

THE NOTE OF UNITED STATES TO AUSTRIA

Provokes a Number of Comments—London Regards It as Weak in One Important Part.

Special Wire to the Courier. London, Dec. 15.—The American note to Austria-Hungary, concerning the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona, is regarded here as weak in one important point, which may deprive the note in general of its foundation.

This concerns the standpoint taken that the Austro-Hungarian government should be familiar with the attitude of the American government regarding the freedom of the seas because President Wilson had explained this to the German government, thus implying that Austria, as Germany's ally, should be acquainted with the principles laid down and desired by Washington.

Against this stand of Washington, the objection is raised in responsible quarters here that the government has knowledge of the negotiations in the Lusitania case only through the newspapers; that it could give to these reports no diplomatic value, and that it has not concerned itself in any way with the Lusitania case.

It is pointed out by the same authority that the American government can scarcely demand that the imperial and royal government base its policy upon newspaper reports, and it is suggested that in any case it would have been better if Washington at the time had communicated the memorandum of its standpoint to all belligerent governments, in which case the present note would seem more justified.

WITHIN THE RULES?

Zurich, via London, Dec. 15.—Discussing the American note on the Ancona, the Vienna New Press contends that everything in connection with the sinking of the steamer was done in strict accordance with international law. The ship was warned to stop and given ample time for the passengers and crew to take to the boats. In the confusion and panic which ensued, many persons, including some presumably American citizens, lost their lives, but the paper adds, "even the stories of still passengers show that the sinking of the submarine kept strictly within the rules of international law."

All these were punctiliously observed," continues the Neue Presse, "leaving no occasion for special diplomatic action in this case. President Wilson has no justification for such a repetition of the Lusitania note exchange with Germany. Probably this demands a more proceeding is not unconnected with American internal political considerations. Mr. Wilson, as a candidate again for the presidency, desires to secure support for his campaign."

PROFOUND IMPRESSION Geneva, via Paris, Dec. 14.—(Delay.)—A dispatch from Vienna received by way of Buchs, Switzerland, states that President Wilson's note to Austria regarding the Ancona incident has produced a profound impression in government and political circles. The note is said to be resented by a majority.

It is generally believed in Vienna, says the dispatch, that Austria will have satisfaction and will pay an indemnity, especially as she has large interests in America. Baron von Burian, the Austrian foreign minister, has called a special council to discuss the matter.

GERMAN COUNT AIRS HIS VIEWS.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Via London.—Count Ernst Von Reventlow, in an article in the Tages Zeitung, says that the note sent by the United States to Austria regarding the Ancona case is characterized by a tone of curdled anger and hints threats. He says he thinks it is remarkable that a note based upon trustworthy information and "apparent" facts contains opinions, judgments and demands of speculation and most harsh character. Count Reventlow states that he had been treating in the note of the circumstances of the case as quite superficial and even contradictory. He has a contradiction particularly in the fact that the note alleges the Ancona was to escape because the submarine upon her whereas, a few sentences later, she apparently neither offered resistance nor attempted to escape, but the note in addition ignoring completely the official Austrian description of the circumstances.

Enlist in Home Town

North Bay, Dec. 15.—After traveling a distance of 3,750 miles, from Pleasant City, California, Mr. William Ferguson arrived in town yesterday for the express purpose of enlisting with his own home town battalion, the 150th. Mr. Ferguson is the only son of Mr. John Ferguson, the well-known capitalist of this town, who has done much to stir up a patriotic spirit in town since the opening of hostilities. Mr. Ferguson was accompanied by his wife, who is an American, but who is proud of the action of her husband.

THE IDEAL GIFT.

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BONAR LAW

Reads Riot Act to Disturbing Elements in Unionist Party.

Says He Will Resign if There is Any Further Trouble.

London, Dec. 15.—Andrew Bonar Law, Secretary for the Colonies, told Sir Edward Carson and a few Unionist dissenters in an outspoken warning in the House of Commons last evening that further signs of revolt would lead to his resignation from the Government.

Mr. Bonar Law was opposing a motion, backed by the dissident Unionists, for the rejection of the Parliament bill introduced on Thursday last by Sir John Simon, Secretary for Home Affairs, providing for the continuation of the present parliament beyond the five-year period, and the postponement of a general election during the war. This would keep alive the plural voting bill.

FIGHT PLURAL VOTING BILL

The objecting faction took exception to the prolongation of the life of the plural voting bill, and urged the desirability of a general election. Mr. Bonar Law, after stating that the present compromise bill was his own proposal, dealt with the Unionist criticism of the Government.

"I would say to my Unionist friends," said the Secretary, "if the time comes—and I think it has not come yet—that they honestly think the war is not going to be won by this country without a change of government, it would be better for them to go openly into opposition and move a vote of no confidence. We Unionists are members of the government as the representatives of our party, and if I thought that in this position we should lose the confidence of our party I would feel that I was of no further use."

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SNOW STORM

Has Now Turned Its Attention to Quebec Province.

Quebec, Dec. 15.—A heavy drifting snow, driven by a 60 mile an hour gale, is giving the whole district of Quebec its winter garment to-day.

The storm started last night about seven o'clock with a strong wind, which soon developed into a regular old-time hurricane. Snow set in about six this morning causing heavy delay to transportation. Last night's gale caused some damage in the outlying suburbs, where doors and windows were blown in. No casualties are reported. This is the first snow storm of the season, and it is quite an unusual occurrence for winter to come so late in the district.

BRUTAL MURDER

Of a Sergeant of a French-Canadian Battalion—Lieutenant Held.

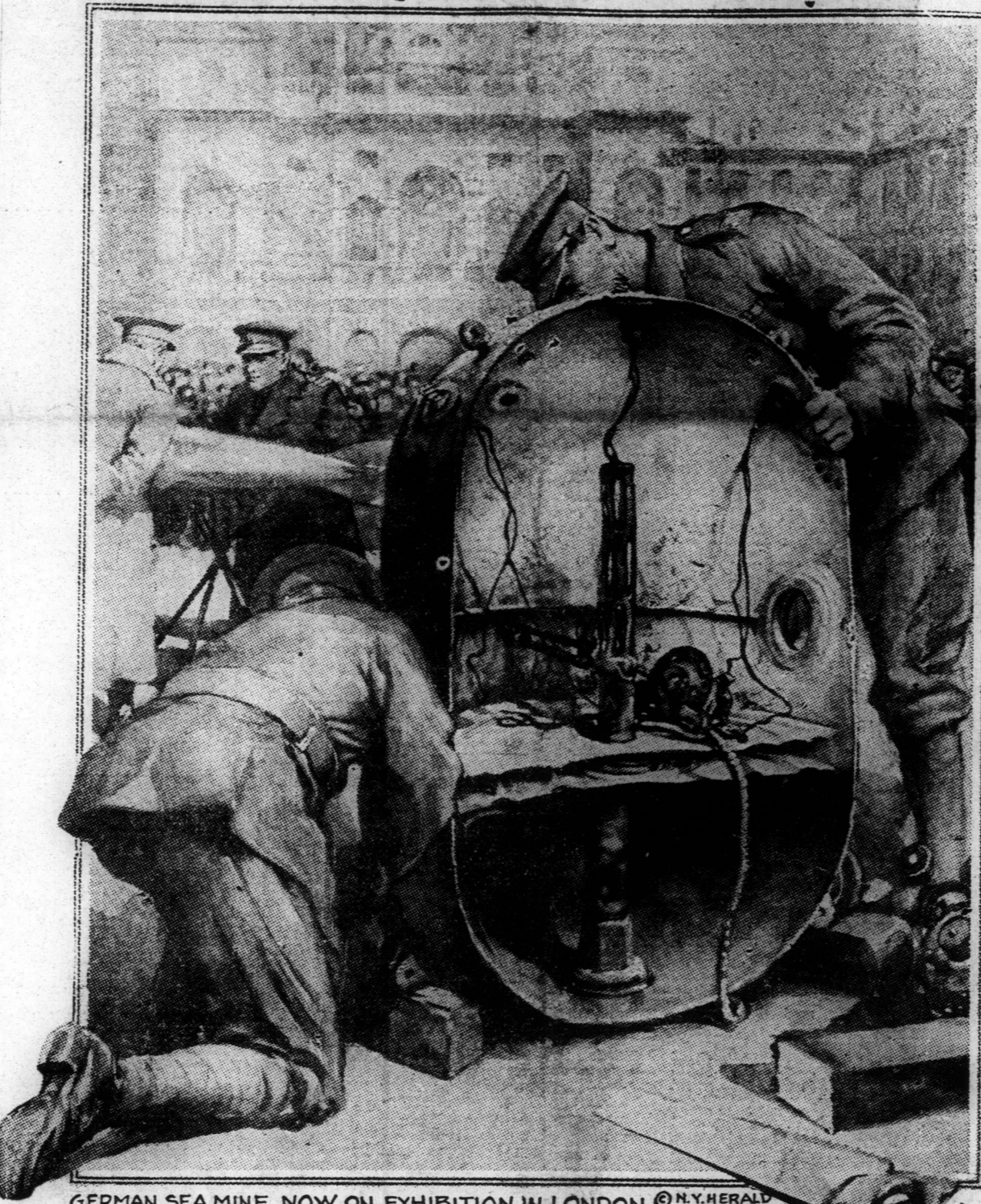
London, Dec. 15.—(In Montreal Gazette.)—Further details received in regard to the death at Grayshott of Sergeant Ozzane, in connection with which Lieutenant Coderre of the French-Canadian battalion is held, show the mounted infantryman was murdered in a most brutal manner. The body was slashed with a knife in such a way as to indicate that the slayer was in a state of frenzy. The deed must have been committed by a powerful man and doubt is expressed if a man of Lieutenant Coderre's stature could have, unaided, mastered the sergeant in a struggle. An astonishing feature of the case is the fact that Lieutenant Rochambeault and Major Hughes of the 41st battalion, slept all night in the vicinity of the crime without being aware that anything was wrong. Two orderlies of the 41st, Duchesne and Keiler, are detained as witnesses.

Ozzane was divisional canteen sergeant and it is said at the camp that he was in possession of a considerable sum of Canadian money, which he gave to Lieutenant Coderre to be exchanged into sterling while the latter was in London, the day before the crime, and it was evidently for the purpose of settling the transaction that the sergeant came to the officer's house at Grayshott village. The night of the tragedy Lieutenant Coderre messed as usual with his brother officers, and he betrayed no sign of agitation, and he betrayed no sign of agitation, and he betrayed no sign of agitation.

Mrs. Coderre reached London yesterday and went at once to Whitehall to see her husband.

New Denver's 1915 fruit fair was a money maker to the extent of \$45 after all expenses were paid.

GERMAN SEA TERROR CAUGHT BY THE BRITISH



GERMAN SEA MINE, NOW ON EXHIBITION IN LONDON. One of the most interesting exhibits among the war trophies which are now being daily inspected by crowds of Londoners is a section of a German sea mine. This mine has been brought in here in order to show the intricate mechanism. The upper portion of the mine contains the detonating apparatus in the centre (fulminate of mercury). This very high explosive fires the mass of gunpowder or other explosive, which occupies the lower section of the mine. The upper portion contains air, thereby supplying the necessary buoyancy for the mine. On the outside of the mine case proper certain knobs, which, when pressed inward, make an electrical contact, which fires the fulminate already referred to.

BRANT BATTALION IS ON THE BOOM

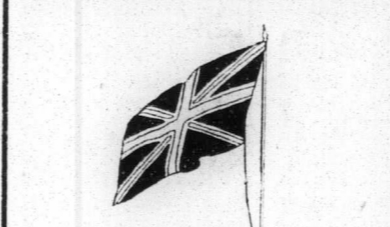
Twenty Seven Recruits is the Latest Record—Fourteen Bandsmen in the List.

The following recruits were added to the strength of the 125th Brant Battalion this morning. Fourteen of these twenty-seven are bandsmen.

- ERNEST ROBINSON, English, 20, dyer, single, Paris.
- WM. HENRY HINCHCLIFFE, English, 27, barber, married, Paris.
- HAROLD R. FILE, Canadian, 18, bookkeeper, single, 234 Dalhousie Street.
- JACK M. RAYMOND, Canadian, 20, clerk, single, 4 years B.C.I. cadets, 2 yrs. 38th, 7 Peel street.
- JAMES CURRIE, Canadian, 31, car-penter, married, 3 yrs. and Draggoon, 2 yrs. 38th, 80 Arthur St.
- ALBERT SMITH, English, 30, knitter, married, Paris.
- JOHN P. WILLIAMS, English, 35, mail carrier, married, Harley P.O.
- ERNEST D. FOOT, English, 19, farmer, single, Mt. Pleasant.
- FRANK E. SHAW, English, 34 yrs. shoemaker, married, 3 yrs. 91st Highlanders, 2 yrs. 38th D. R. C., 12 yrs. 17th Leicestershire Regt., 12 Albion St.
- WM. DAVIS, Canadian, 35, teamster, married, 6 yrs. 38th D. R. C., 233 Brant avenue.
- JAS. JENKINSON, English, 18 yrs. farmer, single, Paris.
- CHAS. FRANKS, Canadian, 20, knitter, married, Paris.

BANDSMEN.

- ROYAL STORY, Canadian, 36, machinist, married, 9 yrs. 38th D.R.C., Oak St.
- WALTER RICHARD BARTRAM, Irish, 36 yrs. timekeeper, married, 9 yrs. 38th D. R. C., 186 Wellington St.
- ALBERT C. WILLIAMS, English, 30, Machinist, single, 8 years 38th, D. R. C., 23 Glasgow street.
- PAUL DEBATTISTA, Maltese, 39, stone-mason, single 1 year 38th D. R. C., 186 Dalhousie street.
- PHILIP CIAPPARA, Maltese, 27, Musician, married, 6 months, 38th, 186 Dalhousie street.
- CHARLES MURRAY, English, 27, laborer, 4 years, 38th, 2 years 25th B. D. 30 Marlboro Street.
- CLAUDE GIRDLESTONE, English, 23, plasterer, single, 9 months 38th, 2 yrs. 25th, 93 Northumberland St.



RECRUITING RALLIES

For the Brant Battalion Will be Held Throughout the County as Follows:

AT OAKLAND—Friday, Dec. 17. Meetings will be held each evening at 8 o'clock. Women are specially invited to attend these meetings.

SITTING OF REICHSTAG WAS A STORMY ONE

BIG BATTLE

Likely to be Fought on Greek Territory in the Near Future.

Germany Has Issued Warning to Greece, Still Further Confusing Things.

Paris, Dec. 15.—An official statement on the Dardanelles operations says: "According to additional information the enemy losses as a result of our bombardment of the 12th were considerable. On the 13th the Turkish artillery on the European and Asiatic coasts were very active. Our guns replied effectively, and under their fire we perfected our defences and erected wire entanglements." London, Dec. 15.—The next big battle will in all probability be fought in Greece, despite the efforts of the Hellenic King and Government to save their country from the horrors of war. The British and French forces have made good their retirement down the Vardar Valley, and are now approaching Saloniki, where reinforcements are being landed, while reports received in Paris and Rome say that the Bulgarians have crossed the Greek frontier in pursuit. The reports of such action by the Bulgarians come somewhat as a surprise, as it had been thought that such a move by them would provoke the Greeks, and that consequently if the Entente Allies are followed at all the task would be allotted to the Austrians and Germans.

FOE NOT OVER BORDER.

An official statement received from Saloniki says: "The whole of the town of Guevgueli, near the Greek border, is in flames, following a bombardment by the Bulgarians."

"Our retiring movement continues"

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THE DEATH

Is Recorded of Viscount Alverstone—Formerly a Chief Justice.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Dec. 15, 1.19 p.m.—Viscount Alverstone, former Chief Justice of England, is dead.

Viscount Alverstone, for nearly thirteen years Lord Chief Justice of England was one of the most popular, humane and many-sided men in British public life. While on circuit on Newcastle in February, 1912, Lord Alverstone was seized with a serious heart attack, and his continued ill-health led to his resignation. Tall, athletically modelled and vigorous, he was a splendid specimen of the old school of English gentleman. He came into prominence before the American public as the representative of England on the Alaskan boundary commission. His vote in support of the chief claims of the United States gave America the practical victory. Many Canadians professed to believe, and with bitterness asserted, that the American government went into the arbitration only after it had reached an understanding that the Alverstone case should win and that Alverstone was put forward to carry out the diplomatic bargain. Previous to the Alaskan commission, Lord Alverstone, then Richard Everard Webster, rendered good service to the government, as one of the British counsel before the Venezuelan boundary commission, which met in Paris as a result of President Cleveland's famous war message.

He was born on December 22, 1842 his father being Thomas Webster, Q.C. well known at Westminster where he had a large practice, especially in patent cases. Lord Alverstone was a widower. His wife died in 1875, and his only son in 1910, after an operation for appendicitis. There is no heir to the title.

Peterboro Opposed.

Peterboro, Dec. 15.—In the Presidency of Peterboro the summary of the vote of the congregations on church union was as follows: Elders, 111 for, 108 against; members, 1,724 for, 1,882 against; adherents, 270 for, 357 against. Total, for, 2,105; against, 2,347. The total vote of members and adherents is 3,825 out of a possible of 7,082. The result in 1912 was a majority of 430 in favor of union.

Intermediate Hockey Schedule Drawn Up

Paris at Brantford, Jan. 5th. Paris at Hamilton, Jan. 7th. Hamilton at Paris, Jan. 10th. Brantford at Hamilton, Jan. 12th. Paris at Brantford, Jan. 14th. Brantford at Paris, Jan. 17th. Paris at Hamilton, Jan. 17th. Paris at Hamilton, Jan. 19th. Hamilton at Brantford, Jan. 21st. Brantford at Paris, Jan. 24th. Brantford at Hamilton, Jan. 26th. Hamilton at Paris, Jan. 28th. Hamilton at Brantford, Jan. 31st.

Government Refused to Answer Questions of a Socialist Deputy Regarding Food—Riots in Berlin.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Dec. 15.—The sitting of the Reichstag at Berlin yesterday was a stormy one owing to the refusal of the government to answer questions put by Dr. Liebknecht, the Socialist deputy, as to whether the government was prepared by the regulation of production and consumption to bring about uniform distribution of food stuffs and, whether it intended to make a serious beginning looking to the re-organization of the internal political regime during the course of the present session.

The president of the chamber, according to an Amsterdam despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company, refused to allow a number of supplementary questions submitted by Dr. Liebknecht, whose protests were drowned in the applause and general commotion.

Dr. Liebknecht, among other questions, wanted to know whether the government was prepared to publish official material concerning "the origin of the world war, especially relating to the diplomatic preliminary history of the Austrian ultimatum to Serbia, including the official and semi-official negotiations between the German and Austrian Governments since the Sarajevo assassination, and the preliminary history of the breach of Luxemburg's and Belgium's neutrality."

He inquired also whether the government would appoint a committee to investigate these matters. The German secretary of foreign affairs, Herr Von Jagow, replied that such diplomatic material had already been published, and would continue to be published as was found necessary, but the government opposed demand for a committee of investigation. He added: "The responsibility and atonement will fall only upon our adversaries."

The House displayed the greatest indignation at Dr. Liebknecht's persistence in putting supplementary questions, and finally the president cut short further questions by accepting a question as to whether the government would present a bill providing for the abandonment of secret diplomacy in favor of lasting control by the public and leaving the decision of peace or war to the representatives of the nation.

To this Herr Von Jagow, the foreign secretary replied by a brief negative. Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the imperial treasury, speaking on the occasion of the first reading of the bill for a supplementary war credit of \$2,500,000, said: "Security for our existence as a nation and empire has still to be wrested from our enemies, who, after six-teen months of military failures and defeats, still indulge in fancies of crushing or crippling Germany. The war must and will be prosecuted at all risk until this security is gained. Our credit will prove that all calculation on Germany's weakness, disunion, weariness, famine is, and remains, wrong. The great success of the September loan enables us to wait until March, and manage till then with treasury bonds. We had to convince the enemy of our strength in the field of finance. On the first installment day seventy per cent of the subscribed loan was paid. To-day the payments are 4,500,000,000 marks (\$1,125,000,000) in advance of those due. This proves how easily German political economy manages to bring up such a capital sum. Only \$80,000,000 marks paid in the third war loan came from loan societies.

"The savings banks show a highly satisfactory picture after paying out for the first and second war loans deposits were still 1,250,000,000 marks (\$312,500,000) higher than at the beginning of 1914. Among the 4,000,000 were 2,000,000 of less than 30,000 marks income. This, in fact, is a national loan, which England tried to raise, but failed."

STREET RIOTS

Berlin, Dec. 14 (by wireless to Tuckerton).—Among the items given out for publication to-day by the Overseas News Agency was the following: "The English Poldhu wireless station once more tells gruesome stories of street riots in Berlin last Thursday after the opening of the Reichstag. But Poldhu desires to shift the responsibility and quotes foreigners as its source of information."

Thus it reports that, according to Amsterdam news, two thousand persons raised the cry in the main streets of Berlin, "We Starve." It adds that according to a Copenhagen report the crowd numbered fifty thousand and that many persons were killed by the police. Since Poldhu conveniently withholds names it is impossible to say who was the inventor of the nonsense. The only thing certain is that on Thursday not even the capital crowds gathered. Berlin's main streets were empty."

Greek King Ill.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Dec. 15.—King Constantine of Greece has contracted a mild influenza with symptoms of a slight fever, according to the Athens correspondent of The Daily Chronicle. The court physicians are said to have prescribed that the king take a complete rest and abstain from participation in state affairs.

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WITH THE SOLDIERS

ORDERS FOR DEC. 15th, 1915. Duties.—Subaltern of the day, Lt. R. E. Watts. Next for duty, Lieut. C. O. Jolly.

Railway Fare Reduction—Through the courtesy of the C. P. Ry, and the T. H. & B. Ry, men going on pass via these lines are entitled to return

The provincial government ferry, William H. Ladner, is proving a boon to the residents of Ladner and the Delta district.

Gold ore to the value of over \$100 per ton has been found at the Surf Inlet mine, Prince Rupert, at a vertical depth of over 100 feet.

The abolition of the smaller mesh of fish nets, at least for the present, will be urged upon the British Co-

passage for the price of one single first class ticket and one third, upon presentation of a certificate duly signed by the commanding officer.

Tattoo—In view of the military boxing and wrestling contests at the Grand Opera House, tattoo will be extended until 10.45 p.m. on Thursday, 16th.

lumbia members of the Advisory Fishery Board.

The Creston Review says that a cow recently died at Duck Creek from eating yeast cakes and an umbrella.

Across the river from Trail there is a town called East Trail. About 80 families live there, and a general store has recently been opened by C. Hicks.

Laid at Rest

LATE MARGARET LAMPKIN

The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Lampkin took place yesterday from her late residence, 90 Lorne Crescent to Brant cemetery. Rev. A. Edmanson Norman officiated. The pallbearers were John Schultz, W. L. Hughes, E. A. Hughes, Wm. Wilson, R. C. Burns and Dr. Britton. There were a number of floral tributes.

LATE MR. AGNEW

The funeral of the late Mr. Agnew took place yesterday from his farm near the White School House to Greenwood cemetery. There was a very large attendance and many floral tributes. Rev. Mr. Woodside officiated and the pallbearers were Frank Bauslaugh, Foster Bauslaugh, Alec Edmanson Norman, Edmanson, G. Steedman, and E. McIntyre. Miss Hilda Hurley sang very sweetly, "Abide With Me."

MRS. JOHN GRAYDON

The many friends of Mrs. John Graydon were saddened when they learned of her death through notification on Sunday morning at 10.30. Mrs. Graydon was a highly esteemed member of Colborne Street Methodist church. The many flowers spoke highly of her friends' love and esteem. Mrs. Graydon was in her 57th year. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, little son, mother and brother, besides a host of friends. The relatives from a distance at the funeral were: Mrs. Templer, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Templer, Iona, Mr. and Mrs. S. Graydon, Courtland, Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Allen, Tillsonburg; Mr. and Mrs. F. Church, Preston; Mr. and Mrs. Blinkley, Greensville; Mrs. Waugh, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Colman, Galt. The bearers were: B. McAuley, E. Stewart, F. Stewart, A. Howarth, H. Roy, B. Simmons.

The floral tributes were as follows: Family, pincushion, hand bouquet, Mr. and Mrs. S. Graydon; wreath, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Church; sprays, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Templer, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Graydon, Mr. and Mrs. W. Graydon, Mr. F. Church, Aunt Harriett, Uncle Geo. Frank, Clara, Alvin and Vera, Mr. and Mrs. G. Lovejoy, Mr. and Mrs. A. Raines, Mr. A. H. Kew, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Milburn, Mr. and Mrs. H. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. E. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stewart, Mr. and Mrs. E. Crumb, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Wright, Billy and Pearl, F. W. Thompson's Bible class, Mrs. Laird, Mrs. Williams, Mr. Bert Simmons, Mr. H. Roy, Brant Encampment No. 4, I. O. O. F., wreaths, moulding dept., Cockshutt Plow Co.; Harmony Lodge, I. O. O. F.; iron moulders' Union No. 29; K. O. T. M.

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Nuptial Notes

AMES—WILKES

A pretty wedding took place in Grace Church this afternoon when Miss Dorothy Wilkes, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Wilkes was married to Mr. Cecil Ames of Cobalt. The guests consisted of relatives and immediate friends. White chrysanthemums were used in the decoration of the edifice. Archdeacon MacKenzie performed the ceremony. The bride was attired in white satin with Georgette crepe, and wore a bridal veil and orange blossoms. The best man was Lieut. Smythe, and two little nieces of the bride, Betty Gurd and Sydney Hewitt, acted as flower bearers. The gift of the groom to the bride was a gold wrist watch, and to the best man a military wrist watch. Mr. and Mrs. Ames will have the hearty congratulations and best wishes of many friends.

Obituary

AGNES V. BEDFORD

The death occurred suddenly this morning of Agnes V. Bedford, of 14 Drummond street. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bedford and was only four years of age. The little girl had been in good health previously and it was a sad blow to the parents that they should lose her so suddenly.

SELLING CANADIAN GOODS IN CHINA

Particulars of New Plan Can Be Obtained from Grand Trunk Railway.

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- Electors---**
If you are not working for Local Option, volunteer your services to-day. We need you.
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BURFORD
Mrs. George Messacar of Grimsby is visiting relatives in the village.
Mrs. Harris and children are spending two weeks at her home at Lucan. J. E. Brethour, J. Lloyd-Jones and E. Park attended Guelph show last week and did well with their stock.
Mr. Ira Wooden, the new proprietor of the Barnea House, has been making extensive improvements to the hotel. Last week he had a fine new furnace put in and new bedroom suites and new linoleum on the dining room. He intends adding three new rigs to the lively stable.
Mr. Russell Ellerby has taken a position in Galt for the winter.
A social gathering took place last week at the home of Mrs. N. A. McCallum when the adult bible class of the Methodist church presented Mrs. W. Jull with a fine quilt which she much missed in the Sunday school.
Mr. and Mrs. Haylow of Oxford Centre were calling on friends in the village last week.
Returned soldiers are loud in their praise of the new convalescent hospital at Esquimalt, B. C.

FOR KING AND COUNTRY Auction Sale
Of Household Furniture
W. J. Bragg, auctioneer, for sale on Friday next, 17th, at 11 Ruth St., commencing at 1:30 p.m. sharp the following: 1 brass rug 9x9, 1 oak rocker, 2 oak parlor tables, 2 pair cabin lace cut pair rep. arch curtains, blin- tures, 1 oak sideboard, 6 oak chairs, 1 extension table, 5 coal heater, 1 brass rug, 1 mantle clock, 1 child's high sewing machine, glassware, ware, 3 couch, 1 Huron cow high shelf and reservoir; 1 table, 4 chairs, 12 yards line Victoria washing machine and er, 1 baby buggy, 1 gas oven, 1 lawn mower, 1 step clothes horse, one 4-way gas shovel, rakes, pots, pans, 2 all kitchen utensils 2 large brass jardeniers, 2 heavy iron one wool mattress, 2 springs dressers, commodes, toilet set, linoleum, 1 child's rocker, 1 linoleum, hall wool rug, 3 doors, 12 yds. linoleum.
As Mr. Williams has everything must be sold. These are almost new and clean. Cash. On Friday next, Dec. 17, at 11 Ruth St., near Cockshutt Co. Take the Eagle Place corner Mohawk and Emily street just one block south.
Mr. Chris. Williams, W. J. Proprietor. Auctioneer.

AUCTION SALE
OF HIGH CLASS STOCK
Mrs. Barton, Burich, has instructed Welby Almas to sell by auction her farm, situated on River Road, mile east of Newport, better known as the Benedict Farm, on Monday, Dec. 20th, commencing at one o'clock, the following stock:
Horses—Black mare, in foal Bonnie Boy (a pure bred Clyde colt, rising three years old, by tion 2nd, dam by Lapshead).
Cattle—30 head—2 milch cows in February; 2 pure bred Herefords, due shortly, springing (extra good ones), nine yearling two year old heifers, fat. Seven thrifty steers, the right kind, two-year-old bull and three calves.
Pigs—Two brood sows.
Dinner will be served from one o'clock, for those from a distance.
Come early.
Terms—9 months credit by full satisfactory security, except cattle, which will be cash. 5 per cent off on credit amounts.
Welby Almas Mrs. B. Burich Auctioneer. Proprietor.

The military field post office at Vernon has been closed.

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1 brussels rug 9x9, 1 oak leather rocker, 2 oak parlor tables, 1 oak rocker, 2 pair cabin, lace curtains, 1 pair rep. arch curtains, blinds, pictures, 1 oak sideboard, 6 oak H. B. chairs, 1 extension table, 5 leaves, 1 coal heater, 1 brussels rug, 9x12, 1 mantle clock, 1 child's high chair, 1 sewing machine, glassware, silverware, 1 couch, 1 Huron cook stove, high shelf and reservoir; 1 kitchen table, 4 chairs, 12 yards linoleum, 1 Victoria washing machine and wringer, 1 baby buggy, 1 gas plate and oven, 1 lawn mower, 1 step ladder, clothes horse, one 4-way gas burner, shovels, rakes, pots, pans, 2 tubs, and all kitchen utensils 2 large ferns in brass jardiniere, 2 teapot iron beds, one wool mattress, 2 springs, 2 oak dressers, commodes, toilet set, 9 yards linoleum, 1 child's rocker, 4 yards linoleum, half wool rug, 3 dozen sealers, 12 yds. linoleum.

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Horses—Black mare, in foal to Bonnie Boy (a pure bred Clyde horse) foal, rising three years old, by Sensation 2nd, dam by Capstan.
Cattle—30 head—2 milch cows, due in February; 2 pure bred Holstein heifers, due shortly, springing good; extra good ones; nine yearlings and two year old heifers, fat. Seven good thirty steers, the right kind; one two-year-old bull and three spring calves.
Pigs—Two brood sows.
Dinner will be served from 12 to one o'clock, for those from a distance. Come early.
Terms—6 months credit by furnishing satisfactory security, except fat cattle, which will be cash; 5 per cent. off on credit accounts.

Welby Almas. Mrs. B. Burch, Auctioneer. Proprietress.

The military field post office at Vernon has been closed.

MARKETS

BRANTFORD MARKETS.

FRUIT	
Grapes, basket	0 20 to 0 00
Pears, basket	0 25 to 0 00
Apples, half	1 00 to 0 00
Apples, basket	1 00 to 0 00

VEGETABLES	
Pumpkins, basket	0 05 to 0 20
Beets, bush	0 30 to 0 00
Beets, basket	0 10 to 0 00
Horseshoe, bottle	0 15 to 0 00
Peppers, basket	0 25 to 0 00
Onions, basket	0 25 to 0 00
Potatoes, bag	1 50 to 1 25
Carrots, bush	0 40 to 0 00
Cabbage, doz.	0 40 to 0 00
Celery, 3 bunches	0 10 to 0 00
Cornish, bush	0 12 to 0 00
Furnips, bushel	0 30 to 0 00
Beans, bushel	0 60 to 0 00
Cauliflower, doz.	0 09 to 0 00
Hubbard squash, each	0 10 to 0 15
New Potatoes, bush	0 45 to 0 00
Green Peppers, basket	0 25 to 0 00
Corn, 3 dozen	0 10 to 0 00
Vegetable Marrow, each	0 05 to 0 00
Squash, each	0 05 to 0 20

DAIRY PRODUCTS

Butter, per lb.	0 32 to 0 00
Do., creamery, lb.	0 34 to 0 37
Eggs, per doz.	0 10 to 0 12
Chinese, new, lb.	0 18 to 0 20
Do., old, lb.	0 22 to 0 00
Honey, lb.	0 15 to 0 00

MEATS

Beef, roasts	0 15 to 0 10
Do., corned, lb.	0 18 to 0 20
Do., boiling	0 10 to 0 12
Ham, 12 lb.	0 12 to 0 15
Do., side	0 20 to 0 00
Bolegia, lb.	0 10 to 0 09
Do., corned	0 20 to 0 00
Do., boiled, lb.	0 45 to 0 00
Do., hind legs	1 50 to 0 00
Chops, lb.	0 25 to 0 00
Veal, lb.	0 12 to 0 15
Mutton, lb.	0 15 to 0 25
Beef, 12 lb.	0 25 to 0 20
Ribeyes, lb.	0 12 to 0 10
Pork, fresh lard, lb.	0 16 to 0 18
Pork chops, lb.	0 25 to 0 00
Dry salt pork, lb.	0 20 to 0 00
Chicken, 12 lb.	0 13 to 0 00
Chickens, pair	1 25 to 0 50
Racon, buck, lb.	0 25 to 0 00
Sausage, lb.	0 12 to 0 10
Ducks, each	0 80 to 1 00
Turkey, lb.	0 23 to 0 25
Geese, lb.	1 30 to 1 50

FISH

Smelts, lb.	0 10 to 0 09
Do., whitefish, lb.	0 10 to 0 00
Ciscoes, lb.	0 15 to 0 00
Whitefish, lb.	0 15 to 0 00
Salmon trout, lb.	0 15 to 0 00
Herring, lb.	0 10 to 0 12 1/2
Do., three	0 25 to 0 00
Flax, oil	0 15 to 0 00
Do., small, doz.	0 25 to 0 00
Silver haddock, lb.	0 12 to 0 00

TORONTO CATTLE MARKET.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Toronto, Dec. 15—Receipts at Union Stock Yards to-day were 853 cattle, 106 calves, 1156 hogs, 637 sheep.
Trade in cattle was steady, lambs strong, sheep firm, calves steady, hogs stronger.
Export cattle, choice, \$7.75 to \$8; butcher cattle, choice, \$6.75 to \$7.25; ditto, medium, \$6 to \$6.50; ditto common, \$4.50 to \$5.50; butcher cows, choice, \$6 to \$6.50; ditto, medium, \$5 to \$5.75; ditto, canners, \$3 to \$3.50; ditto bulls, \$4 to \$6.75; feeding steers, \$6 to \$6.50; market sows, \$5.75 to \$6 ditto, light, \$4.25 to \$5.25; milkers \$6 to \$7; springers, \$6 to \$7; sheep, ewes, \$7 to \$7.50; bucks and culls, \$3 to \$3.50; lambs, \$7 to \$11; hogs, all grades, \$8.75 to \$9.85; calves \$4.25 to \$10.

CHICAGO MARKETS

Chicago, Dec. 15—Cattle receipts, 20,000; market steady; native beef, \$6.10 to \$7; western steers, \$6.35 to \$8.35; cows and heifers, \$2.85 to \$8.45; calves, \$6.75 to \$10.35. Hogs, receipts, 57,000; market slow; light, \$5.85 to \$6.55; mixed, \$6.05 to \$7.75; heavy, \$6.25 to \$6.75; rough, \$6.25 to \$6.35; pigs, \$4.50 to \$6; bulk of sales \$6.25 to \$6.65. Sheep, receipts, 18,000; market steady; native sheep, \$6.10 to \$6.80; lambs, native, \$7.00 to \$9.50.

EAST BUFFALO MARKETS

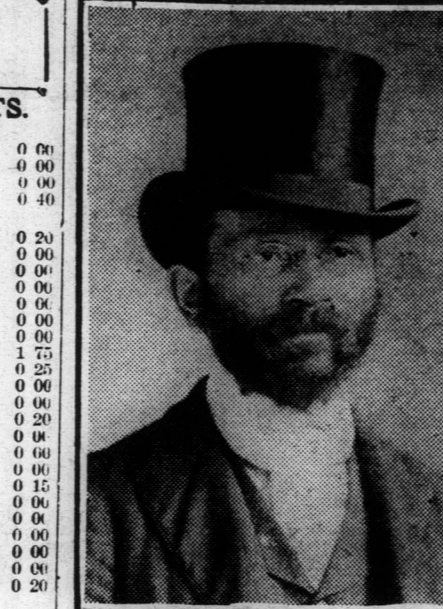
By Special Wire to the Courier.
East Buffalo, Dec. 15—Cattle—Receipts 500 head; active. Veals—Receipts, 100 head; active, \$4.00 to \$10.50. Hogs—Receipts 5,000 head; active and strong; heavy and mixed, \$6.85 to \$6.90; yorkers \$6.50 to \$6.85; pigs, \$6.25 to \$6.80; rough \$6.00 to \$6.10; stage \$6.00 to \$8.85. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 1,200; active; prices unchanged.

MONTREAL MARKETS

By Special Wire to the Courier.
Montreal, Dec. 15—East End Market—Cattle receipts about 600, cows and springers 35; calves 125; sheep and lambs 35; hogs, 1000. Trade was rather slow, but there were no changes to note in the prices. Prime beefs 7 1/4 to 7 3/4 c; medium 5 1/2 to 7 c; common 4 1/4 to 5 1/4 c; canners 1 1/2 c; cows, \$45 to \$80 each; calves 5 to 8 1/2 c. Sheep, 6 to 6 1/2 c; lambs 9 1/4 to 9 1/2 c. Hogs, 9 1/2 to near 10 c.

An Ottawa passed away the other day who had often engaged in lumber work on the Gatineau river for over half a century," says the Ottawa Journal. But the Ottawa man lived in romantic times, for there is a romance in industry as thrilling as any adventure. He saw the rise and climax of a business that made millionaires of those who intelligently followed it, having first got on "on the ground floor." He saw the development of a great industry around which is woven our local history and the history of all this section of Canada. These were care free days, too, when money was lavishly spent, when transportation was difficult and settlements were few, when towns were dependent upon the lumber kings, their employes and their patronage. When the Ottawa who has just died began work Bytown had a population of about 12,000 people—Hull had about 300 inhabitants.

Aches and Pains of rheumatism are not permanent, but only temporarily, relieved by external remedies. Way not use our internal remedy—Hood's Sarsaparilla. Will correct the acidity of the blood on which rheumatism depends and cure the disease?



By Special Wire to the Courier.
Rabbi Nachman Heller of New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, Montreal and Winnipeg, Canada, is on a visit to this city, on his way to Toronto, and will deliver a speech at the place of worship of the Brantford Hebrew Association, 33 Palace St., this evening, at 8 o'clock, taking Joseph of the Scriptural fame as the subject for his discourse. Joseph, as a matter of fact, turns part and parcel of the week's lessons from the occurrences, history, indeed, repeating itself, the slogan of "Tempora mutantur et nos mutamur in illis," notwithstanding. Engaged in circuit preaching, Dr. Heller unloaded his burdens and conveyed his visions to co-religionists and kinsmen both in the States and the Dominion, before numerous listeners and multitudes of audiences, his messages, preachings and sermons always being received with satisfaction and delight, turning time and again, objects and matters for instruction, interest and inspiration. Eloquent and stirring, Dr. Heller enchants his listeners, both for the time being and after, for days and weeks, the recollections proving forces for good and the reckonings turning beneficial and gainful.

Grand Trunk Railway

MAIN LINE EAST

Departures	Hamilton and East
6:30 a.m.	For London, Hamilton and East
7:05 a.m.	For Toronto and Montreal
7:38 a.m.	For Hamilton, Niagara Falls and East
8:20 a.m.	For Hamilton, Niagara Falls and intermediate stations
10:29 a.m.	For Hamilton, Toronto and East
1:57 p.m.	Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and intermediate stations
4:56 p.m.	For Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and intermediate stations
6:09 p.m.	For Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and East
8:32 p.m.	For Hamilton, Toronto and East
1:56 a.m.	For Hamilton, Toronto, Niagara Falls and East

MAIN LINE WEST

Departures	Port Huron and Intermediate stations
8:37 a.m.	For London, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago
9:55 a.m.	For London, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago
12:52 p.m.	For London, Detroit, Port Huron and intermediate stations
6:42 p.m.	For London, Detroit, Port Huron and Chicago
12:29 p.m.	For London, Detroit and Intermediate stations

BUFFALO & GODERIC LINE

East

Leave Brantford	10:45 a.m.	For Buffalo and intermediate stations
Leave Brantford	6:00 p.m.	For Buffalo and intermediate stations

GALT, GULPH AND NORTH

West

Leave Brantford	10:45 a.m.	For Galt, Guelph, Palmerston and all points north
Leave Brantford	8:24 p.m.	For Galt, Guelph and Palmerston
Leave Brantford	6:28 a.m.	For Galt, Guelph, Palmerston and all points north
Leave Brantford	8:42 p.m.	For Galt and Guelph

BRANTFORD & TILSONBURG LINE

West

Leave Brantford	10:25 a.m.	For Tilsonburg, Port Dover and St. Thomas
Leave Brantford	5:30 p.m.	For Tilsonburg, Port Dover and St. Thomas

G. R. ARIWALS

Main Line

From West—Arrive Brantford	1:56 a.m.
1:05 a.m.	7:58 a.m.
9:30 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
10:29 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
4:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.	8:22 p.m.
8:22 p.m.	3:36 a.m.
3:36 a.m.	3:32 p.m.
3:32 p.m.	8:10 a.m.

Buffalo & Goderic

From East—Arrive Brantford	9:53 a.m.
8:05 p.m.	3:42 p.m.
From West—Arrive Brantford	10:00 a.m.

W. G. & B.

From North—Arrive Brantford	9:05 a.m.
12:30 p.m.	4:29 p.m.
8:25 p.m.	3:29 p.m.

T. H. & B. Railway

For Hamilton, etc.	7:32 a.m., 11:32 a.m., 2:27 p.m., and 9:17 p.m.
For Waterloo	9:46 a.m., 11:32 a.m., 4:19 p.m. and 9:22 p.m.

Brantford & Hamilton Electric Railway

Leave Brantford	6:30 a.m., 7:45, 8:45, 9:45, 10:45, 11:45, 12:45, 1:45, 2:45, 3:45, 4:45, 5:45, 6:45, 7:45, 8:45, 9:45, 10:45, 11:45
Arrive Brantford	8:35, 9:45, 10:45, 11:45, 12:55, 1:55, 2:55, 3:55, 4:55, 5:55, 6:55, 7:55, 8:55, 9:55, 10:55, 11:55, 12:55

Brantford Municipal Railway

For Paris—Five minutes after the hour.
For Galt—7:05 a.m., 11:05 a.m., 1:05 p.m., 3:05 p.m., 5:05 p.m., 7:05 p.m., 9:05 p.m.
Last car leaves Galt for Brantford 10:40 p.m.

MT. VERNON

Don't forget the Christmas entertainment which is to be held on December 21st.
Born on December 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Johnston, a daughter. Congratulations.
Mr. and Mrs. H. Campbell and little daughter, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. MacDonald.
We are glad to hear that Mrs. W. Mott and Mr. A. Loomis are around again after an attack of pneumonia, but are still confined in the house.
Mr. Stanley Marlatt, Hamilton, spent Sunday with his parents here. School is closed here on account of the teacher being ill.

HATCHLEY

Mr. Standing, public school inspector, visited our school last week.
Mrs. E. Morris is visiting relatives in Brantford.
Miss Myrtle Currey spent the weekend in Norwich.
Mr. A. E. Watts, K. C., and Col. Cutcliffe of Brantford, who appealed for recruits for the Brant Battalion here on Monday evening, Dec. 13, secured the names of four young men of this district.
Miss Clara Yates, and Mr. G. H. Morris gave reports on Sunday of the convention of the Brant Sunday school workers, held in Brantford recently.
Mr. and Mrs. Silverthorne and children and Miss Daisy Stoakley, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. K. Root.

KELVIN

The ground is covered with snow at present, which begins to look like winter.
Neighborhood thieves have come into the area of chickens.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith of Burgessville were recent guests of their cousin here.

A few relatives spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Clarke.
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCombs spent one evening last week with Mr. and Mrs. Roy Thornton of this place.
Mr. and Mrs. J. Roswell spent Sunday with the latter's relatives.
Mr. D. E. Bloomfield was calling on relatives in this section one day last week.

Several of the farmers around here are busy at present preparing their wood for the winter.

HE DENIES

That the War Loans of Germany Are Fictitious, as Alleged.

Berlin, Dec. 14.—Via London.—Dr. Karl Helfferich, secretary of the imperial treasury, in his speech to-day in the Reichstag in support of the bill for the supplementary war credit of 2,000,000,000 marks (\$2,500,000,000) denied Helfferich's assertions made in newspapers in foreign countries that the success of the German war loans, was fictitious and made possible only by the loan of subscribers through the war credit banks. He stated that the total loans of these institutions was 1,600,000,000 marks (\$400,000,000) as compared with over 25,000,000,000 marks (\$6,250,000,000) in subscriptions.

Referring to his statement in August that total cost of the war to all the belligerents was almost 300,000,000 marks, Dr. Helfferich said that this

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Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1915.

The Situation.
 It begins to look as if a big Balkan battle is likely to take place right on Greek territory. The British and French forces in that region are preparing to make a stand at Saloniki, so that King Constantine will have fighting on his soil willing or unwilling. Large reinforcements are stated to be arriving at the port named. Up to date the allied forces do not seem to have suffered any very serious harm during their retreat.
 There would seem to be a big fight now raging in the Dardanelles. In the other sections there are no developments of importance.
 In the British House Bonar Law talked out very plainly to the men—they are to be found everywhere—who continue to carp and criticize with reference to the conduct of the war. He gave the needed warning that for his part he will resign from the Ministry unless such continual nagging cease.

The Money Expenditure in the War.

A United States statistician points out that a glance over the outstanding features of the war expenditure is enough to make anyone wonder how it was possible to amass such fabulous sums. Premier Asquith, in one of his speeches, remarked that the war against Napoleon cost the English nation about \$5,000,000 per week. The present war required \$105,000,000. In reckoning the expenses of the war, no consideration is made of the destruction of cities and villages, the laying waste of fields and above all the elimination of capital in the districts where battles have taken place. On the other hand, the wealth of Europe and the accumulation of capital in the last forty years of peace are such that many statisticians conclude that Europe will be able to stand the war's depredations for years.
 England can prosecute the war for six and a half years at the same cost as in the first year, before she will expend the same portion of her financial resources that Americans did in the four years of Civil War. This means that John Bull is still very far from bankruptcy. Almost the same applies to France, the next richest country in the world. France's outlay is proportionately somewhat smaller than England's. Following are statistics of the national wealth of the belligerent powers:

To each Englishman \$1,777; to each Frenchman, \$1,625; to each German, \$923; to each Italian, \$588; to each Austrian, \$500; to each Russian, \$250.
 This table is highly significant, not only in times of peace, but also during war. England's national wealth is as large as Germany's and Austria's combined. If the two Central Empires were able to continue this war another year, England and France, the two richest countries in the world, certainly can, and if "silver bullets" are really the deciding factor of the war, as is universally believed, the Entente Allies must be victorious. Proportionately, Italy is a wealthier nation than Austria, and as to Russia, we must consider that the peasant who contribute the great majority of soldiers, can exist by strict economy, on very little. For Russia the cost of waging war is considerably lower than that of any other of the belligerent nations. England and France, who may be called the bankers of the world, can in any event maintain financially all the Russian armies. Their resources when we take into account the natural opulence of their colonies, can be truly said to be inexhaustible.

Victoria Won.
 By Special Wire to the Courier.
 Vancouver, Dec. 15.—The match played here last night between Victoria and the local club was won by Victoria by a score of 7 to 5. This was the first meeting this season of these two clubs, and the old time rivalry was shown by the players. The game was one of the best played here in some time and was witnessed by a good sized crowd.

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A joint meeting was held on Monday evening at the Y. M. C. A. representatives of the City Council and Board of Trade, in reference to the reception to be extended to the well-known Australian Cadets, who have been meeting with such enthusiastic reception throughout Canada, also in New York and other cities in the United States. Owing to the absence of the Mayor at a recruiting meeting, Ald. J. S. Dowling occupied the chair.
 It was unanimously decided on behalf of the City Council and the Board of Trade to extend the privileges of the city to the manager, Lt. J. J. Simons and his Cadets, on the occasion of their visit here next month, January 4th and 5th. Mr. Duff T. Williamson, chief Scout of the Brant Avenue Boy Scouts, was elected chairman of the Reception committee.
 The following is the official programme of this really noteworthy event—
 Tuesday, January 4th—Cadets will arrive in the city via G. T. R. International Limited from Quebec at 7:32 p. m. They will be met by His Worship, the Mayor, the Mayor-Elect, and members of the City Council and representatives of the Board of Trade, escorted by the military band, Collegiate and Public School Cadets, Mohawk Cadets, Boy Scouts and Boy Knights. They will be conducted to the New Post Office, where a civic address will be read by Mayor Spence. Afterwards a banquet will be given to the visitors at the Masonic Hall by the city council and representatives of the city. Members of Parliament for both Brants, and other prominent citizens, will be among the speakers. A picket delegation from the different cadet corps, Boy Scouts, and Boy Knights will also occupy seats at the banquet table.
 Wednesday morning, January 5th—At 9 o'clock the Cadets will assemble at the Y. M. C. A. where the Brant Board of Trade will give the visitors from the Antipodes, a drive around the city, showing them the various historical points of interest and the principal factories engaged in the Australian trade, and will be the guests of the Board of Trade at luncheon at one o'clock at the Tea Pot Inn.
 At 3 p. m. the Cadets will give one of their celebrated Patriotic entertainments at the Grand Opera House, including the musical extravaganza, "Called to the Front."
 This will be under the auspices of the various Brantford Chapters of the Daughters of the Empire. A special invitation at popular prices will be extended to the school children of the city to attend the matinee.
 At 8:15 in the evening the Cadets will again present one of their unique performances. They have their own brass band of 29 pieces and will give demonstrations of physical drill gymnastic numbers, vocal, instrumental, elocutionary and other attractive selections.
 While in the city the Australian Cadets will be the guests at the homes of several prominent citizens.
 The proceeds of the two entertainments will be devoted 50 per cent to the Cadets, 50 per cent to the patriotic funds of the Patriotic Chapters, Daughters of the Empire.
 Everywhere throughout the Dominion the Australians have been given a most enthusiastic reception and the indications are that their visit to the Telephone City will not be the least interesting of their visits to Canada.
 It might be appropriately mentioned here that during their three months' tour of the Dominion they have turned over between eleven and twelve thousand dollars to Patriotic funds.

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BONAR LAW

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use to the government. If my party lost confidence in me I would not dream for a moment of continuing in the government.

"A general election at the present time might do a great deal of harm. It would, in any event, introduce an element of discord and be futile."

THE DUTY OF SILENCE

Premier Asquith also participated in the debate. He declared, regarding the criticism of the government's secrecy, that it was no gratification for the government to sit silent day after day under imputations and suggestions which could easily be refuted and blown into the air if it were not their bounden duty as the trustees of the nation to maintain reticence.

Dealing with the bill, the Premier declared that a general election at the present time would be a national calamity, but, he added, the government was not inflexibly wedded to the precise period of postponement named in the bill, and would be prepared to consider reasonable suggestions for an alteration of the term suggested.

After a short debate, the bill was given a second reading.

THORNE SILENCES LIBERAL

In the course of the debate Mr. W. H. Cowan (Liberal M.P. for Aberdeenshire) denounced the government's conduct of the war as a hopeless failure.

The Speaker interrupted Mr. Cowan several times, declaring his remarks irrelevant, which finally led Will Thorne, the Labor leader, to interject:

"You'd better turn it up, old sport." The remark upset the dignity of the speaker, and restored the much-needed good humor.

BIG BATTLE

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orderly. Bulgarian attacks against our rearward detachments were repulsed.

"All our contingents are now assembled within the Greek border, which frontier has not yet been crossed by a single Bulgarian."

GERMANY WARNS GREECE.

Greece's situation diplomatically has been complicated by the request of Germany to know whether the Athens Cabinet does not look upon the use of Greek territory by the Entente allies as a breach of her neutrality, and this inquiry is considered to foreshadow German participation in the pursuit. However, it is not believed here that the Germans have many troops in that part of the Balkans, their main force having been diverted to Rastchuk when the Russian threat of an invasion of Bulgaria seemed likely of fulfillment, and that, therefore, the Entente troops for the present only have to fear the Bulgarians, as the Austrians are still being occupied in Montenegro and Albania, where the Montenegrins and Serbians are keeping up a stubborn resistance. It has again been reported that the Italians have landed an army on the Albanian coast to go to the assistance of the Serbs, and Montenegro.

ALLIES SLIGHTLY HARMED.

Reviewing the past week's operations, Reuter's correspondent at Saloniki says the fighting during the week did no serious harm to the allied forces, the Bulgarians having shown no desire to come to close quarters since last week, Monday.

"The British casualties on that day," says the correspondent "although severe, totalled less than a thousand, but during the rest of the week a few dozen would sum up the Franco-British front."

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Million-Dollar Fund For Returned Soldiers

Toronto, Dec. 15.—"We need every dollar we can get to carry on the work of the Red Cross," said the President of the Canadian branch of that association, Lieut.-Col. Noel Marshall, speaking at a concert held under the auspices of the McEroy Manufacturing Company, which was held in the Technical School auditorium last night.

The speaker, after giving a brief outline of the work carried on by the Red Cross, made an urgent appeal for funds.

"We aim to have a surplus of a million dollars at the end of the war," he said, "to take care of the returned soldiers—and we will need every cent of it."

A miscellaneous program was provided by some of the talented employees of the company giving the concert. About one thousand people were present.

Take Census of Men

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Major LeGrand Reed of the Recruiting Depot suggested to the Police Commissioners yesterday that a census be taken of the city by the police to obtain the names of all men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five that recruiting officers might make a direct appeal to ascertain the reason why many have not enlisted.

The Chief Commissioner has approved the suggestion and it has been left to him as to the plan to be adopted.

When the Commissioners have learned the identity of the individuals on the committee of the Suffragists war association committee and the nature of their work, they will give their decision upon the request of Mrs. L. A. Hamilton regarding the association's collection in aid of Serbian children.

FRENCH COST OF WAR.

Paris, Dec. 14.—The appropriations committee of the chamber of deputies, reporting to-day upon the requirements of the Government for the first quarter of 1916, summarizes the cost of the war thus—
 The total expenses of the government from August 1, 1914, to December 31, 1915, were 31,024,000,000 francs (\$6,204,800,000) of which the parliamentary expenditures were 24,347,000,000 francs. While the average expenses of the government during the first five months of the war were 1,780,000,000 francs, the estimates for the first quarter of the new year average 2,505,000,000 francs monthly.

The committee reported that it had rejected the request of the minister of finance that the income tax of July, 1914, should be applied to January 1, 1917.

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COLLUSION

Is Alleged in the French Chamber of Deputies.

By Special Wire to the Courier.
 Paris, Dec. 14.—In the course of a debate in the Chamber of Deputies to-day, severe criticism was made of relations between the War Ministry and certain individuals who are selling supplies to the government. It was asserted the ministry had dealt with persons whose sole occupation, hitherto, had consisted in frequenting pleasure resorts at night and there picking up customers. These persons, it was said, were regarded as worthy to furnish shoes, clothing and cannon.

Deputy Julien-Antoine Simyan said this was scandalous and even criminal, and that a government official, Paris, being informed of the facts, declined to strike the guilty persons because an accomplice.

The French ambassador at London, M. Simyan continued, had made a report on the activities of certain persons who were endeavoring to obtain illegal profits from the government. The ambassador's report, he said, concluded with the statement, saying advice from the minister at Paris established the fact that he was compelled to submit to the actions of these persons, without profiting therefrom.

In the purchase of horses alone, M. Simyan declared that commissions amounting to several million francs had been paid. He characterized this as scandalous, and said Inspector Gaillard of the army had demanded a searching investigation. An inquiry was ordered, he continued, but the commission which controls government purchases took the ground that if the facts were known they would cause a public protest. The secretary of Alexandre Millerand, then minister, was of the same opinion, the speaker declared, and M. Millerand approved his secretary's view.

This assertion brought M. Millerand and to his feet. He protested that M. Simyan was mistaken. He attempted to speak further, but the confusion was so great that his remarks could not be heard.

When quiet was restored, M. Simyan reiterated his assertion. In conclusion he turned to General Gallien, minister of war and said:

"Say little, write less, but strike hard." The entire chamber applauded as M. Simyan concluded.

"Further discussion of the interpellation in regard to the contracts was postponed until Thursday."

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LA SALETTE
 Mrs. B. Lawrence left for Detroit on Tuesday to attend the funeral of her nephew, Thomas McMonagall, who was accidentally killed while driving an automobile, which was struck by a street car.
 We are sorry to report that Wm. Jordan is on the sick list. We hope for his speedy recovery.
 W. J. Seeker spent the week end in Buffalo.
 Earlard Burnham and Miss Rena Kramer spent Sunday at A. Beal's.
 Miss A. Boughner returned home on Thursday after having been confined to the house with pleurisy for some time at A. Slaght's.
 Miss Clara Lawrence spent Sunday in town.
 Miss Margaret Rosehart visited at W. McCauley's one day last week.
 Miss Monetta Jordan visited at D. Jordan's on Saturday last.
 We are sorry to report that Mrs. A. K. Trevell is seriously ill and went to the hospital in Woodstock on Thursday last.
 B. Olmstead visited at J. Bealey's on Wednesday last.
 J. W. McCauley visited at W. T. Smith's on Sunday last.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14.—China's appeal to the foreign powers to preserve peace in portions of the Republic beyond Chinese jurisdiction is being what justified by conditions in Shanghai. This city is a refuge for criminals and outlaws from various parts of China and many of them are desperate enough to undertake any criminal commission. The municipal jail contained more than twelve hundred convicts late in September, a record for this season. Chinese crooks enjoy life in the Shanghai jail. It affords a pleasant home in winter, and offers better food than Chinese coolies are accustomed to.
 There is considerable agitation here for the restoration of flogging in an effort to discourage loafers from seeking jail sentences. No other part of China is as lenient to criminals as Shanghai. Under Chinese law, they are flogged for small offences and executed for serious ones. Here in Shanghai, jail sentences and comfortable lodging make law-breaking very attractive. Recently there have been many cases of Chinese actually assaulting policemen for the sole purpose of getting locked up during the winter.

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LOCAL

COUNTY COUNCIL
 A meeting of the Council has been called for Wednesday, 22nd, at the Court House.

INTERIOR ECONOMY
 Captain E. Trump, Lieutenant Wilkes visit quarters of the 125th Battalion this morning for the purpose of justifying the administration economy of the Battalion, supervision, difficulties straightened out.

LAST SHIPMENT
 The Women's Patriotic Society wishes to notify those of our members who have worked out to it, if possible, by Saturday, that the last shipment for 1915 goes next week.

ENJOYABLE TIME
 The Women's Institute view entertained their friends right royally in their view School last evening. Refreshments were served by the ladies. The unavoidable absence of Mrs. A. McWebb took the place of Mrs. W. H. Hammond and Mr. J. H. Hammond. Mrs. J. H. Solos were given by Mrs. C. McWebb, Miss E. Marjorie Hammond and (instrumental). At the vote of thanks to those who on part was moved by Mrs. J. H. Hammond.

BOXING AND WRESTLING
 Great interest has been shown in a wrestling bout which took place in the Opera House on Thursday night. The wrestling was extended to the benefit of the men of the Y. M. C. A. in order to enable the men to purchase a ticket for the match. Lt. R. T. Hall of the Militia telephoned in for a block of one hour to be reserved. There were large attendances from both sides, and the indications are excellent.

MISSIONARY MEETING
 At the monthly meeting in Colborne St. League, Struthers acted as chairman. Miss Nellie Bedford gave an address on the Methodist work amongst the Italians. There are about twelve thousand Italians in Toronto at the present time. There are three Italian Missions, is toward the uplift of the

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

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A meeting of the County Council has been called for Wednesday, Dec. 22nd, at the Court House.

INTERIOR ECONOMY

Captain E. Trump, D.O.S., and Lieutenant Wilkes visited the headquarters of the 125th Brant Battalion this morning for the purpose of adjusting the administration and interior economy of the Battalion. Under their supervision, difficulties were soon straightened out.

LAST SHIPMENT

The Women's Patriotic League wishes to notify those of their workers having work out to kindly return it if possible by Saturday as the last shipment for 1915 goes forward early next week.

ENJOYABLE TIME

The Women's Institute of Grandview entertained their husbands and friends right royally in the Grandview School last evening when very dainty refreshments were served. In the unavoidable absence of the president, Mrs. Bayless, the vice-president Mrs. A. McWebb took the chair. Mrs. W. H. Hammond and Mrs. S. G. Read gave very interesting addresses and solos were given by Mrs. Savage, Mrs. C. McWebb, Miss E. Bailey, Miss Marjorie Hammond and Mrs. Laing (instrumental). At the close a hearty vote of thanks to those who had taken part was moved by Mrs. Kenney.

BOXING AND WRESTLING

Great interest has been taken in the boxing and wrestling bouts which will take place in the Opera House tomorrow (Thursday) night. Col. Stewart has extended the time of lights out for the men of the 84th battalion in order to enable the men to attend. Lt. R. T. Hall of the Mounted Rifles of Hamilton telephoned to-day asking for a block of one hundred seats to be reserved. There will also be a large attendance from Paris, and the indications are excellent for a large house.

MISSIONARY MEETING

At the monthly missionary meeting in Colborne St. League, Miss Grace Struthers acted as chairlady while Miss Nellie Bedford gave an interesting address on the Methodist Mission work among the Italians in Toronto. There are about twelve thousand Italians in Toronto at the present time and the Methodist Union with its three Italian Missions, is doing much toward the uplifting of these people.

KITCHEN SHOWER

A jolly surprise, and kitchen shower was held at the home of Mrs. Beattie, 8 High street, on Tuesday evening, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ripley. After games and luncheon all returned home having spent a jolly time.

WIVES AND MOTHERS

The regular meeting of the Soldiers' Wives and Mothers was held on Tuesday afternoon in the school room of the Park Baptist church. There was a very good attendance. The Bible study was taken by Miss F. VanSomeren, from Matthew 18: 1-6—the child in the midst, and the central thought being humility and obedience. It was listened to with marked interest. Gardiner took "Economy," for the heart to heart talk, in view of the great demands on all our purses, and the temptation to spend a little freely at this season of the year. The meetings are growing in interest, and attendance. Words of appreciation from those who attend are heard all over the city. Any lady desiring to do so, may attend and find a welcome. The next meeting, which will be on the 22nd, will be of special interest to the little ones, who come with mothers, and who have been so well behaved at all the meetings.

OFFICERS ELECTED

Court Brantford No. 503, I.O.F. held their annual election of officers last night. There was a large attendance. The elections resulted as follows: Court Deputy, Bro. W. H. Freeborn; Past Chief Ranger, Bro. J. F. Van Lane; Chief Ranger, Bro. Adrian Anghuis; Vice-Chief Ranger, Bro. Geo. Mackford; Rec. Secy, Bro. W. T. Downes; Fin. Secy, Bro. A. B. Lee; Treas. Bro. Amos Lemon; Auditor, Bro. S. A. Linington; Sr. Woodward, Bro. A. G. Wilson; Jr. Woodward, Bro. Thos. Sanders; Senior Beadle, Bro. C. Heinrich; Trustees, Bros. A. Roberts, Rutledge and H. J. Linington; Finance Committee, Bros. F. J. Waterson and W. J. Weller. The elections were presided over by Mr. J. F. VanLane, Chief Ranger, Court Physician, Bro. Dr. Hanna, was present and gave a very interesting recruiting address. It is proposed at the installation to invite members of the order, who are in the ranks of the 125th battalion and the 84th battalion.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GUILD

At the meeting of the Zion Young Peoples Guild on Monday night, Mr. Geo. G. Scott, Vice-President of the Educational Dept. occupied the chair. Great credit is due Mr. Scott for the unique and wonderfully educative programme presented; many of the world's greatest artists being heard. The numbers were very carefully selected and enthusiastically received by the music-lovers present. The programme was as follows: "Traumerie," Maud Powell, violin; "Abide with Me," Clara Butt, contralto; "Scenes that are Brightest," harp, violin, flute; "Drink to me only with thine eyes," Gogorza-Baritone; "Caro Nome" (Dearest Name) Sembrich, soprano; "Rosary," Cello; "Forgetting to Evran Williams, tenor; "Sextette" (from Lucia) Caruso, Scotti, Sembrich, etc.; "His Lullaby," Schumann-Heink, contralto; "Sanctissima," Trinity Chimes; "A Perfect Day" violin, cello, piano. This treat was possible through the kindness and generosity of Mr. E. L. Cockshutt, who brought his very interesting Victrola, and in a most entertaining manner told stories of the lives of these musicians, all of whom he has heard on the platform, and many of whom he has met personally. Encores were the order of the evening, the numbers "Caro Nome" by Sembrich and "A Perfect Day" proving especially popular. The chairman in a few words thanked Mr. Cockshutt on behalf of the Guild, after which the meeting closed with "God Save the King."

CARD OF THANKS

Mr. J. Graydon and family wish to thank their many friends for kindnesses and sympathy expressed in their recent sad bereavement.

FARMERS MEET

In Connection with Formation of a Co-Operative Society.

VERY BUSY

The Court of Revision is indeed busy to-day in the Court House with the five hundred and sixty-six voters' appeals sent in by the Local Option and Anti-Local Option parties.

SKATING PARTY

The High School Club and Fossils club members have decided to hold a large skating party at the rink on Thursday, December 23rd. It will no doubt be a big success as every member is enthusiastic.

OAKLAND MEETING

A splendid recruiting meeting was held last night at Oakland and, judging from the large number of recruits listed to-day, was not fruitless. A large number of able-bodied men were present and heard stirring addresses given by Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, Mr. A. E. Watts, Mr. J. J. Hurley, Colonel Cutcliffe and other 125th officers. After the meeting the delegation was hospitably entertained by Warden Cook.

LIBERAL ONE WINS

A schedule game of carterball was played off last evening on the Liberal Club floor between the W. O. W. team and the Liberal No. 1 team. The game during the first half was rather one sided, the Liberals obtaining a good lead in the second half the W. O. W. played a much better game, but were unable to reduce their opponents lead to any extent. The final was Liberal No. 1, 115; Woodmen of the World, 73. Harvey Cole captained the Woodmen and A. Ellison the Liberals. Frank Armitage was referee.

LAST SESSION

The last meeting of the year of the Township Council was held this morning in the Township office. Only a few communications and accounts were dealt with and only a very short session was necessary. In reply to the request of the Soldiers' Aid Commission, the large manufacturers of the city will be solicited. The following communications were filed: Canadian Suffrage Association; Globe Furnitures Company; Toronto Hospital for Incurables, Matthews-Blackwell, Limited, Brantford General Hospital and Mrs. Smith.

ENJOYABLE CONCERT

Is Held at the Congregational Church Tuesday Evening.

Under the auspices of the men's "Pleasant Sunday Afternoon" Association of the Congregational Church, a most enjoyable concert was given last evening. Rev. Mr. Kelly occupied the chair in a happy manner. The following was the program: Orchestra, 7:45 to 8 o'clock; chairman's address, Rev. Mr. Kelly; orchestra; reading, Miss Moyer; trombone solo, Mr. G. Bygraves; song, Mr. George Crooker; overture, orchestra; song, Miss Wood; cornet, Mr. Williams; reading, Miss Edmondson; song, Mr. G. Crooker; march, orchestra; reading, Miss Moyer; song, Mr. F. Farnsworth; reading, Miss Berry; song, Miss Wood; God Save the King. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was moved to the performers by Mr. J. L. Dixon, seconded by Mr. W. J. Hill. Refreshments were later served to those who had provided such a delightful evening.

DISMISSED

Wheeler Gets Off on Charge of Assault, Which Ended Fatally.

Clarence Wheeler faced a charge of assault, causing bodily harm, in the police court this morning. After Crown Attorney Wilkes and W. S. Brewster, K.C., had examined the witnesses, and after the Crown Attorney had given his version of the case, Magistrate Livingston made his decision. He said that the death had resulted from Wheeler's push, although not done intentionally. Since his drinking had caused one death, Wheeler must "put the lid on," so to speak, and keep it there. But because it was entirely unintentional, the charge was dismissed.

Much evidence was given. Summed up, it amounted to the following: On the day of the occurrence, Saturday, December 4th, David Cowell came along and met Clarence Wheeler at the latter's meat stall on the market street at about 8 o'clock in the evening. Both were more or less under the influence of liquor, and the conversation was at first rough but friendly. Cowell, however, started to swear and use abusive language, which roused up Wheeler's temper. It developed into a quarrel and Wheeler wanted to fight, but the other was content to use his tongue only. He used it too much and was given a push by the other. The push wouldn't have caused any accident, Cowell had not been dizzy, and it was just strong enough to overbalance him. He fell backwards like a log of wood, and hit his head on the pavement. Then Wheeler disappeared and the police patrol was summoned. After being kept two or three hours in the police station the injured man was sent up to the hospital, and there died at 4:20 in the morning.

Mr. Warren E. Smith of Port Colborne has sent in an application to the city clerk for permission to rent the first floor of Mr. J. F. Schult's building on Dalhousie street for roller skating purposes. The matter will be brought before the next council meeting.

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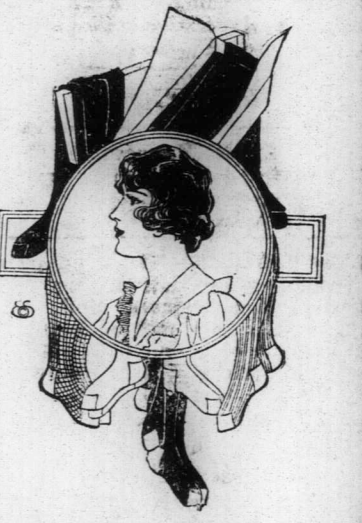
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Genius is one of those things for which it is impossible to account by heredity or otherwise. Yet talent, and sometimes talent of a high degree, not infrequently runs through a family, and in no subject more than in music. In a remarkably large number of cases musicians of genius have received their earliest instruction and inspiration from their mothers. In others there is the association of an allied trade or profession which helps to keep the talent alive. Such cases are those of the great violin makers of Cremona—the Amati and Stradivari families; and of London, those of Hill and Stainer; and of music publishers, such as Novello and Curwen. In these cases, however, the art was nearly always preceded the trade, and in many of them has been carried on alongside of it.

Of the families which have been famous entirely or mainly for the artistic side of their music that of Bach is the most notable. And it is the most notable for three reasons. First, it continued for the longest time on record for a musical family the founder being born some time before the year 1560 and the last of the race dying in 1845. Thus for at least a half century this family was producing and performing music chiefly of a high character; secondly, it produced a large number of musicians of note, no fewer than 18 of its members, in the course of six generations, achieving reputations of more than local extent; thirdly, one of its members—Johann Sebastian—was one of the greatest composers of all time.

A somewhat similar instance was that of a contemporary family in France named Couperin, members of which held the post of organist at St. Gervais, Paris, for about 50 years. From 1650 to 1700. The most famous member of this family was Francois Couperin, known in his own days as "le Grand." He had a great influence on Johann Sebastian Bach, whose senior he was by about 17 years.

ENGLISH INSTANCE
An English family whose history exceeded this was that of Camidge. Three generations, father, son and grandson, held the position of organist at York Minster, the whole period covered being over a century. This family is still represented in the musical profession, one of its members being organist at the Collegiate church, or, as it is commonly known, at Beverley, in Yorkshire.

It is somewhat striking that England has been the home of more families that have maintained their musical eminence than any other country. Henry Purcell, the composer, who is commonly admitted to be the greatest of those native to England, was one of a family which numbered at least seven whose reputations, if not their works, have lasted to-day. Orlando Gibbons shared honors with his father, brother and uncle. Handel's two great rivals in England, Bononcini and Thomas Augustinus Arne, the former an Italian and the latter an Englishman and the composer of "Rule Britannia," and many other songs still popular, both belonged to musical families. Arne's sister, Susanna Maria, who became the daughter-in-law of Colley Cibber, was a famous actress and singer in her day, and a younger brother was also well known as a singer. Michael Arne, the son of T. A. Arne, was also an actor and singer, but still more famous as a pianist—or harpsichordist—and composer. Other English

musical families of note have been those of Godfrey, the famous military bandmasters; Macfarren, teachers and composers; Smart, organists and composers; Bennett—of whom the most famous, William Sterndale, was born in Sheffield; and Russell. The last of these includes, besides the composer of "Cheer, boys, cheer," his son Henry, the eminent American opera entrepreneur, and the popular conductor-composer and teacher, Landon Ronald. Doctor Kendrick Pyne, formerly the organist at Manchester Cathedral and now of the University and Town Hall, and famous as a recitalist, is the third in the direct line who have followed the same pursuit.

MOZART AND MENDELSSOHN.
Among composers of the first rank who have been members of families largely engaged in music other than those named are Lulli, Mozart and Mendelssohn. Mozart was the son of a musician, and like Mendelssohn he had both a sister and a son whose all-round musical attainments were worthy of more than ordinary reputation. Most pianists know some of the works of Alessandro Scarlatti and his son, Domenico. Not all, however, know that the latter had a son, Giuseppe, who acquired reputation as a composer. Another name well known to pianists for various reasons is that of Cramer. This was a family originating in Silesia, of whom the earliest known, Jacob, born in 1705, was a flautist and at one time a member of the famous Mannheim orchestra. He had two sons, Johann, a drummer, and Wilhelm, a violinist. Wilhelm had three sons, all famous pianists and founders of the musical firm, John August Singers, who will be interested in the fact that the name Ronconi, is that of at least three generations of professional vocalists. The earliest of these, Domenico Ronconi, grandfather of Giorgio and Sebastiano, whom most keen followers of musical events will remember, was born in 1772. His son, Felice, was well known for his compositions as well as for his singing.

It will be well within the memory of all that Anton Rubinstein was not alone in his family as a musician, his brother Nicolaus being almost equally distinguished in his own country. Lesser known families are those of First-class flautists; Hartmann, Danish composers; and Field and Farmer, English composers.

THE HOUSE OF STRAUSS.
But the best known and one of the most striking has not yet been mentioned. This is the family of Strauss, composers. This family is a remarkable instance of a rapid rise in musical ability and celebrity. The parents of the first composer, Johann Strauss, who was born in Vienna, in 1804, were small innkeepers of no particular intelligence or training. Johann was something of a genius, and his talent as a boy of thirteen or fourteen was so obvious as to encourage his friends to give him a musical education. His eldest son—also Johann—

was the composer of "Die Fledermaus" and other popular operettas, and of the "Blue Danube" waltz, the younger sons, Joseph and Eduard, being famous for their dance music alone.

The name is that of many other musicians at the present time, who, however, are not in any way related to this family. It is a matter of curious interest how certain names figure in musical matters, and that of Strauss is a noteworthy modern instance. But that is a different story.

BASEBALL PEACE FINALLY ARRANGED

New York, Dec. 15.—Tentative terms of peace between organized baseball and the Federal League were ratified by duly authorized officials of both parties at a dinner given by President John K. Tener, of the National League, at the Elks Club in this city Monday night. The formal endorsement of Ban Johnson, president of the American League, also is needed to terminate the long-drawn-out and financially unfortunate hostility to an honorable ending.

Barney Dreyfuss, aptly termed the "Elihu Root of the National League," is speeding to Chicago with this tentative peace plan, and certain suggestions for reconstruction to go into detailed conference with Mr. Johnson and the American League club owners at the opening of the junior major circuit's annual meeting. Thursday afternoon, Dreyfuss set out hurriedly yesterday afternoon, after August Herrmann had tried in vain for hours to establish wire connections with his fellow member of the National Commission in Chicago.

The general scheme of peace, as outlined in these dispatches, forms the basis of the treaty in the possession of Dreyfuss. It was the result of approval of Johnson, because it is every sense a moral triumph for organized baseball. The Federal League, or that part of it which through the might of money is entitled to a voice, has pledged itself to withdraw the injunction proceedings against working agreement of organized baseball law, a case which for almost a year has hung fire in the judicial judgment of Judge K. M. Landis, of Chicago.

These same financial pillars of the independent organization will be taken under the great tent of the resulting happy family. The small fry will find shelter in the wigwags of the little brothers of the minor leagues. Harry F. Sinclair, the multi-millionaire oilman of Oklahoma is soon to be entitled to sit at his feet under the table with Ban Johnson, John Tener, Garry Herrmann, Chas. H. Ebbets, and the rest of the elite. Sinclair will purchase one of New York's major league clubs. He may not be able to secure controlling interest, but he will at least secure half interest in either the Giants or the Yanks.

been extended from February 12 to February 18, which will give the teams a grand season in their own districts with seven weeks of hockey.

A new O. H. A. junior group has been formed in the east to include Peterboro's Electric, Lindsay, Campbellford and Belleville. Lindsay was omitted from the original draw and the other teams did not wish to play with the lake shanties teams. Mr. D. Craig of Peterboro has been appointed convener.

Puckerings.

Fred Lake, the veteran hockey player of Ottawa, has signed up to coach the 7th team of the Ottawa City League.

Turnbull of last year's Tillsonburg team will play on the defence for the Woodstock juniors this week.

Still Angling for the Services of "H.R." Baker

Chicago, Dec. 14.—American League magnate, hobnobbed with each other yesterday, but up to a late hour none of the expected trades had been made. They were discussed but always behind closed doors. The fans will have to wait a little longer for the news concerning Frank Baker's 1916 berth, and the name of the man who will play third base for the White Sox, as well as answers to other questions which have agitated the baseball populace for several weeks. Only the advance guard reported yesterday. This afternoon the annual meeting will get under way.

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ECHO-PLACE NEWS

A big recruiting rally was held in the Echo Place school house on Monday evening. Speakers were J. J. Hurley and Mayor Spence. Miss Saunders and Miss M. Patterson were the soloists for the evening. The Echo Orchestra provided music throughout the evening.

The Elm avenue S. S. rooms were a busy centre Tuesday afternoon and evening, the Ladies' Aid having a bazaar there.

The Ladies' Institute will meet on Thursday, Dec. 16th in the Echo Place School. As this is the last meeting before Christmas, the roll call will be answered with Christmas quotations.

Elm Avenue S. S. were intending to hold their annual Christmas tree, Dec. 21st but owing to about half the little tots being ill, it has to be postponed.

CAPTAIN DEAD

This, It is Said, Will be One of the Austrian Excuses.

Rome, December 15.—It is said from a neutral diplomatic source that Austria, in the replies to the American note on the sinking of the Italian passenger steamer Ancona, will attempt to exculpate the captain of the Ancona and of the submarine. The Austrian Government also will explain evasively, according to the information given to the correspondent, that the Government is powerless to punish the captain of the submarine, since it is reported that crew and vessel have been lost.

SCOTLAND
A very pretty wedding took place on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Eadie when their eldest daughter, Hope, was united in marriage to Mr. Lloyd Wilson of Burtch, by the Rev. Mr. Morley of Stratford.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Slight spent Sunday visiting friends near Boston. We are glad to report that Mr. Hobbs is improving slowly.

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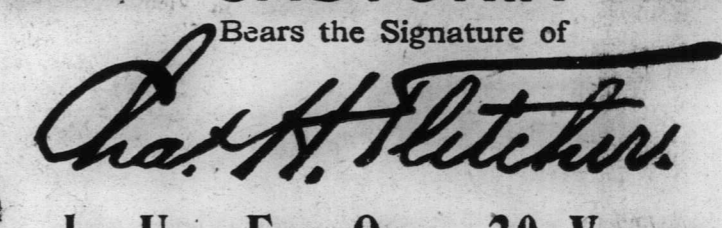
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dress, he made a decided hit. It was whispered about that Celestia had brought with her a genuine Bowery tough, a reformed gunman, and society, always keen for new sensations, proceeded to satisfy its curiosity. But not altogether at the Ferret's expense...

SEE CHAPTER EIGHT THIS WEEK

Chapter Eight of The Goddess may be seen at the Brant Theatre last half of this week, beginning to-morrow.

The Christmas Season Not a Day but Weeks Needed to Manifest Its Spirit.

CHRISTMAS proper is never a day. It is really a week or about a month. When the Almanac says December has come, then all hearts begin to feel the presence of that midwinter festival.

Cupid's Christmas Frolics.

Christmas would be almost as incomplete without its love superstitions as without its holy and plum pudding and the maid who cannot forecast her matrimonial fortune at least once a year is scarcely worth a lover's stroll.



The Old Christmas Story

The story of the Magi, as it is given by the evangelist Matthew, is astonishingly brief and unadorned. He tells us without preface that when Jesus was born in Bethlehem certain foreigners arrived at Jerusalem.



Santa's at Work

As to his birth, Christ gave no thought to the manner of its celebration by his disciples. They do not appear to have remembered it during his life. Had he ever any knowledge of the adorable stories regarding his crib for us? It is hardly probable.

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Trail has a few clothes line thieves operating actively, at present. There are 84 Telephones in Phoenix, an increase of 25 per cent, this year.

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Must be in good killing condition. Highest market prices paid.

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Prices of Paper Go Up.

Christina, Norway, Dec. 15.—Prices on all sorts of paper in Norway have gone up thirty to forty per cent. and are still on the increase. Some sorts cannot be manufactured by the Norwegian paper mills, as, for instance, blue paper, for want of blue dye stuff which usually is supplied by Germany.

The central valleys in Norway are great lumber districts, much like Northern Minnesota. The principal trees are pine and evergreen, and, thanks to the numerous cellulose and paper mills, which have been built in the last fifteen or twenty years, the value of the woods has increased considerably. So many foreign factories had to stop because of the war, prices on the products from the Norwegian plants have gone up—on cellulose from \$40 a ton before the war to \$70 a ton now.

Big Insurance.

Basel, Switzerland, Dec. 15.—A million and a quarter dollars insurance against damage to artistic treasures as the result of air raids has been taken out by the Swiss government and private people at Basel. A great many valuable paintings, tapestries, and objects have been taken from museums and private houses and placed in cellars since the dropping of bombs at Chaux-de-Fonds by German aviators who had gone astray.

The passage of French or German aviators near Basel is now almost a daily occurrence, the French taking that route towards the Rhine, and the Germans bound for Belfort. The people of Basel are probably the best posted in the world regarding prospective air-raids, as in nearly every such case the aviators pass in plain sight of the city in squadrons.

The Diamond From the Sky

By ROY L. MCCARDELL

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Vivian Marston and Blair Stanley.

In a shed by the Chinese den Blair, in his quick exploration and approach, had stumbled upon a motorcycle. In the excitement that followed the fire he had dropped from the last iron ladder at the back of the den and had whirled away through back alleys and streets to where he knew Vivian Marston would wait awake for him and the diamond.

He had the diamond and he would have her! He felt the great gem and the luxurious woman were worth all he would dare for both, and that was much.

Arriving beside the Randolph mansion long after midnight, he saw the light gleaming from Vivian's window, toward which a wistaria clambered.

He drew himself up to Vivian's window.

from here to the residence of Mrs. Burton Randolph, society leader.

"As you say there is \$5,000 in it for me if I get the diamond for you, I will tell you my theory," said the detective to his gambler client. "Blair Stanley who passed the bad check on you with his thumb print from the leaky fountain pen on it, has got the diamond. It belongs to his family, you know. If this Arthur Stanley, who has also fled (but I can tell you now he is guilty of no crime that I know of), dies the diamond belongs to Blair Stanley."

(To be continued.)



He Drew Himself Up to Vivian's Window.

Rates on the Parcels Sent to the Soldiers

The Honorable T. Chase Casgrain, Postmaster-General of Canada, has been successful as a result of negotiations with the Imperial Postal Authorities, in effecting an arrangement with the British Government whereby parcels from Canada for Canadian soldiers in France and Flanders will be carried at the same rate of postage as applies to parcels from the United Kingdom for the Expeditionary Forces on the Continent; that is:

For parcels weighing up to three pounds, 24 cents.

For parcels weighing over three pounds and not more than 7 pounds, 32 cents.

For parcels weighing over seven pounds and not more than eleven pounds, 38 cents.

This means a material reduction on the cost of parcels, and it is hoped it will be a source of satisfaction to the Canadian public. This reduction has been brought about by Canada foregoing all postal charges for the conveyance of these parcels in Canada and on the Atlantic.

The public are reminded, however, in accordance with the circular issued by the Department recently, that until further notice no parcel can be sent weighing over seven pounds.

CHILD GETS SICK CROSS, FEVERISH IF CONSTIPATED

A laxative to-day saves a sick child to-morrow. 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! If coated, or your child is listless, cross, feverish, breath bad, restless, doesn't eat heartily, full of cold or has sore throat or any other children's ailment, give a teaspoonful of "California Fig 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 oftentimes 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."

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Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

BY-LAW NO. 1354 of the Corporation of the City of Brantford

To provide for the sale of a portion of the Brantford Municipal Railway System to the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company.

Whereas the Corporation of the City of Brantford is the owner of the System of Railway now known as The Brantford Municipal Railway System and comprising the Street Railway System within the limits of the City of Brantford and the line of Railway from the City of Brantford through the Town of Paris to the Town of Galt,

And whereas a Commission was appointed to manage and operate said system, and such Commission has recommended to the Corporation of the City of Brantford the sale of a portion of said Railway System (but excepting the rails, ties, poles, wires, and other materials thereon which are hereby reserved by the Corporation) to the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company in consideration of the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars, (\$30,000.00) and of an agreement on the part of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company, its successors and assigns, that it shall and will equip its railway from its terminus in the Town of Galt to its terminus in the Town of Port Dover for operation by electric power, and that it shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter operate its Railway System between Galt and Port Dover by electric power only, and of an agreement that the said Company, its successors and assigns, will not operate its Railway within the district in the Town of Paris consisting of the Flats and being the district through which the line of Railway of the Corporation is constructed, except for freight traffic only and upon such further terms and conditions as shall be approved by the Municipal Council of this Corporation.

1. That the rails, ties, poles, wires and other materials owned by this Corporation and pertaining to that portion of the said System of Railway between the City of Brantford and the Town of Galt, and a point distant nine hundred and twenty-four feet Westward from the Westward limit of William Street in the Town of Paris together with the right and title of the Corporation in the right of way upon which said portion of said Railway is constructed, and also the right and title of the Corporation in the right of way of the Blue Lake Sliding as constructed (but excepting the rails, ties, poles, wires, and other materials thereon which are hereby reserved by the Corporation) be sold, assigned, conveyed and transferred to the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company in consideration of the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars, (\$30,000.00) and of an agreement on the part of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company, its successors and assigns, that it shall and will equip its railway from its terminus in the Town of Galt to its terminus in the Town of Port Dover for operation by electric power, and that it shall and will from time to time and at all times hereafter operate its Railway System between Galt and Port Dover by electric power only, and of an agreement that the said Company, its successors and assigns, will not operate its Railway within the district in the Town of Paris consisting of the Flats and being the district through which the line of Railway of the Corporation is constructed, except for freight traffic only and upon such further terms and conditions as shall be approved by the Municipal Council of this Corporation.

2. The agreement for sale herein referred to shall be subject to ratification by the shareholders of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company, and by Special Act of the Parliament of Canada and to the approval of the Board of Railway Commissioners for Canada.

3. Such agreement for sale and indentures of conveyance as shall be required to convey and assure to the Lake Erie and Northern Railway Company the property purchased shall be executed by the Mayor and the Clerk of this Corporation on behalf of this Corporation under the Corporate Seal thereof.

4. This By-Law shall take effect from and immediately after the final passing thereof.

Passed this _____ day of _____ 1915.

CLERK. MAYOR.

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Now Occupies General Attention—There are 20,000 Entente Soldiers at Saloniki

By Special Wire to the Courier.
London, Dec. 15.—The next in the Balkan theatre of war was the attention of the Athenian Saloniki correspondents of the press.

There are 20,000 Entente troops at Saloniki, according to the Mail, whose Saloniki correspondent says that the retreat of the Entente allies was so brilliantly carried out that the large force of Bulgarians were unable at any point to overtake and defeat them. In fact the Bulgarians were so deceived by the policy of the manoeuvres and the policy of the movements of the Entente troops that they lost much time in bombarding certain positions, Strumitsa, which the French had abandoned on the preceding day.

According to the correspondent of the Times and the Morning Post, the Entente forces will halt on the line from Karassuli, in northern Greece on the Vardar river to the north and northeast of Kila, on the Doiran railway. The correspondent of the Morning Post, in the interesting statement, on the authority of the Bulgarian minister at Athens, as quoted in a published interview, that Gievgeli and D. Southern Serbia, both of which will be surrendered to Greece, says nothing about Monastir, ever.

The Athens correspondent of the Times says he believes the whole position turns on whether the Bulgarians invade Greece. He says that he is sure that the Bulgarians would still invade Greece, even though the king and government should consent to which he declines to believe was done. He says the Greek government can be trusted to run no necessary risks. Caution has been policy and neutrality its aim, but Greek government consists of Greek and every Greek is at heart a patriot declares the correspondent. He says that only events that unite the sovereign, the government and the people will force Greece to abandon her neutrality.

CRITICAL DAYS PAST.

London, Dec. 15.—A Reuter dispatch from British headquarters Macedonia says:

"The situation here threatens to enter on a period of comparative stagnation, pending further negotiations of the Austrians, German and Bulgarian intentions with regard to the invasion of Greek territory."

"Now that the allies have completely evacuated Serbian soil, question of subsequent developments must for the time being lie with the enemy. A Bulgarian officer, captured the other day, said that Bulgaria completed the task she had set herself, and not one in Bulgaria would fight the allies. This state of affairs has been universally expressed by prisoners and deserters.

"Whatever they decide, the allies are no longer under any apprehension with regard to the future. The tactical days are past, when the Bulgarians, by a successful raid around south of Lake Doiran might cut the line of communications. Fortunate arrangements were worked out. Everything that was the least capable of being successfully removed. A screen

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Sir John French

Haig as

By Special Wire to the Courier.
New York, Dec. 15.—The London correspondent of The New York Herald calls this morning—

"I am told that Field Marshal John French, who has succumbed temporarily to the strain as a result of the constant direction of the British army, which has grown from the Kaiser's terrible 'conquerable little force' into a vast fighting machine, recommended Sir Douglas Haig as his successor as commander-in-chief on the western front, and he, too, is responsible for the promotion of another brilliant soldier, general Sir Horace Smith-Dorrien, to post of commander-in-chief of British forces which were designed to conquer the German forces in Africa.

"There is only one verdict in press this morning and that is the king has honored himself and his nation by announcing the elevation of Sir John French to a viscounty of United Kingdom, and that the go-