

REJECTION OF GERMAN PROPOSAL FORECAST IN RUSSIA  
KING'S CONFIDENCE IN FINAL VICTORY UNSHAKENALLIES' REPLY TO  
REJECT PROPOSAL  
FOR PEACE MOVESays Entente's Answer Will  
Be Emphatic.

CONSIDERS IT ANSWERED

Czar's Government Therefore  
Takes No Action Over  
Official Text.

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 22.—Since the text of the German peace proposal, transmitted through the American embassy to the Russian foreign office, is identical with the declaration already received unofficially through the press, the Russian Government considers that the offer of the Central Powers has already been adequately answered.

The official reply, in conjunction with Russia's allies, will be made as purely a matter of form and will contain no new point, it is stated that it will embody official sentiment heretofore expressed, and will emphatically reject the proposal on the ground that its vagueness and lack of sincerity do not permit of its serious consideration.

FLYING-MACHINES  
OF FRENCH "ACES"  
IN AERIAL DUELSCannot Be Beaten, Declares  
Canadian Aviator.

## SAW BOELKE'S ACCIDENT

Returned Soldier Witnessed  
Collision That Sent Ger-  
man Flier To Death.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—"Aces" is the nickname given to the fastest French flying machines, because they cannot be beaten, according to Lieut. P. H. Paquin, a French-Canadian member of the Flying Corps, just returned from the front in France. The French machine is a Spad, and is used by Lieut. Nungesser, yesterday reported as bringing down his first German airplane.

Lieut. Paquin, who boasts he can speak French and English, was stationed at the junction of the Allied armies on the Somme, says it might not be thought the airmen made many kills in bombing raids. As a matter of fact, they seldom make a miss. A new condition with which their machines are fitted, took into account the speed being attained. A skilled bomber could not miss a self-guided bombing.

Lieut. Paquin witnessed the accident in which the famous German aviator, Boelke, was killed. He said Boelke, who could easily be identified by his yellow helmet, was trying to escape a British machine. He looped the loop, and collided with another German machine. He saw Lieut. Nungesser bring down his 20th machine.

Lieut. Paquin says the record for aeroplane destruction is held by a Englishman, Capt. Bell, who has brought down 23 hostile machines.

PREMIER RETURNS FROM  
HIS SPEAKING TOURReaches Toronto Today to Address  
Meetings There Tonight.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—Sir Robert Borden and R. B. Bennett, M. P., arrived here at 10:15 this morning on the Canadian Northern train from Winnipeg.

CANADIAN SHIP  
THROWN ON ROCKSPrince Edward Island Bark Foundering  
In Atlantic.

Woods Hole, Mass., Dec. 22.—The British bark Mary Duff, from Charlottetown, P. E. I., for New York, was thrown onto the rocks at Tarpaun Cove, in Nantucket Sound, in a gale to-day. She was pounding heavily when the coastguard cutter Acadia proceeded to her assistance from New Bedford.

The vessel, loaded with potatoes, anchored off the lighthouse at Tarpaun Cove last night, but the wind caused her to tug at her anchor, so that they dragged, and she went on to the rocks. Capt. Wisner is believed to have a crew of 200 men aboard.

## BLUE BOTTLES AND JUMPING JACKS

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I attended one of the meetings in the interests of municipal government. It seemed to me that the activities on the whole were those of buzzing blue bottles and jumping jacks.

The blue bottles buzzed about the speakers who were endeavoring to explain matters, and the jumping jacks popped up every once in a while. I only wished that I had a few mustard pies, and whenever I saw the alderman who reminds me of a Charlie Chaplin, who takes himself seriously, I would have let him have one. And I certainly would have handed one particular blue bottle some lousy awats. What a knock-about comedy for the movies could be made of one of these verbal catch-as-catch-can bouts! The Ministerial Alliance ought to get busy.

JOHNNY TROTTER.

GERMANY ONLY WAITS REPLY  
OF ENTENTE TO IMMEDIATELY  
ANNOUNCE TERMS OF PEACEOfficials Have Persuaded Selves That Lloyd George and  
Premier Briand's Speeches Leave Door Open  
For Negotiations.

London, Dec. 22.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from The Hague says it is announced semi-officially that should the Entente Allies in their reply to the peace proposals of the Central Powers leave the door open for negotiations, Germany will make known her chief peace terms immediately.

The German newspapers which contain the announcement declare that the speeches of Premier Lloyd George and Premier Briand do not contain a single word which justifies the supposition that the answer of the Entente powers will deliberately reject Germany's peace offer and that, therefore, the German government will define its attitude after receipt of the reply of the Entente allies.

FRENCH HONOR GENERALS  
WHO LEAD VERDUN FIGHTPromotions and Decorations Accorded  
Famous Soldiers.

Paris, Dec. 22.—Briand, Francois, French general, one of the commanders in the victory at Verdun on December 15, has been promoted to be general of division.

Briand, Guyot d'Assieres de Salles, who commanded the division which retook Fort Douaumont, has been given the cross of a commander of the Legion of Honor. Gen. Foch has been awarded the Military Medal, the highest distinction a general officer can receive.

This medal is a simple decoration which was created for soldiers in the ranks and non-commissioned officers. The only commissioned officers who can receive it are generals who have already won the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honor.

FAMOUS IRISH MEMBER  
OF BRITISH HOUSE DIESAdventurous James O'Kelly Passes  
Away in 71st Year.

London, Dec. 22.—James J. O'Kelly, Nationalist member of the House of Commons, died in London this morning. He was born in Newry, Co. Down, Ireland, and was in his 71st year.

Mr. O'Kelly was widely known for his adventurous career. He was one of Parnell's earliest recruits in Parliament, and was prominent in the Irish Nationalist movement. He was a member of the House of Commons from 1892 to 1916.

Doesn't Want Peace  
Because It Stops  
All War ProfitsProminent New York Financier Against Cessation of Hostilities  
Because It Would Bring European Laborers  
Back To Work.

New York, Dec. 22.—Opinions here concerning the advisability and possible effect of President Wilson's note to the belligerent governments were found to differ, with a preponderance of judgment in favor of Mr. Wilson's action, as seen in its ultimate good, says the Times. Almost no one interviewed believed that the note would bring about immediate peace, but that it would hasten the coming of peace was the belief of many. There were those, however, who sharply criticized the president and thought his appeal unfair to the cause of the Allies.

Comptroller William A. Prendergast deprecated the American note, declaring that the United States is not ready for peace. "DECLARATION OF PEACE WILL AUTOMATICALLY PUT MANY OF OUR MEN OUT OF WORK AND WILL GIVE EMPLOYMENT TO MANY OF EUROPE'S LABORERS," he pointed out.

George W. Perkins criticized the note, declaring that the United States is not ready for peace. "DECLARATION OF PEACE WILL AUTOMATICALLY PUT MANY OF OUR MEN OUT OF WORK AND WILL GIVE EMPLOYMENT TO MANY OF EUROPE'S LABORERS," he pointed out.

Former Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson said: "I believe that the president has made a grave mistake. In his message he states: 'The objects of this statement of the belligerent nations on both sides have in mind to be the'"

RUSSIANS THROW  
BULGARIANS IN  
LAKE BY ATTACKBy Daring Attack Advance of  
Enemy Checked in Un-  
usual Manner.

## SINK TWO GUNBOATS

Turkish Craft in Black Sea Is  
Destroyed by Gunners  
of Czar.

## RETIRE IN DOBRUDJA

Superior Numerical Strength  
of Foe Causes Continu-  
ance of Retreat.

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—Via London. British Admiralty per Wireless Press.—Russian troops in the northern part of the Rumanian province of Dobruja, having been attacked yesterday along the whole front by superior numerical forces, says the Russian official statement issued today, they began a further retirement to the northward.

The text of the statement reads: "Rumanian Front: On the left bank of the Danube the active attempts by the enemy to attack us were repulsed by our fire."

"In Dobruja the enemy, with superior forces, attacked our detachments along the whole front. After stubborn resistance our detachments commenced to withdraw to the northward."

"By a daring attack of one of our regiments the Bulgarians, who had advanced to the east of Lake Babadag from the village of Enisala, were thrown into Lake Bolata and a greater part of them were drowned. One hundred and fifty were taken prisoner."

"Black Sea: We have sunk two Turkish motor gunboats."

## SUCCESSFUL STOKHOLM RAID

Petrograd, Dec. 22.—Via London. British Admiralty per Wireless Press.—Reporting military operation on the Russian and Galician battlefronts, the Russian official statement issued today says:

"Western Front: On the River Stokholm, in the region of the village of Golend, our troops made a successful reconnaissance, capturing several German soldiers."

"Yesterday one of our pilots, Second Cavalry Capt. Koszowski, effected an Austrian airplane which was observed above Lutsk. During the fall the pilot was thrown out. The observer, who was wounded, was captured. The machine was smashed."

THREE PROBABILITIES  
IN MAYORALTY RACE  
WITH TWO CERTAINMayor Stevenson, Gammage,  
Johnston Likely.

## ACCLAMATION FOR TRUST

Expected That Lt.-Col. Gart-  
shore Will Have No  
Opposition.

Little light was thrown on the possible candidates for municipal offices this morning.

It is certain that Mayor Stevenson and Controller W. W. Gammage will continue to be the main candidates for re-election. Mr. Johnston will run in a possible race. In fact it seems likely that he will take a chance.

It is expected that Lieut.-Col. W. M. Gartshore will have no opposition. The probable line-up is:

For Mayor: Dr. Stevenson, W. W. Gammage, R. Johnston.

For Controller: S. R. Manness, Dr. R. W. Shaw, John M. Moore, R. J. Webster, Charles W. Summers, A. Palmer, E. S. Little.

For Utilities Commissioner: F. G. Mitchell, T. W. McFarland, Garfield McCormick.

Hospital Trust—Lieut.-Col. W. M. Gartshore.

There is a possibility of an acclamation for the board of education. Five former members of the board are seeking re-election—A. A. Langford, Dr. W. M. Shaw, Dr. R. H. H. Black, James G. Hussey, the nominee of the trades and labor council, will probably stand. This would fill the slate.

D. H. McDermold may offer himself. Strong pressure is being brought to bear to get him to allow his name to go to the electors.

None of the others have signified their intentions as yet.

## TWO KILLED IN WRECK

Freight Collision in New England  
Fatal.

Winsted, Conn., Dec. 22.—Two men were killed in a head-on collision of freight trains on the Central New England Railroad near Horseshoe Bend, between Hartford and Winsted, today. Failure of the eastbound train to observe signals is said to have been responsible for the crash.

ONTARIO MAYORS BY ACCLAMA-  
TION.

Toronto—T. L. Church, Garfield—W. J. Proctor, Simcoe—George Williamson.

AGAINST REGISTRATION.

Windsor, Dec. 22.—After two hours' discussion the Trades and Labor Congress last night passed with one dissenting vote a resolution against "any kind of saviors of registration or conscription."

LONDON BOY PICKED  
TO HEAD BIG PAINT  
COMPANY'S FORCESA. T. BLACK.  
See Story on Page 4.BRITISH PUBLIC IS  
TAKEN BACK OVER  
NOTE OF WILSONPress Against Any Answer  
Save "No."

## CREDIT MOVE TO COUNT

One Section of Press Attrib-  
utes Action to German  
Propaganda.

London, Dec. 22.—The general public had their first news of President Wilson's note from the morning papers, and the matter was the one topic of conversation on incoming suburban trains and throughout the country. The people, like the press, were rather taken back as they had about arrived at the conclusion that Premier Lloyd George's speech had put an end to all peace talk, unless the central powers, in their reply to the premier, were prepared to define their terms. That the president or any other neutral ruler would take any action was farthest from their mind.

The evening papers, which do not print editorials, came out with big headlines which expressed their views. The Evening News, which is the afternoon edition of the Daily Mail, heads a column on the subject.

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Nine Nominations For Mayor,  
Ten For Board of Control  
And Seven For CommissionLittle Interest Shown in Board of Education, Reporters Hav-  
ing To Start Nominating — Whole Proceedings  
Very Quiet at the City Hall.

Nominations were extremely quiet today, although quite a host of names were submitted to City Clerk Baker.

Nine citizens were mentioned for the mayor, ten for the board of control, seven for the utilities commission, four for the hospital trust, and sixteen for the board of education.

Little information as to the positions were that of school trustees were submitted between 10 and 11 o'clock. One or two names would have been added, had not the friends of Joshua Garrett been late. Others were in the same predicament. However, their names could not be added.

There was a lamentable lack of interest in the work of the board of education. Not half a dozen citizens other than some of the members of the board were on hand, and the reporters had to start nominating in order to get some names for the places.

Little information as to the possible candidates was vouchsafed at the nomination meeting. The candidates for all offices must qualify with City Clerk Baker before 9 o'clock on Saturday evening. This applies also to the board of education. It is necessary for the candidates for this position to take the oath.

The names submitted were:

FOR MAYOR:  
Frederick Burdon, physician, by E. H. Johnston and J. A. Dean.  
William Arthur Wilson, traveler, by J. A. Dean and E. H. Johnston.  
John Franklin White, manufacturer, by T. W. McFarland and R. J. Webster.  
William Melville Gartshore, manufacturer, by F. G. Mitchell and T. W. McFarland.  
Edward Herbert Johnston, barrister, by H. Winder and F. W. Watkinson.  
George Ernest Rose, molder, by J. H. Fowler and W. W. Gammage.  
Hugh Allen Stevenson, physician, by J. A. Dean and J. T. Tallant.  
D. H. McDermold, grocer, by E. H. Johnston and J. A. Dean.  
Frederick George Mitchell, merchant, by E. S. Little and F. R. Watkinson.  
William Wallace Gammage, merchant, by J. F. White and W. N. Manning.  
Samuel Richard Manness, manager, by E. H. Johnston and Dr. H. A. Stevenson.  
Robert Wesley Shaw, physician, by J. A. Dean and E. H. Johnston.  
John Franklin White, manufacturer, by James Fitzgerald and John M. Moore.  
John MacKenzie Moore, architect, by James Fitzgerald and H. Winder.  
John Huse Summers, carriage maker, by Samuel Stevely and T. W. McFarland.  
Robert John Webster, merchant, by

CRAWL OR FIGHT,  
ALTERNATIVE OF  
U.S. GOVERNMENTChicago Tribune Scores Peace  
Note of Wilson in Such  
Language.

## AN UNWARRANTED BREAK

This Is Way Philadelphia Pub-  
lic Ledger Characterizes  
Lansing's Speech.

## THE PRESS IS WRATHFUL

Hot Comments Follow Un-  
usual Action of President in  
Asking Peace.

New York, Dec. 21.—Further comment of American newspapers on President Wilson's note and on Secretary of State Lansing's explanations follows:

Who Threatens U. S.?  
Tribune: "We are on the verge of war—Mr. Lansing has announced it. Very well, who threatens us? We should know and we must know. Did the president, feeling that the United States was on the verge of being drawn into the war, ask the belligerents to state their purposes that this nation might decide which alliance to join?"

On Verge of War.  
The World: "Secretary Lansing is bringing to the knowledge of the world that we are drawing nearer to the verge of war. . . . The time may not be far distant when it will be safer to be a belligerent than a neutral. The best thing about the president's note is that it brought all the issues of the war to a focus, not only as affecting the belligerents, but also as affecting the neutrals."

Will Draw German Answer.  
Times: "Germany would never have suggested peace if she did not want peace, and want it very much. So far she is concerned the war has been sheer waste, enormous, immeasurable waste. . . . Whether or not it was written for that purpose the president's note will serve to draw from her a statement of the terms upon which she will be willing to end the war."

Calling It Well Timed.  
The Sun: We hold that every effort is well timed and laudable that helps to the knowledge of the great mass of German people the actual truth about the situation, and the prospects of the pseudo-national cause for which they are fighting. . . . The president's note is a truth evidently already patent to the world."

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NO MENTION MADE  
IN KING'S SPEECH  
OF WILSON'S NOTEBritish Parliament Prorogues  
Without Considering It.

## ONLY BRIEF REFERENCE

Law's Reply Sole Attention  
Directed To American  
Proposals.

London, Dec. 22.—Parliament was prorogued this afternoon without the members being given any further information regarding President Wilson's note or what action the Government contemplated with respect to it.

Neither the note nor the German peace proposal was mentioned in the King's speech, read in both Houses. The only reference to the president's suggestion was made by Andrew Bonar Law, the Government leader, in a reply to a question by Sir William Peel, a pacifist member, Mr. Law declaring that the question was one which could not be dealt with except in communication with the Allies.

The speech from the throne was one of the briefest on record. It expressed confidence in the ultimate victory of the Allies and determination to prosecute the war "until we have vindicated the rights so ruthlessly violated by our enemies and established the security of Europe on a sure foundation."

HUNGARIAN OPPOSITION  
WINS OUT IN FIGHTYisza Selected to Place Crown on New  
King's Head.

Budapest, via London, Dec. 22.—The Hungarian Parliament has completed arrangements for the coronation of King Charles by electing Count Tiesse as palatine and 86 of his associates as his assistants. Count Tiesse's election followed a hard fight with the Opposition, which supported Archduke Joseph. The palatine is the functionary who places the crown on the king's head.

The work of decorating the streets has already started and, despite the war, it is intended to make the coronation an elaborate affair. King Charles will arrive at Budapest on December 27, and the coronation will take place on December 30.

PRESIDENT'S ACT MAKES HIM  
INTERLOCUTOR ON SIDE OF  
GERMANY, SAYS SCOTSMANEdinburgh Paper in Commenting on Wilson's Note Asks Why  
He Did Not Wait for Entente Reply — Appendix  
to Berlin Note, Says Chronicle.

Edinburgh, Dec. 22.—President Wilson is declared to have placed himself in a position of an interlocutor on the side of Germany, the Scotsman, which in an editorial commenting on the president's note, says:

"President Wilson has hitherto observed a discreet reticence, which he maintained when the belligerent nations he is now so concerned about were suffering unparalleled wrong. What motive can have prompted him to throw aside that peculiarly prudent reserve just at a moment when his action was most likely to be misunderstood? It is strange that to no one among his counselors had the wit to see that intervention at this juncture, immediately following the manoeuvres of Berlin, and

SINGLE ENDEAVOR  
OF NATION IS TO  
PROSECUTE WARKing, In Speech To Parliament,  
Thanks Armies and Announces  
Confidence In Result.

London, Dec. 22.—The text of the King's speech, made when Parliament prorogued today, was as follows:

My Lords and Gentlemen,—Throughout the months that have elapsed since I last addressed you, my navy and my army, in conjunction with those of our gallant and faithful allies, have, by their unceasing vigilance and indomitable valor, justified the high trust I placed in them. I am confident that, however long the struggle, their efforts, supported by the inflexible determination of all my subjects throughout the Empire, will finally achieve the victorious consummation of those aims for which I entered into the war.

"My Government has been reconstructed with the sole object of furthering those aims unaltered and unimpaired. I thank you for the unstinted liberality with which you continue to provide for the burdens of the war."

"The vigorous prosecution of the war must be our single endeavor until we have vindicated the rights so ruthlessly violated by our enemies and established the security of Europe on a sure foundation. In this sacred cause I am assured of the united support of all my peoples, and I pray that the Almighty God may give us his blessing."

King George was not present in person at the prorogation, which was effected by the lord high chancellor in the House of Lords and by the speaker in the House of Commons reading the King's speech. Assent also was given by royal commission to a number of acts of Parliament.

The prorogation of Parliament is until February 7.

DR. MACGREGOR IS  
NOW PHYSICIAN OF  
MICHIGAN'S PRISONState Makes Amends For Un-  
just Imprisonment.

## TAKES POSITION JAN. 2

Account Paid in Full Now,  
Says Father of Appointed  
Man.

Dr. Robert Macgregor, son of A. A. Macgregor, 347 Bursell street, has been appointed resident physician of the Michigan State Prison at Jackson.

Less than one month ago, the same man was a prisoner within this penitentiary, undergoing a life sentence. Three weeks ago Governor Ferris of Michigan pardoned him, freeing him of complicity in the Spaulding murder cases.

Now he goes back to minister to the inmates of that prison, the embodiment of hope to others who may be suffering unjustly as he has suffered.

Squaring Accounts.

Michigan has not only pardoned the man who was her victim, but has made him a part of the machine that once held him. Michigan, so far as it lies in her power, has endeavored to square accounts with Robert Macgregor.

He will take his new position on January 2, and will be permitted to practice outside the prison. The salary, it is understood, will be \$2,000 a year, with residence.

Dr. Macgregor was summoned to appear before the state prison board at Jackson on Thursday, and the appointment was made yesterday afternoon. News of his selection came to relatives today.

Paid in Full.

"I feel that the account has been paid in full now," said the father of Dr. Macgregor. "Faith and hope and courage have won the fight, and now the debt which unjustly punished my son is doing its best to make amends. We feel sincere gratitude to the warden, who has always been the firm friend of Robert, and to Governor Ferris, and all those who have helped."

No Christmas present will cause more real joy than the one Michigan has made to the man who proved himself innocent of the offense charged against him.

## THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 5 o'clock last night: Highest, 30; lowest, 25.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 5 o'clock today were: Highest, 20; lowest, 20.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLDER.

Toronto, Dec. 22.—5 a.m.: Fair and cold; rain and on Saturday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 5 o'clock today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria. . . . . 40. 35. Clouds.

Calgary. . . . . 40. 35. Clouds.

Winnipeg. . . . . 40. 35. Clouds.

Perry Sound. . . . . 25. 15. Clouds.

Port Stanley. . . . . 25. 15. Clouds.

Buffalo. . . . . 34. 22. Snow.

Toronto. . . . . 32. 22. Snow.

Thunder Bay. . . . . 24. 22. Snow.

Ottawa. . . . . 15. 15. Snow.

Montreal. . . . . 20. 20. Clouds.

Quebec. . . . . 24. 22. Snow.

Father Point. . . . . 25. 20. Clouds.

Minus (—) means below zero.

Light snowfalls have occurred in Ontario, while in the other provinces there has been generally fair weather.

A disturbance now centered near the middle Atlantic coast is likely to cause stormy weather in the Maritime Provinces.



## POLICE COURT FINES AGGREGATE \$520 IN MORNING'S SESSION

Supplying of Liquor Costs  
Two \$450.

### ONE GAVE IT TO WOMEN

They Appeared and Gave Evi-  
dence Against Him in  
Court.

Fines aggregating \$520 were imposed in police court today, all for breaches of the Ontario Temperance Act.

The largest collection of worshippers at the shrine of Bacchus that has been gathered at one time since the act became effective on September 1st appeared in the police court dock this morning.

As Magistrates Henry Macklin and W. A. Wilson surveyed the array of seven persons the remark was made by Chief Williams that the "Christmas trade was picking up."

Robert Deseray, a taxi driver, charged with providing liquor to two women at a place other than a private dwelling, was fined \$250 and costs for four months in jail.

The evidence of the two women was taken, and each testified that Deseray had furnished her the liquor on the street. On the evidence, Deseray was convicted. At this time the information was read. Deseray apparently did not anticipate what the magistrates had in mind. He smiled and gave vent to much noise, but when the decision was handed down the smile that previously adorned his countenance faded away like a snow-drift before the July sun.

He had been fined \$10 and costs half an hour earlier on pleading guilty to a charge of drunkenness. His total fine being \$260 and costs.

A young man who had supplied liquor to a couple of friends for favors received was fined \$100 and costs for three months in jail.

The magistrates regretted to impose the fine, they stated, but under section 41 of the act they were allowed no option but to impose the above amount as a minimum penalty when a person pleaded guilty to supplying liquor to another in any place outside of a private dwelling.

The two women who had been supplied with liquor by Deseray pleaded guilty to drunkenness and were fined \$10 and costs each or one month in jail.

Of the remaining four charged with intoxication, all pleaded guilty. The first, who appeared for the second time under the act, was fined \$20 and costs, his liquor having been procured from Montreal, he said.

Second to answer pleaded guilty for the third time, and was remanded a week to permit him to sober up and then receive his sentence.

The last two to answer pleaded guilty to being drunk under the act for the first time, and each was fined \$10 and costs.

### BUILDERS' EXCHANGE INDORSES THE BYLAW

At a meeting of the directors of the Builders' Exchange held last evening the claims of the proposed Industrial Bylaw, upon all the ratenayers of this city of London in general, and the building industry in particular, was presented by the industrial commissioner. This proposition was well discussed by those present, and all questions satisfactorily answered by the commissioner after which it was unanimously adopted by the board that this proposition has been approved and that it will use its best efforts to secure the adoption by the ratenayers, and after that assist in having it established on a working basis at once.

### YOUTHFUL CYNIC REGAINS FAITH IN SANTA, BUT NOT IN TIME TO GET PRESENT

Heeds and Guffaws Until Asked What  
He Wants, Then Falls.

Santa Claus, working his whiskers away to collect his \$5 a day wage, was giving suggestions to a crowd of local boys. The children clamored about him, hung to his garments, and called out requests by the score. The smallest of them had tucked away from parental restraint and were shouting for "big, big dollars" and "fire brigades" and "moose-like nannies."

"They were all 'bellows' these kids," to them he was a real Santa Claus with the rime of the north pole upon him.

But as is almost always the case, there was a cynic in the crowd. There was a boy of 14 or 15 years in this case, and one who might well be described as "gawky." Perhaps he hung suspended between faith and doubt, but he knew that he was not in it this year. This made him mad. He hung on to the edges and in the happy little hearts he sowed the seeds of discontent.

"There ain't no Santa Claus; he ain't," said the cynic, pointing at the rollicking figure in red. "He's paid by the store to get kids' mothers to buy stuff."

Sometimes the cynic merely guffawed in a bunchy sort of way. Santa Claus didn't like it a bit. He felt like the corn-cure doctor who is being shown up by an old victim. He kept one corner of his eye on the disturbing element, and suddenly when there was a lull among the little folks, and when everyone was waiting for developments, he walked up to the gawky boy and with much affect of concern, he asked: "And what would you like to have, my little man?"

The face of the disturber fell, to use a Laura Jean expression. Confronted with the saint of Christmas, like many another critic, he blanched. He drew himself up to the full height of his 14 years, and said: "I want a good, old-fashioned, merry Christmas laugh."

### MOTOR TRUCK HOLDS UP LINE OF STREET CARS

A large truck belonging to the Carling Brewing and Malting Company held up traffic on Richmond street south for 11 minutes Thursday afternoon, from 3:19 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The truck was passing over the Grand Trunk tracks when the driver slipped off the cogs and the brake stuck. The driver refused assistance from a street car which was immediately behind, and as the truck was in the middle of the track it was not long before a number of cars were lined up waiting for the truck to clear.

A Silverwood "Compass" truck came along and rendering first aid bumped the "boogie-woogie" off the line.

## CELEBRATES TODAY 50 YEARS TEACHING IN ONTARIO SCHOOLS

Alexander MacQueen Receiv-  
ing Hearty Congratulations.

### PRINCIPAL OF RYERSON

Was Formerly at Head of Vic-  
toria School, South  
London.

Alexander MacQueen, principal of Ryerson school, is receiving the congratulations of his many friends, for today he completes his fiftieth year as a teacher in Ontario. This is a record that has not often been equaled, and his friends are proud of such a record of faithful service.

During this time thousands of boys and girls have been instructed by him, and many of these attribute their success in life mainly to the excellent tuition of their teacher.

Mr. MacQueen is a native of Halton County, and comes from a U. E. Loyalist family. He received his early education in the public schools of Harwich and Arkona. Later he attended the



Adapted Illustration.  
PRINCIPAL A. MACQUEEN.

On graduating from school he taught for a number of years at Kew Bridge, and later in Delaware Township.

He took charge of Victoria school, South London, as principal in 1878, becoming the first principal in the then new school.

When Ryerson school was opened in March, 1915, Mr. MacQueen was appointed principal of the new school at the corner of Victoria and Waterloo streets.

Lieut. Charles ("Baldy") MacQueen, a former member of The Advertiser staff, and now with the 3rd Battalion at the front, is a son.

Mr. MacQueen is a member of the Thistle Bowling Club and a former president of the Elmhurst Bowling Club.

### END CONVENTION WITH AN ENJOYABLE BANQUET

McCormick Managers and Salesmen  
Heard Some Interesting Addresses.

The salesmen and managers of the McCormick Manufacturing Company, from coast to coast, ended their convention Thursday evening with a banquet given in the tower room of the McCormick Manufacturing Company.

The room was crowded, nearly 100 salesmen and managers being present. J. A. Stone was chairman for the evening and gave a short address. Several interesting addresses were given by the managers of the different branches.

J. Hargreaves and C. Keenly gave short talks on the western branches, telling how they were controlled. A. E. Cowan gave a speech on "Our Ontario Branches." R. C. Skinner also gave a talk on "Travelers" as one sees them.

G. N. Clarke and J. Chavanel gave short speeches on "Quebec Branches." Chas. Benson gave a talk on the employees and the way in which they were treated.

The managers of the different branches have been in the city since Tuesday. Snokers, banquets and entertainments have been held for them each night since they have been here.

After the banquet and the program the convention came to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Officers at Shorncliffe Military Hospital  
Send Card to Friends.

A. E. White of The Advertiser staff has received from the officers of the Shorncliffe Military Hospital, England, a Christmas card, sending best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Major Clifford Reason is in charge of the hospital. Other officers of the staff there are: Lieut.-Col. J. Hood, Major D. McLaughlin, J. F. Irving, C. H. Sutton, Capt. F. T. Campbell, A. H. Macdonald, F. B. Day, W. D. Ferris, G. F. Seaborn, A. H. Rolph, J. E. Bloomer, A. V. Arncliffe, M. R. Graham, A. E. Blackett, R. Parsons, C. F. A. Gilbert, W. W. MacKenzie, J. H. Stephens, C. D. Mackenzie, F. H. Atkinson, J. H. Macdonald, Chaplain G. P. C. Pringle, H. Herbert, and Lieut. J. A. Cameron, O. Moon.

### INSPECTORS MEETING

Educational Authorities Discuss Questions Relative to Their Work.

Today school inspectors from nearby counties are in session at the county buildings. Invitations were sent to both county and city inspectors: Elgin, Kent, Lambton, Essex, Huron and Oxford Counties.

No set program is being followed, but the discussions are on matters relative to the work of the inspectors.

It was expected that the meeting would begin at 10 o'clock, but owing to the trails being late the session did not open till the afternoon. The meeting will complete its work today.

## NO POTATOES FOR NURSES, ONLY RICE; WAILS, MORE WAILS!

Hospital Trust Decree Causes  
Moans at Victoria.

### H. C. OF L'S SAVAGE HIT

No Bacon With Eggs or Eggs  
With Bacon For the  
Patients.

The high cost of living has hit the hospital trust a solar-plexus blow, a serious one, and after taking a glance at the prices of potatoes, eggs and other commodities, the trust has wielded the axe—that instrument so generally connected with trusts—and nurses and patients alike are to be restricted in their diet at Victoria Hospital.

There was about as much joy around the Nurses' Home when this was announced as is to be found at a funeral. When the girls were informed that rice was to be served as a vegetable instead of potatoes, until the Price of the Emerald Isle came down in price, loud were the lamentations and dire the threats.

The nurses declared they were no Orientals, and could not subsist on rice, and the mainstay of the Japanese diet. "I hardly feel like soothing any fevered brow after dining sumptuously on rice for vegetable, and then rice pudding," declared one fair damsel. "Up until now we have been getting about three times a week. Variety may be the spice of life and, if so, it's about time we got a little 'spice' in the menu. I hope the worst isn't yet to come."

No more will ordinary impecunious patients see a nice little bed of lettuce or a hunk of celery on the meal trays. The trust, in solemn conclave, has seen fit to decree that "greens" be cut off the menu. If the patients receive an egg for breakfast it will no longer be garnished with a rasher of bacon. No; the decree has gone forth that the crisp, thin slice shall not accompany the poached result of a candle. If the bacon appears the egg must be held over in cold storage.

Rice vs. Potatoes as a body-builder is the question of the hour at Victoria. Several of the nurses have weighed themselves, and are anxious to ascertain whether they lose or gain under the new regime. It looks like a war between Ireland and Japan.

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### CONGRATULATIONS POURING IN TO MICHIGAN GOVERNOR ON MACGREGOR PARDONING

He Writes Dr. MacGregor That No Act  
Has Given Him More Pleasure.

Dr. Robert MacGregor, son of A. S. MacGregor of this city, has just received a letter from Governor Ferris of Michigan, in which the latter says that never before in his career has he received so many congratulations over a decision as when he issued a pardon to the young Canadian physician.

The day after the announcement was made, Governor Ferris received telegrams from scores of Michigan people who had been interested in the case, and in a day or two letters commenced to come which praised the governor for his action.

Governor Ferris also added that no act of his career had given him more personal pleasure, as he was convinced of the innocence of Dr. MacGregor, in connection with the Sperling deaths.

A strange story of political intrigue and manipulation lies behind the conviction of Dr. MacGregor. Some day this story will be revealed. That the very man who sought to prevent the use of poison by the victims of the drug case took should have been convicted is one of the oddest cases in the history of Michigan.

### HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Eleven Returned Men Expected to Ar-  
rive Here on Sunday.

Eleven returned soldiers are reported at Quebec, en route to their homes in Western Ontario. These men arrived at Halifax on the Northland December 1st.

Three members of the party are Londoners:

G. Elrick, 74 Chesley avenue.  
P. Vanon, 506 Ottawa avenue.  
P. Daniels, 283 Hill street.

Other members of the party are: W. Milnes, 118 Manitoba street, St. Thomas; J. L. Thompson, 73 Flora street, St. Thomas; T. Hargrave, 77 Spruce street, Guelph; McLennan, 38 Elizabeth street, Guelph; P. Mason, 56 Harkness street, Guelph; G. Brown, St. Marys; W. E. Kottrell, Hillsdale; H. Douglas, R. No. 1, Springfield; E. T. Oke, Exeter; J. W. Wilkinson, General Delivery, Galt; J. S. Stout, Southampton, Ont.

They will probably arrive in London via the C. P. R. on Sunday at 11:16 a.m.

### DEATHS AND FUNERALS

#### DEATH OF MRS. DUFFY.

Mrs. Alice Duffy, 445 Charlotte street, died at her residence on Thursday. She was the daughter of Francis Sheehy and was 23 years of age. The funeral will be held at Shelburne.

#### FUNERAL OF H. A. VINCENT.

The funeral of Henry A. Vincent, who died on Tuesday, was held Thursday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. W. M. Walker. There was a large attendance at the funeral and the floral offerings were many.

#### FUNERAL OF GEORGE GRAHAM.

The funeral of 3-year-old George F. Graham, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Graham, 445 Woodbine avenue, was held today at St. Patrick's Church. The pallbearers were: James O'Donnell, Jack O'Rourke, Leonard and Jack Winslow, Wesley McCausland and Albert Reeves.

The little boy died on Wednesday.

#### BURIED AT POPLAR HILL.

The funeral of John McVicar, who died on Saturday, Dec. 16, was held from the family residence, Poplar Hill, Tuesday, December 19. The service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Trickey, assisted by Rev. Mr. Clark. Interment was made at Poplar Hill Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife and five children—two sons, Dr. J. D. McVicar of the west and Dr. Arthur McVicar of Memphis, Mich.; three daughters, Mrs. Isaac Zavitz of Lobo, Mrs. F. G. Staples of London and Mrs. D. A. McLachlan of Stratford.

#### 49 CENTS THE PAIR.

A large shipment of men's, women's, children's and children's fine rubbers have just been received by Knechtel & Co., 238 Dundas street, the store that saves you money. On sale Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at 49 cents the pair.

# Plenty of Goods, Plenty of Room and Plenty of Resources

## For the Greatest Christmas Business Tomorrow

### That Ever Hummed in This Store

Single fare tomorrow on the railroads—the first pre-Christmas single rates we have had in four years—will bring hundreds from a distance for their final Christmas shopping, who will find the Smallman & Ingram store one great gift centre, where service, courtesy and economy predominate. You'll find it a treat just to view the wonderful array of Christmas merchandise. Gifts for last-day shoppers to meet every demand. One would really think that Christmas shopping had only just begun until you got a peep behind the curtain at the empty reserve stockroom shelves. Most everything is now forward for the last day's rush Saturday.

Store open until 10 o'clock—Roast chicken dinner Saturday, 50c. Supper in restaurant, 5 to 8. Grill service up to 10 p.m.

Cortese Orchestra tonight, Saturday afternoon and evening. (Please carry the small parcels.)



### Christmas Chocolates Pound Boxes Saturday 23c

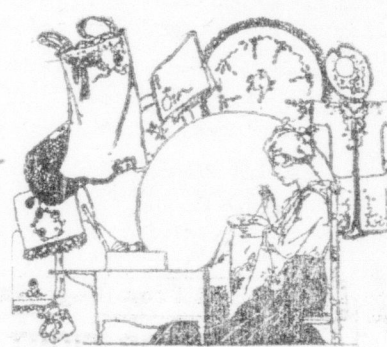
200 boxes of Fresh Chocolates, assorted variety. One pound in box Saturday ..... 23c pound  
Fancy Christmas packages, 50c, 60c, 75c and \$1.00

### Sale of Ladies and Children's Winter Coats Saturday

Here you will find two groupings of this season's coats from the most fashionable manufacturing tailors, in materials of most exquisite beauty, mostly tweeds, this season's styles, but must be sacrificed before the season is further advanced. Each price represents a reduction of at least thirty per cent. A practical gift.

Three groups of Ladies' Coats. Sale prices are  
\$9.95, \$12.50 and \$16.95  
Two groups of Children's Coats, 3, 4 and 5 years. Sale prices ..... \$3.95 and \$4.95

## MADEIRA SALE---About One- Third Off Regular



### REGROUPING OF STOCK FOR SAT- URDAY'S SELLING

Hundreds of dainty pieces, including traveler's samples, slightly mused but not badly soiled, marked exceptionally low for Saturday's selling, too numerous to mention here, but we will briefly list a few prices and sizes. To be found in the lot are Scarfs, Doilies, Centres, Luncheon Cloths, Napkins, Tea Cloths, etc. Come early Saturday for choice pieces, in some cases only one of each.

6-inch Doilies at, each ..... 10c, 12½c, 19c, 23c, 29c, 37c, 39c  
8-inch Doilies at, each ..... 19c, 23c, 29c, 39c, 43c and 79c  
10-inch Doilies at, each ..... 29c, 33c, 39c, 43c, 59c and 95c  
18-inch Centres, fourteen only. Special, each ..... 79c  
22-inch Centres, each ..... 10 only at 98c, 12 only at \$1.19, 10 only at \$1.29  
24-inch Centres at, each ..... \$1.98, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75 up to \$4.75  
Scarfs, 18x36, at, each ..... \$1.29, \$1.43, \$1.59, \$1.79, \$1.98, \$2.78, \$3.48  
Scarfs, 18x45, at, each ..... \$1.89, \$1.98, \$2.19, \$2.39, \$2.68, \$2.98, \$3.29, \$3.59, \$3.78  
Scarfs, 18x54, at, each ..... \$2.59, \$2.98, \$3.00, \$3.29, \$3.98, \$6.95  
43-inch Round Cloths, each ..... \$3.98, \$4.28, \$4.48 and \$7.38  
52-inch Round Cloths, each ..... \$4.95, \$5.25, \$5.50 and \$6.25  
54-inch Square Cloths, each ..... \$4.78, \$6.75, \$10.50  
70-inch Round Cloths, each ..... \$13.50 and \$18.75  
Luncheon Napkins, per dozen ..... \$3.95, \$4.50 and \$6.25

Sample Napkins, only one of each pattern, a limited quantity:  
Regular up to \$5.00 per dozen, all one price ..... 29c each  
Regular up to \$7.50 per dozen, all one price ..... 33c each  
Regular up to \$8.50 per dozen, all one price ..... 43c each  
Also a few Madeira Embroidered Slips and Towels.

EVERY PIECE GENUINE HAND-EMBROIDERED.

## Men With New Things Will Really Enjoy Their Christmas

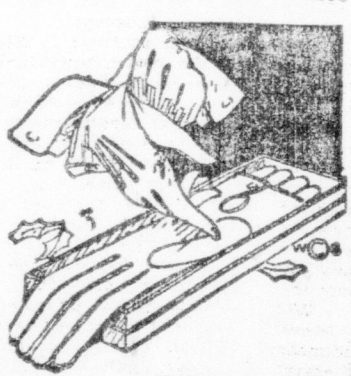
That certain sense of satisfaction which every man derives from knowing he is well dressed fits in admirably with the Christmas spirit, and if the crowds of ladies in this man's store means anything, there will be thousands of satisfied men on Christmas morning. Stocks are abundant and many special sales for Saturday.

### MEN'S BATH ROBES, \$2.75 EACH.

About 25 Men's Bath Robes to clear Saturday morning, odds and ends of our regular stock, different colors and patterns. Any robe in the lot is worth double the sale price. Sizes 36 to 44. Price ..... \$2.75

### MEN'S FUR AND FUR-LINED OVERCOATS.

Men's Fur-Lined Overcoats, fine black beaver shell, No. 1 Canadian rat lining, Persian lamb collar and lapels; sizes 38 to 44. Price ..... \$80.00  
Men's Fur-Lined Overcoats, black beaver shell, No. 1 Canadian rat lining, other collar; sizes 33 to 44. Price ..... \$89.00



### Sale of Men's Gloves at 8:30 a.m. Saturday PRICE 95c PAIR

About fifteen dozen Men's Fine Silk-Lined and Unlined Tau Mocha Gloves, extra good quality; worth \$2.00 pair. Dent's and Perrin's make and other odd lines in tan capes will be found in this assortment. This is a real bargain for the early buyer Saturday morning. Don't miss this sale. Sizes 7¼ to 9½. Price ..... 95c pair

### MEN'S ENGLISH CASHMERE SOCKS, 60c A PAIR.

56 dozen Men's English Cashmere Socks, black, good winter weight, guaranteed fast color, just arrived from England this week; sizes 9½ to 11½. Price ..... 60c pair

Rose Ice Cream, Cut Cake, Cup of Tea or Coffee ..... 25c  
Cold Roast Goose, Beet Salad, Bread and Butter, Cup of Tea or Coffee ..... 35c

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## Christmas Furs

So far as women are concerned we cannot think of a gift that is as likely to meet with unbounded enthusiasm. We will be glad to guide you, too, Mr. Husband or Father, and will give you the privilege of having the recipient return this particular piece of fur in exchange for another kind or garment. The furs offered in this store are known furs; they are fully guaranteed to give satisfactory wear and to be the furs represented. A very special collection of novelty furs has been acquired for Christmas gifts.

SATURDAY SALE OF FURS—About 30 pieces of fur, odd pieces, stoles and mufflers, broken sets, will be cleared Saturday at HALF PRICE.

## MORE HOSIERY--A'ways a Welcome Gift



One cannot have too many pieces of black, and light greys are needed occasionally, perhaps a shade of pink, and white always. A few pairs assorted in a dainty box is surely a gift to be wished for.

Ladies' Fibre Silk-Ankle Hose, in black, white, pink, sky, palm beach, grey or mauve, splendid wearing hose, double garter top and feet; sizes 8½ to 10, seamless. Price ..... 50c pair

Ladies' White or Black Cashmere Hose, seamless, spliced heel and toe; sizes 8½ to 10. Price ..... 50c pair

Ladies' Black Pure Cashmere Hose, seamless, double garter top and sole, good weight; sizes 8½ to 10. Price ..... 65c pair

Ladies' Black Cashmere Hose, seamless, spliced heel and toe; sizes 8½ to 10. Price ..... 35c pair

No. 300 Brand, Ladies' and Children's 1-1 ribbed Pure Wool Hose, good winter weight; children's sizes double knee, all sizes double foot; size 6½ at 55c; size 7 at 65c; size 7½ at 75c; size 8 at 80c; sizes 8½ to 10 at 90c per pair

## Ladies' Christmas Neckwear



Dainty Neckwear done up in pretty Christmas boxes, a most acceptable and useful gift.

Handsome Georgetowne Crepe Collars in the large square or round back, hemstitched and tucks, or trimmed with beautiful laces ..... 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50

Handsome Broadcloth and Washable Satin Collars in the new shapes, with black velvet or black button trimmings ..... 50c to \$2.50 each

Collar and Cuff Sets in Georgetowne Crepe or Broadcloth, plain hemstitched or lace trimmed. At ..... \$1.50 to \$3.00 set

Dainty Georgetowne Satin and Lace Collars for the furs, fur coats or heavy coats, at ..... 50c, 75c and \$1.00 each

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### MEN'S CANADIAN COON FUR COATS

made by the best manufacturer, large, roomy coats, a good collection to choose from; sizes 38 to 46. Prices \$80 to \$125  
Men's Australian Coon Fur Coats, Price ..... \$40.00  
Men's Arctic Beaver Fur Coats, Price ..... \$35.00

### Men's Fur-Collar Over- coats \$15.00 Each

Men's Double-Breasted Black Beaver Overcoats, quilted lining, brown marmot or black pieced Persian collar; has appearance of a fur-lined overcoat; sizes 36 to 42. Price ..... \$15.00

### Men's Linen Initialed Handkerchiefs, Price 25c

Each; Half Dozen in Box for \$1.50  
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Wrist Watches, gold-filled, From \$10.00 up  
Wrist Watches, 10k solid gold, From .....\$20.00 up  
Solid 10k Gold Necklets, from .....\$4.50 up  
Genuine Diamonds, in 14k solid gold rings, From .....\$5.00 up  
Bracelets, in gold-filled, From .....\$3.00 up  
Bracelets, in solid 9k gold, From \$10.00 up  
Umbrellas, mounted in sterling and gold, Fifth avenue and Broadway, \$6.00 up  
Platinum Bar Pins, set with diamonds, .....\$25.00 up  
Mahogany and Oak Jewel Cases .....\$7.50 to \$12.00  
Sterling Silver Coin Purses, \$5.00 to \$10.00  
Sterling Silver Card Cases, .....\$10.00 up  
Crumb, Brush and Mirror Sets, in sterling silver, ivory and ebony.  
Mesh Bags, in silver and gold-filled, .....\$3.00 to \$4.00  
Bar Pins and Brooches, set with pearls and precious stones, in all the newest designs.  
Pearl Rings, mounted in 14k gold, in single pearl, 3, 4 and 5-stone settings. Prices ranging from .....\$3.00 up

### NECKLETS and PENDANTS

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Pendants, set with diamonds and pearls, From .....\$10.00 up  
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Pearl Necklets, From .....\$10.00 up  
Pearl Pendants, set with combination of colored stones, From .....\$3.00 up  
Black Onyx Pendants and Necklets, set with pearls, From .....\$10.00 up

### SUITABLE GIFTS FOR A GENTLEMAN

Diamond Stickpins, from .....\$7.00 up  
Diamond Rings .....\$7.00 up  
Gold Safety Scarf Pins .....\$2.00 up  
Waldemar Chains .....\$2.50 to \$35.00  
Cigarette Cases .....\$1.00 up  
Match Safes, sterling silver, plated and gold-filled.  
Knives, gold-filled, pearl and 10k gold .....\$1.50 up  
Cigar Cutters .....\$1.00 up  
Fobs, ribbon and gold-filled .....\$2.00 up  
Fountain Pens .....\$1.00 up  
Ebony, Ivory and Sterling Military Brushes .....\$4.00 up  
10k Gold Signet Rings, large sizes, \$4.00 up  
Cuff Links .....50c pair up  
Shaving Mirrors .....\$9.00 up  
Tie Clips .....50c up  
Auto Strop Safety Razor .....\$5.00 up  
Cans .....\$1.00 up  
Umbrellas, from .....\$4.00 up  
Smoking Sets, in brass and mahogany .....\$4.00 to \$7.50  
Ash Trays .....\$1.00 up

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### THE BIG SQUEEZE!



### 38 Zeppelins Have Been Lost Since Beginning of War: Seven Fell in England and Four in the North Sea

The October issue of the Journal of the Proceedings of the United States Naval Institute, published at Annapolis by the officers of the navy, contains a summary of the German zeppelin losses from the beginning of the war to September 2 last. During that period thirty zeppelins are listed, and of them it is said that the loss of twenty-four of the airships has been authenticated. Since September 2 six other zeppelins are known to have been destroyed, and two others are reported to have been wrecked, although the loss of these two is not absolutely established.

The list, as published in the Proceedings of the Institute, with the addition of aircraft lost since September 2, is as follows:

No.	Name	Place	Date	Cause of Loss
1.	Z-5*	Badonvillers, France	Aug. 22, 1914	Destroyed by French gunners.
2.	Z-5*	Malva, Russia	Aug. 29	Part of crew lost.
3.	Z-5*	Seradz, Russia	Sept. 6	Crew lost.
4.	Z-5*	Dusseldorf, Germany	Oct. 9	Destroyed in shed by British aviators.
5.	LZ-31*	Friedrichshafen, Germany	Nov. 21	Destroyed in shed by British aviators.
6.	Z-5*	North Sea	Jan. 23, 1915	Foundered during a storm.
7.	L-3*	Esbjerg, Denmark	Feb. 17	Stranded, having run out of fuel, and broke up. Crew of 15 interned.
8.	L-3*	Boulogne, France	Mar. 5	Foundered during a storm, after having raided Calais. Crew lost.
9.	L-3*	Tirlemont, Belgium	Mar. 4	Damaged by British aviator; wrecked on landing; 21 of crew killed.
10.	Z-5*	Tirlemont, Belgium	Mar. 12	Damaged, over Belhune, by French gunners; wrecked on landing.
11.	Z-5*	North Sea	April 12	Broke away without crew; foundered off Heligoland.
12.	LZ-37*	Evreux, Belgium	May 26	Destroyed in shed by British aviators.
13.	LZ-38*	Ghent, Belgium	June 7	Destroyed in mid-air by British aviators; crew lost.
14.	L-3*	Ostend, Belgium	June 7	Raided London; destroyed upon her return, by British aviators.
15.	Z-5*	Vilna, Russia	Aug. 10	Shot down by Russian gunners; crew of 10 made prisoners.
16.	Z-5*	Saint-Hubert, Belgium	Aug. 21	Destroyed by exploding in mid-air.
17.	Z-5*	Maubeuge, France	Oct. 13	Stranded on a chimney and landed.
18.	Z-5*	Grodna, Russia	Oct. 16	Destroyed by a storm on landing.
19.	L-15*	Tondern, Germany	Nov. 5	Wrecked in shed through an accident (explosion).
20.	Z-25*	Hamburg, Germany	Nov. 17	Wrecked by the storm.
21.	L-23*	Tondern, Germany	Nov. 17	Destroyed in shed through accidental explosion of bomb.
22.	Z-5*	Kalkin, Russia	Dec. 5	Shot down by Russian gunners; crew lost.
23.	Z-5*	Mainaut, Belgium	Jan. 30, 1915	Raided Paris. Damaged by British aviator; wrecked on landing.
24.	L-13*	North Sea	Feb. 21	Raided England. Probably ran out of fuel; foundered. Crew lost.
25.	LZ-17*	Revin, France	Feb. 21	Shot down by French motor guns; destroyed in fall. Crew of 15 killed.
26.	L-15*	Kentish Knock, England	April 1	Shot down by British gunners; crew of 15 surrendered. Vessel sank.
27.	L-20*	Stanzet, Norway	May 3	Raided Scotland. Stranded having run out of fuel and drifted with the wind. Blown up by crew; 3 killed, 15 interned.
28.	Z-5*	Off Schleswig coast, Germany	May 4	Shot down by H.M.S. Galatea and Phaeton.
29.	Z-5*	Saloniki, Greece	May 8	Shot down by allied warships.
30.	Z-5*	England	Sept. 2	Shot down by aeroplane during raid on London.
31.	Z-5*	North Sea	Sept. 4	Copenhagen reports that zeppelin was seen to collapse and fall into the sea.
32.	Z-5*	England	Sept. 24	Destroyed by anti-aircraft defenses during raid near London.
33.	Z-5*	England	Sept. 24	Destroyed by anti-aircraft defenses during raid near London.
34.	Z-5*	Manheim, Germany	Sept. 27	French aviators claim destruction of zeppelin during raid.
35.	Z-5*	England	Oct. 10	Destroyed by aeroplane attack during raid near London.
36.	Z-5*	Russia	Nov. 11	Reported by Russian airship destroyed and crew captured.
37.	Z-5*	England	Nov. 28	Destroyed by aviators during raid over Midland Counties.
38.	Z-5*	England	Nov. 28	Destroyed by aviators during raid over Midland Counties.

### GOVT. BOAT VIGILANT ORDERED TO PT. STANLEY

Port Dover Captain Says Will Resist Rather Than Go.

PORT DOVER, Dec. 21.—A merry row is brewing between this port and Port Stanley over which is to have the Dominion Government steamer Vigilant. Port Stanley people have been pulling to have the headquarters of the Vigilant located there, and through Hon. Thomas Crothers have secured an order to that effect. Captain Paul Robinson refuses to take the boat from Port Dover, declaring this is the most suitable harbor. He declares he will resign first.

### FURTHER DEMANDS ARE PRESENTED TO GREECE

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The new note of the Entente Allies to Greece, which, according to the understanding here, was presented today, includes, says Reuters' Telegram Company, the following complete control of telegraphs, posts and railways; the release of all Venizelist prisoners; the prohibition of meetings of reservists and an inquiry by a mixed commission into the disturbances of December 1-2.

### TWO WERE FINED FOR CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

Charges at Aylmer Were Laid By Humane Society.

[Special to The Advertiser.] AYLMER, Dec. 21.—Verlin Tiedale of Yarmouth and Robert Keasine of Aylmer were given a hearing before Police Magistrate Hunt and Summers, charged by Constable Tucker of the Delta Humane Society with cruelty to animals.

Both were found guilty and fined \$14 and \$6, respectively. A. H. Backus of Aylmer appeared for the defendants and W. K. Cameron of St. Thomas for the crown. George Butler, a respected Malahide citizen, passed away on Wednesday at Springfield, after an illness of two years, in his 64th year. Deceased was born in St. Catharines and is survived by a widow and two sons, Clarence at home and William of St. Thomas. The funeral will be held on Friday to the Dunwoody Cemetery and will be conducted by the C.O.F.

Alice Gostick, a highly esteemed Aylmer resident, passed away at her home here on Wednesday, after a lingering illness, in her 52nd year. Deceased is survived by her mother, two brothers, Walter of Aylmer and Albert of Colling, Mich., and three sisters, Mrs. Bellington, Mrs. Ingram and Mrs. Baker, all of Aylmer. The funeral will be held on Saturday to the Aylmer Cemetery.

### LT.-COL. MORRIS WILL GO BACK TO TORONTO

Has Been Recalled to Take Position at Headquarters.

[Special to The Advertiser.] BRANTFORD, Dec. 21.—Lieut.-Col. W. O. Morris, of the 215th Battalion, formerly of the 17th Battalion, Toronto, and former provost marshal for military district No. 2, has been recalled from Brantford. His appointment to the 215th Battalion caused protests from the people here who did not want an outsider. Lieut.-Col. Morris will go on to the headquarters staff in Toronto. Lieut.-Col. Morris, it is stated, wanted to have a court of inquiry, but has decided to take the Toronto position without pushing the matter.

### VETERAN OF '66 DEAD

William Draper Conducted Machine Shop at Petrolia Many Years.

[Special to The Advertiser.] PETROLIA, Dec. 21.—The funeral was held yesterday of one of Petrolia's old and respected residents, William Draper. He was the son of the late James Draper of Whitby, and came to Petrolia in 1872. He formerly conducted a machine shop with his late brother, Thomas Draper, and being an expert machinist he perfected several useful devices which have since proved useful to the oil industry. He saw active service in the Fenian raids in 1866. He is survived by a widow, one son and three daughters.

### SOLDIER'S WIDOW DENIES STEALING CHILD'S SOCKS

Unusual Case Heard in Police Court at Woodstock.

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 21.—A case probably unique in the annals of police court procedure in Woodstock was heard today when Mrs. Alfred Brittle, whose husband, Sergt. Brittle, was killed in action while she was on her way with her two children to meet him in England last summer, was charged with the theft of a pair of child's socks from a ten-cent store last July.

The only evidence offered by the prosecution was that of a Mrs. Hufson, who stated that she had seen Mrs. Brittle take the socks and put them into her hand bag. She admitted that she was not sure that Mrs. Brittle did not pay for them.

Mrs. Brittle absolutely denied the charge, and the manager of the store stated that he had no knowledge of the alleged theft. Magistrate A. S. Ball refused the request of the defence for an immediate acquittal, and reserved his decision until Saturday, declaring at the same time that he was convinced of what had happened, but wanted to see if there were not something he could do in view of the accused's bereavement.

### FAIR AT WALKERTON

WALKERTON, Dec. 21.—Today's Christmas fair was a decided success, although the number of exhibits were not up to last year's. The collectors and society raffia a success, given by Miss Holm of Brant, and made \$20. E. E. Truax, M.P., held the lucky ticket.

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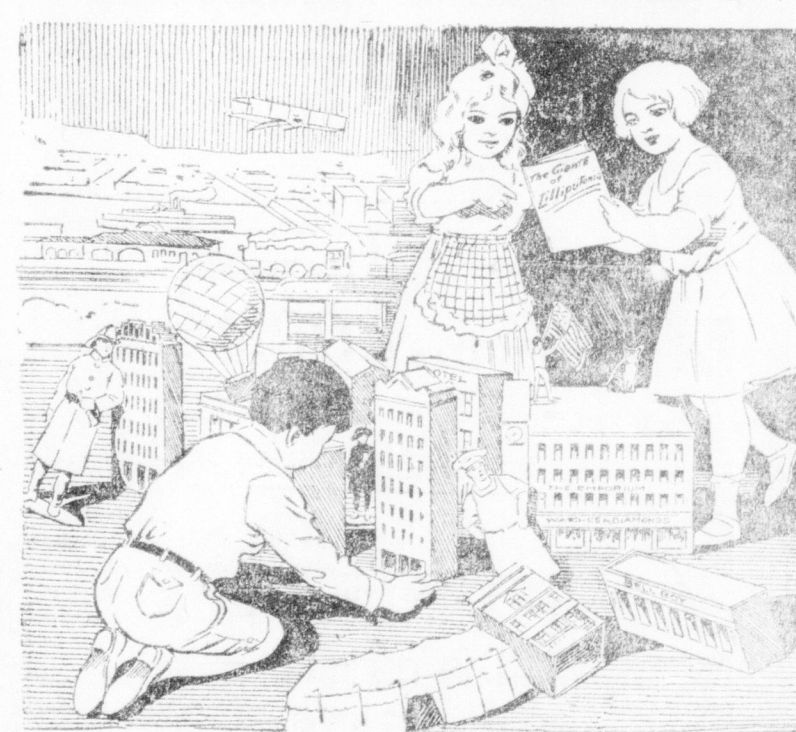
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## A PAGE OF GENERAL INTEREST TO WOMEN READERS

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## Cynthia Grey's Mail-Box

[Correspondents are requested to make their inquiries as brief as possible, and to write on one side of the paper only. It is impossible to give replies within a stated time, as all letters have to be answered in turn. No letter can be answered privately.]

We Like It Too.  
Dear Miss Grey—While reading the "Family Herald," I came across the poem "Farwell to Canada," which I liked very much, and copied for you, thinking perhaps you might use it.  
LOCH KATRINE.

Ans.—Yes, "Katrine," shall be very pleased to insert the verses, and thank you kindly for your interest.

Welcome, Country Cousin.

Miss Grey—The Page has been very interesting of late since the farmers are having such kind things said about them. It is amusing to read the opinions of those who if they were to live and work on a farm as the owner of the land for a year or two, would be glad their names were not signed. "Wonder if 'Poor Man's Wife' uses what the farmer produces?" she might contract his meanness. A person working for a farmer knows little of the burdens he carries.  
"Scribbles," "Mrs. Honorable" and "Lonely Mother" have described conditions in a true light. The farmers know six months ago that there would be little to sell but hay, and it is such a poor price that does not pay for the handling of it, but debts must be paid. Many are not going to raise pigs next summer as usual, and are only wintering a dozen or two hogs. "Conscription" said the farmers and their sons were staying home from the war making money from the high prices. With she would show us the profits and the sons. There is only one man on each farm now, helped out by wife and children. There are boys, 14 years old, who are plowing and doing the best they can, what a grown man should do. Why is it that the town folks always pick and cull the farmer all that is meant? If some are, it is in the life that makes them so, always having to scrimp and save to make ends meet. They cannot set a price on anything they produce, no matter what the expense has been, except stock. Then

the buyers beat them down all they can. It takes a capital of \$800 to work a farm properly, besides buildings, fences and repairs.

How would our town cousins like to work a month to two years, and not know what he was going to receive? That is what the farmers do. Many of them will have to borrow money at the banks to pay their taxes until they can sell stock in the spring. The newspapers give out false impressions to the public. We read of big money received for sale of stock, but not a word about the feed and work to put it on the market, or the profit above expenses; also about large sums in the banks to the farmers' credit, but nothing about the big pile of notes that the money is deposited for safety until they are due; or publish the number of farms that are trimmed with a mortgage and the enormous sums paid each year to the loan companies. If the farmers are chronic grumblers the towns have us beat a mile. They complain about the price of necessities, but will pay \$60 for a dining-room set, \$25 for a willow baby buggy, brass beds and expensive clothing, or they might have a nice bank account for the rainy days.

Perhaps we Canadians have reversed the command, "Seek first the kingdom of God and all things shall be added unto us," and needed the reason we are getting. It is selfish to grumble when so many of our brothers and sisters are suffering for food, and have been driven from their homes. "Gentle Canada," the color of a tobacco store; our soldiers should have all the good things and comforts of life that it is possible to give them, but tobacco is not one of them, only to those who are getting it. The habit of smoking is quite a difference in the order of a person or their homes who use tobacco and one who uses tea. She has less to worry about than "Lonely Mother" who is a farmer's wife. All the work to be hired, is a mill-

stone on the neck of owners, and they cannot pick up and leave a farm like a town job.  
Want like a discussion on our present school system as applied to rural schools where children have to walk a mile or two each morning and night and do chores at home? Why is the same law enforced as in the town schools where conditions are so different? With such a multitude of studies and books and one teacher expected to do it all, from A Class to Fifth, no wonder that children of 15 years can scarcely write a letter and spell the words properly. Over 30 years ago the scholars knew more of reading, writing, geography, history and arithmetic at 15 years of age than they do now at the entrance examinations, and the teacher had "Visitors' day," the last half-day of each quarter. How our heads were curled and frizzed, and how hard we worked that we should be able to spell and answer questions given by some visitor. Now the parents are never invited in a bunch, and if one were alone would be considered to be butting in. Must close, or Miss Grey will feed this to the waste paper basket.  
COUNTRY COUSIN.

What is "Running Around"?  
Dear Miss Grey—Having noticed a letter in your paper wanting to know if it is right to work on Sunday, I couldn't keep still. Now, circumstances alter cases. Is there any harm in a neighbor helping another who is in great need of help all the week, and doing their own work on Sunday—that is, what really has to be done? I wouldn't call that "running around," and I think it's a good Christian act. Now, give us your honest opinion, Miss Grey, and others.

WANTS TO KNOW.  
Ans.—This would naturally be an entirely different situation to the one referred to by our other correspondent. The intention in her letter was that the "running around" was for pleasure. I do not see that the cases are at all similar, or need be compared.

Here Comes Snowball.

Dear Miss Grey—As I have been an interested reader of your paper for a number of years, I have often thought there was a little corner for me. In reply to the "70th Battalion Mascot," I think she must be very cruel to think that boys of 15, in their tender years, should enlist in this awful European war.  
It can't be she has any loved ones at the front, she certainly would have more feeling towards the young boys of 15 who need a mother's care. As for people not knowing there is a war, who could help but realize it with the high cost of living? Hoping haven't taken up too much space, I will ask if I may come again. Will sign myself  
ANS—WELL SURELY FIND A LITTLE CORNER FOR YOU NEXT TO "SNOWBALL," SO YOU'LL FEEL QUITE AT HOME. RE YOUR REFERENCE TO "70th BATTALION MASCOT," I BELIEVE SHE HAS A BROTHER IN THAT BATTALION OVERSEAS. IT SEEMS ONLY FAIR TO MENTION IT, I THINK.

Han't Been Naughty.  
Dear Miss Grey—Please teacher Grey, I haven't been swapping addresses with "Johnny Original Lonely," so may I come in again to this "incomparable school"? I really thought I was going to be able to keep from writing till 1917, but "Wild Irish Rose's" letter, and also "Original Lonely's" set me going again. I certainly must be endowed with endless good-bys. Three cheers for "Original

## Advertiser Patterns



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Lonely's views on "Make-up": One point for me gained in his favor, for cosmetics and I don't hitch. It seems to me you must have had experience in regard to the rosy lips, which I have been told were being told you that of waste I live? And you are lonely yet, and leap year nearly over. Too bad, too bad. You have my sympathy, but like "Wild Irish Rose," I have been told the idea of being a bachelor-maid—unless I change my mind. But here is a cure for you:

Take 2 pounds of suet, 15 ounces of good nature, 12-15 ounces of energy, 6 pails of Ford auto (or if preferable, horse and cutter), 10 ounces of warm rugs, 5 pounds of chocolate, add to suit taste, theatre, dance or social. Mix suet and good nature thoroughly in bowl, adding a creamy solution of energy. Boil for 4 hours, then add Ford car, sugar with rugs and beat until stiff. If it with chocolate, take once or twice a week.

Here's hoping you come out O.K. "O. L." I am not going to enlighten you as to who gave me the information, re you. Anyway I know, "Original Lonely," surely you wouldn't be a lonesome man there, and the girls would value you more. If you have already given a good and excusable reason to the C. G. F. I beg your pardon. Now is the time to do your duty to yourself, relatives, and we Canadian women and girls.  
The plumber has just arrived to repair the leakage of my gas so will write. As a result  
"THE GIRL OF THE LIMBERLOST."

Strong for Conscription.  
Dear Miss Grey—"Lonely Mother," I want to tell you that your letter addressed to "Farmer's Son of Twenty-one," expressed my mind exactly. I firmly believe we should have conscription, and these farmers' sons who are shirking their duty would have no choice in the matter.  
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I know I for one have given all that were physically fit—a brother, a cousin, and last, but far from least, my husband, who has now been overseas for eight months. My cousin has already paid the supreme sacrifice.  
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WAR HAS SERIOUS EFFECT ON TEA MARKETS.  
Although the far-reaching influence of the war has added enormously to the cost of tea, the recent advance of five cents a pound in the price of "SALADA" only means that you will now get eight cups for a cent instead of nine, and then you get that unique flavor, absolutely unchanged.  
a good job like this to enlist." That, Miss Grey, is the spirit of too many of our Canadian boys today, and they need a rude awakening.  
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## London Advertiser COOK-BOOK

Recipes Supplied By Cynthia Grey's Readers.

"Girl of the Limberlost."

Here is a very good recipe for an eggless fruitcake my mother has made for many years for her Christmas cake: 7 cups flour, 4 cups brown sugar, 2 tablespoons of baking soda, 2 large spoons of butter, 4 cups of sour milk, 1 lb. currants, 1 lb. raisins, 10 cents worth of lemon peel, spices, salt and nuts.

"Sussex Girl."

Raised Pork Pie—Put 2½ pounds of flour on the pasteboard, and set on the fire in a saucepan, ½ pint of water and 1 pound good lard. When the water boils, make a hole in the middle of the flour, pour in the water and lard by degrees, gently incorporating the flour with a spoon, and when it is well mixed, knead it with your hands till it becomes stiff, dredge a little flour to prevent it sticking to the board, or you cannot make it look smooth.

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Holiday Sweets.  
Sent by "A Crank."

Cream Candy—One pound white sugar, 1 vineglass vinegar, 1 tumbler water, vanilla; boil half hour, and pull, if you choose.

Butterscotch Candy—Four cups brown sugar, 2 tablespoons butter, vinegar to taste, 2 tablespoons water, and a little soda; boil half hour, drop a little in hot water and, if crisp, it is done.

Cream Caramels—Take 2 pounds of brown sugar, 1 pound granulated sugar, 1 pint separator cream, ½ teaspoon cream tartar, boil all together with egg whites till the batch is boiling on a slow fire; when cooked medium hard, add a little vanilla, then pour out on a marble slab or dish well greased; let stand for about three hours and cut in squares; add nuts if desired.

Peanut or Walnut Taffy—Take 3 pounds granulated sugar, 1 teaspoon cream of tartar, 3 cups butter, boil to hard crack, then add 1 pound shelled walnuts or peanuts, and let stand for five minutes, then flavor with vanilla, and pour out on platter or marble slab and cut in squares.

Marshmallow Candy—One level table spoon gelatin, 1 level tablespoon cold

water, 7 level tablespoons hot water, 1½ cups granulated sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla; beat to a cream, put on flat dish, out in squares, roll in icing sugar.

Turkish Delight—One box gelatin, add red coloring, small ½ cup water, soak till gelatin is dissolved, 1 orange rind and juice, 1 lemon rind and juice, 4 cups granulated sugar, small ½ cup water; boil ten minutes, add gelatin which has been soaked; put into a flat dish and let it set overnight; cut in squares and roll in icing sugar.

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## STRAIGHT NEWS AND SIDE SLANTS ON SPORT

## MUTT AND JEFF—Mutt Spared No Expense in Buying Jeff's Present



JEFF, YOU KNOW WE OUGHT TO DO OUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY AND—

OH, I'VE ALREADY DONE MINE! I'M ONLY GONNA BUY ONE PRESENT THIS YEAR AND I'VE ALREADY GOT THAT

NATURALLY! ONLY ONE, I ONLY BOUGHT ONE TOO. WE EACH HAVE BUT ONE FRIEND IN THE WORLD, EACH OTHER!

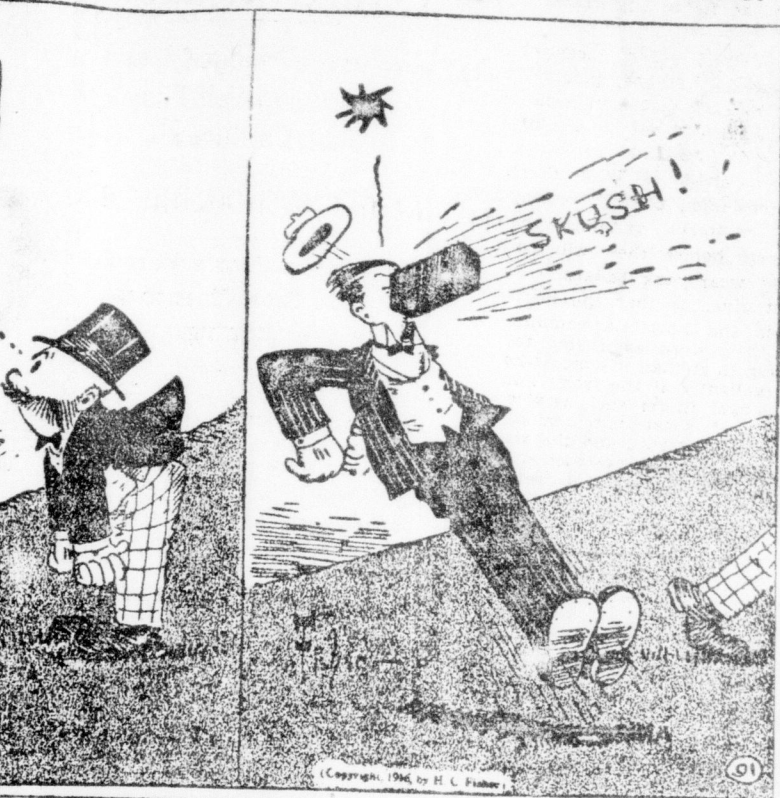
EXACTLY! I BOUGHT ONE PRESENT, JUST ONE AND THAT WAS FOR YOU

I KNEW IT! I KNEW THAT YOU KNEW I WANTED A GOLD CIGARETTE CASE AND A GOLD WATCH. I ALSO KNEW THAT YOU HAD A CRAVING FOR CUT GLASS

HA! I ALSO KNEW YOU'VE GUESSED IT. I BOUGHT YOU A GOLD CIGARETTE CASE AND I PRESUME YOU BOUGHT ME A PIECE OF CUT GLASS

NOT EXACTLY! BUT I BOUGHT YOU A GLASS CUTTER!

By "Bud" Fisher



## Bowling



BY "DICK" CITY LEAGUE

The Standings

Team	W.	L.	P.C.
Has-Beens	18	9	.667
Maroons	17	12	.583
Nationals	15	15	.500
Blue Labels	11	19	.364
Blue Labels	8	22	.267

The Maroons whitewashed the Nationals last night in the City League, taking three games from the latter.

Paul Mascari won the honors of the night, making the highest total score with 597, and the highest individual score with 220.

The teams and scores:

Team	W.	L.	P.C.
Maroons	19	16	.543
Nationals	17	18	.486
Blue Labels	15	16	.484
Blue Labels	12	19	.386
Blue Labels	11	19	.364

George Karrys did not believe in black cats and hobgoblins until last night, when a black cat crossed his trail, and "Soup" Mascari testified that he would lose three games to the Maroons. Now he believes in black cats and the unlucky 12.

Paul Mascari bowled a splendid game last night with the Maroons.

We also testify that George was unlucky when he bowled a total of 439.

The Brunswick and St. Peter's Club closed tonight in the City League.

The Blue Labels forfeited three games to the Murray Shoe last night.

ST. MARYS CURLERS ELECT OFFICERS

ST. MARYS, Dec. 21.—At a meeting of the St. Marys Curling Club officers were elected for the year as follows: President, William Andrews, Sr.; Vice-President, Rev. Father Roman, John Pool, S. J. Dunsmuir, John Lind; Treasurer, W. H. Tovel; Secretary, J. G. Maxwell; Chaplain, Rev. J. G. Miller. The club will hold its annual banquet on Jan. 1.

MOORE DEFEATS DE ORO

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—George Moore of this city clinched his title as world's three-cushion carrom champion last night by defeating Alfredo De Oro of Cuba by a total score of 150 to 125 in a three-block match. In the final block Moore scored his 50 points while De Oro was making 33.

FOUGHT A DRAW

CLEVELAND, Dec. 21.—In ten rapid-fire rounds tonight, Ted Lewis of England, and Johnny Griffith of Akron, wetweights, fought to a draw despite the fact that Lewis in the sixth round of Griffith, and had him weak and groggy in the seventh. Griffith was the aggressor in the early rounds.

BILLY MYER RECOVERING

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—"Billy" Myer, noted as the "Strator Cyclone" who years ago fought Jack McAuliffe for the world's lightweight championship, is recovering from a serious operation here today.

Physicians say his chances for recovery are good. Myer also is well known to turf followers. He is engaged in business here.

BEHIND THE RECORD IN SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—At noon today the 6th hour, there was no relative change in the positions of the teams in the six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden. The ten leaders, with still behind the record for that hour, which is 1,771 miles and 3 laps made by Moran and McNamara in 1914.

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## Proposed Race Track Taxation Sounds Doom Of Syndicate Rings

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—The province of Quebec will impose a tax on race courses and the theatres. Regarding race meeting licenses, it is provided that each person operating a race track or holding a race meeting shall get a license from the collector of revenue, for which he is to pay a fee of \$5, but no license is required for races held on any official county agricultural exhibition.

In addition, it is provided that "every bet, wager or pool recorded, received or sold at any race track shall be subject to a duty of 4 per cent. of the amount of such bet, wager or pool, and if any bet, wager or pool is recorded, under any legal system than that known as the pari-mutuels, there shall be paid by the licensee an additional duty of \$1.25 per day during the meeting." Those operating the pari-mutuel machines must pay a fee of \$5 in addition.

This four per cent must be deducted before the payment of any amount to any winner, and given to the official of the Government, under penalties provided. Those who act without a license or fail to carry out the law by public auction without any legal preliminary, and the money turned over to the province, shall be liable to a fine of \$100 and imprisonment for six months.

It is stipulated that the law of the betting is legal, or is not, shall not be a ground for any legal proceeding, recording, receiving or selling any bet, wager or pool under the law, and that the law shall remain in force, inclusive of the four per cent for the Government.

The betting tax is to be one to five cents, depending on the price of admission.

Going dates, 23rd, 24th and 25th. Return limit, Dec. 26th.

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## Into the Trenches By Christmas! Two Recruits for Golf

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Charles Comiskey, president of the White Sox, and Ben Johnson, president of the American League, with their wives are on their way to Excelsior Springs, Mo., and will there look along a couple of golf outfits.

Neither ever has played the game, but Johnson bought it was time they were learning, so he bought sticks for both himself and the Old Comman. They will remain at the Missouri resort until after Christmas.

ADAMS'S AFFIDAVIT SAYS HE IS AMATEUR

Famous Player Has Now Enlisted for Overseas Service.

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—Gunner William Adams of Fort William, now with the 70th Battery, has filed an affidavit with the O. C. A. testifying as to his amateur standing, and explaining his presence in St. Paul last winter. He says that he attended St. Thomas Military Academy from December 15, 1915, until June 1, 1916, and is now enlisted for overseas service.

While in St. Paul he played for the academy's hockey team, and also for the St. Paul team, but received no remuneration of any kind for his services. In fact, did not receive all of his expenses while traveling with them. Adams also adds that the St. Paul team, in fact, did not receive all of his expenses while traveling with them. Adams also adds that the St. Paul team, in fact, did not receive all of his expenses while traveling with them.

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## Tillsonburg Replaces London Hockey Club

By a Rearrangement of the Schedule the District Will Not Be Divided Into Two Sections as Intended.

By a rearrangement made last night between Manager Ted Brand of the London Hockey Club and the London Amateur Athletic Association the junior hockey schedule for the local group will adhere to a five-team combination instead of dividing the district into two sections. This means all games to be played in the city will be under control of the L. A. A.

A schedule was adopted which enabled Tillsonburg to take the place of the London Hockey Club. The drafting of the schedule was a laborious job, and while a great deal of playing is asked of every one of the five clubs, it was the belief of the committee that every club got its fair share of strenuous play.

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## SOMEONE SWIPED NAP RUCKER'S FLIVVER

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 21.—While he was being trimmed in a local barber shop, somebody on the outside "trimmed" Nap Rucker, Brooklyn portwheeler, for a brand new flivver. Nap opened some pedestrian just slipped the machine into his pocket and walked off with it.

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## WILSON'S NOTE WILL BE GIVEN JOINT ANSWER

Allies Will Deal in Concert  
With President's Peace  
Move.

NO BRITISH STATEMENT

Government Silent, Says An-  
nouncement, From Bonar  
Law in House.

London, Dec. 22.—The British Govern-  
ment will make no statement at the  
present in regard to President Wilson's  
peace note, considering it a question  
that can be dealt with only in com-  
munication with the other members of  
the Entente. Announcement to this  
effect was made in the House of Com-  
mons today by Andrew Bonar Law,  
chancellor of the exchequer and Govern-  
ment leader in the House.

Mr. Law was asked whether a state-  
ment could be made regarding the  
American note. He replied: "It must  
be obvious to the House that this is  
a question that can only be dealt  
with in communication with our allies,  
and that it is absolutely impossible to  
make a statement now."

While it cannot be said that the  
note was received with anything re-  
sembling a feeling of resentment the  
Associated Press is quoted to say that  
the sudden and unexpected receipt  
puzzled officials, which was unpre-  
pared for it so close upon the heels  
of the German peace proposals. It is  
therefore believed the note will not  
interfere with the plans of the Allies  
for sending a joint reply to the Ger-  
man proposals, which will probably be  
done before Christmas.

Lloyd George Has Spoken.  
It is understood that opinion in of-  
ficial circles is that the speeches de-  
livered within the last fortnight by  
the spokesmen of all the allied gov-  
ernments, the latest by Premier Lloyd  
George, form the most effective replies  
to the proposals of Chancellor von  
Bethmann-Hollweg and really state the  
position of all the allies regarding any  
peace movement from any quarter.

While the replies of the various al-  
lied governments to Germany will be  
made simultaneously, yet these replies  
will not be textually identical, and will  
not take the form of a joint reply.

Cases Differ Slightly.

The reason for this is that while all  
the Entente Allies are agreed on the  
general principles of the reply, each  
case into the war under differ-  
ent conditions, calling for a somewhat  
different statement.

For example, the defence of small  
nations was one of the main causes  
bringing England into the war. In  
defence of Belgium, whereas Bel-  
gium and Serbia did not enter for that  
reason, but because their territory was  
invaded. Similar differences in the  
conditions exist as regards France, Ru-  
mania and other countries, so that  
while all the replies will agree on the  
essential particulars of repara-  
tion and security they will not be  
identical.

Indorses Premier's Words.  
Sir John A. Simon, the former sec-  
retary of state for home affairs, and  
in the House of Commons today to  
indorse in behalf of himself and his  
followers Premier Lloyd George's  
speech on peace.

"It may be asseverated in view of past  
events," he said, "to make quite plain  
in a few sentences how universal and  
widespread is the acceptance in all  
sections of opinion in all parts of the  
country of the premier's declaration in  
reply to the German message. The  
premier told us clearly and in no  
proper sense of the word was the com-  
munication received from Germany a  
peace proposal at all."

No Proposal Made.  
"Proposals involve propositions, and  
it is a misuse of language to talk about  
a message containing no suggestion of  
terms as a proposal. If, indeed, the  
message had contained terms, even un-  
acceptable or impossible terms, it would  
have been a clear and specific  
proposal. If it did not, like these al-  
ligerant comes forward with the  
proposition of a desire for peace and  
put forward reasonable terms, every-  
thing is to be done by every joint  
of view by testing the sincerity of his  
declaration. But the only declaration  
received from Germany was a mere  
paraphrase of the German position."

Has Not Slammed Door.  
The premier has not slammed the  
door on peace; he has pointed out that  
any discussion without some previous  
suggestion of terms must necessarily  
be a delusion. He said: "I believe  
that nobody in this country could seri-  
ously expect any other reply than that  
which the premier has given."

My resignation from the late gov-  
ernment was due to differences as to  
the methods whereby we could procure  
our maximum strength; there was no  
difference with regard to the peace  
and the mind of the whole nation. We  
are all agreed that, firstly, it would  
be an unpardonable crime for any  
government to allow war to continue  
for a single unnecessary hour, and  
secondly, it would be the deepest  
treachery to falter in securing the  
force of arms. If need be, those objects  
essentially defensive and unaggressive  
for which we entered the war."

Boat From the Blue.  
Absolute and startling surprise was  
the first feeling in Great Britain aroused  
by President Wilson's note. The  
Government was surprised and frankly  
admitted so. The members of Parlia-  
ment were equally surprised when the  
news spread through both houses dur-  
ing the afternoon session.

The newspaper offices were surprised  
and undoubtedly the public will be  
equally surprised when they read Am-  
bassador Page's statement to the foreign  
office in the morning papers. All in-  
formation from America in the last  
few days, both in dispatches from the  
usually best informed correspondents  
and in advice to the banking and busi-  
ness firms, has said the president in-  
tended taking no steps toward peace  
or making any move in European af-  
fairs. When he transmitted Germany's  
note to Great Britain without com-  
ment it was assumed that this action  
represented his general attitude toward  
the European situation.

Must Have "Proposals."  
Most of the newspapers commented  
upon this course with satisfaction. The  
tenor of their comments tomorrow will  
be that Premier Lloyd George's speech  
and the speeches of the Russian, French  
and Italian statesmen have affirmed  
the Allies' position and that unless the  
German Government gives notice of the  
nature of the further proposals which  
it would bring to a conference, the  
Allies cannot accept the invitation to  
sit around a council table for its dis-  
cussion.

## NURSES IN CANADA UNDER HOSPITAL COMMISSION TO WEAR CIVILIAN GARB

Will Avoid Military Aspect in These  
Institutions as Return to Peace.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The hospitals  
commission states that the nurses in  
the homes being established or estab-  
lished in Canada will not be accorded  
military rank, but will carry on their  
nursing as civilians. While there  
will be no forbidding of the wearing  
of nursing military costumes by  
nurses in their homes they will not  
be allowed to wear rank badges.

The reason given is that the insti-  
tutions under the hospitals commis-  
sion regard their work as a step to-  
ward returning to civilian life men who  
have served gallantly at the front, and  
who are no longer fit for such service.  
The medical and surgical treatment,  
the convalescent exercises, and the vo-  
cational training are all designed to-  
ward returning soldiers to civilian life  
in civil life. Therefore the step is  
taken early and the hospitals made of  
a civilian rather than of a military  
character. The only military aspect  
retained is that the patients are under  
military authority and wear military  
uniforms until discharged.

UNITED STATES WILL HAVE  
IMPORTANT NAVAL BASE

Danish West Indies of Immense Stra-  
tegic Value.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Approval  
by Denmark's Parliament of the treaty  
by which the United States will acquire  
the Danish West Indies opens the way  
for a prompt exchange of ratifications  
between the two governments, and con-  
summation of negotiations that have  
been in progress intermittently since  
the civil war. The United States  
Senate already has given its approval,  
and as soon as the formal exchanges  
have taken place, the Administration  
will press measures in Congress ap-  
propriating the purchase price, \$25,000,000,  
and providing for the institution of an  
American territorial government on the  
islands.

American naval strategists for years  
have regarded possession of this little  
archipelago lying 50 miles east of Porto  
Rico, as absolutely necessary to pre-  
vent any European power from acquir-  
ing it, and moreover, to establish there  
the United States fleet. Commer-  
cially the islands are regarded as of  
comparatively little value. There are  
three of them, St. Thomas, St. John  
and St. Croix, and on their 142 square  
miles live some 23,000 persons, nine-  
tenths of whom are negroes employed on  
sugar-cane plantations.

DR. GILMOUR LEAVES  
GUELPH PRISON FARM

Will Become Provincial Inspector of  
Paroled Prisoners.

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—Several changes  
in the management of Ontario prison  
farms have been announced.

Dr. J. T. Gilmour, for twelve years  
warden of the central prison and lat-  
terly of the industrial prison farm at  
Guelph, has been appointed provincial  
inspector of paroled prisoners, and  
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prison farm in Northern Ontario suc-  
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tin of the Burwash farm is promoted  
to be superintendent.

AMERICAN ON BOARD  
ANOTHER SHIP SUNK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—An official  
report to the American consul at Malta  
said that the British horse ship St. Ursula,  
bound from Saloniki to Montreal in  
ballast, with six Americans on board,  
was sunk without warning by a  
torpedo from a submarine of unknown  
nationality on December 13.

Two officers reported seeing the wake  
of the submarine and its periscope but  
not its flag. The survivors, including  
the six Americans, were landed at  
Malta six hours afterward. Four men  
still alive, but the state department  
has ordered further investigation.

CHIEF BELGIAN DEPORTER,  
GEN. VON BISSING, IS ILL

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A news agency  
dispatch from Amsterdam today says  
Gen. von Bissing, German governor-  
general of Belgium, was reported  
dangerously ill of pneumonia in dis-  
patches received from the frontier.  
He has been temporarily replaced by  
Russels as governor-general pending  
his recovery.

SUFFERED FROM BACKACHE,  
RHEUMATISM, DROPSY

ICE-BREAKER GIVES UP  
RELEASE OF ARABIAN

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## VIOLENT BATTLE IS IN PROGRESS IN N. DOBRUDJA

Germans Are Dislodged From  
Some Heights Which They  
Had Just Captured.

STORM CARPATHIAN HILLS

In Caucasus the Czar's Forces  
Drive Turks From Trenches  
—Storm Raging.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 21.—"The Lon-  
don Press.—A violent battle is in  
progress in Northern Dobrudja, where  
the offensive was assumed by the  
forces of the central powers, which at  
first carried several heights, but later  
were driven from a portion of the cap-  
tured ground, the war office announced  
today. Russian attacks in efforts to  
gain control of the remaining heights  
are going on.

"On the left bank of the Danube,  
north of Buzet, engagements took  
place with our advanced detachments.  
Between the Buzet-Rimnik and the  
Inau-Racovitzer highroad, where  
between advanced infantry detachments  
and artillery duels are proceeding. The  
enemy, about a regiment strong in in-  
fantry and cavalry, is advancing on  
both sides of the Inau-Racovitzer high-  
road, but is being held by our fire. On  
the Perita-Stankuca front the  
enemy has pressed back our advanced  
guard.

"Struggle to Control Heights.  
"In Dobrudja the enemy assumed the  
offensive on the front from the Danube  
to Bachel, in the neighborhood of  
Balabanica and Bachelko he succeeded  
in occupying a series of heights. The  
enemy was dislodged from several  
heights by our counter-attack and for  
the occupation of the rest the battle is  
continuing.

"On the Black Sea, one of our sub-  
marine sank, near the Bosphorus, a  
steamer and twelve sailing vessels."

Carpathian Hills Stormed.  
An advance for the Russians in the  
region of Kimpoling, in the Carpathi-  
ans, where height positions were cap-  
tured, is announced by the war office  
in today's official statement. In Ga-  
relia, Teutonians attempted to advance  
the Zlota Lina region were checked.  
The statement reads:

"Western front: In the direction of  
Zlochoff the enemy launched a series of  
positions in the region of the town of  
Carbuzov and the villages of Gukal-  
ovce. Our artillery dispersed several  
groups of infantry and cavalry, which  
were moving north from the village of  
Prisnova. Enemy attempts to cross the  
River Kenuvka, the left tributary of  
the Zlota Lina, in the region of the  
village of Chiballin, were checked by  
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the Golden Bystritz River yesterday  
the Russians made a determined effort  
to advance, attacking four times. It is  
announced officially. Their efforts  
broke down under the fire of Austro-  
Hungarian troops.

Four Attacks Broken.  
"Rumanian front: Front of Archdeacon  
Joseph: Four Russian attacks, north-  
east of the Golden Bystritz, broke down  
before the strong resistance of Austro-Hun-  
garian battalions. Further south the  
enemy was driven back from some  
strong positions."

"Front of Field Marshal von Mack-  
ensen: In great Wallachia the enemy  
was ejected from some rearward posi-  
tions."

"Macedonian front: German rifles  
maintained the much disputed heights  
east of Peralovo, in the Cerna bend,  
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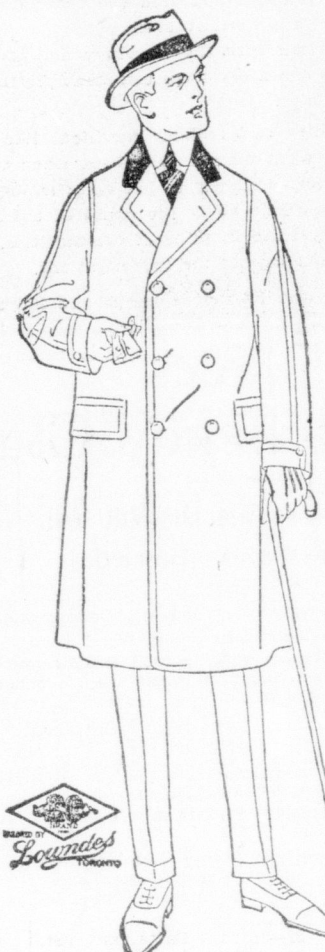
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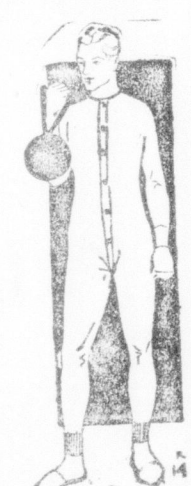


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BY ISOBEL C. ARMSTRONG.

One of those nice, resigned kind of editorials appeared the other day in a contemporary calling upon readers to remember that even with the price of every eating commodity rising, in comparison with the way in which sacrifices and suffering come to other countries, we can see we are comparatively making no sacrifice whatever—suffering no hardships.

We admit we aren't suffering hardships and making sacrifices like other countries engaged in the war. That isn't what we grumble about when we all over the high cost of living. We are perfectly willing to put up with anything that is necessary, and that will in any way help along the cause of the Allies. What we do grumble about is unnecessary raises in price of commodities, and that is why the public is wakening up and calling for investigations.

It will be plenty of time to sit down and fold one's hands and hold over one's head a banner inscribed, "Patriotism," when every possible step has been taken to cope with the situation, either by individual effort, or setting the wheels of legislation in motion.

Moreover, it isn't patriotic to adopt a Christian martyr attitude and call it the fortunes of war every time butter and eggs and meat and bread take another high jump.

The more money we save on ourselves and our tables, the more we will have to give for Red Cross and other patriotic causes, for the relief of Belgians, Serbians and French, whose suffering has been intensified by the fighting right in their own countries. By the same token, the more chickens and produce we raise, the more we will have to export to the United Kingdom. Like genius, patriotism in these strenuous times is hard work, and also hard thinking. Patriotism is also greater production and thrift. In face of the fact that the Government for the past two years has been trumpeting for this expression of patriotism, does it look consistent for a loyal Canadian to fold the hands with which Nature has endowed, and say, "We are not suffering as are the other nations engaged in the war, with the high prices prevailing we have no want; we do not have to hear our children hopelessly cry for bread." Of course, we want to remember to be properly grateful for our mercies, but we don't think that this thankful frame of mind should be any excuse for sloth, either mental or physical.

## CHRISTMAS POULTRY.

Poultry is a very live subject at the present moment—though it may not look it hanging by its neck or legs, or laid out in solemn array on counters or tables offered for sale.

The question of the variety of poultry for the Christmas dinner table is one which is giving the housewife a considerable amount of thought and not a little concern.

"Turkey is prohibitive," says the thrifty housewife, and the man who pays the piper seconds the motion.

Only the rich, the extravagant, those who will maintain traditions at any price, or the irresponsible who have been taken unaware, will have turkey on the Christmas dinner table. The rest will satisfy their appetite, and sense of order and decency in all things, with plump geese, savory duck or chickens cooked to a turn.

The melancholy tale has been told of the man who, in an outburst of generosity, a few weeks ago ordered a promising-looking turkey for the Sunday dinner. During the operation of dressing the bird, wife discovered a peculiar spot on its liver. Husband was called to assist in a post-mortem. He wasn't sure, but he had suspicions. He called up a veterinary surgeon, who confirmed the diagnosis that the turkey had been a victim of tuberculosis. In consideration of the price that had been paid, the funeral was duly doleful.

This and similar cases make very clear the importance of an understanding on the part of the buying public of first principles in poultry selection.

Miss Nicholson of Chelsea, Quebec, a poultry expert, who is already well known to readers of this department through her helpful articles on poultry-raising, which have appeared from time to time, offers the following suggestions as a guide in buying poultry:

"Never buy poultry that is drawn and has the head removed, unless it is from somebody you can absolutely rely upon. Your only safeguard is to see the head and entrails.

"By the head, you can tell whether or not the bird has had roup, a form of diphtheria. With roup, the head swells around the eyes, the mouth opens, and the mucous membrane becomes hardened. The head is also swollen and the nostrils may be washed off, but the swelling around the eyes cannot be hidden. Tuberculosis reveals itself by white spots on the liver. A bird that appears plump has not always been a healthy bird.

"Healthy fat is yellow and gives to pressure of the fingers. The fat of the tubercular fowl is white, hard, and clings to the flesh. Tear away tubercular fat and you find a large percentage of the weight.

"NEVER BUY A BIRD WHEN THE BREAST BONE IS SHARP AND UNPADDED. SUCH A BIRD ALMOST ALWAYS HAS HAD TUBERCULOSIS."

## PROPERLY DRESSED POULTRY.

Rumors reached the editor of this department some time ago in regard to an indignation deputation, which proposed waiting upon the city fathers to petition (?) to have the bylaw concerning poultry offered for sale enforced.

One woman, when interviewed, expressed her opinion in good set terms on the subject of poultry offered for sale, head, entrails and all, and most of the feathers to boot.

"Where my sister lives," she said, "you never see a fowl offered for sale that isn't drawn. I do think we must do something about having the bylaw enforced here."

But she couldn't tell what the bylaw was, nor could half a dozen others who voiced similar views.

Section 7, Bylaw No. 4946, and the last clause thereof, was discovered in the civic blue book to this effect: "And all poultry offered for sale upon the public market shall be properly dressed," all of which was very proper, but not especially illuminating.

The city clerk admitted himself puzzled when asked point blank what was considered by the city council de rigueur in the way of dressing for a member of the genus poultry offered for sale. When he had vague recollections that there had been some dispute as to the wording and intent of the bylaw. In fact, he remembered definitely that such were the objections to a bylaw demanding that poultry be drawn, the clause was removed and the order placed in the blue book in its present form. No one could take objection as it now stood. The Mayor was willing to admit it was a masterpiece of diplomatic soundness, but didn't mean anything.

Poultry dressing was out of bounds for the M. O. H., but he contributed the information that birds kept better if not drawn.

Miss Nicholson's statement: "Your only safeguard is to see the head and entrails," should reconcile any woman to the added work of drawing her own poultry, especially when her further instructions have also been read and thoroughly understood. But this, Miss Nicholson also has to say, "Poultry properly dressed for sale should not have a single feather left upon it."

Downs of London housewives can testify that it is a hundred per cent harder (at least), to remove feathers after the bird has been killed several hours than it is at first. And there are dozens of housewives who have lived in the country and had their own poultry for the killing, and who are now resident in the city, who will corroborate the statement.

Yet where in London are chickens offered for sale that fulfill the requirement, "Plucked clean of every feather?"

The elasticity and diplomacy of the "properly dressed" bylaw admits of an interesting variety of interpretations, ranging all the way from a full suit of feathers to jaunty bunches on wings and tail, with a crop of pin feathers by way of added aggravation. Again, in these days of high cost of living, the added weight of the feathers is some consideration. A feather may be the symbol of all that is light and airy, but some of those wing feathers, with their iron grip (several hours after killing), aren't by any means thistle down.

With all due regard for the wisdom of the Solons of the council, a number of women members of "Our Consumers' League" are of the opinion they might be able to give a few tips when it comes to framing bylaws.

## THE FIRE IN THE PEA FIELD.

One dry summer, the pea field next the railway caught fire from a spark from a passing engine. Quickly the blaze spread until the adjacent orchard, the evergreen grove and the house itself were threatened. The whole family turned out to fight the flames and the neighbors came running to do their part. The hired man and the man from the farm across the road were soon on the scene with pails to make furrows to stop the fire, in so far as was possible, with a high wind. The women and girls beat upon the burning pea straw with wet branches, and even the little boy did his part, bringing up small pails of water on his express cart.

In much less time than it seemed to take, the fire was out and everybody was congratulating the owner of the pea field, orchard and house, his wife and the family, upon the narrow escape of the property. The family, in turn, was thanking everybody who had rushed to the rescue. Just one person was overlooked, the small boy. When he could make himself heard, "I poured water on the switches for mother and Lizzie," is what he said.

The little boy didn't do much, but he did what he could, and his small part also helped to keep back the fire, and finally conquer it.

The little economy which the reader of this department has discovered for himself or herself may not seem of much importance in itself, but it is just an accumulation of these small economies, which, lumped up, make an appreciable difference in the reduction of household expenses. Tell about your pet economy and you will encourage someone else to tell about his or hers. You will thus help one another and all the readers with their problems of cost of living. Cooperation, and each one doing a part, put out the fire in the pea field.

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# HASTENS TO ASSURE PUBLIC OF AMERICAN INTENTION TO REMAIN NEUTRAL IN WAR

Secretary of State, After Two Earlier Attempts, Tries To  
Clear Up Purpose of Not a To Belligerents Which  
Caused Confusion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Wilson's note to the belligerents, urging discussion of peace, was officially interpreted today as not bearing any threat that the United States might be forced to enter the war because of the continued invasions of the rights by the warring powers on both sides.

This interpretation was made late today by Secretary of State Lansing in a formal statement issued to overcome what were characterized as widespread misconceptions placed on one given out earlier in the day saying that because of the increasingly critical position of the United States as a neutral, it was entitled to know what each of the belligerents seeks in order that it might regulate its conduct for the future.

U. S. TO STAY NEUTRAL.

Secretary Lansing's final statement, formally prepared and issued after he had been called to the White House for a conference with President Wilson, declared that he had not intended to intimate that the United States was considering any change in its policy of neutrality, and that the whole tone and language of the note were sufficient to indicate its purpose without further comment on his part.

Mr. Lansing's statement, made orally and of which no official copy was distributed, led to exaggerations of its meanings and purpose throughout the United States. It was as follows:

NEAR VERGE OF WAR.

"It is our material interest we had in mind when the note was sent, but more and more of our own rights are becoming involved increasingly critical.

"I mean by that that we are drawing nearer the verge of war ourselves, and therefore we are entitled to know exactly what each belligerent desires in order that we may regulate our conduct in the future.

"No nation has been wounded. No consideration of the German overtures or of the speech of Lloyd George was taken into account in the formulation of the document. The only thing the overtures did was to delay it a few days. It was not decided to send it until Monday. Of course the difficulties that faced the president were that it might be construed as a movement toward peace and in aid of the German overtures. He specifically denied that that was the fact in the document itself."

HULLSALOO CREATED.

When word of what the secretary of state had said spread throughout the capital, it created the greatest consternation in official circles and among the foreign diplomats, many of whom were calling at the state department to receive their copies of the note dispatched to their capitals.

It became apparent that the secretary's statement was not wholly approved at the White House, and that there was question as to the wisdom of making any comment that might be regarded as an addition to the note. The White House was concerned lest any word reach the foreign capitals to be construed as indicating that the American note was anything but what it indicated on its face. So after a conference between President Wilson and Secretary Lansing the second statement was formally prepared and distributed at the state department. It follows:

NOT REALLY PEACE NOTE.

"The sending of this note would indicate the possibility of our being forced into the war. That possibility ought to serve as a restraining and sobering force safeguarding American rights. It may also serve to force an earlier conclusion of the war. Neither the president nor myself regard this note as a peace note. It is merely an effort to get the belligerents to define and for which they are fighting."

At the White House no comment whatever was made on the note itself nor on the two statements by Secretary Lansing. The German embassy gave no outward evidence of concern over the sudden developments.

Entente diplomats, at first at an utter loss how to handle the unexpected situation, became convinced that a clearer understanding of the necessities and purposes of the United States project that their fear of a move favorable to Germany was not contemplated and that this country would not try to force peace on Europe. Their view grew that the United States feared that unless the peace proposals go through now, a period of ruthlessness and retaliation may set in on both sides which will inevitably force this country into action.

In Friendly Spirit.

It is indicated, therefore, that the Allied diplomats will advise their governments to view the note in a friendly spirit and so far as possible towards meeting the wishes of the United States. No indication was vouchsafed, however, as to whether the replies will be identical or individual in form, or general or specific in nature.

Secretary Lansing, in calling in the diplomatic representatives of the belligerents is understood to have made it clear to them individually that the United States expected the replies of the governments to be absolutely frank in all details. The idea was gathered that the United States was looking forward to forming itself into a clearing-house, at least for views and probabilities.

The general understanding was that the purpose of this explanation was to enable the envoys to communicate to their own governments the underlying purpose of the president's action at this time.

Would Learn Full Terms.

Further the opinion prevailed that the United States expected to be fully informed of all terms, including those relating to territory.

It is felt in various diplomatic quarters that while statements regarding terms, especially those concerning territory might readily be passed along by the United States, they must not, if the negotiations are to have the slightest chance of success, be conveyed to the public generally. Should definite territorial terms be made public, it is feared a certain section of public opinion in the countries affected would cause international embarrassment.

The president's note was declared today to be a "hit across the whole board" without intention of favoring or condemning either belligerent group to the prejudice of the other. Nevertheless, certain facts are cited as indicating beyond doubt where the chief emotion lies at present in the relations of this country as between the two groups.

No Trouble for Months.

With the Entente apart from a little trouble over Count Tarnowski, it was pointed out, there has been no published diplomatic correspondence for months. This country is the only one on both the blacklist and the mail embargo. Trade matters have been very quiet.

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## BERLIN PAPER SAYS PROMISE TO AMERICA ABOUT SUBS FALLS

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Board or Not.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Exchange Telegraph Company's Amsterdam correspondent quotes the following from the Berlin Tagliche Rundschau regarding the reference made in the House of Commons by Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, to the case of Capt. Blakie, of the British steamer Caledonia, taken prisoner by the Germans:

"The German Government has now formally taken the position that England's armed commerce and passenger steamers are non-combatants, being armed auxiliary cruisers. The promise given to America—which has always hindered our submarine war—that these vessels were being torpedoed, must be stopped and be examined, falls to the ground. They are warships and must be treated as such, even when Americans are on board.

"We now have facilities for extending the undersea boat warfare, which all sensible people have long recognized as unavoidable and indispensable. This is the best reply to Premier Lloyd George's refusal of our peace offer."

Mr. Bonar Law, in his statement in the House of Commons on Tuesday, said Germany had given assurance that Capt. Blakie would not share the fate of Capt. Fryatt, of the British steamer Caledonia, taken prisoner after conviction on the charge that his vessel had attempted to run a German submarine. Germany, the chancellor stated, considered the Caledonia an armed cruiser, and that Capt. Blakie, in attempting to run the undersea boat, was merely performing his duty.

Will Carry It Through.

"The president may object that the defeat may take a long time, but the Allies are determined to carry it through, just as the northern states in the Civil War resolved that, cost what it might, they would carry it through. If the president desires the war to end now, we suggest that he range himself on the side of the Allies and help defeat the Allies. But if he is unprepared to fight on one side or the other, we confess we are unable to see in what way he can assist in a settlement of the matter."

Greatest Astonishment.

The Daily Mail says: "The greatest astonishment will be caused in this country by the news that the president of the United States has decided to re-elect himself by dispatching to the Allies and enemy powers a note in which he expresses the opinion that the time has come for both sides to state their terms of peace."

It contains the individual advice of the president, and is not to be regarded as any sense containing a diplomatic attempt at mediation. All the world knows Mr. Wilson's desire for peace. But we may doubt whether the note would ever have been sent if the British Government had taken the trouble to put its case before the American people by such skillful and persistent propaganda as the pro-Germans in the United States have carried on.

"The document was evidently prepared before Mr. Lloyd George had uttered his historic speech Tuesday. The result is that it has been answered before its delivery, for the Allies' terms of peace are now known to all.

Nor is there any possibility of considering peace in any way until Germany has retired within her own borders. It would be a simple affront to their allies to ask them to discuss terms while the enemy is still in occupation of Belgium, Northern France, Poland, Rumania, Serbia and Montenegro."

What German Guarantee?

"There are two considerations," the Daily Mail concludes. "We would suggest to President Wilson, believing in mind to be both candid and detached. Let us suppose peace is concluded before Germany is beaten in the field (and he evidently thinks she is not beaten so far). What guarantee is there that she will not renege a new treaty the moment it suits her purpose?"

How will it rig the world of this plot and intrigue military depot in Berlin if William II is permitted to call on his weak neighbors to cut their throats, and then escape peacefully and happily to his property. The war cannot end until Germany has overthrown the blood-thirsty, unscrupulous military tyranny she is now trying to impose on us, or until the last man in this country who loves liberty is killed."

GOVERNMENT TO RELEASE  
IRISH REBEL PRISONERS

Chief Secretary For Ireland Makes Announcement.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Government has decided to release the Irish prisoners, who were interned after the rebellion in Ireland, Henry E. Doyle, chief-secretary for Ireland, announced in the House of Commons today.

"The time has come when the advantages of releasing them now far outweigh the risk, and I have so advised the Government. Steps therefore were taken today to proceed, with the least possible delay, to return the interned prisoners to the statement of the secretary for home affairs in the House of Commons last October, there were 876 Irishmen interned in connection with the recent rebellion."

DOOR STILL OPEN

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily Mail, which is close to Premier Lloyd George, this morning gave prominence to the following:

"The Germans and neutral press George's refusal of the German peace offer largely take the stand that he did not close the door to peace. The actual fact, however, is that he entirely declined peace on anything except the Allies' terms, and the door obviously remains open only if Germany is willing to accept those terms, which are complete restitution, full reparation and effectual guarantees."

ILL-TIMED; ILL-JUDGED.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 22.—The Post, referring to President Wilson's note suggesting that the belligerents make known their desires concerning peace, says:

"President Wilson must not be surprised if, as far as the Allies are concerned, his intervention produces a state of mind contrary to that at which he aims. The Allies will readily give the president credit for the best of intentions, but they will be justified in



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wondering whether, from their point of view, the note is not particularly ill-timed and ill-judged."

REMINISCENT OF ANTIQUE GODS.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Morning Post, in an editorial, says: "President Wilson's 'detachment' as passing belief, and 'reminiscence of the attitude of the antique gods.' Going through the president's statements in a highly ironic vein, the Post says:

"We have supposed by this time even the Americans realized what the nations were fighting about, but as they profess ignorance of what is at stake, the matter to them, Germany is out to conquer Europe."

If the United Kingdom, like the United States, had stood aside, the Morning Post says, Germany might have succeeded, and then with Europe conquered there would have remained the United States.

"Does President Wilson suppose that the Monroe Doctrine and the American navy together would have been sufficient to defend the vast, rich and almost unprotected territory of North and South America?" asks the Morning Post. "We are fighting for the lives, possessions and liberties of the rest of the world, including the two Americas, and we reply frankly to the president that these can only be secured by the defeat of Germany."

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Pte. G. A. Herald.

WOUNDED

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CANADIAN CASUALTIES

IN FANTRY.

Wounded—46352 W. H. Hoare, England; 139235 Ernest James, England; 235597 J. P. Jeffery, England; 480493 Corp. Alex. Kelman, Scotland; 483449 James Moore, England; 124259 Frederick Reeve, England; 31958 Lance Sergt. P. N. Reeve, England; 225128 Samuel Skilling, Scotland; 113770 Robert Slim, Scotland; 441586 Thomas Wynne, Wales.

Killed in Action—193443 W. E. Moffatt, Newfoundland; 40393 Lance Sergt. James Nuttall, Hespeler, Ont.; 260683 Lance Sergt. Arthur Taylor, Steadman, Que.; 145493 Chas. Hanson, Ottawa; 121272 Octave Bergeron, Assbestos Mines, P.Q.

Died of Wounds—414307 Francois Dupuis, Trois Rivières, P.Q.; Lieut. J. H. Grant, Nelson, B.C.

Died—432222 H. E. McDonald, Owen Sound, Ont.

Previously Reported Missing, Now Unofficially Died While Prisoner of War—John McCauch, Pincher Creek, Alta.

Previously Reported Missing, Now Unofficially Prisoner of War—148740 Arthur Simms, Russell, Man.; 465827 Burton Storey, Brockville, Ont.; 163705 Gilbert Thompson, Minn.

Missing—135522 Corp. C. E. Hueson, Toronto; 144717 Wm. Trappitt, Laurentian, View, Ont.

Dangerously Ill—783117 Stanley Cornish, Toronto; 302953 C. A. Herald, London, Ont.; 220898 V. G. Thomas, Toronto.

Wounded—156369 F. T. Kennedy, Napier, Man.; 158583 John LaFortune, Cobble Hill, B.C.; Lieut. H. H. Harvey, Cloverdale, B.C.; 460318 F. W. Joeling, Winnipeg; 147395 Alex. Learmont, Elmwood, Winnipeg; 460796 Lance-Corp. Thomas McIvor, Winnipeg; 146418 K. M. Morris, Bradford, Ont.; 118 Frank Mitchell, Lake Hill P. O., Victoria, B.C.; 168869 L. W. Payne, Winnipeg; 487278 R. J. Ryan, Collingdale, Alta.; 201419 J. M. Laird, Toronto; 332267 G. R. J. Jolly (at duty), National 40495 Lance-Corp. R. E. Bayle, Chambers Avenue, Silverthorne, Toronto; 44270 Sergt. Arthur Thompson, Toronto; 703201 John Thompson, Harborough, Nfld.; 20122 R. H. Wallace, Toronto; 255074 V. C. Williams, Toronto; 171402 R. R. Yates, Toronto.

ENGINEERS.

Killed in Action—47315 Sapper Leonard Cayley, Calgary.

ARTILLERY.

Killed in Action—305543 Signaller H. I. Sawyer, Ottawa.

Died of Wounds—59514 Sergt. H. S. Hayes, Trenton, Ont.

Wounded—302852 Gunner Douglas Leuder (at duty), St. Catharines, Ont.

ROGERS IGNORES HYDRO FOR PARLIAMENT HILL

Ottawa Commission Feels It Should Have Sailed.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—Hydro-electric authorities here are protesting because they were not given a chance to tender on the lighting of the Federal Government buildings and grounds. Hon. Robert Rogers has just signed a contract with the Ottawa Electric Company for five years for meter rate—a big contract. The hydro commission now insists it should have had.

TEIPER JURY LOCKED UP.

BIFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 21.—A 12:15 this morning the jury in the trial of John Edward Teiper charged with the murder of his mother, having failed to agree on a verdict was locked up for the night.

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### DIED

OWEN SOUND.

Pte. R. E. MacDonald.

### DANGEROUSLY ILL

LONDON.

Pte. G. A. Herald.

### WOUNDED

CHATHAM.

Pte. Wm. McMillan.

Pte. Walter Goodland.

## CANADIAN CASUALTIES

### IN FANTRY.

Wounded—46352 W. H. Hoare, England; 139235 Ernest James, England; 235597 J. P. Jeffery, England; 480493 Corp. Alex. Kelman, Scotland; 483449 James Moore, England; 124259 Frederick Reeve, England; 31958 Lance Sergt. P. N. Reeve, England; 225128 Samuel Skilling, Scotland; 113770 Robert Slim, Scotland; 441586 Thomas Wynne, Wales.

### Killed in Action—193443 W. E. Moffatt, Newfoundland; 40393 Lance Sergt. James Nuttall, Hespeler, Ont.; 260683 Lance Sergt. Arthur Taylor, Steadman, Que.; 145493 Chas. Hanson, Ottawa; 121272 Octave Bergeron, Assbestos Mines, P.Q.

### Died of Wounds—414307 Francois Dupuis, Trois Rivières, P.Q.; Lieut. J. H. Grant, Nelson, B.C.

### Died—432222 H. E. McDonald, Owen Sound, Ont.

### Previously Reported Missing, Now Unofficially Died While Prisoner of War—John McCauch, Pincher Creek, Alta.

### Previously Reported Missing, Now Unofficially Prisoner of War—148740 Arthur Simms, Russell, Man.; 465827 Burton Storey, Brockville, Ont.; 163705 Gilbert Thompson, Minn.

### Missing—135522 Corp. C. E. Hueson, Toronto; 144717 Wm. Trappitt, Laurentian, View, Ont.

### Dangerously Ill—783117 Stanley Cornish, Toronto; 302953 C. A. Herald, London, Ont.; 220898 V. G. Thomas, Toronto.

### Wounded—156369 F. T. Kennedy, Napier, Man.; 158583 John LaFortune, Cobble Hill, B.C.; Lieut. H. H. Harvey, Cloverdale, B.C.; 460318 F. W. Joeling, Winnipeg; 147395 Alex. Learmont, Elmwood, Winnipeg; 460796 Lance-Corp. Thomas McIvor, Winnipeg; 146418 K. M. Morris, Bradford, Ont.; 118 Frank Mitchell, Lake Hill P. O., Victoria, B.C.; 168869 L. W. Payne, Winnipeg; 487278 R. J. Ryan, Collingdale, Alta.; 201419 J. M. Laird, Toronto; 332267 G. R. J. Jolly (at duty), National 40495 Lance-Corp. R. E. Bayle, Chambers Avenue, Silverthorne, Toronto; 44270 Sergt. Arthur Thompson, Toronto; 703201 John Thompson, Harborough, Nfld.; 20122 R. H. Wallace, Toronto; 255074 V. C. Williams, Toronto; 171402 R. R. Yates, Toronto.

### ENGINEERS.

### Killed in Action—47315 Sapper Leonard Cayley, Calgary.

### ARTILLERY.

### Killed in Action—305543 Signaller H. I. Sawyer, Ottawa.

### Died of Wounds—59514 Sergt. H. S. Hayes, Trenton, Ont.

### Wounded—302852 Gunner Douglas Leuder (at duty), St. Catharines, Ont.

### ROGERS IGNORES HYDRO FOR PARLIAMENT HILL

Ottawa Commission Feels It Should Have Sailed.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—Hydro-electric authorities here are protesting because they were not given a chance to tender on the lighting of the Federal Government buildings and grounds. Hon. Robert Rogers has just signed a contract with the Ottawa Electric Company for five years for meter rate—a big contract. The hydro commission now insists it should have had.

### TEIPER JURY LOCKED UP.

BIFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 21.—A 12:15 this morning the jury in the trial of John Edward Teiper charged with the murder of his mother, having failed to agree on a verdict was locked up for the night.

### BUCHAREST IS NOT ALL.

REVIN, Dec. 21, via London.—Field-Marshal von Mackensen responded to a telegram of Emperor William offering congratulations on the capture of Bucharest, saying: "Bucharest was one goal, but not the final one."

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## FRENCH CABINET TO MEET TWO DAYS EACH WEEK

All Other Days Will Be Devoted to War Committee.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The cabinet henceforth will meet only twice weekly—Tuesdays and Fridays—it was announced today. The other days of the week will be devoted to deliberations by the war committee under the presidency of President Poincaré, and by the economic council, presided over by M. Viviani, minister of justice. This council will be composed of Minister of the Interior Malvy, Minister of the Colonies Denys, Minister of Commerce and Economics Clementel and Minister of Public Works Herriot. The economic council will have the assistance of M. Clavelle, under-secretary of public works for transport, and M. Loucheur, under-secretary for munitions production. It also will have the aid of managers of railroad and steam navigation companies.

## Italian Commandant In Albania Drowns; Mine Sinks Vessel

Ship's Name Is Unknown—Lost in the Adriatic December 13.

BERLIN, via Sayville, Dec. 21.—The Frankfurter Zeitung has received a report from Lugano, Switzerland, saying a vessel, the name of which is unknown, on December 13 hit a mine in the Adriatic and sank with its entire crew, according to the Overseas News Agency.

The report adds that Lieut.-General Oreste Bandeni, the Italian chief commander in Albania, and numerous sailors were drowned.

## BONAR LAW, IN FIERY SPEECH, BACKS PREMIER

Must Make Germans Realize Frightfulness Does Not Pay.

### BATTLE NOW IS FOR PEACE

Jumps Upon Liberal Who Suggests Soldiers Would Vote for Conciliation.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—There was further discussion of Germany's peace offer in the House of Commons tonight. Sir John A. Simon, on behalf of himself and a group of followers, gave unqualified support to Premier Lloyd George's speech in the House of Commons, and then Hastings B. L. Smith, Liberal member for Northampton, dressed in his military uniform, sounded a new note—urging that the German proposals be allowed to see the light of day.

Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer and member of the war council, promptly rose in behalf of the Government, and declared that if the tone of Mr. Smith's speech permeated the country, then all the blood and treasure which had been spent in the war would have been spent in vain. "My understanding," said Mr. Law, "is that the reply of the premier to the German note was to the effect that the door was not yet closed. That is a wise answer, and the best possible answer at this stage. The German proposals should be allowed to see the light of day. If they disclose an aggressive purpose, then the German people will realize that they are not suffering and dying for their mere existence, as they have been told."

Suggests Get-Together. "If it were put to a vote of the men at the front whether—provided we could obtain guarantees that our honorable obligations would be fulfilled—we should then make a serious effort to get the parties together, then I am certain such a proposition would be carried by virtual unanimity."

"I am not prepared to face the prospect of a military victory which means a war of attrition, unless I am convinced there is no other way out. I believe in the security scheme, by which the nations agree together each to guarantee all and all guarantees each. An attempt to hold central empires down by a military decision, followed by economic strangulation, would mean carrying forward into peace all hostilities and hatreds of the war. It would divide Europe into two hostile camps and would make war more inevitable and deadly than ever, and would fasten conscription and militarism forever on all nations."

Mr. Bonar Law said:

"If the spirit of the speech to which we have just listened were to permeate the country I believe that all the blood and treasure which have been spent in the war would have been spent in vain."

"It is all very well to say 'let us get terms of peace'; yes, but can you get any terms more binding than the treaty for the protection of the neutrality of Belgium? Can you come to any conclusions on paper or by promises that will give us greater security than we had before this war?"

"Not this nation alone, but the neutral nations will, I hope, understand the position at which we have now arrived. Germany has made peace proposals. What has? On the basis of her victorious armies. Is there a man who, considering the conditions under which this war was fought, and the conditions under which the war has been carried on, honestly believes that the dangers and insecurities from which we have suffered can be cured in any way than by making the Germans realize that frightfulness does not pay, that militarism is not going to rule the world?"

Fighting for Peace. "What are we fighting for? Not territory, nor greater strength as a nation. We are fighting for two things—for peace now and for security for peace in time to come. Let the House remember that what has happened in this war—outrages in Belgium, massacres in Armenia, which Germany could have stopped by a word—then realize that the war will have been fought in vain, utterly in vain, unless we can make sure that it shall never again be in the power of any state to do what Germany has done."

Greatest Crime in World. "Is peace to come in this war on the basis that the greatest crime in the world's history is to go absolutely unpunished? It is my firm belief that unless all nations in the world can be made to realize that these moral forces must be vindicated, there never can be an enduring peace."

"I am not afraid; I am sure our troops will fight to the end. If the people at home who up to now have made few sacrifices except the sacrifice of those dear to them are determined in this matter and if they believe that the objects for which they are fighting can be secured, then there is no sacrifice we are not prepared to make."

### FOUR BRITISH AIRCRAFT MISSING AFTER BATTLE

One Enemy Machine Destroyed, Six Damaged.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The official statement from the war office issued at midnight regarding the west front, says: "Today the artillery activity continues especially marked along our front between the Somme and the Aisne and in the neighborhood of Ypres. The improvement in the weather yesterday led to considerable aerial activity. In the course of our raids a ton of explosives was dropped on points of military importance behind the enemy's lines. Much fighting occurred in the air. One enemy machine was destroyed and six others were driven down damaged. Four of our machines are missing."

More Prisoners Taken. "Last night a strong hostile raiding party approached our lines opposite Lens. Only a few of the enemy succeeded in reaching our trenches. They were promptly ejected and the enemy was repulsed. Our casualties were very slight."

"Southwest of Arras a party of our troops successfully entered the enemy's trenches. We took fifty prisoners in the course of the raid north of Arras, reported in yesterday's communiqué."

## KAISER TO SUMMON GERRARD WITH VIEW TO U.S. MEDIATION

LONDON, Dec. 21.—In Berlin diplomatic circles, says an Exchange Telegram dispatch from Amsterdam, it is understood the emperor will at an early date summon to great headquarters the American ambassador, James W. Gerrard, with the view to discussing with him possible American mediation and action.

## British War Loan And Allies' Bonds Soar in Old London

Boom Suggests Inside Information of Which the Public Is Ignorant.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The feature of the stock market today was a smart rise of 1/4 per cent in the war loan, after quite a large business, estimated in some quarters at around £2,000,000. It requires a large order at the present time to move the price more than 1/4. The reason for the rise or the buying orders was not ascertainable, but it was attributed in part to the investment of year-end funds, and in part to the same reason which caused the decline in war stocks in America.

French, Italian and Russia bonds also were marked up, and from the movement of securities it would appear that information not available to the general public is possessed in some quarters. Steel stocks were active in the American section.

## AUSTRIAN PAPERS FIND NO HOPE IN PREMIER'S SPEECH

Britain's Attitude Will Determine Entente.

VIENNA, Dec. 21.—The Vienna newspapers assume generally that the British Government's attitude will determine the course of the Entente powers, which course the editorials unanimously point out will be a continuation of the war.

The Neue Freie Presse says: "England alleges she is the war to save Belgium. Is this impossible by peaceful means, or even difficult? Reparation in the sense of reconstruction is possible; in the sense of giving satisfaction it is not."

The Fremdenblatt says: "While Sonnino (Italian foreign minister) has not rejected peace, Lloyd George, in the capacity of dictator of England and dictator of the Entente, rejects it. The day is probably near when Lloyd George will regret having placed the Entente's head in a noose by failing to meet the central powers halfway."

## B. C. MINISTERS RETURNED IN BY-ELECTION VOTE

Indorsed by Vancouver Despite Attempt to Split Vote.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 21.—Hon. Ralph Smith, minister of finance, headed the poll in the by-election in which he and Hon. M. A. MacDonald, attorney-general, sought the endorsement of the electorate of Vancouver on their attainment of portfolio honors in the Brewster cabinet. Both of the ministerial candidates were returned, D. E. McTaggart, the Independent Liberal, being defeated. The vote was not large, and there was a singular apathy on the part of the public, considering the virulent attacks waged against the attorney-general, who emerged victorious, with the unusual record of three successful, though bitterly contested election campaigns within the space of ten months.

## LIVELY CANNONADING NORTH OF VERDUN

Artillery Activity Centres on Sector Where Big Advance Was Made.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—There was lively cannonading in the region of Louvemont, north of Verdun, during last night, says the war office in today's bulletin on the progress of military operations on the French front.

## OTTAWA DOES NOT TAKE MR. LANSING SERIOUSLY

Canadian Officialism Does Not Think U. S. Will Fight.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—In well-informed political circles here the statement of Secretary of State Lansing that the United States is "drawing near the verge of war" is not taken seriously. It is believed here that the statement is back up President Wilson's demand upon the belligerents for a declaration from them of the terms upon which they would agree to peace. Ottawa has kept closely in touch with the Washington sentiment, and has no expectation that the United States will ever enter the war, against either the Allies or the central powers.

## PLAINCLOTHESMEN MAY REPLACE MOUNTED POLICE

First Step to Liberate Men of West for War Service.

SASKATOON, Dec. 21.—The first step toward organizing the provincial police department for the purpose of taking the place of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, who will be relieved of their present duties so that they may engage in war work, has been taken by the Saskatchewan Government, in sending to Saskatoon Constable C. M. Smith of Roseford for the new branch of the service.

Though no plans have been announced officially, it is understood it is the intention of the department to police the province with a force of about 35 plainclothesmen.

## LIQUOR INTERESTS OF FRANCE FIGHTING TO PRESERVE TRAFFIC

Tooth and Nail They Are Opposing Suppression of Sale.

### PARADE HUGE LOSSES

Loss in Revenue Estimated at Millions of Francs by Spirit Trade.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Premier Briand's proposal to suppress the manufacture and sale of spirits, which is generally approved by the public, is being fought tooth and nail by the powerful liquor trade interests. The National Wine and Spirit Trade Association, at a special meeting, has passed a resolution strongly condemning the premier's proposal.

Among the arguments advanced at the meeting was that the measure dissolved the sacred union of the country before the foe by attacking one class of citizens, that it is a violation of the right of every citizen to trade and that it amounts to expropriation. It was also urged that those affected would be entitled by law to indemnities which would swallow up hundreds of millions of francs and that the measure would suppress one of the most lucrative branches of France's export trade. The loss to the home revenue by such a step was estimated at a billion francs a year, and it was declared that it would injure two million farmers and vine growers, 550,000 business firms, and throw a million wage-earners out of work.

## NO DIFFERENCE IN RIGHTS OF ARMED MERCHANTMEN

British Government Places Armed and Unarmed in Same Class.

### FRENCH MOUNT THEM.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The Bordeaux correspondent of the Figaro telegraphs that several ships at that port have mounted guns and taken supplies of munitions on board to defend themselves against submarines.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—"The Government cannot admit any distinction between the rights of unarmed merchant ships and those armed for defensive purposes," said Sir Edward Carson, first lord of the admiralty, replying to a question today in the House of Commons. "The first lord of the admiralty said the British Government was devoting its continuous attention to the theory and practice of defensive armament."

## ARTILLERY FIRE INTENSE IN MONASTIR DRIVE

Macedonian Operations of French Accompanied by Battery Duels.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—An artillery duel of great intensity occurred north of Monastir on Thursday, the war office announced in today's statement regarding operations on the Macedonian front. Along the easterly end of the line, on the Struma front, encounters between patrols occurred.

## STANFIELD HASTENING TO WITHDRAW RESIGNATION

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The resignation of Conservative Whip Stanfield is not expected to reach the speaker. In Ottawa Mr. Stanfield was censured so severely by Conservative leaders, including ministers, for taking this step that he hurriedly left for Toronto to have his executive hold the resignation of his seat in the House of Commons. Mr. Stanfield was to remain to put his demand for patronage, and his threat of resignation before Premier Borden. As a consequence of the discipline he received here Mr. Stanfield has decided not to await Sir Robert's return. He will stick to his seat. It is expected that as a result of his threatened strike he will be called upon to give up his position as Government whip, and it is stated that Richard Blain of Peel or W. S. Middleboro of North Grey will likely succeed as chief Government whip.

## NO IMPERIAL CONFERENCE IS LIKELY FOR A YEAR

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The indications are that no imperial conference will be called for this year or next. The home and overseas governments are so busy with war and domestic business that there appears to be no time available to call men from various parts of the British Empire all over the world to London to meet with the British Government to discuss questions of the more or less academic character which are debated at imperial conferences.

## NO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

French Kill Joint Chamber and Senate Proposed.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The proposal to form a national assembly of the Chamber and Senate has been killed. The committee of deputies to which this proposition for a revision of the constitution was referred has rejected the scheme.

## Last-Minute Xmas Suggestions

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## AUSTRIA ABOUT READY TO QUIT

Famine Threatens—Hungary Is Showing Antagonism.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Sun this morning publishes the following: Rome, Dec. 21.—Alarming news about the scarcity of food in Austria-Hungary, practically amounting to a famine, has reached the Vatican from diplomatic sources.

This news greatly concerns the Pope, who fears the reign of the new Emperor Charles under such unfavorable auspices will end disastrously. Internal conditions in Austria are said to be very serious. Antagonism between Hungary and Austria is acute. Political complications are threatened and the anti-war agitation is now widespread and cannot be repressed by the authorities.

## GERMAN SUBMARINE U-45 SUNK BY DESTROYER

Another of Undersea Raiders Meets Deserved Fate.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—The German submarine U-45 has been sunk by destroyers, according to a Santos dispatch. U-45 recently sank steamers off Saint Nazaire.

## BRITISH BOAT, TOO.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Lloyds reports the sinking of the British steamship Bonus, 5,340 tons gross. She was owned in Melbourne, and was in the service of the British Government.

## THREE NEW VISCOUNTS AND FOUR NEW BARONS

LONDON, Dec. 21.—In accordance with custom when there is a change in the government, the King has conferred honors on various persons recommended to him by the retiring prime minister.

Lord Sandhurst, former lord chamberlain; Lewis Harcourt, former first commissioner of works, and Lord Cowdray are made viscounts, and Joseph Albert Pease, former postmaster-general; Arthur Dewart, former solicitor-general for Scotland; Sir Thomas Ross, M.P., and Sir Edward Partington, director of the Manchester and Liverpool District Bank, are made barons.

A number of minor honors have also been conferred. The King has created Harcourt, in a letter to his constituents, announcing his resignation from the Commons, says that in his personal old family peacocks will be revived. Mr. Dewar's promotion is said to be due to his agricultural experiments.

## PARLIAMENT'S OPENING JANUARY 18 OR 25

National Service Chief Theme of Speech From Throne.

[Special to The Advertiser.] OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—Sir Robert Borden will be back at Ottawa Saturday to deal with the political situation. He will have a meeting of the Government immediately to fix the date for opening parliament.

It is expected now that this will be January 18 or 25, and that national service will be the chief feature of the speech from the throne.

## KIDDIES NOT BARRED FROM WEARING UNIFORM

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—Military authorities declare there is no intention of action being taken to stop children wearing khaki. While there is a general regulation forbidding any but soldiers wearing the King's uniform or any imitation of it, the embargo was not intended to apply to children, but only to prevent the personation of soldiers by non-military persons.

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Potatoes au Gratin, Steamed or Mashed. French Peas. Creamed Cauliflower.

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BORN, MARRIED, DIED.

MARRIED.

LARKIN—O'HARA—By the Rev. Father

O'Hara, at St. Patrick's Church, on Nov.

22, 1916, Miss Mona O'Hara of Mount

Carmel, Ont., to John Larkin of Lon-

don, Ont. Officiated by Rev. Father

O'Hara. Best man, Mr. J. L. Larkin.

ZAVITZ—CAMPBELL—By Elder J. B.

Slansen, at the home of the bride's

parents, in the Township of Carleton

Place, Dec. 20, Miss Margaret Zavitz

Campbell, to Gerald Morgan Zavitz.

DIED.

GRAHAM—At the parents' residence,

418 Woodman avenue, on Dec. 20, 1916,

George Francis Graham, dearly be-

loved and eldest son of Mr. and Mrs.

E. J. Graham, aged 5 years and 6

months.

Funeral from the above address this

(Friday) morning, Dec. 22, at 8:30

o'clock, to St. Patrick's Church; mass

at 9 o'clock; interment at St. Peter's

Cemetery.

MEREDITH—At 552 Talbot street,

on the 20th day of December, 1916,

Ada Walsingham Meredith, daughter

of the late John Walsingham Cooke

Meredith, Esq.

STEWART—At the parents' residence,

474 Adelaide street, on Thursday,

Dec. 21, 1916, Shirley Grace,

youngest daughter of David and An-

nie Stewart, aged 11 months.

Funeral from the above address on

Saturday, Dec. 23, at 2 p.m., interment

at Pleasant Cemetery.

MEETINGS

REGULAR MEETING OF ST. GEORGE'S

R. C. C. this (Friday) evening,

at 8 o'clock, at St. George's Church,

Queen's avenue, at 7:30 o'clock, regular

business and degrees. Visitors

welcome. E. Logan, Z. T. Elliott, Secs.

LONDON COUNCIL, No. 288, ROYAL

Arms, meets tonight 8 o'clock, K. C.

at 8 o'clock, corner Dundas and Car-

ling streets. Samuel M. Jepson, Sec.

RECTOR COEUR DE LION PRECEP-

TORY, No. 4, E. E. will hold his

Christmas service on Sunday, the

24th inst., at 4 o'clock, in the Vic-

torial Hall. All air knights are requested

to attend. S. Baker, registrar, B. Noble,

presiding preacher.

SUNDAY MEETINGS

DON'T MISS HEARING

JACK TYLER

IN THE LYRIC THEATRE 4 P.M.

Sunday, Dec. 24

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Pictures, Presents and Fine  
Supper Provided.  
GREAT STREET PARADE

Santa Claus, Band and Re-  
turned Men in Sleighs  
Attend Gathering.

Hundreds of children of soldiers gathered at 2 o'clock today at the Lyric Theatre to welcome Santa Claus and to participate in the distribution of gifts and to enjoy the supper which has been provided for them by the generosity of the Y. M. C. A.

Santa Claus arrived at the rooms of the Returned Soldiers' Association at 1:30 p.m., and took on a large contingent of goods marked for the little ones. Preceded by the band of the 19th Battalion, and accompanied by seven sleighs bearing returned men, Santa Claus drove around the market and up Dundas street to the Lyric Theatre.

Pictures First.

Promptly at 2:15 p.m. the lights were turned out and the pictures turned on for the children. After half an hour of that, Lieut.-Col. W. G. Coles stepped onto the stage and in a few words announced the purpose of the entertainment and publicly thanked the various individuals and firms who had been instrumental in making it a success.

Santa Claus appeared from the wings and for more than an hour, the children were delighted with his benevolent attitude, and said that no one of them was forgotten. All got presents.

J. O. D. E. Helped.

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The nominations in the villages and towns will be held this evening.

The following is a result of the township nominations so far as received:

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Second Deputy Reeve—Thomas Clark (acclamation).

Councillors—T. Hardy, John Marshall, J. E. Butler, Edward Douglas.

**Delaware Township.**

(All by acclamation.)

Reeve—J. H. Johnston.

Chambers—Alon Wyckman, Dunan Gordon, John Montell, J. A. Scott.

**Delaware Village.**

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Police Trustees—J. A. Lockwood, J. E. Ackland, Norman Bodin.

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Toronto, Sarnia, Simcoe and  
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Avoid Elections.

ACCLAMATION IN SARNIA.

Sarnia, Dec. 22.—Mayor W. J. Proctor was elected by acclamation. Hydro electric commissioners are W. H. Kennedy and Chester H. Bolton. Board of education, five to be elected, R. E. Leamer, A. Weir, Geo. A. Proctor, W. A. Miller, Rev. J. H. Hall, John R. Logan, S. M. Gurd, Thomas Bulman, Marshall Wright.

COMMISSIONER ACCLAMATION.

Stratford, Dec. 22.—Mayor D. M. Ferguson and Ald. J. D. Monteith were nominated for mayor today. J. J. Mason and C. J. L. Brown were nominated for commissioner for public utility commission.

TOMMY CHURCH GOES BACK.

Stratford, Dec. 22.—Tommy Church, Mayor of Stratford, returned to his third term.

For the board of control (four to be elected) there were nominated R. H. Cameron, John O'Neill and Thomas Foster, members of the present board, former Controllers F. S. Spence and James Simpson, Ald. Sam McBride and W. H. Shaw.

THREE IN FIELD IN OTTAWA.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—At the city nominations held today three candidates for the mayoralty and seven for controllerships entered the field. They are: For Mayor—Harold Fisher, T. McVety and Nelson D. Porter.

For Board of Control—Napoleon Champagne, J. W. Nelson, Jos. Kent, Thomas Brethour, Thos. Clary, E. H. Hiney and James McRae.

GO BACK FOR FOURTH TERM.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

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## Financial, Market and Commercial Section

### THE LOCAL MARKET

New wheat dropped on the local market to \$1.50 a bushel today, a decrease of 10 cents. Old wheat was comparatively steady at \$1.20 to \$1.40 a bushel. Oats fluctuated a little, but the general price was \$2 a cwt. Hay was firmer at \$12 to \$14 a ton.

Potatoes are a little higher at \$2.10 to \$2.25 a bag than last week.

Poultry prices are unchanged, and a big market in this line is looked for on Saturday. Turkeys are selling for \$2 to \$3 a pound, and geese for 19c to 20c. Chickens sell for \$1.50 to \$1.80 a pair, and ducks for 70c to \$1.20.

Dairy prices are steady. Creamery butter is retailing at 47c to 48c a pound, and dairy butter, in rolls, for 46c to 47c. Butters, in crocks, bring 45c to 46c a pound.

Butchers' meats are steady.

**Grain, Per Cwt.**

Oats, per cwt., \$2.00 to \$2.10

Barley, per cwt., \$2.00 to \$2.10

Wheat, per cwt., \$1.50 to \$1.60

**Grain, Per Bushel.**

Oats, per bu., 45c to 46c

Wheat, new, per bu., 1.50 to 1.60

Wheat, old, per bu., 1.20 to 1.40

**Vegetables.**

Potatoes, per peck, 40c to 45c

Potatoes, per bu., 1.50 to 1.60

Carrots, per doz., 60c to 65c

Cabbage, per doz., 2.00 to 2.50

Onions, per doz., 2.00 to 2.50

Peas, per doz., 2.00 to 2.50

Beans, per doz., 2.00 to 2.50

Turnips, per doz., 2.00 to 2.50

Letting, per doz., 2.00 to 2.50

Beans, per bu., 6.00 to 6.50

**Fruit.**

Apples, per bu., 1.00 to 1.25

Crabapples, per bu., 1.00 to 1.25

Pears, per bu., 1.00 to 1.25

Citrus, each, 10c to 12c

**Hay and Straw.**

Hay, new, per ton, 12.00 to 14.00

Straw, per ton, 3.00 to 4.00

**Dairy Produce, Retail.**

Butter, creamery, lb., 47c to 48c

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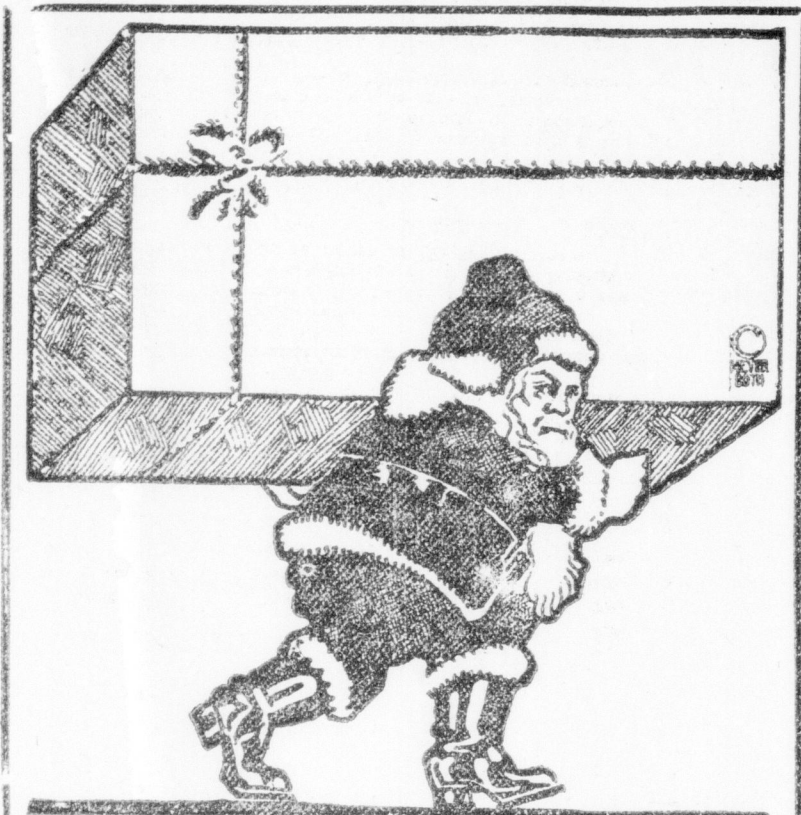
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Is entirely different from ordinary cough syrups, mixtures, etc. It cures Taylor's 6 Cut-Rate Drug Stores

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**Eyes Examined**  
No drugs used.  
**Glasses Ground and Fitted**  
At very moderate cost.



We Wish One and All a  
**Merry Christmas**

AND TO ADD TO YOUR ENJOYMENT WE HAVE SPECIALLY FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

- Choice Dairy Butter, lb. ....45c
- Navel Oranges, large and sweet, doz. ....40c
- Choice Northern Spy Apples, extra large, doz. ....40c
- Malaga Grapes, the kind with the little red tinge, lb. ....25c
- Pineapples, good size, ripe, each ....30c
- Tangerines, doz. ....40c

We have a large assortment of Christmas Stockings ranging in price from 10c, 25c, 50c and \$1.00 each.  
Our Table Fruits are extra choice at 30c, 50c and \$1.25 a box.  
Do not miss getting a box of our Christmas Crackers. Fun for young and old.  
Our Almonds, Walnuts, Filberts, Brazils and Pecan Nuts are fresh and will please you at 25c a pound.  
We will also have fresh Hot-House Tomatoes, Sweet Green Peppers, Lettuce, Celery, etc.  
Give us a trial on your Christmas Order.

## WILLIS & CO.

565 RICHMOND STREET. PHONE 1273.

## Sweater Coats

Another 35,000 shipment from the Monarch Knitting Company. Every color, style and size is represented. These were purchased months ago before the advance in price. We are selling these at low prices and cannot afford to be without one. There's no store in Western Ontario that sells as many Sweater Coats in a year as we do. It's our high quality and low prices that turn the trick.

**SWEATER COATS, \$1.69 to \$10.50**

300 DOZEN NECKTIES, in fancy boxes—25c to \$1.25. Biggest neckwear bargains ever offered in London.

The people come miles to take advantage of Sweater Coat sales.

**WEGNER'S**  
Giant Clothing House  
120 DUNDAS STREET.  
West of King's Mills.  
DANISH LANGUAGE SPOKEN HERE.

## Shoppers at Young's Get Handsomest Gifts

If you have gifts yet unthought, you will economize both time and money at one of YOUNG'S stores.  
There are thousands of inexpensive suggestions for the particular Christmas shopper at either store; a competent staff to wait upon you and proffer advice when requested.  
In Rings, for instance, it is wonderful how far a few dollars will go at YOUNG'S. Then, we are headquarters for the famous Waltham Watches, and the leading diamond house of Western Ontario.

## INEXPENSIVE DIAMOND PRESENTS

- DIAMOND RINGS, for baby, at.....\$2.50 to \$3.00
- For Misses, single stones and combinations of diamonds with other stones, at.....\$10.00 to \$50.00
- Dainty After-Dinner Rings, in marquise, oblong and cluster styles, set in platinum, in combinations of diamonds, with sapphires with rubies, with emeralds or with pearls,.....\$32.00 to \$235.00
- DIAMOND EAR-RINGS—in different styles, for pierced and unpierced ears, from.....\$12.00 up
- DIAMOND BROOCHES—The "Sunburst" design, filled with beautiful small pearls, having a pure white center diamond.....\$10.00 up
- See 21st style, set with diamonds and combinations of gems.....\$20.00 up
- DIAMOND PENDANTS—Beautiful designs, with diamond centres, some surrounded by whole pearls, black onyx or enameled flowers.....\$25.00 to \$15.00

DIAMOND GIFTS MORE COSTLY.

AN ALL-DIAMOND SUNBURST—in beautifully wrought, hand-pierced setting, containing 45 medium-sized stones, and a full quarter-karat centre stone. This is a particularly handsome piece at \$325.00

VERY SPECIAL VALUES in two only After-Dinner Rings. One marquise style, at.....\$110.00

One oblong cluster style, each containing pure white diamonds, with a total weight of one full karat, Tiffany setting, hand-chased shank, at.....\$25.00

Or a 14 karat, Tiffany or modified Tiffany, white gold tips.....\$40.00

With a larger diamond, pure white, perfect stone.....\$50.00

OPEN TONIGHT AND TOMORROW NIGHT.

"JEWELRY, IF BOUGHT AT YOUNG'S, IS RIGHT."

**YOUNG'S**  
OFFICIAL TIME INSPECTORS FOR G.T.R. AND C.P.R.  
TWO STORES—170 DUNDAS STREET AND 674 DUNDAS STREET.  
Requests by mail, accompanied by money orders, will have prompt, personal attention.

## COMMISSIONERS OBJECT TO PROPOSED CHARGES

City Clerk Wants \$1,533 For Local Improvements.

The utilities commission will undertake a campaign to pass the hydro-electric bylaw, and at the meeting yesterday afternoon decided to circulate the city. Reasons for voting for the bylaw will be presented, and the electors urged to vote for it. Chairman Philip Pocock was authorized to attend the municipal meetings and speak in its favor.

It was decided to purchase a drilling rig for the commission, at a cost of \$500. This is the rig now being used on the Foster property. City Clerk Baker called attention to the fact that the council next year would expect the commission to pay \$1,533 for local improvements, etc. The bill was itemized as follows: Keros and

## In Those Stockings and for That Christmas Dinner

- SANTA CLAUS STOCKINGS**  
Are the joy of the kiddies. They contain the toys children love. Santa Claus Stockings 10c to \$1.00.
- CHRISTMAS CRACKERS**  
make fun for all the family; contain hats, caps, jewelry, musical instruments.  
Christmas Crackers, 25c to \$2.00 box.
- CHRISTMAS FRUIT**  
Make your selection early. The choicest quality fruit is here now.
- NEW CURRANTS.**  
**NEW RAISINS.**  
**NEW PEELS.**  
LAYER RAISINS, for the table, particularly good.  
25c, 35c, 40c and 50c a pound.
- CHRISTMAS BISCUITS**  
Just arrived from England, a shipment of Biscuits. Order at once. Also all kinds of Domestic Biscuits.  
25c to \$1.00 a pound.
- CHOICE OLIVES**  
Have them on the table every day. Your favorite is here. Ask about our Ripe Olives.  
From 15c to \$1.25.
- CADBURY CHOCOLATES**  
Chocolates that gain friends by their delicious flavors and better chocolate.  
Half-pound 50c.  
Full pound 90c.

PHONES 3957 and 3962.

## T. A. ROWAT & CO.

250 DUNDAS STREET.

gutters and pavements, \$283.54; street sweeping, \$24.50; garbage tax, \$1,211.06; and street watering, \$12.82.

Don't Want to Pay.  
The commissioners were not inclined to pay the bill, declaring the garbage tax to be folly.

"We are exempt under the utilities act," said Chairman Pocock. "Butter assesses the schools, and all other city property for the benefit of the parks and public library," declared Commissioner McFarland.

It was decided to have General Manager Buchanan report on the question.

The second well on the Foster property proved to be a dry hole, and a third well will be sunk. The well on St. Mary's street was so badly contaminated with sulphur that it had to be abandoned also. It was decided to sink a twelve-inch well on Egerton street in order to tap that source of supply. If water is struck a gallery will be built to collect the supply.

Special Meeting.  
A special meeting will be called for next Thursday to receive the annual report on the waterworks system and consider the specifications for the Hydro Shop.

The London Pressed Brick Company asked for 50 horsepower.

**49 CENTS THE PAIR.**  
A large shipment of men's, women's, misses' and children's fine ribbons have just been received by Knechtel & Co., 233 Dundas street, the store that saves you money. On sale Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at 49 cents the pair.

**REGISTRATION CARDS NOT YET RECEIVED IN CITY**  
Postmaster Expects Them Every Mail—No Plans Made for Distribution.

The National Service Registration cards for distribution in the district served by the London post office are expected by every mail from Ottawa, as they have been since a request was received from the postmaster-general a week ago that everything be done by the local post office officials to facilitate the taking of an inventory of the man power of London.

Pending the arrival of the cards, no plans have been made by Postmaster Macdonald and the heads of the various staffs which will have a part in the distribution.

**WILL NOT SELL.**  
The utilities commission will not purchase the home of J. L. A. Hunt on Horton street. Negotiations were opened some time ago, but Mr. Hunt has decided not to sell at the present time. As a result negotiations were called off.

**QUALITY STORE**  
CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS  
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS  
Christmas Crackers—A large assortment to choose from. We have reduced the prices, as all must be sold by Saturday.

**CHOCOLATE BON BONS.**  
35c, 50c, \$1.30 Per Box.

**FRESH VEGETABLES.**  
Hot-House Tomatoes, Cauliflowers Boston Head Lettuce, Parsley, Celery, Green Peppers, Spinach, Oyster Leaf Lettuce, Egg Plant, Wax Beans, Radishes.

PHONES: 1024 and 332.

## Harry Ranahar

515 RICHMOND STREET.

As a Last Reminder Before Christmas!

## Peters Chocolates

are to be had in beautiful Fancy Boxes, \$5.00 to \$15.00, and in our regular boxes you can get Peters 40's, 50's, 60's, 80's and dollar Chocolates.

There's quality and value in every box.

## Peters

169 Dundas St.  
519 Richmond St.

## NUTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Good alze, mostly nuts. The kind everyone wants Christmas time.  
Best Mixed ..... 30c  
Almonds ..... 30c  
Brazil ..... 30c  
Filberts ..... 30c  
Walnuts (California) ..... 40c

**SHELLED NUTS.**  
Pecans ..... 50c  
Jordan Almonds ..... 80c  
Valencia Almonds 60c and 70c  
Shelled Walnuts 60c and 80c  
Christmas Specialties in Candy that are sure to please. They are different and good.

**PLUM PUDDINGS**  
Made from pure ingredients of highest quality.  
40c per pound.

**PHONE ORDERS**  
Have you enjoyed the pleasant labor of phoning your order? Do it early.

**ENGLISH PICKLES**  
Lazenby Company Pickles now in stock. You'll like their flavor. Buy early.

**MIXED AND CHOICE.**  
CHOICE ..... 25c  
ONIONS ..... 45c  
WALNUTS ..... 30c  
ANGLO-INDIAN ..... BOTTLE  
CHEF SAUCE, per bottle ..... 25c  
CHUTNEY, per bottle, 25c and 35c

**ROWAT'S COFFEE**  
Pleases people who are particular and demand the best.  
50c per pound.

PHONES 3957 and 3962.

## LONDON WOMEN'S WORK WAS MOST SERVICEABLE

Hospital Supplies Are Being Used Writes Lieut.-Col. Seaborn.

In a Christmas letter just received by Dr. Braithwaite from Lieut.-Col. Edwin Seaborn, who is in charge of No. 10 Stationary Military Hospital at Seaford, England, the commander states that other buildings are being taken over, and that a large number of new beds will be looked after.

Mrs. Dulmage, who went over as matron, is still in No. 1 General Hospital in France, and Mrs. Whiteley is acting matron. Capt. Hudson and Nurse Sister Isma, stationed with appendicitis, have both been operated on, and are recovering nicely.

Lieut.-Col. Seaborn states that the ambulance that was donated here is kept going day and night, and that the huge quantities of supplies which were made by London women are now being used, and are found to be of splendid service.

**MEN OF SUPPLY DEPOT HOLD CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
Lieut.-Col. Coles Tells of Great Work Unit Has Done.

The officers, non-commissioned officers and men of No. 1 Supply Depot, Canadian Army Service Corps, held their Christmas dinner in the mess room at Queen's Park on Thursday night.

The mess was decorated with flags and patriotic banners. After an excellent dinner Chairman Lieut. George T. Evans called on Lieut. McGuire to propose the toast to the King. Lieut. Evans expressed his pleasure at the efficiency and interest shown by the men in their work. Letters of regret were read from Col. Shannon, Lieut.-Col. Brown, A.A.G., and Capt. Fletcher, C.E.

In his reply to the toast to the Canadian army, Lieut.-Col. Coles occurred in a most interesting manner the workings of the army at the front, more particularly the work of the Army Service Corps.

"Each company of the A. S. Corps has to look after a brigade of infantry (four battalions)," he said. "We were through several engagements, Ypres, Passchendaele, and Neuve Chapelle, and you can imagine the confusion arising from the many and rapid movements of a division of troops in battle; yet in that time, a year ago, a half, we did not let our men miss a single meal. That is a wonderful feat that our A. S. Corps men made."

He was only through working hard that we got our food, and we were afterwards praised for," added Lieut.-Col. Coles.

"We would load our wagons with ration and food in the morning, and park them in some concealed place till darkness came on. Then we could move up in the darkness to the battle or battery headquarters and deliver our food."

"Your best friend in the army is your horse," added Col. Coles. "It is wonderful how you learn to like a horse, and how the horse learns to respond to it."

In conclusion Lieut.-Col. Coles advised the men to stick closely to their work. "Make up your minds to do the right thing and you will get along," he added.

After toasts to "Supply Depot Number One," and to the press, were proposed, the musical program was begun.

Several songs were sung by members of the Corps, and the program also included piano selections and several numbers on the phonograph that were much appreciated. God Save the King and cheer for the A. S. Corps and Lieut.-Col. Coles brought the evening to a close.

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH.**  
The grand festival performance of the immortal oratorio "The Messiah," which will be given in the First Methodist Church, New Year's night, will be the ninth performance given in London since Mr. A. D. Jordan's direction. However, this year the chorus is larger and finer than any chorus Mr. Jordan has had under his baton in this city. The soloists are the best to be obtained, and are Madame Anis, Rio, soprano; Mrs. Merle Alcock, contralto; Mr. Bechtel Alcock, tenor; and Mr. Vivian Gosnell, basso. With the exception of Mr. Gosnell, who is an Englishman, all the artists are Americans. New York has no finer quartet than this will be. Madame Rio sang the "Messiah" at Carnegie Hall, New York city with the Columbia University Choral Society on the 18th of this month, and also sang the same work in Minneapolis with the Philharmonic Club on the 25th, and with the Apollo Club in Chicago on the 29th and the 31st, coming directly to London for the concert here. As for several years no persons have been disappointed in not being able to secure admittance to the church for this annual performance, owing to the tickets being sold in advance, those who wish to make sure of hearing this grand performance should purchase tickets now at the music stores, as the supply is limited.

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- ELECTRIC IRONS.**  
Pelouze ..... \$6.00  
Universal ..... \$5.00  
Canadian Beauty ..... \$4.00  
Toasters, \$3.25 up to \$4.75
- BOYS' VELOCIPEDES.**  
Just a few left. Price, \$3.25, \$3.75 and \$4.25.
- BISSELL VACUUM CLEANER.**  
Makes a very handsome and useful gift. Price, \$7.50, \$9.50, \$11.50. Carpet Sweepers, Price, \$3 up to \$4.75.
- PENKNIVES AND JACKKNIVES**  
20 doz. Jackknives, worth 75c, at only 35c. Others up to \$2.50 each. Every man and boy uses one.
- THIS IS A TIP.**
- O-CEDAR MOPS.**  
Same as cut, 2 in a box, triangle, \$1.25; 2 in a box, round, \$1.50; others, 75c, \$1.25, \$1.50 each.
- STEEL ROAST PANS.**  
Don't forget the roast-pan for your Christmas turkey. Same as cut only 75c; others 45c up to \$5.
- BRASS JARDINIERS.**  
All in satin finish with ball feet.  
6-inch, only \$1.75 each  
8-inch, only \$2.50 each  
Others up to \$15.
- STERNO CANNED HEAT OUTFIT**  
This complete outfit, all made of brass nickel-plated, only 75c. SLEIGHS.
- Sleighs**  
Same as cut, \$2, wire rail; others with wood rail, \$1.50. Small children's sleighs, 25c up.
- UNIVERSAL BREAD-MAKERS.**  
Guaranteed to make bread in less than three minutes. Price, four-loaf, \$2.75; eight loaf, \$3.50.
- SPRING AND HOCKEY SKATES.**  
Spring Skates, \$1, \$1.25 per pair.  
Hockey Skates, \$1 up \$5 per pair.  
Key Skate, any size only 60c per pair.  
Hockey Sticks, 15c each.
- THERMOS BOTTLES.**  
Useful at all times. Price, \$2.25, \$2.75, \$3.25, \$4.  
Lunch Sets, \$3 each.
- NICKEL-PLATED TEAPOTS.**  
Made in many different shapes. Price, \$1.50 each up to \$6.
- 1847 SILVERWARE.**  
When Buying silverware look for the trade mark shown below, found on every piece of that brand. For over 60 years it has identified the best silverware.
- 1847 ROGERS BROS.**  
"Silver Plated Ware" ranks first in quality and beauty of design. It is guaranteed by the largest makers in the world. A line of the various popular styles.
- Teaspoons, plain, doz ..... \$4.25  
Knives and Forks, per set, plain ..... \$5.50  
Berry Spoons, plain ..... \$2.00  
Cold Meat Forks, plain ..... \$1.25  
Sugar Shells, plain ..... 90c  
Butter Knife, Old Colony ..... \$1.00  
Cheese Server, Old Colony ..... \$1.00  
Tomato Server, Old Colony ..... \$2.00  
Salad Forks, 6 in box ..... \$4.75  
Orange Spoons, 6 in box ..... \$3.00  
Coffee Spoons, 6 in box ..... \$2.35  
Butter Spreads, 6 in box ..... \$4.25

## THE PURDOM HARDWARE CO.

## TANCREADE PATIENTLY WAITING FOR DECISION

Hopes Sentence to Die January 23 May Yet Be Commuted.

Unless the department of justice commutes the sentence of death which was passed on Mike Tancreade at the fall assizes, for the murder of Rafferty Barbo, on April 9, he has just one month more to live.

On Tuesday morning at sunrise, January 23, Tancreade will expiate his crime on the gallows, unless clemency is granted in the meantime.

The usual practice of the department of justice is to act on petitions about two weeks before the date set for execution. In the meantime, Tancreade is patiently awaiting day by day for the word that means life or death to him.

He eats the ordinary prison fare and conducts himself in the same quiet way that has characterized him for the past few weeks.

John McIntyre, the Glenora mail-carrier, who was found guilty on a charge of criminal neglect, is still confined at the jail awaiting the decision of the court of appeals on his conviction.

## FIRE DESTROYS BARN WITH HORSE INSIDE

Fire of unknown origin, at 7 o'clock Thursday morning, destroyed a barn and burned to death a horse valued at \$125, both owned by J. H. Manning, 155 Thompson street, Chelsea Green. A cow, which was also kept in the barn, broke loose from the building and escaped.

Mr. Manning stated to Fire Chief Atken that he fed both animals at 6:30 o'clock this morning, and then went to bed. At 7 o'clock his neighbors notified him that his barn was on fire. The total loss will be \$350.

## GOLD FROM OVERSEAS

Spr. John Woods Sends \$45 to Family in Nisouri.

Sapper John Woods of Royal Canadian Engineers, severely wounded in France when but a few days in action, has sent home a Christmas gift of \$45 in gold, to be divided among members of the family. Jack is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Allan Woods, 4th avenue, West Nisouri. His wife has another boy at the front, Sapper Geo. Woods. Jack is now doing home duty in London, England, and will likely remain there until peace is established, unless his wounds heal and he again becomes physically fit. His many Nisouri friends are delighted to read the newsy letters which he takes time and pleasure writing to his old home acquaintances.

## Christmas Gift Suggestions From "The House of Casselman"

The Christmas Spirit is on. Giving to our dear one or friend is the natural inclination. Let us offer a few suggestions.

## Footwear Presents Are Always Welcome

Ladies' Suede Boudoir Slippers, in all shades, at ..... \$1.25  
Ladies' Felt Cosies, at ..... 75c, 85c and \$1.00  
Ladies' Evening Dress Slippers ..... \$3.00 to \$6.00

These come in all the new natty ideas, including the light turned sole with fancy covered heel, in shades to match evening costumes.

Ladies' Velvet Juliets (fur-trimmed) ..... \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75  
Indian Moccasins (fur-trimmed) ..... \$1.00, \$1.50  
Ladies' Spats, in many shades, including White, Brown, Grey, Champagne and Fawn. An appreciated present ..... \$1.50 to \$2.25

**MEN'S SLIPPERS.**  
Romeos, in Black and Chocolate ..... \$1.50 up  
Everetts, in Black and Chocolate ..... \$1.25 to \$3.00  
Operas at ..... \$2.00 to \$3.00  
Moccasins, real buckskin—Ladies', \$1.25; Men's, \$1.50; Childs', \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50; Infants', 85c

We also carry Shoe Packs in sizes. Practical gifts reflect the higher consideration of the giver.

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