

## SWEDEN SENDS PEACE NOTE TO COMBATANTS AND NEUTRALS

### Germany Continues to Agitate for a Peace Conference of Belligerents

## SWEDEN, FOLLOWING SWITZERLAND SENDS PEACE NOTE URGING PEACE UPON BELLIGERENTS

### U. S. Officials Silent Until German Reply is Received --Verdict of American Press

Washington, Dec. 27.—Official information has been received here that Sweden has addressed a peace note to the belligerents and sent copies to neutrals urging consideration of terms for peace.

Berne, via Paris, Dec. 27.—The Tagblatt announces that the Swedish diplomatic representatives have handed to both belligerents and neutrals a note in support of those of President Wilson and the Swiss Government.

The London Daily Telegraph stated this morning that it understood that the Swedish Government had sent a note to the belligerent nations similar to that despatched by Switzerland.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace note has not been received here in official form early to-day, and officials were reserving their comment until they had opportunity to study it.

Despite the disappointment because Germany has not acceded to the President's suggestion and laid down her terms, the general view prevailed that Sweden was another step forward in the peace movement because it left room for subsequent negotiations.

The United States undoubtedly expects Germany to transmit the sense of her reply to the Entente belligerents and the immediate outcome depends upon whether the Allies will modify their determination not to enter a conference before terms have been laid down. It was pointed out that way had not been closed for Germany to lay down terms as the Allies demand, in diplomatic negotiations of such magnitude and scope, officials do not look for a solution to be immediately apparent, but expect the way to be paved carefully and slowly. The next move will not be determined until after the official text of the reply has been received and carefully considered. President Wilson will discuss it thoroughly with the cabinet probably Friday.

New York, Dec. 27.—Editorial comment on Germany's reply to President Wilson's note published here this morning are as follows:

The world: Germany's answer to President Wilson's note completely evades the issue. The President requested from each of the belligerents a definite statement of the objects of the war and the terms upon which they consider peace. Germany has evaded this proposal and has carefully phrased its reply to the Entente Governments.

The President did not ask for a peace conference. He recognized the fact that a conference at this time was impossible, but expressed the hope that an "interchange of views would clear the way at least for a conference."

Germany refuses all interchange of views and returns to the text of the note of December 12, which contained the proposal of the Teutonic powers "to enter forthwith into peace negotiations."

In the light of Germany's reply to the President it is impossible to believe that there was either honesty or sincerity of purpose back of the original peace proposal. It is plain enough now that the President's action (Continued on page three.)

### Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Dec. 27.—A fairly important disturbance centered near Lake Superior has caused snow in Manitoba and northern Ontario and sleet and rain in the lower lakes region. In Quebec and the Maritime provinces and also in Alberta the weather has been fair and cold.

Forecasts: Mild with occasional sleet or rain; Thursday westerly winds and colder.



## ENEMY BOASTS THAT SOMME BATTLE ENDED IN VAIN RESULT

### German Press Instigated to Declare it is Really Finished, and That German Fortifications are Impregnable

Berlin, Dec. 27.—Via Sayville wireless—The almost complete cessation of the fighting on the Somme front during the past four weeks has enabled the Germans to complete a new system of trenches along the whole front, says the military critic of the semi-official Overseas News Agency, in an article to-day. He declares the great battle that began there on July 1 may now be considered to have been terminated, and that the fact of the Germans being enabled to reconstruct their lines means that all the efforts and losses of the five months fighting of the Entente forces was in vain.

As to the new defences, the writer says they have been perfected to such a degree that even the foremost trenches are now protected by barbed wire, and that the troops have dug cuppy dugouts. Moreover, he asserts the new defensive lines are stronger than those of July 1, "as behind the first line trenches, which were constructed under hostile artillery fire, are more than a dozen of the strongest sort of defensive lines which have been built, absolutely without interference and with great care."

Says Offensive is Exhausted

As a further sign of the exhaustion of the offensive, the writer notes, "let us in the air activity by the Entente, although German squadrons had been carrying out raids towards the east."

Regarding the Roumanian campaign, the military critic points out that navigation on the Danube for the Russians has been stopped with the occupation of Fitcha by the Bulgarians, leaving the Russians only the railroad lines to Reni and Jassy, while the Russian troops in Dobruja have been driven into the extreme northwestern corner of the province.

German Press "Instructed."

London, Dec. 27.—A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam to-day says: "German newspapers are being instructed to declare that the Somme battle has now been really finished. They state that the German position is now stronger than on July 1, and that behind the forces of German lines are more than a dozen very strong defence lines."

Bring Peace Nearer

New York, Dec. 27.—A news agency dispatch is published here to-day as follows:

With the French Armies in Alsace Lorraine, via Belfort and Paris, Dec.

### ARTILLERY NEAR VERDUN ACTIVE

#### French Lieutenant Brings Down His 14th Enemy Airplane

Paris, Dec. 27.—"The night was calm, except on the front between Vacherolle and Vaux (Verdun sector) where the artillery was very active," says to-day's announcement from the war office.

"Lieut. Herteaux on Dec. 24th, brought down his 14th airplane between Chaulnes and Hyencourt le Grand (south of the Somme)."

### CIVIL WAR VETERAN DEAD

Wetertown, N. Y., Dec. 27.—General Edwin A. Merrill, formerly consul-general at London and surveyor and collector of the port of New York, died at his home in Potsdam yesterday. He was born in Sudbury, Vermont, eighty eight years ago and was in the Civil War.

## HOME RULE FOR ALL OF IRELAND

### New Proposals for Settlement of Irish Trouble Do Not Exclude Ulster

London, Dec. 27.—Informal discussions and consultations are proceeding for settlement of the Irish question says The Manchester Guardian. New proposals, which are being considered, provide for something in the nature of equal representation for Unionists and Nationalists in an Irish parliament. Home Rule for all of Ireland is the basis of the suggestions, which do not contemplate the exclusion of Ulster.

## Plenty of Coal Here at Last

Substantial evidence was offered to Brantfordites this morning that the embargo hitherto existing on the importation of coal had been lifted, insofar as the Grand Trunk are concerned. Twenty-five car loads of coal were received this morning and another fifteen were expected here by five o'clock this afternoon. Forty cars of coal for local distribution, will relieve, to a great extent, the threatened coal famine in Brantford.

## "LUCKY YOUR SHIP IS AMERICAN"

### "Or We Should Have Torpedoed It With Great Pleasure"

#### SACRAMENTO

### Was Stopped in the English Channel by German Sub.

By Courier Leased Wire.

Havre, Dec. 27.—Captain Plator, of the American Steamer Sacramento, who arrived here from Buenos Aires with a cargo of wheat reports that he was stopped in the British channel by a German submarine. The commander of the submarine ordered him on board with his papers and after examining them said:

"You are carrying wheat, which we consider contraband of war, to France. It is lucky for you that your ship is American, otherwise we should have torpedoed it with great pleasure. You can proceed. Good luck to you."

The only steamer of the name of Sacramento listed in available Maritime records is reported by the New York Maritime register to have been recently transferred from American to British ownership. She was blacklisted by the British Admiralty in Germany in April 1916, on charges of aiding German ships in the Pacific, but was removed from the blacklist last October.

### THREE DEAD

By Courier Leased Wire.

Tofield, Alta., Dec. 27.—The third of the three section men who were on a hand-car when it was struck by all its incidental perils to the United States. Will he now continue to give force and character to the German maneuver under the same threat.

### NORWEGIAN SHIP SUNK

London, Dec. 27.—11.30 a. m.—Lloyd's reports the sinking of the Norwegian Steamship Sno, 1,823 tons gross.

## Hydro Breakdown; Hundreds Unemployed

### Munition Workers and Other Factorymen Thrown Out of Work in Toronto—Factories at a Standstill

Toronto, Dec. 27.—A serious breakdown in the provincial hydro lines early this morning has put hundreds of munition workers and other factory employees out of work for the morning. The trouble commenced about 4 a. m. when the power went off for about five minutes. After an interval of about an hour it went off again and stayed off till 6.30 when domestic lights went on, but the lighting in the streets was very dim, like candle power. After a short interval all lights went out and people going to business had to cross their way in the dark. At 7 o'clock in the portions of the city served by the civic cars the greatest inconvenience was suffered, all the cars being put out of commission, and workers had to walk to the nearest point where city cars were available. Many, however, did not trouble to do this as walking was very difficult on the ice-covered streets, which in some places had a glass-like surface that made the operation dangerous.

It was stated at the Hydro offices at 9.30 a. m. that the trouble was between Cookville and Dundas. The line had been broken between Dundas and Cookville, both here at the same point by the weight of sleet.

## COURTEOUS REPLY TO PRES. WILSON THEN PROCEED ENERGETICALLY WITH THE WAR

### Countercharges Made by Germans on Trial

#### Huns Accused of Conspiracy in San Francisco, Charge American Manufacturers With Breaches of Neutrality

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—Counter-accusations of violation of neutrality are expected to continue to-day at the trial of Franz Bopp, German consul-general and six assistants who are charged with conspiracy to violate American neutrality by handling shipment of munitions to the Entente allies, a Consul Bopp, whose examination was completed yesterday, said that American manufacturers were not over scrupulous in their regard for strict observance of neutrality and that in various ways they sought to aid enemies of the German Government. It was to trace these alleged violations that the local German consulate employed agents to visit various parts of the United States and Canada. Bopp said, but not for the purpose of dynamiting railroad tunnels and munition ships as the government alleges.

Theodore Roche, chief counsel for the defense introduced correspondence yesterday from the Department of State to Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador on the subject of American built submarines for the British Government. It included a statement from Charles M. Schwab to the effect that the Bethlehem Steel Company was not building any submarines for the Entente Allies. Schwab acknowledged that the Fall River shipbuilding company had undertaken to build ten submarines, but that none would be delivered to any of the belligerents during the war.

Secretary of State Lansing quoted Schwab in another communication to Count von Bernstorff in connection with the protests which had been made by the German ambassador on the question of parts of submarines made in this country. Schwab said in his statement that submarine forgings and castings made by the Union Iron Works in this city were sent to Montreal, Canada but that the company's interest in them ceased when they were delivered to the owners. Bopp maintained that this act was unneutral and unfriendly.

John A. MacGregor, president of the United Iron Works, is to be called to-day by the defense and questioned as to the delivery of submarine parts to Canada and also as to the truth of reports that the company sent workmen to Canada to assemble the submarines. The defense contends it will prove that Consul Bopp was justified in sending agents to Canada to find out the facts and make them the basis for protests by the German embassy.

## WILSON LIKE THE VICTIM OF BLACKMAIL CONSPIRACY

### New York Editor and Writer Points Out That Germany Alone Would Benefit by President's Proposals

(By Frank H. Simonds.)

New York, Dec. 26.—If there was any doubt in anyone's mind as to who would benefit by Mr. Wilson's peace proposals it should be abolished now. Coolly, skillfully, completely, the Germans, in their response to Mr. Wilson's note, have turned the document into their own ends. The very promptness of their response shows their enthusiasm.

And what is the next step? Is Mr. Wilson to be blackmailed by the threat of a German submarine campaign in an endorsement of the German proposal for a conference of the belligerents?

The Object.

It is beyond all cavil that the underlying motive of his first action disclosed by the helpless Lansing, was to prevent, if possible, a new German submarine campaign, with all its incidental perils to the United States. Will he now continue to give force and character to the German maneuver under the same threat.

Everyone ought at least to recognize the possibilities of the situation in which Mr. Wilson and his country now find themselves. Conceivably, Mr. Wilson will now take the opportunity supplied by the German re-

office early this morning, announced that two circuits were down between Cookville and Dundas stations. He credited it to the sleet storm last night. At 10 o'clock he stated that the service would be restored in half an hour. Chief Engineer Gaby of the Hydro commission, stated that between 40,000 and 50,000 horsepower was cut off by the break in the line. The firms affected are those which receive their power out of Cookville and Strachan avenue stations.

"Most of the munition factories and other works are at a standstill this morning as well as the civic cars," said Chairman P. W. Ellis, of the Toronto commission. "It is a very unfortunate occurrence as the hydro has been giving excellent service."

At eleven o'clock the power came on again. The double transmission line had been broken between Dundas and Cookville, both here at the same point by the weight of sleet.

### JAPANESE DIET OPENS SESSION

#### Emperor Speaks of Strength of Alliance With the Entente

Tokio, Dec. 27.—The Diet was opened to-day by the Emperor, who in his address from the throne, expressed his gratification that the relations between the empire and the treaty powers were growing closer. He declared that the alliance with Great Britain and the convention with France were becoming stronger and called attention also to the new "conviction with Russia which he termed a matter for congratulation. The Emperor explained that he had ordered the ministers to draft bills necessary for the development of the country, keeping in mind the world situation, and asked the Diet to cooperate in passing these measures. The House was then adjourned to January 21.

## Fatal to Lose Any Time Over Peace Manoeuvres, Says London Press

Berlin, Dec. 26.—Via London.—The German answer to President Wilson's note was taken to the United States embassy to-day by Foreign Minister Zimmermann, personally. Dr. Zimmermann touched with Ambassador Gerard. No indication of the tenor of the note appeared in the German papers to-day. Its text will be published to-morrow.

London, Dec. 27.—A despatch from The Hague to Reuters' Telegram Company says German agents have arrived at The Hague to make preliminary arrangements for German delegates to the peace conference suggested in the German reply to President Wilson's note.

The despatch follows: "In view of the preparatory meeting of delegates to a peace conference suggested in the German reply to President Wilson's note, German agents have arrived at The Hague and are making inquiries for hotel accommodations for German delegates."

London Comment

London, Dec. 27.—The promptness of the German Government's reply to President Wilson's note is characterized by the Evening newspapers to-day as evidence of Germany's eagerness to bring the war to an end. The Standard says:

"It would be a mistake to neglect the German peace manoeuvres, but it would be even more so to let them over them. We trust the government will give President Wilson a perfectly courteous but also a definite reply and then get on with the war as energetically as possible."

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "Germany has not been slow to seize the advantages given her by President Wilson's masterly diplomacy. It would be a real triumph for Germany to have herself recognized as the wire-puller of the power whose subjects her submarines drowned with impunity and which lectured her in the name of all the cardinal virtues. It would teach the world, that by letting the Americans do the talking, Germany understands how to get her own way eventually in the sphere of practical politics."

"The studied impartiality of the American note supplies Germany with a coat of whitewash of which she was badly in need, Germany proposes an immediate conference of belligerents, which appears to her to be the most promising way of promoting a fissure in the Entente. The allies have only one possible attitude to this, namely, they will hold no discussion with an unneutral organism or with a power whose most solemn engagements are mere scraps of paper. If Mr. Wilson's real object was to elicit a plain statement of the aims and terms of both sides, Berlin's answer shows that he failed."

"It did not require a note to procure a plain statement of the Allied cause. Upon the German side the invitation meets with summary dismissal. The ill-conceived note has been frustrated and the most dignified course now would be its frank withdrawal."

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The music was especially good. Mr. Thresher, the organist and his choir, deserve a word of praise and encouragement. The choir is growing larger, and singing better each Sunday. In the morning the following musical program was given in splendid style: Organ: The Holy Night; Buck; offertory, "Adeste Christus and Happy New Year, and the way to have it was to enter into the true Christmas spirit, doing good and ministering kindness unto others.

The evening subject by Pastor Wrighton was "Why did Jesus Come?" This was an earnest practical gospel message. Many have not yet answered the question in the only practical manner, by surrendering themselves to Him. May the question be earnestly considered and answered. The musical selections were as follows: Organ, Christmas Eve; Bethlehem, Mallink; The Shepherds, Salome; Fantasy on Old Christmas Carols; Blair; Anthems, O Come Redeemer of Mankind, Marchant; Miss P. Fuller, soloist; Sing, O Heavens, Gaul, Miss E. Kay, soloist.

The services of the day were in keeping with the occasion.

Patriotic, attractive and worshipful were the Christmas services at Calvary Baptist Church on Sunday. The music was in harmony with the Christmas spirit, and was well rendered. The anthems given by the choir were "Calm on the listening ear of Night" (Barbary), "Hark, ten

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From The Courier, Brantford

SOLDIERS XMAS AT MASSEY HARRIS CONVALESCENT HOME

Temperance Reigned, But Festivities Were of the Gayest—Brantford Women Shared in the Celebration

London, Dec. 27.—In the Massey-Harris Convalescent Home for Canadian soldiers at Dulwich, where there are 110 patients, festivities were Shakespearean in their abandon except that ginger beer was allowed. Dark oak panelling made a fine background for the Yuletide decorations in the interior of this old baronial hall and in the assembly rooms were the words "Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year," done in old English lettering.

Below the mezzanine gallery in the opposite corner was a huge tree, reminiscent in size of British Columbia fir, and covered with glittering and fascinating presents for every soldier patient. Colored balloons of red, blue and white, and the decorations of the enemy trenches possible, the enemy in this case being a clock which ticked off hours all too fast. Promptly at the psychological moment the lights were made by the staff and Sergt. Foley of Saskatoon, who played Santa Claus, with a say red dress of Quebec pattern, and instead of reindeers the sleigh was drawn by a retriever called Major Dog, who has a history. He was torpedoed in 1915 in the Danish ship, rescued and taken to France with Sergt. Foley, who had him there one year and came back without a scratch and is still going strong.

Matron Hardinge and staff nurses, all of Toronto, with the exception of Nurse Powell of Brantford, were present. Gifts were provided by Mrs. Reynolds, Lieut. Harris, Mrs. Lloyd Harris, Mrs. J. K. Osborne, Mrs. Shuttworth, Mrs. and Mrs. Dawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of Toronto, Mrs. Calderon of Edmonton, Mrs. Bate, Miss Sparks, Mrs. Wedd, Mrs. R. B. Leich, and Matron, Sisters and other friends.

No more "friendship stunts." In one of the largest military hospitals in London were two Canadians enjoying a bountiful Christmas who spent their last festivity in a German hospital, eating black bread, dish-water soup and pickled meat, possibly horseflesh, and also compelled to listen to German hymns such as "Der Alte Gott," "Strah, England," etc. They were happy to-day in having good food and hearing Empire anthems.

In Charing Cross Hospital the Duke of Edinburgh was the banner ward. Some Canadian patients were well enough to be away with friends but several Imperials, in costume representing absent pals, among which were western cowpunchers, and one red Indian of the Cree tribe asked where he was.

Last Christmas a mimic Indian Devon lad replied who had spent three Christmases in the trenches and recalled the one of 1914, when the foe shook hands across "No Man's Land" and played friendly football, but there was "nothing doing in friendship stunts this year," he said.

All these things were heavy, but there had already fifteen months in the hospital, and though minus a leg, is very cheerful. A Canadian sister in this ward and Nurse Pilot of Edmonton and the Newfoundland Anglican canon's daughter provided a concert during the afternoon given by all professionals from various London theatres. The patients and friends were delighted.

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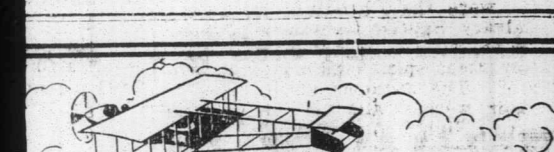
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**THE SITUATION**  
 The Teutons are continuing with success their campaign on the Moldavian frontier, and in Northern Dobruja. They yesterday took the town of Filipesch, and powerfully defended heights on both sides. It is said that an invasion of southern Bessarabia will be next in order. This is a government in the south west of Russia on the Roumanian frontier.

British forces are vigorously continuing the campaign around Kut-el-Amara and are evidently encircling the foe.  
 On the Somme front matters remain comparatively quiet although Haig's men have been successfully raiding many trenches. If captured Hunns can have any faith placed in their utterances, the matter of efficient reinforcements is becoming a problem with the foe and the men in the trenches are overworked.  
 Germany's answer to Wilson's note should lead him to realize how ardently the Prussian outfit will twist his course to their own ends in all probability to the future detriment and embarrassment of himself and his country.

It is officially announced that the British government has called for an Imperial Conference at which the Dominions are specially invited to be present. War, peace and other problems are to be discussed. This is the first outgrowth of the fact that the war is bound to lead to much closer Imperial relationship in the future.

**THAT NOTE OF WILSON'S**

The more the note of Wilson to the Allied powers is considered, the more the thing ripples in the minds of Britishers everywhere. Nostalgia is known as a severe and sometimes fatal form of melancholia. Nostalgia is a new disease developed by the present occupant of the White House and it should be known as a severe form of inkalogia. The Kaiser, having sent as a present to Wilson a set of Christmas books, one U. S. paper suggests that he had much better have forwarded a gold fountain pen, or a hammered brass desk. Woodrow evidently thinks that he can settle everything and everybody by cashing off an epistle, and he apparently expected that the war would come to a more or less sudden stop when he slung some ink in that direction.

He says that he proposed to act before the Bedin note was promulgated, and that the latter had no effect on the course he followed. Be that as it may, the Huns do not conceal their delight over his action, and it was certainly taken at a time calculated to back them in their so-called peace talk at the moment of their own choosing and on their own terms.

Everybody is still in the dark as to just why Wilson acted. Had he taken the step prior to the recent Presidential contest, the move would have been regarded as a political dodge, but with four years more of office recently assured, there was nothing to be gained in that respect. The thing which annoys most, is that the head of a great Republic, whose very foundations are supposed to be based on the God-given tenets of human liberty—they have a statue at the New York harbor entrance, Liberty enlightening the world—should ask in effect that both sides state in plain terms what they are fighting for. Ye gods, what a query for a supposedly intelligent man to put.

Meanwhile it is eminently satisfactory to notice that all of the Allied powers are treating Woodrow's unwarranted and ill-timed interference in the same spirit as that displayed towards the so-called peace offer of the Huns, and that from the blood-stained trenches themselves, the word comes, "Flight on."

**A HEAVY VOTING PROGRAM.**  
 Brantford ratepayers have a heavy voting task ahead of them in the approaching municipal contest and it is in this respect fortunate that the ballots are to be cast on New Year's Day.

There is a contest to settle for the mayoralty, the water commission-ship and the street railway commission-ship, the school board, and for aldermen in each ward. In addition property holders will be called upon to record their verdict with regard to a couple of bylaws.  
 One of these measures is with re-

ference to Hydro Electric and the question is asked:—  
 "Are you in favor of having the municipality develop or acquire through the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario, whatever works may be required for the supply of electric energy or power in addition to such electric power as is already obtained under the existing contract with the Hydro Electric Power Commission of Ontario?"

The above is somewhat nebulous but the plain meaning of it is a first step towards having the municipalities shoulder Hydro Electric enterprises themselves, with the Ontario government excluded in the matter. The second bylaw has reference to the gas matter and the query is put:—

"Are you in favor of having the municipality construct and maintain a municipal gas plant?"  
 That the people of Brantford have been long suffering with regard to gas matters, there is no need to affirm. The sulphuretted article, in particular, has been pumped into our homes to the great prejudice of health and comfort, not to mention the damage to material things.  
 There is no reason for this as citizens are quite prepared to pay legitimate charge for a proper article. If the answer to the bylaw query is in the affirmative then enquiry can be made into the practicability of civic ownership.

**Laid at Rest**

**Mrs. MacCammon.**  
 The funeral of the late Mrs. MacCammon took place Saturday afternoon from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Alex. Markie, 197 Erie avenue, to Mount Hope cemetery, the services being conducted by the Rev. D. E. Martin, pastor of Wesley Methodist church. The pallbearers were Messrs. P. Fischer, C. Fischer, Holmes, Litsch, Synington, Weaver.

**Mary Ann Barry**  
 The funeral of the late Mary Ann Barry took place this morning from her late residence, 105 Albion St. to St. Basil's Church, where the last rites were observed by the Rev. Father Burke. Interment took place in St. Joseph's cemetery.

**Mrs. Fred Guilfoyl**  
 The funeral of the late Mrs. Fred Guilfoyl, formerly of this city, lately of St. Louis, Mo., who passed away in Ayr, were brought to this city this afternoon, interment taken place in Mt. Hope cemetery.  
 Rev. Snell of Ayr, officiated. She leaves besides a son, Mr. C. Guilfoyl, three sisters and three brothers, Mrs. Chas. Roberts of Ayr, Ont., Mrs. H. Dupka and Mrs. W. A. Davis of Buffalo, N. Y., W. P. Dowling of Los Angeles, Cal., Thomas and Alfred Dowling of this city. The pallbearers were, R. Wiles, H. Mulligan, H. Weeks, J. H. Ham, J. Kaufman, A. Tuck.

**HUGH GREG.**  
 Tuesday afternoon the funeral of the late Hugh Greg took place from the residence of his brother, William Greg, 88 Queen street, to Greenwood cemetery and was largely attended. The services at the house were in charge of Rev. J. W. Gordon, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, of which deceased was a faithful member, while at the grave the beautiful burial service of the Oddfellows was in charge of Noble Grand Robert Brown and Vice Grand Ashley Watson of Harmony lodge. The pallbearers were members of Canton Brantford, No. 3, of which organization deceased was clerk and included Chevalliers Thompson Smith, D. A. Noble, George Macdonald, Archie Campion, Blake Kester and Bert Harris.  
 Among the many beautiful floral tributes were remembrances from Harmony lodge, Brant Encampment and Canton Brantford, I. O. O. F., Oddfellows and A. O. U. W. circles, and Bros. Company, Limited, and employees.

The deceased, who was 38 years of age, succumbed to the after effects of a piece of lumber driven violently against him while he was working in Schultz Bros. factory. He was a man of most exemplary character and disposition and held the highest respect of everyone, in fact there was no more popular member in Oddfellow and A. O. U. W. circles, and he had held many high fraternal positions. The Courier extends sincere sympathy to the bereaved.

**Renumbering City's Streets**

The work of renumbering the streets of the city is still progressing. All of Wards One and Two have been completed by the assessment department, as has also all of Ward Five with the exception of those streets running north and south, between Colborne street and the canal. All of the work has been done with the co-operation of Mr. Lee, who has charge of the issuing of the directory of the city for the year 1917, with the result that no changes will be made, that are not listed in the new directory. While engaged in the work, the assessors noted that in a great many cases the house numbers are poorly displayed, whereas they should be placed in as conspicuous a place as is possible. A large number of citizens, however, have followed the example set by the assessors, and are voluntarily changing their numbers, replacing the old ones with modern numbers, placed in plain view.

Only one arrest was made in Hamilton yesterday.

William P. Davis, stockbroker, of Ottawa, son of M. P. Davis, the well-known contractor, died suddenly.

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**ELIZABETH ASQUITH.**  
 daughter of ex-premier Asquith. Her engagement to Hugh B. Gibson, of the American Embassy, is announced.

**Collegiate Team in O. B. A.**

Considerable interest has been displayed in athletics at the Collegiate Institute since the reopening of school in September. It has now been decided to enter a team in the Ontario Basketball Association as well as in the Interscholastic League. Ross Deagle has been chosen as captain, and a number of other players will be available.

**COURTEOUS REPLY**

Continued from page one.  
**Austrian Situation Critical**  
 London, Dec. 27.—(New York Times cable)—A despatch to the Morning Post from Budapest says: Since the peace offer was made, King Charles has been in almost constant consultation with his advisers. He saw Count Tisza twice. Count Berchtold is almost always in attendance and, as is well known, he has great influence with the Emperor, who considers him the most able diplomatist of the monarchy.  
 "Among the many and most difficult problems confronting the Emperor are grave internal conditions, the burning question of German power and the everlasting political crisis in Austria."  
 "In all these super-tasks, the question of peace seems to occupy first place in the best minds of the monarchy at present. Everybody feels that unless the peace movement is successful, the coming military efforts, as well as the sacrifices demanded of the people, will far overtax their strength and resources and will place a burden on the nation, especially as regards Hungary, which it is unable to bear.  
 "The newspapers are not allowed, although they have tried to say how and why the people long so anxiously for peace. To-day almost every one of the morning papers appeared with the first pages blank, the leading articles having been censored out entirely. But they were permitted to describe the scenes and conversations and these are quite adequate to reveal what the people feel and what they expect."  
 "It was a common thing a few days ago when the newspapers announced that a peace offer was made, to see people kiss each other in the cafes, while elderly shopkeepers and new-entrants broke into tears, sang songs on streets and offered prayers of thanks. They behaved like children of pure happiness in the hope that their tortures were about coming to an end."

**URIC ACID IN MEAT CLOGS THE KIDNEYS**

Take a Glass of Salts If Your Back Hurts or Bladder Bother you—Drink More Water.

If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat forms uric acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaker, then you suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets muddy, to cleanse the kidneys and flush out the body's urinous waste get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of lemons and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink.

**OWNERS DREAD INJURIES TO MEN**

Baseball Magnates Have Bad Dreams Due to New Player Limit

New York, Dec. 26.—Since the National League voted to establish a 22-player limit and do away with the disability clause, some of the club owners have been having bad dreams. And now the merit of the new rules is being doubted.  
 "What will I do if injuries to players ever breaks my infield or outfield?"  
 This is what the club owner in the National League has been pondering on of late. Under the new rule, injured players under contract to a National League club, must be counted within the player limit during the "closed season."

When the old leaguers are in session they are nearly as close with the news as a clam. But since the meeting is over, bits of information have trickled out. One scrap of "info" says that if any club in the old league suffers a streak of hard luck in the way of injuries to its men, the league will make a special dispensation which will enable that club to patch up its line-up, at least temporarily.  
 Some of the baseball wiseacres are predicting that when the National leaguers get on a player limit rule that will be satisfactory all around there will be a higher limit and also a disability clause, for at least two clubs—the Giants and Cubs—are against the rule as it stands at present.

**Knotty Lee is Planning New Baseball League**

Founder of Canadian League Would Include Hamilton, Brantford and London With Three Michigan Cities

Knotty Lee, who organized the Canadian League, thinks that the time is ripe for an international league, with three cities in Ontario and three in Michigan, and he will make a trip over the ground after New Year's to try and start the ball rolling. Lee thinks that Hamilton, Brantford and London should be the three cities on this side of the border, but has not decided just what three cities in Michigan should be included. He will confer with some of the men who were connected with the defunct South Michigan League and try to get a line on the best cities.

Tom Nelson will be the guiding light in Brantford as usual. Lee has every confidence in the proposed league, and thinks that there will be no trouble in organizing it. Joe Jackson, the baseball expert of the Detroit News, is already being mentioned for the presidency, as he held that office in the Michigan league for years.

**OIL AND FIRE**  
 By Courier Leased Wire.  
 Regina, Dec. 27.—Sachitoe Cornish, aged 6, is dead, his mother is not expected to live, and a younger brother was seriously burned, as the result of pouring coal oil on the kitchen fire.

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 WHY? Because the consumers have learned that the efficient use of Tilbury gas depends largely on seeing that the pipe joints are kept tightened and the burning equipment properly adjusted.  
 The gas consumers of Brantford can do much to solve the problem here by following this example. See that the pipes are in proper shape and the equipment regulated. If all the users of Tilbury gas would do this it would be found that there is little or no cause for complaint.  
 In connection with the plebiscite YOU are asked to MORTGAGE YOUR HOME to build a municipal gas plant, the product of which will cost YOU nearly three times as much as YOU are now paying for natural gas.  
**MR. TAXPAYER, DON'T YOU FIND THE COST OF LIVING HIGH ENOUGH NOW? DON'T YOU FIND YOUR TAX BILL HEAVY ENOUGH WITHOUT ADDING TO THE BURDEN.**  
 REFLECT BEFORE YOU VOTE.  
 Watch This Space To-morrow

**LOCAL NEWS**

**ALDERMEN ATTEND**  
 His Worship Mayor Bowly has requested the aldermen of the city as a body to attend the funeral of the late Flight Lieutenant Harold S. Brewster, on Thursday afternoon. The aldermen are asked to meet at the city hall at 15 minutes to 3, when automobiles will be provided.

**MILITARY FUNERAL**  
 The Soldiers' Aid Association requests all returned soldiers to kindly attend at the Drill Hall at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow afternoon to attend the funeral of the late Lieut. Brewster. Officers of the 215th battalion will meet them on arrival there.

**XMAS AT HOUSE OF REFUGE.**  
 A Christmas of the heartiest nature was enjoyed at the House of Refuge this year by both inmates and employees, and Mr. and Mrs. Storey are desirous of extending thanks to all who made such kind donations to the Christmas tree on Saturday, when a fine program was rendered and a real Santa Claus distributed gifts to all those present. The menu for the Christmas dinner, served on Sunday, comprised roast goose and dressing, creamed potatoes and hot apple sauce, bread butter and steamed pudding with sauce and fruit and candies.

**OFFICERS ELECTED**  
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A committee was appointed to arrange for the entertaining of Maple Leaf Encampment of Woodstock who have accepted an invitation to be with us on Jan. 19th to confer the Patriarch Degree and on the same evening Brant Encampment will confer the Golden Rule Degree. An invitation was extended to the Grand Patriarch Jas. S. Locke, of Kitchener, and the D. D. S. R. W. H. Cross, of Hamilton, to be with us on this occasion when a big night is expected.

**SEPARATE SCHOOL TRUSTEES.**  
 Nominations for the Separate School Board were held this morning in St. Basil's school, all the appointments going by acclamation. Five trustees were to be elected, one from each ward, and the result is as follows:  
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Social and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hughes spent the holiday with friends in Oakville.

The many friends of Mrs. Chrysler will be sorry to hear that she has sustained another stroke and is in a serious condition.

Mr. William Reinhold, formerly of Barber, Ellis Ltd., left to-day to take up his new position in Montreal. His family will follow later.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoff and children, of Woodstock, were the guests of Mr. Hoff's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoff, of this city.

Mrs. Lottie Howie, and Miss Marion Howie, and Mrs. Bert Stevenson, were the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hoff of this city.

Mr. Grant McKay of the P. H. Seord firm, has returned to the city for the winter.

Mr. H. C. Vaughn, Associate Dominion Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was in the city over the week end, the guest of his sister, Mrs. Zeigler.

Mr. George Thurlow, of the firm of E. H. Newman and Company, spent the holiday at the parental home in Goderich.

Mr. James Matthews, Lorne Crescent, who has been attending a course in wireless at Boston, has returned to the city to spend the holiday with his parents.

Miss Florence Wallace of Detroit, Michigan, is visiting her parents, 49 Huron St. over the Christmas holidays.

Miss Mary Hutton of Detroit, Mich., is visiting her parents, 49 Huron St. over the Christmas holidays.

W. H. Webling leaves to-night for Hartford and New York, on business.

NEWS OF NORFOLK

Simcoe Council Concludes Its Work at Session Tonight

OTHER ITEMS
Second Nomination for Reeve and Councillors on Jan. 2nd.

(From our own correspondent) Simcoe, Dec. 27.—H. Carter, the retiring nominee for the reeve, has announced his intention to run for the chair if necessary in view of the turn that matters have taken. Mr. Carter, who has had highest local municipal honors in years past says he should not have withdrawn but for the fact that he understood Mr. McKee would qualify, and claims he has no desire to continue long in public life again.

The Mayor has called a special meeting of council for eight o'clock this evening to wind-up the year's business. The frontage assessment bylaw re the paved portion of Colborne street and the fixing of salaries for the utilities commissioners are the only matters in view.

Nominations will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, for a reeve and one councillor. The Daughters of the Empire remembered at Christmas all returned soldiers and wounded or fallen at the front, by way of Santa Claus visitation.

Correction.
Typographical errors in The Courier yesterday caused the amount of the Christmas offering at Trinity Church to be given as \$13.75 in place of \$130.75, and the sum presented to Dr. Dey as \$135.00 in place of \$1135.00.

News Notes of 215th Batt.

Preparations have been about completed for the Christmas Tree for the children of the members of the 215th battalion in the assembly hall of the Collegiate Institute to-night. A splendid contribution toward the success of the event was received yesterday from the Brantford Laundry Company, in the form of three boxes each of apples, bananas and oranges.

The band of the battalion will be on hand at six o'clock and will furnish music until seven o'clock when the main event of the evening will be commenced. It is expected that the distribution of the gifts to the children will consume an hour and a half to two hours, and in consideration of the lateness of the hour, a program has not been prepared.

Notes
Lieut. Cunningham, Sergt. W. Messecar, and Private Ward have returned from attending a six weeks course in the Lewis Machine Gun at Toronto.

Christmas greetings have been received from the 176th battalion quartered at Niagara Falls. Notification has been received to the effect that Sergt. Loube, who has been in attendance at a course in scouting at Toronto had qualified.

The first official notification was received from headquarters by Major Snider, that the transfer of Lieut. Walsh to the 215th had been approved, to take effect from the twentieth of November. Lieut. Walsh was originally of the 36th battalion but was transferred to the 4th. Having had practical experience gained on the firing line, he will be a valuable acquisition to the battalion.

Nuptial Notes

A quiet, but pretty wedding was celebrated yesterday morning when Miss Pearl Eacret, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Eacret, 184 Murray street, became the bride of Mr. Arthur W. Wallace, of Regina. The young couple will have the best wishes of a host of friends, Miss Eacret having been very popular in her set.

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COMING EVENTS

ROBERT CLARKE (from Toronto) and his family of blockheads, Yentriologist, Comedian; you'll laugh from start to finish. St. Luke's Church basement, Wednesday, December 27th, 8 p.m. Adults, 25c; children 10c.

MISS LAURA HUGHES, Toronto, will deliver "A Message to the Tollers" at Victoria Hall, Wednesday, Dec. 27th, at 8 p.m., under auspices of Brantford Labor Unions. Tickets may be secured from Committee.

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Obituary

D. K. Huffman
There passed away at his home Burlington, Ont., Friday December 22nd, a former resident of Burford Township in the person of David K. Huffman, who for over sixty years resided at Northfield Centre, being one of the early settlers in that neighborhood. Mr. Huffman was born in Beckman's Corners near Hamilton, Ont. Had he lived until February next, he would have been eighty-six years of age. His grandfather was one of the early settlers in Hamilton, coming there from the United States as a U. E. Loyalist in 1811 or 1812, he owned considerable property on St. James St., a portion of which he donated to Christ Church congregation on which Christ Church now stands and is one of the few buried in the church grounds.

Fourteen years ago Mr. Huffman moved to Burlington village where he has since resided. His burial took place from his late residence on Sunday Dec. 24, to the Hamilton cemetery, the funeral services being conducted by the Rev. F. W. Hoyer of St. Luke's Church, Burlington. Mr. Huffman took a very active interest in the affairs of Brant County, having served for a number of years in the Township and County councils and as a director of the Burford Agricultural Society as well as in other capacities in the neighborhood in which he lived.

In politics a life long Conservative and in religion an Episcopalian in early life he took a very active interest in church work being one of the founders of St. Paul's church Northfield Centre and for a number of years afterwards was one of the wardens and superintendent of the church grounds.

In his younger days he took an active interest in military matters being an officer in the fifth battalion of the Brant Militia. At the present time two grand sons are at the front and another in training. A kind and affectionate husband and father, a citizen of unquestioned integrity and a model citizen respected by all who knew him, who lived a life of christian sincerity has passed to his reward; he leaves behind to mourn his loss his wife, Elizabeth Smith, a daughter of Robert Smith, a native of Barnoldswick, Yorkshire, England, one son Louis Baptist, England, and three daughters Mrs. J. Weir of Cathcart Ont., Mrs. G. Green and Mrs. C. Vail of Hamilton; also three brothers, Paul of Northfield Centre, William of Kansas City and Charles of this city.

William McLaren
After an illness of only one day, Mr. William McLaren passed away this morning at his home, 185 Marlboro St., Mr. McLaren was a native of Dundee, Scotland, coming to Brantford little more than five years ago, and was a man of more than ordinary worth. Shortly after his arrival in Brantford he commenced work with Goodall, Sharpley and Muir Co., and was held in high regard both by the firm and his fellow workers. He leaves to mourn his death, his wife, one daughter, Maggie and two sons. The sons are Joseph, a member of the 4th battalion now in France and who has been twice wounded, and William of England with the 125th battalion.

The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence to Mt. Hope cemetery.

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PRISONERS ENJOY XMAS IN CAMP

Interned British Civilians at Ruhleben Hold Festivities

JAS. W. GERARD American Ambassador, Present During the Celebration

By Courier Leased Wire. Berlin, Dec. 25.—Via London, Dec. 27.—The United States Ambassador Mr. Gerard, attended the Christmas celebration of the interned British civilians at Ruhleben to-day. In spite of all the hampering circumstances the prisoners arranged an imposing Christmas program and thanks to parcels from home were able to enjoy a fairly merry Christmas as far as creature comforts were concerned.

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Board of Education LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—

To Increase Marine Shipping
London, Dec. 27.—It is understood that Sir Joseph Maclay, Shipping Controller, made a proposal to owners which should effect a considerable increase in the carrying capacity of the British mercantile marine.

Martin McEwen To the Electors Ward 1

P. H. SECORD TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

Statistics For Coming Election
Preparations are now under way for elections next Monday. The ballot boxes are being placed in condition, and the ballots being printed.

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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 cents for a cent instead of nine, and there you get that unique flavor, absolutely unchanged.

**Mayoralty Election.**

Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited for J. W. Bowlby as Mayor of Brantford for 1917. In submitting my name for an extension of my term of office, I do so because of the highly important un-disposed-of public business in which I flatter myself by thinking I could be of service to the community.

**J. W. BOWLBY**

FOR ALDERMAN  
Ward 1.

TO THE ELECTORS—  
I solicit your vote and influence for re-election for Alderman. After two years I feel that I can better assist in the administration of civic affairs. I find it will be impossible to call on your personally, but ask the same generous support as accorded me in 1913 and 1914.

Yours Respectfully,  
**THOMAS QUINLAN**

FOR ALDERMAN  
Ward One

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—  
Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited for Alderman for Ward One. I will endeavor to serve the city's interests to the best of my ability. Wishing you a very Happy New Year.

**Fred C. Harp**

FOR ALDERMAN  
Ward 1.

TO THE ELECTORS—  
I again solicit your vote and influence as Alderman for Ward Two. Thanking you for past kindnesses and wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**S. A. Jones**  
K. C.

FOR ALDERMAN

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For Ward One.

To the Electors—  
Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for

**ALLAN VAREY**

FOR ALDERMAN  
Ward 2.

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**Jos. H. Minshall**

For Alderman, 1917

WARD No 2

Your Vote and Influence Solicited for

**J. H. Hall**

of John H. Hall & Sons, Ltd.

FOR ALDERMAN  
Ward Two

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—  
Again I solicit your vote and influence as Alderman for the year 1917, promising to watch carefully the best interests of each and every part of the city, if elected. Wishing you the season's compliments,

**J. E. HESS**

**VOTE FOR**

**JOHN J. KELLY**

—AS—

**ALDERMAN**

Ward 2

Prompt, Economical, Progressive Methods in City Affairs.

My best efforts will be for the opening of the St. Paul subway Street-car service to the Hill section.

FOR ALDERMAN  
Ward 2.

**STEPHEN**

**Cayless**

I ask your Support  
"Be just and fear Not"

For Alderman, 1917.

Ward 3.

Your Vote and Influence Solicited

**W. A.**

**Hollinrake**

VOTE FOR

**JOHN M.**

**TULLOCH**

As Alderman, Ward 3

If elected, I will endeavour to merit your support

FOR ALDERMAN  
Ward 4

I am a candidate for Alderman in Ward 4 and will appreciate your vote and influences.

**M. M.**

**MacBRIDE**

FOR ALDERMAN  
Ward 4.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN: TO THE ELECTORS—I am again in the field for aldermanic honors and respectfully solicit your vote and influence. Trusting that my record of the past two years meets with your approval and hoping for a continuance of your support, I am,  
Yours truly

**W. H. Freeborn**

ELECTORS WARD FOUR

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—  
Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited for the re-election of

**ALD. W. J.**

**MELLEN**

for Ward Four, for the year of 1917.

**Ward 3.**

ALDERMANIC DUTIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AND SCRUPULOUSLY ATTENDED TO, SHOULD THE ELECTORS OF WARD 3 LAY THE OBLIGATION UPON

**JAS. J. HURLEY**

Ward 3.

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for re-election as

**ALDERMAN**

If elected, I will continue to give my best services in the interest of the city's welfare.

**JNO. S. DOWLING**

FOR ALDERMAN  
Ward 4.

Ladies and Gentlemen: Once again I solicit your vote and influence. That I will watch and work, if elected, you may be assured. Wishing you the compliments of the season.

**WALTER J. BRAGG**

FOR ALDERMAN  
Ward 5.

Fellow Citizens: I solicit your vote, and if elected, will work for progressive municipal government, efficiency with economy, and municipal ownership of all public services. I have no private interest to serve, but stand at all times for the public good.

**H. J. Symons**

FOR ALDERMAN  
Ward 5.

TO THE ELECTORS—  
I solicit your vote and influence for re-election for 1917. After one year's experience I feel that I can better assist in the administration of civic affairs. I find it will be utterly impossible to call on you personally, but ask the same generous support accorded me last year.

**DR. W. D. WILEY**

FOR ALDERMAN  
Ward 5.

Ladies and Gentlemen: Again this year I solicit your vote and influence. For two years I have been your representative and if my course has been satisfactory to you, I will be pleased to have your support. Wishing you the compliments of the season.

**GEO. L. JENNINGS**

Board of Education

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—  
Having had six years' experience as a member of Brantford School Board, I again offer myself for re-election. Should you feel that my experience is in any way valuable, I would appreciate your vote and influence.

Wishing you the Season's Compliments,

**A. COULBECK**

Board of Education.

TO THE ELECTORS  
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—  
I am a candidate for re-election to the Board of Education. If you choose to elect me, I shall continue to do my utmost to further matters educational in our city.

**JOHN A.**

**MARQUIS**

**For Mayor**

To the Electors of the City of Brantford:

Ladies and Gentlemen—I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for re-election as Commissioner. After several years of valuable electric railway experience I will be able to give greater assistance in the extension and operation of our municipal railway system. Time will not permit of a personal canvass. By this means I ask the continuance of your confidence and support.

**Walter R. Turnbull**

FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

**W. H. HAMMOND**

To the Electors of Brantford: In presenting myself for election to the Board of Education, I do so feeling that living as we do under democratic institutions, I, in common with others, have duties as a citizen which I must at least be willing to perform. Frequently in the past, friends have urged me to take up these duties. Up to the present, the demands of business have prevented me from doing so.

Having spent a number of years as a teacher of both public and high school work, and possessing first-hand knowledge of our educational system, I believe that as a member of the board of education, I could be of real service.

Since leaving the teaching profession, I have followed with deep interest, the educational affairs of our province, and more particularly those of the city of Brantford.

Our city has in the past been well served by its trustee boards. Brantford possesses splendid school buildings with the best of equipment and an excellent staff of teachers. Too much credit cannot be given to the ratepayers of Brantford for providing our magnificent educational equipment.

Nevertheless, there is one respect in which I am convinced improvement could be made. Some speeding up of the school work should be accomplished. This is especially desirable in view of the fact that so many of the children leave school when they reach the age of fourteen. It is the opinion of many who have followed this matter closely, that larger numbers should pass the entrance before reaching this age.

I regard it as a great misfortune and handicap to any boy or girl to start out in life with anything less than the knowledge and mental training represented by the Entrance Examination. In my opinion, this is the birth-right of every boy and girl in Brantford. This phase of the public school work should be given special attention by the new board and the retarding cause discovered and removed as far as possible.

I would appreciate your vote and any other assistance you may be pleased to give me, and if elected I shall give the best that is in me to the Educational affairs of our city.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, I am, Yours truly,  
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**C. A. Waterous**

Board of Education

**I. S. Armstrong**

TO THE ELECTORS—  
Again this year I solicit your vote and influence for the office of School Trustee.

Board of Education.

TO THE ELECTORS—  
As a mark of your continued confidence, I once more solicit your vote and influence for a second term.

**J. B. GAMBLE**

VOTE FOR

**BALLANTYNE**

The Hardware Merchant

FOR —

BRANTFORD MUNICIPAL RAILWAY COMMISSIONER

To the Electors of the City of Brantford:

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN I respectfully solicit your support for election to the Municipal Railway Commission.

I am in favor of extending the service to Terrace Hill and to West Brantford, and to make further extensions as the necessity arises—believing that such extensions, if wisely made, must be revenue producing.

In this connection with a public utility of this kind IT IS SERVICE that COUNTS. I would endeavor to see that an efficient and courteous service was always rendered.

I would call your attention to the fact that this last year the Commissioners, of whom Mr. Turnbull was one, entered into an agreement with the Grand Trunk Railway Company, BY WHICH THE CITY WAS TO PAY TWO-THIRDS OF THE COST OF MAINTAINING WATCHMEN at the Colborne-Clearance Street crossing, the G. T. R. to pay the remaining one-third.

In the event of an accident there THE CITY WAS TO PAY ALL DAMAGES. I helped to have that agreement amended so that to-day the city pays ONLY ONE-HALF THE EXPENSE OF THESE WATCHMEN, and in the event of an accident, THE CITY PAYS ONLY WHEN THE CITY IS IN FAULT.

By having the former agreement referred to the Dominion Railway Board, and so amended, the city is saved hundreds of dollars every year, and thousands should an accident take place through no fault of the Street Railway.

Wishing you, ladies and gentlemen, the compliments of the season.

**ALEX. BALLANTYNE.**

**For Railway Commission.**

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**JNO. W. English**

I again solicit your vote and influence as Alderman for Ward 2. Wishing you the compliments of the Season.

I am strongly in favor of St. Paul's Avenue Subway and Street cars for the Hill.

**Has Withdrawn His Name**

**MR. WARREN TURNBULL**

Since nomination, finds that he will be unable to stand, and has sent in his resignation. His name will be on the ballot, but as he has resigned he requests his friends NOT to vote for him for Township Councillor.

FOR COUNCILLOR

**Brantford Township**

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for Councillor. After serving one year, I feel that I may work even more advantageously than ever, if elected. Wishing you the compliments of the season.

**John R. Summerhays**

Burford Township

RE-ELECT

**D. R. Hamilton**

As Councillor

**Township of Brantford**

For Reeve

**MORGAN E. HARRIS**

requests your votes and if elected promises his best services.

**Brantford Township**

TO THE ELECTORS OF TP. OF BRANTFORD LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—  
Having consented to stand for Councillor for Tp. of Brantford, I ask for your vote and influence. Wishing you all the compliments of the season,

**U. O. KENDRICK**

To The Electors of

**Brantford Township**

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN—  
Having served you as First Deputy Reeve for four years, I am now out for the Reeve's Chair. If elected, I will do my best for the welfare of the Township. Wishing you all the compliments of the season,

**A. J. McCANN**

Brantford Township

To the Electors—  
Your vote and influence kindly solicited for councillor.

**R. W. HENRY**

**No Peace Talk Present**

**Ralph Connor Describes Men—Amazed that Stimulus for**

Ottawa, Dec. 26—Major the Rev. C. W. Gordon, better known to the reading world as "Ralph Connor," is back in Canada on two months leave, after eighteen months in England and the battle-front in his capacity of Chaplain of the 43rd Cameron Highlanders of Winnipeg.

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"Ralph Connor" is greyer than he was when he went away. The battalion whose spiritual adviser he was went into the Somme fighting round Regina Trench 900 strong. It came out mustering but only five rifles, and his commanding officer, Lieut-Col Thompson, was not there to take the muster roll, having fallen in the fight.

Optimism, Grim Determination The Chaplain of the regiment, however, brings back to Canada a message of optimism and a story of grim determination on the part of the allies on seeing this thing through.

"Peace" he remarked when interviewed in Ottawa to-night. "The only peace talked of in England today is that based upon the declaration of Mr. Asquith at the beginning of the war. There is no man of any standing or influence in the old land to-day who has deviated one iota from that stand, endorsed as it was by the whole people. Not that there is anyone who is not sick of this war, and would welcome peace, but we have left too many splendid men up in the salient of Ypres and lying at the Somme to give up what we thought was right at the commencement of the great conflict. If we were right then we are right now, and if we are right now we would be traitors to quit under present conditions.

No Peace Till Task Achieved. "The spirit of our men is splendid. The spirit of the allies will break the heart of the German militarists. It is very near the breaking point now. When the spring comes—well, we shall see."

Surprised at Slackness. Major Gordon was asked what in his own opinion would most stimulate recruiting in Canada. He showed surprise.

"Does it require stimulating?" he asked. "Is it possible that any young man in Canada fit to go and fight and who ought to go and fight is unwilling to do so?"

Mons. Marne, Would Stir Youth "If the facts in regard to the war were put vividly before the minds of the youth of Canada they could not fail to respond. Do you think that any man with red blood in his veins could fail to respond to the real story of the retreat from Mons?"

don't believe that story is known in Canada—the story of the terrific and glorious exploit of the 'contemptible little British army'—really the finest army which ever went forth to fight for any cause in the world, whether in personnel or equipment. There was nothing like it in Germany. She was nothing like it in France. For over two weeks that army hung on to the flanks of the German hordes, finally constituting, I fully believe, the determining factor in the victory of the Marne.

"And take the battle of the Marne—the greatest battle of history—do we in Canada know anything of that? If young Canadians knew of the battle of the Marne, if they knew what

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**Charles A. Jarvis**  
As Alderman, Ward 5  
Business Methods in Civic Management

**You, Mr. Ratepayer:—**

You owe it to yourself to start the year right by voting "Yes" on the Hydro Question.

You admit that Adam Beck is doing a great work for the public. You know that every ammunition factory in the country would be slowed up by the coal shortage but for the Hydro power supplies.

Your faith in Adam Beck has been rewarded by cheap power and light and freedom from capitalistic monopoly.

You are not asked for money. You are simply asked for a vote of confidence. You owe Adam Beck that vote. You owe yourself and the cause of public ownership that vote.

Go to the polls, take a friend with you and vote "Yes." That vote will be your Season's Greetings to Adam Beck.

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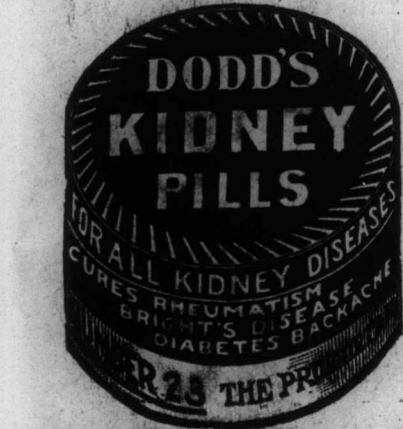
**ALDERMAN FOR WARD FOUR**

To the Electors of Ward Four,  
I respectfully solicit your vote and influence as Alderman for Ward Four, for the coming year.

Should I be elected I will devote my time and attention towards the interest of the ratepayers of Ward Four and the city in general.

Wishing you the compliments of the season, I beg to remain,

Yours for lower taxes,  
**JOHN T. SLOAN,**  
127 Chatham St.



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"Peace!" he remarked when interviewed in Ottawa to-night. "The only peace talked of in England today is that based upon the declaration of Mr. Asquith at the beginning of the war. There is no man of any standing or influence in the old land to-day who has deviated one iota from that stand, endorsed as it was by the whole people. Not that there is anyone who is not sick of this war, and would welcome peace, but we have left too many dependents up in the salient of Ypres and lying at the Somme to give up what we thought was right at the commencement of the great conflict. If we were right then, we are right now, and if we are right now we would be traitors to quit under present conditions.

No Peace Till Task Achieved. "The spirit of our men is splendid. The spirit of the whole people is splendid. In fact that spirit is the continual wonder of the war. No body talks of peace until our task has been accomplished.

"What we want in the next few months," he continued, "is such a demonstration of power on the part of the allies as will break the heart of the German militarists. It is very near the breaking point now. When the spring comes—well, we shall see."

Surprised at Slackness. Major Gordon was asked what in his own opinion would most stimulate recruiting in Canada. He showed surprise.

"Does it require stimulating?" he asked. "Is it possible that any young man in Canada fit to go and fight and who ought to go and fight is unwilling to do so?"

Mons. Marne, Would Stir Youth. "If the facts in regard to the war were put vividly before the minds of the youth of Canada they could not fail to respond. Do you think that any man with red blood in his veins could fail to respond to the real story of the retreat from Mons?"

I don't believe that story is known in Canada—the story of the terrific and glorious exploit of the "contemptible little British army"—really the finest army which ever went forth to fight for any cause in the world, whether in personnel or equipment.

There was nothing like it in Germany. There was nothing like it in France. For over two weeks that army hung on to the banks of the German borders, finally constituting, I fully believe, the determining factor in the victory of the Marne.

"And take the battle of the Marne—the greatest battle of history—do we in Canada know anything of that? If young Canadians knew of the battle of the Marne, if they knew what

Britain has been doing, what Canada has been doing (and they don't even know that as they should), they would not need stimulating.

People Terribly Resolved. "There never was in the history of the Empire a time when the people were so terribly resolved to see a thing through. They are preparing for events with no regard for time. They are building plants, for instance in England to-day, which won't be ready for operations till late in 1917."

Stupid, Soulless Censorship. Asked to what he attributed the general ignorance of the vivid things of the war, Major Gordon replied with emphasis: "I think that one of the mistakes of the war has been the stupid and soulless censorship imposed. While the Allies were fighting for their very souls in France in those early terrible weeks of retreat the papers were saying that everything was all right. The news the censor allowed to get out was ridiculous, and nobody laughed more grimly over the reading of it than the men at the front themselves.

Put Facts Fearlessly Forth. "There ought to be a fearless putting of the facts to the hearts of the people," continued Maj. Gordon emphatically. "If we are being beaten let us know it. If we are winning let us know it. If we have done a gallant deed, let the world know it. As it is, we are neither told the truth about our reverses, nor do we receive the inspiration of the recounting of our successes.

Major Gordon left for Toronto last night, and will probably leave for the west.

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Prisoners taken by the allied troops testify to the embarrassing lack of fresh troops behind the German lines. Not only are the soldiers pushed to the limit of endurance when they occupy the trenches, but their relief from duty is steadily being cut short for want of troops, according to reliable reports from the front.

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From talks I have had with English officers here on furlough for the holidays, I am convinced that the German morale has suffered severely within the last month, and that nothing will prevent from smashing forward from a considerable front and forcing a corresponding retirement of the enemy along the entire line.

"What has been accomplished by the Anglo-French forces can be done again," said an officer to me. "We



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### Lady Hendrie's Message to the Women of Canada

Was Heard at Meeting of Echo Place Women's Institute Last Week—Many Good Speakers

Echo Place Women's Institute met Dec. 21st, 1916, in the Echo Place school, President, Mrs. Burk in the chair. Mrs. J. L. Barnes kindly presided at the organ during the singing of installation ode.

Minutes of last meeting as read by secretary, Mrs. Barnes, were adopted.

Mrs. Foster sang very feelingly a patriotic selection. Mrs. Foster is one of our members whose husband is at the front. Miss Louie Campbell was the accompanist.

Mrs. Burk, who had attended the 15th annual convention of Women's Institutes held in London, read an interesting account of same. There were seven hundred women present, Mrs. B. Johnson presiding.

Lady Hendrie, who addressed the convention, hoped the meeting would be an inspiration to those present. She also pointed out that one of the most valuable assets of our country was the children. She said that years ago, country children were more healthy than city children, but now, owing to the splendid system of school inspection by nurses and doctors, the city children came first. Lady Hendrie pointed out the fact that simple meals, well cooked, and perfect cleanliness were essential to good health. Reference was made to Hon. Duff, who had been so good a friend to Women's Institutes. Lady Hendrie concluded by extending an invitation to the ladies to call at Government House.

The next speaker dealt with the subject, "The Institute," its foundation, its duty. They explained that the Institute was founded on fair play, free speech and actions, and its present duty was to get men for the Empire, and just to the mothers that at the night school held in that building, eight hundred young men and girls received instruction. He also made them acquainted with the fact that one hundred and fifty teachers were required to teach the six thousand scholars which the school accommodated each year.

Col. Williams, in a short speech, gave great praise to the mothers whose boys were fighting in their country's defence far from home. He called upon the mothers here to do voluntarily what the German woman is compelled to do.

Dr. A. Baucus also spoke, her subject being Woman's responsibility during and after the war, and pointed out that woman must not only learn what are her duties, but how to do them well. One great duty was their own and their children's health. Another duty was to buy less expensive, yet nourishing foods, and properly prepare them. Dr. Baucus says that now is the time for women to show common sense and discard the low-necked dress, thin stockings and silly high-heeled shoes; to dress with an eye to health and economy. She detested the habit of speaking of woman as the weaker vessel, and thought women were to blame for the saying, because a woman who could play golf could also pitch hay.

Dr. Hastings informed the convention that so far the institutes had raised four hundred thousand dollars for soldiers comforts. He encouraged both for their food supply and because gardening was healthy exercise for women. He told them chard and spinach were good medicinal vegetables, being excellent for rheumatism.

Mrs. Burk tells us that when Blind Lance Corporal Betts of Nova Scotia, rose to address the meeting the ladies paid him a tribute of three hearty cheers. This returned soldier's address was very interesting. He told of England's endeavor to help her blind soldiers. He described the hospital at St. Dunstons, where the boys were

kindly trained to help themselves. He advised mothers not to be over anxious and bring them home, but to let them remain where they have the advantage of the excellent training given them. The convention contributed eighty-six dollars to the Library for the Blind in Toronto.

Miss M. Murchy spoke very plainly to the women who were working for pay, telling them that the paid woman must be efficient, must be disciplined and ready to take her licks as well as the men, and cautioned them against working for money alone, pointing out that there was compensation in "duty well done." She thought it wise for the government to prohibit making of ice cream as milk was needed for babies.

Mrs. Burk ended her report by giving a very interesting account of their reception at government house where they were received by Lady Hendrie and her daughter.

The institute gave a hearty vote of thanks to the president for this very excellent report and were unanimous in agreeing that Mrs. Burk is the one to send when they want a good report of a good convention.

Mrs. S. G. Read gave a very instructive account of a stay in Battle Creek Sanitarium, telling of the excellent care given patients, its grand equipment, its management and how to be heard to be appreciated.

Little Miss Katie Axford gave a cute little recitation on Mr. Hop Toad and at the urgent request of the ladies responded to their hearty encore by giving a pathetic little recitation about a brave soldier boy and his lonely old mother. The meeting concluded by singing God Save the King.

The roll call for Jan. 18, 1917, will be simply home recitals that have been tried and found successful.

Whilst testing a snow plough David Cormier, an I.C.R. employe, Moncton, was struck by a chain and died of injuries.

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### That Son-in-law of Pa's



### Further Frightfulness Called For by Germans

#### Germany Demands Resumption of Submarine Warfare Even at Cost of War With United States

New York, Dec. 26.—The Herald this morning publishes the following: The Herald is enabled to announce authoritatively that the German people are demanding of their government the resumption of the campaign of frightfulness even at the cost of war with the United States. James W. Gerard, American Ambassador to Berlin and other diplomats in Germany who were recently in America came for the purpose of discussing the situation in Germany and of effecting some sort of arrangement so that peace between the two countries could still be maintained according to a high government official. Only the personal insistence of the German emperor himself, aided by the influence of Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, German chancellor, has kept an order from German submarine commanders to sink every ship approaching a British port, whether armed or unarmed, whether enemy or neutral. In a recent conference with American diplomats, the German president was told that even the Conservative party in Germany favored a resumption of the submarine campaign and he said that not even the Kaiser and Chancellor would be able to hold in leash the dogs of war beyond this spring. It was this information which caused the president to send out his recent note on the subject of peace which has so puzzled the students of international politics all over the world. It was this information, which must have been in the mind of Mr. Lansing, the secretary of state, when he said the United States was "on the verge of war." The president reports to this effect from members of the diplomatic corps in Germany. The German people believe if their submarines are permitted a free rein England can be starved. They believe that if the submarines are permitted to do so, they can sink every vessel laden with munitions of war to be used against the Fatherland. Therefore they demand that Ad-

miral von Tirpitz and his element shall have their way and sink every vessel that approaches a British port. The official who gave this information to the Herald had further explanations. "The German people realize that one or more nations against them will make but a slight difference," he said. "They know that not for years could an enemy invade the German soil. Therefore, they say why not starve England as one of the measures to end the war. They are demanding to know of their government, why it permits the United States to ship munitions and to say that such vessels must not be sunk. The Chancellor, and even the Kaiser has told the people that Germany must keep the friendship of the United States so that Germany can come here and borrow money for rehabilitation after the war. The answer of the people has been, 'why not win the war and let our money for rebuilding come in the form of indemnities from the enemies of Germany?' This question those who are our friends abroad, are trying to answer, and they are trying it very unsuccessfully.

### MARSHALL OF FRANCE IS JOFFRE

#### Ex-Commander in Chief of Allied Armies Receives High Honor

IS THE FIRST

#### Marshal of France During the Third Republic

Paris, Dec. 27.—The government has decided to raise Gen. Joffre to the dignity of marshal of France in recognition of his eminent services to the country. A decree nominating him will be submitted for the ratification of parliament as soon as possible. The title of Marshal of France has fallen into disuse since the establishment of the third republic. A bill in 1873 regulating the army grade retained the rank, but specified that the conditions under which it could be conferred should be fixed by a supplementary bill. That bill, however has never been proceeded with.

### LANGFORD

(From our own Correspondent) The Christmas entertainment was held on Christmas night. Rev. Mr. Pyley very ably filled the chair. The children all did their parts well. Miss Daisy Westbrook favored the audience with several readings, also Mr. Perry German, St. George, furnished the music for the evening, which was very much appreciated by all. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Misner, Jr., are spending over the holiday at the Misner's home here. Mr. and Mrs. A. Wood, Jerseyville, spent over the holiday at Mrs. Woods' home here. Mrs. S. R. Jones, Pittsfield, Mass., spent part of last week with her aunt, Mrs. M. E. Vanderlip. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Langs and family spent Christmas in the city with Mrs. Lang's parents. Several entertained friends and relatives here, and several ate their Christmas turkey out of town.

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### MADAM DE THEBES PROPHESS, DEAD

#### Noted French Clairvoyant Passes Away, Aged 73 Years

#### SHE PREDICTED

#### Many Events of the War, and also the Death of the Pope

Paris, Dec. 26.—Madame A. de Thebes, world famous as an astrologist and clairvoyant, who was said to have possessed innumerable secrets of the private lives of the great died on Sunday at her country home in Meung-sur-Loire, in her seventy-third year. Although known only as Madame de Thebes for years, her real name was Anna Victorine Savigny. Madame de Thebes' most recent prediction of note was that contained in her almanac published in January, 1914, in which she said that a European war would break out about the middle of 1914, and that it would be preceded by a sensational trial. In addition she said that the Pope would die soon after the outbreak of hostilities and that the Germans would closely approach Paris, but would be unable to take the city. She further predicted that the German Emperor would be killed on September 27, 1914; that the French would enter Germany on October 29, and that the war would end on November 7 of the same year.

### News From Terrace Hill.

The annual Christmas Tree of Sydenham St. Middle school, was held on Friday evening. A good program was given by the juveniles and there was a large attendance of adults present to show their interest in the Sunday School.

### KELVIN ITEMS

The Sunday School entertainment which was held in the Hall here on Wednesday night, was a fairly well recognized and much enjoyed by the children. A nice little play was realized of which will be in aid of the Sunday School closed here on Friday for the Christmas holidays. Messrs Ernest and Harold Messner have been spending a few days with their parents in Burford. Mr. Elmer Racher spent Saturday in Norwich. Mr. and Mrs. John Rippenburg, of Boston are spending the winter with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Hyndman of this place. Mrs. Eugene Messer and Mrs. Theodore Caldwell spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. George Clark. A few lady friends were calling on Mrs. John Andrews on Wednesday afternoon. Mr. G. McCrimmon left on Saturday to visit relatives in St. Catharines for a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Charles McNeilles entertained some of their friends on Sunday. Mrs. J. P. Cronk is spending a few weeks with her daughter. Mrs. Swartz has come to spend the winter with her son in Burford. Mr. and Mrs. N. Bowman intend going to Comoro in the near future to spend a few weeks with their daughter, Mrs. George Bloomfield. Rev. Mr. Zimmerman exchanged pulpits with Rev. T. R. Clarke, Otterville on Sunday.

### Quick Service

### To The Editor

THANKS RETURNED To the Editor Brantford Courier. Sir: At this season of the year, when compliments and kindness are eminently appropriate, I wish to convey to the press of Brantford, my sincere thanks for the great liberality with which the efforts of the Canadian Engineers (on behalf of enlistment) have been made known and promoted through the news columns. It was not until the 5th that the Engineers secured a location in Brantford, at 94 Dalhousie street, to use as a recruiting office (their work) and special claims upon the young men of the city were then unknown. That office being renovated and smartened up, is now replete with advertising matter, and calls of all kinds to the boys, is open all day to afford information. The work and location of the Engineers and their claims are now known throughout the city and vicinity, and the discrimination of that knowledge is largely attributable to the wide publicity given so freely and gratuitously by the local press, and it is to give you our sincere thanks for this valuable aid that I take this 1-ask space for this letter. SERGT. A. G. WARNER, Canadian Engineers.

Little Ralph McMurtre, died as a result of an overdose of patent medicine. He found the tablets in his mother's handbag. There is much talk of a \$50,000 organization to establish airship service between Prince Edward Island and the mainland. Mr. J. A. F. Garden, a well-known druggist of Woodstock, N.E., died suddenly. He had not been in robust health of late. Ludlow Sowers, of Burton, Sunbury County, N.E., was fatally injured in an accident in the lumber-woods, near Mars Hill, Maine.

### NATIONAL SERVICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given under the authority of the "War Measures Act, 1914," that during the first week in January, 1917, an inventory will be made by the Post Office Authorities, of every male between the ages of sixteen and sixty-five, residing in Canada.

National Service Cards and addressed envelopes for their return to Ottawa have been placed in the hands of all Postmasters for distribution amongst the persons required to fill in such cards. Every male person of the prescribed ages is required to fill in and return a card enclosed in an envelope within ten days of its receipt.

Any person who fails to receive a card and envelope may obtain the same upon application to the nearest Postmaster.

R. B. BENNETT, Director General.

Ottawa, 15th December, 1916.

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NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK : 1st to 7th JANUARY.

### NO MORE NAVAL RECRUITS WANTED

Recruiting for This Branch in Canada Will be Soon Discontinued

ENOUGH SECURED

For Steady Movement Overseas for Three Months

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The Naval Service Department announced today that no more Canadian recruits for the naval air service will be required for some time, probably some months. A large number of Canadians have offered for this service, and enough have been accepted to provide a steady movement overseas for two or three months. In addition there is a lengthy list of eligible men from which recruits may be taken.

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"Ah, me!" sighed a silver moonbeam that lay one night upon the swan's back, "how I would love to be a feather, all soft and snowy white!"

"And I," said a soft and snowy feather, "how I would love to be a moonbeam all silver and bright. How I would like to shine!"

The swan, gliding about in the fair water, laughed softly.

"Well," said he, "the moon goddess up yonder is my friend. All the fairies are. I'll see that you change places for a while and then each of you will be happy."

So the moonbeam came to live upon the swan's back and the soft white feather sailed off on the wings of the wind to be a moonbeam.

Now the feather sailed to the moon goddess to learn where it must shine. That night it shone upon a rose. The rose liked the feathery moonbeam and the moonbeam liked the rose. On the second night the moonbeam, silver and cool, shone upon a sleeping bird and liked that, too. On the third night it shone on the face of a beautiful sleeping child.

"Ah, me!" sang the feather-moonbeam, "is beautiful to be a moonbeam. Never, never will I be happy again, a feather on a swan's back." And then, the next time, the feather moonbeam was sent to shine

### THE SIDE

By Ruth...

"What's the biggest day in the year to the largest number of people?" It doesn't take anyone a second thought to answer that, does it?

And what's the hardest day—hard in the sense of being the most difficult to get through happily?

Someone, reminiscent of an utterly fagged Christmas Eve at the end of a tremendously crowded day spent in trying up bundles and other loose ends of Christmas preparation, will say feelingly, "The day before Christmas."

But I do not agree. Christmas is hard in the sense of being crowded. But a crowded life is in many ways a simple one. You haven't time to think, and there's a certain happiness in that.

The Day After The Day After But to my mind the day that

### LADY'S SIDE

By Anabel

According to the season's latest, \$8.083, fashion still favors the graceful mode in blouse. This is a really smart and serviceable design which the wear proclaims is for "strictly business."

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**THE MOONBEAM AND THE FEATHER**

The swan who lived upon the fairy lake and sailed the elves and fairies about on his back had wonderful feathers for a while and then each of you will be happy."

"Well," said he, "the moon goddess upon yonder is my friend. All the fairies are, I'll see that you change plates for a while and then each of you will be happy."

So the moonbeam came to live upon the swan's back and the soft white feather sailed off on the wings of the wind to be a moonbeam.

"Now the feather sailed to the moon goddess to learn where it must shine. That night it shone upon a rose. The rose liked the feathery moonbeam and the moonbeam liked the rose. On the second night the moonbeam, silver, soft and cool, shone upon a sleeping bird and liked that, too. On the third night it shone on the face of a beautiful sleeping child.

"Ah, me," sang the feather-moonbeam, "it is beautiful to be a moonbeam. Never, never will I be happy again, a feather on a swan's back."

And then, the next time, the feather moonbeam was sent to shine

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solves sensing the flatness of having what we want and wondering what different it makes, anyway. And in either case we will probably be overwhelmed with a sense of the futility and absurdity of the efforts we and all the other Christmas-crazy folks have been making. Of course, the children are cross because they have had too much excitement, and our housemates or business associates, being in the same state of mind as we ourselves, are difficult to get along with.

A Cure For Mental Indigestion  
What is the use of reminding you of all this, you may say?  
Well, I am going to take the liberty of offering a piece of advice. Go to bed early the night after Christmas and get thoroughly rested. Then, plan something for the second day after Christmas, a meeting with some stimulating friend, a visit to the theatre, some gathering of friends, or just take a good long walk. Of all the cures for indigestion of the mind, there's none can surpass that.



**Rippling Rhyme's**  
WALLPAPER

LIFE IS THUS  
The parents rear a winsome maid, whose name, perhaps, is Rose, and feed her pies and marmalade, and buy her furbelows. They educate her year by year, with knowledge store her mind, although the learning graft is dear, and money hard to find. They hope that when they're old and gray, the damsel will be near, to soothe their dotard griefs away, and dry the misty tear. "She'll surely be our rod and staff," they say, "when we old wights are ready for the epiphani, and other last sad rites." But when the maid is seventeen, there comes along a guy, whose car burns up more gasoline than any man should buy. Oh, parents cut but little grass, when that young man arrives, whose wagon, burning up the gas, puts joy in maddens' lives. Fair Rose is scorching up the road, and hitting hills on high, and in their silent, sad abode, the old folks sit and sigh. All broken are the hopes and plans which in the years have grown; they know that they are also-rans, for youth must have its own. It is the saddest thing I know—the saddest man can find—when children from the homestead go, and never look behind.

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S.S. "Briardene," which was sunk by a submarine, was formerly owned by Mr. A.H. Dickie, of Nova Scotia.

The Fredericton branch of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, comprising Fredericton, York County and Sunbury County, will have a deficit of upwards of \$20,000 on the operations during 1916.

**Classified Advertising PAYS**

The waste paper basket in some offices is emptied once a day, sometimes twice a day. Besides scraps of paper and envelopes it usually contains many circulars addressed to the man who seldom opens them.

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One of the wildest storms in years raged throughout New Brunswick last week.

Rev. B. Green, of Portland, Me., was extended a call to Moncton First Baptist Church.

The steamer Algiers broke adrift during the big gale last week at St. John.

Geo. Hope of St. John, was fined \$100 for selling liquor without a license.

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THE HARDEST DAY

"What's the biggest day in the year to the largest number of people?" It doesn't take anyone a second thought to answer that, does it?

And what's the hardest day—hard in the sense of being the most difficult to get through happily?

Someone, reminiscent of an utterly fagged Christmas Eve at the end of a tremendously crowded day spent in tying up bundles and all other loose ends of Christmas preparation, will say feelingly, "The day before Christmas."

But I do not agree.

The day before Christmas is hard in the sense of being crowded. But a crowded life is in many ways a simple one. You haven't time to think, and there's a certain happiness in that.

The Day After The Day After  
But to my mind the day that is

**LADY'S SHIRT WAIST**  
By Anabel Worthington.

The model is on severely plain lines, but the front closing, that may extend to the chin with the aid of a high turnover collar—if the open neck is preferred the collar is rolled as illustrated. The sleeve with plenty of fullness below the elbow is gathered into a fascinating cuff that finishes with a frill of the material. To give dash, the athletic skirt will add the tie and it will be very becoming below the collar in opposing color.

If to match a suit, this waist should properly be in the color of the suit material—for instance, if blue serge formed the skirt the waist would be of this tawny with a collar of sheer handkerchief linen. It may also be made of Georgette crepe, plaid silk, cotton poplin, white linen, &c.

It is no secret that an amateur can reproduce the design without a bit of trouble—the result is well worth the effort it takes.

The waist pattern, No. 8083, cuts in size 36 to 42. To make in size 36 requires 2 1/2 yards of 36 inch material and 1/4 yard of 22 inch contrasting goods. To obtain the pattern send 10 cents to the office of this publication.

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**TRAINING OF THE YANKEES**  
Bill Donovan Maps Out Spring Career for His New York Club

New York, Dec. 27.—William Donovan, manager of the New York American League baseball club, and familiarly known to the belles of Macon, Ga., as "Smiling Bill," is back in town. He is full of training plans for his Yankees and everything.

Bill has been down at Macon looking over the training grounds. While there he ran over and spent a few days with George Stallings, and on the way back home picked up Capt. Til Huston. The captain had been to Dover Hall, the renowned training preserve of the baseball fraternity, where he discovered that a motorboat, his pride and joy, lay beneath the waves. Having rescued the boat, the captain came home with Donovan.

The manager of the Yankees reports that a clubhouse will be built at the training grounds in Macon. Last year the players had to dress in the Hotel Dempsey and walk a mile to the park. After practice, of course, they had to hoof it back.

"This was quite a hardship to O'Gy Fich. It is too bad O'Gy won't be with the squad this spring to enjoy the improved accommodations."

"I plan to take the first squad to Macon about March 1," says Donovan. "However, it is possible that I will take the pitchers south a week earlier, and change the date of reporting for the balance of the team to March 5."

"We will put in about four weeks of training. I plan to break camp on March 31, and start north with George Stallings and the Braves accompanying us. The games we will play with the Boston National League club on the way home will undoubtedly benefit us both."

"Vivok on the grounds at Macon will begin at once. There is quite a bit of fixing for a ground-keeper to do there, as the field is some what torn up from fair and foul things."

Donovan looks in excellent condition to play golf, and promises to join the gang in the tournament at Jack Doyle's at once.

**CROATIANS WILL NOT ATTEND**  
Decline Invitations to the Crowning of Austrian Emperor as King of Hungary

London, Dec. 27.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Amsterdam says: Preparations for the Hungarian coronation are almost completed and that the indications are that the ceremony will be carried out with all the pomp of the days before the war.

On the ground that the coronation should not be celebrated lavishly during such times of stress, the Croatian Opposition party, according to a despatch from Agram, has declined the official invitation to the ceremony received by the Croatian Diet. Dr. Pavelic, leader of the Opposition, formally declined the invitation, the name of three Opposition parties and the members of the Opposition then left the House.

**THANKS!**

WE beg to thank our Ontario friends most cordially for their many kindly messages conveying the season's greetings—which we heartily reciprocate—and especially do we appreciate their praise of our quick service in shipping all goods in time for Christmas.

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"12 Imperial " " "	6.00	Case of 12 Bottles	6.50
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"Regnier 3 Stars"	Case \$13.50	Gonzalez Red Label—Fruity.	Case \$9.00
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