

Allies Win Important Successes in Belgium

Are Gradually Closing in on Nieuport-Heavy Cannonading all Along the Western Front-Bad Weather Interferes With Naval Activity-Grandson of Garibaldi Killed-German Forces to Occupy Trent-

ALLIES' BOMBS DISTURBED KAISER'S CHRISTMAS DINNER.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Daily Express Amsterdam correspondent says that travellers from Berlin say it is reported there that an airman dropped bombs on the Kaiser's headquarters while the Emperor was eating his Christmas dinner. The noise of the bombs and the firing of the German anti-aircraft guns caused a panic according to the reports, and the Kaiser hurried the conclusion of proceedings. One bomb exploded within 200 yards of the dining hall. The Kaiser, the report adds, has ordered a special search to be made for spies, believing that the allies' knowledge of his whereabouts was due to this means.

TURKEY TO GET SPOILS

SOFIA, Dec. 30.—Allied officials are proud here of the peace between Germany and Turkey which was signed in the middle of November. Under the agreement Germany agrees to supply the necessary war material and money throughout the war, in addition to officers, expert artillerymen and engineers. In the German view that country agreed to supply the necessary war material and money throughout the war, in addition to officers, expert artillerymen and engineers. In case of defeat Germany pledged herself to defend the territorial integrity of Turkey. In consideration of these promises Turkey on her part agreed to declare war on England and Russia and to proclaim a holy war. She also promised to follow Germany's plans and not to conclude a separate peace with any of the enemies of Germany.

PRINCE HENRY HEAD OF BATTLESHIP FLEET.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—A Berlin despatch received by the Exchange Telegraph Company, by way of The Hague says that the German Emperor Prince Henry of Prussia to his headquarters to confer with him and Admiral von Tirpitz Minister of Marine, on the British raid on Cuxhaven. The conference lasted several hours, the Prince returning to Kiel by special train. It is believed in Germany, the despatch adds, that Prince Henry is to be given supreme command of the battleship fleet.

ALLIES HAVE UPPER HAND EVERYWHERE

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The official announcement issued by the French War Office says: "In Belgium some more territory in the region of Nieuport opposite Polders has been gained. The enemy subjected St. Georges to violent bombardment; this position is being put in a state of defence. From the Lys to the Oise there is nothing to report. In the valley of the Aisne and in Champagne the enemy has manifested another burst of activity which has taken the form particularly of a violent artillery fire to which the Allies' heavy artillery has replied effectively. Between the Argonne and the Moselle there has been cannonading along all the front and particularly severe along the heights of the Meuse. In upper Alsace French heavy artillery reduced to silence the German howitzers which were bombarding upper Aspach.

BERLIN'S COMMENT ON ALLIES' TACTICS.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Reports reaching here from the western front show the British are much concerned over the flooding of the Yser district as a result of which they are trapped at several points and have suffered heavy losses.

HEAVY GALES IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The heaviest gale of the winter raged over the coast here last night after a day of drenching rain. All offensive operations were stopped and the warships, destroyers, submarines and monitors ceased tactics long before sundown.

GERMAN ARMY CORPS FOR ITALIAN FRONTIER.

ROME, Dec. 30.—A German army corps is to be sent to Trent in southern Trentino, facing the Italian frontier and proclamations have been issued bidding the inhabitants prepare to welcome the Germans.

ITALIAN VOLUNTEERS CAPTURE GERMAN TRENCHES.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—It is learned here that Lieut. Bruno Garibaldi, grandson of the Italian hero, was killed while leading a brilliant charge of the Italian volunteers on the Argonne region which resulted in the capture of two German trenches.

TURKS MASSACRE THOUSANDS.

PETROG, Dec. 30.—The Russians have captured several hundred Turkish trenches where Turkish trenches were carried by bayonet charges in which the Turks lost heavily. Russian cavalry divisions are now operating in the direction of Khorasani. The Turkish defensive is strongly maintained and many encounters at close quarters have occurred in which Russian bayonets have been used to great advantage. The Turks are declared to be committing outrages against the native population of the villages in the territory through which they have moved, to have massacred thousands of men and women and outraged all young girls.

GERMAN LOSSES ARE APPALLING.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The main feature of the past two weeks' fighting in Poland, according to a despatch to The Post, has been the appalling losses sustained by Germany. "For a fortnight," says the despatch, "there has been no rest, no intermission, but one hideous nightmare of wholesale slaughter which has terribly strained the nerve of the most hardened troops. The German wave poured upon the rock of Russian defence in a ceaseless sequence of attacks. The rock still stands, although an eighth of the total German force has perished. "The condition of the Austrians is still more hopeless, and their retirement from the passes is acquiring more and more the character of a hasty and disordered rout."

GERMANS ADMIT FRENCH SUCCESS.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Among the items given out for publication to-day by the German Official Press Bureau were the following: "News of importance is likely to come from the Vosges district at any time, since the French have assembled strong forces all along the line of Belfort-Epinal-Toul-Nancy. They still hold all the Vosges passes and appear to be developing new activity along an extended line against Sundgau."

MORE MISFITS SENT BACK FROM SALISBURY.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—A third batch of 39 undesirable attached to the Canadian contingent at Salisbury were shipped to Canada during the week-end, on board the Hesperian.

ELECTION NOTES

Mr. Charles Whelan who now seeks a position on the Aldermanic board for Belleville for the year 1915, will be sure to poll a heavy vote. Mr. Whelan has an extensive acquaintance among the electors all over the city, owing to his connection with the well known real estate firm of Whelan & Yeomans. During the past year he was elected to the responsible position of Chairman of the Separate School Board and his administrative ability, his general evidence of excellent administrative ability, his long business experience and his thorough knowledge of real estate values would make him a valuable addition to the forces in the council. A rumor has arisen that he would be disqualified, owing to the fact that he had held a position on the School Board, in reference to this we would state that he has resigned that position. His resignation has been duly accepted, and on the advice of two lawyers of standing he is informed that there is nothing in that connection to deter him from accepting and holding the position of Alderman. His card will be found in another column.

Ex-Ald. Robinson who is a candidate again this year for the mayoralty, sees his slim chance for this position upon positive accomplishments for the benefit of the citizens generally when he served in the council. Some of the measures he was successful in bringing into effect, and some further reforms he would like to see instituted are set forth very clearly in a communication in another column.

Mr. Robinson is one of the keenest students of municipal affairs in the city of Belleville. He is not only a visionary, but an intensely practical man of affairs. He does not believe in reform merely for the sake of reform, but will advocate no change until he feels certain that the change would be for the public benefit. He is a man of courage and has never hesitated to take and hold what he considered to be the right position, regardless of what clamor might be raised in his regard. He has always been clear in the expression of using his Aldermanic position to further the interests of the city.

Ald. Wm. H. Panter, who is now seeking promotion to the position of Mayor, needs no introduction to the electors of this city. His period of service has been the longest of any man at present sitting at the Aldermanic board. During that time he has taken the deepest interest in the city and the affairs of the council and no one could ever accuse him of having been a "prospect" in his position and influence. Mr. Panter was one of the prime movers in bringing about the laying of the new Front Street pavement, and has to his credit much useful service in the council. He is a clear and vigorous speaker and never exceeds the bounds of fair debate. He will unquestionably poll a heavy vote next Monday.

CHRIST CHURCH CHRISTMAS TREE

The Parish Hall of Christ Church, was filled to the doors last night when the children of St. Georges and Christ church, met with many of their parents at the annual Christmas treat. A large tree, beautifully decorated, stood in the corner, upon and around which gifts from Santa Claus for all the children, lay in profusion. Mr. W. E. Griffith acted as chairman and the following excellent program was rendered:

- Chorus—Caterpillar.
Recitation—Helen Turner.
Song—Florence Brown.
Chorus—Miss Jennie Bishop's class.
Flag Drill, by twelve girls.
Recitation—Clara Simpson.
Recitation, by Buster Labor.
Recitation by Albert Adams.
Drill—Aunt Prudence.
Song—Jingle Bells.
Recitation—Florence Rowbottom.
The Ode to Christmas.
Recitation—Goldie VanAllen.
Recitation—Angie Curry.
Recitation—Lila Morton.
Chorus—The Conceited Frog.
Drill—Her we come.
Recitation—Gertrude Sager.
Recitation—Kenneth Clarke.
Recitation—Louisa Thompson.
Chorus—Moon Lullaby.
Song, by Mabel Clarke.
Recitation, by Mabel Rose.
Recitation by Mabel Clarke.
Recitation by Freddie Clark.
Bell Drill by twelve girls.
Dialogue by 4 girls.
A large photograph of the late Archbishop Lewis was shown, which has been presented to the church by Mr. Wm. Fleming. An address was given by the rector, and the following assisted in the work of Santa Claus—Mr. Griffith, Mr. Fleming, Harold Pattison, Mr. Diamond and Mr. Collins.

Mr. W. H. Vallance, the genial proprietor of the Quinze Laundry, Commercial street, is now recovering from an attack of rheumatism, which has confined him to his residence for two weeks past.

ELECTION FIELD NOW KNOWN

Two Candidates For Mayor—Thirteen Candidates For Aldermen—Two Trustees Contests

FOR MAYOR: ALD. WM. H. PANTER, ALBERT ROBINSON.

FOR ALDERMEN: Peter F. Doyle, Druggist; James Dinkworth, (Ald.) Manufacturer; Harry C. Earle, Merchant; Allan C. McFee, (Ald.) Collector of Inland Revenue; J. O. McCurdy, Jeweller; B. O. Platt, (Ald.) Physician; J. O. St. Charles, (Ald.) Janitor; W. S. Smith, (Ald.) Merchant; S. H. Trevelton, Gentleman; C. F. Walbridge, (Ald.) Merchant; Chas. Whelan, Real Estate Agent; B. P. White, Contractor; W. A. Woodley, (Ald.) Baker.

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE: BLEEKER WARD: Geo. Madden; John Muir.

MURNEY WARD: P. Harrison; Geo. F. Woodley.

The expected has happened and the mayoralty contest has simmered down to two men, Alderman William H. Panter and ex-Alderman Albert Robinson.

Late yesterday afternoon Ald. Dr. Platt withdrew his name from the mayoralty slate and qualified to run as an Alderman. Ald. Allan C. McFee continued his campaign for Mayor and had the clerk all out a term leaving blank the name of office. In this manner he kept the assembled Aldermanic candidates on the keen edge of excitement and then declared himself as a candidate for Alderman.

Mr. Harry C. Earle, merchant of Belleville, was the last candidate to qualify for the Aldermanic board. He has been a member of the council for some time and was compelled to resign at Queen's and was compelled to pass a very rigid examination. He will be connected with Queen's University Engineer Corps.

SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTED

By Acclamation at Noon Today. Nominations for Separate School Trustees, took place at St. Michael's Academy, between 12 and 1 o'clock today. Rev. Father Killen presiding. The following were all elected by acclamation: Bleeker Ward—W. A. Dolan, H. M. Galt, Baldwin Ward—T. J. Hurley, Ketcheson Ward—D. J. Corrigan, Samson Ward—B. J. Black, Hester Ward—H. J. Butler, L. E. Hughes, Murney Ward—F. Dolan, Coleman Ward—Joe. Fotts. Miss Mabel Bateman of Toronto, is visiting on College Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Thos McGinnis, of Montreal, are in town.

CARD FROM THE BATTLEFRONT

What is believed to have been the first British army postcard received in Belleville from the battle-line was shown "The Ontario" this morning. It was from 5805 Lt. Col. D. M. Curtis, A. O. Corps in care of 78 Field Post Office, British Expeditionary Force, and was addressed to Miss E. Curtis formerly of Kempsville, but now residing in Belleville at New Queens Hotel. The postcard bears no post office stamp other than the words "Army Post Office, X. Dec. 14, 1914." The reverse side of the card is in the formal printed style. The instructions read "Nothing is to be written on this except the date and signature of the sender. Sentences not required may be erased. If anything else is added the postcard will be destroyed." Mr. Curtis wrote on 5/12/14. He erased all but the sentences "I am quite well" and "Letter follows at first opportunity." The erased sentences which Mr. Curtis did not need were: "I have been admitted into hospital sick, wounded, and am going on well and hope to be discharged soon. I am being sent down to the base. I have received your letter, to telegram, parcel, I have received no letter from you lately, for a long time." A brother of Mr. Curtis lives in this city at the Queens Hotel. Mr. Ned Farrow, of Oshawa, is in the city. Mr. Charles Panter, of Toronto, is in the city. Mrs. Ross Waring, of Madeo, is visiting in the city.

TRENTON'S MAYOR BY ACCLAMATION

Trenton, Dec. 30.—Mr. O. A. Fortune has, owing to the withdrawal of the other candidates, been declared elected by acclamation. His return will be very popular with the citizens here. There will be an election for the council, those who have qualified are—W. H. Ireland, Harry Curry, E. T. Marab, P. O'Rourke, Fred Abbott, G. Whitley, Wilfrid Powers, L. Parks, H. B. Loomis and G. Waldorf.

LAST GATHERING OF 1914 COUNCIL

An adjourned meeting of the city council will be held this evening to close up the business of the year and deal with a petition regarding the publication of the assessment.

TYENDINACA WILL HAVE NO ELECTION

Owing to the withdrawal last night of Mr. Frank Casey who was nominated for the deputy-reception, and of Mr. S. Coffey, councillor, the township council of Tyendinaca was returned by acclamation. The council for 1915 will be as follows—Reeve—Peter MacIntosh, Deputy Reeve—J. B. Walsh; Councillors, Chas. Osborne, J. G. Campbell, Orwell E. Ashley.

ACCOMMODATION FOR THIRD CONTINGENT

Sergt-Major Taylor and Mr. Hopkins, draughtsman from the local military engineering office, left Kingston on Monday for Lindsay, Peterboro, Port Hope, Cobourg and Belleville to arrange for the accommodation of the men for the third contingent. Alexander Poole is the latest Deserontonas to volunteer for active service. He will see an obstetrician and have a medical examination at Queen's and was compelled to pass a very rigid examination. He will be connected with Queen's University Engineer Corps.

CITY MISSION CHRISTMAS TREE

The thirty-third annual Christmas tree of the Dundas Street Mission was held last evening and was a most successful affair. Mr. Charles S. Clapp, superintendent, presided and carried through an extensive program of songs, instrumental numbers, and recitations which, was given by the children. Generous gifts were made to all the children. The public loyalty supported the workers in their endeavors to give the children a good time.



and calling. At the table Mrs. Norton's lined, his gaze. To her he answered, and her voice than its own. "I ain't of that word for a good. But when I do—say, myself sitting on one some thirty years ago, little mustn't dream as Miss Janis, and the cheeks is—well, it's the in likes. And my hair—ing of him, of Norton, he wants to make me and I've about decided I see him coming up coming to call on me. I've not a figure, a key. That's about what to me." "I ask Miss Norton dearie," answered the family. "Youth," she said about the table as stirring, no doubt, the on the steps of that. Not without a hu pity did they glance ward the woman whom aged to make happy, of comparative interest to break the silence. "I've remarked acd define romance as a dous writing originally e romance dialects and rose. But the diction- it has no soul. Shall romance means to met a man tolling in a dim ere there are strange ge odors. Night and ments, the love of his es, a desire to help in then—the golden mo- ment in that quiet, e moment of the dis- rum, a formula—what it to the world and a e are well again and a rowl are glad. Rob- urther youth nor pow- ens—service." "I'm old eyes on his Magee gazed at him nder. Odd sentiments old man who robbed up permits and engag- conferences by the an- than ever Magee was led, amused. Now Mr. out the table and con- satory bit. "It," he remarked, "the same word means folks. Say romance to see no dim laboratory. thing dim. I see the in the world and the u somebody, maybe, best treat done to be- le. And an orchestra distance—classy danc- si clicking at the door- ick. till the milk carts ay." Say, that sure is "I," remarked Magee, or from you." "I ated and looked for a the black eyes of Myra is often been contradict- keeping his gaze on the e again. But to re- nance in the world is of money making—dol- ollar in the vaults of the uted with a shoestring erve. I see him fight- r thousand—and then I rowing, slowly at first— faster—until a motor- to his office, and men ame with awe in the commented Miss Thorn- ously. "What an idea or a man!" "I expect," replied Hayden. tion would pass unchal- past experiences"— he ngly at the girl—"had led pared for that. But it is —I spoke the truth. You e credit for that." e to blame you." "sneered wanting it noticed when tep a lie. Yes, I certain- Cargan," blazed Hayden. did speak the truth," put mally hastily. "You mean- ord fit your definition. It ration to drag it in—hope- nance means only—hope- id there are a pitiful num- rid to whom it means the heard from the young o- rted all this fuss over a Mr. Cargan reminded ht, dearie," said Mrs. Nor- ot to contribute." sed the girl with the "locks golden wire." "I will, but ne's ideas change so rap- ment ago if you had said me I might have bubbled rners, of whisperings on walks down the moun- light or even on the hotel he smiled gaily at Magee- morrow, too, the word such rapturous things to night—life is too real and ight. Service—Professor right—service is often ro- may mean the discovery of may mean so cruel a thing hing of another's life ro- e gazed steadily at the an. "It may mean putting rever to those pictures at the window of the little ain street—the room where in always find the mayor of gazed steadily into Cargan's with an amused smile the d back. He continued.

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Our daily news letter from this thriving town furnished by The Ontario's special representative.

Busy Trenton

The latest news of the town and surrounding neighborhood is given in an interesting manner

Trenton, Dec. 28.—The following Trenton soldier laddies were home for the Christmas holidays—Capt. Bywater, A.A.G., 21st Battalion; Sgt. Easer, Sappers Ayles, and Mowat; Privates—Matthews, Wilkins, McKibbin, Riley, Rurt, Ostrom, Gallows, and J. H. Thomson of the Amherst Corps, Halifax. The boys all looked well and appear to have put on weight.

H. R. Ames M.P., and Rev. Canon Starr, have been secured by the management of the Canadian Club. The subject matter of the address will be announced later, with the dates. Mr. Robert Whyte is the proper kind of a President.

A Remedy for Bilious Headache.—To those subject to bilious headache, Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are recommended as the way to speedy relief. Taken according to directions they will subdue irregularities of the stomach and so act upon the nerves and blood vessels that the pains in the head will cease. There are few who are not at sometime subject to biliousness and familiar with its attendant evils. Yet none need suffer with

Miller's Worm Powders are a pleasant medicine for worm-infested children, and they will take it without objection. When directions are followed, it will not injure the most delicate child, as there is nothing of an injurious nature in its composition. They will speedily rid a child of worms and restore the health of the little sufferers whose vitality has become impaired by the attacks of

THE NOMINATIONS

Many Acclamations Throughout the Rural Municipalities—Sidney Will Have an Election—Thurlow by Acclamation—Reports Elsewhere.

TRENTON.

The nominations yesterday resulted as follows:—For Mayor—E. Kidd; J. Funnell; O. E. Fortune; R. H. Spencer; W. S. Jaques; J. H. Dickey; A. Sharie and P. J. O'Rourke. For Council—L. B. Loomis; W. H. Ireland; Wilfred Powers; H. Curry; L. Reenick; W. Kirk; J. A. Pelkey; Fred Abbott; W. H. Waldorf; B. Lowery; Luther Parks; R. A. Lewis; R. Galo; P. J. O'Rourke; R. H. Spencer; W. H. Gill; W. W. White. For Public School Trustees—Fred Abbott; H. Mumford; W. W. Young; G. A. Redick; A. F. Hilton; R. Haines; R. J. Richardson; R. M. Foster and W. W. White.

It has been estimated to us by a municipal politician that there is a strong probability of Mr. O. E. Fortune getting the majority by acclamation, it would be a graceful act on the part of the electors and a fitting recognition of the public service rendered the municipality by Mr. Fortune.

RAWDON.

This year's council was selected by acclamation as follows:—Reeve—Thos. Montgomery. Deputy-reeve—E. W. Hawkins. Councilors—G. W. Thompson, Fred Jeffs, Archie Haslett.

SIDNEY.

There was a very large attendance of electors at the nomination meeting for the township of Sidney, held at Wallbridge, yesterday afternoon. After the formal work of nominating the candidates had been concluded, Mr. Arthur Chapman the township clerk, presided as chairman, at the afternoon meeting. Mr. Chas. Ketcheson, reeve for 1914, went over the financial statement, and gave a very able and comprehensive review of the year's accomplishments both in the township and county councils.

There was a long list of nominees, but many announced their retirement. It now seems likely however that there will be a spirited contest for the deputy-ship, between Mr. Chas. H. Vanderwater, who at present holds the position, and Councillor Geo. A. Ross. It is also probable that there will be a contest for the three seats of councillorship. The complete list of nominees was composed of:—Reeve—Chas. Ketcheson Chas. H. Vanderwater. Deputy-reeve—Chas. H. Vanderwater Geo. A. Ross; Jno. W. Ross, Fred R. Mallory, Clem H. Ketcheson. Councilors—Harry L. Ketcheson, Wallace Brown, Merritt Finkle, William Alfred Reid, Alexander Parks, Thos. H. Richardson, Jr., Geo. A. Ross, Geo. Burkett, Jas. Parks, Jno. W. Ross, Geo. Boulton. Mr. Vanderwater announced his retirement from the candidacy for the reeve-ship, thus leaving Mr. Ketcheson elected by acclamation.

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The following are nomination results:—Mayor—Major Malley, E. A. Rixen, R. Geddes. Deputy-reeve—T. J. Naylor. Jos. Stainton. Councilors—Thos. Fox, G. E. Clement, John Dalton, A. G. Bogart, E. Arncliffe, H. W. Kimmerly, G. A. Pearnham, W. C. Stratton, School Trustees—T. Gaul, W. Rendell, Ed. Smith, J. S. Lyons, H. L. Dettlor, C. R. Wager, E. J. Edwards.

CAMPBELLFORD.

The following are nomination results:—Mayor—W. J. Armstrong. Reeve—David F. Robertson. Water and Light Commissioner—C. W. Smith. School Trustees—Dr. O. C. Watson, Chas. Gillespie, Chas. Benor. Councilors—J. Abernethy, Chas. Davidson, S. J. Dolan, J. C. Fowles, C. W. Falliser, Chas. Horsman, A. H. McKel.

TYENDINGAGA.

At the nomination held at Melrose, yesterday, Reeve Peter MacLaren was re-elected by acclamation. It seems likely that there will be contests for the other positions, the nominations being as follows:—Deputy-reeve—J. B. Walsh, Frank Casey. Councilors—C. Osborne, Garwell Ashley, S. Coffey, J. Campbell.

HUNGERFORD.

Hungerford is again to have a spirited election contest with the same rival candidates as ran so closely last year. Each political party has put a complete slate in the field, and the fight will be full of vigor right up to its close. The nominees are for:—Reeve—Andrew Kirke, Jas. H. Clare. Deputy-reeve—John L. Newton, Jas. Brown. Councilors—J. W. Brown, Noble McDonald, W. E. Graham, Joseph Taylor, A. H. Tufts and Charles George.

Madoc Village.

Reeve—Dr. Harper, T. H. Thompson, E. Tufts. Councilors—J. A. McCoy, E. Tufts, J. Burns, P. Wellington, Chas. Hart, Walter Whitlock. Trustees—Ben O'Hara, J. English, C. J. Smith.

Ameliasburg.

Reeve—W. W. Anderson, F. Ward, J. H. Parliament. Deputy-reeve—Geo. Cunningham. Rock Hubbs. Councilors—Fred Case, Tom Wallbridge, J. Walker, and Jesse Choats.

TWED.

Reeve—S. B. Rollins, As. Councilors—J. E. Johnston, James Murray, A. J. Fitzgerald and W. E. Gartley. Public School Trustees—D. W. Rollins, W. H. Hicks, T. F. Knight—all by acclamation.

HUNTINGDON.

Old council re-elected by acclamation as follows:—Reeve—W. E. Padmon. Councilors—W. J. Jeffrey, J. W. Haggerty, Robert Wood, Eliaba Maynes.

MADOC TOWNSHIP.

Council for 1914 re-elected by acclamation as follows:—Reeve—Simon Fox. Deputy-reeve—Charles Thompson. Council—F. A. Comerford, Jas. Kincaid, Henry Kelly.

ELZEVIR & GRIMSTHORPE.

Old council by acclamation. Reeve—Jas. Moore. Councilors—W. Greatrix, D. Thompson, Neil Ravie, I. Lynn.

STIRLING.

Reeve, R. P. Coulter, acclamation. Councilors—L. Meiklejohn, T. H. Mathews, Henry Cook, B. Belshaw, ac. School Trustees—Dr. Alger, F. E. Ward, Jas. Bailey, ac.

Peterboro Intermediates defeated Bowmanville at Peterborough last night by 10 to 8. Score at ends of first and second periods were 4 to 2 and 9 to 5.

Howard Goes to the Vatican to Offset Von Buelow's Power

THE new Pope, Benedict XV, made no formal announcement of policy when he assumed the triple crown of St. Peter last September. But as he had been the devoted pupil of Cardinal Rampolla, the secretary of state of Leo XIII, for twenty-five years, it was assumed that the Vatican under Benedict XV, would return to the political ideas and aspirations of Rampolla.

The appointment of Sir Henry Howard as envoy from Great Britain to the Holy See is the first indication of the papal policy, and a signal diplomatic victory for the Pope. To bring about the establishment of direct diplomatic relations between England and the Vatican was the thing Rampolla labored for unceasingly from the day he entered office until he left it, when the late Pope, Pius X, was elected and took Cardinal Merry del Val to be his secretary of state. England has been the great foe of political Roman Catholic doctrines

since the days of Henry VIII, and Queen Elizabeth, and the establishment of the English Protestant Church; and although the English sovereign maintained a respectful attitude in Rome as long as the Pope was sovereign there, which was until 1870—the relation was broken off as soon as a King of Italy assumed the throne.



SIR HENRY HOWARD.

All the nations of Europe which were Catholic—as Austria, France, Portugal, and Spain—continued for the time being an ambassador at the Vatican, while sending another one to the Quirinal, Germany, being Protestant and Catholic, was finally induced by the Vatican to maintain also the two ambassadors. But England held out. The Government, knowing the strong anti-Catholic sentiment in the country, could not be persuaded to brook the storm of disapproval such a move would cause.

The Henry Howard's appointment is announced as being only temporary, to congratulate the new Pope upon his accession, and then to remain in Rome during the progress of the war. It is said that the allies are alarmed at the prospect of France von Buelow's preponderance of power at the court of the King of Italy as ambassador from the German Emperor, and that England, Russia, and France have also become suddenly alive to the possibility of the Pope playing an important role in the settlement of peace. In this event the allies would have a weak representation in comparison to their enemies.

Russia has no formal ambassador to the Pope. France has broken off her former diplomatic relations. Sir Henry Howard is, therefore, the sole representative of the three countries. Germany has during recent years, increased her solicitude for the Pope's friendship, which was officially sealed by Bismarck granting certain privileges in the Reichstag to the Catholic party in Berlin when the Pope created the first German cardinal. Additional cardinals have been added from time to time, so that the German empire has at present a strong corps of supporters at Rome.

Austria is still regarded by the Popes as their last stronghold against the encroachments of Protestantism. Howard has been British Minister at the Hague and Luxembourg. Nearly fifty years ago he was an attaché at the British Legation in Washington.

Fastidious Sandy. News has come back to England of how the British soldiers taken prisoners are faring in Germany. There are 6,000 in a caserno at Doberitz. Among them are some Highlanders. It's getting to be cold weather in Doberitz, and a German officer, with the kindest of intentions, offers to provide them with trousers. The Scots were indignant and rejected the gift. "But why do you prefer petticoats?" the German asked of one of the Highlanders. "Because they never bag at the knees," replied Sandy.

A Land Mine. A land mine in warfare consists of a charge of high explosive buried in the ground, and arranged so as to explode when the enemy's troops are over it. Mines are also used in siege warfare, tunnels being driven under the enemy's fortifications and enormous quantities of high explosive placed in them.

New Year Gifts

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. Ed. Myers of Toronto is spending his holidays in this city.

W. C. Mikel, K.C. has been called to Toronto owing to the serious illness of his father.

St. Andrew's S.S. entertainment in the S.S. room Wed. Dec. 30 at 7:30 p.m. Silver collection. d29-2td.

Carlos O. Bunnett of the Canadian Engineers, 2nd contingent, who has been spending Xmas with his parents here returned to Ottawa today.

LAI D TO REST

(From Tuesday's Daily.) The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Anderson took place on Monday from the residence on Pinnacle street, where the Rev. H. S. Osborne held a short service. The remains were then taken to Stirling where service was held in the Methodist church by Rev. Mr. Connell assisted by the Rev. Mr. Terrill. The bearers were all residents of Stirling, Messrs. S. Patterson, J. R. Sharpe, C. McGuire, T. Green, W. Jackman and G. T. French. The church choir furnished music which was rendered with much pathos. Interment was at Stirling.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1915

Winnipeg's Belleville Club. The Winnipeg Belleville Club has held its annual election of officers, which resulted as follows:—Hon. Pres.—R. H. Shanks. Pres.—H. E. Turner. Vice Pres.—Geo. H. Allen. Treas.—Bert Wallace. Sec.—Ed. Coulson. Asso. Sec.—A. Andrews. Executive Com.—R. H. Shanks, A. B. Mallory, W. E. Dobbs, G. E. Minehinton, Joe Fahy, Harry Snell, A. Lazier, J. Doolittle, Harry Chislett, H. S. Price, Dr. Peake, W. Lennox. Arrangement Com.—Bert Wallace, W. Lennox, Jasper Doolittle. Finance Com.—Wm. Mandell, G. E. Minehinton, P. J. Farley.

INQUEST CONCLUDED

Crown Attorney Anderson attended the inquest which was concluded yesterday at Trenton into the deaths of Messrs. Hawes and Orr, painters at the C.N.R. shops who were killed a week ago.

Sweet and palatable, Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is acceptable to children, and it does its work surely and promptly.



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RIVER VALLEY.

Miss Violet Richardson is visiting friends at Brighton.

We are sorry to hear of Mrs. Jennings' illness and hope she may soon recover.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Smith spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. George Rosebush.

Miss Janet Richardson of the West returned home on Thursday night to spend the holidays with her parents.

Miss Pearl Herman spent Sunday with Mrs. Fred Carr.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Donohue spent Christmas with the latter's parent, Mrs. J. Hubbell, Frankford.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carr spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Heasman.

Some good friends called on Mr. and Mrs. Blogg on Christmas day. We are sorry to hear they are not very well.

Mr. Gilbert Richardson of the Union Bank, Norwood returned after spending the week-end at home.

A good time was spent by a number of young people at a party given by Mr. J. Richardson on Thursday night.

Mr. A. D. McIntosh is starting the agricultural school at Tweed this week.

Mrs. Jared Hanna is spending a few days with her parents.

Mr. Arthur Morrow has been spending a few days with his brothers Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bush, Redwoodville; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bush, Glen Miller spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bush.

POLICE COURT

Harry Hood, charged with taking coal from the G.T.R. was this morning sentenced to two months in jail.

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Oak Hall

"ONTARIO" CLUB GATHERED AT THE QUINTE HOTEL

Members Meet at Famous Hostelry on Saturday Evening—Twenty-Six Were Present

Coming from the four corners of the earth, the members of the Ontario Athletic Association held a reunion on Saturday evening, December 26th at Hotel Quinte. Twenty-six of the boys foregathered to the feast which had been prepared for them by Miss Host Jenkins. It was three years since the club had met to enjoy the delights of the table and the reunion of 1914 manifested the pleasure the boys had in once again meeting their old athletic comrades of the "Ontarios" in feasting with them on the choicest Yuletide dishes in joining in joke and song, and anecdote. Reminiscences beginning "Do you remember the time?" stories showing the wide range of life and whole-hearted mirth were elements making up that true comradeship and fellowship which the members of the club exhibited.

It was a happy crowd that was ushered into the Quinte dining room at 8.30. Among those present were Messrs. W. Wallace, R. Hinch, G. Wardrope, R. Burke, S. A. Moore, E. Hagerman, Wm. McGie, Mac Waters, Gordon Reid, C. Robb, R. Elliott, A. Ketcheson, Chas. Wallace, Arthur McGie, J. McCargar, Dave Waters, E. G. Moore, Gordon Caldwell, J. Marshall, R. Tuite, E. Graham, Earl Chapman, R. Macaulay, R. White, J. A. Patterson and Harry Alford. Wm. Wallace was chairman and toast-master and opened the banquet, the menu of which was as follows—

- Oyster Cocktail
- Queen Olives
- Crepe de la Reine
- Fillet of Halibut
- Roast Cucumbers
- Sweet Breads
- Young Turkey
- Mashed Potatoes
- Neapolitan Ice Cream
- Assorted Fruits
- Cafe Noir

This banquet the boys enjoyed to the full and only departed when Mr. Wallace as toast-master called the gathering to order. There were a few toasts, while Mr. McGie, Mr. Waters, and Mr. Hinch, the dining hall rang with songs and laughter from the boys.

The chairman when the mirth had subsided welcomed the members, especially those who had come from outside places and promised them a return before the evening was spent.

The first toast was "The King and the Empire," to which all responded heartily with the national anthem.

For wit George Wardrope wins the prize. Standing on a chair he addressed the members at so length and with his originalities had the table arrear.

With the toast to "Canada," the name of Charles Pearce was associated. Charles is the one member of the club who is on active service with the First Canadian Contingent at Salisbury. He was in the thoughts of all present. Mr. Arthur McGie responded to the toast.

"O Canada," the Ontario" was loyally honored. Mr. S. A. ("Al") Moore in reply gave a short history of the club, which dates back nearly 14 years. The initial membership was seven and it was originally known as "The Brownies." During its career the club has furnished numerous teams for hockey and baseball. "Capping" in one season both junior and senior hockey championships of the city. It has a club house on a rink. Numerous trips to outside towns have marked its activities. In closing the speaker moved a vote of thanks to the chairman and the secretary, Mr. E. G. Moore.

Mr. Moore, Wardrope sang a song beginning "A Silly German Thought Napoleon He Would Be."

Mr. Mac Waters toasted the "Jadies" and Mr. F. G. Reid gave a short talk on the war, expressing the opinion that British would emerge from the conflict with as much distinction as from the Napoleonic struggle. Gordon Reid remarked on the wealth on top of the soil, namely the manhood of the nation.

The toast to the "Press," was spoken to by the representative of The "Ontario" present.

Mr. E. Chapman who has been on the press in Edmonton gave his impressions of Western Canada.

Mr. W. McGie proposed the health of "Our Absent Members" who were W. McNab, D. McCaul, H. Thompson and Charles Pearce.

Mr. Harry Alford spoke for the "visitors."

Addresses were given by J. McCargar, R. Burke, D. Waters, R. White, J. A. Patterson, C. Wallace, J. Marshall, R. Tuite, A. Ketcheson, R. Elliott, J. Macaulay, E. Moore, E. Chapman, C. Robb, G. Caldwell, E. Graham and E. Hewson.

Mr. Hinch gave a reading "The Call of the Yukon" in dramatic style and Mr. George Wardrope sang a song.

Mr. E. Hagerman spoke on "Our Lives."

A vote of thanks to Mr. Jenkins was passed on motion of Mr. A. Moore and Mr. M. Waters.

The banquet was closed at midnight with the song of "Tipperary" and God Save The King.

So closed a long-to-be-remembered event.

In the afternoon the boys had played a life and death hockey game at the arena but so evenly balanced were they that a tie resulted.

A number of the boys have already left for their homes.

HUMAN INTEREST ANECDOTES WHICH GET PAST THE CENSOR

Humorous and Magical Sideights on the Great War.

CORRESPONDENTS at the front or marooned in obscure places while the great European conflict rages manage daily to get through the wary censors some little grimly humorous or tragic side lights of the war. Here are some of the best and latest:

The officers of the Indians are extraordinarily well informed regarding the war. In describing German attempts to seduce the Indians the report says that the operator of a Taube aeroplane threw down over the trenches many leaflets bearing a note by a German professor that the Sheikh-ul-Islam had proclaimed a



STEALING A NAP.

holy war. All the leaflets fell into the hands of white soldiers, who were puzzled by them.

Two Indians were creeping toward a German trench on a scouting expedition one night when a searchlight was throwing upon one of them.

"He was quick witted enough to realize that no ordinary resource would save his life," says the report. "He immediately rose to his feet and advanced, saluting, to the German trench. Its occupants ceased to fire, disconcerted. The Indians by signs indicated that he wanted to kill the British and as a result spent a luxurious night in the German lines. In the morning on making signs that he could bring other Indians he was allowed to return to his own side. He was promoted for this exploit.

AN IRISH HERO.

A new story of a British encounter with the Prussian Guard was told by a corporal of the Warwickshire regiment who is now at home wounded.

"The night the Prussian Guard attacked us around Ypres," he said, "it was only by the merest chance and a fine piece of heroism that we were warned in time. There was an Irishman of the King's Liverpool regiment who had strayed out of bounds to meet a girl whose home was on the line of attack. Coming back late he stumbled on the Germans stealing quietly toward our position. Without thought of consequences to himself, but only concerned for the safety of his comrades, he dashed toward the spot where he knew our guard to be to give the alarm. The Germans spotted him, and a cavalry patrol was at his heels instantly. He



WOUNDED IN PARIS.

had a good start, but toward the end he was hit in both legs.

"He got through with the warning and is now in the base hospital pulling through. He doesn't know whether he will get a medal or a wigging for being out of bounds, but he's hoping for the best."

PLEAD FOR TOBACCO.

Looming high above the tragedy and reckless humor in the letters

which "Tommy Atkins" is writing home from the battlefields of Flanders is the constant cry for tobacco and cigarette papers. He may write from trenches filled with dead or dying comrades or from improvised hospitals where he and hundreds of more sturdy youngsters lie maimed and worn, but whatever he may say he is certain to mention sadly that cigarettes are scarce and pipes are few.

This mad desire of the British soldier for his tobacco is emphasized in a copy of the Weekly Press of Guernsey, England, for Nov. 8, which has been received in New York by Henry Didot, counsel at the French consulate general, who was until recently consul at Guernsey. The entire paper is devoted to letters from soldiers at the front or in the hospitals, and they are all incongruous tales of battle and terrible deaths and pleas for more "Tommy Bull tags" instead of the bitter French cigarettes they get occasionally.

"HAVE STRUCK SUBMARINE!"

Describing the sinking of the German submarine H18, a seaman of the destroyer Garry says:

"One of the patrols moving slowly out of the harbor suddenly signaled, 'Have struck submarine.'"

"We could see the submarine making for the mouth of the anchorage, her periscopes showing above the water. We went after her but she was cruised about and suddenly saw the submarine come to the surface. We made straight for her at full steam.

"When the crew came up to her deck her captain, I think, waved a white pocket handkerchief. We swerved, just missing her, and turned alongside to take off the crew. As we got near the submarine suddenly went down, throwing those on top into the water.

"We rescued them and learned that one of the sailors had gone below for the purpose of opening the valves so we could not capture the boat. The officers and crew of the submarine, after having decided to surrender, drew lots to see who



WOUNDED BELGIAN SOLDIERS.

should stay below and open the valves when the safety of the others was assured. The lot fell to one of them."

A NEW TOOTHACHE CURE.

"I met a wounded British Tommy to-day," cables a correspondent. "He was trying to buy tooth paste from a druggist and, not embarrassed by a total ignorance of French, was rubbing a grubby finger along his teeth."

"This wound," he said, "saved my life. I was dying—going off me blooming 'ead. It was toothache. I couldn't sleep for it—had it three days and nights. When we were told off to clear out a little wood the Germans 'ad colered wasn't I glad! I was just bursting to stick me bayonet into somebody."

"We cleared the Germans out, but as they were running one beggar turned around and shot me in the arm. I didn't feel the tooth afterward—the shock, I suppose."

"Then I got sent down 'ere with some Frenchies, and when the doc' comes to dress me wound, 'Never mind me arm,' I says 'pull out this blooming tooth.' He laughed and done it straight."

BLOWN INTO TREE, LIVES.

"A man of our regiment was standing with another man behind the trenches when a shell burst. One man was never seen again, but the other fellow was found hanging head downward in a tree. They found his rifle among the branches, and except that he couldn't speak or hear for two days he was none the worse."

Youngest Corporal In World.

The Crown Prince of Serbia has promoted a boy named Dragoljub Jelitch, who is only twelve years of age, to the rank of corporal for remarkable bravery in the field. He is the youngest corporal in the world.

U.S. MAKES PROTEST

Britain's Interference With Commerce Subject of Note.

WANTS AN EARLY RESPONSE

Detention and Searching of Ships Suspected of Carrying Contraband of War Is Declared to Be a Contravention of International Law in Formal Message Sent to Sir Edward Grey.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The United States Government yesterday despatched a long note to Great Britain insisting upon an early improvement in the treatment of American commerce by the British fleet. It gave warning that such feeling has been aroused in this country, and that public criticism was general over unwarranted interference with the legitimate foreign trade of the United States.

The document, constituting the strongest representations on this subject made by the United States to any of the belligerents since the outbreak of the war, was cabled to Ambassador Page to be formally presented to Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary. Its preparation was begun a month ago by Solicitor Cane Johnson, Counselor Robert Lansing and Secretary Bryan, and finally during the last two weeks had the personal attention of President Wilson himself, who revised its phrasing with minute care.

As the detailed point of view of the United States, is numerous specific cases of detention and seizures of cargoes, had been set forth in a series of emphatic protests, most of which have gone unheeded, yesterday's communication was couched in general terms covering the entire subject of the relations between the United States and Great Britain as affected by the latter's naval policy, considered highly objectionable by this Government.

The note declares at the outset that the representations are made in a friendly spirit, but that the United States considers it best to speak in terms of frankness, lest alliance be construed as an acquiescence in a policy on the part of Great Britain which infringed on the rights of the American citizens under the laws of nations.

Since France has adopted practically the same decree on contraband as has Great Britain, yesterday's note is virtually a statement intended for all the members of the triple entente.

Feeling has been aroused on the subject to such an extent, that the Government feels compelled to ask for definite information as to Great Britain's attitude in order that it may take such measures as will protect American citizens in their rights.

Reference is made in the note to the high principles of equity which have actuated Great Britain in her championship in the past of the freedom of the seas (neutral commerce), and the hope is expressed, that even though a belligerent herself, she will realize the seriousness of the neutral of continued interference.

The position of the United States, as expressed in yesterday's note, is a consequence of several steps by Great Britain, France and Germany on the subject of contraband. Although the declaration of London, drafted in 1909, embodying the previous understandings of international law and new rules for the conduct of maritime warfare with respect to neutral commerce, had not been ratified when the present war broke out, it was thought for a time all countries would adhere to it. Great Britain by an order-in-council, on Aug. 20 last, declared the Declaration of London effective with certain modifications. Germany announced to all neutrals her willingness to adhere to the whole declaration. The United States took the position that it could not accept piecemeal adoption by the allies of the Declaration of London with their own amendments, and declared that it would be guided by the general practices of international law, irrespective of the Declaration of London.

HEWLETT PICKED UP?

British Aviator Now Reported to Have Been Captured by Germans.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The British aerial raid on Cuxhaven may yet prove to have been without loss of life to the British.

According to a despatch published by The Daily Sketch, Flight Commander Francis Hewlett, whose seaplane was wrecked, the commander himself being reported missing when the flyers and their convoy returned, is now reported to have been saved.

It is believed that the daring naval flyer was picked up by a German warship, and that he is now a prisoner of war.

The only damage the British expedition sustained was the loss of several hydroplanes, costing \$45,000, and the loss of life was Commander Hewlett.

Langeller Gains Ground.

QUEBEC, Dec. 29.—Sir Horace Archambault of Montreal, Chief Justice of the Appeals Court, was sworn administrator of the Province of Quebec, during the illness of Sir Francis Langeller.

An official announcement made yesterday at the Parliament Buildings states that Sir Francis is steadily gaining and that hope has never been abandoned for his recovery.

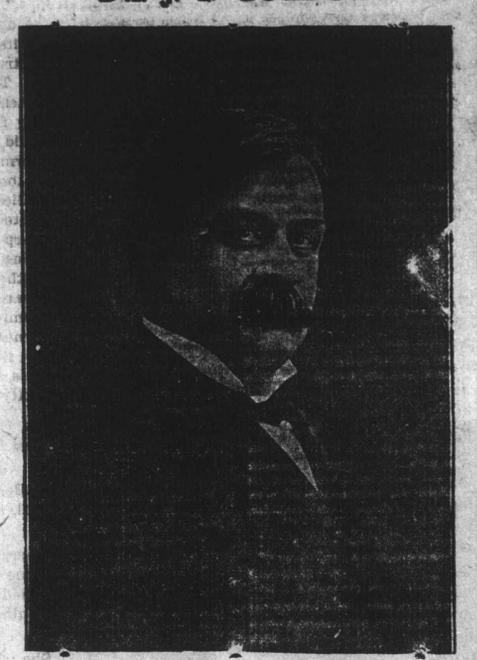
Brockville Man Kills Himself.

BROCKVILLE, Ont., Dec. 29.—G. A. Tennant, of Brockville, committed suicide at his home yesterday by cutting his jugular vein with a pen-knife. He had been in poor health for a long time.

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Special to The Ontario.

Toronto, Dec. 28.—Because the appointments are generally believed to have been made as rewards of party service and not for the public interest, the elevation of T. W. McGarry and G. Howard Ferguson to the Ontario Cabinet is not arousing a considerable enthusiasm with the general public, either Conservative or Liberal. It is generally understood and, in fact, is stated in nearly all the announcements of the change, that these two men have received their Cabinet positions as a result of their active work on the Public Accounts Committee. Everyone knows, however, that what they really did on this committee was to lead the blockade in the investigation of the Frontfoot and Sinder cases as well as in other less widely known instances. On these occasions several Conservative newspapers and many Conservative private members protested and long against the methods used by Ferguson and McGarry.

At least three events have proved detrimental to the Ontario Government in the last few months with the result that their prestige is noticeably lower than it was in the summer. Of these the first was the death of Sir James Whitney, the second, the remarkable and unexpected loss of votes incurred by the Government candidates in the bye-elections of West Hamilton and the County of Dundas. The third is the appointment of McGarry and Ferguson to the Cabinet. With these men in the Government with their record as it is, the Government is likely to be involved in a series of increasing troubles.

FREE TO ENTER WAR.

Romanian Parliament Gives Government Carte Blanche.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The London Telegram correspondent at Bucharest (Roumania) telegraphed yesterday as follows:—

"To-day, in a debate upon an address in reply to a message from the throne, the Prime Minister asked the majority to waive discussion, and asked the Opposition to leave the Government 'full liberty of action to fulfill its great duty.'"

The Conservative party expressed its willingness to do this. M. Discu, on behalf of the Conservative Democrats, repeated the declaration made by Take Joneco in the Chamber, according to which Roumania ought to abandon her neutral position and make an immediate alliance with the Triple Entente. He accused Austria of ingratitude towards Roumania, and concluded by observing that two sections of the Opposition, the Conservatives and the Conservative Democrats, had declared for an abandonment of neutrality and for an alliance with France, Russia and Britain. He expressed the hope that presently this policy would be adopted officially.

The address to the throne was agreed to unanimously.

The population of Roumania numbers over seven millions, the majority of the people belonging to the Orthodox Church.

Military service is compulsory and universal. The peace strength is 170,000 men, and the second line reserve troops muster 36 battalions, or in all a war strength of nearly half a million men.

KILLED BY PATROL

American Duck Hunter Shot While Poaching—Another Wounded.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 29.—The killing of Walter Smith and the wounding of Charles Dorsch, two American hunters, by Canadian soldiers on the Niagara river, near Fort Erie, yesterday, was unintentional, according to information gathered by the military authorities and forwarded to Ottawa last night.

The soldiers were aiding a provincial officer to arrest the men for alleged violation of the game laws. Several volleys were fired over their heads to force them to come ashore with their rowboat. A final shot, said to have been fired for the same purpose, struck Smith between the eyes, and passing through his head, wounded Dorsch in the arm.

While deep regret over the incident was expressed by the Fort Erie village officials it was pointed out that the men were not only technically under arrest by the game officer and were attempting to escape, but they had violated a military order which forbade unauthorized persons to approach the international boundary line while armed. This order, it was said, was accompanied by a verbal order to the soldiers on patrol to shoot to kill if persons so armed refused to surrender promptly.

Thomas W. Delaney, the provincial officer, said the men were shot at a flock of ducks near the head of the river. One of them was in a boat while the other was wading in the shallow water near the shore, picking up the ducks as they fell. The season closed in Ontario on Dec. 15, and Delaney also suspected that the men had no Ontario license, so he decided to arrest them.

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MASTERLY STRATEGY.

In Sir John French's last despatches, the full text of which is printed in the English papers, just received, a great deal of light is thrown upon the masterly strategy and brilliant operations of the Allied forces in the western theatre. The despatches of the British Commander-in-Chief describe the doings of the British Army for two months from the beginning of October, when the British troops were moved from the Aisne to meet the German danger in Southwest Belgium and Flanders. They are full of most interesting and valuable details, and show how the present position, where the opposing armies face each other on fronts that almost touch, without being able to make any decisive progress, developed, and what different results were hoped for when the British Army was moved north.

Sir Douglas Haig, commanding the forces near Ypres had, it seems, been ordered in late October to advance through Western Belgium towards Bruges. The attempt was never made, because the enemy was found to be in numbers far too great to permit of success. It now appears from Sir John French's report that the initiative in this movement from the Aisne to Flanders came from Sir John French. At first the enemy's resistance was not forbiddingly strong, and a considerable and continuous advance was made. After a while, however, German reinforcements arrived in great numbers. The advancing British were brought to a halt, and the enemy took up the attack. Heavy losses fell on both sides, those of the enemy being immense, but no decisive result was obtained. The British, though they lost some ground, on the whole, maintained their position against much more numerous forces.

The strategical idea of the transference of the British troops from the Aisne to Flanders and the establishment of the British line from the sea to La Bassee has, the Manchester Guardian says, a strong family likeness to some of Sir John French's most successful movements in the South African War. If it did not achieve an equally startling strategical success, the reason, the Guardian thinks, is not in the execution but in the unlooked for difficulties of the operations and in the promptness with which the Germans recognized the danger and the extreme vigor of their counter-measures.

"It is a great feat," says the Guardian, "with about 200,000 men to have acted as lightning-conductor to the whole offensive strength of the German army in the west. At one time Sir John French hoped that he might be able to swing his left—the glorious First Army Corps, under Sir Douglas Haig—round to Bruges and even Ghent. In that hope he was disappointed owing to the overwhelming concentration of the Germans, and there was even a time, before the French troops were able to arrive in force, as they did at the beginning of November, when our situation was one of extreme danger. It is impossible to read the account of the fighting on October 30, for example, without recognizing that the British Army passed on that day a crisis comparable with that of the memorable Wednesday after the Battle of Mons. And the crisis was far more prolonged, for it lasted the better part of a fortnight.

"Though we did not succeed in getting round the German flank, we succeeded in preventing the Germans from getting round ours, and in doing so we inflicted upon the Germans the most severe tactical defeats that they have met with in the war, not even excepting those in Poland. To withdraw our troops from before the strong positions of the enemy on the Aisne and transfer them to the other end of the line was a most difficult operation, and is most fascinatingly described in these new despatches. The enemy, apparently, was not taken by surprise, and the same idea of a march by the coast seems to have occurred to both sides almost simultaneously. But, whereas our project was only a hope, and just failed at the critical moment for lack of numbers to bring off what would have been a brilliant success comparable to, if not greater than, the victory on the Marne, the Germans put their whole weight into their turning movement. Calais became an obsession of their strategy. One has only to read the despatches carefully to see that our transference was only just in time. A few more days' delay and not all the heroism of the British Army could have

saved it. Sir John French praises its exploits in glowing terms, and it is just that we should recognize that the strategy of Sir John French had as great a part in the defeats inflicted on the German plans as the valor and endurance of the troops."

A detailed study of the operations will well repay itself in better knowledge of the tremendous struggle that the British army has had to fight. Two points, however, are noted by the Manchester Guardian's reviewer "as emerging clearly from even a first reading. One is the splendid comradeship that exists between the two armies—or rather three, for the Belgian army took a magnificent part in the defence of the Allies' line. The other—and it has not been understood generally—is that our assistance to Antwerp was not confined to the Naval Brigade. A strong force under General Rawlinson assisted in the retreat of the Belgian army from Antwerp, and this army was for a time not under the command of Sir John French but of Lord Kitchener, issuing instructions from home. Let no one, therefore, be heard again to say that the measures taken at Antwerp were a personal eccentricity of the First Lord of the Admiralty."

And the ladies never came, after all

Is Belleville's mayoralty contest to be quadrilateral, triangular or binocular?

There is not a word of truth in that rumor that some of the candidates for the B. O. E. were frightened on account of those suffragette threatenings.

She who bluffs and runs away
May live to run another day;
And she who is by ballots slain
Can work the bluff and run again.

And now the stupid men are doing their level best to study out whether that much heralded raid on the Belleville Board of Education was merely a bit of feminine bluff, or whether its failure to materialize was due to nervous breakdown. There are strong arguments being used to support both theories.

Several members of Belleville 1914 Council speaking at once—
You see that pavement smooth and fine,
All finished with a concrete kerb;
You see them lights that glow and shine,
And make our town a joy superb;
You see your street so well its gravelled,
With ne'er a rut or stone to mar it;—
Our fame it far abroad has travelled
And not a knocker dares to bar it.
Along our front new railways glide
The good C. N., the great C. P.,
A handsome dock at Quinte's side,
From whence ships journey to the sea.
Behold our schools that cap each hill!
The progress bee is in our bonnet—
I hate to praise myself, but still,
The truth must come at last,—I done it.

NEUTRAL.

When men are told in years ahead
How Fury forced the Belgian Door
And ravished maids, struck children dead,
And fired the houses of the poor,
Will none, if that nation lives,
Our sires with blood and sweat begat,
Ask with the pride your greatness gives,
"What said America to that?"

Your children, taught how Belgium stood
In flames that once were called Louvain,
And dashing from their eyes the blood,
Struck at her foe, and struck again—
Shall see their hearts within them burn
To know the righteous word you said,
God! when the silent truth they learn,
Surely your sons shall hang the head.

We ask not that of all your hosts
One man, one sword, be sacrificed;
Your cousins guard these ancient coasts,
Your kinsmen charge this Antichrist;
But we expect your mighty voice
With judgment through the world to run.
O' Land of Freedom, make your choice—
Are you for Belgium or the Hun?

We ask not that your shells should shriek
Above the flaming hill we climb,
But speak, O Sons of Lincoln, speak,
Silence in such an hour is crime.
Your children judge you if you stand
In hearing of the Belgian cry,
Not only with the folded hand,
But with the cold averted eye.

The soul has got its piercing steel,
The heart its fierce consuming fire—
O make your voice, like thunder-peat,
All nations of the earth inspire!
We know your heart for Belgium bleeds,
But speak your soul, declare your mind,
Speak till the sin-red Tyrant bleeds
The Voice of God and all mankind.
—Daily Chronicle, (London, England).

GERMAN DUNGLERS

Charles Francis Adams in the notable letter of his which was printed in the London Spectator a few weeks ago advised his Old Country friends to let American opinion form its own conclusions on the justice of Britain's case, adding that German spokesmen in the United States were doing that was required in putting Germany into disrepute with intelligent opinion in the United States.

The columns of the American press furnish daily evidence how shrewdly Mr. Adams has described the situation. A recent number of the New York Outlook contains two articles, giving the German point of view by present residents of the United States. Dr. Elvin Ancel, one of these contributors, in developing his theory that the United States should have given warm support to Germany, make this observation:

"I have kept myself from a discussion of the ethical questions involved in the stand taken by America. Germany did right or did wrong; it does not matter which. But however that may be, the very interests of the United States require a very victorious Germany and a humbled Japan and England. Therefore, the American policy is more unpalatable than crime."

The other German champion, Dr. Franz Junge, also throws moral considerations overboard. He remarks:

"Nor is it consistent with the rule of reason, which governs the destinies of the United States, to introduce moral considerations of abstract justice into the settling of international disputes, with which the waging of war has never had anything to do."

Dr. Junge makes virtual admission too that the war is due to Germany's belief that she is entitled, if she is strong enough, to take what she wants from the nations now in possession of that which she desires:

"To destroy the monopoly in restraint of trade which Great Britain has established on the highways of the seas, to secure the essentials of national supply which we need for the maintenance of our ever-growing people, we wage war—with no apology to cosmopolitanism!"

The reference to Great Britain's "monopoly in restraint of trade on the highways of the seas" is, of course, a mere verbal flourish without meaning. The seas in peace times are as open to German as to British shipping. Just at present it must be admitted Great Britain has, as contrasted with Germany, a decided monopoly in overseas trade.

And finally Dr. Junge lauds the German system of Government in the contrast with the republican self-government of United States. "Why," he wants to know, "should the German people abandon their political system, which has proved successful to the Commonwealth and adopt American institutions, which are notorious for the contrast or discrepancy between recognized political principles and actual political life?" "He contrasts the German freedom which is 'born of discipline' with the American 'liberty' which is born of chaos."

Dr. Junge should be encouraged to write some more articles in eulogy of the beloved Fatherland, its Kaiser, its Kultur, its absolutism and its devotion to the principles of international brigandage. There could be nothing more distasteful to the American sense of what is right and proper than these frank revealings of what passes for thinking these days in the German mind.

The Outlook, which publishes these deliverances, undoubtedly speaks for United States public opinion when it says:

"The Outlook believes that it does matter a great deal whether a country does right or does wrong, and that it is in accord with the rule of reason to introduce moral considerations into the settling of international disputes."

SHEER DESPERATION

In an article under the title of "A Topsy-Turvy War," the London Spectator for Nov. 21 brings together a number of things that have happened which are quite the opposite of what might have been expected. One of these, as the New York Post says, has had a great deal of fresh points added to it by the spectacular German raid on the English coast. What used to be said before the war, says the Spectator, was this:

The navy cannot be expected to watch all the trade routes thoroughly, and the injury to our commerce will, of course, be immense. But at all events, there will be no chance of an invasion at home. After the first naval fighting in the North Sea, that anxiety will be removed forever.

What has actually happened is that the damage to British shipping "has been so slight that the supply and price of necessities have hardly been affected," while on the other hand there is "belief that the Germans may seriously attempt a raid." This belief has now been strikingly verified; and it is inter-

esting therefore to note the ground which the Spectator assigned for it in advance of the event. The probability that the Germans would embark on such an adventure is due, it says, to a "fact that was hardly taken into consideration before the war" namely, "the failure of their grand strategic plan by land."

It is in "the desperate search for some new scheme" caused by that failure that the motive for the prospective raid on the English coast was to be found; and now that the thing has come about that explanation, the New York Post thinks, will doubtless be adhered to.

Let us have a clean election.

Who is your choice for Mayor?

Paint heart never won an election, fair ladies.

Today is a good time to start on the New Year's resolutions.

If the ladies had only come out and played the game then we would have had an election that would make that campaign in Poland look in comparison, like a contest in-throwing bean bags.

The Ontario would suggest that the rival candidates for mayor, instead of spending several hundred dollars each for the so-called "election expenses," should get together and form an agreement not to spend a cent. Then we would further suggest that each devote the probable total of such expenses to the Patriotic fund or to Belgian relief. This would insure a clean election, and, at the same time, give a strong impetus to a worthy cause.

Another amazing "omen of the great war" has come to light. This is attributed to a Portuguese priest, Dom Bosco, who died about ten years ago. The quotation is from the *Matin* of June, 1901, and is as follows:

"In 1913 or 1914 European war will break out. Germany will be completely torn to pieces, but not before the Germans have penetrated into the heart of France, whence they will be forced back to the further banks of the Rhine. An arrogant man will see his family tree cut in splinters and trampled upon by all the world. Great battles will take place on August 15 and September 15. At that time the Pope will die, and live again. Belgium will undergo fearful sufferings, but will rise again and become stronger than ever. Poland will get back her rights."

HYMN BEFORE ACTION.

The earth is full of anger,
The seas are dark with wrath,
The nations in their harness
Go up against our path;
Ere yet we lose the legions—
Ere yet we draw a blade,
Jehovah of the Thunders,
Lord God of Battles, aid!

High lust and forward bearing,
Proud hears rebellious brow—
Deaf ear and soul uncaring.
We seek thy mercy now!
The sinner that forswore Thee,
The fool that passed Thee by
Our times are known before Thee—
Lord, grant us strength to die!

From panic, pride and terror
Revenge that knows no rein,
Light haste and lawless error,
Protect us yet again,
Cloak Thou are undeserving,
Make firm the shuddering breath,
In silence and unswerving
To taste Thy lesser death!

E'en now their vanguard gathers
E'en now we face the fray—
As Thou didst help our fathers,
Help Thou our host to-day!
Fulfilled of signs and wonders
In life and death made clear—
Jehovah of the Thunders,
Lorc. God of Battles, hear!
—Rudyard Kipling.

The Belleville Board of Education will have to struggle along in their rough, inefficient blundering way for another twelve months without the presence of lovely woman at their meetings to mollify the asperities of debate, soothe the members in their hours of trouble, and teach them how to teach the teachers of the city how to teach the young spalpeens of Belleville how to learn how to shoot.

SALISBURY CHAPLAIN WEDS.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The marriage was celebrated at Lancaster Gate to-day of Major Stacey of Ottawa, senior chaplain of the Canadian forces at Salisbury, to Elsie Mary, eldest daughter of the Hon. Digby Denham, Premier of Queensland. Captain Gordon, a brother chaplain of the bridegroom, was best man. The presents included a handsome gift from the Chaplain's Department.

NAVAL CASUALTIES

That the immense armies of today makes war more sanguinary than at any other authentically recorded era of the world's history in the consensus of military expert opinion. Whether the ratio of casualties to the numbers engaged is higher than in the period when the musket's range was 200 yards may be determined when this war is over and there is opportunity to study the official returns of the killed and wounded, but the loss of life may be safely put down as exceeding the world's past experience of war, tragic as that experience has been. Modern war, which requires armies of millions may be expected to slay its ten thousands where war as it was one hundred years ago was contented with its hundreds.

What is true of war on land applies to war at sea, although the hecatomb is not as conspicuous after a naval battle as after one fought on terra firma. The number of lives lost by the blowing up of the four cruisers—Aboukir, Cressy, Hogue and Hawke, 1804, exceeds by almost three hundred the total casualties sustained by Nelson's fleet at Trafalgar. Assuming that the German flagship *Scharnhorst* was sunk with all on board in the recent battle off the Falklands she carried down with her more than 800 officers and men, a number of victims almost equalling the killed and wounded of the victory of the battle of the Nile, respectively 218 and 678. To get the clearest idea of the contrast between present and old-time naval warfare it must be remembered that Nelson commanded twenty-seven fighting ships at Trafalgar and fifteen at the Nile. The losses of the vanquished in these two battles cannot be stated with precision but they would naturally be heavier than those of the victors, more especially as both the French and the Spaniards crowded their ships with men.

The similarity of contemporary land and naval warfare in the matter of casualties is due to similarity of cause, e.g. development of new engines of destruction and the immense extension of range and power in armament. Not until our Civil War was the torpedo recognized as "legitimate" and the Confederate submarines were the first to exemplify the capabilities of those assassinating craft. Sea fighters up to that time had been governed by the chivalrous traditions engendered in the era when warfare fought yard-arm to yard-arm. Position guns had in 1861-65 what of today should consider ridiculously short range. Hence it was that Farragut's fleet was able to force the passage of Mobile Bay with a total loss of 165 killed, of whom 113 were victims of the Confederate torpedo that destroyed the monitor, *Tecumseh*. Today all is changed. The submarine has acquired a deadly efficiency to which the exploits of the Germans bear witness. The great range of guns which throw projectiles weighing hundreds of pounds each seven miles renders the slower and less powerful fleet powerless before it can bring its own batteries to bear. There is scarcely defence possible to the weaker fleet, whereas in old times the inferior force might cherish hope of carrying an opponent by boarding. This was not a wild hope of the Nelson era, for at Trafalgar battling ships literally rubbed against one another and one of the French vessels had to keep its lower deck ports closed because to open them meant to invite more slaughter.

The modern battle fought by fleets and vessels three or more miles apart offers more opportunity for heavier losses in the difficulty attendant on rescuing the crew of a sinking ship. It was easy enough for the victors in old times to get rescuing boats into the water, but now even with steam launches it may easily be too late to succor men desperately battling with the waves at a distance not to be passed without the consumption of considerable time. The causes we have enumerated, together with the greater efficiency of modern as compared with old-time gunnery account for the British navy having sustained in this war the loss of nearly 5000 lives. German returns are not so exact, but probably the total of the slain of the Kaiser's navy does not fall far below that of the British.—Boston Transcript.

T.A.S. HELD CARD PARTY

Under the auspices of the T.A.S. a successful card party was held in St. Michael's Academy last evening. Over three hundred people were in attendance, and eighty tables were in operation. During the evening, Miss K. Bowden and Miss Dorothy Grant sang solos. Mrs. Grant being accompanist. The prizes were won as follows:
Euchre—1st lady—Miss M. Milne;
2nd lady—Miss Dennis; 1st gentleman, 2nd gentleman—S. Flagler, J. V. C. Trusich.
The euchre consolation prizes were awarded to Mr. Mowbray and Miss Lena Mesagher.
In bridge, Mrs. James Grant and Dr. Coughlin won the prizes. The lucky prizes were awarded to Miss Rita Hughes and Charles Funnell.
In the "five hundred," the prizes were won by Mr. D. J. Corrigan and Mrs. O'Hara.
A substantial sum was realized for the T. A. S. fund.

PICTON WINS OPENING GAME

Belleville Intermediates by Efficiency, Speed and Team Work.

Surprised in training and combination work, Belleville's intermediates were last evening beaten by Pictou team at the arena skating rink by the score of 7 to 5. The game was excellent for the opening of the season as many of the players had not yet had a chance to get into the ice and it was surprising that such a fast game should have resulted.

The general referee of the game was Mr. Jack Moran of Toronto. His decisions gave universal satisfaction. The game was clean, there being but five penalties, four Belleville and one Pictou.

Mr. V. Moyness was the local time keeper and Mr. Sam Bongard kept penalty time for both Pictou and Belleville.

At the referee's call, the following teams lined up:

Table with 3 columns: Team Name, Position, Player Name. Rows include Pictou (Goal: Erie, Defence: Finkle, Hubbs, T. Hefferman, V. Taft, B. Burns), Belleville (Goal: Finkle, Defence: Tuite, Rover, Center: Bradley, Whelan, Right Wing: Symons, Left Wing: Brant).

THE GAME FIRST PERIOD

At the opening of the first period, Belleville forwards started off with a considerable amount of individual play, while Pictou seemed to work as a team. The local forwards made a number of sensational rushes, but neither team managed to get into the net, until after nine minutes' play. Finkle after a side rush worked his way to about 40 feet of the net and drove the rubber into the lattice work, defended by Scott. Symons ran up in a few minutes and just failed to succeed, striking the net-post.

Hefferman popped the first Pictou goal in twelve minutes. From the center he rushed through the Belleville field and rushed straight up to the nets. For six minutes Pictou seemed to be playing a little more speedily and the visitors thought Belleville was weakening, but Brant turned the tide, coming out of a mixup and placing a hot shot, scoring a goal. Pictou now has the lead.

SECOND PERIOD

Belleville looked good on the start of the second period. Finkle's rush on Scott was stopped just in time. Pictou was frustrated in a similar attempt on Belleville's last line of defence. But Taft got by the forwards and in a melee at goal scored on Eric. Symons developed considerable checking and Pictou tried some 42 centimetre gun shots at long range and checked steadily. Three minutes saw one of their heavy bombs made on Eric. Pictou was manifesting wonderful speed and was fighting Belleville inch by inch in checking. Belleville got near the goal but never got a good shot at it. Bradley made one heavy effort and managed almost to out Pictou's line of communications. Scott's daring stops were much applauded by the Pictou rousers present. The next goal by Pictou was a sensational feature. A long run down the ice, past defence resulted in a shot which Eric tossed back but Burns was there and ranned it back into Eric's territory into the fancy work. Belleville in fifteen seconds scored on the Pictou run forward combination. Pictou had missed some goals by hard luck.

THIRD PERIOD

Belleville started in heavy on Scott but he was there with the stick. Bradley in penalty, Pictou got in a nice shot. The Belleville forwards played a hard game in pairs and Brant rushed, but Scott came out and the tangle. Pictou's goal was rushed, but their defence was sure. Bradley failed to get in on a long range shot. After 14 minutes' play Hefferman scored, having passed cover and point and the goal keeper was not protected. Brant ran in with another for Pictou and with one minute to play, Whelan found the net.

THE GOALS

Table with 2 columns: Period, Goals. Rows: First Period (Belleville-Finkle-3 minutes, Pictou-Hefferman-18 min, Belleville-Brant-18 min, Belleville-Whelan-18 min), Second Period (Pictou-Taft-5 min, Pictou-Hudgins-8 min, Pictou-Burns-14 min, Belleville-Whelan-14 min), Third Period (Pictou-Burns-4 min, Pictou-Hefferman-14 min, Pictou-Burns-16 min, Belleville-Whelan-19 min).

Reduced by Asthma. The constant strain of asthma brings the patient to a dreadful state of hopeless exhaustion. Early use should by all means be made of the famous Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy, which more than any other acts quickly and surely on the air passages and brings blessed help and comfort. No home where asthma is present in the least degree should be without this great remedy.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ALDERMAN PANTER NOT AN ECONOMIST.

To the Editor of The Ontario.

Dear Sir—I am one of the number who listened to the speeches of the Mayorality candidates yesterday and noticed that Mr. Panter claimed support mainly on account of his serving the ratepayers as Alderman for 18 years. He failed to show that he merited the votes of the electors on any ground of special activity employed in bringing about reforms or measures calculated to benefit the city financially or to enhance its progress during these 18 years. Has there ever been any other man who has filled the position of Alderman for over three years whose record is less barren of results than Alderman Panter's 18 years? If you can place confidence in the reports of the Council proceedings that have appeared in our city papers during those 18 years, I am forced to conclude that Ald. Panter has been more of an obstructionist than a progressive.

He is also a failure as an economist and in proof of this I shall give here just one of many instances that could be related. Within the last year a \$150.00 per month and notwithstanding the fact that this wage is very liberal, this official has been allowed an assistant a great deal of the time at the rate of two dollars a day. And this is not all, but besides the assistant, the Engineer was also provided with a stenographer, at the rate of six dollars a week, a considerable portion of the time. But where was the money to pay for all this extravagance? Through Ald. Panter's hands, approximately without a murmur. But, now comes an example of Ald. Panter's obstructive ability. Some of the Aldermen made an attempt to discontinue the City Engineer with all his assistants, but Ald. Panter said there were two sidewalks to construct and therefore the engineer would have to be kept on. These two short walks have been completed a good while ago, and the engineer continues to draw his salary. It is more than probable that the engineer will do his best to help elect Ald. Panter to the mayor's chair. And if Ald. Panter gets elected, the engineer will probably possibly get a raise and plenty of assistants to help him through with his numerous duties. There may be another sidewalk to construct in the distant future.

Another remark in closing that there are many number one grand old lathes constructed without the assistance of a professional engineer. Yes, an economist! The writer feels that in concluding that Ald. Panter is a complete failure when expending the money extracted from the tax-payers.

Yours, One of Them.

Belleville, Dec. 28th, 1914

Editor of The Ontario.

In reply to a letter written by one who signed his name "pure water" and who wishes to know why the city has not complied with the will of the majority of the electors who were in favor of an artificial well on Zwick's Island to feed the waterworks. I will say, first, that the proper class of ratepayers who are most capable of judging, were not authorized to vote a genuine class of electors enough to guarantee a justifiable ratification.

2nd, his worship that was the crown prince at that time decided in favor of good evidence than had no evidence. 3rd, that island as it is now, is surrounded by a dead marshy adulterated water, which is the promotion and creation of all kinds of water vermin, such as snakes, leeches, toads, frogs, and pollywogs of all kinds and the water is therefore the island could not be recom needed even after being filtered to be healthy water for man or beast.

4th, why would we dig down in the earth for pure water, when we got a well already built and gifted to us by nature, which is hundreds of feet deeper than any of the private wells on the hills of the city, which is most certainly more of a spring and pure than any artificial well than a man can imagine or invent inspired by the pure water of Lake Ontario and kept alive by a current, promoted by the suction of the St. Lawrence river.

5th, if the management of waterworks is insufficient or have not got the ability to manage the system of waterworks to give the people a sufficient supply.

Then I say cultivate the management, because I know the water don't require any cultivation, the suction requires a better intake system and filtration.

Thanking you for space and as this new year is the 4th day of the year, I can only wish the Ontario the complements of the season.

Thos. Sullivan King street.

A CAPITALIST

Orilla Packet "Fresh chestnuts," reads a sign in George Sinclair's store window. It sounds like a contradiction in terms, but here is a chestnut tree, fresh, which you may not have heard before. An Orilla man, on his way to visit a friend at Castleton, got off the train at Colborne, there to take the stage for the north. Having no fifty-cent piece in his pocket, when he reached his destination, he handed the stage driver a five-dollar bill. The driver looked at the bill, then at the Orilla man and gravely asked, "Which horse do you want?"

MANY ARE ELECTED THE MASONIC INSTALLATION

War Year Marked by Large Number of Acclamations.

ELECTIONS NEXT MONDAY

War Year Marked by Large Number of Acclamations. The officers of the local Masonic lodges were installed at three o'clock yesterday afternoon in the Masonic temple by R. Wor. Bro. H. J. Clarke, D.D.G.M. for Prince Edward District No. 13, assisted by a number of local right worshipful brethren.

The usual banquet was not held this year, the funds being devoted to charitable work. The officers elected and appointed were installed as follows:

MOIRA NO 11

W. Bro. Donald G. Biecker, W.M. W. Bro. James M. Wilson, I.P.M. Bro. A. L. Lett, S.W. Bro. H. A. Morgan, J.W. Bro. Rev. A. S. Kerr, Chap. W. Bro. Wm. McGie, Treas. R. W. Bro. John Newton, Sec. Bro. Jesse W. Barlow, S.D. Bro. Wm. Cook, J.D. V. J. Bro. J. McIntosh, D. of O. Bro. J. W. Kinnear, S.S. Bro. W. H. Wrightmeyer, J.S. Bro. Francis Robinson, organist Bro. E. T. Austin, I.G. Bro. C. A. Hulley, Tyler Bro. H. M. Frost and Bro. F. W. Frost, auditors

V. J. Bro. H. F. Ketcheson, lodge trustee Masonic property

THE BELLEVILLE LODGE No. 123

W. Bro. John McCarthy, W.M. W. Bro. W. H. Hudson, I.P.M. Bro. R. A. Backus, S.W. Bro. Dr. J. A. Faulkner, J.W.

THE BELLEVILLE LODGE No. 123

KEEPING THE CANADIAN DOLLAR AT HOME

Keeping the Canadian dollar at home is very much a matter of the wholesale dealer who buys in carload lots.

No matter what retailers and individual consumers may decide to do as a national self-interest campaign, the jobber is the man who very often controls the situation. The wholesale dealer has a wide-angle vision. He has customers far and wide; not in one province but in many. His parish is often as large as that of the manufacturer. His business has a national scope. To the wholesaler the general welfare of Canada is of more direct importance than it is to the retailer or the individual.

Naturally, the country looks to the wholesaler to help along the Made in Canada movement because it is going to be in his best interests to offer the retailer the goods his customers are demanding and in his position of buying in carload lots he can do a great deal to help or hinder people in carrying out the Made in Canada sentiment.

The wholesaler who buys his goods from a foreign country is letting the reservoir leak without pumping into it. Every carload of goods bought out side of Canada means the value of a carload taken away from the purchasing power of the Canadian people, which depends directly on the business done by Canadian factories quite as much as on the proceeds of Canadian farms and mines and fisheries.

We all realize the insanity of killing the goose that lays the golden egg. The golden egg in this case is the ability of the Canadian people to buy goods, and the ability of the Canadian manufacturer to supply them, as well if not better, as cheaply if not more cheaply, than any other nation now competing for business.

Requisite on the Farm—Every farmer and stock-raiser should keep a supply of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil on hand, not only as a ready remedy for ill in the family, but because it is a horse and cattle medicine of great value. As a substitute for sweet oil for horses and cattle affected by colic it far surpasses anything that can be administered.

THE BELLEVILLE LODGE No. 123

AFRAID SHE WAS DYING

Suffered Terribly Until She Took "Fruit-a-lives"

ST. DEAN ST. MARY'S, JAN. 27th, 1914.

"After suffering for a long time with Dyspepsia, I have been cured by 'Fruit-a-lives'. I suffered so much that I would not dare eat for I was afraid of dying. Five years ago I received samples of 'Fruit-a-lives' I did not wish to try them for I had little confidence in them but seeing my husband's anxiety, I decided to do so and at once I felt relief. Then I sent for three boxes and I kept improving until I was cured. While sick, I lost several pounds, but after taking 'Fruit-a-lives' I quickly regained what I had lost. Now I eat, sleep and digest well—in a word, I am completely cured, thanks to 'Fruit-a-lives'."

MADAM M. CHARBONNEAU

"Fruit-a-lives" is the greatest stomach tonic in the world and will always cure indigestion, Sour Stomach, "Heartburn", Dyspepsia and other Stomach Troubles.

50c. a box, 6 for \$2.50, trial size, 25c. At all dealers or sent on receipt of price by Fruit-a-lives Limited, Ottawa.

FIRE IN DESERONTO

The residence of Joseph St. Louis Brant street, Deseronto was burned last evening. Nothing was saved. It is stated that there was \$1,000 insurance carried. Mr. Wm. Marrigan, of Port Arthur was the owner of the building.

THE RITCHIE COMPANY, LIMITED.

Ladies' and Misses' Black and Colored Coats at Just Half Price

A SACRIFICE of this magnitude is necessarily effected at a decided loss to ourselves, but the decision has been reached, and that decision means that we will not carry over into our new business year (which commences February 1st) any of these high grade garments—hence the entire clearance of all our Ladies' and Misses' Black and Colored Coats in all the wanted styles at JUST HALF PRICE, which means:

\$8 COATS AT \$4. \$10 COATS AT \$5. \$15 COATS AT \$7.50. \$20 COATS AT \$10

Silk and Serge Dresses Just Half Price

Your choice during the January Clearance Sale of about 50 Ladies' and Misses' Silk and Serge Dresses, all new fashionable styles, in black and best colors, while they last at JUST HALF PRICE, which means—

\$6.00 DRESSES FOR \$3.00 \$8.00 DRESSES FOR \$4.00 \$10.00 DRESSES FOR \$5.00

Millinery Half Price

After a heavy season's selling there are still dozens of Pretty Hats, trimmed or untrimmed, in our Millinery Parlors, to be cleared out during this sale at just half their former selling prices. There are no exceptions—Imported Pattern Hats, black and colored, untrimmed shapes, hats trimmed in our own workrooms, and Children's Millinery, all at JUST HALF PRICE.

OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF Men's Colored Winter Overcoats

At Greatly Reduced Prices

Every Men's Colored Overcoat in our stock is included at these drastic Price Reductions. All new coats in the best styles and materials, and good warm winter weights. This offers you the greatest chance of the year to procure an all-around high grade coat at an extremely low price. Here are the reductions.

- \$12.00 Overcoats on sale at \$ 9.50
15.00 Overcoats on sale at 12.00
18.00 Overcoats on sale at 14.50
20.00 Overcoats on sale at 16.00
22.00 & \$23.00 Overcoats 17.50
25.00 Overcoats on sale at 18.50

Men's and Young Men's Tweed and Worsted Suits

At Prices to Save You Money During the January Clearance Sale

We have divided these suits into two lots at two money saving prices, offering 100 fashionable up-to-the-minute New Suits at prices that in many instances are less than cost

- Lot No. 1—Suits that sell regularly at \$8.00 \$10 and \$12.00, on sale at \$8.00
Lot No. 2—Suits that sell regularly \$12.00 at \$15 to \$18, on sale at \$12.00

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We make a specialty of furniture upholstery, and if you will call phone 821 we will send a man and give you an estimate on your needs.

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WILLE.
 An event took place in
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 H. Chase when a
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 eldest son Sherman
 in addition to the im-
 of the bride and
 es were members of
 es Organized Sunday
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Solve the Future of Your Boys and Girls

War conditions have not affected the success of the graduates of Ontario Business College. Principal Johnson has been placing them in positions, as usual, since the war began, and is daily receiving Christmas and New Year's greetings from O. B. S. old boys and girls from near by and far away on this continent and beyond it.

The staff is now as follows:
THE BUSINESS DEPARTMENT.
 J. W. JOHNSON, F.C.A., Principal.
 I. L. MOORE, Vice-principal.
 MISS STELLA FORD, First Assistant.
 R. F. LUMSDEN, B.A., Second Assistant.
 W. N. FOUNTON, M.A., Law Lecturer.
THE SHORTHAND AND TYPEWRITING DEPARTMENT.
 MISS M. DIAMOND, Head of the Department.
 MISS M. KENNEDY, First Assistant.
 MISS N. A. YROMANS, Second Assistant.
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 Students may enter at any time. There are no vacations.

GILBERT & SULLIVAN'S OPERA COMPANY

At the Royal Alexandra Next Week—
De Wolf Hopper in the Star Role
 Playgoers who hark back to the days of comic opera at its best, and the younger generation who have heard so much about them but have never seen them, will welcome the announcement that De Wolf Hopper and the Gilbert and Sullivan Festival Company are to play an engagement for an entire week at the Royal Alexandra Theatre, Toronto, starting next Monday night, Jan. 4th.
 Among the well known singers who will participate in these revivals are De Wolf Hopper, Idelle Patterson, Arthur Cunningham, Arthur Aldridge, Gladys Caldwell, Herbert Waterous, John Willard, Herbert Cripps, Jayne Herbert, Maude Mordant, Alice McCombs and Anabel Jourdan. The success which came to William A. Brady when he revived "The Mikado" was so pronounced that he determined the time was ripe for other Gilbert and Sullivan revivals, and to

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E. B. HUDSON IS MISSING

Left Home to Go For a Skate at Risk on Christmas Day—Has Not Been Seen Since
 At 2.30 o'clock on the afternoon of Christmas Day, E. B. Hudson left his home, Great St. James street, to go skating at the arena rink. Nobody is known to have seen him since, whether at the rink or anywhere else. He is 27 years of age, 5 ft. 5 in. in height, fair haired and light complexioned. He weighs about 140 pounds, and is a carpenter. He was wearing a brown suit, dark striped overcoat with Persian lamb collar, heavy light cap. He is sometimes known as Harry Hudson. His mother, Mrs. P. E. Hudson, 42 Great St. James street, is very anxious about him. She has reported his disappearance to the police who are making an effort to locate him. He had been working in Trenton for the past three years and had come home last week. An effort has been made to find him in Trenton.
LATER
 Mr. Hudson's whereabouts have been located, the police stated his afternoon.

FORMER BELLELILLE GIRL MARRIED IN TORONTO

The home of Mr. John Cooper was the scene of a very pretty wedding in Toronto on Thursday, Dec. 24, when Miss Florence Herrington, of Toronto, formerly of Belleville, became the bride of Mr. Frederick Stibbard, also of Toronto.
 The bride who looked very pretty in a suit of navy blue with bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley was attended by Miss Bessie Betts of Gall, while Mr. J. Cooper assisted the groom. After the ceremony a wedding reception and dinner was served to about thirty guests.
 Immediately after dinner the happy couple left on a wedding trip in which the bridesmaid has accompanied them. On their return they will reside in their new home in Toronto.
 The bride was the recipient of many costly and beautiful presents.

S.S. No. 7 SIDNEY, December School Report

Fifth Class—Harold Cummings, Senior Fourth—Harry, Lott Senior Third—Clayton Eggleton Vera Ray, Edgan Ray.
 Senior Third—Clayton Eggleton Lizzy Thrasher, Harry Waite Jessie Curlett, Myrtle Cooke,
 Second—Gibbs Waite, Clara Adams, Aletha Rutter, Edna Rollin, Jimmie Cyrielt, Muriel Thrasher.
 First—Clinton Rutter, Clarabel Rutter, Primer—Sordun Waterhouse, Everett Cooke, J. McKenna, teacher.

TOOK FIRE FROM TELEPHONE

On Monday morning about 11 o'clock the power wires at the pulp mill began to burn at the insulator causing the mill to be shut down for a time. The telephone in connection with Miss Matthew's house on Rear Street is a part of the system to the pulp mill and when the trouble occurred at the pulp mill, the fuse of the phone at Miss Matthew's house burned out and started a blaze. This was no doubt due to an excess of electric current on the telephone wire, due to contact with the power wire. The alarm of fire was sounded but prompt action of the brigade and those near by soon extinguished the blaze, with very little damage to the property.
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AN EXCELLENT MUSICAL SERVICE

Special mention must be made of the very excellent music at St. Thomas' church last evening. Nothing pretentious was undertaken, but the beautiful choral service itself, supplemented by two solos, an anthem and carol, was so beautifully sung that the congregation could not but be delighted.
 Mrs. Wilmet sang 'Night of Nights' that favorite gem so well known to us all, in a manner most charming, and Mr. Ilsey's 'First Christmas Morning' was equally a delight.
 That favorite carol 'Holy Night' by the choir, together with Elvey's Christmas anthem 'Arise Shine,' showed what real choral singing is, and reflected much credit on Mr. Wheatley's training.
 As an offertory Mr. Hincey played 'The Rosary,' together with Elvey's of his trumpet carrying us all away. Mr. Wheatley's accompanying, always excellent, was, last night, beyond criticism. In fact the whole service was so pleasing and so restful that no one could possibly feel inclined to criticize, but all must agree that the people of St. Thomas' church are indeed most fortunate in having Mr. Wheatley as choirmaster and organist.

CURLERS BUSY AGAIN

Although the weather was extremely cold quite a number enjoyed the "roaring" game at the curling rink on Xmas day and Saturday.
 The management committee informs us that the ice is in fine condition and that they are looking forward to a very successful season as they very seldom have such good ice so early.
 The Tankard and District Cup competitions of this district are to be played here on January 19th and 28th respectively, if weather is favorable and these games will also add a great deal of interest to the curling. The rinks that are playing in these games will be busy practising each evening to get their men into condition for these competitions.
 The club has a large membership this season so everything points to a good time this winter.

PAPER PRICES GOING UP

It is a well known fact that few printers and publishers have been making money for some years out of their newspapers because of the higher prices they have had to pay for nearly everything used in their offices. Overhead expenses have increased enormously of late years too. Once more the wholesale paper dealers have withdrawn all former quotations. One old firm has notified their customers thusly: "We regret to advise you that we cannot guarantee to all future orders for papers at old prices." This leaves but one course open to publishers of country newspapers, that is to increase subscription and advertising rates. Does it not seem strange that while everything the publisher has to pay for has increased very much in price, yet he has not advanced his own prices? But the time has come when he must increase prices or do business at a loss. There are a hundred publishers in this country who would be far better off to-day working as journeymen and thereby escaping the worry that surrounds every newspaper office.
 —Bowmanville News.

HOCKEY

The following have registered for Pictou intercollegiate:
 T. L. Woods, E. G. Hodin, Ralph Burns, W. K. Hubbs, K. W. Scott, Bert Burns, Clifford Cooper, Fred Hoffman, W. L. Barnes, B. Madroc, John Smith, John I. Gunter.

Next Thing to It

"How terribly mangled that poor man was they took to the hospital in the patrol! Was he in a railroad wreck?"
 "No. He was one of the judges of a baby show."—Baltimore American.
 Overheard.
 "Tinker has placed an old railroad sign, 'Stop, look and listen' at the entrance to his driveway."
 "What's the idea?"
 "His wife is running the touring car."—Judge.
 Good Advice.
 Lord Kitchener's answer to the young reporter who asked him for his autograph is wholesome advice for all autograph hunters, "Young man, go and make your own autograph worth having."—Youth's Companion.
 Relief of the Past.
 "I'd like to see a one horse shay," remarked the city visitor.
 "Out of date," said his country host.
 "The nearest we can come to it now is a one cylinder car."—Pittsburgh Post.
 Reduced by Asthma. The constant strain of asthma brings the patient to a dreadful state of hopeless exhaustion. Early use should by all means be made of the famous Dr. J. D. Kollogg's Asthma Remedy, which more than any other acts quickly and surely on the air passages and brings blessed help and comfort. No home where asthma is present in the least degree should be without this great remedy.



MR. A. E. GREENLAW Colored Soloist with Dr. J. L. Gordon.

CHRISTMASTIDE WEDDING BELLS

LAFFERTY—MOXAM
 On Friday afternoon, December 25 at 4.30 o'clock a very pretty wedding was solemnized at the bride's home, 10 Commercial St. when Myrtle Irene, fourth eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Moxam was united in marriage to Mr. William Lafferty of this city.
 The Rev. H. S. Osborne officiated, the bride entering the drawing room on the arm of her father, while the wedding march was being played by Miss Ethel Roblin of New York. The bride's gown was of ivory satin trimmed with Chantilly lace and pearls, and the veil was of embroidered tulle in the Juliet style adorned with orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses and orchids. Miss Pearl Moxam, sister of the bride acted as bridesmaid, wearing a gown of pale blue satin, trimmed with Irish points and tea roses and cap to match, carrying a bouquet of carnations and daisies.
 Mr. Jack Brown of Toronto acted as best man. The groom's gift to the bride was a pearl necklace; to the bridesmaid a locket and chain and to the groomsmen a handsome ring. The bride's mother wore a gown of amythist satin and an osprey in her hair.
 After the ceremony a sumptuous repast was partaken of in the dining room which was elaborately decorated with ferns, palms, chrysanthemums and immortals.
 The bride was the recipient of many beautiful gifts.
 The out of town guests were as follows—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moxam and son of Syracuse, N.Y.; Mr. Wm. Witham of St. Catharines; Mrs. Wm. Richardson and daughter of Napanee; Mr. Edgar J. Brown, of Toronto; Miss Ethel Roblin, New York; Mr. Roblin of Halloway.
 The young couple will reside in the city.

MEYERS—CURTIS

The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Curtis, of Sidney, was the scene of a very pleasing event when their youngest daughter, Edith May was united in marriage on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, to Robert Meyers, also of Sidney. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Joblin, of the Hayside circuit, in the presence of about forty guests. The bride entered the drawing-room on the arm of her father to the strains of wedding bells, rendered by Miss Annie Henderson, of Tyendinag, taking her place beside the groom beneath an arch, tastefully decorated with evergreens and pink and white roses. The bride looked charming in a dress of tan silk and carried a bouquet of white carnations. After the ceremony and hearty congratulations from all, the company retired to the dining-room which was beautifully decorated for the occasion in red, white and blue; where a sumptuous wedding dinner was served. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in music and social intercourse. The happy couple left for Trenton, taking the 6.00 train for Chicago, Rock Island and other points; the bride travelling in a suit of navy blue serge with hat to match. On their return, they will reside in Sidney, on a farm, adjacent to the bride's father's. The many beautiful as well as useful presents received, show the high esteem in which the couple are held. The groom's gift to the bride was a beautiful gold locket and chain; to the organist a gold brooch. Their many friends wish them a happy and prosperous wedded life.

On Monday evening, Dec. 21st, the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. Curtis was invaded by about sixty neighbors and friends, to do honor to their daughter, Edith May, before launching out into the sea of matrimony. The evening was spent in music, games, etc., after which a lunch was served and the following address read.
 Dear Edith:
 We, your friends and associates have gathered here tonight to spend a pleasant hour with you in your old home, as we learn you are soon to leave upon you, the duties of a new home. During the few years you have been in our midst, you have won the high esteem and love of all, by your quiet and unassuming but genial companionship and we always felt we could rely upon your cheerful and willing assistance, whenever needed. In the choir, the Sunday school and Epworth League, you have always been ready to do your part. We feel that we cannot fully express to you our friendship and good-will, but as an evidence of it and of our appreciation of your valuable services, we beg you to accept these gifts and trust that in using them you may know that you have many friends who pray that God will bless you in your new home and may you, long be spared to labor in the church and community you love so well.
 Signed on behalf of your neighbors and friends.

OUR showing of Christmas Footwear is indeed a very attractive display!
 We've something just right for every Foot in the Family!

What could make a more acceptable Christmas remembrance for the Older Members of the Family than a pair of our Comfort Shoes, a pair of Warm Slippers, or a pair of good Winter Rubbers or Arctics?

What would please the Younger Members of the Family more than a pair of Stylish Shoes, a pair of Dancing Pumps or Dress Slippers, a pair of Leggins or Rubber Boots for the Boy or Girl?

Remember Baby, too, with a pair of our cunning little Slippers, Booties or moccasins.

WE'VE CHRISTMAS FOOTWEAR GALORE!

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You probably received a present of money and wish to buy with it something to keep as a remembrance. Nothing is better than Furniture. It is lasting and useful.
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 Toys, Dolls, Sleighs, Games, Xmas Decorations, China Glassware, Cut Glass, Xmas Boxes, Holiday Boxes, Xmas Crackers, Baskets, Fancy Work Purses, etc., etc.

Books, Books, Books,

This year we have made extra large purchases of English and American Juvenile Books of all kinds, and are now showing the largest and most complete variety of these goods ever shown in Ontario.
 Everything marked at lowest possible prices.
 Inspection wanted.
 Our prices sell our goods.

THE BEEHIVE
 CHAS. N. SULMAN

January Sale Prices Commence To-day

Ladies' Heavy Winter Overcoats, reg. \$10, sale	\$2.00
Ladies' Satin, Silk and Moire Underskirts, in black, white and all best shades, reg. up to \$4.50, sale	\$1.75
Ladies' Sweater Coats, pure wool, in scarlet, navy and royal, reg. \$3.00, sale	\$1.25
Boys' and Girls' Sweater Coats all colors, reg. \$1.00 and \$1.25, sale	89c
White and Grey Flannelette Blankets, 10x4 size, for	\$1.15
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Grey Wool Blankets, size 56x76 in., weight 6 lbs., sale	\$1.98
White Wool Blankets, 72x84 in., worth \$5.00, sale	4.25
Heavy Red Chintz Covered Comforters, filled with good quality batting, size 60x72 inches, reg. \$2.00, sale	\$1.75
Extra quality Fine Chintz Covered Comforters, 72x72, filled with best quality batting, reg. \$4.00, sale	\$3.50
Linen Towels, hemmed and fringed ends, size 18x34 in., a splendid 15c towel, sale each	10c
Extra quality Bleached and Unbleached Sheetting, plain and twilled, 2 yds. and 2 1/4 yds. wide, per yard	35c
Fine Cotton Pillow Cases, 40 inch size, sale	2 for 25c
36 inch wide Paulette Silk, black and all best shades, beautiful quality, worth \$1.25, sale	83c
Women's and Children's Heavy Black Worsted Hose, all sizes 4 1/2 to 10 inches, worth 25c to 35c, 2 prs for 35c	

Ask to see the wonderful bargains in Lace Curtains

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During Holiday Week this House of Good Clothes is offering very special bargains in Men's and Boys' Overcoats and Suits. It will pay you to investigate.

We extend to all our customers and friends the Season's Compliments.

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It pays to Advertise

HER CHRISTMAS GREETING

By Mrs. C. M. Edgar.

"Is there no letter?" "Nothing here, Mr. Cottor, but Miss left word this afternoon that there was a parcel for you at the Express office."

The old man turned away from the window, plainly disappointed. He made his way mechanically to the Express office, received a large square box from the clerk and turned out again.

It was Christmas Eve, crisp, and bracing and starlit. The shops were bright with many lights and alive with a throng of eager shoppers and tokens of Christmas love and friendship. Merry greetings, freighted with Christmas cheer and good-will, rang out everywhere. And there is no sound so heartsome!

But the old man spoke to no one, nor took any heed of the scene about him. He passed on with bowed head through the busy streets and out into the quiet country road. His burden was awkward to carry, and he seemed to find it heavy. He had difficulty in keeping his footing in the narrow sleigh tracks. As he labored wearily along, he thought of his old wife waiting for him at home, and the disappointment he had felt so recently himself, he felt all the more for her. He thought, too, of his absent child, the darling of his old age, and the only one that death had spared him of all the merry band that once had made so bright his life.

He thought of her far away in the great city, striving to hold her own, perhaps against awful odds, unprotected, alone—and his heart was full of a bitter trouble. Why had he let her go? He had held out long and sternly against it. He had been reproached with sacrificing his child's interests to his own selfish love, had been told of the voices with no approach to the power and pathos of his own, that which made music in his home, that held great audiences spell-bound and made for their owners fame and fortune in the world. Yet he had stood firm. But when her gentle old mother, who loved her so and whose heart he knew was breaking at the thought of parting from her, added her voice to the chorus of entreaties, his resolution had wavered, and finally he had yielded a reluctant consent. But it had gone hard with him. He knew something of the dangers that beset the young in the big cities, of the pitfalls of the unwary, and his heart had never ceased to misgive him. True, her frank, loving letters had kept him cheered and reassured, and they had never failed him in the long, long nights of all nights! What could it mean?

Reaching his own door, he halted a moment, pulled himself together with an effort and strove to banish the gloom from his face in manner. Then he pushed open the door and stepped into the hall, shaking the snow vigorously from his feet.

An elderly lady with a sweet, motherly face and gentle blue eyes sat knitting by the fire. She looked up eagerly when he came in. "Is it snowing?" She asked, smiling a bright welcome.

"No, it's a fine night, clear as a diamond, clear and cold." "He set down his burden on the floor and removed his hat and great coat, while all the while watching him expectantly. When he came over and held out his hands to the heat; her eyes took an anxious look.

"Haven't you got a letter?" she asked, unable longer to restrain her impatience. "No, there was none tonight," he returned with assumed unconcern. "It must have miscar-

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Written for The Ontario by Miss Jennie Osborne.

Softly falls the snow outside, we notice everybody with happy faces—why it is Christmas Eve. The children are to have their annual Xmas tree in the school room of their various churches. Presents are hung on the Christmas tree. Not a doll child is seen. The rich are dressed in furs also the fires are burning in the various homes. Merry, merry Xmas the Christ Child is born again in a manger. The star of Bethlehem is seen. The shepherds come from the East to worship the Christ Child. Softly tread tonight, listen to the angels' song, "Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth."

Chapter I. Xmas Morn.

The lights of the Christmas tree are out all have gone home, retired to rest. Hark the shout of the children in the morning, merry Christmas to parents, relatives and friends. Many a family gathering, but also many a vacant chair. The beautiful dinner, its English plum-pudding, its roast turkey. The table of the rich is loaded with all good things, while the angels' song is forgotten by all, only the Christ Child who never forsakes, and looks in pity on the poorest children, and any who neglect to feed them, especially on Christmas day, the angels look down in pity and sends some one perhaps in the humdrum walk of life to soothe their misery and heal their hearts.

Chapter II. The Vacant Chair.

Many a heart is heavy this Xmas day, a vacant chair. Many a loved one gone to their reward, their first Christmas spent in Heaven. A mother sighs over the loss of her child. Does the Christ Child this day whisper words of comfort in her heart, does he not know her child is safe in Heaven? A daughter weeps over her mother, gone, never to return.

ried. We'll have it tomorrow." "Then, seeing the bitter disappointment in her face, "But we have something else here," he added cheerily. "I almost forgot it." He picked up the box and, placing it on the table, proceeded to remove the wrappings with an air of deep interest.

Why, what in the world have we here?" he exclaimed in unfeigned surprise, as he raised the cover and disclosed the contents, a queer-looking black box or block partially hidden by what appeared to be an immense brass funnel, while standing against the side was a shallow square box securely tied. He gazed at the odd-looking objects a moment in wonderment, then turned the box round and round, examining it in the light.

"It's a gramophone," he announced at length finding the label, "Come and see it, mother." She was looking into the fire through a heavy mist of tears. At his words she wiped her eyes and arising listlessly, came and stood beside him. He lifted the parts out, examined them carefully and tried to put them together.

"There must be directions somewhere," he said at length, struggling clumsily with his unaccustomed work. "Search the box, please, will you?" She drew it towards her, and taking out the remains of the wrapping paper, came on a closely printed card. But as she lifted it out, a glad cry broke from her, for there from the bottom of the box, filled up at her dear face that smiled her sleeping and waking dreams. She snatched up the photograph, laid it a moment caressingly against her cheek, then held it to the light. Together they feasted their eyes upon it, their hearts swelling with fond pride. Yes, it was the same open pulchre face. But the mother fancied she detected a new wistfulness in the smile that lay about the pretty mouth, which, while it brought the tears to her eyes, ached, yet told her loving old heart that the world had not spoiled her darling, that still she yearned for home.

When her husband turned again to the task of fitting together the parts of the gramophone, she watched him eagerly, offering suggestions and help. There was no lack of interest now in this wonderful new toy; for, had it not come from Winnie! At length it was adjusted to their full satisfaction. He inserted a record at random and proceeded to wind—"Move away, mother," he said. "They say the music sounds better from a distance."

She went back to her seat beside the fire, assuming an attitude of rapt attention. Suddenly her heart bounded wildly, then stood still! Through the silent room rippled tenderly, wistfully, in the glorious voice, of whose triumphs even now the world was taking, and whose every tone she knew so well, the dear old refrain:

Mid pleasure and palaces though we may roam, Be it ever so humble, there's no place like home! A charm from the skies seems to hallow us there, Which seek through the world is never met with elsewhere. Home! home! sweet home! There's no place like home!

One after another, through the medium of the wonderful instrument, their absent darling sang to them, as she used to do in the long evenings at home, all the sweet, familiar airs she knew they loved. Entranced, they drank in the ravishing melody, and their gentle hearts were full.

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By Patriotic Citizens of Napanee, Lennox and Addington.

Lennox & Addington and Napanee have been doing splendid work in the promotion of the various patriotic movements that have been undertaken since the commencement of the war. Napanee has a population of less than 3,000, but the contributions to the patriotic fund from town and county now exceeds ten thousand dollars.

In addition to this their county council at its December session passed a resolution pledging themselves to look after all dependants of the volunteers until the conclusion of the war.

Every volunteer from the united counties was insured for one thousand dollars from the fund.

Judge Madden, chairman of the patriotic fund has sent the following Christmas message to his boys and was yesterday gratified to receive the reply that immediately follows:

Napanee, Dec. 24, 1914. To General Alderson. Bustard Camp, Salisbury Plains, The Lennox & Addington Patriotic Fund committee extend Christmas greetings to you and your boys in Lennox and Addington and wish them all well.

J. H. Madden, Chairman. Bustard Camp, Salisbury Plains, Dec. 25 To J. H. Madden, Chairman, Patriotic Fund, Napanee, Ontario.

All volunteers from Lennox and Addington counties desire to thank the patriotic committee for their kind message and to wish them all that is good at this season of the year.

Alderson.

SANTA CLAUS TREATED OVER 700 CHILDREN

Through the kindness and good offices of the Fifteenth Regimental band Santa Claus paid a special visit to the armories yesterday afternoon. A great crowd of children over seven hundred in number was on hand to welcome him. A large number of them had not enjoyed a visit from his saintship on Christmas eve, owing to war and other difficulties connected with the commissariat. But there was an abundant supply at the armories and no child went away without some Christmas token.

Mr. John Hanna and Santa Claus went up to the shelter in the afternoon and brought all the children down from that institution taking them back again as soon as the festivities were over.

Mr. Sam Turner officiated as the good Saint Nicholas and the part could scarcely have been better taken. There seemed to be no limit to the good things that he was able to extract from the fruitful branches of the tree. To give an idea of the abundance of the gifts bestowed it is only necessary to mention that the distribution included 250 games, 410 toys, 25 tuques, 6 girls' hats, 32 boys' caps, 4 pairs boys' trousers, 84 pairs stockings, 41 pieces underwear, 11 boys' shirts, 16 dresses, 76 picture books, 94 dolls, 81 hockey sticks, 750 oranges, and 125 lbs. candies.

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Lennox & Addington and Napanee have been doing splendid work in the promotion of the various patriotic movements that have been undertaken since the commencement of the war. Napanee has a population of less than 3,000, but the contributions to the patriotic fund from town and county now exceeds ten thousand dollars.

In addition to this their county council at its December session passed a resolution pledging themselves to look after all dependants of the volunteers until the conclusion of the war.

Every volunteer from the united counties was insured for one thousand dollars from the fund.

Judge Madden, chairman of the patriotic fund has sent the following Christmas message to his boys and was yesterday gratified to receive the reply that immediately follows:

Napanee, Dec. 24, 1914. To General Alderson. Bustard Camp, Salisbury Plains, The Lennox & Addington Patriotic Fund committee extend Christmas greetings to you and your boys in Lennox and Addington and wish them all well.

J. H. Madden, Chairman. Bustard Camp, Salisbury Plains, Dec. 25 To J. H. Madden, Chairman, Patriotic Fund, Napanee, Ontario.

All volunteers from Lennox and Addington counties desire to thank the patriotic committee for their kind message and to wish them all that is good at this season of the year.

Alderson.

SANTA CLAUS TREATED OVER 700 CHILDREN

Through the kindness and good offices of the Fifteenth Regimental band Santa Claus paid a special visit to the armories yesterday afternoon. A great crowd of children over seven hundred in number was on hand to welcome him. A large number of them had not enjoyed a visit from his saintship on Christmas eve, owing to war and other difficulties connected with the commissariat. But there was an abundant supply at the armories and no child went away without some Christmas token.

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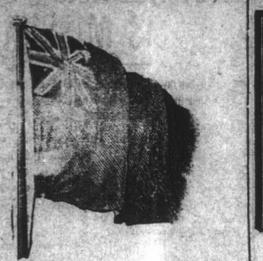
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A. W. DICKENS

LAI D TO REST

The funeral of the late Roy A. Frawley took place on Thursday morning from his late residence, Church and Dundas streets to St. Michael's R. C. church, where Rev. Father Killen celebrated a solemn requiem mass. Interment was in St. James cemetery. Rev. Father Corrigan officiating at the grave. The bearers were Messrs A. McCornick, A. Farrell, H. McCormack, L. Horrigan, F. Wines, and T. Brophy.

FRONT OF THURLOW.

Mrs. A. Paolier has returned home after spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. H. Young, Mountain View.

A number are suffering from severe colds, Bronchitis and quinsy in our neighborhood and a few cases of whooping cough are reported.

A great many were present at the entertainment given last Thursday evening under the auspices of the Kingston Sunday school. Mr. Modle, the pastor, very ably filled the chair and the program was well rendered by the children and older ones of the school.

Mr. W. Clazie went to Kingston, one day recently, to attend Presbytery meeting there.

The children are delighted that their Christmas holidays have come round again.

Mr. H. Fuller and Miss B. Fuller, of Shannonville, spent Sunday with their sister, Mrs. H. Grant.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Bradshaw, 2-d con. spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. MacDonald.

FEW LOCAL SOLDIERS' HOME

From Kingston—Most Will Come Up For Few Years.

Only a few of the Belleville soldiers with the Second Contingent in the 21st Battalion in Kingston will be home for Christmas. The rest will be here for New Year's. The Belleville men are in the same company with the Ottawa soldiers, most of whom have been given leave to go home.

Amongst the Fifteenth boys who are home are Harry Hagerman and Geo. Bentrew.

Leut.-Col. Hughes states that 40% of the men in the 21st Battalion are old country men. Only two of the officers were not Canadians. One was Scotch, the other was English born.

On Tuesday a rumor was on the street that the 21st battalion would be sent to Bermuda. One officer in speaking about it said that the order when issued would probably be for immediate execution, and he, personally, did not expect that it would take long for that order to be issued. When Bermuda was mentioned, he replied that "you know as much as I do, whether we are going there or not."

Leut.-Col. W. S. Hughes, at the veterans' reception said that "wherever the authorities want us to go we will go without hesitation," and that is about all that is really known about the destination of the 21st Battalion.

HOLIDAY CHEER FOR UNFORTUNATE

The unfortunate of Belleville will not be left to suffer over the Christmas holiday. Benevolence this year is perhaps better organized than at any previous time in the city owing to conditions of work and the war.

The poor unfortunate prisoner in the jail will not get plum pudding and rich juicy, English beef. The aged in the city shelter will receive clothes and good Christmas dinners. The House of Refuge management will add cheer to the old and infirm inmates.

The Children's shelter will ring with the laughter and chatter of children tomorrow morning after they are taken and in the afternoon at the Christmas tree when gifts will be given of clothes, sweet meats, and food. The turkey dinner will not be forgotten.

Hampers will be sent out by church workers and by the ladies of the industrial committee of the W. O. A. The sick and convalescent in the city hospital will not be forgotten.

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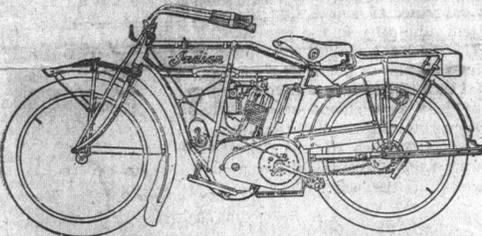
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'Daysprings' which took Second Money in Toronto on Xmas Day. G Powell, driver-Parks, owner.

Xmas Giving

Written for The Ontario by a Special Correspondent.

'Xmas Giving' is a term often abused. Sometimes the term is used when 'gifts' are exchanged among relations and friends; and needless to say there would be more than a slight disappointment if such exchanges were not made. Another interpretation of this time-worn expression is furnished by the 'faddists' whose philanthropic spirit lasts about as long as the word 'giving' is in the air, and whose ideas of discrimination and overlapping are rather lax.

A Christmas Message

BY REV. A. M. HUBLY

'No war, nor battle's sound Was heard the world around; No hostile chiefs to furious combats ran; But peaceful was the night, Wherein the Prince of Light His reign of peace on earth began.'

Peace. The Christian nations, and the Christian church, to a large degree have failed to catch the true meaning of the Christian religion, which is the dedication of self to God and not the glorification of selfish gratification gained by the debasement and serfdom of others.

Over nineteen hundred years have told their tale of war, and sin and shame, but also of peace and righteousness, since the first Christmas message fell upon the ears of men. The starry dome was rent, and the midnight silence broken by heavenly visitant proclaiming the sweetest message, that a warring, rebellious world from beyond the mountain peaks to the pasturelands where lowly shepherds watched their flocks, the shepherds heard the articulations of the celestial choristers--'Glorry to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.'

The Kingdom of Peace is still to be found most readily by 'the companions of the sorrowful way.' The way to rejoice in the Christmas message is to take Christ as His word, and follow the clear pathway of His holy will. While the sound of battle, which drown the angels' song of peace for many this blessed Christmas tide, let us remember that the Omnipotent and Omniscent God so rules, and overrules in history, that even the wrath of men shall praise Him. We can be assured, that the Bethlehem Babe, which foiled the purpose of the murderous Herod, shall in the fulness of time bless His people with the blessing of 'peace on earth, and good will toward men.'

'For lo, the days are hastening on, By prophet bards foretold, When with the ever circling years Comes in the age of gold. When peace shall cover all the earth, Her ancient splendors fling, And the whole world give back the song Which now the angels sing.' Specially contributed to The Ontario.

RIFLE SHOOTING

The members of the Belleville Rifle Association held a practice shoot in the armories last night. Some exceedingly good shooting was done as will be seen by the following scores. Conditions 10 shots at 25 yards. Highest possible score 100--J. Thompson 100; J. Douch 99; A. J. Stewart 98; G. B. Smith 97; L. Weese 95; H. Holtun 95; J. Goyer 94; G. Ellis 94; L. R. McMillen 93; G. Statworthy 92; R. A. Adams 91; E. V. Brown, 90; C. Walker 90; R. Cumming 90; W. B. Vandervoort 88; J. C. Willis 82; D. Grass 82; M. M. Nicol 80; R. Peppin 80; J. Woodley 74; D. Gration 70; M. Wright 67; H. Howie 45.

Died After Operation

Charles Lambert Tracey, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tracey, of the sixth concession of Thurlow died today after an operation for appendicitis. He was twelve years of age and was in his usual health up to a week ago. He is survived by his parents and five brothers and sisters. He was a member of St. Michael's Church, Belleville.

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TRAMP ART AT POLICE SHELTER

Decorations on Walls of Tramp Room--Excellent Poetry Sketches--Comic Paragraphs--Index of Tramp Life.

Some interesting inscriptions are to be found on the walls of the tramps shelter in the Belleville Police Station. Many of them testify to the tramp mood and bear witness to many a tragedy of life.

On winter nights when men of all ages and laboring occupations have taken themselves to the police station for shelter, the impulse to write strikes many of them. One might add to Shakespeare's list of 'the madman, the lover and the poet,' the genius tramp for the possession of 'teaching brains.' The tramp's creative vein in many cases goes no farther than the plain record of a name and date. Comic references to occupation and mode of travel appear here and there.

One song to the tune of 'My Scotch Blue Bell' was written in the prison of a wholesome supper which the poor poet perhaps had not seen nor tasted, nor smell for months.

In pencil lead on the wall of plaster is a clean-cut figure of a soldier in khaki, admirably drawn and underneath are the words:

Ed. T. (Name) East (Arrow) Oct. 1914.

Evidently the author of this had worn a service outfit or was on his way to join a military unit on active service.

The same admirable chap has left a list of the cities in Canada and the United States in which he has been a sojourner.

An entire character is summed up in the two words on the west wall of the shelter--'Rambling Kate.'

Many of the tramps after their arrival and explanation and quaint introduction to one another feel exceedingly happy with their lot and burst into song. But sometimes a grumble gets in and as usual has to leave a record of his lack of appreciation of the shelter provided him from the snow, the wind and the rain and for which he pays not a cent. His recommendation of Belleville's charity runs:

'This place is no good, lize, hunger, and cold. A Knight of the Road. Clappewa, U. S. A.'

Of course his allegation is a lie as to the sanitary conditions, unless he brought his own unsanitary articles when he came in. But the falsehood does not make any difference. He wants to kick and knock, and he does it. Perhaps that is the reason why he is on the road.

The education of some tramps is amazing. One that lately slept in Belleville had written a song in Welsh upon the wall such as would have done credit to Owen Glendower, Llewellyn, or Lloyd George's good. Peerless Gaelic it was. Another, who could be marked in a sweet Irish lyric. Once in a while an obscene verse appears, but that is as worthy that the authorities can wash it away with a bit of water and rag.

Remarkable is one signature in its excellence of execution in an artistic and yet manly hand. Many a Front street maverick would be blessed if his clerks possessed such a hand. Post office clerks would not have to worry their heads over micrology phics or Chinese if this knight should settle down to take a position in a Belleville office.

Artists often find themselves up against the world, and some find themselves in the company of tramps. One draughtsman undertook to combine the Union Jack and the Stars and Stripes and he executed an admirable drawing. Eagle and arrows are well outlined and at the juncture of the shafts appears to be an aeroplane.

Doubtless many of the signatures are left as mementoes for the authorities to beat, who might happen to drop into town and some code' is used among the tramps so that the fraters of the highway may learn of their whereabouts.

These marks are of course the work of men who can write. Some few may not be able to chronicle their desires and emotions.

But what has brought the letter educated class down? Perhaps in a few cases pure love of irresponsibility, delight of adventure, roaming, idleness and desire to shuffle off the burdens of mundane civilian and home life and to like Autolycus--like to the hedges, the woods, roads, and railway ties. Others perhaps have lost energy through some calamity--death, quarrel, illness and allowed themselves brokenwilled to swing along with the current. Most of the tramps are single men. It is fair to say for the ladies' sakes.

The shiftlessness of the tramp, which is his essence, may be the cause of these momentary outbursts of energy in tinkering and decorating walls of shelters and cells. Perhaps they may like ordinary mortals feel the impulse to see what they can accomplish and so pass away the evening under the spotlight. But this is easy to a tramp who does not work. It is invariably recreation. And so he takes his pencil in hand and leaves his mark before he settles down for his snooze on the boards, for his blankets and sheets are his own clothes.

BORN

ALLEN--At Belleville, Ont., Thursday, December 24th, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Lucia E. Allen, a son.

OUR XMAS TOAST

TO OUR ABSENT BOYS.

Very handsome Christmas cards have been received from Lieut. E. Frank Lynn, of the Canadian Engineers at Salisbury Plain, and from Lieut. R. D. Fonton of the second battalion, Infantry Brigade. The Engineers' card is illustrated by a picture of the departure of their Majesties from the lines after inspection, the men cheering with their hats on the points of their bayonets and swords. Frank Lynn will be remembered as the youngest member of the XV Regiment, South Africa contingent who left Belleville to participate in the Boer war. The second Battalion card shows a picture of all the officers with the Regiment with a list of their names, and at all our infantry from Belleville and Hastings in the XV and 49th Regiments are in this Battalion it may be interesting to give a list of the names of all the officers on whom the responsibility for the welfare of the men largely rests. They are as follows:

Lieut.-Col. D. Watson, Commanding; Lieut.-Col. C. H. Rogers, Lieut. Col. P. A. Howard; Major J. Mills, Major W. Beattie, Major G. W. Bennett, Major S. E. Thorne, Major H. B. Verret, Major H. G. Bolster; Capt. H. Willie O'Connor, Capt. G. Greer, Capt. A. K. Mercer, Capt. G. Crayler, Capt. L. F. Guttman, Capt. T. S. H. Abell, Capt. W. H. Hooper.

Lieut.-A. G. Turner, Lieut. R. W. P. Jones, Lieut. E. C. Curry, Lieut. H. E. Hodge, Lieut. T. M. Houghton, Lieut. H. Kidd, Lieut. A. G. McLennan, Lieut. U. G. Whelan, Lieut. G. T. Richardson, Lieut. W. L. L. Gordon, Lieut. N. H. Klotz, Lieut. J. H. Stewart, Lieut. W. H. Doxse, Lieut. R. de Salsberry, Lieut. E. C. Culling, Lieut. E. McLaugh, Lieut. A. H. Huggill, Lieut. G. A. Kerman, Lieut. G. R. Scott, Lieut. R. D. Ferguson, Lieut. R. Scott, Lieut. R. O. Earle, Lieut. H. Fraser, Lieut. F. E. Birdsall, Lieut. F. McK. Garrison, Lieut. J. H. Strachy, Lieut. E. D. O'Flynn, Lieut. C. W. Day, Lieut. E. L. Wallace.

Belleville therefore is represented by three officers, Wallace, O'Flynn, and Ponton, and by non-commissioned officers and men, and the Christmas toast to our absent boys tomorrow will include also non-commissioned officers and men of the 34th Battery, and also in addition to the officers and men above named Major Perry Goldsmith Capt. Percy Anderson, and other corps still regard Belleville as their home centre. The little war periodical published by the boys of the Second Battalion at Salisbury Plain shown to us by Colonel Ponton, closes with this touching paragraph: 'On no account permit the enemy to cut the communications with your dear old home.' The men at Kingston and the three nursing sisters, Misses Bidley, Denmark, and Geen will not be forgotten.

The new parcel receptacles in the city are being generously utilized by the public. Present conditions contrast strongly with the old days, and one of the civil servants this morning, fifteen or more years ago the staff consisted of nine civil servants, and the holiday mail took two or three weeks to handle.

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XMAS MAIL IS HEAVY

'Business up to Last Year,' says Postmaster A. Gillen--Xmas Addition to Staff.

'Christmas business is up to the mark,' said Mr. Alfred Gillen, postmaster at Belleville, this morning, if it does not exceed last year's. Up-to-date is as good as last year or any former year. 'What today, and tomorrow will bring we cannot predict.'

The postmaster was referring to the postal service at the local office. Christmas at Belleville Post office is generally a strenuous and little-desired event but this year so many improvements by the good graces of the P. M. General have been made that life is not so unpleasant amid the deluge of mail on Dec. 23rd to 25th.

The staff today numbers 33 of whom twelve are extra. Each mail carrier is supported by an assistant with a sleigh. This requires nine new hands. This is the first year of parcel post by wagon and sleigh. The mail carriers are relieved of all large parcels. Mr. Hineley in charge of this branch has an assistant.

In the post office itself there is a day and also a night assistant. The improvements during the past season are now becoming patent to the public. There is a rush to the stamp counter and thence to the mail and parcel box. The parcels are received by one of the staff and stamped, thrown into a huge basket on wheels which is rolled to the rear for sorting and distribution. It is afterwards tied up and sent out. All the mail for each train is shipped out at times.

The changes have increased the efficiency--no more big mountains of letters strike the eye--no more confusion is noticed.

'The Ontario' had the privilege of looking into the mail carriers' quarters at 10 a.m. and it had been cleared of all its letters, this was filed this morning early, but the carriers had distributed it.

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UNDISPUTED MISTRESS.

Expressions of impatience at the "inactivity" of the British Navy are frequently heard. Even the smashing of the German fleet on the high seas off the Falkland Islands has not satisfied the demanders of "activity."

This eager expectation of astonishing things from the British Navy is, of course, based on tradition. The Navy has so many spectacular achievements to its credit, in history, that nothing but the spectacular would now satisfy its unreasoning admirers. Yet, could they but appreciate it, the fleet has never, in all its glorious history, accomplished anything nearly as important as during the past four months. Without the expenditure of more than a few pounds of ammunition it has excluded the ships of Britain's enemies from the ocean.

It was calculated when the war began that at least ten per cent. of British mercantile shipping would be destroyed. Considerably less than two per cent. has actually been destroyed. And the enemy has not profited in the least from that destruction. They had no available ports to which their captures could be taken; therefore all had to be sunk. Our few ships captured were admittedly a British loss, but they were no gain to Germany. On the other hand, not far from twenty per cent. of Germany's mercantile marine has been captured by the British Navy. Every German or Austrian vessel captured has been clear profit to Britain. And, besides the portion of it captured, and made prizes of war, the remainder of the mercantile marine of Germany and Austria has been swept from the seas or is now lying idle in home or foreign ports—an expense instead of a profit to its owners.

Those who may feel disposed to moan over the fancied inactivity of the British Navy should "pause and ponder." What would they? The German fleet was organized to counter-balance the British. The Kaiser publicly announced that Germany's future lay "on the water." He even proclaimed himself "Admiral of the Atlantic." He dare not, at present, send a single ship, except under cover of night and fog into the North Sea. He undertook to dispute sea-rule with Britain. He had to resign his pretensions from the moment that war was declared. He has ever since been compelled to leave Britain's sovereignty of the ocean undisputed. What more could be desired? If he had done a like thing on land, who would have complained?

Let us try to imagine what would have been thought, if, after claiming the over-lordship of Europe on land, as he pretended to do on the sea, the Kaiser had, at the outbreak of hostilities, ordered all his troops back behind the fortresses on the Rhine and the Oder, and kept them there in hiding awaiting the coming of his foes. What would have been the effect of such abandonment of his claims to over-lordship? Yet he has done this very thing with regard to the high seas. He has hidden his navy, which was to have opposed that of Britain's in the Kiel Canal and behind the mine-strewn waters of Heligoland. He has not made even a pretence of protecting German commerce with it, much less of paving the way for the acquisition of new German colonies.

Yet it was on these pretexts that he secured the three hundred million pounds sterling which his navy cost the German people. And every one of those three hundred million pounds was so much abstracted from the effectiveness of the German army. No wonder that the supporters of the German army complained bitterly. No wonder that they are insisting now, that the fleet must get out and "do something." It is because of their insistence that such nasty and senseless things as the recent sneaking, criminal raid on undefended eastern British sea ports, are being done.

The British Fleet has accomplished everything expected of it, and much more. The German Fleet has failed in every aim to its existence. And it is doomed to continue falling still more pitifully, up to its final extinction or surrender. The British Fleet alone outnumbered it more than two to one in tonnage, in guns, in

fighting units of every class, and in personnel. The fleets of the Allies outnumber the combined fleets of Germany and Austria more than three to one, and they are growing stronger instead of weaker as time passes. The money which the German navy cost has been worse than wasted. Britain is relatively stronger at sea to-day than she has ever been. Germany is so much weaker that she is becoming almost negligible.

By keeping her Navy such as it should be while husbanding her resources in other directions, Britain is now able to place and is rapidly placing in the field, forces which will enable her and her Allies to triumph to the end over Germany on land as signally as they have already triumphed elsewhere. And all because Britain has kept herself undisputed mistress of the seas!

OFF THE HIGH HORSE.

There is nothing more suggestive in connection with the war than the changed tone of those who assume to speak for Germany. At the beginning, haughty bluster characterized their every utterance. They patronized God. They despised all humanity. Recently they have come down from their high horses and taken to grovelling and whining. That is well. It becomes admirably their present situation, brought about by themselves. For example, we find the Staats Zeitung saying:

"But when a friendly State which has done England no more harm than to crave a place on the Globe finds that her existence depends on advancing an army through Belgium, England rises in her wrath and wags a moth-eaten treaty in our face."

That is capital! "Moth-eaten treaty" is almost as convincing as a "scrap of paper!" And such a "friendly State" Germany was—so innocent so guileless! All that she sought was a place—Britain's place, and France's place, and Belgium's place on the globe. Was it too much to expect that Britain would politely back out of her place and let Germany in? But she did not, and she would not. She grimly determined to hold what she had. Hence all these German, crocodile tears!

But, still more aggravating—Britain would neither be bribed nor intimidated into allowing Germany to trample upon a small state which she and Germany were equally bound, by solemn international contract, to defend. It was in this connection that she did the "moth-eaten-treaty-waving" act, so reprehensible—through German spectacles. There can never again be any reasonable doubt that Britain is sadly lacking in "Kultur."

But the German "change of heart" is still more noticeable with reference to God than to the Allies. Recently the Kaiser himself has apparently come to have his doubts even about God—"Our Old Ally." He fears that He, too, may be jealous of the "place on the globe" which Germany would like to occupy; that He, too, may have His own antiquated ideas about "scraps of paper" and "moth-eaten treaties." Therefore the Kaiser condescends in a recent proclamation to remark:

"The defensive war which to-day the Germans sustain against a world of hatred, envy and greed, is a war which—God willing—will not be in vain."

Yes; this world is a wicked place; and it is very distressing to see the Kaiser, thus losing confidence in Germany's "old ally" after only four mouths of war. The Kaiser could still, he thinks, with the aid of the odoriferous Turk, fight everybody else in and out of civilization; but if God should fail him he could not be so perfectly confident of the result of the war. Still, he hopes that God may be reasonable enough and "willing." He and the German military machine he is confident, can do the rest. The fact that he and the machine have only got themselves into trouble, so far, does not discourage him. Nothing but the kick of an army mule could at once take all the bounce out of the Kaiser. But his resiliency is conspicuously diminishing. Most of the wind has been thumped out of him. At present he is pretty nearly down to a "solid rubber" basis.

EUROPEAN APACHES.

The Kaiser and his tools are carrying out to the letter their threat that they were going to "stagger humanity." They are doing it by committing deeds which fill mankind with such nausea and loathing that they cannot help staggering. Even decent dogs would stagger if they could comprehend.

A dog will fight squarely and to the death, but "dog will not eat dog." A dog will not run away from an antagonist to sneak back and devour its antagonist's puppies and then run off again with its tail between its legs. It is only the Kaiser and his minions who are capable of that sort of thing. It has remained for German

"Kultur" to fall back on the "warlike" methods of the primitive North American Indian. The Apache prided himself greatly when he could creep upon a village of his opponents, and hack the women and children and old men to pieces.

German Kultur is no doubt chortling to-day over the equally brutal and far more monstrous onslaught of its "invincible" navy on the undefended little towns on Britain's east coast—the towns nearest to the carefully mined harbors which make that navy "invincible" and farthest away from British naval bases. It was a staggering achievement, truly! A rush through darkness and fog in order to secure twenty minutes of potting at a few peaceful breakfast tables and a few worshipping congregations and then a wild flight back into the fog, lest British fighters should be encountered! Hoch der Kaiser! Hoch die Kultur! The German cur who murders and runs away may live to run another day!

That the German killings in their latest "staggering" undertakings were wholesale murder and nothing but murder is not to be gained. Not only that, but they were senseless, unmitigated murder. Had they even ventured to send a boat's crew ashore—to steal a few spoons and other "art treasures" for the collection of their worthy Crown Prince, it would have been an extenuating circumstance. But nothing of the kind. They sneaked in, stabbed in the darkness, and ignominiously took to flight. Having no respect for themselves how could they be expected to have respect either for the laws of civilized warfare or the laws of God?

PROPHECIES THAT HAVE FAILED.

It is hardly necessary to say that events have more than demonstrated that the much boasted "invincibility" of the German Navy has not come up to expectations. In this connection it is interesting to recall the confident expectations that were entertained by the German naval authorities before the war began. Among the high officials in the German war organization who did not wait till the actual outbreak of hostilities to avow the fact that it was for the crushing of Great Britain that German preparations for war on land, on the water, under the water, and in the air were specially designed, was Admiral Breusing. In a lecture which he delivered at Stuttgart within a month of the beginning of the war, and which was published widely by the newspapers throughout the German Empire, Admiral Breusing declared that when the war began the German position would be most favorable. He said:

"When war comes our position will be most favorable. Our destroyer and torpedo craft cannot fail to cause tremendous damage to the British ships, for we are used to night attacks. Further, the enemy will have great difficulties to provide themselves with ammunition, while we shall have ours on hand. The moment will then come when many British ships being destroyed by our guns, many others detained in far-distant seas for the protection of British trade, the two fleets will be equal in numbers. From that moment I can confidently say the advantage will be on our side. Our torpedo-boats, our guns, our shooting are far superior to what is done in England at present. Our guns can do terrific harm at ten miles distance, and the British fleet will be disabled before it has been able even to attempt to fight us."

It is interesting to note that in this deliverance, which was, of course, designed to strengthen the "invincibility" of German might would that the "invincibility" of German might would signally be made manifest, the intention of the German naval authorities to avoid a decisive engagement in the North Sea until the British sea power was weakened by the picking off of ships by mines and torpedoes delivered by submarines and destroyers, is avowed. But the German efforts thus to weaken the British strength in the North Sea by mines and guerrilla raids have failed to bring nearer "the moment" so confidently predicted by Admiral Breusing, when the German sea power would assert itself. On the contrary, the German naval losses thus far have been greater than the British, to say nothing of the constant additions to the British sea power.

Admiral Breusing made other predictions, which were farther from the mark. He said:

"Italy will have a double task. Her fleet will neutralize the French fleet in the Mediterranean and her army will invade Egypt. The Italian fleet will be able to keep the French under control, even without the assistance of the new Austrian dreadnoughts. As to her army she has some 100,000 men in Tripoli, which she can easily send into Egypt to exterminate the weak English garrison stationed there. Then Japan is only a make-believe friend and ally of England. The Mikado's government is tired of England's proceedings, and is only too anxious to shake off the British yoke. There is no doubt that, in case of a European war, the Japanese fleet will sail to Australia and seize both the Commonwealth and New Zealand."

None of the predictions made by Admiral Breusing have come true. Seldom, in fact, have predictions been made which have been so overwhelmingly belied by the course of actual events—except, of course, the German predictions of

the thunderbolt swiftness with which the German military plans were to be carried out, and the no less confident German predictions that the moment Great Britain was involved in war, Ireland, the overseas Dominions and India would break away from the British connection.

In plain blunt language von Tirpitz talks like a blatherskite.

Evidently Mr. Winston Churchill's allusion to the German sailors as baby killers has stirred the Prussian temper, and Admiral von Tirpitz has responded with an interview in which Great Britain is denounced as "a cut-throat," in language worthy of a Billingsgate fishwife. But, of course, that was to be expected from the directing head of a navy which shells churches and slaughters innocent women and children.

Admiral von Tirpitz is described by a German correspondent as the brains of the German Navy, and one of the strong men of the Kaiser's official family. He may be, but, the exhibition he has made of himself in trying to justify his country's crime against civilization by a mere repetition of the silly falsehoods which have been the stock-in-trade of the German apologists, reflects very little credit upon him. If von Tirpitz's effusion be taken as stating the official case for the German Navy, Germany may well pray to be saved from her friends.

The mistakes of the German espionage system are notorious. Sir John Simon, the British Attorney-General, in a recent speech made a pertinent allusion to the mistakes made by the Kaiser's secret service about the temper of the British people. "The man who spends his life with his eye to the keyhole," he said, "gets nothing by it except an inflamed eye." The result is a distorted vision which is strikingly exemplified in the violent diatribe which Admiral von Tirpitz has just issued against England. The Germans are apparently unmatched for seeing things which do not exist, and for overlooking many other things which are obvious to every impartial onlooker.

English newspapers of early December naturally gave a great deal of attention to Admiral Mahan. Recognition of what he had done to orient British writers on naval affairs was ample. And no little comfort was got out of his opinion, privately expressed of course, that the tactics of the British Admiralty in the present war had been "right, absolutely right." But his death was made the occasion of publishing another expression of Admiral Mahan which the New York Evening Post says, should be even more grateful to right-thinking Englishmen. In October he wrote to an English friend of the "vivid interest" with which he was following Great Britain's course in the war. Then he added:

But the testimony to the uprightness and efficiency of her Imperial rule, given by the strong adhesion and support of India and the Dominions, is a glory exceeding that of pitched battle and overwhelming victory.

O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM.

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by;
Yet in thy streets shineth
The everlasting Light!
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee to-night.

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth!
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth.
For Christ is born of Mary,
And gathered all above;
While mortals sleep the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of His heaven.
No ear may hear His coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive Him still,
The dear Christ enters in.

Where children pure and happy
Pray to the Blessed Child,
Where misery cries out to thee,
Son of the mother mild;
Where Charity stands watching,
And faith holds wide the door,
The dark night wakes; and the glory breaks,
And Christmas comes once more.

O holy child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray!
Cast out our sin and enter in;
Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

—Phillips Brooks.

Other Editor's Opinions

THE BRITISH FLEET.

The man in the street who wants his war with no intervals between thrills except for breath, considered himself cheated by the British Admiralty that he was not at once informed when H. M. S. Audacious went to the bottom. Especially will he feel aggrieved at the Berlin suggestion this morning that the Audacious was victim to a greatly daring German submarine. As the man in the street has no wish to probe reports he will in his chagrin repeat that unreasoning question, common of late—Why is the British fleet so inactive? It is not.

On the spectacular side of the naval war the Germans have the best of it to date, losing twenty-one warships with a tonnage of 88,887 while gaining from the British eighteen warships with a tonnage of 138,000. On the non-spectacular side the result is reversed. The British have the superior fleet. The inactivity of the British fleet has secured to Britain the first of all the naval objects in war; command of the sea for her commerce. In this case almost completely, with the bottling up of the German main fleet to this purpose. It is immaterial that mines and submarines make it extra hazardous in this war of first line battleships to cruise or make reconnaissance in force. The problem before the British fleet was therefore and remains, a large one, protection of 600 miles of coast line, patrolling and closing an area of 160,000 miles. German submarines and destroyers, a few scout cruisers have ventured beyond the Heligoland light; the submarines only have accomplished anything of first importance. The British fleet meanwhile has safely conveyed all troops Britain could send to France and helped maintain the armies there by offensive operations on the Belgian coast.

The sinking of the Audacious is the epitaph of the dreadnought. It matters nothing that it was not accomplished by submarine; it could well have been, judging by the work of U-9 under the Boukier, Hogge and Cressy. It is perfectly feasible for a \$600,000 submarine to send a \$16,000,000 battleship to the bottom with two torpedoes. The question of sufficient radius for submarines is also settled by the new German oil-driven submarines of something over 600 tons surface displacement, these boats having a cruising radius of 1500 to 1800 miles from their base. The sudden disappearance of the Audacious will not halt the hurry to completion of British and German battleships of this class now nearly ready or partly built; it will stimulate both nations to fiercely strenuous efforts to add submarines to their flotillas. Yet with all her submarine and cruiser success Germany has not attained the numerical superiority of the fleet which she has against her, either in ships or weight of metal. The present six weeks and the coming six weeks were or are to be added to England's fleet two 25,000 and five 27,000 ton battleships. The latter class have a speed of twenty-five knots, and carry in addition to twenty-eight other guns eight 15-inch guns, the newest naval weapon, which fires a projectile weighing about 2000 pounds through a 15.8 inches of armour at 10,000 yards. Besides these enemies three or four light cruisers, thirty-six destroyers and many new submarines will be doing duty before the end of the year on the North Sea. Whether or no the Germans have been able to commission a number of new battleships, cruisers and destroyers due in June next, as well as submarines, is doubtful. The French have added a number to their fleet since the war began. Germany is therefore facing heavier odds on the sea than on Aug. 1.

The dramatic trial of fleet strength which the man in the street so eagerly waits may be soon; it has not been robbed by disasters of any of its possibilities for spectacular horror or world renown. Germany and France could survive the loss of the fleet, but to Britain it could hardly mean less than the wreck of her Empire should her navy be overthrown.

—Boston Transcript.

SMALLPOX IN HUNTINGDON

A very serious epidemic of smallpox has broken out in the township of Huntingdon. A number of families are now under quarantine, particularly in the vicinity of West Huntingdon and Ivanhoe. The disease is of a mild type, but it is feared that it may spread much further as many have been unintentionally exposed. The very mildness of the outbreak is in itself a menace, because some families are likely to call in a medical adviser until the malady is well advanced, while those actually under quarantine are in some cases said to be extremely careless about observing the regulations.

The epidemic in Huntingdon is said to be due to infection carried from Madoc, where there was a recent outbreak.

WILL START RECRUITING

Col. Marsh has received instructions to recruit volunteers for the Third Canadian Contingent. The number to be enlisted here is not specified.

Miller's Worm Powders are a pleasant medicine for worm-infested children, and they will take it without objection. When directions are followed, it will not injure the most delicate child, as there is nothing of an injurious nature in its composition. They will speedily rid a child of worms and restore the health of the little sufferers whose vitality has become impaired by the attacks of these internal pests.

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NOMINATIONS AT CITY HALL TO-DAY FOR MAYOR ALDERMEN AND TRUSTEES

Four Named For Mayor—Two in Field and Two Undecided—Twenty- Eight Nominations For Aldermen—Ladies Not Seeking Office as Trustees

FOR MAYOR

ALBERT ROBINSON, Merchant.
Proposed by Samuel Maitland-Sprague, seconded by F. J. McGuinness.

ALD. W. H. PANTER, Merchant.
Proposed by Lieut-Col. L. W. Marsh, seconded by John Elliott.

ALD. ALLAN C. McFEE, Collector of Island Revenue.
Proposed by Wm. Carnew, seconded by A. P. Allen.

ALD. EDGAR ORRIN PLATT, Physician.
Proposed by J. M. Wilson, seconded by W. S. Smith.

FOR ALDERMEN

J. L. Tickell, Proposed by L. C. Pascoe, seconded by C. M. Reid.

R. P. White, Proposed by Fred. B. Smith, seconded by C. M. Reid.

H. C. Earl, Proposed by W. H. Panter, seconded by W. J. Diamond.

Ald. A. C. McFEE, Proposed by W. Carnew, seconded by J. F. Willis.

Edward H. Tickell, Proposed by C. M. Reid, seconded by L. C. Pascoe.

Frank Orr, Proposed by J. Patrick, seconded by W. Ruttan.

John Donovan, Proposed by W. S. Smith, seconded by James Patrick.

S. M. Sprague, Proposed by James Patrick, seconded by W. Ruttan.

Ald. W. S. Smith, Proposed by J. Patrick, seconded by W. Ruttan.

Peter P. Doyle, Proposed by B. McCoy, seconded by W. Rogers.

Ald. E. O. Platt, Proposed by M. W. Mott, seconded by W. S. Smith.

Chas. Blaylock, Proposed by A. C. McFEE, seconded by J. F. Willis.

Joshua Lang, Proposed by Thos. Manley, seconded by E. O. Platt.

Chas. E. Hannah, Proposed by Thos. Manley, seconded by W. Carnew.

J. O. St. Charles, Proposed by B. McCoy, seconded by B. L. Hyman.

W. A. Woodley, Proposed by C. F. Wallbridge, seconded by J. O. St. Charles.

Wm. D. Worth, Proposed by J. O. St. Charles, seconded by C. F. Wallbridge.

Wm. G. Black, Proposed by Frank Sharpe, seconded by B. A. Sandford.

Ald. C. R. Wallbridge, Proposed by B. McCoy, seconded by B. L. Hyman.

E. J. Bailey, Proposed by James Patrick, seconded by Thos. F. Meagher.

S. R. Barrow, Proposed by A. McCoy, seconded by R. S. White.

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ALD. PANTER SPEAKS
Ald. Panter who was first called on said he was appealing for the majority and he believed he was entitled to the honor, as for many years in all kinds of weather he had served the council. He entered council for Murney ward in 1895. He had been chairman of market and city property. For seven years he had been at the head of this department. The granolithic walks built had been permanent. In 1909 he was an unsuccessful candidate for mayor against ex-Mayor Marsh. In 1911 he returned to the council. Lately he had been head of the executive.

During his service in the council he had worked to bring about many improvements. The taking over of the gas works, the progress of the water works and the transformation of Mill Island into Queen Victoria Park. Were some of the changes. This year 1914 had been marked by the construction of the Front street pavement and Bridge street pavement and the installation of a fire alarm system. He hoped the citizens would grant him the honor of being Mayor to crown his service at the council board. Cheers greeted Ald. Panter as he took his seat.

EX-ALD. ROBINSON IN FIELD

Ex-Ald. Albert Robinson, another aspirant, was the next speaker. He tendered his thanks to his proposer and seconders. Mr. Robinson said Mr. Panter was an honest man and had had the confidence of the people. But years of service did not necessarily mean a progressive attitude and great accomplishment.

Mr. Robinson referred to his own accomplishments in the city's inauguration of the new regulations as to the collection of taxes meaning a saving of \$1,200 yearly. There is an additional revenue by the change in the date of the completion of the assessment of the doing away with the discounts of tax collection initiated and carried through by him.

As to the waterworks, he was appointed to the water committee for special purpose of dealing with the installation of an electric pump at the pump-house, saving \$1,500 during the first year.

The candidate also claimed a great share in the success of the completion of the proceedings as to the administration of justice accounts. The council had endorsed this.

He would issue an address to the people so that the electorate will know where he will stand.

He would, if elected, try to have the assessment published to satisfy the people. It would not cost more than \$150 to \$180.

When Mr. Robinson concluded his speech, he was enthusiastically applauded.

Ald. McFEE thanked his nominators and host of friends. He could not lay claim to any great results in his ten years.

He did not put himself against the contract for paving Front street and Bridge street, at the price it cost.

He did not claim entire praise for the lighting system. He believed that in ten years the city would save \$8,000 by the present system as against the original plan which was proposed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

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THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, Judg. II, 7-19. Memory Verses, 11, 12—Golden Text, Hos. xiv, 4—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

The lessons of this year begin with five studies in the book of Judges, showing the failure of Israel, God's intervention and man's faithlessness. Every deliverer whom God raised up was in some sense suggestive of the great Deliverer, the Lord Jesus Christ, and each one wrought in the power of the Holy Spirit. Joshua tells of the entrance of Israel into the promised land and its subjugation and division among the tribes, ending with Joshua's farewell appeal to Israel to fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and in truth and the determination of the people so to do (Josh. xxiv, 14, 24). One of his grandest farewell words was when he reminded the people that not one thing had failed of all the good things which the Lord had spoken (Josh. xxiii, 14). See the same blessed testimony in 1 Kings, viii, 56, and let each one lay it to heart for his own special comfort.

The section assigned us for this day's lesson is a concise epitome of the book of Judges, telling of Israel's persistent turning away from God and of His great patience with them. David summarized the record in these words: "Many times did He deliver them, but they provoked Him with their counsel and were brought low for their iniquity. Nevertheless He regarded their affliction when He heard their cry" (Ps. cv, 43, 44; lxviii, 38). Paul summarized Joshua and Judges in these words: "When He had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan He divided their land to them by lot. And after that He gave unto them judges about the space of 450 years until Samuel the prophet" (Acts xv, 19, 20).

The first chapter of Judges tells how the after-tribe had failed to drive out the people of the land as they had been commanded, and our lesson chapter opens with the Lord's reproof for this sin, saying: "Ye have not obeyed my voice. Why have ye done this?" (Verse 2).

Our lesson begins by telling us that while Joshua lived and also during the lifetime of the elders that outlived Joshua the people served the Lord. The Lord and even one man can lead a host of people in the right direction. Think of the worldwide testimony to the God of Daniel by the faithfulness of himself and his three friends. See II Chron. xvi, 9, and desire above all things a whole heart for Him.

The next lesson verses tell of the death and burial of Joshua, and these three verses (7-9) are identical with Josh. xxiv, 29-31. When the Spirit repeats words He thus asks special attention to them. The words that specially hold me are "I have seen the face of the Lord" and "The people served the Lord" and make me wish to appropriate more fully the beautiful heart words "Whose I am and whom I serve" (Acts xvii, 23). Joshua ends with the burial of two other bodies, those of Joseph after so long a time and Eleazar, the son of Aaron.

Bodies are buried, but people go on living better without them (if redeemed) until the time of the resurrection bodies. How pitiful to read of "a generation which knew not the Lord" (verse 10, and they the descendants of a people for whom the Lord wrought as He had never wrought for any other nation! They forsook the Lord God of their fathers, did evil in His sight and worshipped the idols of the nations which should have been destroyed by them, for the Lord had said, "Thou shalt make no covenant with them nor shalt make no covenant with them nor shalt thou say, 'I will be their God.'" * * * a special people unto Himself above all people that are upon the face of the earth" (Deut. vi, 24). Such sowings bring sad reaping according to lesson verses 14, 15; chapter iii, 5-8, 12, 13, and records in chapters following of similar turnings away from God.

A very odd thumb and toes story of the sowing and reaping is found in chapter 1, 6, 7. The principle always stands, "Whosoever a man soweth that shall he also reap" (Gal. vi, 7). Nevertheless the Lord raised up judges, who delivered them, for the Lord was with them (verses 18, 19; chapter iii, 9, 15). We should think that the Lord would grow weary of forgiving and delivering a people whom He knew would after a time commit the same sins again, but He is the same Lord who told Peter to forgive until seventy times seven, or until the end of Daniel's seventy-sevens, which means the coming of the kingdom.

They would not hearken unto their judges; they turned quickly out of the way; they ceased not from their own doings nor from their stubborn way (verses 17, 19). Long afterward it was written of them: "Their doings will not suffer them to turn unto their God" (Hos. v, 4, margin).

In the days of their kings they mocked the messengers of God and despised His words and misused His prophets (II Chron. xxxvi, 16), and when the Messiah came in the fullness of time they crucified Him. Yet He said: "How often would I * * * but ye would not." "O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself, but in Me is thine help." "I will be as a father to the fatherless; I will love them that are fatherless" (Matt. xxiii, 37; Hos. xii, 9; xiv, 4).

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. Reeves, of Freed, is in town.

Mr. Farrow, of Oshawa, is in town.

Mr. Ed. Lee, of Toronto, is in the city.

Mr. C. Robinson is home from the West.

Mr. Jack Rathbun, of Toronto, is in town.

Mr. Roy Vermilyea, is visiting in the city.

Mr. Blake Chown, of Pittsburg, is in town.

Mr. Geo. Meyers, of Toronto, is in the city.

Dr. Willis, of Chicago, is in the city on a visit.

Mr. Gordon Caldwell, is home from the West.

Rev. E. McCutcheon, is visiting his parents, on Yeomans street.

Mr. Charles Wilks returned to Dundas, Ont., this morning.

Mr. Hiram Ashley has returned after a visit to friends in Madoc.

Mr. T. P. Wims, of Delora, is spending the holidays with his parents in the city.

Mr. Ernest Hagerman, of London, is visiting his parents, West Bridge street.

Mrs. Laidman, of Barrie, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Morley Duff, Alexander street.

Mr. and Mrs. Henthorne, of Montreal, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Middleton.

Mrs. C. E. Hadden of Picton is visiting her sister, Mrs. Harry Clarke, Foster ave.

Miss Maud Fleming of Toronto has returned home after spending Xmas with friends in the city.

Mr. Fred Black, of Kingston, has returned home, after a visit to his parents, on Hillside street.

Mr. and Mrs. Leevis Slater, of Toronto, are visiting with Mr. Slater's father, North Front street.

Mr. W. K. Wims, of Montreal, is spending the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Wims.

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Mr. Geo. Wilder, of Montreal, who spent Christmas with his parents, returned to his home yesterday.

Mr. Harry C. Leavens who has been spending the holidays with his mother returned to Montreal today.

Prof. and Mrs. Geo. F. Stewart, Commercial St., are in Toronto, spending the Christmas holidays at the home of their daughter.

Mr. Jack McIntosh having spent Christmas with his parents in this city, returned this morning to Cobourg, accompanied by Mr. Harry McCullough.

Mr. Clarence Cauley, of Ottawa, spent the Christmas holiday with his mother and sister, Mrs. James Wallbridge, Prince Edward County.

Mr. Henry Redrew, a former resident, now a member of the Queen's Own Rifles, second contingent, stationed in the exhibition grounds, Toronto was in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Gardner, Ottawa St. left by the International Limited this afternoon for Bisbee, Arizona, where they will spend several weeks visiting their daughter, Mrs. C. E. Cummings.

The account of the Lottery—Moxam pupils which took place on Christ-mas Day at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Moxam, Commercial street, will be published on Monday.

Rev. A. M. Hubly will hold Divine Service in Emmanuel Church to-morrow morning at 11 a.m.

RAN INTO A NET.

French submarine Curie sunk at Austrian Harbor Mouth.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A steel net stretched across the entrance to Pola Harbor, the great naval port of Austria, proved the undoing of the French submarine Curie, says a despatch from the Milan correspondent of Lloyd's News.

In company with other submarines the Curie was attempting to force an entrance into the harbor for the purpose of torpedoing an Austrian squadron at anchor there. The Curie had penetrated to the harbor bar when she collided with the net. An Austrian merchantman gave the alarm, and the forts opened fire. Two shots struck the Curie, which gradually sank. The captain and crew, with the exception of one officer, swam clear and were captured.

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Mr. Eward Jones, of the 21st Batt. Second Contingent has returned to Kingston, after visiting his parents.

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Seven Keys TO Baldpate

By EARL DERR BIGGERS

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"You wouldn't be so cruel as that," he assured her easily; "a nice, attractive girl like you."

The dinner was at an end. Without a word the little professor rose from the table and hurriedly ascended the stairs. Mr. Magee watched him disappear and resolved to follow quickly on his heels. But first he paused to give his own version of the word under discussion.

"Strange," he remarked, "that none of you gets the picture I do. Romance—it is here—at your feet in Baldpate Inn. A man climbs the mountain to be alone with his thoughts, to forget the melindrama of life, to get away from the swift action of the world and meditate. He is alone for very near an hour. Then a telephone bell tinkles and a youth rises out of the dark to prate of a lost Arabella and haberdashery. A shot rings out, as in the memorial custom with shots, and in comes a professor of comparative literature with a perforation in his desk by him. A professional hermit arrives to teach the amateur the fine points of the game. A charming maid comes in—too late for breakfast—but in plenty of time for walks on the balcony in the moonlight. The mayor of a municipality condescends to stay for dinner. A battle in the snow ensues. There is a weird talk of a sum of money. More guests arrive. Dark hints of a seventh key. Why, bless you, you needn't stir from Baldpate Inn in search of your romance."

He crossed the floor hastily and put one foot on the lower step of Baldpate's grand stairway. He kept it there. For from the shadows of the landing Professor Bolton emerged, his binoculars once more on his head, his overcoat buttoned tight, his ear-muffs in place, his traveling bag and green umbrella in tow.

"What, professor," cried Magee, "you're leaving?"

The stranger made no reply, but looked quickly about over his shoulder at the path along which he had come and then past Mr. Magee at the road that led to freedom.

"I think it's in your pocket," repeated Mr. Magee, "and I'm going to find out."

"I haven't time to argue with you," said the holder of the seventh key. His voice was cold, calculating, harsh. "Get out of my way and let me pass on."

"Or what?" asked Billy Magee.

He watched the man lunge toward him in the moonlight. He saw the fist that had the night before been the Waterloo of Mr. Max and the mayor start on a swift, true course for his head. Quickly he dodged to one side and closed with his opponent.

Back and forth through the snow they ploughed, panting, grappling, straining. Mr. Magee soon realized that his adversary was no weakling. He was forced to call into play muscles he had not used in what seemed ages—not since he sported of an afternoon in a rather odorous college gymnasium. In moonlight and shadow, up and down, they reeled, staggered, stumbled, the sole jarring notes in that picture of Baldpate on a quiet winter's night.

"You queered the game last time," muttered the stranger. "But you'll never queer it again."

Magee saved his breath. Together they crashed against the side of the inn. Together they squirmed away across the balcony to the railing. Still back and forth, now in the moonlight, now in shadow, wildly they fought. Once Mr. Magee felt his feet slip from beneath him, but caught himself in time. His strength was



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going—surely—quickly. Then suddenly his opponent seemed to weaken in his grip. With a supreme effort Magee forced him down upon the balcony floor and tumbled on top of him. He felt the chill of the snow under his knees and its wetness in his cuffs.

"Now," he cried to himself.

The other still struggled desperately. But his struggle was without success, for deftly Billy Magee drew from his pocket the precious package about which there had been so much debate on Baldpate mountain. He clasped it close, rose and ran. In another second he was inside No. 7 and had lighted a candle at the blazing logs.

Once more he examined that closely packed little bundle; once more he found it rich in greenbacks. Assuredly it was the greatly desired thing he had fought for the night before. He had it again. And this time, he told himself, he would not lose sight of it until he had placed it in the hands of the girl of the station.

The dark shadow of the man he had just robbed was hovering at his windows. Magee turned hastily to the door. As he did so it opened and Hayden entered. He carried a pistol in his hand; his face was hard, cruel, determined; his usually expressionless eyes lighted with pleasure as they fell on the package in Mr. Magee's possession.

"It seems I'm just in time," he said, "to prevent highway robbery."

"You think so?" asked Magee.

"See here, young man," remarked Hayden, glancing nervously over his shoulder, "I can't waste any time in talk. Does that money belong to you? No. Well, it does belong to me. I'm going to have it. Don't think I'm afraid to shoot to get it. The law permits a man to fire on the thief who tries to flee him."

"The law, did you say?" laughed Billy Magee. "I wouldn't drag the law into this if I were you, Mr. Hayden. I'm sure it has no connection with events on Baldpate mountain. You would be the last to want its attention to be directed here. I've got this money and I'm going to keep it."

Hayden considered a brief moment and then swore under his breath.

"You're right," he said. "I'm not going to shoot. But there are other ways, you whippersnapper!" He dropped the revolver into his pocket and sprang forward. For the second time within ten minutes Mr. Magee steadied himself for conflict.

But Hayden stopped. Some one had entered the room through the window behind Magee. In the dim light of the candle Magee saw Hayden's face go white, his lips twitch, his eyes glaze with horrible surprise. His arms fell

helpily to his sides.

"Good God, Kendrick!" he cried. "The voice of the man with whom Billy Magee had but a moment before struggled on the balcony answered; "Yes, Hayden, I'm back."

Hayden wet his lips with his tongue.

"What—what brought you?" he asked, his voice trailing off weakly on the last word.

"What brought me?" Suddenly, as from a volcano, that had long been cold, fire blazed up in Kendrick's eyes. "If a man know the road from hell back home what would it need to bring him back?"

Hayden stood with his mouth partly open. Almost a grotesque picture of terror he looked in that dim light. Then he spoke in an odd, strained tone, more to himself than to any one else.

"I thought you were dead," he said, warmly, "for me to tell you that Mr. Kendrick here and myself represent at Baldpate Inn the prosecuting attorney of Repton county. We—"

Cargan, big, red, volcanic, interrupted.

"Drayton!" he bellowed. "Drayton sent you here? The rat! The pup. Why, I made that kid! I put him where he is! He won't dare touch me!"

"Can't he?" returned Professor Bolton. "My dear sir, you are mistaken. Drayton fully intends to prosecute you on the ground that you arranged to pass ordinance No. 45, granting the Suburban railway the privilege of merging with the Civic in exchange for this bribe of \$200,000."

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this bundle. Miss Norton is going to take it away with her. She is to catch the 10:30 train for Repton. The train arrives at its destination at 12. Much as it pains me to say it, no one will leave this room before 12:15."

"You—crook!" roared Cargan.

Mr. Magee smiled as he put the package in the girl's hand.

"Possibly," he said, "but Mr. Cargan, the blackness of the kettle always has annoyed the pot."

The little professor of comparative literature stepped forward and stood pompously before Magee.

"One moment," he remarked. "Before you steal this money in front of our very eyes I want to inform you who I am and who I represent here."

"This is no time," replied Magee, "for light talk on the subject of blonds."

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CHAPTER XX.

The Professor Sums Up.

HE mayor of Repton slid into the shadows.

"As I was saying, Mr. Magee," continued the professor, "Mr. Kendrick and I came up here to secure this package of money as evidence against Cargan and—the man above. I speak with the voice of the law when I say you must turn this money over to me."

For answer Magee smiled at the girl.

"You'd better go now," he said, "it's a long walk down the mountain."

"You refuse?" cried the professor.

"Absolutely. Don't we, Miss Norton?" said Magee.

"Absolutely," she repeated bravely.

"May I call your attention," remarked Magee, "to the fact that the long reign of 'I'm going to' is ended and the rule of 'I've done it' has begun? I've actually got the money. Somehow it doesn't seem to thrill you the way I thought it would."

"But it does—oh, it does!" cried the girl. "It was upset for a moment. It's glorious news! And with you on guard here I'm not afraid to carry it away—down the mountain—and to Repton. I'll be with you in a moment ready for the journey."

"Mr. Magee," he said seriously, "I learn from Kendrick that you have in your possession a certain package of money that has been much buffeted about here at Baldpate Inn. Now, I suggest—no, I demand—"

"Pardon me, professor," Mr. Magee interrupted. "I have something to suggest, even to demand. It is that you and every one else present select a chair and sit down. I suggest that I do not demand, that you pick comfortable chairs, for a vigil that you are about to begin will prove a long one."

"What do you mean?" asked the mayor of Repton, coming militantly to Professor Bolton's side.

Magee did not reply. Miss Norton and her mother came downstairs, the former wrapped in a great coat. She stood on the bottom step, her cheeks flushed, her eyes ablaze. Mr. Magee, going to her side, reflected that she looked charming and wonderful and wished he had time to admire, but he hadn't. He took from one pocket the pistol he had removed from the hand of Hayden, from the other the celebrated package of money.

"I warn you all," he said, "I will shoot any one who makes a move for

Miss Thornton.

"It's asinine if it's true," the professor voiced the other side of it. "I hope every one is quite comfortable," remarked Mr. Magee, selecting a seat facing the crowd. "It's to be a long wait, you know."

In Upper Asquewan Falls the clock on the old town hall struck six. Mr. Magee, on guard in Baldpate's dreary office, counted the strokes. She must be halfway down the mountain now. Tonight there would be no need of a troubadour to implore "Weep No More, My Lady." William Hallowell Magee had removed the cause for tears.

It was a long vigil he had begun, but there was no boredom in it for Billy Magee. He was too great a lover of contrast for that. As he looked around on the assorted group he guarded he compared them with the happier people of the Inn's summer nights, about whom the girl had told him. Instead of these surly and sad folk sitting glumly under the pistol of romantic virtue he saw maids garbed in the magic of muslin flit through the shadows. Lights glowed softly. A waltz came up from the casino on the breath of the summer breeze. Under the red and white swirlings youth and joy and love had their day—or their night. The hermit was on hand with his postal carded romance. The trees gossiped in whispers on the veranda, pausing only when the admiral sailed by in his glory. Eagerly it ran down its game. This girl—this Myra Thornhill—had remembered, had herself been a victim. After Kendrick disappeared she had come there no more, for there were ugly rumors of the man who had fed her. Mr. Magee saw the girl and her long absent lover whispering together in the dreight. He wondered if they, too, imagined themselves at Baldpate in the summer; if they heard the waltz in the casino and the laughter of men in the grill room.

Ten o'clock, said the town hall pompously. She was at the station now. In the room of her tears she was waiting—perhaps her only companion the jockey of the "See the World" poster, whose garb was but a shade bluer than her eyes. Who was she? What was the bribe money of the Suburban railway to her? Mr. Magee did not know, but he trusted her, and he was glad she had won through him. He saw Professor Bolton walk through the flickering half light to join Myra Thornhill and Kendrick.

It must be half past by now. Yes—from far below in the valley came the whistle of a train. Now—she was boarding it—she and the money! Boarding it—for what purpose? Again the train whistled.

"The stage," remarked Mr. Magee, "is more than half over, ladies and gentlemen."

The professor of comparative literature approached him and took a chair at his side.

"I want to talk with you, Mr. Magee," he said.

"A welcome diversion," assented Magee, his eyes still on the room.

"I have discussed matters with Miss Thornton," said the professor in a low voice. "She has convinced me that in this affair you have acted from a wholly disinterested point of view. A mistaken idea of chivalry, perhaps. The infatuation of the moment for a pretty face—a thing which all men with red blood in their veins are susceptible—a pleasant thing that I would be the last to want banished from the world."

"Miss Thornton," replied Billy Magee, "has sized up the situation perfectly—except for one rather important detail. It is not the infatuation of the moment, professor. Say, rather, that of a lifetime."

"Ah, yes," the old man returned. "You—how sure it always is of that. I do not deprecate the feeling. Once, long ago, I, too, had youth and faith. We will not dwell on that, however. Miss Thornton assures me that Henry Bentley, the son of my friend John Bentley, esteems you highly. She asserts that you are in every respect, as far as her knowledge goes, an admirable young man. I feel sure that after calm contemplation you will see that what you have done is very unfortunate. The package of money, which is a giddy moment you have given into a young girl's keeping, is much desired by the authorities as evidence against a very corrupt political ring. I am certain that when you know all the details you will be glad to return with me to Repton and do all in your power to help us regain possession of that package."

And now the town hall informed Mr. Magee that the hour was 11. He picked up a hat lying like a black shadow through the white night. Was she on it—safe?

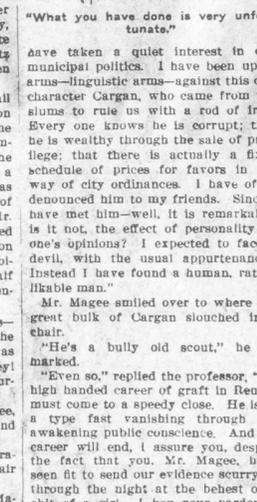
"Professor Bolton," he said, "there couldn't possibly be any one anywhere more eager than I to learn all the details of this affair—to hear your real reason for coming to Baldpate Inn and to have the peroxide blond incident properly classified and given its niche in history. But let me tell you again my action of tonight was no mere madness of the moment. I shall stick to it through thick and thin. Now, about the blonds."

"The blonds!" repeated the professor dreamily. "Ah, yes, I must make a small confession of guilt there! It did not come here to escape the results of that indiscreet remark, but I really made it—about a year ago. Shall I ever forget? Hardly. The newspapers and my wife won't let me. I can never again win a new honor, however dignified, without being referred to in print as the peroxide blond assassin. On the night when Mr. Ken-

drick and I consumed champagne was slain I remarked as much to him, and so it occurred to me that if I found any need of explaining my presence here the blond incident would do very well. It was only—a white life."

"A blond one," corrected Mr. Magee. "I forgive you, professor."

"To begin with," continued the professor, "I am a member of the faculty of the University of Repton, situated, as you no doubt know, in the city of the same name. For a long time I



What you have done is very unfortunate.

have taken a quiet interest in our municipal politics. I have been up in arms—linguistic arms—against this odd character Cargan, who came from the slums to rule us with a rod of iron. Every one knows he is corrupt; that he is wealthy through the sale of privilege; that there is actually a fixed schedule of prices for favors in the way of city ordinances. I have often denounced him to my friends. Since I have met him—well, it is remarkable, it is not, the effect of personality on one's opinions? I expected to face a devil, with the usual appearances. Instead I have found a human, rather likable man."

Mr. Magee smiled over to where the great bulk of Cargan slouched in a chair.

"He's a bully old scout," he remarked.

"Even so," replied the professor, "his high handed career of graft in Repton must come to a speedy close. He is of a type fast vanishing through the awakening public conscience. And his career will end, I assure you, despite the fact that you, Mr. Magee, have seen fit to send our evidence scurrying through the night at the behest of a chit of a girl. I beg your pardon—I shall continue. Young Drayton, the new county prosecutor, was several years back a favorite pupil of mine. After he left law school he fell under the spell of the picturesque mayor of Repton. Cargan liked him and he rose rapidly. Drayton had no thought of ever turning against his benefactor when he accepted the first favors, but later the open selling of men's souls began to disgust him. When Cargan offered him the place of prosecutor a few months ago Drayton assured him that he would keep his oath of office. "It was in me, remember," he went on, "that Drayton confided his resolve to serve the public. I was delighted at the news. A few weeks ago he informed me his first opportunity was at hand. Through one of the men in his office he had learned that Hayden, of the Suburban Electric, was seeking to consolidate that line, which had fallen into partial disrepute under his management during the illness of Thornhill, the president, with the Civic. The consolidation would raise the value of the Suburban nearly two million dollars—at the public's expense. Hayden had seen Cargan. Cargan had drafted ordinance No. 45 and informed Hayden that his price for passing it through the council would be the sum you have juggled in your possession on Baldpate mountain—\$200,000."

"A mere trifle," remarked Magee sarcastically.

"So Cargan made Hayden see. Through long experience in these matters the mayor has become careless. He is the thing above the law, if not the law itself. He would have had no fear in accepting this money on Main street at midday. He had no fear when he came here and found he was being spied on."

"But Hayden—there was the difficulty that began the drama of Baldpate Inn. Hayden had few scruples; but, as events tonight have well proved, Mr. Magee, he was a coward at heart. I do not know just why he lies on your bed upstairs at this moment a suicide. That is a matter between Kendrick and him and one which Kendrick himself has not yet fathomed. As I say, Hayden was afraid of being caught. Andy Rutter, manager of Baldpate Inn for the last few summers, is in some way mixed up in the Suburban. It was he who suggested to Hayden that an absolutely secluded spot for passing this large sum of money would be the Inn. The idea appealed to Hayden. Cargan tried to laugh him out of it. The mayor did not relish the thought of a visit to Baldpate mountain in the dead of winter, particularly as he considered such precautions unnecessary. But Hayden was firm. This spot, he pointed out, was ideal, and the mayor at last laughingly gave in. The sum involved was well worth taking a lit-

tle trouble to gain."

Professor Bolton paused and blinked his dim old eyes.

"So the matter was arranged," he continued. "Mr. Bland, a clerk in Hayden's employ, was sent up here with the money, which he placed in the safe on the very night of our arrival. The safe had never met—our who could perhaps keep up the pretense of being here for some other reason than a connection with the bribe. He asked me to undertake the mission, to see all I could and if possible to secure the package of money. This last seemed hardly likely. At any rate, I was to gather all the evidence I could. I hesitated."

"I had loudly proclaimed my championship of civic virtue, however, and here was a chance to serve Repton. I acquiesced. The day I was to start here poor Kendrick came back. It, too, had been a student of mine, a friend of both Drayton and Hayden. Seven years ago he and Hayden were running the Suburban together under Thornhill's direction. The two young men became mixed up in a rather shady business deal, which was more of Hayden's waiting than Kendrick's. Hayden came to Kendrick with the story that they were about to be found out and suggested that one assume the blame and go away. I am telling you all this in confidence as a friend of my friends, the Bentleys, and a young man whom I like and trust despite your momentary madness in the matter of yellow locks. We are all susceptible."

"Kendrick went. For seven years he stayed away in an impossible tropic town, believing himself sought by the law, for so Hayden wrote him. Not long ago he discovered that the matter in which he and Hayden had offended had never been disclosed after all. He hurried back to the states. You can imagine his bitterness. He had been engaged to Myra Thornhill, and the fact that Hayden was in love with her may have had something to do with his treachery to his friend."

CHAPTER XXI.

In the Name of the Law.

MAGEE'S eyes strayed to where the two victims of the dead man's falsehood whispered together in the shadows and he wondered at the cunning with which Kendrick had greeted Hayden in the room above.

"When Kendrick arrived," Professor Bolton went on, "first of all he consulted his old friend Drayton. Drayton informed him that he had no objection to fear should his mistake be made public, for in reality there was at this late day no crime committed in the eyes of the law. He also told Kendrick how matters stood, and of the net he was spreading for Hayden. He had some fears, he said, about sending a man of my years alone to Baldpate Inn. Kendrick hesitated for the chance to come too. So, without making his return known in Repton, three nights ago he accompanied me here. Three nights it seems years. I had secured keys for us both from John Bentley. As we climbed the mountain I noticed your light, and we agreed it would be best if only one of us revealed our secrets to the authorities in the inn. Kendrick let himself in by the side door while I engaged you and Bland in the office. He spent the night on the third floor. In the morning I told the whole affair to Quimby, knowing his interest in both Hayden and Kendrick, and secured for Kendrick the key to the annex. Almost at once in the morning Kendrick let himself up on the mezzanine, suggested Mr. Magee.

"You state it vividly and with truth," Professor Bolton replied. "Night before last the ordinance numbered 45 was due to pass the council. It was arranged that when it did, Hayden, through his man Rutter, or personally, would telephone the combination of the safe to the mayor of Repton. Cargan and Bland sat in the office watching for the flash of light at the telephone switchboard, while you and I were Max's prisoners above. Something went wrong, Hayden heard that the court would issue an injunction making ordinance No. 45 worthless. So, although the council obeyed Cargan's instructions and passed the bill, Hayden refused to give the mayor the combination."

The old man paused and shook his head wonderfully.

"Then melodrama began in dead earnest," he continued. "I have always been a man of peace, and the wild scuffle that claimed me for one of its leading actors from that moment will remain in my memory as long as I live. Cargan dynamited the safe. Kendrick held him up. You held up Kendrick. I peered through your window and saw you place the package of money under a brick in your fireplace."

"You—the curtains were down," interrupted Magee.

"I found a half inch of open space," explained the old man. "Yes, I actually lay on my stomach in the snow and watched you. In the morning for the first time in my life I committed robbery. My punishment was swift and sure. That swooped down upon me. Again this afternoon I came upon the precious package, after a long search, in the hands of the hermit of Baldpate. I thought we were safe at last when I handed the package to Kendrick in my room tonight, but I had

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