

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 Khoras. 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 by no means 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 neighborhood. He has always been clear in the expression of using his Aldermanic position to further the public good.

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 any private interest 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-Gladie VanAllen. Recitation-Angle Curry. Recitation-Lila Morton. Chorus-The Conceited Frog. Drill-Her we come. Recitation-Gertie Sager. Recitation-Kenneth Clarke. Recitation-Louisa Thompson. Chorus-Moon Lullaby. Song by Mabel Clarke. Recitation by Mabel Rose. Recitation by Mabel Clarke. 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 Dunworth, (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 Queen's 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 Queen's 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.



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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

A Happy New Year

We wish all our customers and all who are not our customers a Happy and Prosperous New Year

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you will be one of those happy and pleased people (the coming year) who trade with us. If you have not been in the habit of coming to this big clothing store, suppose you try it and see how you like it. We please our customers and we can please you.

Bargains

We will soon be in the stock-taking and have a lot of bargains in Suits and Overcoats--broken lines that must go at once. Come in and see these special lines.

Oak Hall

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. Reenigh; 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 re-elected 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 at large. The complete list of nominees was as follows:—Reeve—Chas. Ketcheson, Chas. H. Vanderwater. Deputy-reeve—Chas. H. Vanderwater, Geo. A. Ross, Jno. W. Hess, 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. Hess, Geo. Boulton. Mr. Vanderwater announced his retirement from the candidacy for the reeve-ship, thus leaving Mr. Ketcheson elected by acclamation.

All but Messrs Vanderwater and Ross retired from the field for the deputy-reeve-ship, leaving those two

as probable candidates for an election. The first five names in the list of councillors given above will likely remain in the field for that position.

THURLOW.

As has been the rule for a number of years in Thurlow township, the election went again by acclamation. Two members of the old council, Messrs. J. A. Bolgate, and Good Campbell retired and their places were taken by Messrs. W. B. Tufts and Robert J. Garbutt. The council for 1915 stands as follows:—Reeve—N. Vermilyea. Deputy-reeve—J. G. Sills. Councilors—Daniel A. McDonald, W. B. Tufts, R. J. Garbutt.

DESERONTO.

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. McKeel.

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 Genore.

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.

ELZEY & GRIMSTHORPE.

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

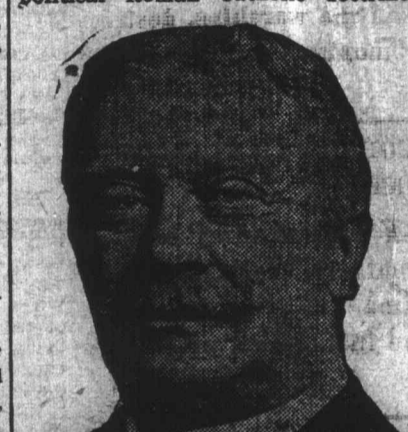
STIRLING.

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.



SIR HENRY HOWARD.

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.

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 Pope 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.

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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.



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

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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"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 anecdotes. Reminiscences beginning "Do you remember the time?" stories showing the wide range of experience 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. Will 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
- Roed Cucumbers
- Sweet Breads
- Young Turkey
- Mashed Potatoes
- Neapolitan Ice Cream
- Assorted Fruits
- Cafe Noir
- Celery
- French Peas
- Pommes Anglaise
- Saratoga Chips
- Craberry Sauce
- Asparagus Chips
- Cake

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 trophies which Mr. McGie, Mr. Waters, and Mr. Alford presented to 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 soie length and with his originalities had the table arour.

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 Salaberry. 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. "Copping" 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.

A large number from a distance attended Mrs. S. Leaven's funeral last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bell were at Bloomfield for Christmas.

A. M. and Mrs. Osborne have moved to their new home on Consecron street.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Spencer were in town last week.

They had a service at the Methodist church for Dr. Alton Garratt of Toronto last week. He was well known here.

Miss Broad, B.A. was home for Christmas.

Miss E. Wilder was at Markham for Christmas.

Rev. and Mrs. Rufus Garratt of Welome, spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Amos Garratt, here.

Miss Mona Clinton is home for Christmas from Sudbury.

The William Clinton family entertained friends and relatives Xmas at East Wellington.

Not many went to Pieton on Saturday after Christmas.

A number from here who went to Toronto for Christmas have returned home.

A large number spent Xmas here.

Mr. W. H. Titus took dinner on Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Titus.

We were pleased to see Olga Webster out again.

HUMAN INTEREST ANECDOTES WHICH GET PAST THE CENSOR

Humorous and Magical Sideights on the Great War.

Corporal Tells of the Ill-Fated Attack of the Prussian Guard.

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 Sheik-ul-Islam had proclaimed a

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



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 Indian 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

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

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 would," 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 Contention 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 much 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 called 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 American 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 to 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.

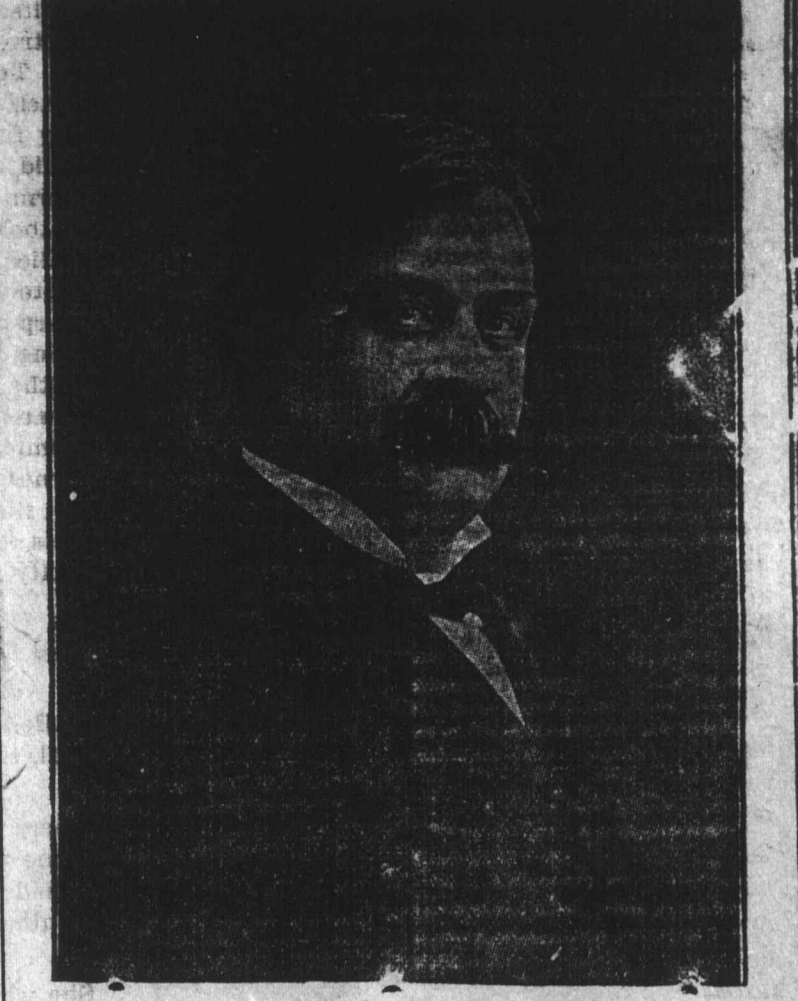
Langelier Gains Ground. QUEBEC, Dec. 29.—Sir Horace Archambault of Montreal, Chief Justice of the Appeals Court, was sworn administrator of the Province of Quebec, during the illness of Sir Francis Langelier.

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.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

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Twenty-minute Song Service by G. W. Mulligan and Solos by Mr. A. E. Greenlaw

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FOR PARTY SERVICE

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 any 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. 28.—The London Telegram correspondent at Bucharest (Romania) 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. Discepolo, on behalf of the Conservative Democrats, repeated the declaration made by Take Joneco in the Chamber, according to which Rumania ought to abandon her neutral position and make an immediate alliance with the Triple Entente. He accused Austria of ingratitude towards Rumania, 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 Rumania 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 shooting 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.

Wellington Items

E. Pettengill, C. E., is here for holidays from Kingston.

Miss Luella Young, of Melville, is at her grandparents, for a visit.

Mrs. T. Thompson, entertained her father and other relatives, from Melville, Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Wilder, of Wellington, also Mr. Will Wilder, of Toronto, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. George Beston, at Markham, Ontario.

A. G. and Mrs. Noxon, of Ameliasburg, spent Christmas, under parental roof.

Mr. and Mrs. George Greer had a family gathering on Christmas Day. Very glad to see Miss Lillian Greer out again, after a severe illness.

Miss Alma Zuefelt was down from Midland, Ont., for Christmas, at her parents' here.

St. Andrews Anglican church gave its Sabbath school scholars some lovely presents, Christmas Day.

Rev. Mr. Archer gave Christmas sermons on Sunday after Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Osborn, are busy now, settling in their new home, on Consecron street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McCullough, were out of town for Christmas Day.

The Wellington Social Club over Mr. Noxon's store had very enjoyable evenings. About 52 belong now.

Mr. Clifford Wilson, of Toronto, spent Christmas at his home, Gerow, Gove.

Mrs. A. Wilson spent Christmas with her son and family at Gerow, Gove.

Rev. Mr. Archer tied the nuptial knot, on Thursday morning last, for Mr. Stanley Teskey and Miss Minnie Morrison. They went to Toronto on their honeymoon. They will reside at Wellington, on their farm. Mr. and Mrs. Greer will also reside on their farm, near Wellington.

Mrs. N. S. Harrington, is home from Toronto.

Miss R. Allison, of Pieton, will teach our Kindergarten school in place of Miss Olive Shourds.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hubbs and two sons: Allan and Donald, of Toronto, are at L. W. Clark's.

Mr. Shurie, sr., also Mr. Shurie and



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



WOUNDED BELGIAN SOLDIERS.

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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-peal,
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 1865 what we 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 166 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 Meszger.
In bridge, Mrs. James Grant and Dr. Coughlin won the prizes. The trophy prizes were awarded to Miss Rita Hughes and Charles Fannell.
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.

AMONG OUR CORRESPONDENTS

THIRD LINE SIDNEY

Mr. C. Vancott and his mother spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Vancott, Trenton.

CROOKSTON

Crookston, Dec. 28.—Our school teachers, Misses Tucker and Craig, held their closing examination on Tuesday last.

FOXBORO

We have been very glad to have such fine sleighing during Christmas.

STOCKDALE

The Christmas tree and concert given by the pupils of the Public School of Dec. 24th, was a great success.

STIRLING

Misses Florence Linn and Lucy Williams who have been attending Normal school, Peterboro, are home for the holidays.

Mr. Arthur Morrow of Kingston, is holding his party on Tuesday evening.

family have returned home last Saturday night, after spending Christmas with his brother at Dundas.

THOMASBURG

Thomasburg, Dec. 28.—Those who spent Christmas in our vicinity.

HALSTON

We had genuine winter weather for Christmas.

MARYSVILLE

All were glad to see the snow. It made it more pleasant for Xmas.

VICTORIA

Church next Sunday at 2.45.

Rednersville and Albany.

spent Christmas with his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. George Russell.

TABERNACLE

Mr. and Mrs. Burnas Bryant and family, spent Christmas at Mrs. Bryant's father, Mr. E. Ostropchuk.

SHANNONVILLE

Mr. Reginald Garrard has returned to Eugene, where he is employed with the Hyland Construction Co.

SIDNEY CROSSING

Mr. Editor, we wish you a very prosperous and Happy New Year.

AMELIASBURG

In spite of the severe weather the Christmas party passed away most pleasantly in the different family circles of the "Fourth".

Christmas entertainments have been given by the various churches. The programs were varied and well rendered.

FRANKFORD

Frankford, Dec. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Turner, of Cardston, Alberta, are visiting at her sister, Mrs. Mrs. Arthur Ford's, home.

MADOC JUNCTION

Happy New Year to you Mr. Editor, your staff and subscribers.

NICKEL AND NICKELS

Thousands of tons of Canadian nickel are at the present time in the armor-plate of German warships.

SHIP LOST IN PORT

Royal Mail Steamer Trent Sinks at Dock in London.

Christmas under the parental roof. Miss Cassie Fox has returned to Pictou after a brief visit with her sister, Mrs. C. Wannamaker.

TRENTON

Trenton, Dec. 25.—W. S. Herrington, K. C. of Naponee, will deliver his illustrated lecture in Canterbury hall.

INDemnITY Due Says Wilson

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—President Wilson, referring yesterday to the American note to Great Britain, insisting on better treatment for American commerce.

ICE FROM BUILDINGS

Much ice was dislodged from the front street buildings, yesterday afternoon and some citizens had narrow escapes in the city.

Christmas under the parental roof. Miss Cassie Fox has returned to Pictou after a brief visit with her sister, Mrs. C. Wannamaker.

BRITAIN SURPRISED

American Protest Against Detention Arouses Excitement.

WILSON TALKS OF DAMAGES

United States President Declares That Great Britain Will Be Required to Pay Indemnity for Losses to American Commerce.

FRANCE OPENS COMMERCIAL WAR

PARIS, Dec. 30.—France is going to make an effort to obtain her share of the world's trade which was formerly in the hands of Germany.

BATTLE IS HELD UP

Terrific Storm Paralyzes Operations on Western Front.

RUSSIANS WIN VICTORIES

Many Prisoners and Guns Are Captured in Region of Dukla Passes and Enemy's Retreat Is Becoming More Precipitate—Opposing Forces Are Busy in Argonne, Where Fierce Battle Rages

PARIS, Dec. 29.—A storm of violent proportions, which swept over the battle front from Flanders almost to the German frontier on the allies' right yesterday held the opposing armies in leash. The fall of snow that was driven down in a terrific gale upon almost the entire war area acted as a curtain which effectively obscured the view of the enemy from the gunners, and a truce was enforced practically along the whole front.

However, in the Argonne region, where forest fighting has been furious for the past fortnight, the French forces managed to press forward through the storm for material gains. Reports of the fighting which occurred just preceding the period of enforced inactivity indicate that the allies made decisive gains at the two extremes of the line against Muhlhausen and in front of Metzport. Both of these movements are of great military importance, as are preliminary developments of flanking manoeuvres which must surely discomfit the invaders when the time comes for the allies to assume definitely their offensive.

During the past four days, according to a despatch to The Paris Temps from its correspondent in Basle, Switzerland, the most terrific fighting has been taking place on the whole front of the Vosges region. The fighting was most violent on Friday and Saturday, when the roar of the guns incident to a furious cannonade was distinctly heard on the Swiss border. French armies had previously reconnoitered the German gun positions in a fight over Muhlhausen, only eight miles in advance of the French lines. Upon their return the French gunners, having been given the corrected range by the observers who went aloft with their airmen, opened a most deadly fire upon the German batteries. Many of the German guns are reported to have been blown aloft.

"During the entire day a violent storm has interfered with the operations along the greater part of the front. It is reported, notwithstanding that we have made some progress in the Argonne region.

"In Belgium we have continued to advance. To the west of Lombardzwey we are actually at the foot of the sand dunes on which the enemy has established his line of resistance. At a point south of the front we have lost a section of trenches near Hellebuck.

"In the region of Lens, near Carceny, the enemy yielded, under our attacks, 500 yards of first-line trenches. In the valley of the River Aisne and in Champagne there has been intermittent artillery fighting which was particularly severe in the vicinity of Rheims and around Perthes. Here the enemy directed their artillery fire especially against the positions to the west of Perthes conquered and occupied by us.

"On the heights of the Meuse there has been slight progress by our troops along the entire front. In the Vosges, the enemy bombarded the railroad station at St. Die, but the railroad service has not been interrupted.

"In Upper Alsace, to the northeast of Steinbach, a counter-attack of the Germans was repulsed."

Successes for Russians.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 29.—The following statement from the General Staff of the Russian commander-in-Chief was issued last night:

"On the 27th there was no important engagement between the lower Vistula and the Pilica rivers. The German attacks were everywhere repulsed. The Germans suffered heavy losses, especially during a vain attack they made to the southeast of Skierniewice.

"Between the Pilica and the upper Vistula the enemy has now adopted the defensive.

"Our troops stormed the village of Sztanki, which was stubbornly defended by the Austrians. The enemy has definitely evacuated the left bank of the Nida.

"To the south of the upper Vistula on the front of Opaszew-Biecz, the fighting continues to develop to our advantage. From the 18th to the 26th we captured there 200 officers and 15,000 soldiers and forty mitrailleurs.

"The enemy's retreat in the region of the Dukla Passes and on the road to Lisko is becoming more and more precipitate and disorganized. On the 26th we captured in this region as many as five thousand prisoners. The efforts of the enemy to transport his forces from the direction of Czenstochowa toward the Carpathians was a complete failure owing to our manoeuvres."

Fresh German Reinforcements.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 29.—(Via London.)—Comparative quiet reigned in Flanders on Christmas Day, but gunfire could be heard Saturday, beginning in the early morning, according to the Swiss correspondent of the Telegraph. He says that the Germans have received further reinforcements, especially at Knock and Heyst.

To Give Pay To Officers.

BERNINA, Dec. 28.—The Russian Government has decided to make cash allowance to captured officers at the following rate: Generals, \$750 a year; staff officers, \$450; all other officers, \$200.

ROYAL YEAST
MAKES PERFECT BREAD

AUSTRIA READY TO CEASE FIRING

Rumors that Austria is seeking to make terms with Serbia and Russia so that she may withdraw from the fighting and leave it to Germany to carry on the war with the assistance of Turkey are regularly denied. No matter how strong the evidence may be of Austria's desire to quit, we may rest assured that no official whisper of peace will come from her until peace terms have been agreed upon. For Austria to admit that she is tired of the war before she has definitely accepted any terms that may be offered her would be madness. That she is tired of it, that the country is divided, and that there is no single party in the empire that desires the continuance of the struggle is indicated by many signs. A correspondent of an American newspaper at Vienna succeeded in having a letter smuggled out of the country by way of Italy a month ago. He says that a revolt of the people is likely, and if it was likely toward the end of November it must be much more likely now, for in the past month Austria has suffered the most humiliating repulse of the war at Belgrade.

A Discredited Censorship.

In no country is the press censorship so strict as in Austria. Very slowly are the people finding out how the war is going, but if they do not know the worst that has happened, and how utterly hopeless it is for the German allies to win, they know enough to distrust the official bulletins. The statements of the War Office are invariably incomplete. They record nothing decisive either for Austria or against her, but deal chiefly in prophecies of future victories. Like all other peoples, the Austrians have faith in their own prowess as fighting men, and so they find explanation for their failure to win decisive victories in the incompetence of their generals. Auffenberg is in disgrace, and von Bruderemann, who commanded the cavalry at Lemberg is under general investigation, and is reported to have committed suicide.

Austria Not Ready For War.

The generals are blamed not only for defeats in the field, but for their failure in time of peace to have Austria ready for war. The truth seems to be that the Austrian army, which was supposed to be the second most formidable in Europe, and ready for a terrific struggle at a moment's notice, was not much better prepared for a real war against a great power than was France in 1870. The commissariat broke down. On one occasion, in Galicia, where a brigade advanced in the front of the main army, it was without food for five days. The soldiers ate raw vegetables, and this is blamed for the epidemic of cholera. Arms and clothing are lacking. In Vienna alone it is said that there are 32,000 highly trained soldiers who cannot be sent to the front because they are without equipment. On the streets obsolete swords and rifles are seen in the hands of reservists, who have supplied themselves with clothing from the pawnshops. The Mayor of Vienna reported to have contacted a friend that in February the city's supply of food will be exhausted.

Hated of Italy.

Just as in Germany the hatred of the people is concentrated upon one of the enemies, so it is in Austria. In Germany it is Britain that is hated, in Austria it is Italy. The Austrians call the British and the French mere "pig-dogs." All the Italians in Austria are watched more closely than the Russian and British subjects, and there is a common saying that the Italians who do not feel Austrian ought to be hanged. More than once during the war Austria with Italy has threatened to fight with this war. There is great rage at the failure of the Austrians who have been recruited in the former Italian provinces of the Adriatic to distinguish themselves. It is admitted that many of these soldiers have held up their hands so that they might be wounded by the Russians and sent home. Once home they steal across the border into Italy, and confide their experiences to the Italian newspapers, thus increasing the anti-Austrian feeling in Italy, and the anti-Italian feeling in Austria.

Czechs Won't Fight.

But among other elements of the population there is a strong disposition to refuse to fight hard for Austria. It pervades the Czechs to such an extent that up to a month ago not a single Czech commander or regiment had been honorably mentioned in despatches. In Bohemia the prisons are full of people whose loyalty to Austria is doubted. In Bosnia and Dalmatia the sentiments of the people are such that the Austrian Government will not run a train that does not carry several hostages, Austrian citizens. If the train meets with any accident the hostages are shot at once. In Dalmatia the surveillance of the people is so severe that they have said they would welcome any foreign army. Even in those districts where loyalty to the Austro-Hungarian Empire was based upon racial jealousies, it is fast disappearing. If the account given by the correspondent is an accurate summary of sentiment in Austria, there is reason to believe that in spite of official denials Austria is seeking feverishly for an excuse to lay down her arms, leaving Germany to continue the fight alone.

If Napoleon Lived Today

If Napoleon were living to-day what could he accomplish? The question has been asked many times, and there have been different answers. In the opinion of R. M. Johnson, who writes in the Nineteenth Century, he would be unable to-day to make any such towering reputation as that of one hundred years ago. While Napoleon was a great military genius, it ought to be remembered that he was the product of certain conditions that do not exist to-day, and that his personal characteristics, apart from his great mastery of the science of war, which they helped him then, would be no help for him to-day. Therefore a Napoleon as we know him could not be produced to-day; and if he could be produced, he would find the conditions so greatly changed that it is doubtful if he could do more than the generals are now doing in France and Russia. A couple of years ago General Joffre expressed this opinion that the day of great military command had passed, and that it is impossible for one man to win battles which are fought along a line 200 miles long, and that success now is to be won rather by the divisional commanders, the colonels and the captains.

Did Not Trust Lieutenants.

Assuming that Joffre is right, it is at once plain that this sort of warfare would never suit Napoleon. Either because he was so keenly conscious of his own capacity, because he distrusted his lieutenants, or because he was jealous of them, he never left them much to their own resources. They got their instructions from him, and as a rule they did not know the general plan of battle. One had his own little task very conscientiously explained to him; but he did not know what the other generals were doing. Probably some Napoleon had some brilliant men about him, such as Massena, Ney and Soult, they could force the moves of their chief, but they rarely took any initiative. Moreover, it is to be remarked that if he did force what was about to happen, the enemy, as a rule, did not see it. The invention of the aeroplane and wireless have removed minor surprises, a thousand men cut off here, and a few hundreds there, but there is no great surprise possible over a 200-mile front if the aeroplanes are in action.

A Rule That Failed.

The principle that guided Napoleon throughout his career was that the surest way to win a battle was to concentrate an attack upon a weak spot of the enemy, to hammer an opening, to separate the opposing army into two or three smaller armies, and to destroy it piecemeal. This strategy was not uniform in success. It generally succeeded. The great disaster in Russia was primarily due to it, and in this campaign Napoleon made a mistake that no modern general would make. He had only 100,000 men in Europe, and three or four armies, with three or four lines of communications. He held them in one army with only one line of communication. If he had had only 100,000 men, it is probable that the Russian disaster would not have been so great. Half a million men were more than he needed. They destroyed his mobility, and they confronted him with a commissariat that was a magnitude that he had never faced before.

Experience Did Not Teach.

Napoleon himself said that he had learned nothing in sixty battles. What he knew about the science of warfare had been learned before he was a general. In one sense this proved his genius. In another it proved his weakness. He did not learn from his mistakes, but continued to employ over and over again the methods that had won him earlier campaigns. In the case of the Russian campaign, as we have seen, they led him to disaster. Napoleon was an artilleryman, and his handling of artillery was almost invariably superb, though he himself admitted that his ideas on the subject he owed to De Gribauval. The chief of these ideas, again, was the massing of artillery at certain points instead of dispersing it over a long line. De Gribauval favored used six-pounders, but he did not claim that this was a reform, but merely a development of the older man's ideas which had made the French artillery the most mobile in the world.

Napoleon and the Kaiser.

Napoleon described himself as the child of Revolution. The old ideas of discipline and obedience had departed from France. The army was no longer the rigid mercenary machine of former years, but a great assembly of free-minded brothers. Perhaps Napoleon's greatest gift was his ability to fire these masses of men with enthusiasm for a cause, and with faith in themselves and in him. In this respect he was a modern prototype is the Kaiser. We know that the only principle that animated Napoleon, especially in his later years, was personal ambition, and that he plunged France into unjust wars. He was able to convince the French people, however, that the wars were necessary, and that they were fought for the glory of the nation. Because his genius in hypnotizing a whole nation, Napoleon to-day would be a great force, but his military methods would be ineffective, as his famous six-pounders against modern ordnance.

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PROUD OF RAWDON

Reeve Thos. Montgomery is reported by The Stirling Leader to have delivered the following address at the annual meeting of the Rawdon Conservative Association recently—At this time all political strife is dropped, all parties are united for this great struggle. The whole policy of the German Empire has been a War Policy, the result is ten million men are now in active service. For the first contingent 86 nurses were asked for and 500 applied. The women of the Empire are working hard now and have been ever since the war began. If the women went on strike for 24 hours the British Empire would be doomed. In speaking of the Red Cross work, Mr. Montgomery explained how the first aid given the wounded by Red Cross nurses would often enable a slightly wounded man to return to the battle front almost immediately. The Red Cross need money at once to buy Red Cross supplies and the meeting in Springfield, he said, to see what can be done towards helping in this work. Mr. Montgomery spoke of a conversation he overheard while on his trip to Vankarier, two men were speaking of the Patriotic Fund and one said "Did you hear of the little place in Ontario, Rawdon, that raised \$815 in less than 15 minutes?" He said it made him proud to think he was a citizen of Rawdon.

OMEMEE MAN KILLED IN BATTLE

World has been received by Major Free, commanding officer of the 45th Regiment, that Private Frank Smith formerly of Omemee, has given his life for King and country, while fighting with the 1st troops on the Meuse river. Smith was a reservist of the Royal Indian Horse Artillery, and was working for Mr. Wm. McGeae at Omemee when war broke out. He lost no time in responding to the colors. His regiment was sent to France soon after he joined it.

FROM GREAT LAKES TO THE ROCKIES

Women Sing the Praises of Dodd's Kidney Pills.
Saskatchewan Lads Add Her Testimony To What Has Already Been Said of the Great Work Dodd's Kidney Pills Are Doing
Caserville, Sask. Dec. 28.—Special.—The scarcity of female help in a new country subjects the women of the prairies to unusual strain, and careful observation has established the fact that this strain first makes itself felt in the kidneys. For this reason Dodd's Kidney Pills are making an enviable reputation from the Great Lakes to the foothills of the Rockies. Everywhere you will find women singing the praises of the great Canadian kidney remedy that has banished their pains and weariness, and brought them back to health. Among the many is Mrs. Edgar Cowen, an estimable lady of this place. "I have found Dodd's Kidney Pills very beneficial," Mrs. Cowen states. "If anything I can say will help any sufferer I am glad to add my testimony to what has already been said." The kidneys strain all the refuse material out of the blood. If they are out of order this refuse remains in the blood, and becomes poison. That's why sound kidneys mean pure blood and good health. Dodd's Kidney Pills make sound kidneys.

SNEAK THIEVES BUSY AT PORT HOPE

Monday's Port Hope Guide says:—Scarcely a night passes now without a robbery and the chief place for the work is chicken houses. Hundreds of chickens have been stolen the past few weeks. A clean-up was made at the Royal Hotel, Mr. H. Southey lost a large number, Thomas Marsh is missing seventeen or eighteen, Wm. Berry had his poultry houses stripped and a goodly number was also taken from Mrs. Woe's Colongue Road. It is said that these chickens are shipped away to buyers. It might be well for the Police to enquire at the stations as to who is shipping the fowl. It is certainly time that some effort was made to stop this work.

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PETERBORO WAS SIDETRACKED

The Board of Trade of Peterboro held an indignation meeting last week in regard to the poor passenger service now provided by the C.P.R. Peterboro wants a Sunday train and are determined to have one. The Board will take the matter up with the G. T. R. in an effort to provide Sunday traffic.

KILLED BY KICK FROM A HORSE

A sad accident took place at Nolin, six miles from this city, on Monday morning, Nov. 23rd, when Mr. John Comerford received injuries from which he died the following day. Mr. Comerford was kicked by his own horse in the abdomen. Medical aid was at once summoned, and everything possible done, but he passed away on Thursday evening after intense suffering. Mr. Comerford was living at the time with his brother, William and aged mother, from whose residence the funeral was held on Thursday. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Chavers of Meets, and was largely attended. The deceased leaves a sorrowing and heartbroken mother, one sister, Mrs. G. B. Salisbury, of this city; and several brothers, Rev. Geo.

MADOC BOY'S SUCCESS.

The following is taken from the Queen's University Journal, December 2nd—
H. W. Whytock, B.A., entered Queens in '09. He has devoted himself to duty and has won honor in scholarships and the enthusiastic respect of students. He is an honor graduate in chemistry and biology. He has shown executive ability in the Choral Society, the Conversat Committee, the Ascension Executive as treasurer, executor of Mrs. D. W. Redner's estate, and as secretary of his year in Arts. It is said that next to "G.Y." "H.W." has collected more money in the interest of Queen's than anyone else. In 1912 he played rugby with the team which won the Mitchell Shield and he played twice on the team which won Connell's Cup. In the spring he will go with Dr. Etherington to France, but before he goes he deserves the votes of very many students.—Review

ELECTION TALK IN BELLEVILLE

(From Tuesday's Daily.)
The city hall was today not as much the scene of activity as might have been expected, what with men anxious to enlist in the battle for aldermanic, trustee and mayoralty honors. In some districts treaties of peace are being signed and no elections for trustees may result after all. Mr. Albert Robinson, the candidate for mayor had the distinction of filing his qualification before any other candidate in either majority or aldermanic fields. His declaration was this morning posted in the city clerk's office.
Ald. Smith of "publish-the-assessment" fame is again in the field. He has filed his declaration, following the previous mayoralty candidate. There will be no battle in Baldwin ward for trustee. Mr. Fred B. Smith has retired in favor of Mr. Burham Malloy who is accordingly re-elected by acclamation. Mr. Malloy is one of the hardest working members of the Board of Education.
Three of our local merchants are modest and have decided not to stand in the limelight of office. They are Messrs. J. L. Tickell, Edward H. Tickell and William O. Adams, but an aldermanic candidate.
Many are the views expressed by the public. One is that there will be difficulty in getting enough members to stand for the council. But the chances are that there will be enough candidates for aldermanic and trustee positions. Mayor Wills who has been nominated for alderman will likely not stand.
A good many names on the list of the nominations are mentioned as not anxious to adorn seats in the council chamber. These include the names of contractors, merchants, etc. It is thought the mayoralty field will simmer down to a battle between Ald. Panter and ex-Ald. A. Robinson.
Current opinion is that nearly all the old council will stand for re-election on the strength of their activities during the year 1914.
It is possible that there will be a contest for school trustee in Murney ward between Mr. Philip Harrison, the present representative and Mr. George T. Woodley.
In Bleeker ward, Mr. Henry Lazier has withdrawn his name from the list of nominations for trustee for this division, leaving Mr. J. Mair and Mr. Geo. Madden in the field.
Ex-Ald. Richard P. White, former chairman of public works will probably enter the field as candidate for this division. He has served two years in council.
Up to three o'clock this afternoon the only aldermanic candidates to qualify were Messrs. W. S. Smith and Chas. Whalen. Mr. Smith is a member of the present council, but Mr. Whalen is now a candidate for the first time.
Candidates for mayor and alderman have until nine o'clock tonight to qualify.

Billiousness

is certainly one of the most disagreeable ailments which flesh is heir to. Coated tongue—bitter taste in the mouth—nausea—dizziness—these combine to make life a burden. The cause is a disordered liver—the cure Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills. They put the liver right, cleanse the stomach and bowels, clear the tongue and take away the bitter taste from the mouth. At the first sign of billiousness take
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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 Picton 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 to know one another. The ice was so slippery that it was sticky 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 Picton.

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

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

THE GAME FIRST PERIOD

At the opening of the first period, Belleville forwards started off with a considerable amount of individual playing, while Picton 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 Picton goal in twelve minutes. From the center he rushed through the Belleville field and rushed straight up to the nets.

For six minutes Picton 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 howitzer, scoring a sensational goal. Picton's goal was not shot with his ice shoe of defence.

Belleville looked good to the local line again when they put on a fresh spurt and in a hand to hand counter in front of the goal, scored again, the puck sliding in behind the fallen goal keeper.

SECOND PERIOD Belleville looked good on the start of the second period. Finkle's rush on Scott was stopped just in time. Picton 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 Picton tried some 42 centimetre gun shots at long range and checked steadily. Three minutes saw one of their heavy bombs made on Eric. Picton 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 spurt and managed almost to out Picton's line of communications. Scott's daring stops were much applauded by the Picton rousers present. The next goal by Picton 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 Picton run forward combination. Picton 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, Picton got in a nice shot. The Belleville forwards played a hard game in pairs and Brant rushed, but Scott came out and the tangle. Picton'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 Picton and with one minute to play, Whelan found the net.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Score. Rows: Belleville-Finkle-3 minutes, Picton-Hefferman-18 min, Belleville-Brant-18 min, Belleville-Whelan-18 1/2 min, Picton-Taft-5 min, Picton-Hodgins-8 min, Picton-Burns-14 min, Belleville-Whelan-14 1/2 min, Picton-Burns-4 min, Picton-Hefferman-14 min, Picton-Burns-16 min, Belleville-Whelan-19 min.

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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 than that of the 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 sidewalks 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, and if the engineer will probably 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 notified of the vote. There was not enough of a genuine class of electors to guarantee a justifiable ratification.

2nd, his worship that was the crown prince at that time decided in favor of good evidence than had other islands. 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 which 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.

6th, 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.

MANY ARE ELECTED THE MASONIC INSTALLATION

War Year Marked by Large Number of Acclamations. ELECTIONS NEXT MONDAY

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Annual Ceremony at Masonic Temple on Monday Afternoon. 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. W. 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.

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 REEVES ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION. The Reeves elected by acclamation were:—Ayr, J. R. Folster; Almonte, W. E. Scott; Blythe, W. Mills; Bowmanville, Archie Bell; Beaverton, H. S. Cameron; Centerville, W. C. Shaw; Campbellford, David F. Robertson; Carleton Place, H. W. Dummett; Durham, W. Calder; Dundas, H. C. Davis; Ekfrid Tp., L. L. McTaggart; Etobicoke Tp., Charles Silverthorn; Galt, A. M. Edwards; Georgina Tp., Richard Cranberry; Glencoe, J. A. McLachlan; Hanover, J. S. Wilson; Holland Landing, F. R. Goodwin; Kincardine, Wm. Hunter; Kempenfelt, A. Langstaff; King Tp., W. J. Wells; London, Edmund Prolix; Minto Tp., W. G. Nicholson; Merces Tp., Adolphus Armstrong; Markham Village, R. A. Fleming; Meaford, W. H. Sing; Morris Tp., Morris Shortreed; Newburgh, Joseph Paul; North Gwillimbury, Chas. Willoughby; Perth, C. J. Foy; Portsmouth, Jas. Halliday; Port Dalhousie, T. O. Johnston; Port Stanley, N. S. Cornell; Pembroke, W. H. Bromley; Richmond Hill, W. H. Bussley; Tottenham, K. Greenwood; Simcoe, G. J. McKie; Scarborough, J. G. Cornell; Tottenham, A. P. Potter (ninth year); Uxbridge, F. Ellington; Walkerton, A. E. McNab; Whitechurch, T. J. Spaulding; Woodbridge, C. L. Wallace; Vaughan Tp., J. S. McNair.

APPEAL TO SOCIALISTS. German Humanity League Condemns Prussian Militarism. LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Morning Post has received from Herr Karl Bernstein who writes from Berlin, a translation of a New Year's appeal to be issued to the Socialists in Europe and America by the committee of German Humanity League.

After reciting German outrages the appeal concludes: "We know from authentic intelligence which reaches us that the restless indignation and deceived democracy now undergoing privations and nursing its grief cannot be restrained by force from making an active protest and an earnest appeal to every comrade who cares for maintenance of international obligations to strive his utmost to crush and sweep away forever the domination of Prussian militarism within Germany, which by its conspiracy against humanity has disgraced and humiliated our nation in the eyes of the civilized world."

The appeal is signed by Karl Bernstein, Jacob Hameleford, Emil Gott, Conrad Schwabe, Gustave Ochse, Ernest Schuster, Franz Gausson, Albert Setter and is dated at Rotterdam, Dec. 29, 1914.

Courage of Wounded. LONDON, Ont., Dec. 29.—"This is entirely a shell and shrapnel war—bullet and bayonet wounds are rare," writes Lieut. Dr. J. Cameron Wilson, of this city, who is attached to the headquarters of the British Red Cross at Boulogne. Dr. Wilson adds that a surprising number of his patients have frozen feet, and that the grit and courage of the wounded is wonderful. The writer speaks of a 15-year-old bugler whose feet was frozen and who was "choked full of shrapnel."

Sunk By Mines. LONDON, Dec. 29.—Several disasters, the result of striking mines in the North Sea, are reported. Among those sunk were the steamer Linaria, whose crew was rescued, and a Glasgow steamer, The Linaria, which belonged to the Stag Line of North Shields. She was built in 1911.

Hangar and Airship Destroyed. LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Times declares that there is excellent reason, despite German denials, for believing that Parseval shed and airship was destroyed in the British raid on Cuxhaven. It adds that serious damage also was inflicted on the Zeppelin sheds.

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 of. 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?"

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 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.

AFRAID SHE WAS DYING

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

ST. DEAN BY MATHEA, 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. 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 FURNITURE UPHOLSTERING. 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. The Ritchie Company Limited

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM OUR AMELIASBURG CORRESPONDENT

Thermometers That Do Not Agree—Christmas Feasting—The Moments Years to Come—The Woes of the Unsuccessful Candidate—Ameliasburg Nomination—What Prince Edward's County Roads Are Costing—A Point in Accident Insurance—Trading Away From Home—Prince Edward's Contribution to the Patriotic Fund.

We have been so accustomed to have mild Christmas weather that when this cold snap came suddenly upon at this festive season of the year, we were hardly prepared for it.

For favor perhaps than they really intended doing at the time, by leaving him in a position to look after his own business.

Christmas passed off without anything taking place out of the ordinary. Many family gatherings were assembled and nothing seems to have been omitted to bring these happy gatherings up to other years.

The Nomination passed off without any bloodshed on Monday. While there was a rumbling of dissatisfaction from some sections with regard to expenditure on roads, the greater complaint appeared to be towards the work done by the County Council.

This week will end a year of many events, which will go down in history. We naturally are present in a very great way, and the following New Year of 1916, will be ushered in with a brightness of prosperity, peace and loyalty, the world has never known before.

Considerable opposition from some quarters is heard to the action of the County Council in granting \$500 a month for two years towards the patriotic fund amounting in all to a lump sum of \$12,000.

Those interested in municipal honors will find this week, one of anxiety—while next Monday will lift a good deal of the suspense, and the unlucky candidate will be able to attend to their own business in place of worrying about doing someone else's.

As a number of persons are carrying accident life insurance the following extract taken from an exchange will prove interesting reading.

Elections to a great many people are very uncertain things to bank on. Very often the fellow who expects to win by a great majority makes a mistake in his count, or he suddenly comes to the conclusion that some of those who promised to vote for him did not do so.

It is not think that I have received a square deal at the hands of the company and probably there are hundreds more who have been stung in the same way.

and there has therefore been a change material to the risk, in fact an increased risk. As it is not practicable to charge an increased premium for the increased hazard, they have adopted the endorsement plan.

Miss Lucy Williams, Miss Florence Linn and Jas Hough of the Peterboro Normal are home for the Xmas holidays.

Mrs. W. Bradshaw, Mr. Harley Hall, is spending his Christmas holidays with friends in Cobourg.

days with the former's mother, Mrs. John Baker.

The Farmer's Club have decided on what we would consider a very sensible course to pursue. In too many cases little beyond a general visiting association is about all the good the members get out of it.

Dr. Alger, F. T. Ward, Jas. Bailey, etc., therefore there will be no election.

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SET A GOOD EXAMPLE The township of Huntingdon has set a good example that many others similarly situated could well afford to follow.

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RIFLE SHOOTING The Belleville Rifle Association held a practice shoot on the indoor range Monday night when some excellent scores were again made.

MURRY TP. NOMINATIONS Henry Black—Reeve. M. J. Maybes—Deputy Reeve. Nick Hart, councillor. F. W. Elliott, councillor. G. S. Way, councillor.

THE HILL. Miss Annie Roman has returned home after spending a few weeks in Marston.

MELROSE. In spite of the extreme cold Xmas day was thoroughly enjoyable in this vicinity.

AIR TOWEL DRIES HANDS An "air towel" used in the large public lavatory in the District Building at Washington, D.C.

STIRLING. Miss Annie Sprague of Belleville has been the guest of Miss Marjorie Meiklejohn for the past few days.

GILEAD. Miss Florence Huffman who is attending G. B. C. Belleville, was home for Christmas.

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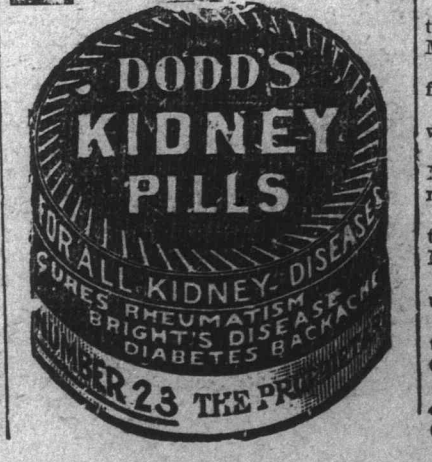
MELVILLE. A very pleasant event took place in Melville on Monday evening at the home of Mr. J. H. Chase when a reception was held in honor of the completion of his eldest son Sherman and his bride.

TURNER SETTLEMENT. Christmas services were conducted in the Baptist church on the 20th, by the pastor, Rev. A. E. Richmond.

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 Belleville school gave an
 which was greatly ap-
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 acted as chairman
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 rgar, of Toronto,
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 J. S. Hurbertson, Miss
 Harold Sayers, Mrs.
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 Mr. Parks, of Sidney.
 John Bailey were en-
 Mr. Geo. Snarr's, on
 OF Wellman, spent a
 with her daughter, Mrs.

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.
 Miss Yromans has also charge of the French-English Class in which there are now ten French students acquiring English in addition to the Business training.
 There is no way by which a young man or a young woman can be so quickly and so effectively prepared to fill a responsible position and secure rapid promotion as by a course at Ontario Business College, now in its forty-eighth year.
 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

Highest Cash Prices Paid for all kinds of Hides and Skins
 BELLEVILLE PRODUCE CO.

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 this 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 on 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 Lizzie 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.

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

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 pleasingly and so religiously played 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 Hafferton, 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.
Relics 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. 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.



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, adjoining 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!

The J. J. Haines Shoe Houses
 Belleville, Napanee, Trenton, Smith's Falls

CHRISTMAS MONEY
 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.
 We have odd prices from \$1.00 up.
 Centre Tables
 Desks
 Bookcases
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 Music Cabinets
 Rockers
 Arm Chairs
 Mirrors
 Carpets, Curtains, Shades, Linoleums, Stoves, Comforters
The Thompson Furniture Co., Ltd.

Xmas Shopping
 is now in full swing.
 Toys, Dolls, Sleighs, Games, Xmas Decorations, China Glassware, Cut Glass, Xmas Boxes, Holiday Boxes, Xmas Crackers, Baskets, Fancy Work Purse, 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 Sheeting, 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 Palette 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	

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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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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 bright with many lights and alive with a throng of eager speakers 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!

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."

good son, only forgive me. May God bless me and you all. The angel is filled with happy tears. The Xmas feast tastes better. The mother's prayer is answered. The lost is found. Chapter V. The Lover's Meeting. Charles Bates is home again. How glad I am I do so love him. The speaker is a girl in her teens, had mourned for him and had prayed God to bring him back to her. He came Christmas night to see his old girl, Nellie Clark, and said under the Christmas tree, next Christmas God willing, we will marry. She gave consent. A kiss sealed their lips. All knew it would take place. Charles took his old position as salesman at Clark & Mitchell's fine dry goods store. Nellie was a niece to Mr. Clark. He also took his place at Sabbath school and church. His parents were very happy. Before another Christmas his darling mother was placed under the sod, and she had kissed Charles stand beside her bed when she died.

Chapter VI. The End of All Things. When the Angel of Death comes to us at Christmas or New Year's what will it be, ready or not? We all know the Christ Child all go to our various churches, and do we heed the sermons, do we sing as unto the Lord, do we listen to prayers? May G. I fill all the vacant chairs this Christmas. Let us be our guest, not only this New Year if spared may we all live as we should. May the world get better and may this cruel war cease. May we all help the needy and search out and find the Christ Child, have him as our guest, not only at Christmas but throughout all our days. Glory to God. Amen. Peace on Earth.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

The Christmas tree and entertainment given last night under the auspices of the Front Road Methodist Sunday school, was a decided success. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Robeson presided in his usual cheery manner. The Sunday school scholars assisted by the Misses McPherson, of Belleville, Mr. H. Mills, of Shannonville, and Mr. W. D. Reid gave the program which consisted of the following numbers interspersed with music on the victrola by Mrs. W. C. MacDonald. Opening chorus—Beautiful Christmas by the school. At length the Chairman's address—Mr. Robeson. Recitation—Arthur Bradshaw. Dialogue—The Day after Christmas. Reading—Miss McPherson. Recitation—Edward Burt. Chorus—"We're waiting up for Santa"—Girls of the Primary class. Trio—"The Angels' song"—Three little girls. Tablan—"The Angels—Three little girls. Reading—Miss Sarah McPherson. Dialogue—"Jake Haysed". Tablan—"The Three Graces—Faith Hope Charity"—Three young ladies. Tablan—"The Three Sprucegraces"—Three boys. Chorus—"We are tiny tots"—Primary class. Reading—Mr. W. D. Reid. Recitation—"Home they brought her warrior dead". Reading—Miss Grace Winter. Intermission. Chorus—"Carol Sweetly Carol"—By the school. Reading—Mr. Archie Greatrix. Recitation—Willie Bradshaw. Dialogue—"The Darky Witness". Solo—"Heroes and Gentlemen" Mr. R. Mills. Reading—Miss McPherson. Trio—"Three maids of Lee"—Three young ladies. Reading—Mr. W. D. Reid. Dialogue—"Men and Women's rights". Anthem—"Hear the Bells"—By the choir. Song and Tablan—"Tenting on the old camp ground". Tablan—"Home they brought her warrior dead". At the close of the program the most pleasing part to the children took place when the tree was unloaded and each scholar of the Primary class received a present. The National Anthem brought all to a close everyone expressing themselves well pleased with the evening entertainment.

REE TRIP TO BERLIN

One of our citizens has received a poster from Thomas Moore, manager of the local works of the Steel Company of Canada. Mr. Moore is now in London, England, canvassing for orders for his company. The poster is an illustration of the humor that the patriotic Englishman is mixing with the grim business of war. This is a copy of the poster. TO BERLIN. The country is arranging a trip to Germany in the Spring to a few SPORTSMEN. All hotel expenses and railway fares paid. Good Shooting and Hunting. Ages 18-38 (?) Rifles and Ammunition SUPPLIED FREE. Cheap trips up the Rhine. Apply at once as there is only a limited number (one million) required. Apply—Private Daniel Sherin, 4th Battalion, The Buffs, East Kent Regiment, Drill Hall, Lane, Canterbury.

OVER \$10,000 CONTRIBUTED

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.

LAID 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.

SANTA CLAUS TREATED OVER 700 CHILDREN

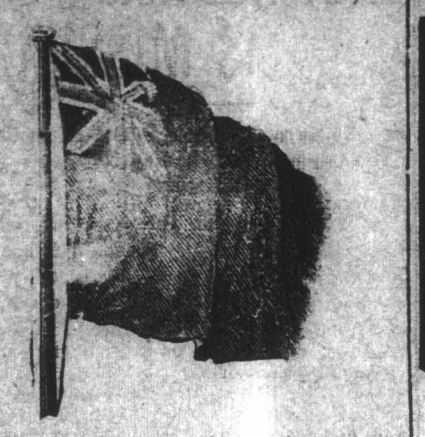
Through the kindness and good offices of the Fifteenth Regimental band Santa Claus paid a special visit to the armories yesterday afternoon. A great crowd of children over seven hundred in number was on hand to welcome him. A large number of them had not enjoyed a visit from his saintship on Christmas 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. Owing to the extreme cold the drill and other features of the program had to be cancelled. The inception and carrying out of this idea is a fine tribute to the Fifteenth Regimental band and in particular to the manager, Mr. Charles Hanna, who has labored unremittently and enthusiastically to make this philanthropic and patriotic effort the success that it undoubtedly was. The collection from Sunday night's concert at Griffin's was devoted to the purpose, but many others assisted with special contributions of money or goods.

OBITUARY

Frances E. Bradshaw Frances Elizabeth Bradshaw passed away in this city on December 24. She was a native of the township of Richmond. The remains have been taken to the residence of her sister, Mrs. J. Sharpe in Sidney. In religion she was a Methodist. She was 41 years of age. Four sisters and three brothers survive—Mrs. Christie Harton, Mrs. John James, Mrs. Geo. Thompson, all of Richmond, Mrs. J. Sharpe, Sidney, Martin and John of Richmond and George of Tweed.

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 eat 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. Grace Pittman Garnet Sloan, Vera Sloan, Earl Bamber. Junior Second Promoted from Senior Second—Rex Chisholm, Russell Pittman, Ruth Eggleton, Evelyn Sloan, Mabel Ketcheson. Already in class—Katie Hammond Senior Second—Mabel Snider. Tom Wannanahar, Claude Bird, Marguerite Smith, Ralph Loney, Charles Seely, Myrtle Hamblin, Frank Seely, Gray Seely, Mary Long Jesu Longwell.



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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 "something
to write." 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
and are "faintly" written.

One seemed to have given rise to some
thought and a train of similar thoughts
in the brain of a pal of the road for
another wrote, "Boxcar Pete," and
"Manifest Bill."

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 under-
neath are the words:

"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 ap-
plied. 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 "faddist" 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.

The term "Xmas Giving" when as-
sociated with philanthropic organi-
zations often loses its true signifi-
cance, when organizations are more
anxious to "report" so many poor
families touched rather than one
adequately and discriminately helped.

Now the true interpretation of
Xmas giving is not an exchange of
gifts, nor does it come under the
category of the faddist's idea, nor
again is it to be interpreted by

too often sought for prominence of
philanthropic organizations.
The true interpretation of the
term "Xmas Giving" depends upon
the spirit of the giver; whose spirit
lasts not only during Xmas but
throughout the whole year.

We may close with the beautiful
words of "Father Mike": "Are you willing
to ignore what the world owes to the
world—to put your rights in the
background, and your duties in the
middle distance, and your chances to
do a little more than your duty, in
the foreground—to see that your
fellow-men are just as real as you
are and try to look behind their faces
to their hearts, hungry for joy; to
own that probably the only good
reason for your existence is not what
you are going to get out of life, but
what you are going to give to life—
then you can keep Xmas.

And if you keep it for a day, why
not always? But you can never keep
it alone.

Specialty contributed to The Ontario.

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."

Over nineteen hundred years have
told their tale of war, and sin and
shame, but also of peace and right-
eousness, since the first Christmas
message fell upon the ears of men.
The starry dome was rent, and the
midnight silence broken by heavenly
visitors proclaiming the sweetest
message, that a warring, rebellious
world should be saved, and peace
restored to the world.

After the announcement of "good
tidings" and "the Saviour's birth,"
there were gathering sounds of a
multitude of voices, originating in a
sudden burst of song which filled the
air from beyond the mountain peaks
to the pasturelands where, lowly
shepherds watched their flocks. The
shepherds heard the articulations of
the celestial choristers—"Gloria in
Excelsis deo in the highest, and on earth
peace, good will toward men."

The poetic beauty of the angels'
song, coupled with its extraneous
fulness of significance, must ever
give inspiration to human faith, hope
and love. What shall we say of the
angels' song of peace and glory on
this Christmas of nineteen hundred
and fourteen?

What message has the follower of
the Prince of Peace for the warring
Christian nations of to-day? Only
this—"First righteousness! then
Peace!" The King of Righteousness
bore the cross along the "via Dolorosa,"
to establish His Kingdom of

Peace. The Christian nations, and the
Christian church, to a large degree
have failed to catch the true mean-
ing of the Christian religion, which
is the dedication of self denial and
not the glorification of selfish grati-
fication gained by the debasement and
suffering of others.

The Kingdom of Peace is still to be
found most readily by "the compa-
nions 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, we
drawn the angels' song of peace for
many this blessed Christmas tide, let
us remember that the Omnipotent and
Omniscient God so rules, and over-
rules the blessing of "peace" for
men shall praise Him. We can be
assured, that the Bethlehem Babe,
which foiled the purpose of the
murderous Herod, shall in the ful-
ness of time bless His people with
the blessing of "peace" for men.

"The blood of the Lamb will, ulti-
mately, purge the Christian nations
of their blood-lust, and the church
of her lust of eye, and pride of life."
That is so worthy that the authorities
from their sins, with garments dyed
red in the winepress, will come a-
gain, in raiment of fine linen, clean
and white, to make perfect His reign
of peace.

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

RIFLE SHOOTING

The members of the Belleville Rifle
Association held a practice shoot in
the armories last night. Some ex-
ceedingly good shooting was done as
will be seen by the following scores.
Conditions 10 shots at 25 yards. High-
est possible score 100.—J. Thompson
100; J. Douch 99; A. J. Stewart 98;
G. B. Smith 97; L. Weese 96; H. Hol-
ton 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.
Grasse 82; M. M. Nicol 80; R. Peppin
80; J. Woodley 74; D. Gration 70;
M. Wright 67; H. Howie 48.

**M.R. A. GOODWIN
DISTRICT DEPUTY**

Of Sons of England Society for This
District—Succeeds Mr. S. J. Wedden.

Mr. A. Goodwin, of United Empire
Lodge, S.O.E., Deseronto, received
notice from the Grand Lodge of the
Sons of England at Toronto, yester-
day that he had been appointed Dis-
trict Deputy of the S.O.E. of this
district, which includes Belleville,
Picton, Deseronto and Campbellton.
He succeeds Mr. S. J. Wedden of this
city, who has filled that office for
the past two years to the satisfac-
tion of all concerned. Mr. Goodwin's
appointment is a very popular one,
and while the members of the order
in this city regret the retirement of
Mr. Wedden, feel satisfied that Deser-
onto Lodge was the choice of the
Grand Lodge. Mr. Goodwin will make
his first official visit to Belleville on
Tuesday, January 4th, when he will
install the newly elected officers of
Oxford Lodge, S.O.E.

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 opera-
tion for appendicitis. He was twelve
years of age and was in his usual
health up to a week ago. He is sur-
vived by his parents and five
brothers and sisters. He was a member
of St. Michael's Church, Belleville.

LAI D TO REST.

The funeral of the late Charles
Lambert Tracey, son of Mr. and
Mrs. W. Tracey, took place this
morning from the residence in Thur-
low to St. Michael's church, where
Rev. Father Killen officiated at a
requiem mass. Rev. Father Corrigan
conducted the service at the grave
in St. James cemetery. The bearers
were four brothers of deceased boy.

OUR XMAS TOAST
TO OUR ABSENT BOYS.

Very handsome Christmas cards
have been received from Lieut. E.
Frank Lynn, of the Canadian Engine-
ers 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 cheer-
ing 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 Belle-
ville 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. Reattie,
Major G. W. Bennett, Major S. L.
Thorne, Major H. B. Verret, Major H.
G. Bolster.

Capt. H. Willie O'Connor, Capt. G.
Greer, Capt. A. K. Mercer, Capt. G.
Crysal, Capt. L. F. Guttman,
Capt. T. S. H. Abell, Capt. W. H. V.
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. Rich-
ardson, Lieut. W. L. L. Gordon, Lieut.
N. H. Klotz, Lieut. J. H. Stewart,
Lieut. W. H. Doxse, Lieut. R. de
Salisbury, Lieut. E. C. Culling, Lieut.
E. McLurg, Lieut. A. H. Huggill,
Lieut. G. A. Keenan, 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 of-
ficers and men, and the Christmas
toast to our absent boys tomorrow
will include also non-commissioned of-
ficers and men of the 34th Battery,
and also in addition to the officers and
men above named Major Perry Gold-
smith Capt. Percy Anderson, and
Lieut. Wallace Robb, who while with
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
Bridley, Denmark, and Geen will
not be forgotten.

**CHRISTMAS TRADE
IS GOOD**

Surprising Many Merchants—Few
Complaints Heard in Belleville.

The merchant who has been rather
careful in laying in a stock of Christ-
mas goods perhaps finds he has been
pessimistic. Of course it was to be
expected that there would be less
reckless buying than in previous years
but some people had a vision of a
Christmas without presents. Fortu-
nately for them the merchants were
not so blinded and trusting to the
Christmas spirit in the public.
And they have not been disappoint-
ed. Their stores are gaily decorated
and of yore, and presents are bought.
Speaking last night, a merchant said
that he noticed little difference in the
Christmas sales of 1913 and 1914. He
had not definite figures owing to the
extent of his business, but he had the
impression that the difference was
very little. And he is a dealer in ex-
pensive wares.

One remarkable thing is the change
in the kind of purchases. Instead of
some article which is of little benefit
to the recipient, a friend this year
buys something substantial, such as
groceries, flour, boots or clothes.

COMING TO BELLEVILLE.

Recently a number of laymen and
citizens, hearing of the great Chris-
tian Citizenship campaigns conducted by
Dr. J. L. Gordon of Winnipeg, in
Berlin, Peterborough, Ottawa, and
Woodstock, came together to consid-
er the purpose of getting Dr. Gor-
don to visit Belleville. Between forty
and fifty prominent citizens were pre-
sent. A nominating committee was ap-
pointed. This committee was author-
ized to appoint a standing committee
and the officers. The committee met
recently at the Y.M.C.A. with Mr.
Mulligan, the private secretary of Dr.
Gordon. It was decided to commence
the special meetings on Dec. 31st with
a great watch-night service at which
Dr. Gordon will speak and the great
colored soloist, Greenway will sing. He
has a magnificent voice. After dis-
cussion it was decided to apply for
the use of Bridge St. Church for the
meetings. Special plans were
formulated for ushering, printing,
music, ventilating, etc. Two repre-
sentatives of the Ministerial Associa-
tion are on the committee.

Chairman—S. Burrows
Treasurer—E. Templeton
Secretary—J. L. Hess

Large display ads will appear daily
in each of the papers announcing
Dr. Gordon's subject for each night.
The following names appear on the
petition signed in order to secure Dr.
Gordon—R. Templeton, W. B. Deacon,
R. J. Graham, J. L. Hess, A. J. Mc-
Laren, P. C. McLaurin, A. W. Dia-
mond, E. N. Baker, E. T. Thompson,
S. Burrows, E. T. Woodley, A. E.
Bailey, J. O. Herity, G. O. Duprau,
J. McDonald, F. E. O'Flynn, T. G.
Bell, G. E. Deroche, C. M. Reid, W. G.
McIntosh, W. B. Riggs, H. F. Ketch-
eson, C. Whelan, S. S. Lazier, J. El-
liott, W. Alford, E. J. Hurley, F. P.
Thompson, R. B. Morden, E. R. Mc-
Bride, W. C. Mikel, Mayor Wilks, J.
E. Wainstay, E. F. Dickens, B. As-
sistants, E. S. Dunoon, C. H. Elvins,
D. V. Sinclair, C. S. Clapp, J. W.
Barlow, W. B. Smith, P. J. Wims, J.
H. E. Vrooman.

**POLICEMAN GETS
THREE TURKEYS**

Seven members of the Belleville Rif-
le Association journeyed to Corby-
ville to the turkey shoot yesterday,
but only one was strong enough in
"ball's eyes" to bring home a turkey
fowl. That one was police officer Geo.
Ellis, who captured three of the
birds. Twelve were up for competi-
tion and the farmers' rifles made
good for nine of them. Rural Hous-
ings has some crack shots.

FELL OUT OF SLEIGH

A visitor in town yesterday limbed
too freely of the wine press product
and on his way home fell out of his
sleigh on Mill street. His team was
not captured until they had reached
the vicinity of Lazier's mill.

BORN

ALLEN—At Belleville, Ont., Thurs-
day, December 24th, 1914, to Mr.
and Mrs. Lucius E. Allen, a son.

Chinaman Knocked Down.

A runaway occurred on Bridge St.
yesterday in which a Chinaman was
knocked down but not hurt. The
horse ran around Market street and
up Front to Bridge again. No damage
was done in the charge.

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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 months 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 count. 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 complete, 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, Hogue and Cressy. It is perfectly feasible for a 600,000 ton battleship to send a 16,000,000 ton 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 see 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 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 influence. 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. McGuin-
ness.

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, Physi-
cian.
Proposed by J. M. Wilson, seconded
by W. S. Smith.

FOR ALDERMEN

J. L. Tickle, Proposed by L. C. Pas-
coe, 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. Pan-
ter, seconded by W. J. Diamond.

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

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

Frank Orr, Proposed by J. Pat-
rick, 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. Mc-
Coy, 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.
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Wm. D. Worth, Proposed by J.
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Wm. G. Black, Proposed by Frank
Sharpe, seconded by B. A. Sandford.

Ald. C. R. Wallbridge, Proposed by
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E. J. Bailey, Proposed by James
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J. O. St. Charles, Proposed by E.
B. Smith, seconded by J. F. Willis.

W. O. Adams, Proposed by A. C.
McFee, seconded by B. L. Hyman.

Ald. W. H. Panter, Proposed by B.
L. Hyman, seconded by B. McCoy.

Chas. Whelan, Proposed by E. O.
Platt, seconded by James Patrick.

Sam. Treverton, Proposed by A.
C. McFee, seconded by W. Rogers.

J. F. Willis, Proposed by C. F. Wal-
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SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Foster Ward.
Frank Sharpe, (A.C.C.) Proposed
by L. C. Pascoe, seconded by C. M.
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Samson Ward.
F. E. O'Flynn, (A.C.C.), Propo-
sed by W. B. Deacon, seconded by W. H.
Panter.

Ketcheson Ward.
A. McGie, (A.C.C.), Proposed by
W. B. Deacon, seconded by W. H.
Panter.

Baldwin Ward.
E. Mallory, Proposed by W. S.
Smith, seconded by F. B. Smith.

F. B. Smith, Proposed by L. Soule,
seconded by C. M. Reid.

Blecker Ward.
Geo. Madden, Proposed by W. S.
Smith, seconded by L. C. Pascoe.

John Muir, Proposed by W. S. Smith,
seconded by L. C. Pascoe.

H. Lander, Proposed by W. S. Smith,
seconded by James Patrick.

Coleman Ward.
L. E. Terwilliger, Proposed by R.
P. White, seconded by J. W. Miller.

Murphy Ward.
P. Harrison, Proposed by Geo. Du-
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Geo. Woodley, Proposed by C. M.
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THE SPEECHES

Four candidates were nominated
for Mayor for the city of Belleville
for the year 1915, between the hours
of ten and eleven o'clock this morn-
ing at the city council chamber.
By the time the nominations had

closed, a large crowd had gathered
to hear the speeches. After the an-
nouncement by the city clerk, Mr.
Holmes, ex-Mayor Lieut-Col. W.
Marsh was called to the chair to pre-
side.

ALD. PANTER SPEAKS
Ald. Panter who was first called on
said he was appealing for the major-
ity 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 Mur-
ray ward in 1895. He had been chair-
man 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.
Latterly he had been head of the exe-
cutive.

During his service in the council he
had worked to bring about many im-
provements. 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 in-
stallation of a fire alarm system.
He hoped the citizens would grant
him the honor of being Mayor to
carry 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. Pan-
ter 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 inau-
guration 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 as-
sessment of the \$2,000. Ex-Ald. Rob-
inson touched on the doing away with
the discounts of tax collection initiated
and carried through by him.

As to the waterworks, he was ap-
pointed 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 adminis-
tration 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 ap-
plauded.
Ald. McFee thanked his nominators
and host of friends. He could not
lay claim to any great results in his
year's term.
He did put himself against the con-
tract 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.
He did not know where he would
serve and whether he would seek the
mayor's chair or the position of alder-
man. He had not decided.

Ald. Platt, another nominee, was not
present.
The meeting adjourned at 11 o'clock.
TWENTY-EIGHT FOR ALDERMEN
Between noon and one o'clock twen-
ty-eight nominations for aldermen
were made. So far there are prospects
of elections in three wards for school
trustees.
No ladies were nominated as school
trustees, it was setting at rest the
essence felt in some quarters. The
absence of the ladies' nominations is
perhaps due to a reconsideration by
the ladies, or the natural result of a
hoax. Many incline to the former be-
lief.

There was no speaking at one o'clock,
the crowd that gathered quietly
dispersing.
Inter-st centres in the aldermanic
field. Two of the nominees are candi-
dates and the other two. Ald. McFee
and Ald. Platt, have not yet decided
whether to take the field for the
mayor's chair or for aldermanic hon-
ors. They have until tomorrow night
to decide.

BIRTHS

SCHRYVER—On Sunday, Dec-
ember 27th, 1914, to Mr. and
Mrs. Allan Schryver, Parker and
Commercial Streets, a daughter
R. J. McCulloch, 47 Campbell
bell St., a son.
Requisite on the Farm.—Every
farmer and stock-raiser should keep
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for flu in the family, but because it
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can be administered.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson I.—First Quarter, For
Jan. 3, 1915.

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 in-
tervention and man's faithlessness. Ev-
ery 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 en-
trance of Israel into the promised land
and its subjugation and division among
the tribes, ending with Joshua's fare-
well 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
greatest 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 sum-
marized 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 af-
liction when He heard their cry" (Pa-
sal, cv, 44; lxviii, 38). Paul summa-
rized 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
verses (7-9) are identical with those
of Josh. xxiv, 29-31. When the Spirit re-
peats words He thus asks special at-
tention to them. The words that spe-
cially hold me are "I have seen the ser-
vant of the Lord" ("The people served
the Lord") and make me wish to ap-
propriate 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 Elea-
zar, the son of Aaron.

Bodies are buried, but people go on
living better without them (if redeem-
ed) until the time of the resurrection
bodies. How pitiful to read of "a gen-
eration which knew not the Lord"
(verse 10, and that 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
show mercy unto them, . . . for thou
art an holy people unto the Lord thy
God, . . . a special people unto Him-
self above all people that are upon the
face of the earth" (Deut. vi, 2-8).
Such sowings bring sad reaping ac-
cording 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 chap-
ter 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 deliv-
ered them, for the Lord was with their
judges (verses 18, 18; 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
(verse 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
their backsliding; I will love them trea-
sured" (Matt. xxiii, 37; Hos. xiii, 9; xiv, 4).

PERSONAL MENTION.

Dr. Reeves, of Tread, 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.

For delicious flavor and all round fine quality there is no tea equals Salada. And then it is not cheapened with dust as so many teas are.

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. 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 Loferty-Moxam nuptials 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 Aus-
trian Harbor Mouth.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—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.

To Men Who Live Inactive Lives. Exercise in the open air is the best tonic for the stomach and system generally; but there are those who are compelled to follow sedentary occupations and the inactivity tends to restrict the healthy action of the digestive organs and sickness follows. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills regulate the stomach and liver and restore healthy action. It is wise to have a packet of the pills always on hand.

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Mr. W. E. Dobbs, chief rate clerk of
the General Passenger Department
of the Grand Trunk Pacific, Winni-
peg with Mrs. Dobbs and daughter
Helen, are in the city spending
the holidays the guests of Mr. Dobbs'
parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Dobbs,
Moira street. Mr. Dobbs has been act-
ing as secretary for the past two
years of the Belleville Club of Win-
nipeg.
Mr. Edward Jones, of the 21st Batt.
Second Contingent has returned to
Kingston, after visiting his parents.

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teed for 5 years. The ce-

OUR daily news letter from the following towns furnished by The Ontario's special representative.

Trenton, Dec. 23.—Mr. Millener, son-in-law of Mr. J. D. Evans, C. N. R. Chief Engineer, has resigned the position of manager of the Rathbun Lumber Co. of Deseronto, and accepted the management of the Rat Portage Lumber Co., with headquarters at Winnipeg. This is a very important position. Mr. Millener is to be congratulated upon being selected by the directors, to fill it.

A NEW EPOCH STARTS AS WELL AS A NEW YEAR Harmony With God Man's Best Resolution.

THE forbidden fruit of Eden was from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, and merely forbade them an immediate plunge into the darkness of the unknown. Craving knowledge before its due time, Mother Eve disobeyed her Maker, and enticed her husband also into disobedience. The result has been that instead of learning wisdom, they have learned the penalty of sin, sorrow and death. While for six thousand years His eye has pitied His poor creatures, nevertheless He has allowed His great original Plan of the Ages to move along slowly, but surely, until the Prince of Peace shall have established lasting peace upon a proper basis. Who can sing heartily with the poet: "A thousand years' earth's coming glory! 'Tis the glad Day so long foretold; 'Tis the bright morn of Zion's glory; Prophets foresaw in times of old!"

and often brutish. The lessons now being learned by Adam's children will not all be lost. The greater selfishness of heart and the deeper views of the majority of those who have thus battled selfishly for even fifty years suggest that our race as a whole might do better work in a second century than in the first. Moreover, the Scriptures indicate that the great drama of sin, selfishness and passion being enacted by humanity is furnishing a lesson to angelic hosts respecting the exceeding wisdom of the Creator's wisdom and His holiness of spirit, and His tenderness, His bitter fruit, and the hopelessness of any escape therefrom except by Divine assistance.

night, but joy cometh in the morning." (Psalm 30:5.) Again, "Darkness covers the earth, gross darkness covers the people; but the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His beams."—Isaiah 60:2; Malachi 4:2. This promised Sun of Righteousness which is to scatter the darkness of earth cometh, we are distinctly told, of Jesus and those who have walked in His footsteps throughout the Gospel Age. These, approved by the Father, will be glorified by the Father, by resurrection to glory, honor and immortality. Then speedily will these "shine forth as the Sun in the Kingdom of their Father." (Matthew 13:43.) This will mean the ushering in of the great Seventh Day—Messiah's Day.

From this Divine standpoint God is not slack concerning His promises. Only Six Days of the Week have yet passed. The glorious Seventh Day, in which the great Mediator between God and men will assume His Kingdom powers, is just at hand. Instead of thinking that God is neglecting us and forgetting to fulfill the Messianic promises, we should with the eyes of faith realize that He is working all things according to the counsel of His own will. We should consider the matter from the standpoint that God has exercised great patience with humanity in not blotting out the race. He has been long-suffering; and this fact assures us that the Unchangeable One would prefer that none of His creatures should perish in death, but rather that all, if they would, might turn unto Him and live.—Ezekiel 33:11.

The great opportunity for the masses of our race to turn to the Lord and attain life everlasting will be after the darkness shall have passed, and the Sun of Righteousness shall be shining forth; after the Highway of Holiness shall have taken the place of the Broad Road to destruction; after Messiah, the great King, shall have dethroned Satan, the Prince of Darkness, from the control of the world; after the Prince of Peace shall have established lasting peace upon a proper basis. Who can sing heartily with the poet: "A thousand years' earth's coming glory! 'Tis the glad Day so long foretold; 'Tis the bright morn of Zion's glory; Prophets foresaw in times of old!"

Our race was generated by Father Adam as well as condemned to death through his disobedience. What the race needs is another father, or lifegiver, and this is exactly what the world's Savior signifies—Life-Giver. At the cost of His own life the Redeemer became the Purchaser of Adam and his race, with a view to their resurrection, their restoration from sin and death, and the bestowal of the title "The Everlasting Father"—the Father who gives everlasting life (Isaiah 9:6.) Unquestionably He has not yet fulfilled this glorious office of Life-Giver to Adam's race. He will fulfil it, however—"in His Day."

Busy Trenton

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

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Belleville Boys at Salisbury Plain Receive Gifts From Friends in This City—Tokens Come From England. Many a glad box treasured beyond any gift ever before received from parents and brothers and sisters, will be opened tonight or tomorrow in the camp at Salisbury Plain by Belleville Heating's boys, who are spending their first Christmas away from home, amid the stern conditions of war. Loving mothers and fathers and friends will visit them, in their dreams tonight in the tent or the hut in the Canadian camp. But in more than dreams are they remembered. The two hundred and forty boys of this city and county have during the past few days received boxes from home packed with cakes, sweetmeats, tobacco, cigarettes and loving tokens, most of them the handiwork of sisters and mothers and sweethearts. About ten days or two weeks ago, there was a large shipment of parcels and boxes by express to the Belleville boys at Salisbury. Some in their desire to assure their lads of a hearty Xmas sent parcels which were too large and they were returned to this city, and transferred into smaller boxes. One mother heartily gave gifts that had been sent, regretted that she had not known in time that another mother was sending a parcel to her son, so that she could have sent something far her own boy and the other lads. But the second lady said, "I have sent plenty,—(her son knows your boy and I know he will share up)." And Xmas remembrances from the boys in England have not been slow in arriving here for their friends, which show that the Belleville boy abroad is thinking ever of his home and at this particular season of the old Christmas tree and festivities in the dear homeland.

MONEY

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Belleville Boys at Salisbury Plain Receive Gifts From Friends in This City—Tokens Come From England. Many a glad box treasured beyond any gift ever before received from parents and brothers and sisters, will be opened tonight or tomorrow in the camp at Salisbury Plain by Belleville Heating's boys, who are spending their first Christmas away from home, amid the stern conditions of war. Loving mothers and fathers and friends will visit them, in their dreams tonight in the tent or the hut in the Canadian camp. But in more than dreams are they remembered. The two hundred and forty boys of this city and county have during the past few days received boxes from home packed with cakes, sweetmeats, tobacco, cigarettes and loving tokens, most of them the handiwork of sisters and mothers and sweethearts. About ten days or two weeks ago, there was a large shipment of parcels and boxes by express to the Belleville boys at Salisbury. Some in their desire to assure their lads of a hearty Xmas sent parcels which were too large and they were returned to this city, and transferred into smaller boxes. One mother heartily gave gifts that had been sent, regretted that she had not known in time that another mother was sending a parcel to her son, so that she could have sent something far her own boy and the other lads. But the second lady said, "I have sent plenty,—(her son knows your boy and I know he will share up)." And Xmas remembrances from the boys in England have not been slow in arriving here for their friends, which show that the Belleville boy abroad is thinking ever of his home and at this particular season of the old Christmas tree and festivities in the dear homeland.

MONEY

Private money to loan on Mortgages on farm and city property at lowest rates of interest on terms to suit borrowers. F. S. WALLBRIDGE, Real Estate, 40, Corner Front and Bridge Sts., Belleville, over Dominion Bank.

FURS

Manufactured, Repaired, Re-dyed and Re-lined for lowest prices.—MISS HAYES, over Burrows office.

We Have a very large stock of Mill Feeds and it will pay you to get our prices before buying elsewhere. Try Robin Hood Flour. HANLEY - NETTERVILLE CO. 329 Front Street. Anticipating Your Oyster Supper. We would be glad to furnish you with the Oysters. Ours are the solid meat, coast sealed kind. You don't have to pay for any water-water is cheap, you can put that in yourself. These oysters have the "tang of the sea." 70c a Quart. 85c a Pint. Special price in quantities. CHAS. S. CLAPP. Do you need a New Range? Sold on easy payments. New Empress and Sovereign Ranges, Oak Heaters, Sewing Machines and Kitchen Cabinets. TREE NATIONAL MFG. CO. 338 Front St. W. K. Ferguson, Mgr.

Whelan & Yeomans List of Real Estate Offerings

- FARMS FOR SALE.**
ANY YOU SAW IT IN THE ONTARIO
 One of the best farms in township of Thurlow, 150 acres, first class buildings throughout, price right, on very easy terms.
\$4000—For 100 acre farm, lot 50, 3rd Con. Thurlow, 150 acres, frame house with wood shed 22x22, 10 wells all good water, 10 acres swamp with timber, 20 acres pasture, other fruit, 70 acres good work land, balance pasture land, one mile from post office and church, R.M.D. applied for, 40 acres in hay, 4 acres in fall wheat. Easy terms.
\$7000—Township Huntingdon, 300 acres clay loam, 125 acres work land, balance wood and pasture, 2000 ft. stone barn, 20x20, 20x24, stone basements and cement floor, drive house, 1000 ft. stone school, 2000 ft. stone shed, well fenced and watered and all in good repair. Easy terms.
\$5500—First Con. Thurlow, 100 acres, 2000 ft. stone barn, 20x20, 20x24, stone basements and cement floor, drive house, 1000 ft. stone school, 2000 ft. stone shed, well fenced and watered and all in good repair. Easy terms.
\$3600—First Con. Thurlow, 4 miles west of Roslin, 370 acres, well watered and fenced, 150 acres of good timber (saw mill 1 1/2 miles).
 100 Acres on Kingston road. Fine brick house and barn. One of the best markets, gardens close to Belleville and Point Anne markets. Would make a good dairy farm.
\$3600—First Con. Thurlow, 174 acres, well watered and fenced with good house and barn. Over 150 acres of good timber (saw mill 1 1/2 miles).
A BARGAIN block of 12 lots on Sidney street.
\$3500—Lot 2, 6 Con. Township of Huntingdon, 100 acres, 2000 ft. stone barn, 20x20, 20x24, stone basements and cement floor, drive house, 1000 ft. stone school, 2000 ft. stone shed, well fenced and watered.
 100 Acres farm close to city, first class buildings suitable for a garage or mixed farms.
\$2500—Three miles from city, 9 1/2 acres good land, first class buildings and fruit.
 100 Acres on Kingston road. Fine brick house and barn. One of the best markets, gardens close to Belleville and Point Anne markets. Would make a good dairy farm.
\$5000—For a good 125 acre farm, 5th Con. Thurlow, 3 room house, barns 22x28, 26x24, and drive house, 2000 ft. stone barn, 20x20, 20x24, stone basements and cement floor, drive house, 1000 ft. stone school, 2000 ft. stone shed, well fenced and watered.
\$6500—200 acres, 2000 ft. stone barn, 20x20, 20x24, stone basements and cement floor, drive house, 1000 ft. stone school, 2000 ft. stone shed, well fenced and watered.
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\$2500—Three miles from city, 9 1/2 acres good land, first class buildings and fruit.
\$3000—Ample acreage, good frame house, barn, 20x20, 20x24, stone basements and cement floor, drive house, 1000 ft. stone school, 2000 ft. stone shed, well fenced and watered.
50 Acres on Kingston road, 2000 ft. stone barn, 20x20, 20x24, stone basements and cement floor, drive house, 1000 ft. stone school, 2000 ft. stone shed, well fenced and watered.
110 Acres farm 2nd Con. Sidney, all good work land, well watered and fenced, 1000 ft. stone barn, 20x20, 20x24, stone basements and cement floor, drive house, 1000 ft. stone school, 2000 ft. stone shed, well fenced and watered.
\$2500—35 acres, Thurlow near Belleville, 2000 ft. stone barn, 20x20, 20x24, stone basements and cement floor, drive house, 1000 ft. stone school, 2000 ft. stone shed, well fenced and watered.
- HOUSES FOR SALE.**
SAY YOU SAW IT IN THE ONTARIO
\$7000—Seven room house, good barn well watered and electric; in good locality on East Hill. Snap for quick sale.
\$800—Strachan street, 7 roomed house, in good repair. City water in house, outside shed.
\$1400—Two story frame house, 1200 ft. stone barn, 20x20, 20x24, stone basements and cement floor, drive house, 1000 ft. stone school, 2000 ft. stone shed, well fenced and watered.
\$1200—One and one half story frame double house, Pinnacled street, large lot.
\$1350—Sole brick house, Blocker street, 30 minutes walk to G.T.R. station. Large lot. Will make lots and view of lake.
\$3500—Up-to-date eight room frame house, full view of lake. Electric light and gas, full basement. Five minutes from Front street.
\$4000—Sole brick house, George street, full view of lake. Electric light and gas, full basement. Five minutes from Front street.
\$2600—A bargain on Dunbar street, eight room brick house, house with verandas, modern conveniences, electric light and gas, large lot.
\$2400—Alice street, two story house, hot water heating, electric light and all modern conveniences.
\$650—Frame house with large lot, West side Yeomans street.
DINE up-to-date frame house on Great St. James street, large veranda, hardwood floors throughout, electric light and bath, large lot.
\$2000—Two story, 8 room brick house near Albert College. Easy terms and handy to G.T.R.
\$800—Five acre block near Albert College, just outside city, well watered and electric. Seven minutes walk from Front Street.
DOUBLE brick house, Mill street, lately remodelled up-to-date with full plumbing, hot water heating, electric light and gas, large stables suitable for live or boarding stable. Deep lot 80 foot frontage.
\$1100—Five 7 room frame house with gas and water in house, good large lot with shade trees on South St. Charles street.
\$1600—Brick 4 room house, Comber street, near Albert College and bath, also small barn.
\$1500—New two story, 8 room frame house, electric light and water, large lot, South St. Charles street.
A New 8 room brick house all modern conveniences, electric light and gas full size cement basement. Front street, near Front street on North St. James street.
\$4000—Eight roomed solid brick house, just off Commercial street on Warman street, three large lots, view of the bay and harbor in the city.
\$1800—On Sinclair street, fine 7 roomed house, large lot, 200 ft. frontage. Terms arranged.
\$4000—Large lot on east side of Front street, about 50 foot frontage with two houses and other buildings.
\$200—Each—Burnham street, 5 lots, 4x13 1/2.
\$12 per foot—Cor. Bridge and M. Donald Avenue.
\$350—Albert street, 50x100, West side.
\$1200—3 room roughcast house, near Albert College and G.T.R. easy terms.
\$125—Dufferin Avenue, between Pine street and Victoria Ave. 5 lots about 60 foot frontage.
\$300—each, two large lots on Chatham street, North.
\$500—Corner Dundas and Charles street, 50x100.
\$250—Lot 6x13 1/2, Lingham street, just North Victoria Avenue.
6 ACRES on bay shore, the best factory site in the city, good dockage and along C.N.R. Double frame house on ground.
\$125—each, two good buildings, one on 40x174, on Ridley Avenue, next to Bridge street.
\$75—each, North Coleman street, 5 lots, 4x16.
\$600—Frame seven-room house, Catherine street.
\$150—each, two lots east side of Ridley Ave. size 40x170 feet.
\$1500—Frame house, Great St. James street.
- BARGAIN.**
Fine brick house on east hill within five minutes of Post Office; all conveniences; large basement. Parties wishing to invest will do well to inquire about this property.
- FOR SALE.**
One of the best 100-acre farms in Thurlow; within three miles of the city; farm and buildings in first class shape. On reasonable terms. Apply to Whelan and Yeomans.
- We have several farms and city properties not advertised. Call in and see us.

The Christmas Guest

By C. M. Edgar.

Dear Mr. Murray:
 Every day I keep thinking of you and wondering if you have heard all that has happened in the last few months. I have wanted so to write you all about it, and now I must write it or it seems to me my heart will break. I know that you are the last in the world that I have any right to look to for sympathy, but I believe you will have it for me all the same, and I can trust you not to misunderstand.

After you went away things went on as usual till about the end of February when dear papa was taken ill. At first it was only a bad cold, but in a few days it developed into pneumonia. We saw that the doctor was very much alarmed, but mamma and I hoped against fear till the end of last. He died on the 6th of March. The shock was terrible to mother. I know it was only by a great effort she kept up. When the new man came to take charge of the house, she insisted on staying till everything was done. By that time she was quite ill. Uncle thought it best that we should both come to his house till mother would be rested and we would have a chance to look for ourselves. But instead of improving mother seemed to get weaker every day. She lingered through the summer, but she was never strong enough to undertake the move to our new home. When she was laid up she saw her falling very fast. O Mr. Murray, I cannot describe that awful time. I do not know how I lived through it. Mother died on the first day of October.

"Yes, mamma, and I wish she had it," she looked so sorry last night when there was none, and I heard her asking Gay this morning to phone her if she came. There was real content in the little boy's face when she arrived at the front steps till they reached the nursery and they were slower than usual.

The thread of her self-communings was broken. How tired she was! She could only sleep. The room was quite dark now. The girls were in the drawing room below. Presently the bell rang. There was a sound of bass voices in greeting. The girls trooped out into the hall. A clatter of feet was heard as they followed. The outer door opened and closed and again all was still.

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"Take of your things, Clare, and come in with us. We girls are having a cup of tea."

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A clatter of girlish voices and peals of merry laughter came from the drawing room and as she passed the door on her way upstairs Clare had a confused glimpse of dainty cheeks, bright faces and gay draperies. In the middle of the looked down at her own black-robed figure and was smitten with an overwhelming sense of her isolation. In the hall upstairs she halted a moment to glance at the table where she knew the letters were always left. There was only one and it was for her cousin Grace, who evidently was out. Heart sick she turned away. Her aunt was sitting at the window. "Do you feel tired, Clare?" she asked kindly.

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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 hat. 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 blinder derby 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 window. 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

helplessly 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.

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"Forgive me, David," he said. "I didn't mean—"

And then as he saw that Kendrick did not listen he turned and walked quietly into the bedroom of No. 7, taking no notice of Cargan and Bland, who, with the other winter guests of Baldpate, now crowded the doorway leading to the hall. Hayden closed the bedroom door. Mr. Magee and the others stood silent, wondering. Their answer came quickly—the sharp cry of a revolver behind that closed door.

It was Mr. Magee who went into the bedroom. The moonlight streamed in through the low windows and fell brightly on the bed. Across this Hayden lay. Mr. Magee made sure it was not a pleasant thing to make sure of. Then he took the revolver from the hand that still clasped it, covered the quiet figure on the bed and stepped back into the outer room.

"He—he has killed himself," he said in a low voice, closing the bedroom door behind him.

There was a moment's frightened hush; then the voice of Kendrick rang out.

"Killed himself? I don't understand. Why should he do that? Surely not because—no— He looked questioningly into the white face of the girl at his side; she only shook her head.

"Killed himself," he repeated, like a man awakened from sleep. "I don't understand."

On tiptoe the amateur hermits of Baldpate descended to the hotel office. Mr. Magee saw the eyes of the girl of the station upon him, wide with doubt and alarm. While the others gathered in little groups and talked, he took her to one side.

"When does the next train leave for Repton?" he asked her.

"In two hours—at 10:30," she replied.

"You must be on it," he told her.

"With you will go the \$200,000 package. I have it in my pocket now."

She took the news stolidly and made no reply.

"Are you afraid?" asked Magee gently. "You mustn't be. No harm can touch you. I shall stay here and see that no one follows."

"I'm not afraid," she replied. "Just started, that's all. Did he—did he do it because you took this money, because he was afraid of what would happen?"

"You mean Hayden?" Magee said.

"No. This money was not concerned in his death. That is an affair between Kendrick and him."

"I see," answered the girl slowly. "I'm so glad it wasn't the money. I couldn't bear it if it were."

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

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."

"This 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."

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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.

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"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 though 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 want 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 Aqueduct 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 Halliwell 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 awnings 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 mountain. And, too, the rocking chair feet 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 where? 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 a train flying like a black shadow through the white night. Was she on it—safe?

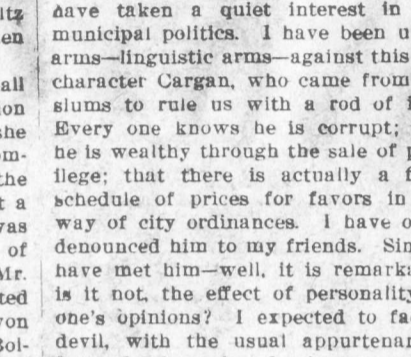
"Professor Bolton," he said, "there couldn't possibly be any one anywhere more eager than I to learn all the details of this affair—to hear your real reason for coming to Baldpate Inn and to have the peroxide blond incident properly classified and given its niche in history. But let me tell you again 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



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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 appurtenances. 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 and 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 courts. 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 begged 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 ourselves to the authorities in the inn, so 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 courts 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 wondrously.

"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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