

FRENCH VICTORY ON ITALIAN FRONT

NEW BRITISH GAINS IN PALESTINE 1000 DEAD IN GUATEMALA 'QUAKE ALLIES TO REPLY TO PEACE OFFER GERMANS ATTACK ON WEST FRONT

GERMANS SEEK PEACE TO SAVE GAINS SECURED

Enemy Manoeuvres Interpreted as Solely of Military Significance.

ALLIES TO ANSWER Entente Likely to Make Joint Reply to German Proposals.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Insidious efforts of the Germans to involve the United States and the entente allies in the peace negotiations proceeding in the Russian Bolshevik have developed to such a stage that in the opinion of some officials here notice of the propaganda must be taken and attempt made to neutralize it.

The British and French premiers to meet in Paris soon with the purpose of discussing the advisability of receiving and answering the proposals of the Bolshevik to participate in the negotiations, as has been reported by a leading Conservative newspaper, they will act in accord with the agreement rigidly adhered to by the entente allies until the decision of Russia, not to entertain any proposals from the enemy without consultation with each other.

MISS OFFICER DEGRADED.

Basel, Switzerland, Dec. 31.—Maurer of the Swiss army has been degraded by court-martial for his part in the capture of a French infantry for complicity in the smuggling of cotton into Austria from Germany.

BLOW DEALT BY FRENCH IN MONTE TOMBA REGION

Attacking Troops Penetrate Enemy Lines, Berlin Admits, and Apparently Retain Gains Made—Foe Prepares "Counter-Move."

New York, Dec. 31.—The Austro-German lines on the Italian mountain front felt the shock yesterday of a French infantry blow and were shaken, if not broken, by the impact. The French stroke was delivered on the eastern end of the mountains near its junction with the Piave line, near its junction with the Piave line, near its junction with the Piave line. The attacking columns broke into the enemy defenses and apparently made good their hold, as Berlin admits a penetration of portions of the Piave positions.

STILL CARRYING ON

We've finished another calendar year in the war; a year of further trials and losses, of sacrifices and of services heretofore unexperienced and never expected in our time. And yet we go into this new year not undaunted, of stouter hearts, better organized, more robust in our hopes, more confident that our cause is just and will win. Still to carry on; and we'll carry on. We think we see victory in sight.

BOMBING PARTIES EJECT ENEMY FROM TRENCHES

Enemy Attempt to Gain British Defensive System on Welsh Ridge Fails—No Big Offensive Probable Owing to Deep Snow.

London, Dec. 31.—The Reuters correspondent at British headquarters in France sends the following: "The German attack between Lavacquerie and Marcoing apparently was an attempt to carry a system of trenches along the Welsh Ridge. In this he failed. The front of the attack was about three thousand yards. On the right German storming troops penetrated our front line, and bitter hand-to-hand fighting ensued. On the left the enemy also got into our trenches, but was met with such a prompt counter-attack that he only maintained a small portion of his gains."

WHEAT SUPPLIES FOR ALLIES.

Buenos Aires, Argentina, Dec. 31.—Announcement is made by the government that arrangements have been nearly completed for selling 3,500,000 tons of wheat to the entente allies.

BRITISH CASUALTIES SHOW BIG DECREASE

Killed and Wounded List for December Only Half That of Previous Month.

London, Dec. 31.—British casualties reported in December reached a total of 79,577, divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds: Officers, 1,045; men, 14,805. Wounded or missing: Officers, 3,342; men, 62,435. Casualties reported from December 26 to 31, were 9,851, divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds: Officers, 68; men, 2,059. Wounded or missing: Officers, 238; men, 7,559.

THOUSAND ARE KILLED BY GUATEMALA QUAKE

Almost Half Houses in City Destroyed by Shocks—Martial Law is Declared

New York, Dec. 31.—An estimate of 1000 persons dead in the earthquake ruins at Guatemala City is contained in a telegram received here from the Central and South American Telegraph Company's manager at San Jose, Guatemala, who returned to San Jose from Guatemala City yesterday afternoon. The message says that 40 per cent of the houses in the city are demolished. Most of the others have collapsed and are uninhabitable. Martial law has been declared and several footers have been shot. The president of Guatemala has ordered the inhabitants to leave. Terrible earthquake shocks continue at intervals of about five minutes.

BOLSHEVIKI DEFEATED IN FIERCE ENGAGEMENT

Ukrainians and Cossacks Win Great Battle on Southwestern Front—Anarchists Pursued.

Stockholm, Dec. 31.—Ukrainian and Cossack forces in a great battle on the southwestern front have defeated Bolshevik troops, taking four hundred prisoners and capturing several machine guns, according to a despatch received by The Times from Petrograd by way of Haparanda. The Cossacks are in hot pursuit of the Bolsheviks.

BRITISH CRAFT ARE SUNK.

London, Dec. 31.—The admiralty announced that the mine-sweeping ship Arbutot and the armed boarding steamer Grive have been sunk owing to bad weather after having been torpedoed.

MUNICIPAL ELECTION RETURNS

The World, as usual, will throw the results of the municipal elections today on a screen opposite The World Building, West Richmond street. As the polls in Toronto close at five o'clock, the first of the results should be on the screen shortly afterwards, and will continue to be shown during the evening until the final results are known.

BRITISH STRENGTHEN PALESTINE POSITIONS

Four Strongholds Now Interposed Between Turk Forces and Jerusalem—Latest British Advances Total Seven Miles.

London, Dec. 31.—The British now have four strong positions interposed between the enemy and Jerusalem instead of the one that existed before a recent serious Turkish attempt with German assistance, to retake the city, says today's war office statement on the Palestine operations. The British advance scored northwest of Jerusalem in these operations represents a gain of seven miles.

CANADIAN PUBLIC MEN RECEIVE KNIGHTHOOD

Titles Conferred on Maj.-Gen. MacDonald, Admiral Kingsmill, Prof. MacPhail and W. J. Gage.



Gen. MacDonald, Ottawa; Major Andrew MacPhail, Montreal.

Canadian Associated Press Cable. London, Dec. 31.—The colonial office list of New Year honors follows: Knight Commander of St. Michael and St. George—Rudolphe Boudreau, clerk of the Canadian privy Council. Knights Bachelor—Sir William Gage, Toronto; Admiral Kingsmill, Ottawa; Major Andrew MacPhail, Montreal.

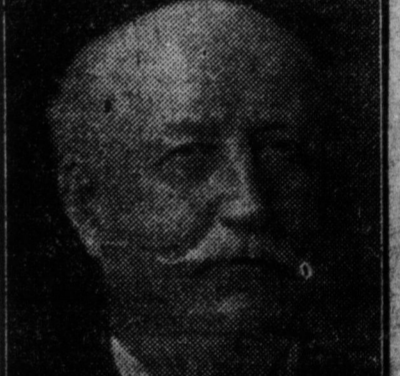
Sir Samuel Steele, K.C.M.G. Sir Samuel Steele has had a distinguished military record. He was born in 1849 in Simcoe County, Ontario, and was educated in Simcoe and Toronto. He was identified with the Canadian militia for many years. His first service was with the 5th Battalion Simcoe Rangers, and he saw service in the Fenian Raid, Riel Rebellion, Red River Expedition, was with the Northwest Mounted Police as inspector and superintendent. He led an expedition into British Columbia to the Kootenay district to restore order, for which he received thanks in general orders, and he commanded the Northwest Mounted Police detachments at the summit of the White and Chilcot Passes during the rush to the Klondike in 1898. He commanded the Strathcona Horse in the Boer War and he also held command of the Canadian forces in England in the present war.

Sir W. J. Gage, Toronto. Sir Frank Stillman Barnard, K.C.M.G. Sir Frank Stillman Barnard has been (Concluded on Page 2, Column 5).

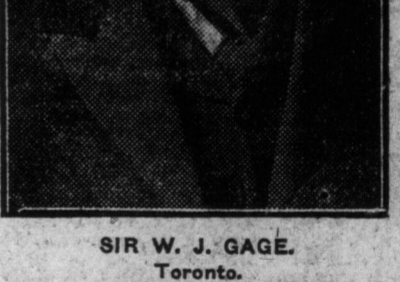
CANADIANS RECEIVE NEW YEAR'S HONORS



ADMIRAL KINGSMILL, Ottawa.



SIR W. J. GAGE, Toronto.



SIR ANDREW MacPHAIL, Montreal.

PLAN TO RE-DISTRIBUTE POWER AT BUFFALO

Officials of Companies and U. S. Government May Requisition It For War Use.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Redistribution and possibly requisitioning of electric power at Buffalo, as has been done at Niagara Falls, to insure an ample supply for mills working on war contracts, were considered today at a conference between officials of Buffalo power companies and representatives of the council of national defence. It was stated the conference was merely for the exchange of views and that a decision would not be reached before a visit was made to Buffalo by the country's representatives.

ADVANTAGE IS WITH ENTENTE IN WAR AREAS

In West, British and French Hold Dominant Strategic Positions. ITALY'S STAND FIRM Presence of American Troops at Front Heartening to Allies.

Washington, Dec. 31.—What the beginning of the new year finds at the battlefronts is outlined by Secretary Baker in his weekly review of military operations, issued tonight by the war department. In the west, he says, the British dominate the Flanders plain with a great wedge into the principal German line of defence at Cambrai, while the French, with their own lines unbroken, hold the key to the Laon area thru the capture of Chemin des Dames.

Italy, supported by the allies, is holding firm, while the enemy after butting in vain for six weeks against the defenders is busy preparing for a renewed offensive. Of Russia, the review merely says the Germans are endeavoring to persuade that country that they are eager to assist in restoring normal conditions, and that the German embassy building at Petrograd is being made ready for occupancy.

NAME LIBERAL LEADER AT MEETING THURSDAY

Wm. Proudfoot, K.C., J. G. Elliott, K.C., and H. H. Dewart, K.C., Are Mentioned.

The Liberal members of the Ontario Legislature and the Liberal candidates nominated for the next election, have been summoned to meet in Toronto on Thursday to choose a leader in succession to Hon. N. W. Rowell, who has entered the federal administration. About three months ago a committee of members was appointed to consider the question of a successor and to report to caucus their decision. It has been decided by this committee that a leader should be chosen for this session only, but not a permanent party leader.

The choice, it is learned, lies between three members, namely: Wm. Proudfoot, K.C., of West Huron; J. G. Elliott, K.C., of West Middlesex; and H. H. Dewart, K.C., of South Toronto. It was expected that the report referred to in the above despatch would be made between 30 and 40 days following the conference held in the Reform Association offices, Toronto street, but at about the time it should have been available the federal election contest was at its height, and there was no information forthcoming pending the result. Now that a session of the legislature is drawing near it has become imperative that a leader be chosen. For some time Hartley H. Dewart, K.C., was mentioned in this regard, but rumor has it that William Proudfoot, K.C., is really the one to be named.

MAY 1918 BRING CANADA VICTORY, PEACE AND PROSPERITY

“Welcome to our City Nineteen Hundred and Eighteen!”

Like the newly-born baby, you're young yet, but you'll soon grow and, during your development we look for many pleasant surprises, and mayhap PEACE, who knows? Anyway, here's hoping that you prove to be the BEST YEAR we have ever had, and to all our customers and friends may it be the dawning of the very happiest years, with good health, true friends and congenial work.

Good-bye 1917, like the dream that passes with the dawning ONLY the memory lingers.

Sincerely yours

Oak Hall, Clothiers Yonge and Adelaide Streets

J. B. Coombes

MANAGER

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

THE war enters into a new year today with the tremendous issue undecided. The Germans are rapidly bringing up fresh troops to Flanders, as the seagulls are made aware of by the increased pillage. The enemy shows manifest tokens of submitting new peace proposals to the allies, either through papal or Swiss channels. Allied general staff officers believe that these betray the German intention of staying strongly on the defensive and of not undertaking new offensives owing to the danger of defeat or of enormous losses conducted to collapse. It is conceded that Germany has the power of remaining on the defensive for a considerable period of time. It is expected, therefore, that the enemy will concentrate his energy into the maintenance of a defensive during the coming campaign. The fighting seasons are so brief in Flanders and rain interrupts the campaigning so frequently that the enemy has chances of averting disaster in the crisis brought at the end of each campaign. If the allies could protract the duration of their active offensive by reason of continued good weather, they might hope to finish the enemy in one campaign. The alternative is the intensifying of the offensive effort so as more rapidly to use up the German reserves and bring an earlier end to the war. They will probably adopt this policy this year, when the adoption of heavy guns will undergo a large increase.

attacks are merely twistings and writhings to gain mere relief from the heavy British pressure. The British, by their recent advances in Palestine, have obtained four defensive lines for Jerusalem to enable them to withstand any counter-offensive by the Turks. They apparently expect that the enemy may make some effort to regain the holy city. General Allenby, who probably expects Jerusalem to be an advance base for British operations against Syria. The city has easily-defensible surroundings and the British also control the ground, including Mt. Olivet nearby, sufficient to give them ample command of the country for many miles around. They can convert Jerusalem into a great place d'armes. The British, who are still continuing the advance, have got well north of Jerusalem and they have got a firm grip of the most important roads in Palestine.

CAMPAIGN WIND-UP IS ENTHUSIASTIC

Civic Candidates All Given Good Hearing at Clinton Street School.

Last night's meeting in the Clinton Street School was one of the most enthusiastic during the present municipal election campaign. There were 12 candidates for the majority board of control and aldermanic honors for ward five, who each gave their views on the various matters of importance before the voters.

CANDIDATES MAKE THEIR FINAL PLEA

Aspirants for Civic Honors All Reiterate Former Statements at Meeting

"It would be well for the good government of the city if citizens took more interest in municipal matters," said Alderman G. A. Archibald, candidate for board of control, at a meeting of ratepayers in Hillcrest School, Bathurst street, last evening, "and I appeal for support in my candidature by reason of the fact that I have had the unique experience of being formerly employed in the legal and assessment departments of the city hall, and have no other object or ambition but to serve the citizens in a broad-minded manner. I am not sectional, and will do my part to see business methods used in a business-like way and not the way of a 'per-type of civic officials,'" said the speaker.

DARING HOLD-UP IS REPORTED TO POLICE

Men Wearing Soldiers' Uniform Get Money From Dundas Street Butcher by Use of Gun.

A hold-up of a daring character took place shortly before 7 o'clock last evening at the premises of M. Weingarden, butcher, 279 Dundas street. Two men wearing the uniform of the Royal Flying Corps entered the store and while one of the men stood at the entrance, the other pointed a gun at the proprietor, and demanded his money. Mr. Weingarden handed over \$150 in notes and a cheque for \$68.92. The soldiers succeeded in getting clean away, one jumping on a street car, using the front entrance, and the other, disappearing. The police were immediately communicated with, but no trace could be found of the two men.

MAY NOT APPOINT FUEL CONTROLLER

Hamilton Dealers Are Cooperating and Would Resent Any Interference.

Hamilton, Dec. 31.—As yet the only council has taken no action regarding the appointment of a fuel controller, and it is unlikely to take any action. The Hamilton is shivering in its boots at the prospect of a fuel controller, and the dealers claim, and the mayor adds that they are doing their best to distribute it. One dealer who it is known is leaving himself a profit of only 50 cents a ton, claims that as soon as a resident fuel controller is appointed he will cease buying the black diamonds. And he adds that other dealers who are trying to do the square thing by the public will resent any attempt to meddle with their private business.

MILLION GREEKS SLAIN UNDER TURK AUSPICES

New York, Dec. 31.—At least one million Greeks, men, women and children, have perished as the result of organized massacres and deportations by "the Turco-Germans" in the Balkans, Turkey, according to a statement by Lazaros Geo. Macrides, son of a leading merchant of Trebizond, made public through the American and Syrian relief committee here today.

CANADA'S PUBLIC MEN HONORED

Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia since 1914. He was born at Victoria, B.C., in 1868, was educated at Trinity College School, Port Hope, and called to the bar in 1891. He was alderman of Victoria in 1902 and 1903 and he was mayor of Victoria in 1904 and 1905.

Advertisement for R. Score & Son, Limited, Tailors and Haberdashers, 77 King St. West. Includes the year 1918 and the slogan 'Ring out the old, Ring in the new.'

Advertisement for 'FOR BOARD OF CONTROL MARK YOUR BALLOT MACGREGOR DONALD C. Broker and Vocalist The Second Name on Ballot'

Advertisement for 'CANADIAN CASUALTIES' listing names of fallen soldiers.

Advertisement for 'ADVANTAGE WITH ENTENTE POWERS' discussing international relations.

Advertisement for 'FOR CONTROLLER' listing candidates and their platforms.

Advertisement for 'BILLIARDS' at C. M. Aikine's.

Advertisement for 'TORONTO BEGINS YEAR WITH PLENTY OF NOISE' describing local events.

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EATON'S DAILY STORE NEWS

FOR A MONTH OF SALES--SOMETHING DIFFERENT EVERY DAY The Greatest January Sale Perhaps the People of Toronto Have Ever Known Begins on Wednesday

NE To-day, New Year's Day, Store Remains Closed All Day

As There Will Be "Something Different Every Day," Watch Announcements in Daily Papers, Watch the Windows, Come Early and Come Often

Paris and New York Dresses to Clear at \$49.50 Each A Remarkable Offering of Afternoon and Evening Gowns--Fashionable, Exclusive Models, in Exquisite Materials, Reduced to a Mere Fraction of Their Usual Prices.

SOME of these gowns are original French models--from Cheruit, Jenny, Premet and other celebrated couturiers. Others are reproductions and original creations from distinguished American dressmakers. All will be offered on Wednesday at the extraordinarily special price of \$49.50.

Wednesday--an Extra Special Room Papering Offer at \$4.50 With a Wide Choice of Dimity, Conventional and Tapestry Papers for Bedrooms, Halls, Sitting-Rooms, and Dining-Rooms, Some with Cut-out Borders

WITH THE NEW YEAR the housewife's fancy turns to thoughts of renovating and redecorating. Especially opportune therefore, is this special room-papering offer at \$4.50. You may make your selection from 15 different wall and ceiling papers, and have any room up to 12 x 14 x 9 ft. in size, papered by our own competent paperhangers for the sum of \$4.50--including paper and workmanship.

When you see the papers you will appreciate the value of this offer, for they are unusually attractive. Both bedroom and dining or living-room papers are included, in a considerable range of colors. For example: Dainty dimity papers there are in a soft shade of grey, with cut-out borders of delicate full-blown roses, violet-blue corn-flowers, or mauve and pink poppies, with broken black outlines, which would make delightful wall coverings for bedrooms.

In darker color schemes are papers eminently suited for living or dining-room, some being in tapestry effect in grey or brown, and others in conventional patterns. All these papers have ceiling papers to match in soft cream color or white. The special sale price for paper and paper hanging walls and ceiling is \$4.50.

THE MIDDY BLOUSES of white jean cloth have large collar and cuffs of striped material, in rose, royal, Copen., or black, with white, some with pockets trimmed to match the collar, and some have belts. Others are plain. All have laced fronts. This is an exceptional chance for the thrifty girl or woman to secure a supply when they are offered at such a low figure. Sizes 16 years to 42 bust measure. Sale price, Wednesday, each, 59c.

Women's Skirts at Less Than Cost of Production Smart Models in Tweeds, Serge Poplin and Checks, Wednesday, \$3.95.

FASHIONED from remarkably good materials, such as donegal tweeds, shepherd checks, fine quality all-wool black and navy serges, and a few fine wool poplins; the designs of these skirts are quite varied, and afford an opportunity to procure skirts for sporting, business and housewear, for there is immense diversity with pleats, pockets and trimmings. Two styles have the popular elastic belt. Colors are navy and black. Sizes 22 to 29 waist. Sale special, \$3.95.

WEEKLY REPORT OF BELGIAN RELIEF FUND

agars Falls; collected on Christmas Day by Miss Tinn, \$9. A large number of new woolen articles were received from the Humbreest Methodist S.S. Another valuable consignment of clothing, including girls' dresses, coats, etc., also came from the Acton W.I. From the Women's Empire Loyalist Chapter, I.O.D.E., Napanee; Caledon East; Women's Methodist Missionary Auxiliary, Elgin; Arrow Auxiliary, were sent large bags of well-made clothing of excellent quality and a number of quilts.

RETURNING SOLDIERS Quebec, Dec. 31--The following individuals left on the 9 p.m. train tonight, due to arrive in Toronto tomorrow: Alfred David, 58 Mountray street; Theo. Ballard, 219 Clinton street; Wm. Draper, 10 Allen avenue; Clarence Keane, 149 London avenue; Reginald Strickland, 139 Tyrrel avenue; Samuel Stone, 129 Colborne street; Albert Pugh, 20 Kingsley avenue; Theo. Egan, 348 Bertrick street; Geo. Woodruff, 223 Dundas street; John Williams, 113 Springhurst avenue; John Hunter, 330 West King street; Robert Robertson, 74 Grandview avenue; Jas. Shields, 191 Dundas street; Chas. Walker, 126 Dundas street; Frank Page, 1269 Danforth avenue; Chas. Doon, 3213 King street; Thos. Shaw, 1563 East Queen street; Jas. Miller, 34 Cumberland street; Geo. Moir, 218 St. Helena avenue; Thos. Mansly, 25 Dupont street; Percy Hitchin, 25 Laurier avenue; John Healey, 266 Corwell avenue; John Lutton, 208 Jarvis street; Chas. Mann, 29 Wolsey avenue; Chas. Firth, 197 Sumach street; Alfred Jones, 19 Tomlin avenue; Chas. Fullmer, 111 Wilbur avenue; A. Cornford, 451 McRoberts avenue; Stanley Milligan, 80 Seaton street; Jas. Marshall, 33 Myrtle avenue; George Jamieson, 71 Denison street; Thos. Johnstone, 185 Niagara street; Arthur Golden, 21 Rockvale avenue; John Buckingham, 151 Cambridge avenue; Jos. Cozens, 228B Soranau avenue; Alvin Bennett, 62 Soranau avenue; Wm. Davies, 686 Jane street; Herbert Caucott, Thomas Hart, Thos. Drew and Alex. Patterson, General Delivery, all Toronto.

STILL CARRY ON The appeal of the governor-general to the Red Cross Society of Ontario to still "carry on" never was needed as badly as now. The women of Canada are not as keen in Red Cross work, say some, as formerly; they are slacking up a bit in their enthusiasm. While the falling off is only slight, still it is enough to be noticeable and to cause a ripple of uneasiness among the ones on whom the responsibilities of the Red Cross, the holiday season may be the excuse; but our boys must fight in season and out of season. Of all the tasks the war has given to women, the Red Cross work is one of the duties that must not be slighted.

SIR JOHN HENDRIE'S NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE Lieutenant-Governor and Prime Minister of Ontario Present Message to People at Close of Year. Sir John Hendrie, Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, presents this New Year's message: "The people of Ontario will again be called upon to give their men and means for the great cause. Strict economy, conservation of all resources will be necessary, and one and all can help. "May we hope that 1918 will prove brighter and happier for all, and the result of our efforts will aid in a victorious and lasting peace."

AUSTRIAN ARRESTED. John Ralush, 55 William street, aged 24, an Austrian laborer, was arrested yesterday by a P. R. detective on a charge of theft from the Canadian Pacific Railway.

SECOURS NATIONAL APPEALS FOR SOCKS Letters From Soldiers in France Show Urgent Need for Supplies. The Secours National of Toronto, 14 West King street, once more appeals to your generosity for help. There is an urgent need for socks. To show to what extent our appeal is necessary, we beg you to read the following letters which came just a few days ago.

Meeting in Ottawa Complimented by Governor-General on Its Reports. That the year 1918 will witness even greater progress than the present one in the activities of the Ottawa and Ottawa valley branches of the Red Cross Society, and that few people realized what had been achieved by the society were the keynote of an address delivered by His Excellency the Duke of Devonshire at the annual meeting of the society, which took place in the Chateau Laurier. The annual meeting was considered a success from every standpoint. The reports showed a remarkably healthy condition prevailing in all branches. They also furnished concrete proof of the extraordinary amount of work accomplished. These facts were praised by his excellency in his address, as well as by Col. Noel Marshall of Toronto, chairman of the Canadian Red Cross Society, who was on the platform. Dr. J. W. Robertson of Ottawa presided.

EXCELLENT RESULTS SHOWN BY RED CROSS

Notice to the Public

It has come to my attention that many individuals, plentifully supplied with coal, are procuring further supplies from dealers, and that in many cases it has been necessary for the men making delivery to trim back the fuel in bins in order to secure room for the additional quantity.

I have instructed the coal dealers to report every such instance to me, and I shall institute rigorous prosecution of such persons for infraction of the Dominion Fuel Regulations.

Such conduct in the present stringency, when many are suffering for want of fuel, is criminal, and I shall invoke process of law to punish the offenders; in addition, I shall, as authorized by the Fuel Regulations, remove from the bins of such offenders all fuel which they have in stock over and above the two months' supply allowed by the Regulations.

R. C. HARRIS,
Honorary Fuel Controller
for Ontario.

City Hall, Toronto,
December 31st, 1917.

Notice to Coal Dealers of City of Toronto

It has come to my attention that many individuals are securing delivery of coal who have ample supplies on hand, and that in some cases it has been necessary for the men making delivery to trim the fuel in the bins in order to accommodate the additional quantity.

All coal dealers are hereby required to refuse to leave such excess quantities of coal at the premises of the individual ordering, and to report promptly the circumstances to me, when I shall immediately institute proceedings under the Dominion Fuel Regulations.

This order is imperative.

R. C. HARRIS,
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MANY ALIENS HOLD LICENSES IN CITY

No Regulation to Prevent Granting Such Privileges is on Books.

CAN'T SPEAK ENGLISH
Laws Have Been Amended Recently, But Not in That Way.

That aliens in Toronto have pool-room licenses can be proven any week-day by taking a trip thru the pool rooms on Queen street, west of Yonge, where in nine cases out of ten not a man will be found who can speak English. The bylaws respecting the issuing of licenses has been amended a dozen times during the past twenty years as recently as November 27 this year. Nothing can be found in the bylaw to hinder the foreigner from getting pool-room or any other license, provided he can show he is morally sound. In fact there is no mention made of foreigners anywhere in the regulations governing the issuing of licenses. The only paragraph dealing directly with the applicant is sub-section 5 of the bylaw, which reads as follows: "Before a license respecting any of the trades, businesses or callings referred to in Sec. 2 hereof is granted, the chief constable shall ascertain if the applicant therefor is of good character, and, if the application is for an auctioneer's license, that the applicant has been a resident of the city for twelve months previous to the date of the application, and, if he ascertain that said applicant is of good character, and upon the other provisions of this bylaw being complied with, the license may be issued by said chief constable; but if he ascertain that the applicant's character is not good, no such license shall be granted, except upon the order of this board, after due consideration of the application, and of a report from the chief constable thereon, and any representation the applicant may desire to make concerning the same."

Aliens Not Barred.
In the course of conversation with the officials of the office, a reporter was informed that no matter what the private feelings of the grantors might be there was nothing in the bylaws as read today which could debar an alien, friendly or otherwise, from talking out a license provided the applicant complied with the requirements as to moral character. "I'll tell you," said one of them, "it amounts to this; that these foreigners are making money hand over fist at the various factories, after which they get into a business of their own. And what is the result? Well, you just go down to the Denison avenue district, and your observations will tell you all you need to know. Yes, it's disgraceful, but what are we to do when the law allows them to put one over us?"

At the reference library the reporter waded thru a mass of statutes touching upon the status of aliens in this country. Those of August, 1914, read that the enemy aliens who were engaged in peaceful avocations were not to be interfered with in any way unless it could be proven that they were engaged in espionage or other unmanly occupation. These simple and lenient regulations were later amended to bring the enemy alien in closer touch with the authorities, and provided that the alien must report to the proper people not less than once a month, and still later amended to make the enemy alien report twice a month. Further than this nothing was discovered which could in any way debar the Bulgarian from retaining the privileges of three or six years back.

Like Strange Country.
A visit was made to about 14 different pool rooms in the Queen street-Bathurst district starting near the

Occident Hall, near Bathurst street. There were some 20 men in the first pool room visited, and the visitor found himself in a strange country, where he was a stranger among the elect. Turning to one chap who he thought looked rather British, he said: "Some of these fellows are quite experts." The reply he received was: "Habrendji domendji kasikovich," and he has not yet been able to solve the riddle. Very few of those spoken to could speak either French or English. The next place visited was about a hundred yards up the street, and there the same conditions prevailed, except that there were perhaps more youths present than in the other hall. There were about six tables in these halls. Other halls further up the line boasted of nearer ten or twelve tables, some of them of the special 60 cent a game variety. The preponderance of youth was noticeable in most of the pool rooms visited. At the corner of Queen and Bathurst streets a visit was made to the Polish army recruiting centre, and there the officials very courteously gave a few figures as to the recruiting of Poles in this vicinity of Ontario. During the past six weeks 85 Poles have joined the Polish colors from Toronto, and during the same time 27 Poles have joined the Canadian army. The reporter asked if it was in any sense obligatory upon the Pole to join the colors, and the officials replied that it was volitional on their part. Of all the pool rooms visited only two were thoroughly Canadian, and they were not Canadian either, but they were either Canadian or at least knew how to speak English. At seven o'clock all the pool rooms were running pretty well to capacity. Those visited were from Bathurst street to the city hall on Queen street.

ALDERMAN RYDING HAS GIVEN EXCELLENT SERVICE

Ald. Sam Ryding is making his seventh appeal to the electors of Ward Seven and the appeal will undoubtedly receive favorable consideration. During Ald. Ryding's regime at the city hall, the wants of the ward have well looked after. Ward 7 has been brought up to the general city standard of improvements, largely by the efforts of Ald. Ryding, and many further improvements would have been forthcoming at that alderman's request if the war had not interfered with the financing. Outside of Ward Seven, Ald. Ryding has a large following, who believe that he is a valuable member of the city council and who are desirous of seeing him head the pool again today.

A VALUABLE ADMINISTRATOR

The electors of Ward Four should make a certainty of ex-Ald. Cowan's return to the council. He has proved himself a valuable city administrator and has the time and ability to attend to the particular needs of the ward. Ex-Ald. Cowan reflects before he votes and cannot be swayed when he takes a stand in the general city's interest. He is for public ownership by conviction and can be relied upon in any question in which such is involved. His return today will be a gain to Ward Four and a bigger one for the city generally.

TODAY'S ICE RACES.

The Toronto Driving Club are holding a matinee over the splendid ice track at Hillcrest Park track today, with two classified races, first race at 2 o'clock, the entries being as follows:—
First race, fast classified—Dan Alcar, Dr. Hazard, Markham, Dustless McKinley, Ben Porter, Hamilton, Abbie V. Brino, Nat Ray, Toronto; Mansfield, Jas. McDowell, Toronto; Bindare, Dr. Benson, Colborne; Roy Gratton, D. Trench, Teeswater.
Second race, slow classified—Santel, S. McBride, Toronto; Mory, J. Lock, Toronto; Sara Todd, C. Farrell, Toronto; Blackbird, James Thompson, Toronto; Nightworthy, Nat Ray, Toronto; Geo. Loonoo, Jas. McDowell, Toronto; George M., Geo. Arnold, Toronto.

FIFTY THOUSAND EXAMINED IN YEAR

Over Twelve Thousand Toronto Men Accepted for Service During 1917.

At the Toronto mobilization centre, 54,740 men were medically examined for military service during the year 1917. The number accepted and attested for service totaled 12,072, as compared with 16,643 during 1916.

Given month by month the attestations were as follows:—
January, 638; February, 696; March, 628; April, 717; May, 1138; June, 1010; July, 1145; August, 1078; September, 1347; October, 1318; November, 954; December, 945.

The total of men receiving examinations each month were:—
January, 2317; February, 1748; March, 2430; April, 2188; May, 2881; June, 2820; July, 2171; August, 2072; September, 2374; October, 1778; November, 8715; December, 2697.

The recruits offering yesterday totaled 130, of whom 69 were accepted. Forty-four of yesterday's accepted recruits signed up for service with the Central Ontario Regiment.

The following is a copy of the order to report for duty issued to a Toronto draftee:—
"You are ordered to report for duty at the headquarters of the depot battalion, the Exhibition camp at Toronto, Jan. 4, 1918.

"Failure to obey this order will render you liable to punishment by the civil courts, as well as making you subject to be taken into custody at any time as a military offender.

"You will retain this portion of this order, and will present it upon your reporting at the headquarters of the depot battalion. Keep it carefully, as it is your means of identification.

"You are to report at noon to the 2nd Battalion of the 1st C.O.R. Next Thursday, Pte. Wm. Kebo of the No. 2 Special Service Company will face a court-martial at Exhibition camp. It will be the second time Pte. Wm. Kebo has appeared before a court-martial, the previous occasion being in December, 1916.

Lieut. J. A. M. Livingston, late 15th Battalion and Lieut. A. W. Dixon (38th Regiment) have received appointments to the 2nd Battalion, 1st Central Ontario Regiment.

Military headquarters announces that the major (or captain), battery sergeant-major, quartermaster-sergeant, farrier-sergeant and trumpeters in depot battalions of the field and siege artillery are to be selected from the men who have returned from overseas, as far as possible, and need not belong to category A, but lieutenants who have not served overseas and the rank and file will belong to that category.

LAST MINUTES ARE SPENT IN PRAYER

Many of the Churches Hold Services to See Old Year Out.

Many churches of all denominations in the city spent the last hour of the old year in solemn thought and prayer. At the corner of Queen and Bathurst streets a visit was made to the Polish army recruiting centre, and there the officials very courteously gave a few figures as to the recruiting of Poles in this vicinity of Ontario. During the past six weeks 85 Poles have joined the Polish colors from Toronto, and during the same time 27 Poles have joined the Canadian army. The reporter asked if it was in any sense obligatory upon the Pole to join the colors, and the officials replied that it was volitional on their part. Of all the pool rooms visited only two were thoroughly Canadian, and they were not Canadian either, but they were either Canadian or at least knew how to speak English. At seven o'clock all the pool rooms were running pretty well to capacity. Those visited were from Bathurst street to the city hall on Queen street.

TO CLOSE SOME CHURCHES.

Special to The Toronto World.
Kingston, Dec. 31.—Mayor Hughes will meet the ministerial association with a view to having some of the churches closed to save fuel. He believes that at least one-third of the churches could be closed. His proposal has also called a meeting of the coal dealers to secure a statement showing how much coal they have on hand, and what contracts they have to fill.

WARD 7

The Toronto Driving Club are holding a matinee over the splendid ice track at Hillcrest Park track today, with two classified races, first race at 2 o'clock, the entries being as follows:—
First race, fast classified—Dan Alcar, Dr. Hazard, Markham, Dustless McKinley, Ben Porter, Hamilton, Abbie V. Brino, Nat Ray, Toronto; Mansfield, Jas. McDowell, Toronto; Bindare, Dr. Benson, Colborne; Roy Gratton, D. Trench, Teeswater.
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SAM RYDING

Asks for a continuance of the support of Ward 7 Electors.

VOTE
EDWARD MEEK
K. C.
FOR
CONTROLLER



IN CONTEST UNTIL
LAST VOTE IS
POLLED.

PROTECT YOUR
CITY'S INTERESTS.

FORTY YEARS
PRACTISING AND
WRITING LAW
IN TORONTO.

TRANSPORTATION QUESTIONS NEED CAREFUL ATTENTION.

AN EXPERIENCED LAWYER WILL BE OF GREAT SERVICE ON THE BOARD OF CONTROL FOR 1918.

MARK YOUR BALLOT X AS BELOW.

EDWARD MEEK X
OF THE CITY OF TORONTO
BARRISTER-AT-LAW

WARD 4 RE-ELECT WARD 4
ALDERMAN
McMULKIN
A STRONG ADVOCATE OF PUBLIC OWNERSHIP
FAVORING

1. The purchase of Toronto Railway.
2. Hydro extension.
3. Retrenchment consistent with efficiency.
4. A strong business administration of city affairs.

CITIZENS OF TORONTO:
CONTROLLER JOHN O'NEILL
Extends to You One and All His Best Wishes for a Prosperous and Happy New Year

Ward 4 RE-ELECT **JOHN A. COWAN**
Strict attention will be given by me to the wants and a careful administration of the city's business in general.


Vote for **JAMES F. COUGHLIN**
Barrister
ALDERMAN
WARD 5
Toronto needs new calibre and more energy in the City Council.

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WARD 5
Toronto needs new calibre and more energy in the City Council.

WARD 5 DON'T FORGET TO VOTE THUS:
PHINMORE X
A BUSINESS MAN, PROPOSED BY BUSINESS MEN
Proposed by Jethro Crang John Tanner

Election Cards. Election Cards.

TORONTO'S MAYOR
FOR 1918 SHOULD BE
CAMERON



His Municipal Record Warrants His Election.
His Practical Interest in the Soldiers and Their Dependents Warrants It.
His Advocacy of Public Ownership of the T.S.R. Warrants It.
His Contentment That the Citizens Want Good Government at the Lowest Tax Rate Compatible With Efficiency.

WARRANTS
CAMERON
For Mayor

MAYOR CHURCH
Wishes All the Citizens a Happy and Prosperous New Year

He wishes to take this opportunity of thanking all who have assisted in the great patriotic work done in Toronto in war time, especially the noble and inspiring work of the women of the city generally, and the assistance they have been to him in this work.

Congratulations are further due the married women, who today have been given the municipal franchise for the first time in Ontario.

The Mayor urges everybody to record their vote today. He has absolutely no organization nor conveyances, and respectfully requests his friends to record their vote and urge their friends to do the same, and hopes that over-confidence in the result will not keep anyone from voting.

To one and all he wishes the Compliments of the Season, and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

VOTE TODAY FOR
MAGUIRE
FOR CONTROLLER
In Your Own Interests. In the City's Interests.
BECAUSE

Ald. Maguire fought consistently and successfully for public ownership. He fought with Sir Adam Beck for the Hydro, and the Hydro saved the citizens hundreds of thousands of dollars. His public ownership convictions are an assurance of good service in making arrangements to take over the street railway for the citizens. He has been a capable alderman and his policy has always been one of economy, coupled with sound business administration.

His record is your security.

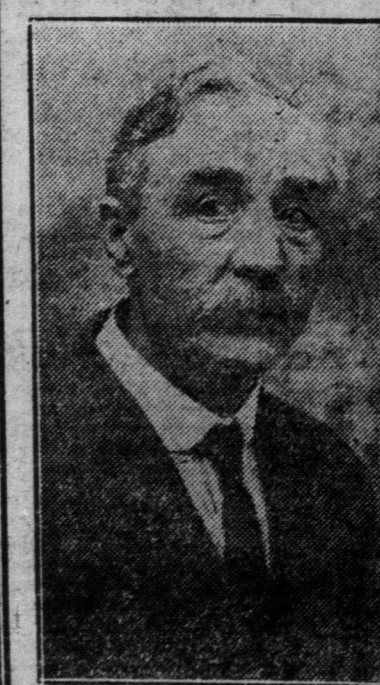
WHAT THE PAPERS SAY
"Ald. Maguire has been a consistent supporter of public ownership and an effective helper of Sir Adam Beck."—Toronto World.
"Mr. Maguire is an experienced municipal legislator, who is absolutely reliable on the great issue of public ownership. The Board of Control will be strengthened by his election."—Toronto Globe.
"Hydro progress has a faithful friend and the Toronto Railway has a persistent foe in Ald. Maguire."—Toronto Telegram.

EXPERIENCE SERVICE

ELECT
Alderman
G. A. Archibald
Controller
Mark X Opposite
First Name on Ballot



WARD 2
ALD. BALL
Expresses his sincere thanks to the electors of Ward 2 for their continued confidence, which he hopes to retain during the year 1918, and wishes them and all other citizens
A Happy and Prosperous New Year



Library Furniture
10% to 20% Reductions
Library Tables, Bookcases, Two and Three-piece Library Suites, Leather-covered Chairs and Chesterfields.

MURRAY-KAY, Limited
MURRAY STORE 77 KING ST. E. KAY STORE 35-39 KING ST. W.

Office Furniture
10% to 20% Discounts
Typewriter Desks and Chairs, Mahogany Desks and Chairs, Sectional Bookcases, etc.

January Sale of High-Grade Furniture at the Kay Store

Discounts of 10% to 25% from Regular Prices Throughout the Month

Bedroom Suites 10% to 25% Discount

We have included in this sale our latest patterns, some of which have arrived within the past week, and represent the product of the better domestic and foreign manufacturers.

Odd Pieces from Broken Bedroom Suites

- Walnut Chiffonier, 34 inches wide, 57 inches high, fitted with two large drawers and four compartment trays. Price, \$60.00. Reduced from \$75.00.
- Walnut Chiffonier, 32 inches wide, fitted with three large and two small drawers. British plate mirror 16 x 20. Price, \$20.00. Reduced from \$25.50.
- Walnut Dresser, 50 inches wide, has two large and two small drawers, British plate mirror, 29 inches by 35 inches. Price, \$75.00. Reduced from \$100.00.
- Walnut Dressing Table, 42 inches wide, British plate triple mirrors. Price, \$40.00. Reduced from \$60.00.
- Circassian Walnut Bedroom Table, size 20 inches by 30 inches. Price, \$9.00. Reduced from \$13.50.
- Circassian Walnut Dressing Table, top 21 x 35 inches, bevel plate mirror 22 x 27. Price, \$30.00. Reduced from \$45.00.
- Inlaid Circassian Walnut Somnoe, size 15 x 20. Price, \$10.00. Reduced from \$16.00.
- Circassian Walnut Dressing Table, top 18 x 32, British plate mirror 17 x 21. Price, \$20.00. Reduced from \$30.00.
- Mahogany Dresser, top 19 x 40, fitted with two large and two small drawers. British plate mirror 24 inches x 27 inches. Price, \$30.00. Reduced from \$37.50.
- Walnut Chiffonier, top 21 x 35 inches, fitted with four large and two small drawers. Price, \$50.00. Reduced from \$75.00.
- British plate mirror 20 x 27 inches. Price, \$50.00. Reduced from \$75.00.
- Walnut Chiffonier, top 21 inches x 35 inches, fitted with four large and two small drawers. British plate mirror 20 x 27 inches. Price, \$37.50. Reduced from \$48.50.
- Kyonx Chiffonier, top 19 x 36, fitted with four large and two small drawers. British plate mirror 20 x 27. Price \$40.00. Reduced from \$65.00.
- Circassian Walnut Dresser, top 23 x 45, two large and two small drawers. British plate mirror 29 x 33. Price \$75.00. Reduced from \$115.00.
- Circassian Walnut Chiffonier, top 20 x 34, British plate mirror 17 x 23. Price \$20.00. Reduced from \$30.00.
- Mahogany Dresser, top 22 x 42, two large and two small drawers. British plate mirror 23 x 28. Price, \$30.00. Reduced from \$55.00.
- Mahogany Princess Dresser, top 22 x 42, British plate mirror 31 x 38 inches. Price, \$45.00. Reduced from \$63.50.
- Mahogany Colonial Dressing Table, top 22 x 42, triple mirrors. Price \$60.00. Reduced from \$75.00.
- Mahogany Dressing Table, top 19 x 32, British plate mirror 19 x 20. Price, \$20.00. Reduced from \$35.00.
- Mahogany Toilet Table, top 21 x 36, triple mirrors. Price, \$20.00. Reduced from \$31.50.

Odd Pieces in Fine Enamel

- Grey Enamel Chiffonier, top 20 x 35, four large and two small drawers, British plate mirror 29 x 27 inches. Price, \$50.00. Reduced from \$80.00.
- Ivory Enamel Dresser, top 23 x 45, British plate mirror 27 x 34 inches. Price, \$40.00. Reduced from \$53.50.
- Ivory Enamel Dresser, top 23 x 48, two large and three small drawers. British plate mirror 29 x 39. Price, \$50.00. Reduced from \$75.00.
- Ivory Enamel Dresser, top 23 x 52, three large and three small drawers, British plate mirror 27 x 43. Price, \$70.00. Reduced from \$92.50.
- Ivory Enamel Dresser, inlaid glass top, 23 x 48, oval mirror 29 x 39. Price, \$100.00. Reduced from \$160.00.

For some time past the January Furniture Sale has been one of the most interesting events of the year at the Kay Store.

The 1918 Sale is likely to prove the most important link in the long chain of such events, for with the increased manufacturing cost of every class of furniture, it must be admitted that our special sale prices are given an interest that is nothing short of remarkable.

The quality of Kay Furniture is well known—our reputation for carrying only the highest grades has stood the test of years, and we are proud to be able to say that, in spite of all the difficulties of these stressful times, we have kept our quality standard at its usual height.

Today we make mention of some of the specially-priced furniture that will be included in the January Sale.

These quotations are merely touching the fringe of the many attractive values that will be included during the month. We invite you to visit the Furniture Sections at your earliest opportunity.

Dining-room Suites 10% to 25% Discount

Displayed in pretty period designs, and include many suites from Berkey & Gay, The Royal Furniture Company, and other manufacturers noted for high-grade furniture.

Odd Pieces From Broken Suites

THESE FOR THE DINING-ROOM:

- Mahogany Side Table, top 18 x 36. Price, \$20.00. Reduced from \$30.00.
- Mahogany Side Table, top 17 x 36. Price, \$16.50. Reduced from \$23.50.
- Inlaid Mahogany Side Table, size 17 x 34. Price, \$20.00. Reduced from \$30.00.
- Mahogany Buffet, Adam period, top 22 x 54, mirror back 11 x 50 inches. Price, \$50.00. Reduced from \$100.00.
- Side Table, to match above. Price \$25.00. Reduced from \$35.00.
- Mahogany Side Table, top 21 x 40 inches. Price, \$40.00. Reduced from \$55.50.
- Mahogany Chippendale Buffet, mirror back, top 22 x 60. Price, \$60.00. Reduced from \$90.00.
- Walnut Queen Anne Side Table. Price, \$25.00. Reduced from \$37.50.
- China Cabinet, to match. Price, \$55.00. Reduced from \$70.00.
- Walnut Side Table, William and Mary Period. Price, \$25.00. Reduced from \$40.00.
- Walnut Buffet, top 22 x 60, mirror back. Price, \$75.00. Reduced from \$100.00.
- China Cabinet, to match. Price, \$50.00. Reduced from \$75.00.
- Jacobean Oak Buffet, with cane inserts. Price, \$50.00. Reduced from \$80.00.
- Jacobean Oak Side Table. Price, \$17.50. Reduced from \$23.00.
- Jacobean Oak Side Table. Price, \$25.00. Reduced from \$45.00.
- Jacobean Oak Side Table. Price, \$12.50. Reduced from \$19.50.

THESE FOR THE DRAWING-ROOM:

- Mahogany Chinese Chippendale Settee and Chair. Price, \$100.00. Reduced from \$135.00.
- Mahogany Hepplewhite Settee and Chair. Price, \$92.50. Reduced from \$118.50.
- Mahogany Inlaid Sheraton Three-piece Suite. Price, \$100.00. Reduced from \$160.00.
- Mahogany Sheraton Settee and Chair. Price, \$85.00. Reduced from \$125.00.
- Mahogany Inlaid Three-piece Sheraton Suite. Price, \$100.00. Reduced from \$137.50.
- Mahogany Three-piece Chippendale Suite, beautifully carved. Price, \$150.00. Reduced from \$247.50.
- Satin-wood Chairs, Settees and Cabinets, 25 per cent. off regular prices.

LIVING-ROOM FURNITURE

10 to 20 Per Cent. Discount

Chesterfields and Easy Chairs, Sofa Tables, End Tables, Fender Seats, Fancy Chairs, Windsor Chairs, Colonial Settees, English Chairs, "De Luxe" Upholstered Suites, Chromewald Suites and Chairs.

HALL FURNITURE

15 to 20 Per Cent. Discount

Hall Chairs, Settees, Tables, Hall Clocks, Mirrors, Umbrella Stands. A large and varied assortment.

FANCY TABLES, PEDESTALS, DESKS AND CHAIRS

10 to 15 Per Cent. Discount

Tilting Top Tables, Parlor Tables, Cane Top Jacobean Tables, Card Tables, Spinnet Desks, Secretaries, Writing Tables, Pedestals, Tabourettes and Stools.

A COLLECTION OF NOVELTIES

10 to 15 Per Cent. Discount

Magazine Racks, Book Racks and Book Blocks, Curates, Dinner Chimes, Candlesticks, Clocks, Trays, Tea Wagons, Tray Tables, Music Cabinets, Cellarettes, Sewing Tables, Smokers' Sets, Telephone Sets, Ferneries, Fancy Cabinets, Lazy Susans.

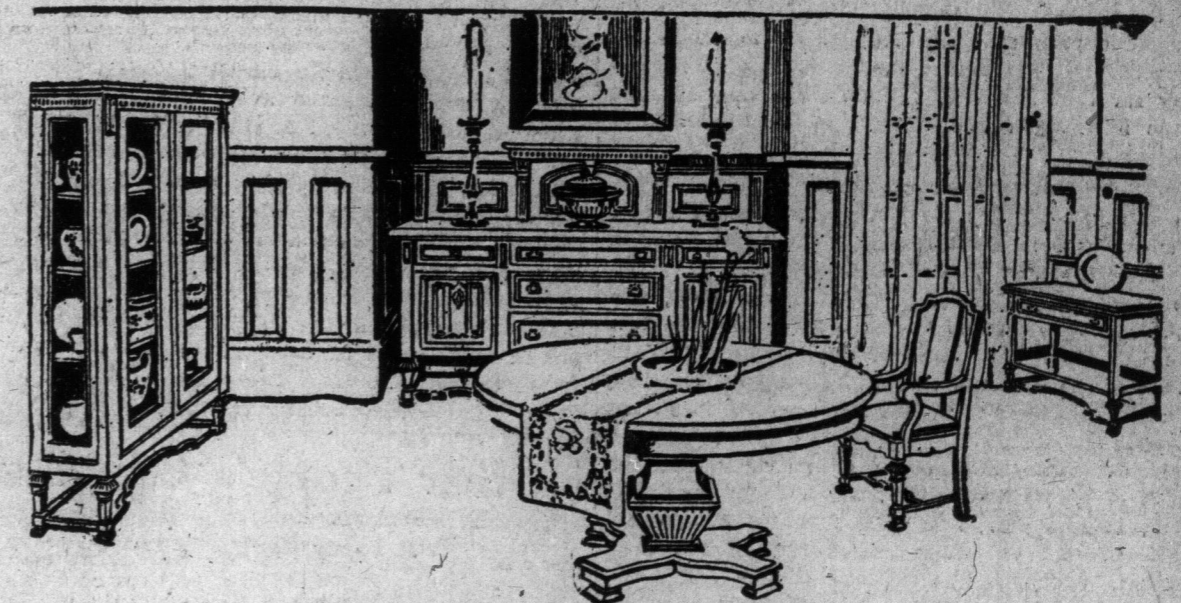


Complete Four-Poster Bedroom Suite
Mahogany or Walnut Finish, Price \$128.50

Suite includes 46-inch Dresser with British plate mirror, Chiffonier with mirror, full sized Bed, Toilet Table with Chair, Rocker and Chair, a high-class suite of pretty design.

Brass and Wood Beds at Special Prices

- Full size Brass Bed, 2-inch square uprights and one-inch round fillers, extra heavy construction. Price, \$50.00. Reduced from \$75.00.
- Full size Brass Bed, two-inch round uprights, 1 1/2-inch round fillers, satin finish. Price, \$20.00. Reduced from \$35.00.
- Full size Brass Bed, two-inch continuous posts, with 3/4-inch fillers, satin finish. Price, \$18.00. Reduced from \$29.00.
- Full size Brass Bed, two-inch continuous posts, 3/4-inch filler, satin finish. Price, \$16.50. Reduced from \$23.50.
- Full size Brass Bed, two-inch posts, with 1 1/2-inch fillers. Price, \$20.00. Reduced from \$22.50.
- Full size Ivory Enamel Bed. Price, \$16.00. Reduced from \$21.00.
- Full size Ivory Enamel Bed. Price, \$40.00. Reduced from \$60.00.
- Full size Mahogany Bed, cane inserts. Price, \$20.00. Reduced from \$34.50.
- Full size Mahogany Bed, Adam period. Price, \$45.00. Reduced from \$65.00.
- Full size Mahogany Scroll Colonial Bed. Price, \$40.00. Reduced from \$63.50.
- Full size Walnut Bed. Price, \$20.00. Reduced from \$38.00.
- Full size Mahogany Poster Colonial Bed. Price, \$50.00. Reduced from \$75.00.



This Complete Jacobean Oak Suite
January Sale Price, \$238.50

Suite consists of 66-inch Buffet, 54-inch Extension Table, China Cabinet 40 inches wide, Dinner Wagon, five Side and one Arm-chair with slip seats, covered in good grade of leather.

AT THE MURRAY STORE

Now for the January White Sale of Lingerie

Featuring a Wealth of Dainty Garments From Paris, New York and Our Own Workrooms

We're all ready for this important event—not a hitch in any of our preparations. The French Lingerie specially ordered for the January White Sale arrived in good time, and it's a real joy to be able to say that it seems to be lovelier than ever, both as to materials and handiwork. The Lingerie of Our Own Make has come billowing down from the workrooms, great piles of the prettiest garments, made to perfection of the finest materials.

Probably you are among the big coterie of women who have been waiting for this yearly sale of Whitewear to replenish your dwindling supplies of "undies." We promise you that you will fairly revel in the myriads of exquisite garments that we've gathered together for your choosing. Come soon and see for yourself how successful our preparations have been. These quotations will interest you.

Machine-Made Lingerie

- White Mull Nightgowns, slipover or buttoned front, finished round neck and sleeves with fine embroidery. January Sale price... \$2.50
- White Mull Nightgowns, very dainty affairs, made in Empire effect, the top of embroidery, the high waistline run with ribbon. January Sale price... \$3.25
- White Mull Combinations, the drawers in knicker effect, the top charmingly trimmed with lace and embroidery medallions. January Sale price... \$4.00
- White Mull Envelope Chemises, three specially pretty styles, trimmed with tulle or Val lace, sometimes combined with fine Swiss medallions. January Sale prices... \$2.25, \$2.50 and \$3.00
- White Mull Nightgowns, slipover or buttoned front, finished round neck and sleeves with fine embroidery. January Sale price... \$1.50
- White Mull Nightgowns, made with V-shaped neck, edged with bands of pink or blue mull. January Sale price... \$1.95
- White Nainsook Nightgowns, buttoned front, V-shaped neck and sleeves finished with dainty embroidery. January Sale price... \$2.25
- White Mull Nightgowns, made in sleeveless style, edged round neck and sleeves with bands of pink mull, the high waistline run with soft pink ribbon. January Sale price... \$2.50

A particularly attractive special for the first day of the sale is a special lot of Unlaundersed French Hand-embroidered Nightgowns, not many of them, just enough for one day's selling, made in slipover style with double yoke at the back, embroidered front. Regularly \$2.50. January Sale price for each, Wednesday... \$1.50

French Hand-made Lingerie

- French Hand-made, Hand-embroidered Nightgowns, a beautiful array of them, shown for the first time Wednesday, made of finest handkerchief mull or nainsook. January Sale prices, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 and on up to \$30.00.
- French Hand-made Envelope Chemises, the most delightful variety of these popular garments, made of fine mull or nainsook. January Sale prices, \$2.50 to \$15.00.
- French Hand-made Chemises, an equally attractive collection, showing the finest handiwork. Prices... \$2.00 to \$10.00
- French Hand-made Drawers... \$2.00 to \$10.00
- French Hand-made Corset Covers... \$1.50 to \$10.00
- French Hand-made Petticoats, the highest priced ones very elaborately embroidered. January Sale prices... \$2.50 to \$18.50

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TUESDAY MORNING, JAN. 1

Get Out and Vote!

Nothing should prevent the electors of the city from casting their ballots today. If they have any grievances it is because they have not taken sufficient interest in the elections of the past. Any man with a grievance today should go and ventilate it at the polls. That is where he counts. Tomorrow he will be too late and must wait another year. If he is short of coal, or if his children are not getting on at school, or if he has to hang on a strap every night and morning, or if his taxes are not equitable, today is the day that he can talk about these things with effect.

He should know who has been responsible for what he has suffered, and he should know who is most likely to remedy his grievance. Then he should vote.

The Board of Control.

There should be fair play to all the candidates in the election. We have not adversely criticized those whom we are not prepared to support, because we believe a man's record is usually sufficient. We have not made false assertions about candidates, as for example that Controller Cameron was against public ownership, or that Ald. Maguire was against taking over the street railway, when the contrary was the case.

It is better, we believe, for the electors to vote for the men they know, than blindly to accept the slates that are submitted by one authority or another. A vote on personal knowledge carries moral weight. The other kind may provide a city council, but the kind we have had in the past have been capable of improvement.

It is scarcely to be doubted that Mayor Church will be returned once more by today's vote. So, we think, should Controller O'Neill. Ald. Robbins, as representing labor, has great claims on the citizens. For the sake of having a younger element on the board of control we have selected Ald. MacFegor, and Ald. Archibald, but undoubtedly Ald. Maguire and ex-Ald. McBride will make a strong run.

Coal and Frost.

As we foresaw last April the coal problem is now beginning to be recognized as the most serious which we have to face. All year long we have insisted on the necessity of providing for a situation which the experience of last winter made palpable. It was so obvious that it might have seemed unnecessary to call attention to it. Warnings and advice seem to have made little impression, and in the midst of one of the severest seasons of many years the coal shortage is exceedingly grave.

Excuses and explanations are to be had in abundance, but they do not remedy the situation. That was foreseen, but was not provided against. We have before us at least two months of extreme winter weather. This period may easily be doubled. The distress resulting from cold weather and lack of fuel is almost the worst form of human misery. The city tried to get authority to have a coal yard, and the government permitted the legislature to block the measure. The government should assume its responsibility for that act now, and do something effective towards relieving the distress.

The German Bluff.

Germany's appeals for peace arise out of a very real need. She is short of men and she is short of food. She is short also of military material. Her brave front to the simple Russians is a bluff, and the proposals which the Germans wish to have laid before the other allies indicate the depth of their need. But the old Adam is still strong in Germany, and in her eagerness for peace she does not lose sight of possible advantages.

Mr. G. Stanley Sidgwick has been calculating the strength of the German army, which he put recently, all told, at 4,500,000, and these included every male between 17 and 60. The class of 1920 has been called out, while the French have not yet called the class of 1918. Thus Germany is four years ahead of her normal drafts. Her mass drives on the Russians, the French, the British have brought depletion of their ranks, not victory.

Mr. Sidgwick thinks that at the end of two years the Germans would not have 1,000,000 men in the field. Hence it is that they have been so complacent to the Bolsheviks, and so anxious to make a peace which would release their men imprisoned there and make available for labor purposes the resources of the Russian peasantry.

The drive on Italy was carried out by 100,000 men, asserts Mr. Sidgwick, and was successful only on account of socialistic panic and treachery in the Italian ranks. The French attack yesterday showed that the Teutonic forces have not great resisting power. The British are able to exert the initiative whenever they please in France or Flanders.

When the German collapse comes as it surely must, peace will not come dropping slow, but with a rush, like a spring shower. It is on the cards that the allies will call the German bluff one of these days with a statement which the German people and the German Government must discuss together.

The Labor Party in Canada.

The Ottawa Citizen, the loyally supporting Union government, is an independent paper, sometimes suspected of a leaning toward Socialism. It regrets that the Labor party, thru mistaken guidance, as it thinks, failed to make a better showing at the recent election, and says:

Labor has apparently failed to elect even one single independent representative to the house of commons. It is not in the best interests of Canada that the organized workers seem to be unable to express themselves thru political action, when almost every other civilized

state has a well organized Labor movement, and when the pioneer land of parliamentary government, Great Britain, is contemplating the prospect of a Labor government after the next general election.

The Citizen finds the failure of the Labor party in Canada at the last election to be due to the quasi alliance that seemed to exist between some of its official Labor leaders and the supporters of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Had the Labor party as an organization given its adhesion to the principle of Union government and its support to the compulsory Military Service Act, The Citizen believes that it would have commanded the support of the Canadian workman. As it was, the great majority of the men who toil, supported the Union government candidates.

This may explain the result of the last election, but does it explain the comparatively poor showing made by the Labor party in other campaigns? Why, for example, have Labor candidates as a rule made so poor a showing in the various elections that have been held from time to time for years past in the City of Toronto? Why was the Labor candidate badly beaten a few years ago at a by-election in London? Why have we no Labor party in Canada comparable with the Labor party in Australia or Great Britain?

Possibly to understand this we must study the political conditions that have prevailed on this continent rather than those which have prevailed in Europe or Australia. The Labor party in the United States has been little more successful than the Labor party in Canada. In both countries the men who toil have divided at one election after another on old party lines.

One reason perhaps is to be found in the small progress made on this continent by co-operative movements of every kind. A second reason may be found in the overwhelming influence wielded in party politics in the past by the great corporations. A third reason may be found in the fact that nearly every general election is in the nature of a plebiscite, where you vote "yes" or "no" on some particular issue. The vote "yes" or "no" on some particular issue had no choice but to vote for the Union government candidate; to vote for a Labor candidate was simply to throw his ballot away. In 1911 the man who wanted to defeat reciprocity had no choice but to support the Conservative party. In the United States many of the presidential elections have turned on a single issue like the free silver question which no man could straddle or disregard; he either had to be for the gold standard or against it. If he were for the gold standard he had no choice but to support the Republican candidate, no matter how anxious he might be to encourage the Labor party.

Possibly Union government will give the Labor movement a better chance. Public ownership will do more than anything else to bring it success. The abolition of the patronage system and the campaign fund should greatly help independents in every election. Proportional representation and more adequate representation for city constituencies would also help. The 500,000 people living in the City of Toronto have little more voice in the government of this country than the 90,000 living in the Province of Prince Edward Island. More city seats would help the Labor party, but proportional representation would help it still more.

Reverting to the difference in conditions between the old world and the new it must be remembered that many men returned to parliament in Canada that were not members of the Labor party, but may fairly be considered representative of Labor. They are men who have risen from the ranks; have known in their time chill penury, and done much hard manual labor. In Great Britain, on the other hand, into the extension of the franchise and the advent of the Labor party, the membership of the national legislature was largely recruited from landed proprietors, university graduates, actions of nobility and members of the learned professions. The Labor candidate, when he appeared in the mother country, represented laboring men and made a peculiar appeal to them when opposing a titled banker, a distinguished lawyer or the cadet of some aristocratic family. Here in Canada the Labor candidate can seldom make a similar appeal. The candidates of the old parties may be well-to-do men in the community, but they are often self-made men who have served their apprenticeship at the forge, the carpenter's table, the shoemaker's bench, or in the machine shop; and may have put in more years of hard manual labor than the Labor candidate.

Other People's Opinions

A Labor Party Needed.

Editor World: Mr. W. J. Hastie hits the nail fair on the head when he says: "What we need in Canada is a Labor party," as the two old parties are beyond redemption—never were the working men so sick and tired of that farce called politics. The working people of this generation are paying a big price for a lesson for which they will receive a good profit for their children. Capital and Labor cannot be classed separately in future, for what is capital? But labor! Put all the capitalists with their gold on an island and the labor on another and return after a few years and see the results. The last election result is not to be taken seriously. I know for a fact that 90 per cent. of the working men in Toronto were tied by family reasons for not voting one way or another. There should never have been an election until service. Such work as is already under way should be completed, and if we are to profit by England's experience new projects of highway development that will relieve the food situation should be put under way at once.—New York Evening Sun.

Roads a War Necessity.

We do not urge the extravagant outlay of money at this time for joy-riding thoroughfares, but highways are a war necessity and because of existing conditions immediate attention should be given them. England has appreciated the value of highways in war time. Her appropriations this year for the purpose are greater than ever before. The first step should be the determination of what highways could be used as substitutes for short railroad hauls, thereby releasing rolling stock for other service. Such work as is already under way should be completed, and if we are to profit by England's experience new projects of highway development that will relieve the food situation should be put under way at once.—New York Evening Sun.

Not Much In It.

An old South Carolina dandy was sent to the Hospital of St. Xavier in Charleston. One of the gentle, black-robed sisters put a thermometer in his mouth to take his temperature. Presently, when the doctor made his rounds, he said: "Well, Nathan, how do you feel?" "I feel right to the bone," "Have you had any nourishment?" "Yassir." "What did you have?" "A lady done gimme a piece of glass ter suck, boss."

The Railway Question

The railway question will not down. The west is up in arms against the 15 per cent. increase in passenger and freight rates authorized by the Dominion Railway Commission. The decision will undoubtedly be appealed to the governor-general-in-council, but the government in the meantime will be urged to take possession of all the roads and prepare for their nationalization. The railway commission chose an unlucky day for handing out their judgment, for it so happens that on that day President Wilson issued his proclamation bringing all the United States roads into the possession and under the control of the national government. Those who protest against the rise in freight rates are therefore ready with an alternative policy. They point to Washington.

Premier Norris of Manitoba has wired an emphatic protest to Ottawa. He denies the right of the Dominion Railway Commission to virtually override the contract between the Province of Manitoba and the Canadian Northern Railway Company. That agreement guaranteed certain freight rates to the shippers of Manitoba, and by the decision in the Regina rates case these rates were extended to the entire prairie west. Neither does Premier Norris see why the Canadian Pacific, whose coffers are bursting with an unwieldy surplus, should increase their toll of expropriation upon the traffic of the country. He talks about an appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada, which can only be allowed by the chairman of the railway commission, as no jurisdictional point is involved, and also of an appeal to the governor-general-in-council. He is on a very shaky ground, however, when he appeals to the government, not as a judicial tribunal but as an executive, to take immediate action.

In an interview given at Winnipeg yesterday Mr. Norris said: "The railway situation in Canada seems to have reached a stage where drastic measures are required. I am impressed by the wisdom of the course followed by the Governments of Great Britain and the United States in taking over all their roads for the period of the war. The time may come very soon when that remedy will be adopted in this country."

Meanwhile the November statement of the Canadian Pacific Railway shows that the gross earnings of that company have smashed all records by crossing the fifteen-million-dollar mark. Operating expenses have undoubtedly been steadily increasing and have now reached the abnormally high ratio of 64.4 per cent. of the gross earnings. Yet the C. P. can still pay a 10 per cent. dividend and carry forward a good surplus every year. The value of its western lands must be counted, but all the resources of the Grand Trunk lines says this estimate is entirely too high.

The railway magnates are not in agreement as to how much the recent railway rate increase will cost the people of Canada. D. B. Hanna, vice-president and general manager of the Canadian Northern, reckons that the earnings of the roads will be increased by \$23,000,000 per year, but Vice-President Dalrymple of the Grand Trunk lines says this estimate is entirely too high.

President Wilson's proclamation not only takes over all the railways, but all terminals, sleeping and parlor cars, private cars and private car lines, elevators owned or controlled by the railways and coastwise or inland water transport lines operated by or in connection with the railways. Radial railways and even intraurban street railway systems may be taken over in whole or in part later on should the president deem it expedient. The president, by the way, rests his proclamation upon the objection of congress in declaring war on Germany; that he shall employ not only the land and naval forces of the United States but all the resources of the country as needed for the efficient prosecution of the war.

The Winnipeg Telegram says: Complete nationalization of Canadian railway systems for the duration of the war is likely to be urged upon Ottawa by Winnipeg business men as an alternative for the 15 per cent. increase in freight rates granted by the railway commission and announced yesterday.

It is stated today that the Winnipeg board of trade, the live stock interests, lumber companies and grain men are preparing to offer vigorous representations to the government in opposition to the increase. Members of the board of trade declare that the policy of subsidies to companies actually requiring them is vastly preferable from the public standpoint to a general boost in all rates. This suggestion was made to the railway commission, but it involved a matter beyond the board's jurisdiction and could not be considered at all.


A. E. Boyle, secretary of the board, stated today that no developments of general interest have yet occurred as a result of the representations made at Ottawa by the shippers' section of the board. A telegram was received announcing that in the absence of Hon. N. W. Rowell the board's message had been handed to Hon. Arthur Meighen. The board is now waiting to learn the attitude of the government. If it is willing, detailed representations showing the alleged unfairness of the increase will be taken to the cabinet in an effort to have the cabinet overrule the decision of the railway commissioners. Along with alternatives for the general rate advance, Winnipeg interests will ask the government to seriously consider the advisability of the government taking over all railways as a war measure on terms similar to those arranged in the United States. The Manitoba Free Press has an interesting editorial on the railway question, a considerable portion of which was telegraphed east. We quote an additional paragraph which views the rates increase from a new angle: "In the United States an application for a 15 per cent. increase in freight and passenger rates has



long been pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission. Decision has not been rendered; and in the interval the United States Government has dealt drastically with the railway problem. Taking over all the railroad systems in the United States, and will operate them as a unit while the country is at war. The government becomes responsible to the shareholders of each company for certain fixed payments in the form of dividends; and subject to these charges the combined revenues of the roads go into the public treasury. If, now, the Interstate Commerce Commission orders an increase in the freight and passenger rates the United States public will regard the new impost as war taxes for

the state, and will pay them with cheerfulness." The Monetary Times gives prominence to the delivery of a Port Arthur man that the solution of the transportation problem of Canada is to be found in the construction of the Georgian Bay Canal. This looks to us like a stall or a side-step. We believe the solution of the transportation problem is to be found in the immediate nationalization of all the railways of Canada.

EDITH CAVELL CLUB ENTERTAINS CHILDREN
 Santa Claus Present at the Club Rooms Saturday for Kids' Delight.
 The club rooms of the Edith Cavell Women's Club, 506 Adelaide street, was the scene of a jolly Christmas entertainment Saturday evening when the children of the neighborhood gathered to enjoy a musical program and a Christmas feast. After amusements and games and music preceded the entrance of Santa Claus, who came to distribute the gifts from a monster Christmas tree. Great prizes were bestowed upon the president of the club, who, assisted by the entertainment committee, had provided such a fine treat for the children.



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STREET CAR DELAYS Monday, Dec. 31st, 1917. Yonge, Dupont and Avenue Road...

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MARRIAGES. INGRAM-REVEY—On Monday, Dec. 31, 1917, by the Rev. Wm. Patterson, D.D.

DEATHS. EVANS—At London, Ont., on Monday, Dec. 31, 1917, George H. Evans, aged 65 years.

MISS ELSIE FERGUSON HEADS BILL AT LOEWS' Bill for New Year's Week is Varied and Presents Many Entertaining Features.

CALLEJA REPRIEVED Man Sentenced to Hang on Thursday Gets Till January 14.

MAJOR ARMOUR RETURNS. Major A. D. Armour, 103 Avenue Road, formerly adjutant of the 48th Battalion...

PLAYS, PICTURES AND MUSIC

ROYAL ALEXANDRA HAS PLAY OF UNUSUAL MERIT "Old Lady 31" Receives Commendation as Charming Mirror of Human Nature.

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SHEA'S BILL THIS WEEK IS UNUSUALLY GOOD Splendid Music, Clever Dancing and Two or Three Sketches of Unusual Interest.

MME. PETROVA SEEN AT STRAND THEATRE "More Truth Than Poetry" Gives Her Good Scope for Her Art.

"BIRTH OF A NATION" STILL ATTRACTS MANY Wonderful Film Production of American Civil War Entails Large Audiences at Massey Hall.

WIDOW SEEKS ELECTION. Mrs. Ralph Smith, widow of the late Hon. Ralph Smith, minister of finance in the British Columbia government...

GEORGE ARLISS MAKES BIG HIT IN "HAMILTON" Historical Play Opens at Princess New Year's Eve, and Proves One of Best Offerings.

George Arliss, than whom there is no more graceful nor gentlemanly actor on the American stage, opened at the Princess Theatre New Year's Eve in a charming historical drama.

MARY MILES MINTER MARY SEEN AT HIPPODROME "The Mate of the Sally Ann" is Vehicle Which Gives Charming Actress Full Scope.

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The Wanderer

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS

Jether, the son of Jesse and Huldah of the tribe of Judah, dunned the King of King Solomon, 3000 years ago, is unhappy at home, where he is a bungler...

CHAPTER XVI.

Suddenly the merry-makers ceased their laughter. A shrill cry from within the house of Nadina made them pause.

HEALTH TALKS BY WILLIAM BRADY M.D. NOTES PHYSICIAN AND AUTHOR

Dr. Brady will answer all signed letters pertaining to health. Writers' names are never printed.

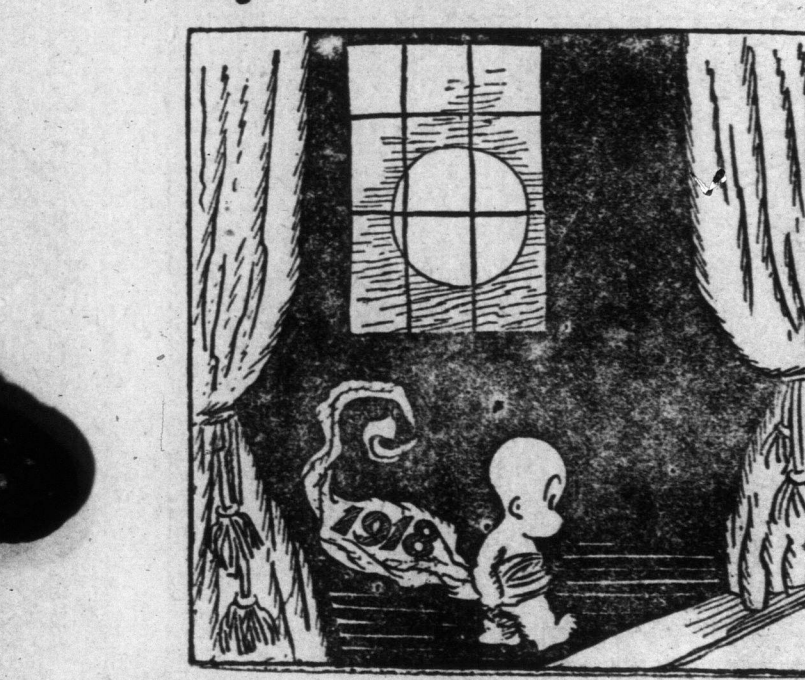
From Teeth to Appendix to Stomach

Triple plays are not common in the national game. They are much more common in the game of health and illness.

I am 28 years old, six feet tall, weigh 157 pounds, ought to be in my prime, yet I am far from well. Nearly ten years ago I gave up office work and moved to the country on a little farm after the first breakdown...

What is an ankylized joint? Also please tell me what the so-called "Murphy operation" is, for ankylized joints.

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in surprise, wondering where he had secured money with which to gamble. "Ah, Jether, throw them," cried Put, smiling, for he liked Jether.

CHAPTER XVII.

Pharis, the sea captain, reclining upon cushions, with Tisha on one side, and Sidonia, a blonde beauty, who had also been introduced to him by her mother, on the other, summoned Sadyk, the jeweler.

ROSS FACTORY TO REOPEN

Quebec, Dec. 31.—Official announcement was received here on Jan. 2 that the Ross rifle factory will reopen next Wednesday morning.

GILLETTS' EYE



SOCIETY

Conducted by Mrs. Edmund Phillips

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario will receive at Government House today from 11 to 1 o'clock.

General Leslie and Mrs. Leslie will receive at Stanley Barracks this afternoon, from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Edmund Israeloff gave a dance last night at her beautiful house in Beverley street for her dance Les Armorial Drynan, and her two school friends.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Notice of any character relating to future events, the purpose of which is the raising of money, are inserted in the advertising columns at 25 cents an acre.

DANCE PATRIOTIC-Columbus Hall, Friday, Jan. 14, 9 to 11 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tait are the guests of Lady Tait, West Dorchester street, Montreal.

OPEN HOUSE-----NEW YEAR'S DAY CENTRAL Y.M.C.A.

Full program of activities, 2 to 10 p.m. You are welcome. HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

ALASKA ALSO GOES DRY.

Juneau, Alaska, Dec. 31.—Alaska will go on the list of "bone dry" states and Washington are now dry.

TEA AND COFFEE FOR CONNOISSEURS

A great number of those who pride themselves on their experience in the selection of tea and coffee have made Michie's their choice for years.

MICHIE & CO. Limited

Established 1835 7 King St. West

The WALKOVER

Mark Down Sale OF WINTER SHOES

Commences Tomorrow

A Walk-Over Mark-Down Sale is known to mean worthwhile reductions, abundant assortments, shoes of world-famous value, and a competent force of salesmen and saleswomen to give accurate and careful fitting, uncommon at sales.

Commencing tomorrow, we will repeat in our Winter Boots the same wonderful program of price reductions that we gave in our Summer Sale of Low Shoes last August.

We have planned to meet a big response to this announcement. Come in the mornings if possible.

1200 Pairs of Women's Boots, Formerly Sold at \$5.50, \$6 and \$7.

\$3.95

800 Pairs of Women's Boots, Formerly Sold at \$8 to \$12

\$5.95

400 Pairs of Men's Boots, Formerly Sold up to \$10

\$4.45

SEE OUR WINDOWS

WALKOVER BOOT SHOP

290 YONGE STREET

the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire at Governor's House.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tait are the guests of Lady Tait, West Dorchester street, Montreal.

Mrs. K. J. Smith has been returned from England, who has been for some time with her husband, Major Kingmill, who is serving overseas, and spent Christmas with her mother, Mrs. R. W. Puddecombe.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Grapewin are at the King Edward.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon R. Joyce are spending the holidays with Mrs. Joyce's mother, Mrs. William Craig, Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Josephine Hodgson, Baltimore, are in New York.

Mr. Lillian Cribben, Calgary, will receive with her mother, Mrs. A. T. Cribben, at 615 Church street, this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Runciman returned from their wedding trip on Saturday night and will be in the city on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Dorothy Muller, formerly at St. John's College, who has been visiting in Toronto, is returning to her home in New York today.

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Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Cresswell spent the week-end in Ottawa and were the guests at luncheon of their Excellencies

Poor Pal He's More Worried Than Happy



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Happy New Year! L. STERRETT.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

Help Wanted. WANTED—Firm for night services... Articles Wanted. G. H. MARSHALL & Co. pay highest cash prices for contents of houses...

Articles for Sale. BILLIARD AND POOL tables—new and slightly used... Building Material. LIME—Lump and hydrated for plasterers...

Rooms and Board. COMFORTABLE, Private Hotel, Ingleside... Lost. LOST Monday evening, on Church street...

Osteopathy. ELECTRICAL AND OSTEOPATHIC Treatments by trained nurse... Personal. SCALP AND MANICURE specialty...

Patents and Legal. FETHERSTONHAUGH & CO., head office, Royal Bank Building... Printing. PRICE TICKETS fifty cents per hundred...

Dancing. APPLICATION, INDIVIDUAL or class instruction... Dentistry. Dr. Knight, Extodontia Specialist...

Electrical Fixtures. SPECIAL prices on electrical fixtures... Herbalists. ALVER'S HERB CAPSULES, nerve tonic...

Horses and Carriages. AT COLLEGE CARTAGE COMPANY are twenty big bucky-bred mares...

House Moving. HOUSE MOVING and Raising done... Loans. MONEY TO LOAN—First, second mortgage...

Legal Cards. IRWIN, HALES & IRWIN, Barristers, Solicitors... Live Birds. HOPE'S—Canada's Leader and Greatest Bird Store...

Marriage Licenses. PROCTOR'S wedding rings and licenses... Midwifery. BEST NURSING during confinement...

Motor Cars and Accessories. BREAKEY SELLS THEM—Reliable used cars and trucks... QUEBEC WILL CLASH WITH GOVERNMENT

Province Will Dispute Recent Order-in-Council Passed by Dominion. Quebec, Dec. 31.—That Quebec will clash with the federal government...

Medical. DR. ELLIOTT, Specialist—Private Clinician... Motor Cars and Accessories. BREAKEY SELLS THEM—Reliable used cars and trucks...

Properties for Sale.

80 Feet on Yonge Street. BY A DEPTH of 300 feet, short distance north of Thornhill, price \$800...

Florida Farms for Sale. FLORIDA FARMS and Investments, W. R. Bird, Temple Building, Toronto.

Farms Wanted. FARMS WANTED—If you wish to sell your farm or exchange it for city property...

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PATRIOTIC FUND ASKS PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS

Governor-General Announces Decision Not to Solicit Government Aid. Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The governor-general as president of the Canadian Patriotic Fund makes the following New Year's appeal...

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK. Chicago, Dec. 31.—Cattle—Receipts, 11,066...

EAST BUFFALO LIVE STOCK. East Buffalo, Dec. 31.—Cattle—Receipts, 2500...

HIDES AND WOOL. Prices delivered, Toronto John Hallam: City hides—City butcher hides, green...

MARKET CONGESTED WITH STALE EGG STOCK. Butter Market Controversy Unchanged—Demand Reported for Oats...

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REFUSES SOCIALISTS PASSPORTS TO RUSSIA

Premier Clemenceau Fears Harmful Effect of Any Extension of Red Party. Paris, Dec. 31.—Premier Clemenceau today refused the request of a delegation of socialist members of the chamber of deputies for passports to Petrograd for socialist delegates...

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SOCIALISTS SPORTS TO RUSSIA... Premier Clemenceau... the request of a delegation...

MINING STOCKS REMAIN STEADY... McIntyre and Wasipka Are Strong Spots—Ophir Has Reactionary Turn...

VETO KIRKLAND DEAL... Forecasts that the projected Kirkland Lake deal would be rejected by the vote of the mining shareholders...

THE DOMINION BANK NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held at the Head Office of the Bank, in Toronto, on Wednesday, 30th January, 1918, at twelve o'clock noon.

INDUSTRIALS LEAD UPTURN IN STOCKS... U. S. Steel is Feature, With Gain of Almost Three Points.

MINING STATISTICS TABULAR SUMMARY... containing reliable information as to Capital Stock, Shares Issued, Acreage, Dividends, Sales, Price Range, &c., of all Mining Companies...

ACK... ers in... es and Hogs... Satisfaction guaranteed.

C.P.R. AND STEEL SHOW BUOYANCY... Small Gains Are Made in Dull Market—No Dealings in War Bonds.

PEACE TALK CAUSES STRENGTH IN COTTON... J. P. Bickell & Co. received the following closing cotton letter: "Owing to the extreme severity of the weather...

Record of Yesterday's Markets

Table with columns: TORONTO STOCKS, STANDARD STOCK EXCHANGE, UNLISTED STOCKS, NEW YORK CURE, MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE, STOCKS EX-DIVIDEND, NEW YORK CURE, PRICE OF SILVER.

BANK CLEARINGS

The bank clearings began to fall off the latter part of the year, the earlier gains were so large that the year total for Toronto banks is over \$28,000,000 ahead of 1917 and, of course, a record on record by far.

ISBELL, PLANT & CO. BROKERS

Standard Bank Building, Toronto... Members Standard Stock Exchange. Telephone Main 272-273.

HAMILTON B. WILLS

Member Standard Stock Exchange... Special in Cobalt and Porcupine STOCKS. Private Wire to New York Curb.

OCK TO... HIGLIN CO. TORONTO, ONT. Satisfaction guaranteed.

CONIAGAS MEETING... St. Catharines, Ont., Dec. 31.—At the annual meeting of the Coniagas Mines, Limited, held here today...

HOME BANK MAKES SPLENDID PROGRESS... Deposits Show Substantial Gain in Six Months of Fiscal Year.

STANDARD SALES... Gold—Open High Low Cl Sales. 4,000.00. 4,000.00. 4,000.00.

DECREASE IN CUSTOMS SHOWN IN DECEMBER... Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Customs receipts for the month of December show a decrease of \$18,458,206, or 11.8 per cent.

LOUIS J. WEST & CO.

Members Standard Stock Exchange... MINING SECURITIES. CONFEDERATION LIFE BLDG. TORONTO.

TRADE TOPICS

The business year opens with only one outlook to overseas general trade conditions. All wholesale houses are confronted with scarcity of staples...

SEY... OFFICE... ALK RETURNS... Satisfaction Guaranteed.

PETERSON LAKE MILL... At a meeting of directors of the Peterson Lake Mill, Ltd., held here today...

U. S. BUSINESS OUTLOOK... Increased Concentration Upon War Winning to Have Marked Effect.

NEW YORK CURE... Kemerer, Matthews & Co. report the following closing prices on the New York Curb.

STEEL STOCKS FIRMER IN MONTREAL MARKET... Montreal, Dec. 31.—The tone of the local stock market yesterday was strong...

BOARD OF TRADE

Including 2 1/2 Cents... No. 1 northern, \$2.25. No. 2 northern, \$2.17 1/2. No. 3 wheat, \$2.00.

HALLIGAN... Office Phone: Junction 1479... Satisfaction Guaranteed.

PRODUCTS OF CANADA... The value of production in Canada during the year ended yesterday from the crops, forests, mines and fisheries...

PROFITS IN INSURANCE... Canadian life insurance companies closed yesterday one of the best years in their history.

PRICE OF SILVER... London, Dec. 31.—Bar silver closed at 43 1/2 per ounce.

BROMPTON COMPANY HAS GOOD EARNINGS... The first annual report of the Brompton Pulp & Paper Company for the twelve months ending October 31 last shows earnings of \$1,073,562 after deducting all expenses...

TONE IS CHERFUL IN LONDON MARKET

London, Dec. 31.—Money was plentiful supply today thru the maturing of treasury bills. Fresh efforts are being made to convert the huge floating debt by the announcement that treasury bills maturing in six months will be accepted at four per cent.

SON... LIVE STOCK COMMISSION DEALERS... Satisfaction Guaranteed.

Ontario's Gold and Silver Output... The following table summarizes the records of Ontario's gold and silver camps: 1917. Total to date.

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KINGSTON HAS SURPLUS... Special to The Toronto World. Kingston, Dec. 31.—Kingston passed thru the year with a surplus of \$2,074,300.

TWIN CITY EARNINGS

Twin City gross earnings for the month of November are \$307,483, compared with \$254,596 in October.

Simpson's Mid-Winter Sale Starts Tomorrow

Mid-Winter Sale Silk Waists at \$1.95

No Phone or Mail Orders.
About 200 very pretty blouses of various styles and many designs, in such materials as crepe de chine, various wash silks and lace. A good choice of light and dark colorings and black combine to make this a real good assortment, and the further fact that every one is in smart up-to-the-minute styles, makes them very desirable. Sizes 34 to 44 in the lot. Regular \$2.95 and \$3.95. Wednesday sale price, each \$1.95.

Clearing Men's Underwear Wednesday at Half Price

No Phone or Mail Orders.
500 Shirts and Drawers in the lot, with former prices ranging from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per garment.

They consist of broken lines from our regular stock of Winter Underwear, superior English and Canadian makes—True Knit, Watson's and Bodyguard wool cashmere, in ribbed and plain. Sizes from 34 to 44. On sale Wednesday as follows:
\$1.00 Garments at 50c; \$2.00 Garments at \$1.00
\$1.50 Garments at 75c; \$2.50 Garments at \$1.25
\$3.00 Garments at \$1.50.

The Newest Arrow Shirts at \$2.00

So crowded are they with orders that this celebrated shirt is exceedingly hard to procure. Doubly hard is it to obtain last minute midwinter designs at the popular price of two dollars. Therefore, this new shipment of shirts at two dollars should receive your prompt attention. All sleeve lengths. Laundered or soft French cuffs. Sizes 14 to 17.

Men's Stock Boots Reduced

Several lines of "Victor" and other well known makes of Men's Boots will be offered Wednesday at the reduced price of \$5.50. These are smart recede and round toe, Blucher and straight lace styles, in Havana brown, mahogany, gunmetal and patent colt leathers. Heavy and medium weight rubber fibre and oak tanned Goodyear welt soles. Regular \$6.00, \$7.00 and \$8.50 boots. Clearance of broken lines is responsible for the low price on Wednesday, per pair, \$5.50.

Broken Lines of Women's Boots

Will Be Cleared on the First Day of the Sale

Both the Men's and Women's Boots in this sale are regular stock goods—they will not be on bargain tables, but will be sold right off the shelves, and every pair will be carefully fitted. All widths and all sizes are included, but not in each line. In the women's boots there are more than 40 lines to be cleared—anywhere from 5 or 6 to 20 or more pairs of a line. We mention a few of the lines to indicate what this sale means to you. The reductions throughout are in the same proportion.

Queen Quality Boots

- 050C—Women's patent colt; white stitching, black cloth top, Spanish heel. Regular \$5.00. Wednesday, \$4.00.
- 056C—Women's patent button, welt sole, Cuban heel, black cloth top. Regular \$5.00. Wednesday, \$4.00.
- 056C—Women's patent lace, patent heel foxing, high Cuban heel. Regular \$5.00. Wednesday, \$4.00.
- 042C—042C—Women's patent colt button and lace, kid and black cloth top. Regular \$5.00. Wednesday, \$4.80.
- 308-2—Brown kid lace, 8 1/2-inch kid top, Goodyear welt sole, Louis heel. Regular \$12.00. Wednesday, \$9.60.
- 217—Gunmetal oak, grey buck top, English last, imitation perforated tip, low heel. Regular \$9.00. Wednesday, \$7.30.
- 115—Black lustre kid, grey kid top, flexible sole, low heel. Regular \$9.00. Wednesday, \$7.30.
- 125—Black kid lace boot, leather Louis heel, blind eyelets. Regular \$8.00. Wednesday, \$6.40.
- 138—Black kid button. 139—Black kid lace. 139X—Black kid lace. Black kid button, plain toe, turn sole, Cuban heel. Regular \$7.00. Wednesday, \$6.00.

Laird & Schober Boots

- 304-5—Brown kid button, brown oose top, Goodyear welt sole, wood covered heel. Regular \$15.00. Wednesday, \$12.00.
- 225—Gunmetal lace, cloth top, Cuban heel. Regular \$7.00. Wednesday, \$5.60.
- 232 1/2—Gunmetal button, cloth top, Cuban heel. Regular \$7.50. Wednesday, \$6.00.
- 236 1/2—Gunmetal button, cloth top, Cuban heel. Regular \$7.50. Wednesday, \$6.00.
- 126C—Gunmetal button, cloth top, Cuban heel. Regular \$8.00. Wednesday, \$6.40.
- 083 1/2—Patent colt button, plain toe, black cloth top. Regular \$7.50. Wednesday, \$6.00.
- 084 1/2—Patent colt button, patent facing and quarter, black cloth top. Regular \$7.50. Wednesday, \$6.00.

Countess Boots

- 141C—Black kid lace, plain toe, Louis leather heel, vanity plate, grey cloth top, black leather collar. Regular \$6.00. Wednesday, \$4.80.
- 383C—Brown kid lace, plain toe, Louis heel, vanity plate, brown cloth top, with kid collar. Regular \$7.00. Wednesday, \$5.60.
- 133W—Black lustre kid, white kid 8-in. top. Regular \$7.00. Wednesday, \$5.60.
- 137X—All black kid lace, English walking boot, low heel, blind eyelets. Regular \$7.00. Wednesday, \$5.60.
- 131C—Black kid lace, grey suede top, 3-inch, Louis heel, plain toe. Regular \$7.00. Wednesday, \$5.60.

Fur Clearance

Liberal Reductions in
Effect on Wednesday

Every Piece of Fur
and Every Fur Garment
Will Be Reduced
in the Mid-Winter Sale

This sale means that every fur in our department has been reduced for clearance during this sale. When you remember that we sell only reliable quality furs, and that our prices are always reasonably low, you will understand the importance of this event.

TAUPE FOX STOLE. Regular \$90.00. Wednesday, \$70.00.

TAUPE FOX SCARFS. Regular \$75.00. Wednesday, \$60.00.

TAUPE FOX MUFFS, new round shape. Regular \$90.00. Wednesday, \$70.00.

TAUPE FOX MUFFS. Regular \$85.00. Wednesday, \$69.00.

TAUPE FOX MUFFS. Regular \$65.00. Wednesday, \$50.00.

LUCILLE FOX SCARF. Regular \$65.00. Wednesday, \$50.00.

LUCILLE FOX MUFFS. Regular \$75.00. Wednesday, \$60.00.

GEORGETTE FOX MUFFS, new round shape. Regular \$75.00. Wednesday, \$50.00.

GEORGETTE FOX SCARFS. Regular \$75.00. Wednesday, \$50.00.

PURE WHITE ARCTIC FOX STOLE AND SCARFS, from the very best skins. Regular \$67.50. Wednesday, \$50.00.

PURE WHITE ARCTIC FOX MUFFS, large round shape, with head and brush. Regular \$67.50. Wednesday, \$50.00.

HANDSOME CROSS-FOX SCARFS, lined or with fur on both sides. Regular \$65.00 and \$75.00. Wednesday, \$50.00.

Hudson Seal Coats

Reduced \$40

2 PLAIN HUDSON SEAL COATS, 45 inches long; full sacque style, with deep cape collar; beautifully lined with French silk brocade. Our regular price was \$225.00. Wednesday, \$185.00.

1 HUDSON SEAL COAT, 45 inches long, with deep cape collar, cuffs, and 5-inch band at hem of the finest natural Alaska sable; rich French brocade lining. Regular price, \$285.00. Wednesday, \$245.00.

Boys' Norfolk Suits Of Imported Tweed \$8.50

We are featuring a splendid assortment of Boys' Fancy Norfolk Suits at \$8.50. They are tailored from imported English tweeds in seasonable shades of grey and brown, showing neat pick and over-check patterns.

Coats are single-breasted, with form retaining fronts and shoulders, peak lapels and 3-piece belts. Lined with rich twill serge lining.

Full-fashioned bloomers are lined and have belt loops and expanding knee bands. For boys 7 to 16 years, \$8.50.



Thriving On Thrift

"I SUPPOSE you people wouldn't think much of a Thrift campaign!" some one said to us lately.

"WHY not?" we answered. "Isn't it in the public interest, and isn't our interest bound up in that?"

THE casual observer on the outside who saw Christmas crowds thronging the store and Holiday parcels pouring out of our Mail Order Department by thousands throws up his hands and exclaims, "What spend thrifts!"

BUT let him observe more closely; stand by the parcelling desks and note the kind of merchandise the people are buying this year—are they good investments at the price? They are, excellent. Or take our catalogue and mark the popular numbers—can you match these values on useful articles anywhere in Canada?

OUR customers have taken advantage of these good investments on the merchandise they need, or will need for months ahead; but these are not spendthrift ways—these are the ways of thrifty customers—Simpson Customers.

THE year 1917 has been a thriving year for The Robert Simpson Co. and for its customers. Neither they nor we can thrive on extravagance. Their thrift has been our strength. We are planning this year's campaign for bigger business than ever before on the knowledge that

Simpson Customers Are Thrifty Customers



The Mid-Winter Sale of Whitewear

A Simpson clearance at any time is important to those who take advantage of its offerings. But of all the year none is so important as these Final Clearances Before Inventory.

Tomorrow starts our big Mid-winter Sale of Whitewear, with thousands of fluffy white undergarments specially bought for this event, and we have collected many wonderful values.

600 WOMEN'S NIGHTGOWNS AT 95c—Of splendid quality nainsook in various trimming effects with laces and embroideries; round, square or V necks. Sizes 36, 38 and 40. Regular \$1.50 and \$1.75. Wednesday, 95c.

1,000 WOMEN'S CORSET COVERS AT 85c—Made of lovely fine nainsook with round neck and yokes of dainty Swiss embroidery and lace insertion. Neck and arms are lace-trimmed; bottoms have fitted peplum. Sizes 34 to 42. Regular 65c and 75c, for 85c.

1,200 WOMEN'S STRIPED FLANNELETTE PETTICOATS AT 49c—In good fitting gored styles, with neat waist band and draw tape. The bottoms have flounce of self finished with deep hem. Sizes 34 to 36. Regular \$1.96. Mid-winter sale, Wednesday, 49c.

WOMEN'S JAP SILK CAMISOLES 75c—Of extra fine quality;

trimmed front and back with handsome deep yokes of effective lace. Lace shoulder straps and elastic gathered waist. Colors pink or white. Sizes 34 to 42. Regular \$1.25. Mid-winter sale, 79c.

600 PAIRS OF THE FAMOUS "GODDESS" CORSETS—They are front laced, made of extraordinary good quality white coutil. Medium low bust and long free fitting hips. Sizes 19 to 20. Regular \$3.00, for \$1.19.

MID-WINTER SALE OF KNITTED UNDERWEAR AT HALF PRICE—Upwards of 2,000 pieces of Women's and Children's Vests, Drawers and Combinations. All the mill's odd lines to clear Wednesday at half their regular prices.

VESTS AND DRAWERS—Made of fine combed cotton, wool and

cotton, and all wool. Low neck, no and short sleeves, or V or high neck and long sleeves; drawers are ankle length, both styles. Sizes 34 to 42. Regular \$1.25 to \$5.00. Mid-winter sale, 68c to \$2.50.

WOMEN'S COMBINATIONS 88c TO \$2.00—Perfect fitting garments in fine elastic ribbed cotton, wool and cotton and all wool, and silk and wool. Low neck, no or short sleeves, or V shaped neck and long sleeves, neatly trimmed with shell or beaded trimmings; the drawers are ankle length. Sizes 34 to 44. Regular \$1.75 to \$6.00. Mid-winter sale, Wednesday, 88c to \$3.00.

CHILDREN'S PRINCESS SLIPS—Of velvety soft flannel-ette, deep frill or goods on skirt with mercerized silk stitched edges. All white or dainty striped designs. Sizes 2 to 12 years. Regular price, 65c. 500 to sell Wednesday at 35c.

CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR—including infants' bands and shirts, children's vests and drawers and combinations, made of cotton, wool and cotton, and all wool. All styles of garments in the lot, but not in any one size. Colors white or cream. Sizes 6 months to 12 years. Regular 50c to \$2.50. Wednesday at half price, 25c to \$1.25.

GIRLS' \$1.50 NIGHTGOWNS 85c—Made of fine white nainsook slip over, square neck, short sleeve style. Yoke ornamented with insertion of fine lace and pretty embroidery medallion. Fine lace edges on neck and sleeves. Silk draw ribbon at neck. Sizes 4 to 16 years. Wednesday, 85c.

INFANTS' 75c NIGHTGOWNS 48c—Fine quality soft white flannel-ette. Neck and sleeves have dainty shell stitched edges. Draw tape run through casing in skirt can be pulled to close opening making a cosy sleeping bag. Wednesday, 48c.

Out-of-Town People

are invited to use
this store's Rest-
room, Post Office,
Telephones, Free
Parcel Check Room,
Restaurant.

\$16.50 Dinner Set \$12.95

We have a limited number of these excellent Dinner sets to sell at \$12.95.

They are of good quality thin English ware, with pretty new rosebud and black border decoration; 97-piece sets. On sale Wednesday at \$12.95.

Wedgwood Set \$14.95

Handsome, rich, wide border design, with gold line handles and edges; choice of ovide or kermis shaped cups.

This is a thoroughly good set, made of the finest thin Wedgwood & Co. ware. The value, too, is most noteworthy, 97-piece set for \$14.95.

Table Cloths \$1.48

No Phone or Mail Orders.

These Damask Cloths of good serviceable quality are slightly soiled, hence we offer them at this much reduced sale price on Wednesday.

A few "seconds" also included. Sizes 2 x 2 1/2 yards. Reg. \$2.50 and \$3.00. Wednesday, each, \$1.48.

We Pay Freight

on all purchases
of \$10.00 or more.
We pay transportation
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