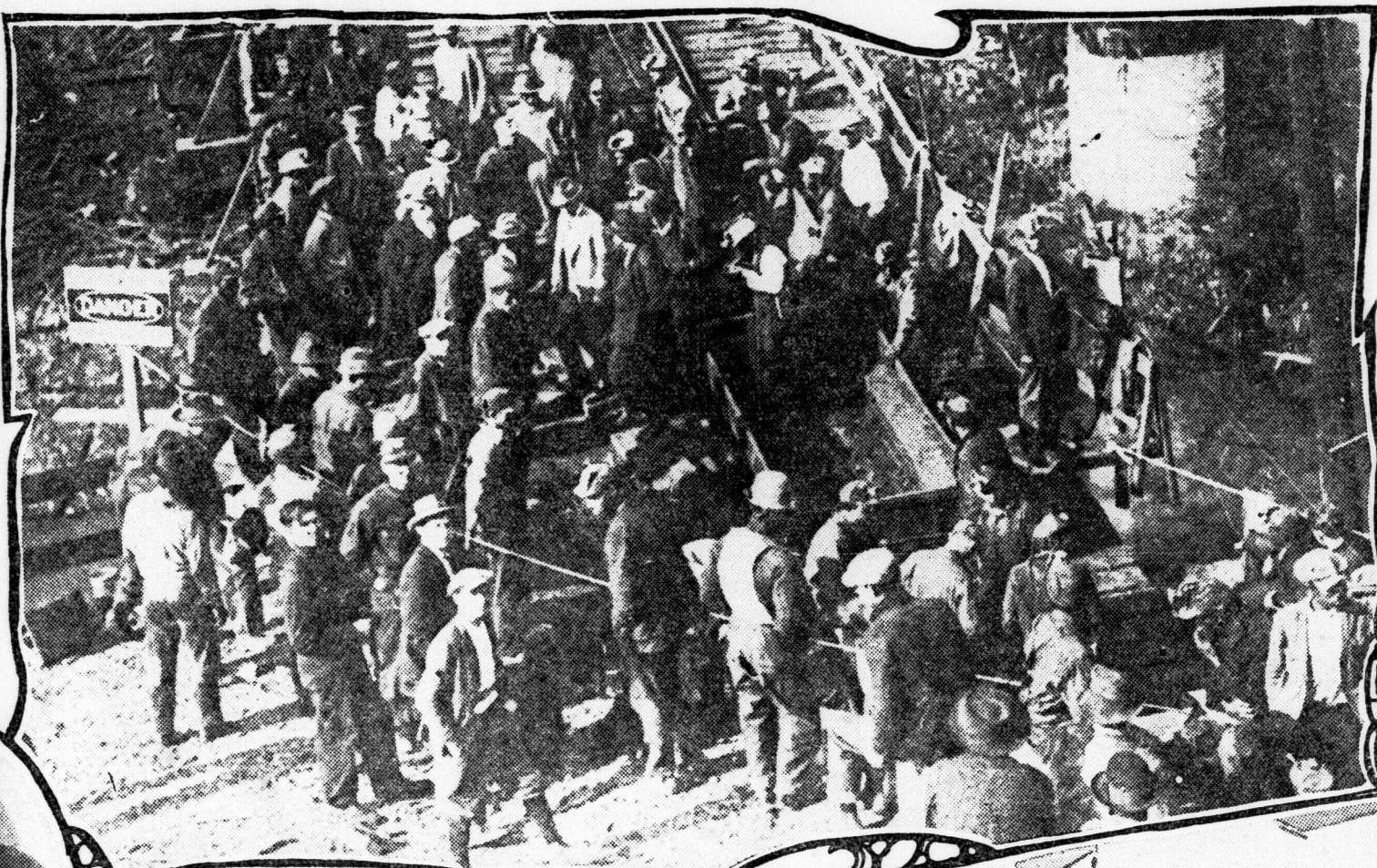


JAZZ AND CLASSICS—Paul Whiteman, monarch of the symphonic syncopation, waves a baton for an impromptu concert with Eugene Goossens, conductor of the Rochester philharmonic orchestra, at the piano, and Val Rosing, Rochester opera impresario, as soloist.



IR VETS POLICE LA GRANGE—Owing to the general police strike in the Illinois town, volunteers from the American Legion are being used to protect citizens from those Chicago desperadoes who might sense a golden opportunity in the situation. The "cops" armed for action, but so far nothing more exciting than that shown above has occurred.

RIGHT—THE DEATH TOLL from the gas explosion on Dec. 10 in Overton mine No. 2, on the Cahaba fields, south of Birmingham, Ala., has reached 61. Fifteen men escaped, while five were badly burned. The mine is 2,800 feet deep. The photo shows the first batch of dead about to be removed from the entrance.

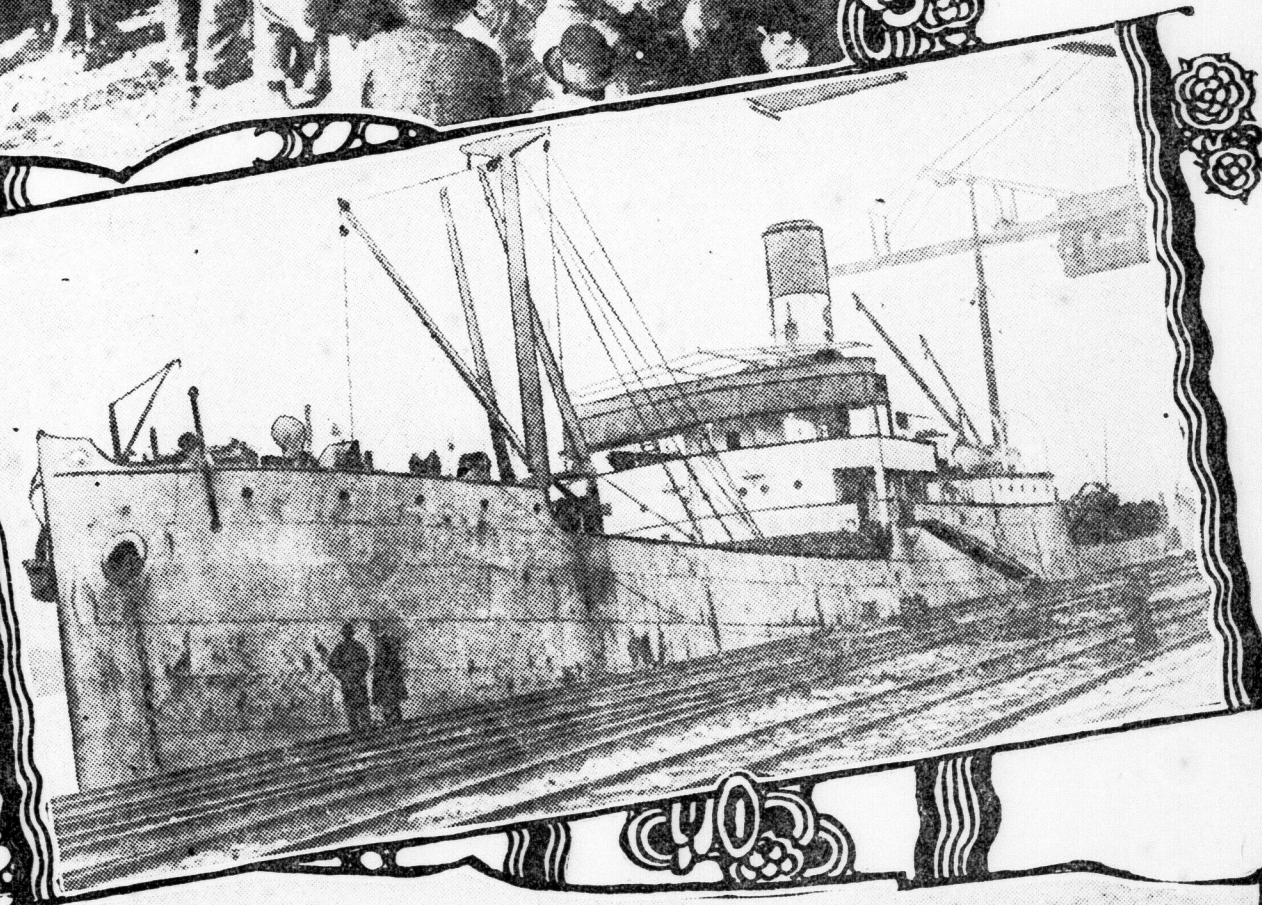


RAMMED M1—Below is shown the S.S. Virdar of Stockholm, which, by running foul of the British sub is generally supposed to have caused the loss of the giant undersea craft with the consequent death toll of 67 men.



LEFT—Mary Garden of the Chicago opera, who has returned for the first presentation of Tolstoi's story, *Resurrection*, with music by Alphano. She says there is nothing like radio.

RIGHT—Betty Lee Cooper, Boston blonde, who, seen walking along the street by Flo Ziegfeld, was offered a job in his new revue.



CARDINAL HAYES SALLS FOR HOME—An interesting incident in the departure of the prelate from New York was the kissing of his ring by Lieut. Fitzgibbons.



LEFT—ANOTHER ONE—Dorothy MacKail, famous anti-fat movie star, wearing the latest sensation, "knee muffs," which promise to be the winter fashion rage in New York and Hollywood. They are of mink, especially made to match the coat she wears.



BRITISH LEAVE COLOGNE—Exactly seven years after they first occupied the German town on Dec. 1, 1918, the troops of the army of occupation withdrew. Above shows one of the scenes during their departure. The soldiers are moving a heavy lorry in the snow preparatory to loading it on a train.

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PIMPLES ITCHED ALL THE TIME

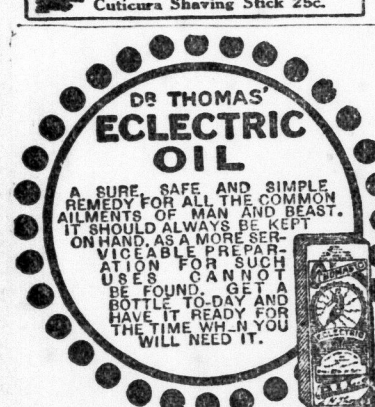
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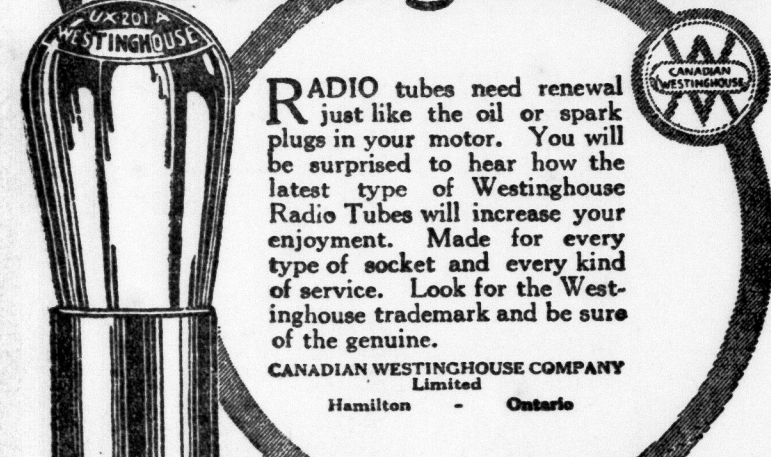
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The Dream Detective

By SAX ROHMER

"Ah! you wag your head. I knew you would wag your head! But beware that your brains do not rattle. That is what I hear, and this is the thing in the mind of the murderer at the moment that he does the murder—a chord in G Minor, Mr. Grimsby! I, the up to date investigator, and this chord it intrigues me. Why? because it is not a playable—yet it is a chord upon a piano."

"Not playable!" Grimsby exclaimed. "Not playable, my friend, except by a man having enormous hands! And also, that what for one absurd my good Grimsby, the poor Webley could not have been strangled as he was except by one having enormous hands."

"This is what I first perceive when I see his body, and that you have perceived also. I, myself, have large hands, but although I try I cannot span within inches of the marks made upon his chest. And so, when I hear this chord, and I question and I try and I find that it cannot be played by any normal hand, I listen for him. And to him I have one other clue—a hashish cigarette?" Grimsby muttered.

"I said hashish, my friend—a cigarette containing the drug Indian hemp. A kind of cigarette very rarely met in England. In that astray, among a dozen others, I detect it immediately. For this I wait, and I am drawn to the place of the murder? It is why, when I hear of the house-warming, I plan to go. Perhaps it is accident—perhaps something else."

"He was a mad genius, that Skobolev. He tries to know supreme emotion, that he may write supreme music. But his compositions cannot live—for no other man can play them, on the piano at any rate. Where did he meet the poor Webley? Who can say? Perhaps they were acquainted, perhaps they met in the street. Webley was the Bohemian. He invites Skobolev into the Bohemian. Good! There could be no evidence. It was his opportunity—to know the emotion of murder and to get safe away."

"Tonight, in the studio, at last I hear again my dream chord—the chord in G, in G Minor, yet when I telephone to you, my good Grimsby, you think I am the old fool. I say, 'Hurry to Chelsea. I await.' You obey, but you refuse. I say, 'When at the place, we go. I send the message, "the clock is in the corner." Enter.' You enter and you permit the stranger to escape the law."

He shrugged, stooped to where his brown shoes rested upon the floor beside him, took out the scent spray and squirted verberna upon his forehead. "I have the hot brain," he explained. "It is the activity. But yours, my friend"—turning to Grimsby—"is as cool as a lemon."

"EIGHTH EPISODE
Case of the Headless Mummies.
CHAPTER I.
The mysteries which my eccentric friend, Morris Klaw, was most successful in handling undoubtedly were those which had their origin in links of the human brain or in the mysterious history of some relic of ancient times."

"I have seen his theory of the Cycle of Crime proved triumphantly time and time again; I have known him successfully demonstrate how the history of a valuable gem or relic automatically repeats itself, subject, it would seem, to that obscure law of chance into which he had made particular inquiry. Then his peculiar power—assiduously cultivated by a course of obscure study—of recovering from the atmosphere the other, call it what you will, the thought-form—the ideas thrown out by the scheming mind of the criminal he sought for—enabled him to succeed where any ordinary investigator must inevitably have failed."

"They destroy," he would say in his odd, rumbling voice, when clumsy tools of their crime, they hide away the knife, the bludgeon; they sop up the blood, they throw it, the jenny, the dead man, the suffocated poor infant, into the ditch, the pool—and they leave intact the odic negative, the photograph of their sin, the thought thing in the air!" He would tap his high yellow brow significantly. "Here upon this sensitive plate I reproduce it, the hanging evidence! The headless child."

buried in the garden, but the thought of the beheader is left to lie about. I pick it up. Poof! he swings—that child-slayer! I triumph. He is a dead man. What an art is the art of the odic photograph."

But I propose to relate here an instance of Morris Klaw's amazing knowledge in matters of archaeology—of the history of relics. In his singular emporium at Wapping, where dwelt the white rats, the singing canary, the cursing parrot, and the other stock-in-trade of this supposed dealer in oddities, was furthermore a library probably unique. It contained obscure works on criminology; it contained catalogues of every relic known to European collectors with elaborate histories of the same. What else it contained I am unable to say, for the dazzling Isis Klaw was a jealous librarian.

You who have followed these records will have made the acquaintance of Coram, the curator of the Menzies Museum; and it was through Coram that I first came to hear of the inexplicable beheading of mummies, which, commencing with that of Mr. Pettigrew's valuable mummy of the priestess Horankhu, developed into a perfect epidemic. No more useless outrage could well be imagined than the decapitation of an ancient Egyptian corpse and the sarcophagus containing the swathed figure of a mummy he stopped, pointing. He looked as though he had come out of an ancient Egyptian temple.

"Horankhu," he said, "a priestess of Sekhet; a very fine specimen. Mr. Searles was present when it was found. See—here is her head!" Stooping, he picked up the head of the mummy. Very cleanly and scientifically it had been unwrapped and severed from the trunk. It smelt strongly of bitumen, and the shrivelled

features reminded me of nothing so much as of Mr. Mark Pettigrew. "Did you ever hear of a more senseless thing?" he asked. "Come over and look at the window where he got in."

We crossed the dark apartment, and the collector drew my attention to a round hole which had been drilled in the glass of one of the French windows opening on a kind of miniature prairie which once had been a lawn.

"I am having shutters fitted," he went on. "It is so easy to cut a hole in the glass and open the catch of these windows."

"Very easy," I agreed. "Was anyone disturbed?"

"No one," he replied, excitedly; "that's the insane part of the thing. The burglar, with all the night before him and with cases containing portable and really priceless objects about him, contented himself with decapitating the priestess. What on earth did he want her head for? Whatever he wanted it for, why the devil didn't he take it?"

We stared at each other. "I fear," said Pettigrew, "I have been guilty of injustice to my horse visitor, the centaur. You look as stupid as the worst of us."

"I feel stupid," I said. "You are!" Pettigrew assured me with cheerful impudence. "So am I, so are the police; but the biggest fool of the lot is the fool who came here last night and cut off the head of my mummy."

That, then, is all which I have occasion to relate regarding the first of these mysterious outrages. It was quite unable to propound any theory covering the facts, to Pettigrew's evident annoyance; he assured me that I was very stupid, and insisted upon opening a magnum of champagne. I then returned to my room, and since reflection upon the subject promised to be unprofitable, had dismissed it from my mind, when some time during the evening Inspector Grimsby rang me up from the Yard.

"Hullo, Mr. Searles," he said; "I hear you called on Mr. Pettigrew this morning?"

I replied in the affirmative. "Did anything strike you?"

"No; were you on the case?"

"I wasn't on the case then, but I'm on it now."

"How's that?"

"Well, there's been another mummy beheaded in Sotheby's auction room!"

CHAPTER II.
I knew quite well what was expected of me. "Where are you speaking from?" I asked.

"The auction rooms."

"I will meet you there in an hour," I said, "and bring Morris Klaw if I can find him."

"Good," replied Grimsby, with much satisfaction in his voice. "This case ought to be right in his line."

I chartered a taxi and proceeded without delay to the insalubrious neighborhood of Wapping Old Stairs. At the head of the blind alley which harbors the Klaw emporium I directed the man to wait. The gloom was very feebly dispelled by a wavering gaslight in the shed-like front of the shop. River noises were about me. Somewhere a drunken man was singing. An old lady who looked like a pantomime dame was critically examining a mahogany chair with only half a back, which formed one of the exhibits displayed before the establishment.

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peak of Pettigrew the collector; he lives out Wandsworth way; he's one of our trustees. Well, some demented burglar broke into his house last night, took nothing, but cut off the head of a valuable mummy!"

"Good heavens!" I cried. "What an original idea!"

"Highly so," agreed Coram. "The police are hopelessly mystified, and as I know you are keen on this class of copy I thought you might like to run down and have a chat with Pettigrew. Shall I tell him you are coming?"

"By all means," I said, and made an arrangement forthwith.

Accordingly about eleven o'clock, I presented myself at a gloomy Georgian house standing well back from the high road and screened by an unkempt shrubbery. Mr. Mark Pettigrew, a familiar figure at Sotheby's auctions, was a little shrivelled man, clean-shaven, and with the complexion of a dried apricot. His big spectacles seemed to occupy a great proportion of his face, but his eyes twinkled merrily and his humor was as dry as his appearance.

"Glad to see you, Mr. Searles," he said. "You've had some experience of the out, I believe, and where two constables, and a plain-clothes gentleman who looked like a horse have merely upset my domestic arrangements, you may be able to make some intelligent suggestion."

He conducted me to a large gloomy room in which relics, principally Egyptian, were arranged and ticketed with museum-like precision. Before a wooden sarcophagus containing the swathed figure of a mummy he stopped, pointing. He looked as though he had come out of an ancient Egyptian temple.

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WALTER LEAGUE.
Tavistock, Dec. 16.—The annual meeting of the Weather League of Wellington street Lutheran church elected as officers and committees: President, Ross Phillips; vice-president, Miss Selma Welcker; secretary, Miss G. Merklinger; treasurer, Miss Bertha Strohm; social committee, Mrs. H. Neel, Miss Clara Wettlauffer and John Pfeiffer; program, Mrs. A. Puscheck and Miss Olivia Hunke; membership, Misses A. Shindler and Lillian Appel; editor, John Pfeiffer.

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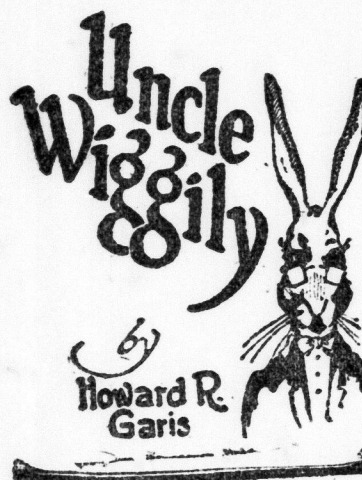
MANY HELPERS

Miss Bertha Smith and Nursing Staff Conducts Examination.

The kindergarten of the Aberdeen school was the scene of another happy Christmas party yesterday afternoon, when the Child Welfare association entertained the mothers and babies visiting the clinic. After the babies had been duly weighed, 57 of them, they were given into the care of club members present, while their own mothers drank tea from a table attractively decorated with roses.

The babies and small children had their party spread on kindergarten tables, and sat on small chairs as they partook of the delicious animal biscuits, milk and oranges. Later in the afternoon the mothers and doctors had tea from a rose-decked table.

The party proved a great success, largely due to the efforts of the assisting women, members of the Red Cross, since, Lord Roberts and Aberdeen Mothers' clubs.



UNCLE WIGGLY AND THE LAST APPLE

Hanging from a tree in the orchard was the last apple. No one had really given it that name, but it did not need half an eye to look and see that it was the very last apple of all. Not another tree had one hanging from its branches, and this tree had but the lonely fruit left.

"Oh, dear," sighed again. "What's the matter?" shrieked a bluejay who was flitting about, making a great deal of noise, as jays seem to love to do.

"Oh, I am so lonesome, miserable and forlorn," said the apple, "I do seem to be of any use in this world. All the other apples either fell off or were picked, and they have gone out into the world."

"Ha! Ha! Yes, they have gone out into the world!" laughed the jay. "Apple sauce!"

"What do you mean by that?" asked the lone fruit, surprised-like.

"I mean, what good did it do the other apples to go out into the world?" inquired the bird. "They have been stewed up into apple sauce or made into apple pies or dumplings, or they have been eaten by hungry boys!"

"Well, I call it something even to be eaten by a hungry boy," spoke the apple. "That is doing good in the world. Even to be made into apple sauce is doing good. But what good do I do here, hanging on the branch, half frozen, and so lonesome?"

The apple waited a moment for the jay to answer, but the noisy bird had flown off to shout and call with some others of his kind.

"Oh, dear!" sighed the apple again. He was the very last of all the fruit in the orchard. Somehow he had been forgotten. And now hanging so late on the branch, he had been partly frozen by Jack Frost. Still the stem was firm and the apple did not fall. One rosy cheek had been turned brown by the cold, but otherwise the apple was good to eat.

"But I fear no one will come to pick me or eat me!" sighed the fruit.

Just then, hopping along the snow-

ENGAGEMENTS

A charge of 75c one insertion (\$1.00 for 24 insertions) on the Women's Page is made for notices under this heading. Orders for inserting engagements must bear the name and address of sender and must be in this office by 9 o'clock on the evening preceding first day of insertion.

Dr. Drummond Thomson, Murkirk, Ontario, announced the engagement of his eldest daughter, Jessie Marie, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Angus Thomson, to Mr. John R. Bander, son of Mr. and the late Mrs. Robert Bander of Rodney, Ont., the marriage to take place early in January.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilkinson, fifth division, London Township, wish to announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Vera Marion, to Mr. James Shute of Detroit, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shute, London, the wedding to take place shortly.

covered ground, came Uncle Wiggly. With him was Baby Bunt, the little orphan rabbit girl, who was to spend the Christmas holidays in the hollow stump bungalow.

"Oh, Uncle Wiggly!" called Bunt. "Isn't it lovely to be out in the woods and fields now?"

"Very nice indeed, my dear," answered the old rabbit gentleman with a twinkle of his pink nose.

And then the Wozzie called Bunt. "Isn't it lovely to be out in the woods and fields now?"

"Yes, and their ears look very nice, indeed," I'll nibble them!" The Wolf

crept along until he was under the apple tree, and behind Uncle Wiggly

and Bunt, who did not see the bad chap. But the last apple fell down and

"Oh, if I could only fall down and bump him on the nose!" thought the lonely fruit. "That would scare the

Wolf away and I would be doing some good in this world. I'll try!"

The last apple twisted and turned in the breeze. It's stem cracked. Down

fell the big fruit, and the Wolf on the nose it struck the slinking Wolf! Up he

jumped in the air. "Wow!" he howled. "What's this? I'm shot!"

"At last I am happy!"

And if the electric light doesn't feel afraid to go out in the dark and play

tag with the roman candle, I'll tell you just about Uncle Wiggly and the acorn

pipe.

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A FINE OLD CUSTOM.

In olden days there was a fine Christmas custom of giving dear old

friends small packages of rare good

teas, a custom we might well revive.

Your grocer has some Christmas

packages, beautifully wrapped, card

attached, of that very choice tea—

RED ROSE ORANGE PEKOE.—

Adv.

PATRICIA L. O. B. A.

Mount Brydges, Dec. 16.—The regular

meeting of Patricia L. O. B. A. No. 134, Mount Brydges, was held recently,

when Mrs. K. Vinen, the provincial

grand secretary of Langemark, Edith

Cavell and Harmony L. O. B. A. lodges

of London installed the following

officers: Worthy mistress, Mrs. C. Venable;

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chair lady, of committee, Mrs. A. E. Bond; committee, Miss M. Nicholls;

Mrs. Wray, Mrs. I. Colvin, Mrs. F. Tolos; guardian, Mr. Thos. Snelgrove;

auditors, Mrs. C. Root and Mrs. Wyatt; pianist, Miss C. Root.

After-Supper Story

A Short Story Complete in This Issue.

COOL CASH.

As her cousin entered by the back door Lil Robinson smiled a welcome, exchanging a cool iron for a hot one and began to press out a tablecloth. "Been down street?" she asked, noting Benonia Peck's attire.

"I've been to see Lawyer Smith," Benonia dropped panting into a chair. "I got a citation paper in this morning's mail about Harvey Pitcher's estate. I'm an heir, Henrietta Skillen is an heir, too. And you ought to be."

"Haven't heard anything about it," Lil worked steadily. "Except that he was dead, of course, and that I never saw him in my life so I didn't feel terribly interested, even though he was my second cousin."

"But you don't understand! We are his heirs! For, of course, you will be cited, too—to appear before the magistrate in the city of Benham at 4 o'clock on Nov. 2 to show cause why the last will and testament of Harvey Pitcher deceased should not be admitted to probate." She was quoting impressively.

Lil turned a laughing face from the ironing board.

"Well, you have got it all by heart," she said. "But what does it all amount to, anyway?"

"It amounts," Benonia's voice trembled, "to \$60,000 to be divided among eleven heirs."

A momentary astonishment crossed Lil's sweet, honest, sensible face.

"How do you know?" she asked at last.

"Henrietta told me so. She has been working on this very thing since Cousin Harvey died. That is what she has been going to Benham for. Do you realize, Lil, what it means? Sixty thousand divided between eleven of us—more than \$5,000 apiece. Henrietta is going to build over her house and get her a French seal coat. We're going to have a new car and a new rug for the parlor and a new dining-room suite. I tell Frank we won't wait it all. You can only be young once. What are you going to do with yours?"

"Haven't got it yet," Lil folded and creased the tablecloth and hung it on the bars. Her eyes were watery. Five thousand dollars was a lot of money. If they should get it they could use it to great advantage, with Thelma and Reed clamoring for more than their parents had ever had and George tiring out quicker than he used to. Her mind spun a web of fancies instantly—a finer next summer's grocer's bill paid, a new overcoat for George and a new stove. Dear, dear, what she needed a new stove! Only yesterday ashes had sifted through on her layer cake and she had had to be mighty careful that Thelma didn't find it out. If there was anything in this inheritance story she would order chicken for Sunday. Well, she would see. But though she meant to talk it over carefully with her husband, she didn't intend that the children should find out about it.

But the children did find out. They came romping in from school wide-eyed and vociferous.

"Mother, we are going to get \$5,000. Did you know it?" Reed demanded.

"And when we do I'm going to have a new silk dress like Aubrey Scammon's," declared Thelma.

"Who told you this?" Lil said, dis-

ing up dinner.

"Dorothy Skillen. Her mother told her. She gets \$5,000, too, mother. Is that just salt pork stew again?"

"It is salt pork stew, Thelma. Run and get ready. Here comes daddy."

George Robinson, a tired, gentle, loose-jointed man, entered.

"Good dinner smell," he commented. "It's only old salt pork stew."

Thelma. "Daddy, we won't have to eat salt pork stew when we get our \$5,000, will we?"

Lil and her husband exchanged glances. Hers questioned, his answered.

"Yes, I've heard. Never count your cabbages till they're harvested; wood-chucks got into Ben Snyder's garden last night and destroyed every one. Guess we'll go on as we've begun."

George sat down before his plate of stew and smiled into it appreciatively. A great unrest had been created in the children. Dorothy Skillen had been talking in terms of wild extravagance. Her mother was going to get her a white fox fur—when they got their \$5,000. Thelma wanted a taupe fox. Reed wanted a real radio, not that scrappy old set he'd fixed up himself.

"That night there was more talk of the same nature. Lil, meanwhile, had been called upon by Mrs. Skillen and had also received her citation papers. There might be something in it. She sighed. Henrietta was so positive. That lawyer in Benham had assured her so thoroughly.

"Now, see here, youngsters," Lil said firmly, at last. "If we get this money it won't make any difference in our way of living. I promise you that. It will be invested in a rainy-day fund and you might as well stick to your studies and get down to business."

Next day Dorothy Skillen trailed in to show her new scarf.

"Mother got it at Atway's and had it charged. And, oh, you ought to see mother's new seal coat!"

"Charged, too?" George said dryly.

"Well, of course, we'll have plenty of money in a week or so now, mother says. And there's really no reason in waiting for our things, is there?"

Thelma looked so down-hearted that Lil felt a pang. She drew a deep breath.

Presently came Benonia Peck.

"Come over and see what I've got," Lil said. "I found the very dining-room suite I wanted at Ashton's. Did you have it charged?"

Benonia looked irritated.

"Why not? Cousin Harvey's estate will be settled at once and I can pay for it out of my \$5,000. It was only \$250."

Lil wanted to see the new furniture.

"They have a rug at Ashton's you ought to get," Benonia said. "It will be gone in a day or two, so if I were you I'd nip it up."

"Guess I'll wait and see," Lil replied. During the week that followed Lil heard each day of some new thing one or the other of her cousins had bought.

"Dorothy has a new gray dress," Thelma commented. "They've got lots of new things. And we haven't



PRETTY JUMPER FROCK.

Simplicity is the keynote of this dainty georgette jumper frock, fashioned on the popular flaring lines. It is in the new porcelain shade, which is expected to be popular next spring.

had anything yet."

"We haven't had any money yet," returned her mother.

"But we are soon to get it."

"That remains to be seen. Now stop fussing, my child, and attend to your regular business."

A few days later the heirs received what was coming to them from Cousin Harvey's estate after the expenses of settling it had been met. There was exactly \$100 apiece.

"That remains to be seen," Benonia wailed.

"We are owing every cent of it," Henrietta mourned. "The last thing I did was to buy a new toilet table for Dorothy's room. I thought sure there'd be plenty to build over the house with."

"We won't have a hundred dollars, free and clear," sorrowed Benonia.

"Well, \$700 looks like a lot of money to me," confessed Lil placidly. "To tell the truth, I never expected we'd get anything. I'm pleased through and through."

"I suppose now you'll get your rug. It's still in the window at Ashton's," Benonia said jealously.

"No, I can get along without the rug. I shall put the money aside for a rainy day fund, and let the interest accumulate. Nights when it storms or George isn't feeling good and things are a bit awry, I shall remember that next-egg with pleasure and thank Cousin Harvey for the peace of mind it gives me."

"That will mean more to me than all the new rugs in the world," ended Lil earnestly.

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LODGE WILL DINE OVERSEAS GIRLS

Eighty Girls Now in London Homes To Hold Reunion.

An interesting function takes place at Millford lodge, Salvation Army hostel, for overseas girls, on December 22. On this occasion there will be a reunion of the girls who have passed through the lodge during the past three years and are now on duty in London homes. The reunion will take the form of a reception and Christmas dinner, and is being held on Tuesday instead of Friday because the girls will be at their work on Christmas Day.

From 50 to 80 girls are expected on this occasion, when they will be treated royally by the lodge authorities. The reception is held at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and will be followed by dinner.

BIRR W. A.

Birr, Dec. 15.—The monthly meeting of the girl's branch of the W. A. was held at the home of Miss Avie Scott. The election of officers resulted as follows: Honorary president, Mrs. Arthur Shore; president, Miss Avie Scott (re-elected); vice-president, Miss B. Hobbs; secretary, Miss O'Neill (re-elected); treasurer, Miss E. Shoebottom; Miss Lizzie Hodgins (re-elected); Dorcas treasurer, Miss K. Shoebottom; leaflet treasurer, Mrs. C. W. Hobbs; pianist, Miss Rebecca O'Neill. The January meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Norton.

ARVA W. M. S.

The missionary auxiliary of the Arva United church met at the home of Mrs. Elmer Berdan. It was decided that the girls be given to the In As March society of the Metropolitan United church, London, and for Christmas cheer, Mrs. George Connor gave an interesting talk on a chapter of the study book, "Building With India," and Mrs. McClary brought a splendid report of the district convention held in the Wellington United church.

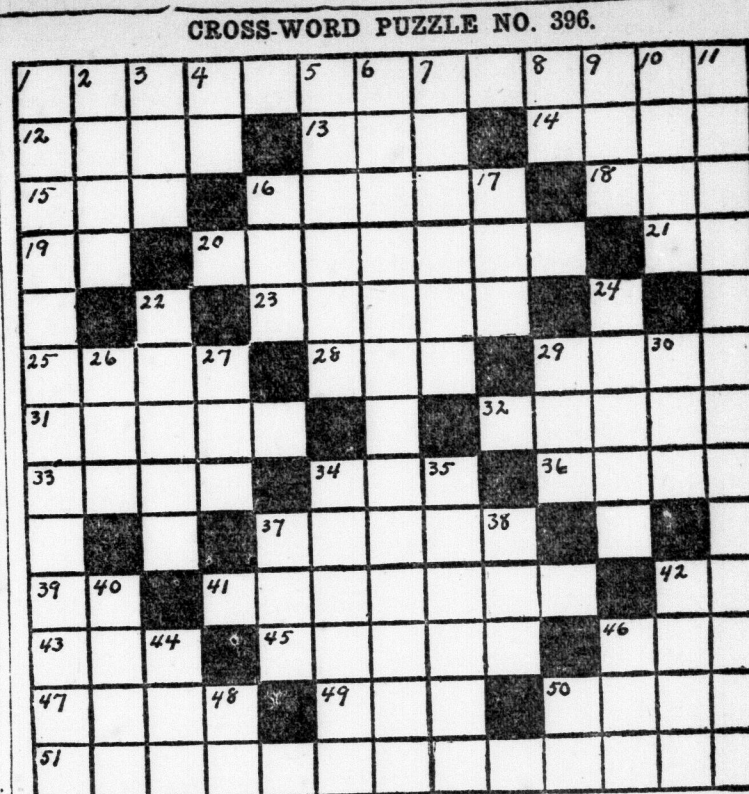
A CHRISTMAS SURPRISE.

A Holly Wreath, resplendent with a brilliant red bell, hangs in the window. A green Christmas tree, bedecked with tiny candles and much tinsel, stands beside the grate. But these signs of Christmas cheer find no reflection on the faces of the elderly couple sitting moodily before the fire—their boy, their girl will not be home this year. And then the surprise. The bell rings, the door is answered and there you stand fresh and fit after your most comfortable trip in a Canadian National train. Your mother fairly jumps into your arms, your father circles around trying to get your hand, bubbling over with happiness. What joy you have brought them! What a glorious surprise! And what a good time you'll have yourself!

Let the Canadian National Railways take you home this Christmas. Enjoy all the good things your mother will prepare. Any Canadian National Agent will make your reservations.—Adv.

New rugs in the world," ended Lil earnestly.

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CROSS-WORD PUZZLE NO. 396.

HORIZONTAL.
1 Act of travelling about
12 Legislature of a republic
13 Single
14 Established (adj.)
15 Made ashamed (adj.)
16 Month (adj.)
17 Measure (adj.)
18 An overgrown plant
19 Point of the compass (adj.)
20 Rule (obs.)
21 Never (cont.)
22 Head coverings
23 Violent insanity
24 Narrow roads
25 Fish
26 Measure of length
27 Vehicle
28 Dessert
29 Cereal
30 Gallows
31 Outweighing
32 Point of the compass
33 Rodent
34 Man's nickname
35 Act of force of electricity
36 Tire
37 Pertaining to morning
38 Part of "to be"
39 North American reindeer (adj.)
40 Bird's beak
41 Daughter of Tanaitus
42 Point of the compass (adj.)
43 Point of the compass (adj.)
44 Type
45 Inflammation of the stomach
46 Thief
47 Act of induction
48 Take shelter (adj.)
49 Tuberculosis
50 Credit denoting bodily
51 Compulsion
52 To anger (obs.)
53 Color

SOLUTION TO NO. 395.
INTIMATION
TRIO AT SEAM
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35 Human being
36 African name
37 meaning lady
38 Inhabitant
39 Acorn
40 Ordered
41 Devour
42 Denial
43 Inhabitant
44 Acorn
45 Greek letter

McCormick's Leather Goods Christmas List

In Yesterday's Paper will help you to solve your Christmas-buying problems. Leather Goods please and last. They're a constant reminder.

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Down—Claremont, 10 a.m.
Arrived—Royalton.



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Belts, Braces, Garters, Cuff Links, Silk Handkerchiefs, Fancy Socks, Ties.

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Shirts, Caps, Dress Sets, Lined Gloves, Wool Gloves, Wool Scarfs.

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Over \$5.00
English House Coats, Sweater Coats, Silk Shirts, Silk Dressing Gowns, Tuxedo Vests, Overcoats, Silk Pyjamas, Cashmere Scarfs, Wool Gowns.

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He would appreciate a pair of Imported Fancy Socks to match his golf jacket.

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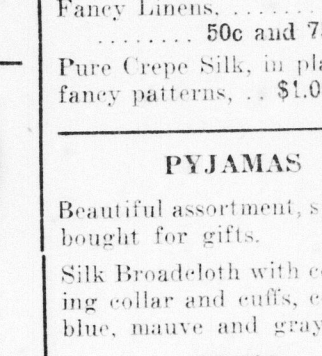
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London O.H.A. Intermediates Will Open Season At Tillsonburg On January 4

SCHEDULE DRAWN UP AT WOODSTOCK

Delegates of London, Tavistock and Tillsonburg Not at Meeting.

SEASON IS LONG

Concessions Are Made To All Teams Not Represented at Conclave.

DEMPSEY-WILLS BOUT MAY GO TO AUCTION

Champion's Former Secretary Gives Out New Angle On Proposed Fight.

By FAIR PLAY.

Special to The Advertiser.

Woodstock, Dec. 16.—The O. H. A. season in the "Big Six" group of the O. H. A. intermediates will open on Jan. 4 with Ingersoll at Tavistock and London at Tillsonburg.

The schedule for group No. 8 was drawn up here this afternoon with the convenor, Frank Hyde, in charge. With these not represented at the meeting, drawing up of the schedule was a hard proposition. However, the absent clubs were well looked after.

Tavistock secured the dates requested, and concessions were made to all the clubs not represented. The schedule is a long one, the playing season opening on Jan. 4 and closing on Feb. 8. The matter of naming referees was not dealt with, the delegates and convenor preferring to leave the appointing of referees to the secretary of the O. H. A. Daphn Staples and E. Morello represented Ingersoll, Geo. Hoskins, Woodstock, and J. Lawrence and Jack Arthur the Tavistock club. London, Tavistock and Tillsonburg were absent.

The schedule:
Jan. 4—Ingersoll at Tavistock.
Jan. 5—Woodstock at Tavistock.
Jan. 8—Ayr at Tavistock.
Jan. 11—Woodstock at Tillsonburg.
Jan. 12—Tavistock at Tillsonburg.
Jan. 15—Ingersoll at Ayr.
Jan. 18—Woodstock at Ingersoll.
Jan. 19—Ayr at Tillsonburg.
Jan. 22—Ingersoll at Woodstock.
Jan. 25—Woodstock at Tavistock.
Jan. 28—Tavistock at Ayr.
Jan. 29—Ingersoll at London.
Feb. 1—Tavistock at Ingersoll.
Feb. 2—Woodstock at London.
Feb. 4—Ingersoll at Tillsonburg.
Feb. 5—Ayr at Woodstock.
Feb. 8—Tavistock at Ayr.
Tillsonburg at London.

New York, Dec. 16.—Now it appears that the highest bidder is going to get the Dempsey-Wills fight. This is the latest angle on the heavyweight title extravaganza.

This tip comes from Rob Roy Benton—at least, this is reported to be the source. Not many weeks ago Dempsey said that Benton was no longer his secretary and general adviser. What is all this, anyway? Wires crossed somewhere.

As usual, Paddy Mullins' angle is not submitted. Mullins sits back and watches all the new angles as they appear, takes his pipe out of his mouth, probably, and hurls "Aw fudge!" if a real fight comes up, however. Wills will be there with eyes eager to locate the dotted line.

Except, he will probably object to a ten-round, no-decision bout. Somehow, even though he is older than Dempsey, he thinks his chances of success are better over the longer route. Anyway, he wants a sympathetic crowd, or as much of a sympathetic crowd as he can get.

Some thing is sure, Wills will do battle in February or March, and it is equally sure that if a match with Dempsey is really clinched he will be the most surprising man in the world.

Meanwhile, how is it that no photograph copies have been made for publication of the Dempsey-Wills Niles City contract?

Sid was not the first fighter to be laid low by a bullet in New York. About two years ago Knockout Bill Brennan was murdered in his cabaret, uptown, and away back in the sixties Bill Poole, a famous American heavyweight, was shot to death in Stanwix hall, a resort long since gone.

Some years ago, when at the height of his fame, the great middleweight, Stanley Ketchen, was shot and killed in the middle west by a farmhand whose enmity the fighter had incurred.

This concludes the list of well-known fighters who have died with their boots on outside the ring. Norman Selby (Kid McCoy) was on the other end of a shooting, and is now serving his sentence out west.

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MASONS HOLD EUCHRE.

Special to The Advertiser.

Parkhill, Dec. 16.—The Masons held the first of a series of progressive euchres last night.

OUR BOARDING HOUSE



British Soccer

Glasgow, Dec. 16.—The draw for the first round proper in the Scottish football association cup competition was made today and announced as follows: Salm County vs. St. Johnstone. Peebles Rovers vs. Kelth. Royal Albert vs. Alton. Cowdenbeath vs. Hamilton Academicals.

Bathgate vs. East Stirling. Kilmarnock vs. Celtic. Bo'ness vs. East Fife. Clyde vs. Dunfermline.

Hibernians vs. Broxburn. Queen's Park vs. Clydebank. Dumbarton vs. Buckie.

Third Lanark vs. Muir Park. Solway Star vs. St. Johnstone. Partick vs. Motherwell.

Aberdeen vs. St. Bernards. Dundee vs. Inverness Caledonians. Albion Rovers vs. Leith.

Civil Service Strollers vs. Leith. Rangers vs. Lochgelly. Dundee United vs. Hearts.

King's Park vs. Peterhead. Montrose vs. Clackmannon. Douglas Wanderers vs. Forfar.

Brechin vs. Thornhill. Raith vs. Ayr. Arthurlie vs. Armadale.

Stenhousemuir vs. Vale of Leven. Queens of South vs. Airdrie.

Braemar vs. Falkirk. St. Mirren vs. Mid-Annandale. Dykehead vs. Morton.

The games will be played on January 23, on the grounds of the first-named club.

Associated Press Despatch.

London, Dec. 16.—In an English football association cup replay today, Wigan defeated Crewe Alexandra by 2 goals to 1.

Wigan meets Stoke in the third round.

Bury defeated Burnley by 3 goals to 1 in an English league, first division, soccer match. In a third division, northern section game, Bradford won from New Brighton by 1 goal to 0.

Rugby fixtures today had the following results.

Northern Union.

Huddersfield 16, Bramley 10. St. Helens 7, Dewsbury 6.

The Navy beat a football association eleven at soccer, by 5 goals to 2, at Portsmouth.

THIEVES GET \$110.

Special to The Advertiser.

Highgate, Dec. 16.—An Sunday last, while C. Benedict and George Phin, Baltimore, each wanted to win the title of Striker King.

Both were left-handers and each had a drop curve, a delivery that broke down sharply and that was well suited for

ROUNDING THIRD by Hugh A. Jennings

MATTY CALLED THE PITCHERS' PITCHER.

CHAPTER 16.
It is impossible to say what pitcher was the greatest of all time. There were many pitchers that can be described as great. Offhand, I may mention Amos Rusie, Jonett Meekin, Christy Mathewson, Joe McGinnity, Charles Radbourne, Walter Johnson, Denton Young, "Sad" McMahon, A. G. Spalding, Jack Chesbro, Mordecai Brown, "Kid" Nichols, "Rube" Waddell, "Chief" Bender, Bill Donovan, Addie Joss, Grover Cleveland Alexander, Urban Shocker, Matty Kilroy and Eddie Plank. There were a few others, but these stand out clearly in memory. Some of them were better than others, but to set apart one and say he was the best of all time is beyond me.

If you ask me to name the best-equipped pitcher of all time I can accommodate you. This was Christy Mathewson. He came closer to being the perfect pitcher than any man that has thrown a ball over the plate. Mathewson is the pitchers' pitcher, the one man they try to model after. He had everything that a pitcher should have—a curve ball, a slow one, a fast one, a fadeaway. He pitched with little effort and he had the greatest gift a pitcher can possess—control. Mathewson's control was near perfect. He had the needed intelligence and the heart; he studied his batsmen and knew their weaknesses; he always pitched to them. Every time Mathewson started a ball for the plate it meant something. He was never found wanting when the test came.

The greatest pair of pitchers that were ever found on the same staff were Amos Rusie and Jonett Meekin. Having this pair was like having two Walter Johnsons in Johnson's prime. Both were big—Rusie stood more than six feet in height and weighed about 215; Meekin was one inch taller than Rusie and weighed 15 pounds less. Rusie had as much speed as Johnson and a better curve ball. His curve broke very fast; it was about as fast as the average fast

ball, and a cross between a wide curve and a drop ball. Its success lay in the quick break. Meekin had about as much speed as Rusie, but his curve was not so good. It resembled Walter Johnson's curve ball.

Rusie was the most peculiar pitcher I have ever seen. With all his size and weight he had unusually short arms. They were no longer than the normal arms of a man 5 feet 8 inches in height. Now he got such speed on the ball with those short arms of his was always a mystery to me, for all the great fast ball pitchers, Johnson in particular, had long arms. Johnson got by on his fast ball alone for a long stretch, but Rusie could not have done this. What made Rusie's fast ball good was that fast-breaking curve ball. He owed his remarkable success to the curve. Unless you were looking for it you could never hit the curve because it broke too sharply.

Meekin was easier to hit than Rusie because his curve ball did not carry so much break and you could go after it like a fast ball. The way to hit Meekin was to make up your mind that everything he pitched was a fast ball. They were an invaluable pair. With their size and their stuff they were able to work every other day. A manager who had Meekin and Rusie today could sweep through either major league with any one of the sixteen teams.

Physique is a great aid to a pitcher. Practically all the great pitchers were big men, weighing 180 pounds or more. No other man ever pitched so long as Denton Teecussch Young, known as "Cy," through the baseball ages. He was a big man and he had an easy delivery, pitching with little effort. He had a good fast ball, but only a fair curve. In style and pitching stuff he resembled Meekin, McMahon and Nichols. All four had good fast balls, but only average curve balls. All four pitched alike, overhand or sidearm. McMahon's curve ball was slightly better

than the curves of the other three. Charles Radbourne had a fast ball and a curve. There were better fast balls, but few better curves. He knew how to pitch and he knew how to field. Among the old-timers the fielding of Radbourne stood out. Any pitcher that was on the Providence pitching staff did not have a soft mark to shoot at when Radbourne came to bat, for he was the best hitting pitcher of his day.

When Matt Kilroy was pitching for Louisville and "Toad" Ramsey for Baltimore, each wanted to win the title of Striker King. Both were left-handers and each had a drop curve, a delivery that broke down sharply and that was well suited for

strikeout purposes. Whenever these two teams met, Kilroy and Ramsey were faced for the same day and a battle always resulted. Kilroy generally got the decision, although Ramsey frequently struck out more men. Kilroy got the advantage in picking runners off bases. If they did get on, he would throw them out. He often purposely gave a batter a base on balls in preference to handing a good one that he could hit. Kilroy knew his chances of catching the runner off base was much better than striking him out if he could hit.

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WOSSA GROUP THREE CAGE DATES ARRANGED

Brantford Open Series Against Galt On January Eight.

Special to The Advertiser.

Kitchener, Dec. 16.—Senior W.O.S.S.A. basketball dates have been arranged in Group No. 3, the Galt, Guelph, Brantford, Kitchener group, as follows, according to W. J. Unwin of the local collegiate, who was convenor of the group:

Jan. 8—Brantford at Galt; Guelph at Kitchener.
Jan. 15—Brantford at Guelph; Kitchener at Galt.
Jan. 22—Kitchener at Brantford; Galt at Guelph.
Jan. 29—Guelph at Brantford; Galt at Kitchener.
Feb. 5—Kitchener at Guelph.
Feb. 12—Guelph at Galt; Brantford at Kitchener.
Feb. 19—Galt at Brantford.

WOODSTOCK CITY HOCKEY LEAGUE REORGANIZED

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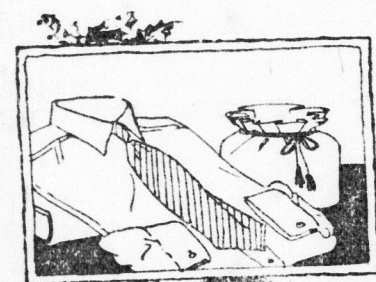
Woodstock, Dec. 16.—Eight teams have so far entered the Woodstock city hockey league, which has been reorganized with Frank Hyde again in office as president. Four more teams are expected to enter before the schedule is drawn up, which will make four teams in each of the senior, junior and juvenile series. The age limits have been set at 18 for juvenile, 18 for junior and 20 for senior, and as there is no junior O. H. A. team in the city this year O. H. A. players will be allowed to compete.

LABARBA-LAZARUS BOUT OFF.

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 16.—Fidel Labarba, conqueror of the United States flyweight champion, Frankie Genaro, will not face Joe Lazarus, of New York, in the Christmas fund boxing bout December 22. Lazarus has reported ill.

strikout purposes. Whenever these two teams met, Kilroy and Ramsey were faced for the same day and a battle always resulted. Kilroy generally got the decision, although Ramsey frequently struck out more men. Kilroy got the advantage in picking runners off bases. If they did get on, he would throw them out. He often purposely gave a batter a base on balls in preference to handing a good one that he could hit. Kilroy knew his chances of catching the runner off base was much better than striking him out if he could hit.

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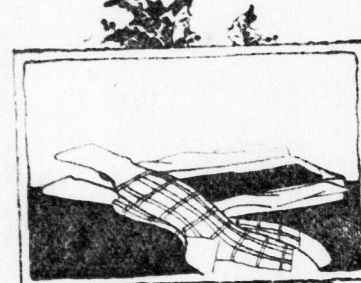
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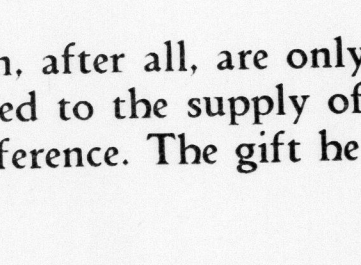
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Variety enough to satisfy the most fastidious dresser—shown in brushed wools, plaid patterns and silks

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Men, after all, are only boys grown up. Particularly is this true at holiday time. Here's a Man's store, devoted to the supply of men's requirements, selected from a man's point of view, to express a man's preference. The gift he wants is the gift you will find here. May we urgently suggest an early visit?

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With style at its best, quality at its finest, and woollens and tailoring of the nth degree the man or young man

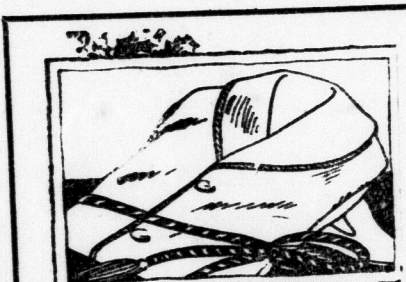
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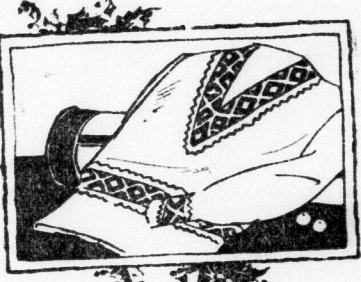
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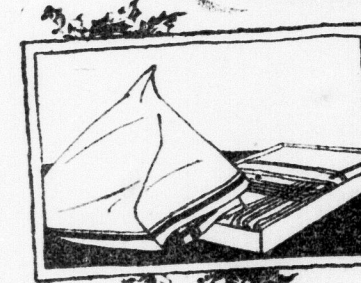
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Something he seldom buys for himself, but gratefully receives; some exceptionally fine linen ones at

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A lot of appreciation goes with a gift of this kind; an interesting stock of madras, percales, and soisette

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MONTREAL MART SHOWS FIRM TONE

Breweries and Brazilian Have Active Time, But Prices Are Unchanged.

prevailed on the Montreal exchange this morning, although volume of trading was even somewhat lower than yesterday. Brazilian closed unchanged at 81, after ranking between 80½ and 81½. National Breweries, which was the second most active issue, was also unchanged at 55½, the low of the session being only ½ under this figure.

Paper stocks were again less prominent than recently. Laurentide and Spanish River were the active issues in this group with turnovers of 705 and 613 shares respectively. The former was up ¼ at 87½ ex-dividend after

Spanish River moved up $\frac{1}{2}$ to 104 $\frac{1}{2}$. Brompton, Price Bros. and Belgo preferred were fractionally firmer, while Wayagamack was firm at the recently established record high of 73.

**THIRTY-SEVEN YEAR JEWEL
GIVEN WM. GEDDES**
Strathroy Oddfellows Honor
Ex-Mayor—Grand Encamp-
ment Is Represented.

Special to The Advertiser.
Strathroy, Dec. 17.—Strathroy Oddfellows gathered in large numbers last evening under the auspices of Howarth lodge, No. 58, I. O. O. F., to honor one of their most respected members, Bro. William Geddes, who has just completed his fiftieth year as a member of that order.

presentation of a fifty-year veteran jewel to ex-Mayor Geddes, the presentation being made by Rev. J. W. Herbert of London, the grand senior warden of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, who complimented Bro. Geddes and stated that he hoped to have t

Banquet at Gray's.
After a short session of the lodge, present adjourned to Gray's restaura-

where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared. Bro. Dr. Berdan acting as master of ceremonies.

Dr. Berdan mentioned several humorous episodes which occurred when he was D.D.G.M. of Strathroy district many years ago. He then proposed a toast to the grand lodge which

5 London, Rev. Hibbert briefly portrayed
3 the personnel of the grand lodge
0 officers, and called attention to the spl
3 did work and principles of the or

25 The toast to Strathroy District.
26 S. I. O. O. F., was fittingly respon-
28 ded to by Bro. R. Waltham, P.D.D.G.M.
20 Kerwood, and Bro. S. C. Reycraft.

19 The toast to the visitors was
20 sponded to by Bro. H. S. Crowe, dist
21 deputy grand patriarch, of London.
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Associated Press Despatch.
Sofia, Bulgaria, Dec. 17.—President Tsankoff has asked the national assembly for authority to grant ge-

BULGARIA IS PLEASED.
Special to The Advertiser.
Sofia, Dec. 16.—A favorable im-

decision taken by the league's committee regarding the Greco-Bulgarian frontier incident. Bulgaria expressed thanks to all who have contributed to the triumph of the League of Nations.

attached to the decision and it is that it will contribute considerably to peace between Balkan countries.

WOULD CHANGE ACT.

SON Montreal, Dec. 16.—Decision to further representations to the government against what they regard as inequality of penalties inflicted

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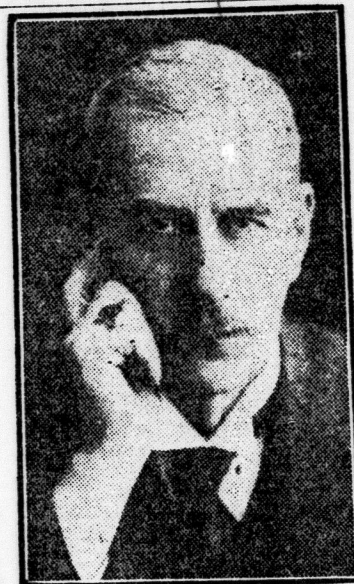
Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 16.—Sir Basil Thomson, former director of intelligence of Scotland Yard, and internationally known as a secret service operative, was arrested last week, charged with being concerned with an offence in Hyde Park. A woman was placed under arrest at the same time. At the police station he gave his name as "Hugh Thompson" and his age as 63. His real identity has just been revealed.

The woman gave the name of Palma de Lava. Both were let out on bail for appearance in court Monday. They failed to appear, and summonses have been issued, and the case will come up on Jan. 1.

Sir Basil Thomson is prominent socially, and is the son of a former Archbishop of York. He has had a distinguished career, was in charge of the secret service during the war, and had a large hand in convicting Sir Roger Casement for landing arms in Ireland in 1916. Casement was hanged in Pentonville prison.

Sir Basil resigned from the Scotland Yard secret service in 1921. He paid visits to Canada and the United States in 1922-23. He was the guest of various noted clubs and also of the New York police department, and delivered lectures in various cities on the aspects of crime and the operations of Scotland Yard.

He has been extensively decorated by foreign governments, and has written many books on subjects ranging from "The Story of Dartmoor Prison" to "South Sea Yarns" and "The Diversions of a Prime Minister."



SIR BASIL THOMPSON, former director of intelligence of Scotland Yard, who has been arrested in London and failed to appear when called upon.

UNDUE INFLUENCE IN DRAWING WILL

Appeal Court Sustains Judgment of Essex Judge—Appellants Censured.

Special to The Advertiser. Toronto, Dec. 16.—That the second will of Mrs. Margaret Florence McBride, of Windsor, leaving her estate to a brother and a sister and the latter's husband was obtained under undue influence upon the part of the appellants, is the decision of the second divisional court in dismissing the appeal from a like judgment handed down by the surrogate judge of Essex county. The brother was Herbert Gilmore, of Windsor, and the others, Dr. and Mrs. Reed, of Calgary.

The court in its finding declares there is no doubt but that the appellants exerted undue influence upon the falling mind of the deceased to have the will made in their favor, frustrating her previously expressed intentions who she had full control of her faculties. The judgment also declares that Dr. Reed had been a failure in his profession, and for this reason he attempted to recuperate his fortunes by illegal means.

ROAD BUILDING PROBE FOR CARLETON COUNTY

Carelessness in Accounts Is Thought Basis of Discrepancies in Figures.

Canadian Press Despatch. Toronto, Dec. 16.—As an outcome of the inquiry into road building accounts in Carleton county, G. L. Squires, deputy minister of highways, announced tonight that it was proposed to have investigations in several townships of that county. It was not the present intention of the department, however, to extend the probe to other counties. The recent township inquiry had shown some discrepancies in the books, workmen having been credited with working on such manifestly impossible dates, as June 31 and September 31, and also upon dates which had fallen on Sundays.

Ulster Revolt Still Spreading

Only One Platoon in Tyrone Now Loyal—Situation Becomes Grave.

Associated Press Despatch. Belfast, Ireland, Dec. 16.—The strike of the "A Special" constabulary in Ulster took a grave turn this afternoon when all platoons of this force in county Tyrone, except that of Omagh, the county capital, joined the movement. They have selected motor trucks and quantities of munitions, and control the wireless facilities. The movement is spreading rapidly.

PRESTON JUNIORS OPEN AT GUELPH JANUARY 1

Special to The Advertiser. Kitchener, Dec. 16.—A play-off between the two leading teams on Feb. 2 and 8 was decided on at the schedule meeting of junior group No. 12 here tonight.

The Schedule. Jan. 1—Preston at Guelph. Jan. 5—Galt at Kitchener. Jan. 11—Kitchener at Preston. Jan. 14—Preston at Galt. Jan. 18—Kitchener at Guelph. Jan. 22—Preston at Kitchener. Jan. 25—Guelph at Preston. Jan. 29—Kitchener at Galt. Jan. 31—Galt at Preston. Jan. 31—Guelph at Kitchener.

HUGE NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTER NORTHERN LEAGUE

Special to The Advertiser. Palmerston, Dec. 16.—N. H. L. executive has been called to convene at Palmerston at 4 p.m. on Saturday to group the teams entered. Today is the last date for entry, and at an early hour this afternoon the following teams had been entered: Senior series—Walkerton, Elora, Durham, Elmira, Glencoe, Hanover, Port Hope, Lindsay, Mount Forest, Palmerston, Park, Ripley and Wingham, while the following had entered the junior series: New Hamburg, Alvinston, Strathroy, Watford and Seaforth. Junior series—Mitchell, Palmerston, Chesley, Durham, Elora, Elmira, Hanover, Harriston, Kincardine, Mount Forest, with Milverton advising they would be in.

Direct Charges Against Politicians and Officials Made by Chicago Capitalist.

Associated Press Despatch. Chicago, Dec. 16.—Charges that politicians and relatives of government officials in Argentina had been speculating in the wheat market of Buenos Aires were made today by George E. Saunders, vice-president of the Armour Grain Company. In a communication to representatives of his company Mr. Saunders questioned the good faith of the wheat crop visitors of the Argentine government, which showed a much larger crop than previous advances had indicated.

SEATS ALLOTTED FOR FIRST SESSION

Leaders Move Nearer Center of Chamber—Former Conservative Ministers There.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The fifteenth parliament, which will convene next month, will witness a change in the location of the seats in the house of the prime minister and Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, Conservative leader.

The seat for the prime minister will be located two seats nearer the center of the chamber, with Mr. Meighen occupying a corresponding seat on the opposition side. This arrangement was agreed to at a conference this afternoon between W. A. Boyd, chief Conservative whip; P. F. Casgrain, acting chief Liberal Whip and Lieut.-Col. H. W. Bowle, sergeant-at-arms. The change in the seating accommodations for the government and opposition leaders will permit all the members in the chamber to hear them in future to better advantage. The Progressives, in all probability, will sit on the government side of the house, further removed from the speaker's chair.

CITY MANAGER PLAN FOR BRITISH COLUMBIA

Legislature May Be Brought Down Authorizing Cities To Use New Scheme.

Canadian Press Despatch. Victoria, B.C., Dec. 16.—British Columbia cities may soon give the city manager system a try, as the legislature is expected to pass a bill authorizing the use of the plan in any municipality of the province, and the nearest approach to the system was in South Vancouver, where the provincial government appointed a commissioner to take charge of the municipality's affairs when they came seriously disorganized, following the collapse of the realty market during the war years. As soon as the municipality's conditions returned to the normal, however, it went back to the mayor and council system, which prevails in all towns too small to have mayors and aldermen.

It is possible the provincial government will bring down legislation at the present session to authorize municipalities to vote on the city manager plan and adopt it without further formality in the event of a favorable vote. The system has been considered in several cities and municipalities during the past few years as a means of providing more efficient administration, but in no case has the matter passed the debating stage. A referendum was presented to the ratepayers in Victoria several years ago, but was defeated.

ILLINOIS GOVERNOR ASKED TO RETURN \$1,000,000

Associated Press Despatch. Springfield, Ill., Dec. 16.—A five-to-two decision of the Illinois supreme court today directed Governor Len Small to account for approximately \$1,000,000 interest money alleged withheld by him while state treasurer.

Calling upon the people of Illinois to maintain their faith in him, and declaring "a great mistake has been made," the governor tonight said he would petition for a new hearing asking the court to reconsider.

The evidence proves that I paid into the state treasury every dollar which I received while state treasurer as interest upon state funds," he declared.

CANADA WINS PEER'S SON AFTER 3 YEARS ON FARM

Associated Press Despatch. London, Dec. 16.—"My own boy has been working as a farm laborer in Quebec since he left Eton, three years ago. He is back here now and has obtained a good position, but he tells me that he is longing to return to Canada, and I certainly shall not stand in his way."

He spoke Sir Burton Chadwick, M.P., head of the firm of Joseph Chadwick & Sons, shipowners, Liverpool, in an address at the Canadian chamber of commerce here today. Sir Burton Chadwick declared that neither free trade nor protection was a sacrosanct policy. He said he was convinced that in any case, a great wave of feeling was spreading over the empire in favor of the people of the empire dealing almost exclusively amongst themselves rather than with foreigners.

YOUNG BOY DIES. George Middaugh, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Middaugh, died at the home of his parents, 350 Forbes street, late yesterday afternoon. The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2-3 o'clock. Interment will be made in Woodlawn cemetery.

SIX-YEAR-OLD AIR MYSTERY BELIEVED CLEARED AT LAST

Probable Clue To Disappearance of Canadian Aviator, Captain Mansell James—Uncle in Samia Offered \$500 Reward—Wrecked Plane Found in Woods.

Associated Press Despatch. Pittsburg, Mass., Dec. 16.—The moss-grown wreckage of a plane found by a hunter in a thicket in a lonely section of the township of Tyringham may solve a mystery of more than six years—the unexplained disappearance of Captain Mansell R. James, a Canadian aviator, in the early summer of 1919. A searching party will leave here tomorrow to find and examine the plane and to beat the woods for the body of the lost flier.

Members of a party which went into the Tyringham woods some days ago in quest of deer today reported that Warren Campbell of Brooklyn, N.Y., one of their number, became lost and wandered on the plane wreckage miles away from human habitation. He paid little attention to his discovery, believing that others had found it before him. It was only when the news was brought here that the wreck was linked up with the loss of Captain James. Campbell had gone on his home in Brooklyn, but Eugene Chague of Lenox, one of his hunting companions, volunteered to head the search party.

Last Seen of Him. The Canadian aviator, who had served in the world war with the Royal Air Force, won, late in May, 1919, a competitive flight from Atlantic City to Boston for a cup offered by the Boston Globe and a purse of \$1,000. He left Boston June 1 to return to Atlantic City, followed the wrong railroad line

TORONTO ST. MARYS BEAT KITCHENER 3-1

Close Checking Features Exhibition Tilt in Queen City.

Special to The Advertiser. Kitchener, Dec. 16.—In the opening game of the season played here tonight the Toronto St. Marys intermediates defeated the Kitchener seconds 3 to 1. The feature of the game was the close checking and in this respect St. Marys had the edge and they showed a smart intermediate club and one who will take some beating in the race about to open.

It was not good hockey, the players for the most part indulging in individual work, and this with the close checking gave the goalies a quiet night of it. There were so many players shot into the game that it was impossible to get team play going. The Kitchener had 13, indeed, in the last period a team played half way through for the locals, and was then sent to the showers, while another complete team, but the goalies, went on to finish it out.

The visitors talked in the first two minutes of play, and it was not until the third period that there was again a tally, and then St. Marys made it 2 to 0. Foulis and Heyd being the marksmen. With two minutes of time left the locals registered, Hiller doing the trick. It looked as if the locals would tie it up, but Heyd bounded once off the screen, and hit Ruppel's bar, and went into the cage for a fluke goal, settling the game.

The teams—St. Marys—Goal, Chisholm and line hockey for Parkdale.

LEAF'S RIGHT-HANDER IS SIGNED BY YANKEES

Miller Huggins Purchases Star Twirler From Toronto Internationals.

Associated Press Despatch. New York, Dec. 16.—Myles Thomas, star right-handed twirler of the Toronto International league club last season, has been purchased by the New York Yankees. In making the announcement today, prior to his departure for his home in Cincinnati, Manager Huggins said the Yankees had outbid several rival big league clubs, but declined to disclose the purchase price.

Thomas, since first coming to the Yankees for a trial in 1921, has developed rapidly in minor league ranks. After finishing the 1921 season with Hartford, Conn., in the Eastern league, he went to the Yankees and started with Toronto in 1922. In the shake-up of Yankee forces for departure to other fields of Al Mannaux and Ernie Johnson, veteran pitcher and infielder, Manager Huggins also has sent Paul Waminger, shortstopper, to St. Paul in the deal which includes Catcher Pat Collins here, and has given Howard Shanks, veteran infielder, his unconditional release. Shanks came to the Yankees last season from the Red Sox.

Thistles Hoping for Saturday Ice

Annual Turkey Euchre Tourney Will Be Staged Tomorrow.

These are anxious days around the Thistle curling and lawn bowling club on Piccadilly street. The members anxiously scan the horizon and meditate upon weather probabilities in the hope of finding indications of more frost. Several times there has been ice, but when the veterans have looked anxiously at their "stanes" the thermometer rose and their hopes fell. Many are hoping for ice for a bonspiel on Saturday afternoon.

Tomorrow night, Friday, Dec. 18, the euchre tournaments for 1925 will end with a mammoth contest for the annual trophy. President Harry Owen has had a bird in view for some time, and promises to have a record-breaker on hand at 8 p.m. Friday.

The second prize will be an enormous chicken captured in the wilds of Hyde Park. The prizes for the high average score for the season, and for the most lone hands will be awarded.

The standing at present is as follows: High averages—W. T. Mortimore \$6.3, W. H. Richardson \$5.4, G. Hunter \$5, R. D. Mercer \$4.2, G. English \$3.8, Wm. Garrett \$2.8.

Lone hands—Wm. Garrett 20, A. Connor 18, R. D. Mercer 17, Major Slater 15, Ben Dawson 15.

The Thistle club extends a cordial invitation to all eager players to participate in the "Turkey Night" tournament tomorrow at 8 o'clock sharp.

TAYLOR BEATS L'HEUREUX. Livingston, Mont., Dec. 16.—Jack Taylor of Livingston, heavyweight wrestler, defeated Leo L'Heureux of Winnipeg here last night, taking two falls out of three.

WILD BILL SCORES K.O. West Palm Beach, Fla., Dec. 16.—"Wild Bill" Reed of Columbus, Ohio, knocked out Joe White of Chicago, in the last round of a 10-round bout here last night. The men are heavyweights.

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Funeral services will be held from

the above address on Friday, Dec. 18,

at 3:30 p.m. Interment at Woodland

Cemetery.

PEARSON—In West Nisour, on Tues-

day, Dec. 15, 1925, Sarah C. Buchner,

beloved wife of Mr. G. G. Pearson,

aged 66 years.

The funeral will leave the family

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the house at 2 p.m. Interment in

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ATWOOD FARMERS MEET.

Atwood, Dec. 15.—The annual meeting of the Atwood Farmers' club was held Monday evening in the C. O. F. hall.

ACTING DEAN NEVILLE ILL.

Dr. P. R. Neville, M.A., Ph.D., acting dean of the University of Western Ontario, is suffering from laryngitis and is not able to perform his duties at the "U." It is not known when he will return.

SIR ADAM'S FULL TITLE TO BE USED

Such Is Recommendation of Board of Education Special Committee.

London's newest school, now in process of erection in the east end of the city, will be known as the Sir Adam Beck collegiate institute. This is, if the board of education accepts the recommendation of the special committee appointed to bring in a report on the question.

"We will never have any more titles in Canada," declared Trustee Mrs. J. I. A. Hunt, speaking at the committee meeting yesterday afternoon, "and besides Sir Adam was known as Sir Adam Beck throughout Canada and the United States in connection with hydro and horse shows, and I think that we should keep the full title in naming the school."

Principal E. A. Miller, B.A., reported that there is precedent for using the title "Sir" or leaving it off as the committee and the board wish. Mr. Miller pointed to "Dalhousie university," "Calvin high school" (Winnipeg), in both of which instances the title of the man after whom the institution is named is omitted, and to the "Lord Roberts public school" (London), and the "Earl Kitchener high school" (Kitchener), in both of which instances the title is retained.

The school will eventually be called by the students simply the Beck college, observed Mr. Miller, "but still it is well to have the full name on the outside of the school over both main entrances to the building."

Argument for the "Sir." In supporting Mrs. Hunt's wish to have the "Sir" retained, Trustee A. R. Cairncross remarked that "tourists will be passing by the school, and it would be nice to have Sir Adam's full title, at least on the outside of the school."

"And for goodness' sake," said Mrs. Hunt, "spell 'institute' with a 'u,' not the old-fashioned 'v' as in the Central college."

"This will be known as the Sir A. B. C. college," said Trustee G. F. Copeland, chairman of the committee, because the Central college is known as the L. C. C. I. and the south college unit as the L. S. C. I. instead of being the east college unit and the L. E. C. I."

Permission has been secured from the department of education to use the new school for an indefinite term of years for both primary and secondary school purposes to house the students of the present east college unit on Princess avenue and the pupils of the Pottersburg public school.

It took the committee just about five minutes to reach its decision as to the name, and it is likely that the board will consider and approve of the name suggested at its special meeting this afternoon.

BRIAND'S MINISTRY SURVIVES CRISIS

Senator Doumer Accepts Finance Portfolio and Is Reluctantly Accepted by Left.

Associated Press Despatch.
Paris, Dec. 16.—A partial crisis for M. Briand's ministry was solved today by the acceptance of the portfolio of finance by Senator Paul Doumer, president of the senate finance committee.

In succession to Louis Loucheur, who resigned yesterday after his financial projects had been rejected by the finance committee of the chamber of deputies.

This solution of the government's financial crisis was effected only after considerable delay and extensive political negotiations. The coalition of the left bloc was very slow to accept Senator Doumer, and sought to remove their own financial ideas on the ministry before approving him as M. Loucheur's successor.

EDWARD O'NEIL PASSES.
Special to The Advertiser.
Avon, Dec. 16.—The death occurred here on Monday afternoon of Edward O'Neil, who had been seriously ill some time. He lived with his brother Earl for the greater part of his life. The funeral took place from his brother's residence on Wednesday, conducted by Rev. H. F. Ball. Interment was made at Dorchester cemetery.

ROW IN SUGARFIELD.
Havah, Dec. 16.—The reports from the provinces of Camaguey and Oriente say the sugar planters have broken off relations with mill owners. It is asserted that numerous planters have halted cane harvesting until the dispute is ended.

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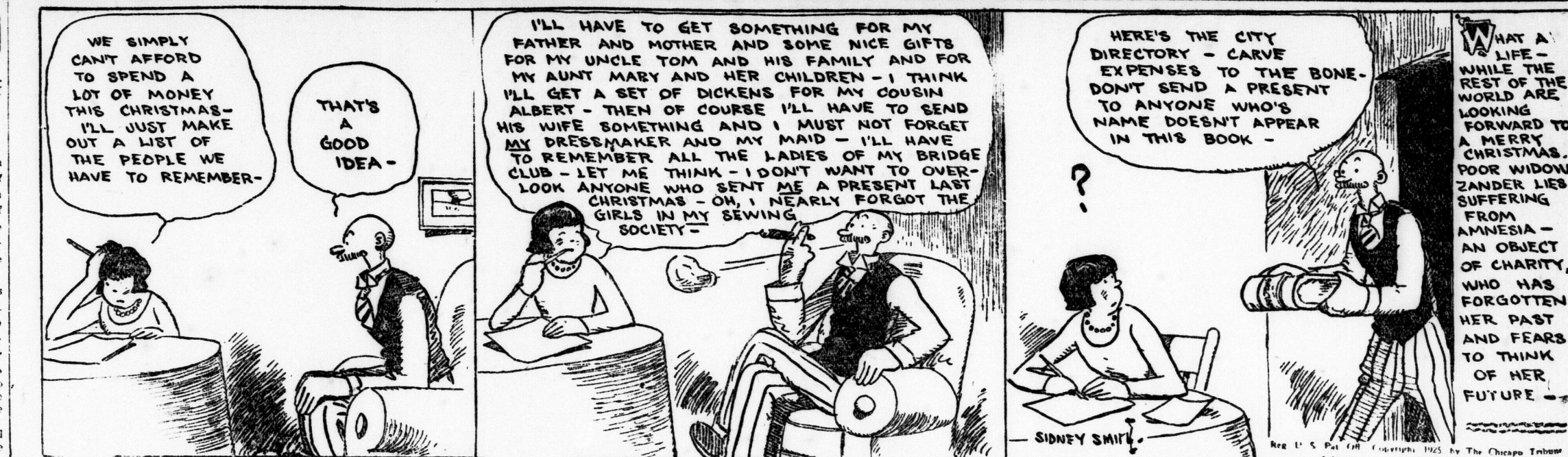
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Ottawa, Dec. 16.—The securing by the government here of an agreement for heavily reduced transportation rates on immigrants coming from Great Britain and the continent is regarded here as one of the most remarkable achievements in recent Canadian history. It is generally admitted that the chief obstacle in the past decade to successful immigration has been the heavy ocean rates imposed by the Atlantic conference. Canada has endeavored to attract families rather than individuals, on the principle that the former would be more likely to reside permanently. But the fares have been such as to practically prohibit a man with a large family from coming. The reduced fares secured through the agreement render it possible for persons of suitable character but small means to come to the dominion.

WILL BUILD NEW SLIDE ON THAMES PARK HILL HUNDREDS INTERESTED IN EXHIBIT OF MEAT

Utilities Commission Promises Big Toboggan Slide To Popularize Playground.
Dressed Carcasses at Swift Canadian Company Are Attractive.

London is to have a real toboggan slide this year. The public utilities commission has already completed the preliminary construction work at Thames park playground.

There was a slide for small children at the Ridout street entrance to the park and the flat section extending down across the tennis courts, but the new slide now in process of construction has its head at the top of the Craig street steps. The commission has constructed a large platform at the top of the hill, which is a considerably steeper incline than that for last year's slide, while the steps that are already in position will be used by the tobogganers to get back up to the top for another slide.

The three troughs from the top platform down across the flats behind the swimming pool, but still considerable distance from the bank of the Thames river, will be bent around, when snow comes to bank up the sides, so that there will be a long ride down but a shorter walk back up to the top of the slide.

LODGES OF WOODMEN HOLD CHRISTMAS TREE
The combined lodges of the Woodmen of the World held their annual Christmas tree last night in the O. F. hall on Richmond street, with over 250 members and their families in attendance. A splendid program was provided by the children, consisting of recitations, dialogues and carols.

One of the features of the evening, and the part enjoyed most by the children, was the distribution of candies, oranges and other goodies, as well as gifts to all the children present. Those who contributed to the evening's program were Miss Irene Reid, Jack Tupholme, Edith Hill, Gladys Nance, Jack Fox, Madeline White, Winnifred Sharratt, Fred Sharratt, Miss Brownlee, Gladys Tupholme and William Hale. J. H. Saunders acted as chairman.

REEVE HOLMAN FETED.
Special to The Advertiser.
Newbury, Dec. 15.—A banquet was tendered Reeve A. Holman and family last evening in Knox church hall prior to their departure for Florida.

Following the banquet, presentations were made to Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman. Several short addresses were made. Hugh McNaughton was chairman for the evening.

BOY, 14, LEAVES BLOODY TRAIL WOUNDING, ROBBING, KILLING

Young Lad Ends Short But Violent Crime Career With Murder of Three—Found Wearing Murdered Man's Boots and Hat—Had Peck of Ammunition.

Associated Press Despatch.
Yellville, Ark., Dec. 16.—A small boy sat in the Marion county jail today brooding over a week of desperate adventure, while residents of Buffalo community, in the remote backwoods east of here, gave thanks for the end of a series of violent deeds.

The boy, little Arnold Comer, who says he is "about 13 or 14," has admitted to officers that he is the author of a succession of lawless acts, culminating Sunday in the slaying of three persons. He has sleeping the sleep of exhaustion yesterday when a sheriff's posse seized him. Near his undersized body lay an armament of four pistols, a shotgun and a peck of ammunition.

The deposition of the youth, whose simple countenance contradicts his bloody story, was puzzling authorities and citizens. The calling of a special grand jury session to hasten the course of justice is in prospect.

Arnold's story, as reported told to Sheriff Williamson here, was a thriller to match any outlaw tale. This is the gist of it:

The boy, discontented with home conditions, fled from the Comer home Wednesday night, taking a pistol, with which he was a practiced shot. Thursday afternoon he entered a rural home and took \$17.50 and a shotgun while the occupants of the house were absent. That night he plundered a little store, increasing his armament. Friday night, seeking food, he came to a mountain home for food, but became alarmed when a man opened the door. He fired his shotgun, wounding the man, his wife and child, and retreated into the darkness.

Hungrier still on Sunday, the boy approached the house where Mrs. Tom Boyd lived with her infant granddaughters, shot and beat the aged woman to death—he didn't seem to know why—and then killed the baby because it cried. A quarter of a mile away, as he ran from this tragic scene, he met Charles Moore, dealer in pelts, and he shot him.

He was wearing Moore's hat and shoes when deputies found him.

WINS GOLD MEDAL.
Dorothy Conger of Highgate, who won the M. Manning Doherty gold medal for oratory at the fourth public-speaking contest for East Kent, held on Saturday last at Dresden.

High Postoffice Officials Here
General Superintendent Coolican at Conference in London Yesterday.

Must interest was aroused in local postal circles yesterday by the conference of four high officials, including General Superintendent P. T. Coolican, of Ottawa, held in the office of Inspector W. J. May, in the local postoffice building. The object, or the subject of the conference was not disclosed.

Immediately following the conference Mr. May left for Windsor. Nothing was given out as to the object or result of the meeting.

C.O.O.F. LODGES INVITED TO LONDON IN JANUARY
Royal Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 123, Canadian Order of Oddfellows, held a successful meeting in their lodge rooms in the St. George's hall last night. This was the third gathering of the lodge since its organization on Dec. 2, and some 35 members were in attendance.

Bro. P. J. Lavender occupied the chair, and the new officers had complete charge of the evening's work. Bro. Dr. B. E. Wilson gave an interesting address on the social activities for the immediate future. Bro. E. A. Lands, superintendent of organization, complimented the officers on their work, and announced the visit of the grand lodge officials next month. Bro. W. L. Smith, district organizer, stated there was a large number of new members yet to be initiated, and that it would be necessary to hold a meeting next week.

A number of socials have been arranged, and visits expected in January from the Toronto, Hamilton and Brantford lodges.

C. R. HOWARD AN EXETER MAN.
Case R. Howard of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, who was a prominent speaker at the sessions of the Pan-American congress in New York city yesterday, is a former Exeter man and is well known to many Londoners.

UNIVERSITY GOVERNORS MEET.
Only matters of a routine nature were taken up by a meeting of the board of governors of the University of Western Ontario, held last evening.

CANADIAN INTERESTS HAVE MOSUL HOLDINGS

Canadian as Well as British Money Invested in Disputed Concession.

Washington, Dec. 16.—It is the understanding in official circles here that Admiral Colby M. Chester's holdings in the Chester oil concessions in Mesopotamia have been taken over by British interests. In answer to questions on this subject, the state department has indicated that it has lost interest in the Chester concession, on the ground that it no longer has any share in the concession. The concession is American-owned. It is understood that British and Canadian interests have taken over the Chester holdings, either in whole or in major part. The Chester concession is located in a part of Iraq.

HOLD CITIZENS AT BAY WHILE ROBBING BANK
Gang of Yeggmen Keep Citizens Back, Blow Safe and Escape.

Associated Press Despatch.
Washington, Ark., Dec. 16.—Holding citizens at bay for two hours, robbers believed to have numbered five men early today blew open the safe in the Bank of Washington and escaped with between \$8,000 and \$9,000. One of the robbers was wounded as he fled town.

WILL CONTINUE BUREAU
Gen. Percy Yake Supports Veteran's Adjustment Department.

According to a report received by the local veterans' association here, Gen. Percy Yake, newly-elected president of the Canadian Legion Empire Service League, stated that the Great War Veterans' old adjustment bureau will be continued under the new amalgamating which includes all veterans' organizations in Canada.

GET 10,000 PENNIES
Response to Salvation Army Fund Is General.

It is announced by the officials at the Clarence street Salvation Army canteen that the returns from the Christmas pot collections are exceedingly gratifying.

At the present time the sum total that has been donated amounts to over a hundred dollars more than at the same time last year. Commandant Hurd, officer in charge of the fund, wishes to thank the people of London for their splendid response to the Army's appeal.

Commandant Hurd also expresses appreciation to the wholesalers and retailers of the city for their donations of groceries and commodities in the Christmas basket campaign.

TWO-GUN ROBBER AT WORK.
Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 17.—A "two gun" robber and three armed confederates early today held up sixteen persons in a restaurant on the lower east side and robbed them of cash and jewelry valued at \$5,000. The victims, after being lined up against a wall, were locked in the kitchen while the robbers escaped.

POLICEMAN IS KILLED.
Associated Press Despatch.
Philadelphia, Dec. 17.—One policeman was shot and killed and another wounded early today in West Philadelphia, when they attempted to arrest John Safford, a negro. The policeman, Frank Cook and John Walls, were chasing the negro through the streets when he suddenly turned and started firing a pistol. Safford was arrested and charged with murder.

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per lb.	20c
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TURKEY REFUSES TO SIT AT SESSION OF LEAGUE

British Delegates Say They Want Peace, But Turks Protest Against Mosul Decision and Will Not Abandon Sovereignty Unless Rights Recognized.

Associated Press Despatch.
Geneva, Dec. 16.—Neither the League of Nations nor Great Britain envisaged war in the Near East because of the decision of the league council in the Mosul conflict, said Col. L. C. M. Amery, the British secretary of state for the dominions, commenting on the council's finding, which gives Mosul practically in its entirety to Great Britain in the form of a mandate.

This decision was announced today in the assembly hall, packed with people, as the last act of the 37th session of the council. It was marked by three notable declarations. The first, solemnly read by Vittorio Scialoja, former Italian minister of foreign affairs, the name of every member of the council, was deemed significant because it admitted that a state of tension had been created between Great Britain and Turkey over the possession of Mosul. Scialoja urged the council to make an arrangement of the difficulty so as to put an end to the regrettable situation, and thus solidify that "peace which is so essential to the aims of the League of Nations."

The second was voted by Austen Chamberlain, British secretary of state for foreign affairs, who declared that the British government did not wish

to adopt a rigid and uncompromising attitude. Great Britain desired to live on terms of peace and amity with Turkey and would gladly lend itself to conversations to determine if it would be possible to improve the relations between the two countries.

Turks Refuse to Attend.
The third declaration came in a documentary form from the Turks, who refused an invitation to attend the meeting. It was a vigorous protest against the council's action, as well as a warning that Turkey absolutely refused to abandon its sovereignty over Mosul, "until you give your assent that our rights in totality in Mosul remain intact."

The council's decision is contingent on Great Britain's acceptance of a twenty-five year mandate over Iraq, which includes Mosul, within six months. This Great Britain has promised to do.

One point in the decision is the recommendation that Great Britain accord the Kurds local administrative rights. This Kurdish problem in Mosul is regarded as important.

The Turkish spokesman said tonight: "The council's decision is bad. By not forgetting that if half the Kurds in Mosul favor England, the other half are strongly for Turkey."

The Mosul report was adopted unanimously by the council, which based its decision on the report of the special Mosul commission and "other information of a political and legal nature."

SASKATOON SCIENTIST PARTNER IN DISCOVERY

Find Rays More Powerful Than Anything Heretofore Known.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Regina, Sask., Dec. 16.—Rays more penetrating and powerful than anything heretofore known or imagined in the history of science have been discovered, studied and measured by Dr. Robert A. Millikan of the California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, the foremost scientist in the United States, with whom has been associated in the last and most fruitful years of his research work G. Harvey Cameron of Saskatchewan and a gold medalist of the University of Saskatchewan.

SCOTTISH BANQUET HELD

Thamesford Sees One Of The Most Colorful Events On Record.

Special to The Advertiser.
Thamesford, Dec. 16.—The St. Andrew's banquet held in the lecture room of St. Andrew's church, Tuesday night, was one of the most colorful events of its nature ever held in this village. One hundred guests attended. Mr. Mackenzie, of Woodstock, made hit with his songs, while Miss Frances Kerr delighted with Irish readings. The toastmaster was Dr. Weir, and the toasts as follows: To the Club, by Cockwill; Our Parents, by Gordon Hogg; response by Mrs. McMillan and John G. McKay; The Day We Honor, by Cecil Young; response by James Amory. Mrs. McGill, of Ingersoll, the speaker of the evening, was introduced by Miss Tena McMurray. Her subject was The Modern Girl and Her Opportunities.

GINGER GROUP TO EXIST NO MORE

Alberta Progressives Say They Are Economic Unit—Will Give No Blanket Support.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Saskatoon, Dec. 16.—"Alberta Progressive members of parliament look on themselves as an economic unit, and their support in the house will be given on a legislative basis. They will give no blanket support to any group or groups," said C. H. Spencer, M.P.-elect for Battle River, in an interview here today.

"The Progressive party will sell its support in the best interests of the west. What legislation it can secure in the interests of the west is the fundamental question that will decide its actions. Both of the old parties look alike to the Progressives, and the two matters of paramount interest at the present time are the Hudson Bay railway and a 'red' election," declared Milton N. Campbell, M.P.-elect for Mackenzie, Sask., who was also here today.

PRIVATE DETECTIVE JAILED FOR SEARCHING APARTMENT

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 16.—"I think that the citizens need to be protected from such housebreakers as these," said Magistrate Brown in police court here this morning as he convicted Earl Bunston, a private detective, on a charge of impersonating a police officer. Bunston, without authority or warrant, searched the apartment of a young woman. The alleged reason for the unlawful search was suspicion that a stolen fur coat was on the premises. Accused was sent to jail for 30 days and fined \$50.

SIKI MURDER NOW LAID TO \$20 BOOTLEGGER DEBT

Associated Press Despatch.
New York, Dec. 16.—An obscure bootlegger, seeking blood payment for a small debt, is sought today as the man who shot "Battling Siki" yesterday, ending the garish career of the Sengalese "wild man" of the prize ring.

Police seek a bootlegger as his murderer, because Mrs. Louis Phil, Siki's wife, told them her husband was threatened by a man trying to collect a \$20 liquor debt a few days ago.

MOTHER, SEVEN CHILDREN ESCAPE BURNING HOUSE

Special to The Advertiser.

Wallacetown, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Andrew Churcott and seven children had a narrow escape from death this morning about 2 o'clock, when fire broke out in the upper story of their home. One of the daughters was awakened by the flames and roused the others, who escaped in their night clothes. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Despite hard work on the part of the firemen, the upper portion of the house was practically gutted, together with contents. Furniture on the ground floor was removed safely. The property was uninsured, and the loss will be about \$1,500.

MINE LEADER REJECTS PLAN OPERATORS WOULD ACCEPT

Associated Press Despatch.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 16.—The anthracite operators announced today they would accept the plan of settlement of the strike proposed by the Luzerne county members of the Pennsylvania house of representatives.

President Lewis, of the mine workers, said earlier in the day that the plan would not be considered. He said it is "simply the operators' plan wrapped in a new package," in a formal statement. "The legislators have foolishly permitted themselves to be used as catspaws by the anthracite operators."

The Luzerne councillors' plan provided for immediate return to work by the miners while operators and union leaders resumed negotiations for a new contract.

Tonight's Radio

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17.
(All time schedules P. M., with exception of those after midnight denoted by heavy figures.)
(Eastern Standard Time.)

6:00—Mrs. Chitt steen and assisting artists, weather forecasts and music.
6:30—Kiwiana Christmas banquet from dining-room of Leamouth house.
6:45—CFCF, TORONTO—356.

6:55—Story for children.
7:00—Two piano recitals by Josephine Glover and Clarence Taylor of Oshawa, Ont.
7:15—Dutton E. Till and his dance orchestra.

7:30—CFCF, MONTREAL—411.
7:45—CFCF, MONTREAL—411.
7:55—Hour from Windsor hotel.
8:00—C. N. R. concert.

8:05—MONTREAL—4107.
8:15—Markus and his orchestra.
8:30—CNR, CALGARY—435.8.

8:35—Bedtime stories.
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