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AMERICAN PEACE DEBATE POSTPONED

178,537 MEN RECRUITED IN CANADA FOR C.E.F. IN 1916

London District Has Provided
33,993 Since War.

Half of Canadian Force Raised
In Past Twelve Months.

FELL OFF IN DECEMBER

Only 5,791 Enlisted Then,
But Officers Are
Satisfied.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, Jan. 3.—During the year just passed there were recruited in Canada 178,537 men for overseas service. Despite the considerable falling off in recruiting during the past six months, the year 1916 provided almost half of the total of 333,966 recruited since the war commenced.

There was a normal falling off during the month of December, when the total number recruited was only 5,791, as against 6,548 for the previous month. Militia officials here point out that the last fortnight of December is always a slack period for recruits, and the fact that only 5,791 men were recruited during that fortnight did not create any surprise. As an indication of the decline in recruiting during the latter half of the year the figures for the various months are as follows:

January, 29,212;
February, 26,058;
March, 32,815;
April, 28,240;
May, 26,080;
June, 10,736;
July, 8,575;
August, 7,287;
September, 6,587;
October, 6,035;
November, 5,542;
December, 5,791.

Since the commencement of the war recruiting by districts in order of numbers enlisted has been as follows:

Ontario, 85,384;
Manitoba and Saskatchewan, 77,254;
Toronto, 41,204;
British Columbia, 37,757;
Maritime Provinces, 34,802;
Alberta, 34,517;
Montreal, 33,993;
London, 31,225;
Quebec, 7,728.

During the past fortnight the recruiting by military districts has been: Toronto, 467; Kingston, 387; Montreal, 812; Manitoba, 294; British Columbia, 260; Maritime Provinces, 234; Saskatchewan, 207; Alberta, 184; London, 142; and Quebec, 35.

It is only since the beginning of November that Saskatchewan has been classified separately as a military district, since then there have been recruited 764 men in that province.

FRENCH POSITIONS HEAVILY BOMBARDED

Paris, Jan. 3.—The artillery was very active north and south of the line, in the regions of Douvrou and Verdun, around Dead Man Hill and Neuve Chapelle, and also in the Champagne, today's communication from the front. "Our patrols were very active and brought in prisoners."

CORROBORATED BY FRITZ

Berlin, Jan. 3.—Via Sayville.—Artillery activity of a lively sort in the sector of the Franco-Belgian front is reported in today's official statement.

Western Front—Army group of the main crown prince. The weather becoming brighter, lively artillery activity developed during the afternoon in Meuse sector. Patrols of Landwehr Infantry regiment No. 89 advanced in the direction of the French lines and returned with 12 prisoners and destroyed defensive establishments.

DEPT. READY FOR FIRES AT KITCHENER

Toronto, Jan. 3.—If the situation at Kitchener becomes alarming, from an incendiary standpoint, one or more officers will be sent from the provincial fire department to deal with the whole case promptly and efficiently.

NEW SUBMARINE OF ENEMY ABLE TO LAY MINES

Germans Have Perfected Type
That Strews Them Near
British Harbors.

MORE RAIDER REPORTS

Captain of Dutch Steamer
Reveals Activities On
Atlantic.

FEAR FOR OVERDUE SHIPS

New York Excited by Rumors
of Fate of \$1,000,000
Cargo.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
New York, Jan. 3.—Reports of lying mines while submerged, and a new report of a mysterious German raider roaming the Atlantic, were brought here by the Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam.

Capt. Jan. Baron said it was the belief of many seamen that Germany was perfecting a type of mine, fitted with a special air chamber, through which a diver can ascend and lay mines.

He declared she can be anchored. He expressed a further belief that mines of this sort have been laid in all English harbors, even in the mouth of the Thames.

Baron said he had received daily warnings on his trip to this country to be on the outlook for a German commerce raider, 450 feet long and 45 feet beam, with one funnel and two large masts. It was said it was equipped with long range guns and torpedo tubes.

Several British and American ships are long overdue.

FEAR FOR GEORGIC

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Concern was felt in marine insurance and shipping circles today for the safety of the White Star steamship Georgic, one of the largest cargo carriers in the world, which was due to arrive at Liverpool December 19, but has not been reported.

The Georgic sailed from Philadelphia on December 8 for Boston, with a cargo of 12,000 tons of goods. One of the White Star's largest cargo ships, the Georgic, was last seen on December 12, when it was reported to be on its way to Liverpool.

After waiting two weeks for news from the Georgic, marine and insurance men now feel higher today.

BELIEVES WILSON WILL GO ON WITH PROPOSAL

Westminster Guardian Says Senate
Ratification Means Important Step.

London, Jan. 3.—Commenting on Washington dispatches to the effect that President Wilson in determined to press his efforts to bring about peace the Westminster Gazette says:

"The notion that the Americans' president is a purely academic person who launches literary essays on the world without preparation beforehand or consideration of the next step if dangerous delusion which may seriously lead us astray if it is not abandoned. For good or evil, we have to realize the president's position of great power, and if he has the American people behind him we are bound to treat him as a very serious factor at this stage of the war. If, as suggested here, he is taking steps to get his action ratified by a resolution of the senate, we should have to take that as a definite intimation that he means to go on in spite of our reply."

This newspaper expresses the hope that the reply of the Entente to the president's peace note will be couched in terms which will bring to the aid of the Entente a good many Americans who believe there is nothing to choose between the two sets of belligerents.

WHERE WAR'S ACTIVITY NOW CENTRES



Section of Eastern Theatre Figuring Largely in Today's News. The River treated is shown.

NEW REGIME REVERTS TO NAME OF "BERLIN" FOR KITCHENER, ONT.

Water Commission Sends Out Bills Under the Old Title —
Another Attack On Paper.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Kitchener, Ont., Jan. 3.—The new regime has not started auspiciously with the first act of the water commission, which has sent out bills bearing date lines on them, "Berlin, January 1, 1917." The British element considers it another insult.

"No, I'll not pay them," exclaimed one man, vehemently. "Not if they use me. Even then I'll protest against it."

It is also pointed out that not a single man in the new council has a son in khaki.

Mayor-Elect David Gross, Jun., said that the sole desire of the new council was for better civic government, better feeling, and no change of name.

"I hope to be able, with assistance of the people, to promote better feeling. I am opposed, as a British citizen, to the name change, very as an issue in the election."

RE-CHANGE OF KITCHENER'S NAME NOT TO BE ALLOWED

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, Jan. 3.—Hon. J. B. Lucas, attorney-general, was asked today whether the latest turn of events in Kitchener, where the name change of the city has been proposed, would be reported upon the case from officers, and in reply he said it would make no comment upon action of the new council in changing its title "Berlin." The attorney-general, however, came out squarely with a statement as to what might be expected if an attempt is made to get the Legislature to again change the name.

A committee of the Legislature last year," said Mr. Lucas, "dealt with the change in name controversy, and in my judgment the reopening of the question will not be allowed."

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GERMANY FIGURING ON PEACE WITHIN MONTH

Circulars of Transatlantic Lines Offer
To Accept Freight February 1.

London, Jan. 3.—A Stockholm dispatch to the Morning Post says that according to the financial paper Adfarsvarden, the Hamburg-American and North German Lloyd lines have circularized their commercial connections to the effect that their ships are ready to receive freight for America from February 1. The ships of the two lines are stated to be now undergoing refitting and equipping. According to this story the Hamburg-American officials announce they are prepared to resume regular sailings "after the conclusion of peace or possibly earlier if hindrances to shipping are removed."

GERMANY RECEIVES ITS ANSWER FROM ENTENTE

Peace Note Reply Given to Berlin Foreign Office.

Amsterdam, Jan. 3.—Via London.—According to the German newspapers the reply of the Entente Allies to the peace proposal of the Central Powers was received in Berlin on Monday by the Swiss minister of Germany.

RUSSIANS TAKE UP POSITION ON PREPARED LINE

Long Stubborn Retreat Before
Teutons Over
At Last.

BIG BATTLE PENDING

Struggle With Important Results
Is Imminent, Says
London Dispatch.

DRIVING AGAINST ENEMY

German Report Tells of Fierce
Attacks Launched Against
Mount Taituannu.

London, Jan. 3.—The Russian and German communications published today in reference to the fighting in Rumania are interpreted here as showing that the long and stubborn retreat of the Russians to the Sereth line is virtually ended. Bukhary and Funder, positions mentioned in the Berlin report, are two of the main points on the 60 miles of fortifications behind which the Russians are expected to make a stand.

"It is assumed that the unnamed 'prepared positions' mentioned in the Russian communiqué are those along the Sereth, and it is believed that a big battle which must have important consequences is impending. The flank attack on the Moldavian frontier continues obstinately, but there is nothing to elude the confusing reports as to the results contained in the respective communications."

The Russian and Rumanian forces still hold Braila, maintaining their grip on the bridgehead which defends their last foothold in Wallachia. The corresponding bridgehead at Matchin in Dobruja has, however, been further reduced by successful German attacks.

HALT OFFENSIVE OF TEUTONS.

Petrograd, Jan. 3.—Via London.—The Russian official statement today says: "On the Moldavian frontier the enemy attempted to advance in the direction of Height 2620, but was dispersed by a counter-attack by our field posts. Several prisoners were taken. An enemy company, which had taken the offensive from the village of Rakoinch, also was beaten back by our fire."

In the valley of the River Tatroch the enemy is bombarding our positions with artillery of all calibres. Here the enemy took the offensive from the village of Rakoinch, but was repulsed with heavy losses.

"In the afternoon the Austrians again attempted to advance from the village of Rakoinch." (Continued on Page 3, Column 6.)

HOPING FOR PEACE DESPITE ANSWERS GIVEN BY ALLIES

German Papers Working Over-
time to Keep Belief Alive.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—Via London, Jan. 3.—The reply of the Entente to the peace proposals of the central powers is discussed at great length this morning by the newspapers, which base their remarks on the unofficial press version of the note as received here from French sources.

The newspapers unanimously say that the answer of the Entente is only what was to be expected in view of the utterances of statesmen of the hostile nations. The opinion is expressed that the note was addressed less to the central powers than to the people of the Entente countries and to neutrals, hence the strong declaratory language calculated, according to the German opinion further to inflame passions against the Teutonic Allies. In the note the Entente declares the action devoted to Belgium is intended expressly for the American people.

More Talk of Sword.
In general, the answer is regarded as the stiffest and most positive possible and couched in insulting and calumnious terms never before seen in any international document. All the newspapers agree that the only answer the central powers can give is with the sword, that the war must be continued until the Allies themselves are gas for gas.

Only a few newspapers see even a faint hope that peace still may be attainable within a reasonable time. Curtailment of the body found in the ruins of the cottage as that of Mrs. Small, and later removed from the neck the cord which, according to expert testimony caused death. He testified that notwithstanding close examination of the body found in the ruins of the cottage after Small had stated they contained \$6,000 worth of jewelry, only a few pieces were found.

The prosecution at the opening of the session recalled Sheriff Chandler, who stated that digits in the ruins of the cottage was begun at the direction of Dr. E. W. Hodson, chairman of the board of select men of Mountaintop, instead of at the direction of Attorney-General Tuttle.

SHOW REAL "ACTION."

New York, Jan. 3.—"The today wrecked the studio of the Popular Play and Play-ers' Film Company, in West Thirty-fifth street, with a property loss estimated at \$200,000. Actors and actresses posing for moving picture films were forced to flee. The blaze was attributed to spontaneous combustion in the film outfitting rooms."

No Wonder at Linking of Wilson's Peace Note

Washington, Jan. 3.—During the senate debate today on the resolution to indorse President Wilson's peace note, Senator Lodge attacked German Ambassador Count von Bernstorff for giving out a newspaper statement publicly approving the note.

"It is hardly to be wondered at, with such a statement as that from the German ambassador," said Senator Lodge, "that there should be a general misinterpretation of the note, a general belief that it was designed and timed so as to help Germany in attaining a peace upon the terms she desires to impose."

LABOR COUNCIL OF WINNIPEG REFUSES TO SIGN THE CARDS

Members Resolve To Ignore
National Registration.

ALIBI ARTISTS OF CONSTANTINE TRY TO QUIET ALLIES

Explain Failure To Meet De-
mands by Public Opinion.

REPUDIATES EXECUTIVE TO ACCEPT RULING OF THE DOMINION CONGRESS.

Winnipeg, Jan. 3.—At a meeting last night of Winnipeg Trades and Labor Council the council went on record "as opposing registration of the best method to oppose registration is not to sign the registration cards." There were several dissenters.

R. A. Riggs, M. L. A., western labor representative at Ottawa conference, addressing the meeting said that in view of reported speeches by Sir Robert Borden and Hon. Robert Rogers on New Year's, he "could only come to the conclusion that congress executive had been tricked by the Government."

The council passed resolution expressing its confidence in Mr. Riggs and its belief that in its action on registration Dominion Trades Congress executive "acted in its judgment and that its action be repudiated." One man objected to this motion.

U. S. MUST WITHDRAW, UNCONDITIONALLY, ITS TROOPS FROM MEXICO

Mexican Leader Lays Down Law to
Uncle Sam.

Queretaro, Mexico, Jan. 3.—Felix M. Palayarin, former secretary of public instruction who often has spoken for General Carranza, declared before the Constitutional Assembly late last night that the international situation was grave.

General Carranza, said the speaker, had refused to resume conferences with the United States representatives until the American troops were withdrawn from Mexico unconditionally, and he declared that the assembly must resist the work on the conditions of peace and claim the rights of the people, who General Carranza and the constitutional forces were battling against a dangerous enemy, to save the national honor and integrity."

PROBING GERMAN DESIRE FOR PEACE NEGOTIATIONS

American Ambassador Sounds Motives
on Viewpoint of Fatherland.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—United States Ambassador Gerard took advantage of a New Year's call yesterday to discuss the Entente answer to Germany's peace proposal with Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg. The ambassador is believed to have learned what possibility there is of German action favorably on a renewed request for conditions of peace should the United States make such a move.

CALLS ON GOD NOW

Emperor William Forgets Former Part-
nership Apparently.

Amsterdam, Jan. 3.—Emperor William in reply to the New Year's greetings of Cardinal von Hartmann, archbishop of Cologne, according to Berlin newspapers, said:

"May God's grace and goodness be granted to our dear fatherland in the future and give us strength at this grave time to overcome victoriously our heavy affliction."

CARRANZA CONSUL AT NEW YORK IS ARRESTED

Charged With Shipping Arms and Am-
munition to Mexico.

New York, Jan. 3.—Juan T. Burns, Carranza consul general here, was today arrested, charged with being concerned in a conspiracy to ship arms and ammunition to Vera Cruz in violation of President Wilson's embargo proclamation of October, 1915.

ANOTHER PRINCEING KILLED.

Amsterdam, Jan. 3.—Berlin newspaper today announces the death of Prince Friedrich Zu Fürstenberg, who was killed on the battlefield in Rumania.

'PEACE CARDS' OF WILSON PUT BEFORE SENATE BY LANSING

Last Trumps in President's
Hand Laid On Table.

DEBATE POSTPONED AGAIN

Indorsement of Peace Note
Must Wait.

DEMAND FULL HEARING

Republicans Will Refuse To
Stand For Hurried
Whitewashing.

Washington, Jan. 3.—The administration has "peace cards" up its sleeve and has finally decided to lay them on the table before the senate foreign relations committee, was indicated today when Secretary of State Lansing went to the capital to consult with the members of the committee.

DEFERRED AGAIN.
Washington, Jan. 3.—Action on Senator Hitchcock's resolution, to have the Senate indorse President Wilson's peace note, was again deferred today after a long debate.

The resolution went over for discussion again tomorrow at the request of Senator Hitchcock, which Senators Lodge and Borah Republicans opposed action at this time.

The debate was marked by an attack by Senator Lodge upon Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, because of the latter's action in issuing a newspaper statement approving the note. That action, Senator Lodge said, added to the misunderstandings about the purpose and added to the opinion that it was timed and intended to deceive the public.

Senator Lodge expressly said, however, that he accepted in full faith the declaration of the president in the note that it was in no way associated with the peace proposals of the Central Powers.

Cites Precedents.
Proceedings of mediation overtures received by the United States during the civil war were cited at length by Senator Lodge. He said to show how the president's action was in line with the precedents of the past.

Senator Lodge's reply that he had accepted in full faith the declaration of the president in the note that it was in no way associated with the peace proposals of the Central Powers.

Health Services, Industrial
Activities and Agriculture
Prepared For.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Plans for the reconstruction of Northern France after the war worked out by a French cabinet committee and outlined in official reports received here, embrace a carefully prepared program for restoration of normal conditions immediately after peace is declared. Provisions are included for the return of refugees to the enemy occupied districts as expeditiously as possible, prefects of the departments already having reported the number to be repatriated, and a system having been worked out for a return of those whose presence is necessary for the reconstruction of the country.

Health services in the north will be organized under the plan, to direct measures of security, damaged buildings and unexploded shells, and the advisability of building of portable houses to send to northern provinces being taken looking to the future of the departments of the Nord, Pas de Calais, Somme, Aisne, Ardennes and Meuse after the war by Government allowances. Cattle now kept in the camp of Paris will be supplied to the northern farmers and prefects in the invaded districts have been provided with funds to purchase agricultural machinery.

Resumption of industrial activities will be under direction of the minister of commerce who will form a private organization to handle funds advanced by the Government and distribute merchandise. Exports will be closely regulated.

AGAIN TRIES TO FOIST WAR'S BLAME ON ENTENTE

German Reply to Scandinavian Notes
Couched in Usual Language.

London, Jan. 3.—The German Government replied to the Danish, Swedish and Norwegian notes of December 29 on January 1, according to an Amsterdam dispatch to Reuters. The reply expressed the fullest appreciation of the motives of the three governments, and refers the Scandinavian powers to the German note of December 12, and the reply to President Wilson. It concludes with the remark: "It depends upon the reply of the Entente whether the attempt to give back to the world the blessings of peace will be crowned with success."

CLAIM SINKING OF 125 BRITISH WARSHIPS

Germans Boast of What They Have
Done in War.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—"Including the French battleship Gaulois, sunk by a German submarine," says an overseas news agency statement today. "116 hostile warships, including torpedobats and submarines, of a total tonnage of 739,480 have been sunk since the beginning of the war."

"Of these, 125 vessels were British of a total of 355,200 tons. "The total losses of Entente warships exceed the total tonnage of the warships of France at the beginning of the war. "Auxiliary cruisers and ships of special type that have been lost are not included in the figures given."

RETURNED SOLDIERS OFTEN FIND MAKING OF SHELLS TOO HARD

Manufacturer Says It Is Too Great Strain.

LABOR BIG DIFFICULTY

Yet Sanitary Arrangements Prevent Employment of Women Workers.

With the cry from the front for munitions, and still more munitions, as well as the cry from the rear for munitions, the manufacturer is continually being brought to hear by the imperial munitions board upon local manufacturers of shells to keep up their output.

Special arrangements which regulations require where women are employed have been made in a large measure, but the manufacturer is not prepared to make up to the present time in this city of this available power.

Swain is Great. H. H. Swain of the Spramator Company stated today that, owing to the lack of sanitary arrangements at the plant, the manufacturer is not prepared to employ women. A lot of returned soldiers have been given positions, the manager holding the view very strongly that preference should always be given to men who have done their bit overseas. Mr. Swain and other manufacturers interviewed, however, had found that in a large percentage of cases the returned men were still too severely strained to be able to do the work.

Loss by Shrinkage. The shell business, said Mr. Swain, is a very taxing one and one can not shell nerves without having exploding shells. Personally, I haven't had a day for a year, or an evening for that matter. If a machine has a capacity for turning out 200 shells a day and the operator only the capacity for making 150, the great loss is not so much in the money as in the shrinkage in output. Holidays also interfere, and even a few shells short will not be passed over by the munitions board.

E. A. Yates of the London Manufacturing and Machine Company stated that a number of returned men had been employed by his firm and in every case preference is given to them.

C. P. Stevens of the Empire Manufacturing Company, when asked what steps his firm were taking towards the employment of women on munitions, replied: "We are employing nothing but men, and we haven't thought of women as far as I know."

FORMER LONDONER WEDS IN WINNIPEG

[Special to The Advertiser.] Winnipeg, Jan. 2.—Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Nellie M. McLean, formerly of New Brunswick, and Harold Huxton Clarke, manager of the western branch of the Union Bank of Canada, formerly of London, Ont.

The marriage took place quietly on New Year's at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. O. G. Steele, Diana Court, Rev. Dr. Gordon Patterson of St. Paul's Church, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Clarke left for western cities on a honeymoon trip.

LIVE HOGS REACH NEW HIGH LEVEL ON MARKET

Killing Off Young Ones When Prices Low Causes Scarcity.

The price of live hogs reached a new level for this season of the year, when it jumped to \$11.50 a cwt. today, a rise of 40c per cwt. Buyers say this is likely to be permanent, and that even a higher price may be expected. They attribute the rise to the falling supply. Only a few weeks ago loads of small pigs were to be seen on the local market every Saturday. There was no demand for them, and they sold as low as \$2 each. The majority were killed because the scarcity of feed made it impossible to keep them. This was practically wiped out the reserve supply and has caused the rise in price of full-grown pigs.

DISTRIBUTING NATIONAL SERVICE CARDS BEGINS

Assistant Accompanies Each Postman on Rounds to Deliver Them.

The distribution of national registration cards is in progress in the city today, the postmen undertaking the responsibility for the accomplishment of the task.

Some days ago, Postmaster Peter Macdonald was advised by the post office department to employ additional help as he deemed necessary for the efficient distribution of the cards. As a result, a number of extra helpers were engaged, one to accompany each postman on his rounds.

This morning, as each postman was leaving the office with his assistant, he received from the superintendent of the letter-carriers, or one of the deputies, a bundle of cards. A card is being made up at each house in the residential district, and the name and address of each person taken down for whom a card is left. The keeping of records, which is necessary for the employment of assistants, has been a struggle through the leaving of the cards alone.

It is expected even with the present arrangements that it will require two or three days to complete the work. The original plan of covering factories, stores and offices through securing the names of male employees from the managers has been given up owing to the probability of duplication in a large number of cases. It is now believed by the postmaster and the heads of departments whom he has called into conference, that everyone can be reached through residences, boarding and lodging houses and hotels.

IN POLICE COURT

Three persons, each charged with intoxication appeared in police court today and each paid the minimum fine of \$10 and costs under the Ontario Temperance Act.

The first on dock stated he had taken a New Year's trip to Buffalo, left there yesterday, only slightly dizzy from the effects of a few drinks but that the movement of the train had stirred him up so that he was drunk when he stepped from the train at the local G.T.P. depot.

A few minutes later he was nestling in the arms of a policeman. No. 2 explained his case in two words, "Montreal whiskey."

No. 3 explained his case in two words, "Montreal whiskey." "Got it in by express your worship and had a social little jag all to myself. I felt so good I thought I would go out on the street and that's where I made my mistake," he explained as he reached for his pocketbook anticipating what was coming.

The last of the trio pleaded not guilty, but when two policemen testified that he was drunk he was fined \$10 the minimum amount.

CANADIANS CLASSED AS BEST OF FLIERS, SAYS LT. FLEMING

Aviator Arrives in City To Visit Aunt, Mrs. Alf. Talbot.

Lieut. Fleming, son of Atwell Fleming, Toronto, for years connected with The Advertiser, arrived in London this morning to spend a few days with his aunt, Mrs. Alf. Talbot, King street. Mr. Fleming saw much service in the Flying Corps in England and France, and was invalided home for a rest.

"The Canadians are classed as the best kind of fliers," he stated. "That is the reason that a call has gone out for more Canadians for this service. They surely have made names for themselves, as Canadians have in every branch of the service."

Lieut. Fleming will address the Canadian Club on Thursday at noon at the Tecumseh House.

INLAND REVENUE OFFICER NOT REALLY A "CONSUMER"

Magistrates Dismiss Charges of Failing to Affix War Stamps.

A decision based on a precedent established recently in a Quebec case was handed down in police court today by Magistrates Macklin and Dyer when the charges laid against four citizens for breaches of the war revenue act were dismissed.

Those who were discharged, each on the same charge, were W. H. Thorn, of Thorntons Fair, corner of Ridout and Dundas streets; C. J. Lewis, of Canadian Smallwares Store, Dundas street; Gordon Lamb, barber, 197 Dundas street, and Frank E. Jones of Wood's Fair, East London.

The grounds taken by the magistrates based on the case of Somerset vs. Hunt, a similar Quebec case, were that within the meaning of the act, the purchase of a newspaper by an officer on behalf of the inland revenue department does not, according to the latest interpretation, mean a sale to a "consumer." The act says that in order to convict it must be shown that the vendor of the goods who makes a sale without affixing a war stamp must have made the sale to a "consumer."

The definition of the word "consumer" in the act excludes an officer of the inland revenue department.

A similar case was laid by Inspector Dager at Windsor some weeks ago, and the charge in that city was dismissed on similar grounds taken by the local magistrates.

SCHOOLS REOPEN

Fairly Good Attendance, But Weather Keeps Some Home.

The public and separate schools of the city opened this morning with a fairly good attendance of pupils. The weather was none too favorable and kept a number of the young children at home. However, the results are satisfactory. Of the 265 teachers on staff, all were in their places with the exception of two. One is ill and the other could not get back to London in time for work. Inspector Edwards started on his work of inspection this morning.

Plans for assembling 2,800 motor cars at the London branch of the Ford Motor Company are being gone ahead with, and a number of parts have already been received at the local factory.

A carload of three arrived this week and four carloads of tops have also been placed in stock in readiness for the work of assembling.

The machinery necessary for the assembling of cars has been ordered for a considerable time, but has not been delivered as yet. Until the necessary machinery and special tools have been placed here, the work of assembling cannot begin.

The motor cars will be shipped here already assembled, and will not be assembled here.

In addition to assembling a considerable amount of painting will be done on the new cars.

It is expected that the assembling department will be completely equipped by February 1st, and that when in operation from 20 to 25 cars will be turned out daily. This will necessitate the employment of a large number of additional men, though until the first of the month the management is unable to estimate exactly how many men will be required.

ANOTHER YEAR BEFORE TECHNICAL SCHOOL READY

A. E. Silverwood Does Not Expect It Earlier—Contractor Says October.

"We don't anticipate that it will be finished before January 1, 1918," said A. E. Silverwood, chairman of the board of education for 1916, when asked regarding the time necessary to complete the new Technical School on Dundas street.

"The contractor is making splendid progress, and it may be completed before that time," he added. "He is making better progress than was expected, but I think it should be satisfied if it is completed by the first of next year."

Extra help has been put on, and the contractor has been able to rush the work. It will be done with as much dispatch as possible.

John Petherbridge, the contractor, who is building the new school, is of the opinion that it may be finished by next October.

"We will possibly have it finished about a year from the time we started," he added. "There is apparently no shortage of help at the present time, and we are getting all the help we want."

"There is an embargo on glazed bricks at present, owing to the railways having more of the bricks than they can handle. This may hold us up slightly if it continues very long, but has not bothered us much as yet."

BOARD OF EDUCATION CHOOSING COMMITTEES

Thomas Rowe Stated for Chairmanship—Organization Meeting Thursday.

The striking committee of the board of education will get together today to frame up the committees.

So far as can be learned Thomas Rowe will be chairman of the board. W. N. Manning is chairman of No. 1 committee; Dr. W. M. Shoebottom, chairman of No. 2 committee; A. E. Silverwood, chairman of the technical school committee; and C. E. Keene, chairman of No. 3 committee.

The organization meeting will be held on Thursday evening. It is ex-

RAILWAYS DISCONTINUE PRIVATE SIDING CHECKING

Manufacturers' Association Sends Out Instructions for Obtaining Bills of Lading.

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association of Toronto has sent out notice to all shippers and consignees in Canada that on and after January 1st, 1917, the railways will discontinue the practice of checking freight on private sidings. In consequence of this it has been arranged that shippers who have private sidings may obtain clean bills of lading, under the following conditions:

(A) Shippers may use their own seals that are satisfactory to the railways or will be furnished by the railways seals consecutively numbered. These seals are to be applied by shippers to all side and end doors as soon as loading is completed, and a record kept thereof for comparison with seal record at destination. Instructions should be sent to consignees to take record of all seals on cars on arrival, so that they may be compared with the seal record at loading point in event of claims for shortage.

(B) The railways will continue to give clean bills of lading for cars loaded on private sidings.

(C) Claims under these receipts will be investigated and dealt with exactly in the same manner as they are at present.

(D) Lake and rail traffic will be checked by the railways at port of delivery to the boat lines, and if a shortage is discovered the shipper will be notified at once, so that records may be compared and responsibility placed if freight claims in relation to the boat lines, where a clear bill of lading has been given and a shortage develops between port of delivery to boat lines and destinations, the carrier will assume responsibility.

(E) All rail export traffic will be checked by the railways at seaboard, and if a shortage is discovered the shipper will be notified at once so that records may be compared and responsibility placed. If freight checks in full to the steamship company the responsibility of the inland carrier ceases.

(F) The same conditions will apply on lake and rail export traffic as govern lake and rail domestic traffic.

(G) The railways will on request of consignees promptly send a representative to certify as to condition of goods received in damaged condition.

(H) The railways will in case of claims for shortage, send a representative to check shippers' and (or) consignees' records.

(I) If the defect is found in a seal record, or if on completion of the unloading of any car, a discrepancy is found, goods checking over, short or damaged, consignees must notify the local agent (freight) of the carrier railway at once in order that steps may be taken to investigate same.

(J) The railways will continue as at present, to check the loading or unloading of merchandise traffic on team tracks.

(K) If railway seals are used, application for additional seals should be made to the local agent at least ten days before supply is exhausted.

FORD BRANCH RECEIVING PARTS FOR ASSEMBLING OF 2,800 CARS IN SPRING

Machinery Ordered But Not Yet Delivered—More Men To Be Employed.

Plans for assembling 2,800 motor cars at the London branch of the Ford Motor Company are being gone ahead with, and a number of parts have already been received at the local factory.

A carload of three arrived this week and four carloads of tops have also been placed in stock in readiness for the work of assembling.

The machinery necessary for the assembling of cars has been ordered for a considerable time, but has not been delivered as yet. Until the necessary machinery and special tools have been placed here, the work of assembling cannot begin.

The motor cars will be shipped here already assembled, and will not be assembled here.

In addition to assembling a considerable amount of painting will be done on the new cars.

It is expected that the assembling department will be completely equipped by February 1st, and that when in operation from 20 to 25 cars will be turned out daily. This will necessitate the employment of a large number of additional men, though until the first of the month the management is unable to estimate exactly how many men will be required.

CHARGED WITH SELLING LIQUOR WITHOUT LICENSE

Melville Link Appeared in Police Court Today Charged with Selling Liquor Without a License Contrary to the Ontario Temperance Act.

Sergeant Birrell laid the information against Link for an adjournment of the case for one week in order to procure additional information.

Link was bailed on the sum of \$200 to appear at the date set, January 10.

ALLEGED BOMB PLOTTERS OF 'FRISCO ON TRIAL

Have to Answer to Death of Ten During Preparedness Parade.

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—Thomas J. Mooney, alleged leader of the five persons indicted in connection with a bomb explosion here July 22 during a preparedness parade, when ten persons were killed and 40 injured, was placed on trial today. Warren K. Billings, charged with having been the bomb planter, already has been convicted and is under sentence of life imprisonment.

Mooney's chief counsel is W. Bourke Cochran of New York, who volunteered his services. The defence, it is announced, will be financed by the International Workers' Defence League, of which Robert Minor, a New York carfoot, is treasurer. Minor has been here several months.

Mrs. Benj. Mooney, wife of the defendant, Edward Nolan, a machinist, and Israel Weinberg, an automobile driver, also are defendants, and will be tried later.

Mooney was an organizer for the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees.

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Have Your Spring Draperies Made Now



In order to keep the drapery workroom busy through the next six weeks we are putting on a sale of washable cretonnes suitable for side curtains and valance, which will be made up during this sale at a very special price. This, together with the special prices on the material, affords an opportunity of very rare occurrence, and as the quantities are in some of the best color combinations limited and only a limited number of orders to be taken at the special price, we would suggest your immediate attention to your drapery needs for now or for the coming season.

Special Sale of Cretonnes Regular 30c to 35c Yard for 20c Yard

600 yards of Cretonnes, in light grounds, with color combinations of rose, green, brown, yellow or blue, suitable for bedrooms or sitting-rooms, also a number of pieces of dark grounds in a color combinations of brown, mulberry, rose, green, terra cotta or blue, suitable for living-room, den, dining-room or hall windows, all washable material and are good value at the former prices and particularly a bargain at only 20c yard.

These can also be used for slip coverings, box or window seat covers, screen fillings or cushion covers.

CRETONNE SIDE CURTAINS AND VALANCE, MADE OF ANY OF THE ABOVE CRETONNES, MATERIAL AND WORK COMPLETE, TO YOUR SELECTION FOR \$1.75 PER SET.

This means you can come in and select any of these special sale cretonnes and we will make you a pair of side curtains, with shirred valance, for the average window requiring six yards for only \$1.75, which includes material and work. This offer is only for a limited time, and as soon as sufficient orders are received we will withdraw this price.

BORDERED SCrim, 12 1/2c YARD. REGULAR 15c TO 18c YARD. 450 yards Fancy Bordered Scrim, 36 inches wide, in white, ivory or ecru, suitable for bedrooms, dining-rooms or dens, and at this price makes very inexpensive curtains; regular 15c to 18c value. For only 12 1/2c yard

Double Extension Rods FOR WHERE SIDE CURTAINS ARE USED.

Extends to 56 inches. Only 30c complete. 125 Brass Extension Rods, extending to 50 inches, complete with brackets and ends. Only, each 30c complete

January Clearing of Wall Paper and Paints

We do not wish our readers to get the impression that this sale contains "thousands of dollars' worth of new goods" or "that thousands of dollars' worth of merchandise has been purchased especially for this sale." It is just a clearance, and intended solely to remove surplus stocks in this department and reduce same to convenient inventory size and make room for new spring stocks. Now is your opportunity to do your interior decorating for spring and save a good portion on the cost of same.

Wall Papers 1/4 to 1/2 Off

The balance of present stocks clearing to make room for the new spring shipments—imported and domestic papers for all rooms.

PAPER, PAPERS, including silks, tapestries and floral effects; regular 25c to 50c. January price 12 1/2c to 25c. HALL, DINING OR LIVING ROOM PAPERS—A choice selection of blends, grass cloths, dapples, etc., all 30 inches wide; regular 75c. January sale 40c. TAPESTRY—Stripes and two-tone floral effects; regular 20c to 60c. January sale 10c, 30c. BEDROOMS—Chambrays, stripes, chintz, etc., all with cutout borders to match; regular 10c to 75c. Sale 5c to 50c roll. BATHROOM OR KITCHEN PAPERS—Block or marble patterns 8c roll. Washable Tiles 19c roll.

Sale of S. & I. Ready Mixed Paints

A pure Linseed Oil Paint for interior or exterior use, made of the very best and most lasting pigments combined with pure oil and dryers. The main reason for such a reduction on this staple commodity is that we have a few hundred cans which have become soiled and torn from handling in moving from place to place in storage, and, as you will see, present an unsightly appearance in stock. All such has been sorted out and will be sold at following prices. The quality of the contents of every can is guaranteed.

CLEARING OF ALL SOILED CANS WHILE THEY LAST.
Half-Gallons, any color, regular \$1.60 \$1.19
Quarter-Gallons, any color, regular 85c 69c
Pints, any color, regular 45c 39c
LACQUER—Especially adapted for beautifying and preserving all kinds of furniture, wood-work, etc., stocked in light oak, dark oak, mahogany, cherry, walnut, etc.:
Quarts, regular 75c. Sale 59c
Pints, regular 45c. Sale 39c
VARNISHES—S. & I. Floor Varnish, will not scratch white:
Quarts, regular \$1.00 79c
Pints, regular 60c 49c
ELASTIC OAK—Quarts, regular 65c. Sale 49c; pints regular 35c. Sale 29c

For Ice Cream, Cut Cakes, Cup of Tea or Coffee 20c
Cold Roast Goose, Beet Salad, Bread and Butter, Cup of Tea or Coffee 30c

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Whole Hun Alliance To Put Heads Together

LONDON, Jan. 2.—In a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Copenhagen the correspondent says: "The Vienna Reichspost says it is learned that an important meeting of the presidents of the German, Austro-Hungarian, Bulgarian and Turkish Parliaments will be held in Berlin shortly."

FORMER U. S. CONSUL IS FOUND HALF DROWNED

Jas. Boyle, Once Toronto Newspaperman, in Bad Plight.

COLUMBUS, Jan. 2.—Jas. Boyle of Columbus, formerly American consul-general to Liverpool, Secretary to Governor William McKimley, and until recently a member of the state tax commission of Ohio, was found today in the Scioto River, half drowned and nearly frozen to death. Not until after he was taken to a hospital did his identity become known. He regained consciousness at the hospital, but was unable to explain how he came to be in the river. Physicians in attendance said his condition is not critical unless pneumonia should develop.

A native of England, and former newspaperman in Toronto, Canada, Boyle has for years been active in Republican politics in Ohio. He was well known as a political writer. Boyle resigned from the state tax commission several months ago as a result of a dispute with the local county tax board of commissioners. Since then he has not been employed.

RUBBERS OF QUALITY.

We are selling rubbers at the same prices as of previous years. You can not well do without this necessary addition to your footwear, and may as well buy them right away. We have them in all sizes and styles to fit any toe or heel all of the best quality of rubber obtainable. Ladies', 75c, 85c and 90c. Men's, \$1 and \$1.15. Boys', 85c and \$1. Girls', 65c and 85c. Children's, 55c and 75c. Why not buy now and have the use of them all winter? CASHMAN BROS., 171 Dundas street. b

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Redecorate your Living Room



January White Sale

LACES AND EMBROIDERIES PROVING A GREAT FEATURE, and every time one inspects the display there are new pleasures in more beautiful patterns than ever before visible. The display is so complete, the variety so great, that countless new designs constantly reveal themselves. Come as often as you like—there will never cease to be new interest in this really unusual sale.

Chocolate Blanc Mince in Cup, Whipped Cream, Christmas Cake, Cup of Tea or Coffee 20c
Grapefruit and Apricot Salad 15c

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PERMANENT FORCE IS VINDICATED BY BOARD

Medical Service Controversy Caused by Bruce Condemnation Ended.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—The report of the army medical board upon the report which Dr. Bruce made upon the administration of Col. Guy Carter Jones is the subject of a good deal of comment. It is taken here as another chapter in the long dispute between the permanent force and the voluntary militia.

Col. Jones for many years has been in the Canadian permanent force as head of the medical and ambulance service in England and France.

Dr. Bruce left his big Toronto practice after the war began to give the benefit of his great skill to the cause. Gen. Hughes, who has always been critical of the permanent force, believed the hospital and ambulance service could be improved, and induced Dr. Bruce to investigate and report.

With Gen. Bruce out of office the permanent force has come into its own again, through the good offices of Sir George Perley, and a board of permanent officers has condemned Dr. Bruce's condemnation of Col. Jones, and have in effect, said that the permanent force is the right one, and that the suggestion of Dr. Bruce should not be seriously regarded. The case is regarded as a matter between the professional soldier and the eminent and expert civilian.

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Best Nerve Specialist in England Was Consulted

Nervous disorders frequently result from injury to the nerves in accidents or because of the shock to the system.

The writer of this letter was corralled by a bunch of colts when his horse fell over a barbed-wire fence, and he was carried to the Royal Inland Hospital, Kamloops, B.C., in an unconscious condition, remaining in this state for three weeks.

Not being able to obtain restoration of the internal nerves which control the action of the digestive and other vital organs, he travelled to Europe and consulted England's greatest nerve specialist, Sir Victor Horsley. Relief was only temporary, in spite of many treatments used.

His letter gives the facts briefly, and tells how he was finally cured by using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food. Can you imagine any more severe test of this great nerve restorative?

Mr. Henry F. Venn, Cefu Ranch, Malakwa, B.C., writes: "Dr. Chase's Nerve Food has restored my nervous system and given me new health. Having met with a severe accident seven years ago, from which I was unconscious, and which left my nerves in a very sore plight, I was treated by doctors galore, and consulted one of the greatest nerve specialists in England, but nothing seemed to do me much good. Hypophosphates and, in fact, all and every kind of nerve mixture in almost every form was used, but never with more than temporary benefit."

Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

The Bell Telephone

10. Jesus is the creator of our physical and spiritual life, and of our "fellowship" with God, by imparting himself to us. What then is our relation to him?

may be a time-saving habit, but it is detrimental to the proper digestion of the food.

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Tender, gracious, thoughtful, good,
In our man and womanhood.

—Anonymous—

Visitor—Can you tell me if this tree
belongs to the scantius family?
Park Keeper—It do not. It belongs

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STRAIGHT NEWS AND SIDE SLANTS ON SPORT

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By "Bud" Fisher

MUTT AND JEFF—Mutt's Friend Certainly Had a New Year's Grouch.



Baseball Commission To Carefully Consider Drafting From Leagues

Request From Class AA Leagues Will Be Dealt With at Meeting of Baseball's Highest Tribunal, Now in Session in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 2.—After hearing the request of the representatives of the class AA leagues, relative to the elimination of the draft from their leagues, the National Baseball Commission announced here tonight that it would give careful consideration to the request, and then adjourned.

The commission also heard a plea from the smaller leagues that at least its moral influence be exerted to help the minor leagues out of what was pictured to be a most deplorable condition. A. K. Tarnsey, president of the Three-I League, acted as spokesman for the minor leagues, and urged the commission to recommend that a reclassification and reorganization of all minor leagues be made, with the idea in view of eliminating excess railroad mileage of teams, rearrangement of the maximum salary limit, and other ideas that he claimed would go far toward putting a large majority of the minor league clubs on a paying basis, where now they are losing propositions. The commission also took this under advisement.

Previous to the meeting, August Herrmann was re-elected president, and John E. Bruce, secretary for the coming year, while a large amount of routine business was transacted.

Class AA men, with President Edward Barrow of the International League, and President Thomas Hickey of the American Association, as spokesmen, presented six requests. They are: "The elimination of that part of the drafting rules in the National agreement affecting the drafting of players by major league clubs from class AA clubs."

"The elimination of that part of the National agreement providing that class AA players purchased by major league clubs shall be required to report to the purchasing club immediately after the purchase of the players."

"That it is the sense of the National association that no club member thereof be permitted to take a player from the major leagues, either on option or by purchase, who has not had minor league experience."

"The establishment of a board of five members separate and distinct from the National Commission to decide all matters on appeal from the findings of the National Association, or all matters of controversy between major and minor leagues or club-owners or players."

"Changing the method of drafting players, first, by determining by lot when opposite major leagues draft the same player, which league shall secure the player instead of determining the league and player at the same time; second, by naming the player drafted from class AA clubs instead of naming the clubs first and the player afterward."

"The rearrangement of the rules and laws of the National Association affecting territorial rights, classification, reservation and farming or optional."

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15 CENTS EACH

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ST. PATRICKS LOST.

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—Toronto's 8 to 5 at the arena tonight in the O. H. A. senior series. The Irishmen were long gone down when the last period started, but showed a complete reversal of form, scoring four goals, and would have forced a tie, but for a lucky shot by Smith of the winners.

SEATTLE-PORTLAND LINEUP.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 3.—Lineup: Seattle, Goal, Position, Portland, Home, Goal, Position, Murphy, Rowe, Defence, Johnson, Carpenter, Defence, Laughlin, Walker, Defence, Tobin, Morris, Centre, Dundas, Ferguson, Wing, Marples, Wilson, Wing, Harris.

OFFERS \$30,000 PURSE.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 2.—Tom Andrews will go to New York Wednesday morning to offer a purse of \$30,000 for a bout between Jeff Smith and Les Darcy here in February.

WOULD USE BALL PARKS FOR FOOTBALL PURPOSES

Chicago Magnates Are Considering Plan for Formation of Gridiron League.

Chicago, Jan. 2.—That certain baseball magnates are considering a plan to utilize their ball parks for professional football, and to back financially a league of national proportions next fall, is the report brought here from Detroit. An agent of a professional football team which played its games on Navin Field, the American League grounds in Detroit, is in Chicago today, according to a morning newspaper, to enlist support for his undertakings from the owners of one of the major league clubs. The plan involves the organization of the league along the lines of professional baseball. It is proposed to enlist the services of those ball players who are also football stars, and the remainder of the teams will be recruited from college graduates.

Among the cities mentioned as prospective members of the new league are Chicago, New York, Detroit, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Indianapolis and Columbus.

The season would begin at the close of the baseball season, and continue as long as the weather was favorable.

HOCKEY THIS WEEK

The Northern Hockey Association will be opened locally when the 118th and 149th Battalions meet on Friday evening in the London Curling Club rink. The Samia Juniors meet the L.A.A.A. Saturday night at the same rink.

"BILL" CARRIGAN HAS DECLINED MANAGERSHIP

Former Boston American Pilot Prefers to Attend to His Banking Interests.

LEWISTON, Me., Jan. 2.—William F. Carrigan, manager of the world's champion Boston American League team last year, declined today to continue in that position next season, but in response to suggestions from Harry H. Frazee, one of the new owners of the club, he later said he would think over the matter until Thursday. His desire to attend to his banking interests here was given as the reason of his determination to withdraw from baseball.

FEDERAL LEAGUE DROPPED A COOL HALF A MILLION

Ex-President James Gilmore Estimates That the Above Amount Was Lost During Two Years' War on Organized Baseball.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Jim Gilmore, of the late deceased Federal League, now confessedly out of baseball, declares that the Federal League lost half a million dollars during its two years of existence, and that the loss was due to the loss of some money operated in.

"The net loss did not go much beyond \$500,000," says Gilmore. "Those who have been making wild estimates of our losses forget two or three very important things in our favor. In the first place, we didn't pay a dollar for any of our players. When the league broke up, these players were worth sums ranging from \$2,000 to \$35,000, which income helped to wipe out part of the first deficit."

Brooklyn Hit Hardest.

"Furthermore, the national commission made settlements in one way or another in favor of our club owners. That helped further to lessen the net loss. For instance, Philadelphia suffered a gross loss of about \$150,000, or so, but it was awarded a settlement of about \$50,000, and got something like \$5,000 from the sale of its players, equipment, etc. When peace came they purchased

"Buffalo and Kansas City lost during both years, yet as they had much involved in the way of stands, equipment, etc. Their overhead expense was not great. When peace came they didn't lose much from the scrapping of their ball parks. Harry Sinclair made money as a Federal leaguer through the sale of players after peace came."

"Baseball is a grand and glorious game—when you are a fan. But when you are presiding a league that no one seemed to care much about—well, that's something else again."

Change Baseball Rules And Increase the Runs

Percy D. Haughton of the Boston National League Team Offers Six Suggestions in Order to Restore the Balance in the Game.

BOSTON, Jan. 2.—Suggestions for restoring the balance in baseball which he contends has become lost through the advantage enjoyed by the defensive side of the game, were advanced today by Percy D. Haughton of the Boston National League Club. Haughton brought up the subject at the recent meeting of the National League, which voted to have a rules committee meet with a similar body from the American League to consider revision.

"The natural tendency of the American sportsman is forever to destroy the balance between offense and defense in Canada," said Haughton. "In baseball the defenders have had the upper hand for years. It is harder to

make runs now. Batting averages are dropping, indicating there is something radically wrong with the balance in baseball. What changes not revolutionary, will increase the probability of the base hit and the earned run."

"Here are six ideas I have heard advanced, each of which has merit: 'Move first and third bases about four or five feet nearer home plate, not disturbing the position of second. 'Eliminate the spit ball delivery. 'Let the batter walk on three balls. 'Have only one foul strike. 'Have a much more drastic balk interpretation. 'Reduce the width of the plate by a few inches."

SEAFORTH BEATS MITCHELL 6 TO 2

MITCHELL, Jan. 2.—Seaforth and Mitchell played an O.H.A. game here last night, resulting in a score of 6 to 2 in favor of Seaforth. The line-up: Seaforth—Goal, McGeach; left defence, Hinchey; right defence, Edmunds; rover, Bain; centre, Hudson; left wing, Dick; right wing, Reid. Mitchell—Goal, Campbell; left defence, D. Elzerman; right defence, J. Lederman; rover, M. Wallthers; centre, W. Thorpe; left wing, L. Sawyer; right wing, H. Thur. Referee—"Toad" Edmunds. Stratford.

LIBERAL BOOSTER'S HOCKEY SCHEDULE

The Liberal Booster Club's hockey team's games for the season will be played every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights at the Simcoe street rink. The games for this week are as follows: Tonight—Team No. 3 (Jack Napper) vs. Team No. 5 (J. Self). Friday—Team No. 1 (J. Ball) vs. Team No. 4 (W. May). William Mace will referee tonight's game.

LES DARCY, CHAMPION MIDDLEWEIGHT FROM LAND OF KANGAROO

The Antipodean Wonder, who arrived in America recently, and expects to arrange for a bout with Georges Carpentier in the near future.

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RACE DATES ON CANADIAN COURSES FOR THIS YEAR

Inclusion of New Kenilworth Track at Windsor Means a Lengthening of the Season.

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—Because of the inclusion of the new Kenilworth track at Windsor, which will henceforth race under the sanction and regulations of the Canadian Racing Association, the list of dates for this year's racing on the recognized Canadian courses is slightly longer than last year's arrangement. Apart from this the arrangement of the order that has prevailed for years. The list, as announced today, is as follows:

Ontario Jockey Club, Toronto, Saturday, May 19, to Saturday, June 26.

Quebec Jockey Club, Montreal, Tuesday, May 23, to Tuesday, June 5.

Montreal Jockey Club, Montreal, Thursday, June 7, to Thursday, June 14.

Connaught Park Jockey Club, Ottawa, Saturday, June 16, to Saturday, June 23.

Hamilton Jockey Club, Hamilton, Tuesday, June 25, to Tuesday, July 2.

Niagara Racing Association, Fort Erie, Wednesday, July 4, to Wednesday, July 11.

Windsor Jockey Club, Windsor, Saturday, July 14, to Saturday, July 21.

Hamilton Jockey Club, Hamilton, Wednesday, July 25, to Wednesday, August 1.

Niagara Racing Association, Fort Erie, Saturday, August 5, to Saturday, August 12.

Windsor Jockey Club, Windsor, Thursday, August 15, to Thursday, August 22.

Kenilworth Jockey Club, Windsor, Thursday, August 23, to Thursday, August 30.

Montreal Jockey Club, Montreal, Saturday, September 1, to Saturday, September 8.

Dorval Jockey Club, Tuesday, September 11, to Tuesday, September 18.

Connaught Park Jockey Club, Ottawa, Thursday, September 20, to Thursday, September 27.

Ontario Jockey Club, Toronto, Saturday, September 29, to Saturday, October 6.

Niagara Jockey Club, Windsor, Saturday, October 9, to Saturday, October 16.

Kenilworth Jockey Club, Windsor, Saturday, October 16, to Saturday, October 23.

As Actors, Ballplayers Are Usually a Fizzle

Billy Hallman, Who Used To Do Dutch Comedy Stuff, Sole Exception—Cobb, Jennings, Schaefer, Altrock and Others Fizzle.

[By Joe S. Jackson.]

Now they say that Nick Altrock will follow the lead of Herman Schaefer, his old partner—partner on ball field and stage—and will be seen in a vaudeville act this winter. Schaefer has been getting in shape for his stunt for some time. Nick has just begun to warm up. The nature of Schaefer's act is not known. Altrock, it is understood, is to do a monologue.

It will be the second venture for Altrock, and the third for Schaefer. The latter went out once with a woman partner, and was able to attain only fair success, and that mostly on the strength of his own popularity. Then he and Altrock doubled up, but did not have a good season. Now they are trying it all over again.

Trouble with the two is that their surroundings embarrass them. On a ball field they are not restrained. They just let go. They are at home. On a stage they try to be funny. And the effort kills them.

Hallman the Real Actor.

Numerous ball players have trodden the boards, but only a few with anything like more than ordinary success. The higher they have climbed in baseball, the less likely they are to make good on the boards. The one ball player who was a real actor—one who could play a part and get away with it without depending on his baseball reputation—was Billy Hallman, the old-time National Leaguer. For years he spent his winters on the stage. He was one of the old-time Dutch comedians, and usually had a laugh part in popular vaudeville. When the present Garrick was the Whitney, he appeared there on numerous occasions. In the ten, twenty and thirty stuff that flourished at that house, he was a star. Next to Hallman, in the matter of making good on merits, were Charlie Doolin and Jim Callahan. The latter is a really classy monologue artist. He has a rich fund of stories, mostly dealing with baseball, all clean, and each possessed of a point. He can get by with any audience. Doolin has a good sense of humor. Trained with a partner named McCool, he played the big time several winters. Anybody who paid to see the pair got his money's worth. They were not a knock-out, but they were competent. They could sing, their comedy was passable, if not uproarious.

Extra Performer Carries It.

Usually a baseball sketch that is successful is not so because of the work of the athletes, but of some vaudeville artist. Mathewson and Myers, when they were at the height of their fame as a battery, played the big time in the east. But it was May Tully who, teamed with a partner named McCool, he played the big time several winters. Anybody who paid to see the pair got his money's worth. They were not a knock-out, but they were competent. They could sing, their comedy was passable, if not uproarious.

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HERE'S A SAVING EVENT IN WOMEN'S WEAR THAT WILL INTEREST YOU, MADAM

OUR GREAT MIDWINTER CLEARING SALE STARTS TOMORROW (THURSDAY, JANUARY 4) and will continue until every garment has been sold. This is a clearance sale which comes but once every six months to enable us to make an absolute clearance of all this season's merchandise and to make room for the new spring goods. As in former seasons, it is our unchangeable rule not to carry any goods from one season to another.

Trimmed Hats

This must be an absolute and final clearing of all millinery in stock. Trimmed Hats divided in two lots. All hats formerly up to \$6.00. Your choice tomorrow morning, \$2.49. All Hats formerly up to \$12.00. Your choice \$4.79

Untrimmed Hats and Trimmings

Every shape, including our very best Hats, without reservation goes on sale tomorrow at the following prices:

Up to \$4.00 shapes. On sale \$1.69
Up to \$8.00 shapes. On sale \$3.85
Trimmings and Ribbons at one-third their former prices.

Women's and Misses' Coats

Every Coat in stock is offered at a price that should bring the season's biggest crowd for them. Plushes, Velvets, Broadcloth, Chinchillas, Metal Lamb Plaids, Cheviots and Tweeds. Fur and plush-trimmed, as well as self-trimmed.

Regular \$10.00 Coats. Sale price \$ 7.90
Regular \$15.00 Coats. Sale price \$ 9.90
Regular \$21.00 Coats. Sale price \$14.98
Regular \$29.00 Coats. Sale price \$19.50
Regular \$35.00 Coats. Sale price \$23.50

SPECIAL NOTICE

In the rear of our store you will find a large double rack, divided in four sections, upon which you will find goods slightly soiled from handling or leftovers, which have been marked without any consideration of cost value, for quick and final clearance.

32 Winter Coats, reg. to \$15.00 values. Tomorrow, \$3.75
11 Fall Suits, reg. to \$25.00 values. Tomorrow \$6.90
12 Silk Dresses, reg. to \$13. Sale price \$4.98
6 Fancy Dresses, reg. to \$25. Sale price \$7.99
TO BE SURE OF YOUR SIZE AND CORRECT SHADE BE HERE EARLY TOMORROW MORNING.

All this season's newest garments — Suits, Coats, Dresses, Skirts, Blouses, Furs and Millinery—re-marked to effect an immediate and sweeping clearance.

EVERYTHING MUST BE SOLD

Raincoats

Plain and Tweed Coats, also including the famous "Kenyon" Raincoats, made in New York.

Reg. \$5.00. Sale price \$3.89
Reg. \$7.50. Sale price \$5.40
\$9.00 to \$18.00 values. All reduced \$6.90 to \$12.90

Wonderful Assortment Silk and Cloth Dresses

Box-pleated models and dozens of other models in Serge, Poplin, Taffeta Silk, Crepe de Chine and Georgette; colors in navy, black, Copenhagen, pink and brown.

Reg. \$10.00 Dress. On sale \$ 6.49
Reg. \$14.00 Dress. On sale \$ 9.85
Reg. \$19.50 Dress. On sale \$13.75
Reg. \$25.00 Dress. On sale \$18.75

Furs

Every piece of fur is included in this big clearing sale. Persian Lamb Sets, including scarf and muff.

Reg. \$25.00. Sale price \$16.00 set
Red Fox sets, Mink, Marmot, Canadian Mink sets. All greatly reduced.

83 Children's Coats

SIZES 4 TO 14.

Made of Corduroy, Zibeline, Chinchillas, Tweeds and Plaids, belted and plain models, fully lined and interlined.

Reg. \$3.50 to \$5.00. Sale price \$2.49 to \$3.50
Reg. \$6.50 to \$9.00. Sale price \$4.50 to \$7.35
Up to \$15.00 values. Sale price \$9.98



Waists

Over 800 Voile, Silk, Crepe de Chine and Georgette Blouses; 30 on sale tomorrow morning at one-third to one-half of their former prices.

Reg. \$1.25. Sale price, 74c
Reg. \$2.50. Sale price \$1.95
Reg. \$3.50. Sale price \$2.79
Crepe de Chine and Georgette Blouses, all colors and sizes.
Reg. \$3.00. Sale price \$2.29
Reg. \$5.00. Sale price \$2.98
Reg. \$8.00. Sale price \$4.98



Skirts

200 Separate Skirts, representing this season's latest models and materials. Regular \$3.50 to \$9.00. Now \$2.69 to \$6.89

Three only Black Satin Skirts. These are good value at their regular price of \$15.00. On sale tomorrow \$10.99



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AMPUTATION CASES IN PARTY JUST LANDED

283 C. E. F. Officers and Men Start for Their Homes.

HALIFAX, Jan. 2.—A party of 283 officers and men of the Canadian expeditionary force returned wounded or on duty, arrived here last evening. Seventy-four of the cases are amputations.

Most of the men are from Upper Canada and Western Canada, and left this morning for their homes. The party is in charge of Major E. C. Benwell, permanent officer in charge C. A. M. C.

DYSPEPSIA SPOILS BEAUTY

Makes the Dark Rings Around Eyes, Causes the Cheeks and Ruins the Complexion—How to Get Rid of Dyspepsia.

"Try Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets Free. Digestive trouble ruins the complexion. The sour, fermented, gassy contents poison the blood, draw the corners of the mouth, rob you of sleep, give the face that hungry, haggard, mournful expression in the morning and you are tired all day. It is not what you eat but the fault of digestion that hurts. Eat anything you like and let Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets digest your food, tone your stomach, supply your blood with nourishment, then good looks, a healthy appearance and bright eyes will soon return. Get a 50-cent box of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets at any drug store. They are real health makers. Try them free by sending coupon."



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F. A. Stuart Company, 245 Stuart Building, Marshall, Mich. Send me at once a free trial package of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets.
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Street
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PASSENGER CREWS WILL BE TAKEN TO HELP MOVE FREIGHT

Congestion at Niagara Frontier Reaches Alarming Proportions.

TORONTO, Jan. 2.—The congestion of freight at the various points on the Niagara frontier is assuming such alarming proportions that the Canadian Division of the Dominion railway commission has authorized the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific Railways to curtail their passenger service in order to provide extra motive power and train crews for freight service.

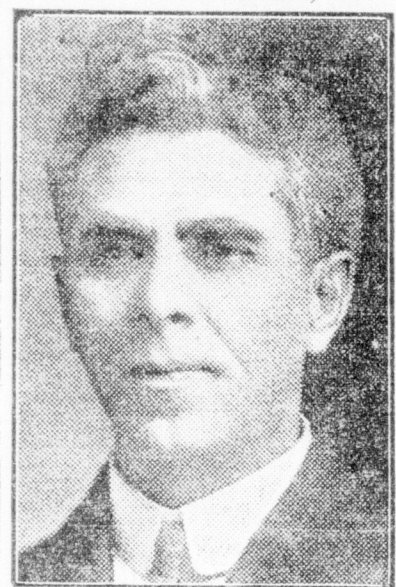
Passenger and traffic officials of both these lines assembled in Montreal yesterday to discuss the situation generally and make certain recommendations to the Dominion railway commission in connection with the various divisions of the systems upon which the passenger service can be reduced without directly inconveniencing the travelling public. Sir Harry Drayton has also instructed the railway officials that the movement of munitions must be carried on punctually, with as little delay as possible.

In asking the railways to curtail the passenger train service, Sir Harry Drayton urged that in reaching a conclusion the officials should endeavor to jointly equalize the new schedules on corresponding divisions upon which certain trains will be dispensed with temporarily. At present it looks as though both railways will possibly dispense with six or ten trains on the Toronto division, with a reduction of the through passenger service between Toronto and Montreal. Trains will also be taken off the Hamilton and London divisions, and the service will probably be reduced on the Tupper and Lindsay-Peterborough lines. On the different branch lines where there is a double and triple service, it is quite likely that only one train a day will be operated under the proposed change of service.

RUBBER FOOTWEAR JUMPS IN PRICE

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—An immediate 14 per cent advance in the price of rubber footwear of all kinds was announced here today by the United States Rubber Company. This represented, it was said by an officer of the company, an increase of almost 20 per cent over the price of this time last year, due to conditions brought about by the war. The company has also advanced the prices, effective at once, averaging 15 per cent for casings and 10 per cent for tubes.

DAVID GROSS, WHO WAS ELECTED MAYOR AT KITCHENER, ONT.



KNIGHTHOOD ORDER CREATED BY HONORS

Will Be Imperial in Character For Service Throughout Empire.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—According to the Daily Express a new British Imperial order of knighthood probably will be included in the postponed list of New Year's honors.

The Express indicates it will resemble the orders of the Star of India and of St. Michael and St. George, but that it will be granted for services through the whole of the empire instead of for services in India and the colonies as are the Star of India and the Order of St. Michael and St. George respectively.

DISTRICT OFFICERS PASS ARTILLERY EXAMINATIONS

Twelve Men Pass at Royal School at Kingston.

KINGSTON, Jan. 2.—The following from Military District No. 1 qualified as non-commissioned officers at the course of the Royal School of Artillery just closed here:

F. H. Galbraith, 64th Battery, staff sergeant; A. P. Hemmings, 62nd, bombardier; J. D. Hunt, 62nd Corp. F. McInnes, 64th, bombardier; C. H. Kenney, 64th, sergeant; D. Littlejohn, 64th, sergeant; V. R. Myler, 62nd, bombardier; H. F. Marshall, 64th, sergeant; H. A. Nesbitt, 64th, sergeant; W. Y. Roche, 63rd, sergeant; F. L. Sullivan, 64th, sergeant; C. S. Willis, 63rd, sergeant.

FRUIT GROWERS GOT GOOD RETURNS FROM LARGE SHIPMENTS

Ilderton Association Hears Satisfactory Reports.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

ILDERTON, Jan. 2.—The annual meeting of the Ilderton Fruit-Growers was fairly well attended. The secretary-treasurer's report showed a very satisfactory year. Four carloads of apples and pears were shipped, and a good return received. The members of the executive were all re-elected, as the members thought that they had handled the business satisfactorily.

The officers are: President, Charles Gouding; secretary-treasurer, E. T. Caverhill; councillors, J. E. Bieart, Thomas A. O. Teller and Wes Campbell.

There were hundreds of barrels of fruit shipped during the season. It is the intention of the association to hold a meeting in March or April to create interest in the proper handling of orchards by pruning and spraying.

The reports of the Ilderton Sunday School show a very successful year. The senior Bible class (an organized class) gave \$20 to the Bessie Argo memorial fund. This supports a native Indian teacher for the year. It gave \$20 also towards the Budget, besides furnishing a number of Bibles for the Canadian soldiers. The junior Bible class was well attended throughout the year, as were all the other classes in the school. The school at its annual Christmas tree and concert had a splendid program of drills and music.

A feature of the evening was the presentation of a handsome oak and leather chair to the teacher, John McVicar, by the members of the junior Bible class. The receipts from the concert will place the school in good shape financially for the New Year. It is the intention to make some additions to the large library by the purchase of new books. The annual meeting of the church will be held on Wednesday, January 10.

HOSPITAL TRAIN OF 12 CARS WILL BE READY JANUARY 12

"Bed Cases" From Overseas Expected at Rate of 300 Per Week.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—The military hospital commission announces the preparation of three more hospitals to take care of wounded men arriving from overseas. They will accommodate 1,150 patients in addition to 1,610 already provided for. The new hospitals are at Halifax, capacity 450; St. John, capacity 500; and Toronto, (General Hospital), 200.

General Manager Gutelius of the Canadian Government Railways, states that the work of transforming "sleeping cars" into hospitals is proceeding day and night at Moncton, and that the hospital train of 12 cars will be completed by January 12. It is expected that the bed cases will begin to arrive from England soon at the rate of 300 per week.

TABLOID NEWS OF CANADA, THE WAR AND THE WORLD

WESTERN ONTARIO

W. Hill of Theford died suddenly on Monday, while visiting his daughter, Mrs. Ida McKellar of Alisa Craig.

Capt. Robert M. Linton and Lieut. Robert L. Dunsmore, son of Postmaster Robert L. Dunsmore of St. Thomas, have been decorated with the Military Cross. Capt. Linton is now home on furlough.

At a union meeting of citizens of Windsor, Walkerville and Sandwich, a strong resolution was passed urging the Dominion Government to enact legislation to compel all men of military age to join the C. E. F. or give their services in such work as the Government may require.

Detroit detectives and the county police are searching in Chatham district for Florin de Bruin, a Belgian, who is wanted in Detroit on a charge of murder as a result of a stabbing affray which took place during a brawl in a Detroit saloon.

CANADIAN

The burglar who makes a specialty of smashing windows on St. Catharine street, the main shop thoroughfare of Montreal, broke the glass in the store of John Henderson & Co. early yesterday, and stole furs to the value of \$1,200.

On Sunday, while J. M. Bullen and his wife of 91 Clendennan avenue, Toronto, were dining at the house of a friend, burglars entered their house and removed everything portable to the value of several hundred dollars. The thieves did not overlook two pounds of butter in the refrigerator. Electric light fixtures were stripped from the walls and ceilings. Before leaving the burglars served themselves to a hearty meal.

Montreal district's total recruiting has been 1,070 and 29,410 men since war was declared.

The last minute rush in the Saskatchewan liquor stores before they were abolished was unprecedented.

The British schooner Oxner was lost off Shelburne, N. S. Her crew was rescued by the fishing schooner Catharine, which landed the men at Boston yesterday.

WAR

The Greek steamer Sappho, 2,087 tons, has been torpedoed. Nine of the crew were saved and the fate of the rest is unknown.

Lloyds reports the sinking of the French sailing ship Aconagua, 1,313 tons, and the Swedish steamer Goosebridge, 1,857 tons.

Gen. Lyautey, new French minister of war, has placed eleven generals on the reserve list.

Yesterday's official Italian statement records incessant artillery duels and heavy fighting along the whole Italian-Austrian front.

Heavy firing along the Belgian line in Flanders was reported yesterday. The British official communication of

yesterday reported that an enemy patrol which attempted a sally on the British line at Vermelles, was cut in half by gun fire. Another similar attempt at Ypres met a like fate.

The Daily Mail of London is demanding the recall of the Saloniki expedition declaring that the troops are needed and should stay on the western front.

Lloyd's Shipping Agency announces that the British steamer Holly Branch of 3,556 tons gross and the Norwegian steamer Erica have been sunk.

AMERICAN

Five yesterday destroyed the business section of Valdez, Alaska, and sweeping beyond the control of the fire-fighters, threatened to destroy the docks.

Gratitude for American assistance to the Belgians was conveyed to President Wilson in a New Year's message from King Albert of Belgium, received at the White House. "It gives them the hope that the United States will always remain a powerful protector of Belgium," concludes the message.

Norman L. Bassett of Augusta, Me., a director of the Boston and Maine Railway, testified at the postverdict proceedings in the federal court at Boston that he believed reorganization was necessary for the best interests of the road's common stock. The fundamental trouble with the road was its structure, he said.

The sensational Boston case made up of the suicide of Dr. Celia Adams of Brookline, and the killing of Dr. Wilfred H. Harris, a native of Nova Scotia, by Miss Adams' sweetheart, Dr. Edwidge D. Atwood of Woburn, stopped short of a trial when Atwood yesterday withdrew his plea of not guilty of murder and pleaded guilty of murder in the second degree, and was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Striking garment workers of New York, numbering 35,000, will return to work. It has been announced. A new agreement, effective January 22, has been signed, granting an increase of \$1 per week and working hours of 48 hours a week.

A strike of 40,000 members of the Ladies' Waist and Dressmaking Union of New York has been averted by an agreement with the manufacturers.

Dennis A. Hays of Philadelphia, who won international fame as a fighter against child labor, died in that city yesterday.

Madison Square Garden, the famous amusement hall of New York may be torn down. The building has been sold.

American relations with Mexico are again strained, following the recall of Carranza's representative on the American-Mexican commission.

James Boyle, once a Toronto newspaperman and a prominent figure in Republican politics in the State of Ohio, was found half-drowned and frozen in the Solita River at Columbus, Ohio, yesterday. At one time he was formerly American consul-general in Liverpool.

At the small murder trial at Ossipee, N. H., yesterday, witnesses swore that Small owned a revolver similar to the one found in the ruins of the house and which was used to slay his wife.

GENERAL
The Nuova Antologia says all Italians should begin the New Year by adopting the system of thorough food mastication as an aid to solving the food problem. The newspaper avers that the method already is being tried in the schools.

Instructions have been issued by the Italian minister of agriculture to increase the food supply of the country by cultivating public forestry including the city parks, using forestry employees for the purpose. In Genoa wheat and potatoes already have been planted in vacant lands.

Sensational developments in the death of Gregorio Raspanti, the monk who is reported to have such influence over Czar Nicholas of Russia, are reported. Divers have recovered the body from the Neva River, and it is said that the priest was murdered in the palace of Prince Yusupoff.

PEACE
The American Senate debated at length yesterday whether it should endorse President Wilson's peace note, as proposed in a resolution by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska. Republican leaders wanted the resolution to go to the foreign relations committee, but Senator Hitchcock pressed for immediate action. It was postponed until today by unanimous consent.

An official denial is given from Paris to the story that Spain's reply to the States, declining to aid just now in the Wilson peace propaganda caused any trouble in the cabinet.

The Spanish submarine note to Germany is not as severe, says a special dispatch to the Spanish embassy in Washington, as the press dispatches have made it appear.

TAKEN ILL WHILE HOME FOR SISTER'S WEDDING

Harry Parsons Died Very Unexpectedly on Visit to Exeter.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
EXETER, Jan. 2.—The funeral of Harry Parsons, who died on Sunday at his home here, was held at Exeter Cemetery, and was in charge of the local Oddfellows. He returned from the west for the second time in a number of years to attend his sister's wedding on December 27, but took sick on that day and died on Sunday. Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Parsons, he leaves a number of sisters and brothers.

GIVEN ACCLAMATION

Kincardine Will Have the Same Council as Last Year.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
KINCARDINE, Jan. 2.—The council for 1917 will be: E. Miller, mayor; William Hunter, reeve; James Malcolm, J. J. Hunter, F. E. Coombe, F. Colwell, J. Armitage and F. Buckingham, councillors, all being elected by acclamation.

Ex-Mayor J. Farrell received word of the death of his brother, Wm. Farrell, ex-mayor of Petaluma, Cal. Deceased was born in Huron and went to California a number of years ago. J. B. Watson, formerly of the Coombe & Watson Co., plans to start another furniture factory here. The board of trade is negotiating with him.

**Miller's
WORM
Powders**

Contain No Narcotics

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Northrop & Lynn Co., Ltd.
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A CHILD DOESN'T LAUGH AND PLAY IF CONSTIPATED

Look, Mother! Is tongue coated, breath feverish and stomach sour?

"California Syrup of Figs" can't harm tender stomach, liver, bowels.



A laxative today saves a sick child tomorrow. Children simply will not take the time from play to empty their bowels, which become clogged up with waste, liver gets sluggish; stomach sour. Look at the tongue, mother! Is coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs," then don't worry, because it is perfectly harmless, and in a few hours all this constipation poison, sour bile and fermenting waste will gently move out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again. A thorough "inside cleansing" is often all that is necessary. It should be the first treatment given in any sickness.

Beware of counterfeit fig syrups. Ask your druggist for a 50-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Look carefully and see that it is made by the "California Fig Syrup Company."

**The Power behind the Strong
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Ferdinand King, a New York City physician and author, says: "There can be no strong, vigorous, iron men, nor faithful, healthy, rosy-cheeked women without iron—pure Nuxated Iron, taken three times per day after meals, will increase the strength and endurance of weak, nervous, run-down folks 200 per cent in two weeks' time in many instances. Avoid the old forms of metallic iron, which may injure the teeth and corrode the stomach, and thereby do more harm than good. Take only organic iron—Pure Nuxated Iron." Dispensed in this city by Standard Drug Company, Limited.

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GUARANTEED PURE CLOVER.
Five-pound pail 75c
Ten-pound pail \$1.40
WILLIS & CO.
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DIAMOND RINGS, \$5.00 TO \$500.00
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**WEST MISSOURI SCHOOL
WILL REOPEN TODAY**
Long-Standing Case Likely To Be
Amicably Settled.

BACK FROM THE WEST
George Pearn Purchases Fine Farm in
South Delaware.

SOUTH DELAWARE, Jan. 2.—Geo. Pearn of Saskatchewan has moved with his family to James McNichol's farm, which he purchased some time ago.

MISS HOLESWORTH OF DELAWARE is visiting her sister here.

WILLIAM AND ROBERT HERON are visiting friends in Ingersoll.

MISS JEAN CARROTHERS OF INGERSOLL is the guest of Miss Helen Johnston.

T. W. BAKER and daughter Blanche are visiting relatives in Toronto.

MRS. JOHN LOVE and daughter of London are visiting relatives here.

LAMBETH, Jan. 2.—Miss Lusia Holmes spent the week-end with her brother at Wingham.

MRS. HUTCHISON and daughter of Niagara are visitors with Mrs. G. Van der Linden.

MRS. CARLEY visited her brother in Strathroy for the week-end.

WILL SPEAK SUNDAY.
The Y. M. C. A. has secured two interesting speakers for its next Sunday afternoon meeting in the Lyric Theatre. Professor W. G. Alexander of Chicago, who is widely known throughout the country as a phrenologist, will speak on "Crime and Criminals." In addition will appear Miss Ida L. Ward of London, England, cravat artist, who has devoted most of her time since the beginning of the war in the entertaining of the soldiers at the front. Her address will be illustrated, depicting scenes from the camps, at the front and in England. The meeting is open to both men and women.

SENATOR DEBAUVE FAVORED.
OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—The belief grows here that Senator Debauve will succeed the late T. Chase Cairns in the Government.

GODERICH WOMAN HURT.
GODERICH, Jan. 1.—Mrs. James Hogarth while hanging out some clothes today, slipped on some ice and fractured her leg.

LT.-COL. W. G. COLES
NEW PRESIDENT OF
RETURNED SOLDIERS

Was Given Acclamation at
Meeting Last Evening.

STRUAD IS SECRETARY

Major Gordon Ingram Will Be
Offered Position of
Treasurer.

Lt.-Col. W. G. Coles is now president of the Returned Soldiers' Association. A nomination meeting for officers for 1917 was held at the association headquarters last night, and Lt.-Col. Coles was elected by acclamation. Comrade Struad was elected by acclamation to the position of secretary, and the treasurer will be Major Gordon Ingram if he will accept the position.

A vote will be taken only for the vice-presidency, and will be held at the next regular meeting. Comrade Williams and Comrade Ball have on several occasions acted in this capacity, and it was felt that there was so little to choose between them a vote would be the most satisfactory method of dealing with the problem. Minor business occupied the remainder of the evening, invitation lists for the banquet to be held on Thursday night being drawn up and several accounts passed.

**MRS. TURVILLE'S FUNERAL
WAS HELD AT WOODLAND**

One of London's Oldest Residents Died
at Wallacetown.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Ann Turville, grandmother of Capt. P. M. Millman, paymaster of "London's Own" Battalion, was held Tuesday afternoon from St. Paul's Cathedral to Woodland Cemetery. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Tucker.

Mrs. Turville died at the residence of her son, George Turville, in Wallacetown, on December 30. She had been residing with him three months, moving there from London. She was one of the oldest members of St. Paul's Cathedral, having belonged to it for 40 years, and was in her 88th year at the time of her death.

Her husband, William Turville, died several years ago. He came to London in 1844, and was engaged in a milling business here.

Three grandsons survive her: Capt. P. M. Millman, 142nd Battalion; Sgt. W. H. McKinley Millman, 116th Battalion, now in England; H. M. Millman, Winnipeg.

The pallbearers at the funeral were all relatives of Mrs. Turville's. They were: Hartley Millman, Fred Turville, Frank Turville, Sydney Turville, J. McFarlane and Arthur Payne.

**TWO LONDONERS WIN
MILITARY CROSSES**

Major L. H. Neiles and Lieut. George O'Grady Honored in France.

Two Londoners' names were included in the list of those Canadians who received the Military Cross on New Year's Day for distinguished service at the front. They are those of Major L. H. Neiles and Lieut. George O'Grady.

Major Neiles is a son of J. Neiles of this city. He was promoted to second in command of the 1st Battalion in December. Several times he was recommended for a decoration, and his brilliant work at the front was well known.

Lieut. O'Grady's father was manager of the local branch of the Bank of Montreal, but moved to Winnipeg several years ago.

HAD A TURKEY SUPPER
Pleasant Evening Spent by No. 1 Special Service Company.

The N. C. O's and men of No. 1 Special Service Company were treated to a full course turkey supper Wednesday at their dining hall, Queen's Park, by the officers of that unit. Much merriment was caused by the singing of the "Turkey Lurkey" song by the soldiers.

The treat consisted of a full course turkey dinner with all the trimmings, and each table was supplied with abundance of fruit, candies and nuts, and each man received two boxes of cigarettes.

After dinner there were songs and music and speeches by the men. Sergt. Servant was called upon twice to sing. Sergt. Servant, who is order-room sergeant, is a returned hero, who has seen much service in France, having been wounded there. Sergt. Major Heston sang several songs and sketches, much to the delight of the men.

Major Tanton thanked the men, and wished them all a happy New Year, and also wished that so much credit was due Sergt. E. G. Scates as the officers for the success of the evening. God Save the King was then sung, and each and every one of the men voted they had enjoyed themselves immensely and thanked the officers.

If each before his own door swept, The village would be clean.

**Peters Hot
Chocolate Will
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When shopping or waiting for a friend step up to Peters Fountain and have a Hot Chocolate. The Fountain is fully equipped to serve you—

**HOT DRINKS
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**DETAILED RESULTS OF
LONDON TP. ELECTIONS**

Large Vote Was Polling in the Various Subdivisions.

Following are the election returns in London Township: For Reeve.

Subdivision	For Reeve	For Councillors
1	11	11
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**MRS. CHAS. S. HYMAN DIES
AFTER BUT SHORT ILLNESS**

Suffered Stroke Last Week and Took
Turn for Worse on Monday.

Mrs. Hyman, wife of Hon. Charles S. Hyman, former Canadian minister of public works, died last evening at "Idelwild," the family residence, Grand avenue, after a brief illness.

On Thursday last Mrs. Hyman suffered a stroke, but previous to that time she had been in apparently good health. Her condition, although serious, was not considered as cause for anxiety until Monday, when she grew slightly worse.

Mrs. Hyman was a daughter of the late John Birrell, who was a prominent businessman of London some years ago. She was born in this city, and having lived here practically her whole life she gained about her a large circle of friends.

She was interested in numerous charitable and patriotic endeavors, and lent her assistance generously in a quiet way to almost every good cause in the city. She was a member of St. James' Anglican Church, and was deeply interested in church affairs. She was also a member and honorary regent of Lord Roberts' Chapter, Independent Order of Daughters of the Empire.

Besides her husband, one daughter, Mrs. James E. Kerrigan of this city, survives her. She is also survived by three sisters and two brothers—Miss Birrell and Mrs. Charles Richardson of this city, and Mrs. John Marshall of Toronto; William Birrell of this city, and George Birrell of New York.

The funeral will be private.

**ARMENIANS STARVING;
URGENT APPEAL IS MADE**

The committee of the Ministerial Alliance of London earnestly begs to draw the attention of your readers to the following message:

Fifty thousand Armenians starving and helpless in the one region around Aleppo, in the announcement just received in a cablegram through Ambassador Elikus at Constantinople.

We would all prefer to hear nothing more on this awful subject, but the facts must be faced. Other cablegrams from other sections report that women and orphaned children are dying by the score from starvation, disease and the hardships of winter.

In all probability a half million people in Bible lands at this Christmas season are facing starvation and can be saved only by quick and generous action.

Christmas is past in America, but Christmas is coming in Armenia, Palestine, where, following the old style calendar, they have their Christmas on January 19 of our calendar.

Christmas is coming to them, however, not only without candy, flowers, music, but without bread, without clothing, without shelter, and in thousands of instances, without loved ones.

We are receiving a large number of appeals, many of them representing genuine sacrifice, but to cope adequately with the problem we need immediately substantial contributions in some degree commensurate with the task.

Funds contributed in America and Canada at the Christmas season or early in January, will enable us to make ready for the purchase of food and clothing for distribution on or before their Christmas, January 19.

Anything that you can do will help to save thousands of lives. Mr. Rowland Hill, Dundas street, is the treasurer of the fund, and the district. No one percent of the money given falls to reach the suffering people. Yours truly,
F. A. STEVEN.

DR. HENDERSON DEAD.
MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—Dr. J. A. Henderson, a well-known practitioner of Westmont, died suddenly today at his residence, 555 Rosslyn avenue. Dr. Henderson was graduated from McGill University some fourteen years ago and was 40 years of age.

SUNK BY SUBMARINE.
PREST, via Paris, Jan. 2.—The French steamer Leon, of 2,401 tons, has been sunk by a submarine. The crew was saved.

HARRY LAUDER'S SON KILLED.
LONDON, Jan. 2.—Capt. John Lauder, of Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, son of Harry Lauder, the famous entertainer, was killed at the front. He was twice previously wounded.

NASTIMO PRINTER DEAD.
NANAIMO, B. C., Jan. 2.—The death occurred here yesterday of Henry Lewis, a native of Rhonda Valley, Wales, at the age of 62 years. He was a well-known printer, and was one of the world's fastest printers, holding the world's championship at 140 yards.

**POPULACE OF SUSSEX HAD
STRENUOUS OBJECTIONS TO
'CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTORS'**

Refused To Have 500 of These Quartered in Town of Lewes.

Pts. Fred Young sends his good wishes for the New Year in one of his usual cheery letters to the "Advertiser," Hastings, Sussex, England, December 17, 1916.

Dear Friend.—The most interesting topic of the week in this neck of the woods was Kaiser Bill's offer of peace to the Allies. And it doesn't need a son of a prophet to discover that the only people who have been misled by it are the "conscientious objectors" that since Bill made his kind "offer," that the British Government has voted \$2,000,000,000 to the Allies.

And Mr. Bonar Law emphatically repeated Premier Asquith's decision that "adequate reparation for the past and a full security for the future" are the only terms the Allies will accept. It is easy to feel that the nation is in full sympathy with those views, and we'll bet a brassard against to a man that the boys in our front line trenches telling Bill to "go to hell" are better for the health of those spineless bipeds to have them removed.

It is said that "comparisons are odious," but it is not always so. When we awoke on the morning of December 14 to find all the hapless along the miles of sea from the coast of Belgium to the coast of France, our first thoughts were that we had found the Dawn of Peace, but inquiries showed us that the coming of our King's second son was the cause of the display. It did our hearts good to see the "flag that has braved a thousand years" floating so proudly in the sea breeze.

This letter should reach you on New Year's morn. If the mail boat is on time, so we take this opportunity of wishing you every prosperity in 1917, and although

"It's only a simple message, sent from across the sea, wishing you wealth and every prosperity. Here's hoping you'll welcome the message we send from the 'Home Land'."

Yours as ever, FRED YOUNG.

**GOVERNMENT OFFICERS
STIRRED TO ACTIVITY**

Even Sir Charles Davidson Becomes Energetic as Session Draws Near.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
OTTAWA, Jan. 2.—The proclamation of the date of parliament's opening has aroused the departments of the Government to activity. Final touches are being put upon the estimates from each branch of the Government in order that they may be considered by the cabinet and approved by parliament.

Departmental reports of all sorts are being rushed through the printing bureau.

Even Sir Charles Davidson has been stirred to activity and it is announced that the report of his investigation into the matter of the great fire in this city is being prepared.

This is as much as to say that the report is being prepared in a matter of a few days, and the people concerned in it have in many cases disappeared from the scene.

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January Clearing Sales

A Sign of the Times—London Is Moving East

Cashmerette Hose, 36c Pair

—20 dozen Women's Fine Ribbed Cashmerette Hose, fleece lined and seamless, fast black, 8½ to 10; present value 50c; a belated shipment just received. At 36c per pair
Three pairs for \$1.05

Fleece-Lined Hose

—Women's Heavy Fleece-Lined Hose, fast black, sizes 8½ to 10; present value 35c and 50c. At, per pair 25c

Men's Gray Wool Socks

—Good Weight Grey Wool Socks for men. Special value at, per pair 29c

Women's Linen Handkerchiefs

—40 dozen Women's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, hand embroidered, thirteen initials in the lot; regular 20c each. Special sale this week 2 for 25c

Children's Wool Caps

—8 dozen Children's Wool Caps in red, white, grey, brown, etc.; regular 29c, 35c, 50c. Special clearing this week. Each 25c

Sale of Stamped White Linens

—A large sample lot of Stamped White Linens at about one-third off regular prices. Centrepieces, 10 to 54 inch sizes; Scarfs, Trays and Dolly Sets, also Children's Dresses, Nightgowns, Pillow Slips, etc. Big choosing for early buyers. A chance for fancy-workers.

Clearing Parisian Ivory

—Trays, Puff Boxes, Manicure Pieces, Brushes, Photo Frames, Combs, etc., of Parisian Ivory, to clear at sale prices.
—3-piece Set of Manicure Pieces, ivory or ebony; were 39c. To clear 25c

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO., 239, 241, 243 Dundas Street

Sale of White

—The White Sale holds the front of the stage now, and beautiful snow-white garments are ready for your inspection. Well-made Nightgowns, Petticoats, Drawers, Corset Covers and Brassieres. Values are of prime importance to the thrifty woman.

—Slipover Nightgowns, lace trimmed. Special 59c

—White Cambrie Slipover Nightgowns. Special 89c

—Nainsook Nightgowns, handsomely trimmed with embroidery. Special \$1.19

—Other special values in Nightgowns at \$1.35, \$1.75 and upwards

—Children's Nightgowns at 45c, 50c and 60c

**Corset Covers, Specials at
25c, 35c, 50c**

—A special bargain in Brassieres, strongly made of white cotton, embroidery edged, hooked front. At 35c

Full-Width Petticoats

—With deep embroidery edge. At 89c, \$1.10, \$1.35

White Cambric Drawers

—Well made, with extra good quality trimmings. At 25c, 39c, 75c and 89c

Women's Combinations

—Women's Velva Merino Combination Suits, specially well made garments, good heavy cream color. January bargain, per suit 89c

White Flannelette, 13c Yard

—33-inch White Flannelette, soft and fleecy; worth 18c if bought today. January sale price, per yard 13c

**HOLLAND IMPROVING
ITS SUB EQUIPMENT**

Sends Representatives to States to
Purchase Needed Supplies.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Nine hundred and sixty-five refugees from Belgium and Russian Poland arrived here tonight from Rotterdam on the steamship Nieuw Amsterdam. The refugees are destined for the middle west.

John E. Bire, a first cabin passenger, claiming to be a naturalized citizen of the United States, was taken from the Nieuw Amsterdam at Palmouth. He was suspected by the British authorities of carrying messages out of Germany. He is a native of Hungary.

Lieutenant J. M. De Booy and Lieutenant W. P. Pot, attached to the submarine department of the Royal Dutch navy were among the passengers. They said Holland is paying close attention to submarine equipment and they had come here to get submarine parts and supplies, as Holland was entirely cut off from Germany and England.

Another passenger was J. E. Milner, American consul at Calais, who has been transferred to Niagara Falls, Ont.

**MUTINOUS FIREMEN
ASPHYXIATED IN SHIP**

Confined Over Boiler Room They Succumb to Gas Fumes.

Manila, Jan. 3.—Three Filipino firemen from the naval oiler Ajax which is moored at Cavite, were asphyxiated by gas fumes in the boiler room of the ship. They were being punished for mutinous conduct. Lieut. Commander Paul Foley has assumed exclusive jurisdiction in the case, but an investigation is being conducted by the civil authorities.

**"WHY WOMEN
CANNOT SLEEP"**

The highly organized, finely strung nervous system of women subjects them to terrors of nervous apprehension which men can never appreciate.

The peace of mind, the mental poise and calmness under difficulties, which are necessary for happy womanhood, are only possible when the sensitive organism is in a perfectly healthy condition. If there be any derangement in this respect no remedy in the world so completely restores womanly health as the wonderful "Favorite Prescription" invented by Dr. R. V. Pierce.

Chatham, Ont.—"A few years ago I suffered a general breakdown and got very weak and thin. I was in