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El Arich, 90 Miles East of Suez Canal is Captured by British Troops—Petrograd Claims Repulse of Enemy Attack in Galicia.

Except in the northern Debrudja, where the troops of the Central Powers continue to drive the Russians and Rumanians towards Bessarabia, there has been little important activity on the battle fronts of Europe.

The Russian troops in Dobrudja, Petrograd announces, were forced to retire northwards under heavy attacks from numerically superior hostile forces. Berlin states that the Teutonic army in the Dobrudja continues to advance successfully and announces the capture of 900 Russian soldiers. East of Lake Babadagh a Russian regiment, Petrograd records, drove a force of Bulgarians into Lake Ibolata. A great many bulgarians were drowned and 115 were made prisoner.

The artillery bombardment continues at various points on the eastern front. Berlin reports increased activity, especially in the Somme sector and on the east bank of the Meuse in the Verdun region, the scene of the latest French advance.

In Galicia near the Zlochoff-Tarnopol railroad there has been a spirited engagement. Berlin reports the breaking of the advanced Russian line north-west of Zalostse, while Petrograd says the Austro-Germans were compelled to retire after occupying some trenches. Some fighting has taken place in the Trotus valley on the Moldavian frontier and along the Bystritza river in the Carpathians.

El Arich, 90 miles east of the Suez canal in Egypt, has been captured by British troops. The town had been occupied for two years by the Turks, who had built strong entrenchments around it. The defenders fled from El Arich on the approach of the British army.

NEW ENGLAND TRIBUTE TO BRITAIN.

New York, Dec. 22—The members of the New England Society of the City of New York celebrated at their annual dinner tonight the 296th anniversary of the landing of the pilgrims. Francis Lynde Stetson, retiring president of the Society, paid a tribute to the part Great Britain is taking in the great war.

"Our Mother Country still is in the agonies of a war which from the bottom of my heart," Mr. Stetson said, "I believe to be for purposes not less dear to the descendants of puritan and pilgrim than to the sons and grandsons of mother England.

"I believe that through the mother's mighty and mortal struggle there will be preserved the principles of liberty and civilization which moved New England in its infancy and which today underlie the very existence of that America that we love and would serve first of all."

BERLIN RECEIVES WILSON NOTE.

Berlin, Dec. 22, via London, Dec. 23—James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador, at noon today had a conference with Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, Foreign Secretary, during which President Wilson's note was one of the chief topics of discussion. The Ambassador also was able to give Dr. Zimmermann a general picture of the situation from the American standpoint, having come to Germany fresh from conferences with President Wilson and Secretary of State Lansing.

Joseph C. Grew, the American Charge D'Affaires, received President Wilson's note yesterday and immediately presented it to Dr. Zimmermann and had with him a confidential discussion concerning the document.

ALLIES CANNOT LOSE.

New York, Dec. 22—Major-General Masataro Fukuda, chief of the second section of the General Staff of the Japanese Army War Office, and recently an observer attached to the French army, arrived here today on the French line steamship La Touraine from Bordeaux. Discussing the European war, General Fukuda said that his impartial view as a soldier was that the Entente Allies could not lose their cause.

RUMANIAN OIL WELLS DESTROYED.

London, Dec. 22—An official communication issued this evening says: "A satisfactory report has been received from the British Military Mission in Rumania of the destruction under orders of the oil wells and refineries in and near the principal oil fields."

NEW YORK PAPERS STRONGLY CONDEMN SECRETARY LANSING

HIS "BUNGLING" HAS EXPOSED WILSON—PRESIDENT MADE GESTURE OF PEACE UNDER THE DIRECT INFLUENCE OF GERMAN MENACE.

New York, Dec. 23—The leading editorials in most of the New York papers this morning are given over to severe criticism of Secretary of State Lansing for what is termed his "bungling" attempts to explain the meaning of President Wilson's peace note to the belligerents.

The New York Tribune in a vigorous editorial says:

"Twenty-four hours have not in the smallest degree modified the situation created by Mr. Lansings extraordinary statement. The question it raises has not been answered, and it must be answered.

"... news despatch from Washington now asserts that the peril of this country, the danger that was bringing the United States to the verge of war, was the German threat of a resumption of submarine warfare in contravention of international law and of the specific pledge made to the United States after the murder of many American citizens.

"Unless there is a positive denial from the Secretary of State, the whole world will be forced to believe that the President made his gesture of peace under the direct influence of a German menace—that Mr. Wilson asked Europe to make peace because Germany threatened to attack the United States if peace was not forthcoming.

Acted as German Agent.

"Mr. Lansing has destroyed all value that Mr. Wilson's peace venture may have had in the eyes of the Allies. He has established in their minds a conviction that Mr. Wilson acted as a German agent, because the Allies know, quite as well as the United States does, that a German threat has been reported in the most responsible quarters and in a most unmistakable fashion.

Wilson Must Speak.

"Mr. Wilson must speak. He must tell the United States and the world what Mr. Lansing meant."

The Brooklyn Eagle, a newspaper friendly to the President and loyal in its support to the Democratic cause, refers to a belief current in some quarters that advance information of the President's intention to submit his proposals to the belligerents was responsible for the panicky conditions of Thursday's market, and says, referring to the Lansing statements:

"Either it should be made perfectly plain that Mr. Lansing spoke without sufficient warrant, in which case his further usefulness in the State Department must be seriously questioned, or all the information needed for a clear understanding of the situation (as to the 'verge of war') as it actually exists be laid before the public."

TEIPER IS GUILTY IN SECOND DEGREE

VERDICT BREAKS THE NERVE OF THE YOUNG DEFENDANT.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 22—John Edward Teiper is guilty in the second degree of the murder of his mother in the Orchard Park Road on the night of Jan. 30. That was the verdict of the jury which reported this afternoon after 29 hours of deliberation. Teiper will probably be sentenced on Thursday, Dec. 28. At that time his council will make application for a new trial.

The verdict broke the iron nerve of the young defendant who throughout the long trial had given no sign of emotion.

In the twenty minutes wait between the announcement that the jury was ready to report and the assembling of the court officers Teiper had shown nervousness and anxiety. He stood to face the jurymen as they gave their report.

"Gentlemen of the jury,' asked the clerk, "have you agreed upon a verdict?"

"We have," answered the foreman. "We find John Edward Teiper, the defendant, guilty——."

An agonized cry broke the sentence. It was the wife of the defendant. Teiper's strong frame seemed to crumble, his knees sagged. He would have fallen to the floor had he not been caught from behind by a deputy. Placed in his chair he sagged forward, great sobs shaking his body.

"Oh, my God," he shrieked as he struggled to rise, "this is not fair."

"The jury was polled at the demand of the defense. "Do you so find?" each juror was asked. The seventh man had said:

"I do," when the roll was interrupted. Teiper was struggling with the deputies, his face contorted. He was crying again: "My God, this is not human." His brother calmed him, and the roll call went on to the last man.

In all of the ballotting up to the last vote, it was said, eleven jurors had stood for a first degree conviction. One man, according to report, held out against that verdict because the evidence was circumstantial. He could not be won over, so the compromise was given.

FRENCH OPINION OF WILSON NOTE

WASHINGTON CABINET HAS FAILED TO WEIGH THE REAL EVIDENCE.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Temps, which carries great political weight, after alluding to what it terms the courteous and precise form of President Wilson's note, says:

"It certainly seems that the Washington cabinet in its desire for peace has neglected to look the problem in the face and weigh the real evidence. President Wilson's fundamental error dates far back, to his refusal to pass upon the initial responsibility for the war.

Judge what the two groups of belligerents say and think about peace! Can one forget that one of them deliberately broke the peace while the other did everything to keep it?"

The Temps remarks that President Wilson seems to see in Chancellor von Betrmann-Hollweg's speech a declaration of respect for the rights of small powers and asks:

"Can one forget in this connection the wrong of Austria against Serbia; the wrongs of Germany against Belgium?"

After saying that the war map put forward by Germany in her peace proposals presents only an outward, momentary appearance of the situation, the Temps concludes:

"The wish of the United States for peace was ours and that of our allies thirty months ago. The war was imposed on us by a people eager for conquest, and now we want that victory which alone will create a durable peace."

JOE TINKER WILL PURCHASE CLUB.

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 22.—Joseph Tinker, former manager of the Chicago National League Club, tonight arranged to purchase the franchise of the Columbus American Association team for himself and Thomas Wilson, of Chicago.

Tinker and Wilson will pay $65,000 to the Columbus magnates, it was announced. This will give the former Chicago manager and his associates control of seventy five per cent of the club's stock. The other 25 per cent will be retained by the present owners.

AID FOR STAMMERERS.

New York, Dec. 22—The National Round Table for the Improvement of Speech announced here that free clinics to aid persons who stammer and have other speech defects, and persons who wish to improve foreign accents, are to be established in Boston, Chicago, San Francisco and other cities. It is estimated that in New York city alone there are 250,000 persons who have speech defects. The school authorities in various cities will be asked to supervise the clinics.

THE DEPORTATION OF BELGIANS

ACTION STRONGLY DECRIED AT MASS MEETING IN BALTIMORE.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 22—The deportation of Belgians by Germany was strongly decried at a mass meeting here tonight, called to protest against the action. Dr. John Grier Hibben, President of Princeton University, declaring it to be a "crime against the progressive civilization of the world" insisted that there should not even be a discussion of the possibility of peace until Germany has given to Belgium and the world some definite assurance that the undeserved wrongs of that stricken country are to be righted.

Dr. Hibben said that it was the duty of a neutral nation to promote peace. "But while recognizing this obligation," he continued, "I would point out a higher and more imperative duty of neutrality. It is to insist with all the spirit of an aroused national conscience that there must be a vindication of certain rights and reparation o fcertain wrongs that have been done with a high hand upon a stupendous scale and upon a world stage"

The Weather

Toronto, Dec. 22 — A disturbance which developed last night on the middle Atlantic coast is now centered near the Bay of Fundy, causing gales with rain in the Maritime Provinces and a heavy snowfall in eastern Ontario and Quebec. In the west the weather has been fair and cold.

Temperatures.

	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	20	28
Victoria	36	40
Vancouver	34	38
Kamloops	4	20
Calgary	*16	6
Battleford	1	0
Prince Albert	*6	*2
Saskatoon	*11	1
Moose Jaw	*12	0
Regina	*21	*2
Winnipeg	*10	2
Port Nelson	*12	*8
Parry Sound	10	18
London	20	26
Toronto	22	25
Kingston	20	24
Ottawa	16	26
Montreal	20	32
Quebec	22	32
St. John	26	40
Halifax	34	42

*Below zero.

Forecasts:

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay: Fair and cold.

Ottawa Valley and St. Lawrence River: Westerly winds; fair and colder.

Lower St. Lawrence: North-west and west winds; local snow flurries at first, but mostly fair and a little colder.

The Gulf and North Shore: Strong winds and gales with snow at first, then clearing.

Maritime Provinces: Strong winds and gales, mostly westerly and decreasing in force; clearing and becoming a little colder.

Lake Superior District: Fair and cold.

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta: Fair and cold.

WILSON'S CHRISTMAS IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 22 — President Wilson plans to spend Christmas in Washington this year with the members of his family. It will be the second Christmas since he came into office that he remained in the White House for the day. In 1914 he was at Pass Christian, Miss., and last year he spent the day in Hot Springs, Va.

ENGINEER KILLED.

Brandon, Man., Dec. 22.—Leslie Reed, a young engineer in charge of the Canadian Pacific Railway engine pulling No. 1, fell out of the cab at Poplar Point last night and was killed. He was not missed for a time by the fireman who, on making the discovery that he was alone on the engine, notified company officials at the first stop and brought the train into Brandon himself. The body of Reed was found and later taken to Winnipeg.

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A FRENCH REPLY TO WILSON NOTE

ALLIES KNOW WHY THEY ARE FIGHTING, SAYS PARIS PAPER.

Paris, Dec. 22—"A dramatic stroke" is the way L'Intransigeant heads President Wilson's note to the belligerents. Commenting on the note, the newspaper says:

"Everybody will understand the importance of America's act. Mr. Wilson's proposal is clear. The United States has had to suffer from the war. Germany is torpedoing its boats and the United States is sending us material and already has given us financial aid.

"It is natural that the President should desire to know the purposes of the belligerents. Certainly this act will dissarrange the sly manoeuvre Germany is seeking to accomplish at this time. Since the enemy has provoked peace efforts, it is right that he should explain clearly just what he wants and that he lay down his cards. He will not be able to escape the request of the American government.

"As to us, we know why we are fighting. Lloyd George explained it clearly in the British House of Commons. We are fighting because we were attacked and because we do not want to be attacked again."

"On the eve of the Christmas holidays," says La Liberte, "President Wilson would greet the dove of peace with greater pleasure since he fears to see his country drawn into the melee. The submarine warfare which Germany threatens to wage to the utmost regardless of promises made if its peace overtures are ineffective, may draw the United States into the world conflict. Secretary Lansing expressed that fear and it is what American public opinion dreads.

"We should certainly be desolated if its dignity and interests obliged the Washington government to break with perjured and barbarous Germany. More than any other country France, which was attacked without the shadow of a pretext, knows what there is of tragedy in such an hour, but we cannot help it. Our American friends must take into account the fact that we are struggling for the ends common to them and to us. For civilization and right we are making war on war and to prevent for ever the return of hecatombs such as the universe now contemplates with terror.

"To President Wilson's suggestion we Frenchmen can make no other reply than that of Lloyd-George. Let the Germans restore territory, let them give reparation and let them offer guarantees assuring a real, not a precarious peace, and we shall be happy to reply to the prayer of President Wilson.

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Special musical programs have been prepared by the directors of the different Churches, and no doubt large attendances will be the rule in very case.

XMAS SERVICES:

Cathedral of the Holy Trinity

Christmas Day, 1916:—Holy Communion, at 6.45 and at 8. a.m.
Morning Prayer and Holy Communion at ..... 11. a.m.
Anthem—"Sing O Heavens" .... Caunder
Communion Service ..... Stainer in E Flat.

A selection of Carols will be sung at the Conclusion of the Service tomorrow (Sunday) evening.

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St. Matthew's Church:

Christmas Eve:—
Festival Evensong .7.00 p.m. Anthem, "Come, Ye Gentles, Hear the Story" .... Bairstow
Midnight Choral Eucharist .11.30 p.m.
Music: Wareing in G. Stainer's Sevenfold.—Amen.
Christmas Day:—
Holy Communion ..6.30 a.m. and 7.30 a.m.
Mattins ..... 10.30 a.m.
Choral Eucharist .....11.00 a.m.
Evensong and Carols .....4.00 p.m.
Tonight (Saturday) at 8.00 p.m. Preparation Service for Holy Communion.

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Trinity Church.

Christmas Day Services will be held as follows:
8.00 a.m. ..... Holy Communion
11.00 a.m. ....Morning Prayer and Holy Communion
Christmas will be sung at the close of the Sunday Evening Service.

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St. Michael's Church, Sillery.

On Sunday Evening, Christmas Eve, Carols will be sung at the close of the 7 o'clock Evening Service at St. Michael's Church.
On Christmas Day the Services will be Holy Communion at 7. a.m. and at 8. a.m., and Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Christmas Greetings at 10. a.m.

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Levis.

Dec. 24th, 4th Sunday in Advent
Morning Prayer and Sermon ....11. a.m.

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New Liverpool.

Evening Prayer and Sermon ..3 p.m.
Litany for Advent will be sung at this Service.

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Chaudiere.

Evening Prayer and Sermon 7.30
Christmas Day:—
Levis: Celebration of the Holy Communion ..... 8 a.m.
New Liverpool: Celebration of the Holy Communion and Address ..... 11. a.m.

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At The Basilica.

Midnight Mass: A special choir will sing Giuseppe Cicogani's 3-voice Mass with organ and string accompaniment.
A l'entree, "Noel" de Boelmann.. ..... Mr. P. Morency
A l'Offertoire—"Adeste Fideles" de .... Reading
Solo ..... Mr. J. A. Gagne
At the Communion..."La Pastorale de Guillement
Organ Solo—With Orchestra Accompaniment .... M. H. Gagnon
Last Gospel—"Minuit Chretiens" ..... A. Adams
Solo ..... Mr. Arthur Savard
Solos by MM. J. A. Gagne, Romeo Faguy, Hormisdas, Pare: Raoul Dionne, M. Gravel, M. Gagnon, M. Roussel, Jos. DeVarennes, Placide Morency, M. Gosselin.
Le Jour de Noel:—
The Seminary Pupils with the assistance of special choir will render La Messe en Sib, de Oscar Bruno Klein—At the Offertory—"In Me Gratia" MM. Jos. Kirouaceet Gos selin, with organ and string accompaniment.
A la sortie—"Allegro ...de Haendel
Organ Solo with String Accompaniment.
Organist—Mr. Henri Gagnon.
Choir Director—Mr. Jos. Vezina.

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St. Patrick's Church (McMahon St.)

Midnight Mass—Kyrie, Gloria and Credo from Farmer's Mass in B Flat.
Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnes Dei from Durand's Second Solemn Mass.
Soloist—Mrs. H. Quart, the Misses Vera Henchey, A. Lewis, M. Wallace, E. McManamy, M. Derouin, E. Brady and J. Brady.
Messrs. J. Shields, J. Timmons and R. Timmons.
Organist ..... A. Jacques

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St. Patrick's Church, Grande Allee.

Low Mass at Midnight—The following Christmas Hymns will be sung: Lovely Babe, Holy Night, In Old Judea, Adeste Fideles, 'List to the Heavenly Strains of Love, Angels We Have Heard of High.
Organist ..... Miss May Swindell

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Presbyterian.

St. Andrew's Church.

There will be Divine Services in St. Andrew's Church tomorrow at .....11 a.m. and 7 p.m. and on Monday, Christmas Day, at ..... 11 a.m.
The Revd. Dr. Love officiating; Special Christmas Music.
Musical Programme.
Xmas Music, Sunday, Dec. 24th.
Organ Prelude—
Solo —What Shall Xmas Bring... D. Lindsay ..... Miss J. Elliott
Anthem—Let us now go Even Unto Bethlehem .....J. F. Fields, Soloist, Miss F. Wright.
Organ Postlude:—
Evening:—
Organ Prelude—
Solo—The First Xmas Morn..Newton Miss G. Wright.
Anthem—Hark! The Sound of Holy Voices.
Organ Postlude—
Mrs. A. D. Scott.
Organist and Choir .....Leader

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Chalmer's Church.

At the evening service tomorrow instead of the regular sermon the Minister will tell Frances Hodgson Burnett's new Christmas story: "The Little Hunchback Zia."

The following is the special Christmas music and the order for both services:—

11. A.M.

Organ Prelude—Advent Prelude ....Whiting
Doxology.
Invocation.
Psalm Sel. 16.
Lesson—Isaiah 11:1-10.
Solo—"The Heavenly Star", by Stewart .....Mr. J. G. Kinneat
Prayer.
Hymn 30.
Lesson—Luke 2:1-20.
Prayer.
Offertory on two Xmas Hymns.. ..... Deplantay
Anthen—There were Shepherds .. .. Vincent
Hymn 26.
Sermon—"The Babe, the wise men and the world".
Prayer.
Hymn 31.
Benediction.
National Anthem.
Organ Postlude—Christmas Postlude ..... Whiting

7.00 P.M.

Organ Prelude—Chorus of Shepherds ..... Lemmens
Doxology.
Invocation.
Hymn 34.
Lesson—Mark 1:35-45.
Anthem — Christmas, O Blessed Christmas ..... Densmore
Prayer.
Offertory on "Adeste Fideles ..Laret
Anthem—Nazareth ..... Gaunod
Soloist .....Mr. Fred. Meyers
Hymn 28.
Sermon—"The Little Hunchback Xia", ...by Frances Hodgson Burnett
Solo—"Worship Christ the new Born King" ..Miss T. B. O'Neill
Prayer.
Hymn—38.
Benediction.
National Anthem.
Organ Postlude—"March of the Magi Kings ..... Dubois
Mr. H. Gordon Perry will preside at the organ, and will render a 15 minute special organ esrvice (Christmas selections) before the Evening Service.

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Baptist Church, Sunday, Dec. 24th.

Morning at 11:—
Organ Prelude—Shepherd's Song. .... Oesten
Carol—"Christ is Born" ..... James
Anthem—"Nazareth"..Gounod West (with Baritone Solo)
Carol—"I heard the bells on Christmas Day" ..... Matthews
Postlude—Chorus of Shepherds .. .. .Lemmens
Evening at 7:—
Organ Prelude—Pastoral Symphony .... Handel
Carol—"All my Heart this Night Rejoices" ..... Knight
Vocal Solo—"O Holy Night" ..Adam
Mr. Degnise.
Anthem—"It came upon the Midnight Clear" ..... Sullivan
Postlude—March in C.....Ouseley
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Every church is a rally centre from which must radiate personal work stimulated by spiritual understanding.

Every member of the organized church must prove his desire to do more and be more for Church character.

Every community has some few who neglect the work they should be doing; who fail to appreciate its importance.

The church is the volunteer army signifying a willingness to assist in the cause of better citizenship.

As a soldier must be drilled to make him efficient, so must a church member be trained to activity to prove his value.

Neglected church work causes inefficiency; performed church responsibilities quickens the member and the cause.

"Behold I bring you glad tidings of great joy" means little unless we appreciate its gladness and act in a manner that others may see and be benefited by it also.

Understanding the necessity of sustaining and enlarging the church organization, we must not fail to help.

For we must be units of activity, each striving to do his best that the best work may be done by the church as a whole.

"Let us then be up and doing;" let us take seriously the command "go work in my vineyard;" let us accept cheerfully the situation, and constantly strive for better reward for our efforts.

Are you equipped to help? Are you willing to contribute time and talent? Don't you believe it is worth while? Now is the time! ....

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

THE CHRISTMAS STORY.

It's All Real to Bobby Boy, Who'd Like to Ride With Santa Claus.

Bobby Boy was sitting in his wee brown chair so close to the great bunch of Christmas holly that he could stretch out his fingers and touch the shiny red berries whenever he wanted to make believe that he was far away in the great forest in Santa Claus land. He had only to close his eyes and "shiver his shoulders," as if he were cold, when the warm, quiet room would vanish and he would be walking with Merry Bell in the story.

"By and by," said the sweet voice of Sister Marjorie, who was reading from the book, so she couldn't shut her eyes and make believe she was in the forest too. Bobby Boy remembered that he must tell Sister Marjorie just what it looked like when they reached home.

"By and by they came to a part of the forest where there were tall trees, green and fragrant, just like the trees one sees in the markets before Christmas.

"Merry Bell clapped her hands.

"'Hurrah!' she cried 'We're almost there! See; here are the Christ tree woods. Pretty soon we'll find the reindeer feeding on the evergreen vines.'

"They walked softly through the snow paths.

"'Sh! said Merry Bell; 'don't frighten them. When they see us the Christmas reindeer will know us and come running to us to let us kiss them. That's how we know which are the reindeer that will carry dear old Santa safely over the world on Christmas eve. Just think—if a reindeer was bad and tipped poor Santa out!'"

Bobby Boy opened his eyes wide.

"Ho! I wouldn't care if they did tip him out. I'd wun wight out in the snow an' help him put all the toys back, an' nen maybe he'd give me a wide."

Sister Marjorie laughed and went on with the story which dealt with the enchanted country behind the picture books.

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ATTITUDE OF GERMANY AND BRITAIN DIFFER

INTEREST IN LONDON CENTRES ON POSSIBILITIES OF BELLIGERENTS MAKING THEIR PEACE REQUIREMENTS GENERALLY KNOWN.

London, Dec.23 — Chief interest here concerning President Wilson's note to the belligerent and neutral powers on the possibilities of the belligerents making known their requirements concerning peace now centers upon the reception of the document by the Central Powers. The first advices received here from Germany regarding the note evince enthusiasm over the note and welcome it, as was the reverse in England. The discussion here overnight was so absorbed in British emotions and as to the type of what should be Great Britain's reply that the attitude of the Central powers commanded little attention.

The note continues to be the only subject of interest here. Its only parallel in Anuglo-American relations as regards the sensation it created was President Cleveland's Venezuelan message, and the two documents are coupled as having created a similar impression.

All discussion in official quarters emphasizes the point that the policy of the Allies and their procedure toward the peace overtures of the Central powers will not be altered by President Wilson's appearance upon the stage as a participant in events.

The Entente Allies will present their reply to the Central powers very spon, and a reply to President Wilson will come later, but probably not within a fortnight. The reply to the Central powers had virtually been made when President Wilson's note was delivered and will take its predestined course. The answer to President Wilson requires a further exchange of views among the Entente, although there is little doubt that the general tenor of both notes will follow the same line, being based on the official speeches of David Lloyd-George, the British Prime Minister, Aristide Briand, the French Premier; Baron Sonnino, the Italian Foreign Minister, and M. Pokrovsky, the Russian Foreign Minister, as containing a full exposition of the policy of the Entente.

British public men generally decline to speak for publication concerning the note of President Wilson, and those in the government cannot do so without violation of official custom. Those outside the government do not desire to embarras it.

All the important officials will remain in London during the holidays. Work in the government offices by the new administration, which is grappling with the numerous and enormous schemes for the nationalizing of the Kingdom's activities, is under full headway.

Early Reply Unlikely.

Washington, Dec. 22—While nothing official came from Europe today to show when the belligerents will reply to President Wilson's note urging discussion of peace, or what the nature of the responses might be, the London news despatches indicating that an early reply was unlikely because of the necessity of consultation between the Allies agreed with the view prevailing here.

Apparently the administration, having despatched the note and in the interest of caution having taken steps to see that no misconstruction abroad was placed on the President's purpose, now is carefully watching the expression of opinion, particularly in the British press. As the attitude of the Teutonic allies had been clearly foreshadowed in advance and the President in the note specifically disclaimed any association with that attitude, the interest of American officials centered on the reception of the note in the Entente countries and among the European neutrals.

It was recalled, as the London despatches, most of them hostile, arrived that similar expressions greeted the original proposals of the Central allies, but that the views were moderated in the British press and among the Entente diplomats here after reflection and discussion.

The suggestion from London that the manner of replying to the President's note will differ from the form of replies to proposals of the German allies corresponds with official expectations. It is thought here that the Entente Allies might not make extended answer to the proposals of the Central powers, but would deal with the whole peace subject in their response to the United States.

The German view here is that whatever the reply of the Enteate Allies, the relations between Germany and the United States will have been immeasurably improved, probably to the point of assuring careful steps by the Berlin government to avoid any such conditions as led up to a crisis which threatened a break in diplomatic relations. That view is that the advantage of comity with the greatest of neutrals will be so forcibly mpressed upon the people of the Central empires that it will not again be endangered.

Entente diplomats, while they apparently had decided to accept the President's attitude in good faith had not wholly disposed of their fear that it might redound to the advantage of their enemies.

The notes to the belligerents, Secretary Lansing's explanatory statements and recent German submarine activities furnished the chief topic of discussion at today's Cabinet meeting.

After the Cabinet meeting Secretary Lansing said that full information concerning the sinking of the British liner Arabia was not at hand. The American government is anxiously awaiting word from Berlin regarding the British horse ship Marina, which admittedly was sunk without warning by a German submarine, and which the State Department has been convinced, was not a transport. No course of action will be decided on until Germany has been heard from further.

Press Comment in both England and Germany was read with the deepest interest by members of the cabinet. Spokesmen for the administration thought that the unfavorable impression made at first in England would be changed when the note was examined carefully.

Messages congratulating the President poured into the White House today in increasing volume. Almost without exception the senders interpreted the President's action as a peace move.

Republican Leader Mann referred to the note on the floor of the House today and heartily praised President Wilson's action. "Without regard to partisanship," he said, "I believe the people of the country warmly congratulate and commend the President in every effort he has made or may make to restore peace in the world."

German Propoganda.

New York, Dec. 22.—A girl who came to America as a messenger from Bertrand Russell, a British pacifist famous as a philosopher, delivered to the American Neutral Conference here today an open letter from Mr. Russell addressed to President Wilson appealing to him to "bring peace to Europe." The letter was sent by messenger to evade the British censor. The name of its bearer was not disclosed through fear of making trouble for her should she return to England.

Three members of the conference committee, George Foster Peabody, Paul Kellogg and Miss Emily Greene Bilch, were selected to carry the letter to President Wilson and left here tonight for Washington.

Mr. Russell, who is the heir of Earl Russell and was a lecturer and Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, recently was fined $500 for having written a pamphlet opposing conscription in England. He also was prohibited from coming to the United States to lecture at Harvard and was forbidden to enter any prohibited area in London.

In his letter Mr. Russell asserted that it was within the power of the President to "bring the war to an end by a just peace," and that "the United States has the power, not only to compel the European governments to make peace but also to reassure the populations by making itself the guarantor of the peace."

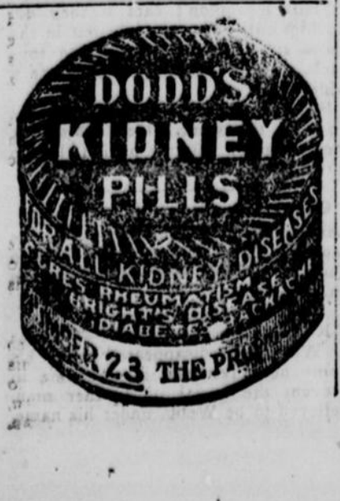
"Such action," Mr. Russell wrote, "even if it were resented by the governments, would be hailed with joy by the populations."

STEAMER IS OVERDUE.

New York, Dec. 22—The 11,000 ton Lamport & Holt Line steamship Voltaire, with a crew of 140, many of them believed to be Americans, which sailed from Liverpool on November 28th, is 11 days overdue at this port and grave fears were expressed tonight that the vessel has been lost. Although the Voltaire carried a powerful wireless equipment, no word has been received from her since she sailed.

TEUTONS ADVANCE IN DOBRUDJA.

Berlin, Dec. 22, via Sayville.—Teutonic forces continue to advance in the Dobrudja and have taken 900 Russian prisoners, says the official statement issued from German general headquarters today. On the other fronts there has been but little activity.



CHRISTMAS TIME ALONG THE FRONT

CORRESPONDENT DISCRIBES EVENTS IN THE TRENCHES NOW.

With the British Armies in France Dec. 22, via London—(From a Staff Correspondent of The Associated Press).

In these last days before Christmas it is a strange procession, indeed that winds its way on the travel scarred roads of northern France to where the greatest armies the world has ever known are locked in a life and death struggle.

Vieing with the seemingly endless train of motor trucks groaning under capacity weights of powder, shells and all the varied and sinister material of war, are numberless other trucks fairly bulging with presents and greetings of the Yuletide. Oddly enough both types of trucks are decorated gaily with holly and mistletoe. It appears now that no soldier, regardless of how humble this station, will be forgotten.

The handling of the vast amount of mail for the English, Canadian and Australasian troops is fraught with great difficulties for powder and shell assert their perogative of preference and the holiday season wlil bring no lessening of the gun pressure on any part of the front. Despite the complex problems connected with the task, the organization behind the British front makes it possible for letters and parcels to reach the men in the front line trenches 48 hours after their posting in London. One reason for this is that the mail is being handled and distributed by "Tommies" who formerly were postal employes.

The Canadians received the bulk of their mail last week, most of the soldiers obeying with childish impatience instructions not to open the parcels until Christmas. The mail for the Australasian troops, necessarily, was posted six or seven weeks ago and naturally there were many casualties in that period so that the authorities are confronted with a number of parcels which never will reach their intended owners.

A feature of the Christmas army mails is that the outgoing post is almost as heavy as the incoming, with a strange cross current of money orders going home and coming out. Some idea of the army postal problems may be gained from the fact that normally the British army sends 1,100,000 letters and postcards and 11,000 parcels daily. This number is being doubled and trebled during the Christmas rush. Another interesting fact is that a soldier receives an average of four letters a week and writes one. The package sent from the front contain all manner of souvenirs from the battlefields and trenches. Letters and parcels for the men on the very front line are sent to them with their rations. The favorite Christmas card that the "Tommies" are sending home is one on which loving mottoes are woven with varicolored silk threads.

ONTARIO ELECTIONS.

Toronto, Dec. 22—Nominations for municipal offices were held generally throughout the Province today. Following are the mayors elected by acclammation:

Simmcoe: George Williamson.
Belleville: M. F. Ketcheson.
Port Tope: R. A. Mulholland.
Sarnia: W. J. Proctor.
Perth: J. J. Hands.
Peterborough: J. J. Duffers.
Port Arthur: D. J. Cowan.
Owen Sound: R. D. Little.
Waterloo: W. L. Hilliard.
Walkerton: A. P. Johnston.
Smith's Falls: J. S. Montgomery.
Seaforth: H. S. Stewart.
Deseronto: E. A. Dixon.
Aurora: W. N. Baldwin.
Newmarket: W. H. Eves.
Kincardine: E. Miller.
Tilbury: B. Richardson.
Gananoque: T. J. O'Connor.
Galt: A. M. Edwards.

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WONDERFUL CONTRIVANCE MAKES HITS POSSIBLE, SAYS YOUNG AVIATOR FROM MONTREAL.

Montreal, Dec. 22—Lieut. F. H. Paquin, who was in the employ of the Imperial Tobacco Company at the outbreak of the war, and who went to the front with the French-Canadians, has returned home on leave, a full fledged aviator, being the only French-Canadian in the British Flying Corps. He stated yesterday that he had tired of the trenches, with mud up to his middle, and he succeeded in getting into the air squadron, and has been working with the British and French airmen for a year past. Being able to speak both languages, Lieut. Paquin, after he got his machine, was assigned to a point where the British and French lines joined, on the north side of the Somme. "For months before the big drive we drilled every day," he said. "I got to know the position of every French and British battery for long stretches to the right and left, and I knew the names of the artillery commanders, just what guns they had and how far they would shoot, and I was in constant touch with them through the wireless on my machine. We were drilling constantly and making reconnaissances over the German lines to locate their machine guns and batteries, and there were hundreds of other machines doing the same. The result was that the day the big push started, the air was so filled with machines that one could scarcely get about, as they were all sending back the news to their respective gun commanders, and you know with what result. The Germans were simply not in it as airmen. Though my work was mostly of this nature, I was also on a bombing expedition to Cambrai. The Germans were bringing troops from the Russian front, long trains of them, as we could plainly see. Having swooped down on them, we scored direct hits, and you should have seen the Huns running for their lives. Prisoners told us subsequently that the men were almost scared to death, and it was hours before the German officers were able to round them up again after they had scattered like sheep. You might not think the airmen able to many many hits, but the fact is we very seldom made a miss. By a wonderful contrivance, which takes into account the speed of the machine, the air currents and the height, a skilled bomber cannot miss any fair-sized building. You see the bombs go twisting down, and then plunk! and everything shoots high in the air."

OIL EXPLOSION KILLS MEN.

Wood River, Ill., Dec. 21—Two men were killed, and several others injured in an explosion that wrecked two refining stations of the Standard Oil Company here. The explosion was followed by a fire which for a time threatened ten large tanks of oil. The shock of the explosion was felt for fifteen miles.

To Keep Skin Healthy, Youthful, Wrinkleless

Now that the social season is here be especially careful to keep your skin in fine condition. You know how conspicuous complexion defects appear under the bright light of the drawing room ball room. Also how very evident are some makeups when similarly illuminated. I have myself discarded cosmetics entirely, using a process which gives far better results, and which leaves no trace on the skin. At night I smear on a thin coat of ordinary mercolized wax, washing it off next morning. This gradually absorbs the devitalized particles of surface skin; just as gradually the more youthful skin beneath comes forth, providing a complexion as clear, smooth and delicately tinted as a young girl's. Get an ounce of mercolized wax at your druggist's and try this remarkable treatment. Remember, too, that wrinkles, even the finer lines, are not easily concealed in a brilliantly lighted room. You can quickly obliterate these hateful marks by bathing your face in a solution of powdered saxolite, one ounce, dissolved in witch hasel, one-half pint. And your face won't look sticky, as after using pastes.—Anne Sally in Woman's Realm.

PREMIER GIVEN GREAT WELCOME

SIR ROBERT ACCLAIMED IN SPIRITED ADDRESS AT TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 22—Thrilled by a burst of eloquence that revealed the indignation animating his words, two thousand citizens of Toronto tonight tumultously acclaimed the reply of the Prime Minister of Canada to the suggestions of peace that have been heard of late. It was the last of the series of National Service meetings that have been addressed by Sir Robert Borden across the continent and while Massey Hall was not filled to capacity, the audiences was highly representative and entirely in accord with the views of the speakers. Sir Robert devoted the main portion of his address to the aims of the National Service Commission, going over the same ground practically as in former speeches. Towards the close, however, he adverted to the question of peace and evidently chose his utterances with great care.

He spoke very slowly and with much deliberation, emphasizing every phrase, until warming up to his subject and allowing a measure of expression of his feelings, he carried his audience into an enthusiastic outburst of applause that lasted several minutes.

"In the last few days," he said, "there have been heard suggestions about peace and about that I would say a few words. We realize, I suppose, and there is no need of emphasizing it, that the people of Canada were and are a peace loving people. Before August 1914 they were immersed in the development of their country and engaged in the solution of the tremendous problems that will remain to be settled after the great conflict is over. But Canadians have shown that they were not afraid to fight in a great cause for the security of the Empire and for the ideals of civilization. There is not one but earnestly desires that we shall have peace, and that on the north half of this continent we shall continue working out our destiny as in the days before the war. But there isn't a man here tonight who would not shrink from any peace that would not fulfil the purpose for which this war was undertaken.

Remarkable Statements.

"We have seen some rather remarkable statements lately. I may only allude to them, as one must use certain restaint in such matters, but I had thought that the cause of the war had been made abundantly clear more than two years ago. If I have a correct recollection, a distinguished statesman of Italy said that his country had been invited to join Germany and Austria in making war on Serbia and she had refused because it was a war of aggression. When Austria sent its note to Serbia and the latter country yielded to all the demands excepting one and on this point, offered to submit to the judgment of The Hague, Austria declared war on Serbia and, with the sanction of Germany, precipitated a war for which it had long been preparing. It has been said that the warring nations are fighting for the same object, the protection of weaker nations, but none of you would regard the action of Germany toward Belgium and Serbia in that way. When the ultimatum was presented to Belgium, Germany gave that nation the alternative of going to war with her or with France and all honor to her for the choice she made. When I read of 100,000 Belgians being brought from their homes and forced into worse than clavery. I can't hold myself in the ranks of those who say Germany is fighting for the rights of the weaker nations. Some publicist has said of late that the cause of the war are now only of historic significance. I say that the causes are of world wide significance and will continue till the end of time. We cannot yield while military aggression goes unchecked in pursuit of worlds donination for the purposes of the war uselessly unless the result be an absolute triumph for the Allies. We seek peace but not a mere truce, of which Germany and Austria will take advantage to sharpen their swords, to renew the conflict.

The message I bring to you from the great western country is that the purpose of the nation will never be fulfilled till every resource and every power is organized to bring about a complete realization of the aims and objects for which Canada entered upon the war."

A great wave of enthusiasm spread over the hall at the conclusion of Sir Robert's speech, many of the audience rising in their seats and cheering him for several minutes.

Mr. Bennett's Speech.

An equally strong impression was made by Mr. R. B. Bennett, chairman of the Commission, who in a most impassionate but logical and clearly reasoned address, impressed on the audience the vast importance of the conflict in which Canada is engaged. He came into the conflict with his audience when he insisted that any measure of compulsion at the present time would be liable to result in insurrection and civil war. There were cries of "No, no," from all parts of the hall, but Mr. Bennett reminded his hearers that they must not judge all Canada from the local atmosphere. They must think in larger terms. He had just completed a trip of 6,500 miles and a week ago in Vancouver, he had been waited upon by delegations insisting that there should be no compulsion now. They must allow for differences of opinion and afford every man an opportunity of measuring what his responsibility was.

Mr. Bennett was surprised that there was not one man on the American continent who did not know why he went to war. There was none in Canada that did not know, and thank God, they had gone in of their own free will and accord. All the Munroe Doctrines in the world would not be worth a penny on the dollar. On the othere hand, victory meant the consolidation of the Empire for the preservation of the world's peace. At the present time they were living in a fools paradise. There was never so much money in the stores. It was the blood of humanity. That and nothing more, nothing less.

BERLIN REJOICES AT WILSON NOTE

HUNS GO CRAZY OVER SYMPATHETIC EFFORTS OF THEIR FRIEND.

Berlin, Dec. 22, via London.—The announcement of President Wilson's peace endeavor, received through The Associated Press was accorded a tremendous welcome in Berlin. The impression of official and newspaper circles appeared in the noon editions under large display head lines as the all important news of the Christmas season, reviving the interest in the German peace overtures which had sunk to a low point under the influence of the preliminary declarations of statesmen of the Entente powers.

The American Embassy, to which the Ambassador, James W. Gerard, returned late last night from New York, The Associated Press correspondent and the American Charge, Joseph C. E. Grew, were besieged by newspapermen who sought additional information concerning the President's peace note, but nothing beyond the press despatches could be given.

President Wilson's step, of course, is assured of a sympathetic reception here.



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NO CHRONICLE MONDAY.

Owing to the fact that Monday will be Christmas Day there will be no issue of The Chronicle then. We take this opportunity of wishing all our readers a Merry Christmas.

PEACE-MONGERS.

With reference to the recent peace conference in Cardiff Mr. C. B. Stanton, M. P., in an article in Lloyd's Weekly News asks: "Who is paying for the campaign in favor of a premature peace which is being carried on in this country? Who is finding the money for the tons of literature which are being stealthily distributed—poisonous stuff, full of libels on our great Empire and its leaders? Who is financing the cost of the huge posters on the walls?

It was announced a month ago that the German government paid £10,000,000 for press propaganda in foreign countries during the first two years of the war.

Mr. Curtin in his article published in the Daily Mail on October 18 refers to the English department of the German Foreign Office propaganda. "Its direction in Berlin," he says, "is in very capable hands, which are supplemented by advice given by Baron von Kuhlmann, who is known to visit it whenever he makes one of his visits to Berlin and who claimed in Holland, with his usual boastfulness, to have the propaganda in England well in hand. The Reichstag statement" says Mr. Curtin, "that ten million pounds have been spent in newspaper and other bribery does not take into account the large sums raised privately and in the United States"

PREMIER BORDEN'S TOUR.

Premier Borden is in the East again, concluding his National Service tour for the present, in which he has been ably assisted by Mr. R. B. Bennett, Chairman of the Commission, and many other speakers enlisted at different points. Within the past fortnight or so Sir Robert has delivered a series of addresses at leading towns and cities in the five provinces, calling upon the manhood of Canada to meet its obligations towards the gallant soldiers entrenched in Picardy. The strength of an army is in its reserves. Our losses have been large and it is necessary that the gaps should be filled as they occur with trained and seasoned men. This is the British aim and this has been the chief message of the Prime Minister, beginning in Quebec cities and going from there to Manitoba and the other Western Provinces. He has spoken with earnestness and power. He has shown himself worthy of the time and his utterances have been worthy of the theme. The audiences in all the Western cities have been attentive and enthusiastic. Frequently no auditorium large enough to contain all who desired to hear the Prime Minister has been available, and overflow meetings have been held. The West has shown itself wholly in earnest about the war. Since the first days of darkness it has never faltered and will be steadfast to the end. The West has, in fact, contributed more largely to Canada's citizen soldiery on the population basis than the East. There may have been a reason for this, of course, but the fact should stir the East to greater efforts, so that every man will be doing his bit, either in the army or navy or in maintaining the industries of the country at full speed. This is no time and Canada no place for idlers.

The National Service meetings have been entirely non-political. Not once in his tour has Premier Borden touched upon party politics and in fact ever since the war began he has eschewed partizan questions which would tend to divide the people and divert attention from the duties and stern necessities of the time. He has made it clear that in his opinion the war and the way to win it is the commanding issue of the hour. In this he has faithfully expressed the dominant view of Canada. There may be political discussion, there may be those conducting a sort of guerilla warfare against the Government, but there is overwhelming evidence that these men reflect no widespread body of public opinion. The Prime Minister has done well to ignore them and to regard himself as the constitutional leader of a Canada one and indivisible. In this he has had the backing of many Liberals. It is true that Sir Wilfrid Laurier refused to join in the work of the National Service Commission, for reasons which may have been sufficient or otherwise, according to the point of view. It is true, also, that one of Sir Wilfrid's former colleagues, the Hon. Frank Oliver, declined an invitation to speak at the National Service meeting in his home town of Edmonton. But generally speaking leading Liberals have been sympathetic. Sir Lomer Gouin, for instance, set a splendid example in Quebec. The new Premier of British Columbia, Mr. Brewster, took a prominent part in the coast meetings. And in Calgary Dr. Michael Clark, the Liberal member for Red Deer, gave valuable assistance and delivered one of the most stirring addresses of the tour in line with his speech in Parliament last session in which he declared that he had no time for dealing with petty political issues and that he stood behind the Premier and his conduct of the war.

PRESS COMMENT.

President Wilson's peace note is remarkable for the language in which it is couched as well as for the proposal which it puts forward. Does the head of the American Republic believe for one moment that the objects of all the belligerents are identical, that both sides desire to preserve the rights of weak peoples and small nations, that all the nations engaged in this war are equally concerned in the establishment of a just peace?

If he does not believe these things why does he quote the statesmen of both groups of powers as equally worthy of credence? Why does he place the ravishers of Belgium, the ravages of Serbia and the murderers of those who perished with the Lusitania on the same level as the peoples who are sacrificing everything in blood and treasure in order that the innocent may be avenged, democracy survive and liberty prevail in the world?

The prayers of enslaved millions go up to Heaven against the Hun even as the President's callous note speeds its way to the capitals of Europe. The message from the White House almost collided with the protest from Mr. Elihu Root and thousands of other morally intelligent Americans against Germany's increasing brutality towards the Belgians. The President, who has done nothing and will do nothing for the oppressed of Europe, has still the courage to assume that the interest of the United States Government on behalf of the smaller and weaker nations is as 'quick and ardent as that of any other people or Government."

But the President's moral aphasia is chiefly evident in that he ignores the crime of the well-prepared Central Powers in forcing this awful conflict upon the world, and the further outstanding fact that Great Britain and her Allies are just now reaching an adequate war footing. After two years and a half of effort the Entente Powers are almost ready to rescue Belgium, Poland, Serbia and Northern France, crush the conscienceless militarism of the Hohenzollerns and force the destroyers to restore the nations they have ruined in so far as that is possible. This supreme moment is the chosen by the President of a great democracy to play the Hun game and to place obstacles in the way of the free nations which are given their all in defence of the traditions and institutions wrich true Americans should hold dear.— Toronoto News.

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A copy of the said agreement can be seen at the offices of The Royal Bank of Canada at Montreal, P.Q., and The Quebec Bank, at Quebec, P.Q.

The said agreement has been approved by a resolution of the Shareholders of The Quebec Bank carried by the votes of shareholders present in person or represented by proxy, representing more than two-thirds of the amount of the subscribed capital stock of the said Bank at a Special General Meeting of the Shareholders of the said Bank duly called and held for the purpose. The said agreement has also been approved by resolution of the Directors of The Royal Bank of Canada.

Dated 28th November, 1916.

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DIED.

RUEL.—At Lauzon, P.Q., on the 21st December, 1916, Mr. Edouard Ruel, manufacturer, husband of Desanges Blais, at the age of 61 years.

Funeral will leave his late residence Tuesday, the 26th inst., at 9.45 o'clock sharp, for St. Joseph de Levis Church, and thence to the Parish Cemetery.

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DIVIDEND No. 99.

A dividend of two per cent on the Capital Stock of this Society has been declared for the current quarter, payable at the office for the Society on the 2nd of January next.

The transfer books will be closed from the 27th to the 30th instant, inclusively.

By order of the Board.

F. F. HOUDE,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Dec. 21st, 1916.

Public Notice

At a meeting of the Canadian Bottlers Association (the Quebec Branch), held December 19th, it was resolved that they revise their price list lately issued.

It was moved by W. Fluet, and seconded by S. Ratte, that the Quebec Branch of the Canadian Bottlers Association, do revise their price list lately issued, and that they reduce the price of 10 oz. all flavors, by 5c per dozen.

The motion was carried unanimously.

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Through the deep alluvial loam;
A footing left on the mountain side
For a vine enclustered home.

The waste lands wait for the men who dare,
Who trust to themselves alone,
Who long for a life in the bracing air,
And a freehold all their own.

MEAGRE NEWS OF CLARKE CITY FIRE

FEARED NUN PERISHED IN CONFLAGRATION YESTERDAY MORNING.

News was received in the city yesterday to the effect that the Cathedral at Clarke City, the Presbytery and Convent were destroyed by fire yesterday morning. It is also feared that one of the religious sisters attached to the Convent perished in the conflagration which is said to have started by the explosion of a gasoline reservoir.

As far as telegraphic communications wer concerned Clarke City was isolated last evening. Efforts were made to get further particulars of the destructive fire, but without result as the telegraph service to Clarke City was out of commission.

At the Cardinal's Palace here meagre news of the fire was received yesterday.

BAND AT GRANDE ALLEE RINK THIS AFTERNOON.

The R.C.G.A. Band will play at the Grande Allee Rink this afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock, the following programme:

1. March—Adolphe ..... Marks
2. Viennoise ..... Cyibulka
3. March—Scivad ..... Franklin
4. Valse—Winer Blut ..... Strauss
5. Two-Step—When The Moon Wits Glory Brightens ..... Arbuckle
6. Valse—Visionen ..... Cungl
7. March—Advance Guard ... Hume
8. Valse—Southern Roses ... Strauss

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The Committee of the above Club gratefully acknowledge the following additional subscriptions towards the support of the Club.

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YSAYE IS LEAVING FOR AMERICA TODAY

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A cable just received by our local concert bureau states that Ysaye, the famous Belgian violinist, sails today from Liverpool on the SS. "St. Louis" for New York. It will be remembered that Ysaye was in Belgium at the moment of her invasion by the Teutons. He took refuge in London but his sons remained on the battlefield. One of them died at the beginning of the war and the other is still at the front.

A concert tour has been arranged for the greatest of living violinists and it is hoped that he might be induced to visit Quebec this winter.

CHRISTMAS AT HOME.

Spend your Christmas Holidays with your family this year. Do not send your wishes by mail: present them in person — Folks will be happy to see you. Take advantage of the reduced fares offered by the Canadian Pacific Railway — also note its magnificent train service:

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PROROGATION OF THE LEGISLATURE

CLOSING CEREMONY MARKED BY SIMPLICITY — SPEAKER RECEIVES CONGRATULATIONS.

Both Houses of the Legislature closed yesterday afternoon at three o'clock. His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Sir Evariste LeBlanc, accompanied by his Aide-de-Camp, Major Victor Pelletier, met the members in the Council Chamber and made a formal prorogation speech, which was brief. He thanked the members of both Houses for the careful attention they had given to the business of the province, during the session now closed and gave his assent to the bills passed during the session. He wished the members, one and all, a happy respite from their labors.

The closing ceremony was marked, as was the opening of the Legislature, by simplicity.

Both the Assembly and the Council spent a busy time yesterday morning preparing for prorogation.

Yesterday morning in the Assembly, Sir Lomer Gouin congratulated the Speaker (Hon. Mr. Galipeault) on the way he had presided over the debates of the Houpse during the session. The Premier declared that it was with dignity, science and impartiality that Mr. Galipeault had accomplished his task.

A similar compliment was paid by Sir Lomer to the Deputy Speaker, Mr. E. M. Desaulniers.

The bill proposing the annexation of certain territory to the school municipality of Cartierville, was withdrawn.

XMAS TURKEYS TO CHRONICLE STAFF

Management of Paper Presented Each Member with Fine, Fat Bird.

Despite the increase in prices for Turkeys, the management of the "Chronicle" following the usual Christmas custom, presented each member of the staff—including the printer's devil— with a splendid "bird." Needless to say the generous action was much appreciated by the recipients.

BULLETIN SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS DAY.

Although no Chronicle will be published on Monday bulletin boards will be put out to give the week-end news.

WOMAN SUFFERS FROM ESCAPING GAS

A resident of St. Gabriel street, a Mrs. Healey, was removed to Jeffery Hale's Hospital last night suffering from the effects of gas which is said to have escaped in the house in which she resided, No. 18. Mrs. Healey was in a state of semi-consciousness when found and the ambulance was immediately summoned. The patient revived considerably en route to the Hospital and it is expected that she will be well again in a short time.

KHAKI OVERSEAS CLUB.

In our report of Thursday night's concert we mentioned that the entertainment was given by the ladies of the Khaki Club. As a matter of fact both the Khaki Club and the Overseas Club have, for the present at any rate, merged into one and the concert and Christmas Tree were managed by the ladies of the joint committee of which Lady Price is President.

Mr. J. M. McCarthy is President of the Men's Joint Committee and Mr. C. V. Norris is secretary-treasurer.

As a great many things such as tea coffee, cigarettes, cakes, etc., are given free to the returned invalided soldiers the expenses will be fairly heavy, but such a cause deserves some sacrifices. It is proposed to ask for regular monthly subscriptions and any one wishing to help in this way might kindly send in their name to the Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Norris.

LATE MADAME J. J. T. FREMONT LAID TO REST.

The funeral of the late Madame Jules J. T. Fremont took place yesterday morning from her late residence to the Basilica and was attended by a large concourse of mourners.

At the church the body was received by Canon Laflamme. The Requiem Mass was chanted by the Rev. Father Larue, assisted by the Rev. Fathers Labrecque and Gauthier, as deacon and sub-deacon, respectively.

At the conclusion of the service the body of the deceased lady was conveyed to St. Charles Cmetery for interment.

The chief mourners were Mr. Chas. Fremont, advocate, Dr. Jules Fremont, Professor of Laval University, sons; Mr. O. Beaubien, of Montmagny, cousin; and Messrs. T. Tremblay, J. A. Tremblay, H. Desrivieres, L. Desrivieres.

C.P.R. OFFICIALS ISSUE UNIQUE XMAS GREETINGS

MEMBERS OF PASSENGER AND TELEGRAPH DEPARTMENTS RECEIVE SPLENDID SOUVENIERS.

The Christmas greeting of the heads of the C. P. R. Passenger Department to their Agents and friends is in the form of a beautifully designed booklet giving the history of the Dominion. The Booklet is entitled "Our New Governor-General," and the Cavendish Arms is depicted with all its rich colouring, surmounted with a gold band on the front cover.

The motto of the Cavendish Family is "Cavendo tutus," which being interpreted is "Safety in caution", or, as the C. P. R. is continually preaching "Safety First."

The booklet contains a large number of very fine photographs, including, the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire, Ancestors of the House; views of Devonshire House, London, England; Lismore Castle, County of Cork, Ireland, and Chatsworth, Derbyshire, England, three of the Duke's Old Country residences.

The History of the Cavendish Family make very interesting reading and concludes with the Pedigree of Cavendish Family.

The booklet is a valuable and timely souvenir.

Enclosed with the issue is greetings from Mr. Emile J. Hebert, First Assistant General Passenger Agent; Mr. F. O. Hopkins, Assistant General Passenger Agent; Mr. Walter Maughan, Asst. Gen. Passenger Agent and Mr. W. H. Snell, General Passenger Agent; Also enclosed is an unique greeting from J. McMillan, the Montreal manger of the C.P.R. Telegraph System, which is illustrated with a representation of a large-sized Union Jack and the flags of France, Serbia, Italy, Russia, Belgium, Montenegro, Portugal, Rumania, and Japan. This is in itself also an interesting souvenir, and Mr. McMillan is worthy of congratulation for his seasonable greeting.

CHRISTMAS IN 1900

I tell the story as it came to me one evening in Pretoria—after Lord Roberts had hoisted the Imperial flag over Pretoria—over a social cup of tea in the home of a loyal burgher, where a few friends had gathered, and the hour was reminiscent, presenting a question in psychology, not inappropriate at the present time, when a dozen nations have let loose the dogs of war.

The Boers are busy, maxims are spitting spitefully, and here and there a man drops out of the ranks, not always with a bullet, but sometimes with enteric. The day is warm, that is for Christmas day, the thermomter registers 110 degrees, although at four a. m., the sharp frost woke up the boys for a fisherman's warm. Under the heat it is hard to keep up vitality, especially as they have had no breakfast, and will not till the enemy is driven out of the Donga, which serves in lieu of a trench, and is a difficult position to take. The only water to drink is brought up in the water cart, and is served out sparingly, muddy and warm; but there is no grumbling among those sturdy Canadians, who are fighting for the Empire, and who before the day is gone will receive the "chocolate box," Queen Victoria's gift to the veterans at the front. We must except those of whom the chaplain must write, concerning that day's fighting, in anxious hearts awaiting news on the farm or elsewhere, from whence these soldiers came, to stand shoulder to shoulder with comrades in the game of war.

Already they are making a name for the homeland, strong, sturdy, resolute men, with officers who command with the comrade spirit, not trained fine as professionals are, with an initiative learned in emergencies, peculiar to a country with a short history behind it, and new as compared with the motherland. They go forward bravely but cautiously, watching for the opportunity which came at the close of the day, when rushing forward with the swing of conquest, the enemy beaten, retreat in disorderly rout on the small wiry ponies they ride, leaving their guns behind. Now they camp for the night, ready for a hearty meal, the commissariat brought up almost to their lines. At home the snow covers hills and valleys, and ice bridges are formed on the rivers and streams, fires blaze on the open hearth or send up warmth from the furnace, but here they must sleep on the bare ground with knapsack for a pillow, and overcoat for a blanket, to dream perhaps of boyhood days, and family gatherings, where amid laughter and festivities, they were half afraid of Santa Claus, or revelled in the enjoyments of Yule Tide.

While this goes on, there is a consultation among some members of the staff. The fare is too hard for sick men, if only a few comforts could be obtained, for them it would be a boon. What is food for the robust may kill the sick, and the Red Cross is too far away to hope for assistance there.

The question is, what can be done? As the chaplain is a free lance with little to do except look on till the fighting day is ended, he volunteers to do his best as he has done it before, although in doing it he runs the risk of a Boer bullet, and may have to ride many a weary mile to accomplish it. Off he goes with a light heart, his unshod Argentine canters over to a Boer farm five miles away, but not a soul is to be seen. There is hay in the barn, oat fodder in bundles, but not a scrap of food in the house the owner of which never came back. He died a prisoner in Pretoria, and received burial at the hands of an enemy chaplain. A halt long enough to ration the horse and again it is boot and saddle for another four mile ride (for these Boer farms are not far apart) to a cottage of one story and four rooms, without glass in the windows, and roof thatched and barns more pretentious than the home. Experience has taught caution. Five hundred yards away he slackens speed, but is still going, when to his surprise he hears the crack of a Mauser, and hears a bullet sing too close to be pleasant. It is of no use to turn tail. He must face it, and ride his horse zigzag at the full gallop, to make it hard for the marksman. He looks keenly to discover his enemy who lies prone in the open doorway, the end of his rifle resting on a turned up sod, as it speaks again, and again, the bullets fortunately missing the mark.

To his surprise a woman appeared in the doorway, to snatch the rifle away, seize the defender by the heels, a mere boy of twelve, and drag him indoors out of sight. Dismounting at the door, the woman met him, desiring to know his errand. The reception could hardly be called a welcome, although not hostile, as might be expected. You could hear the pom-poms and maxims, and now and again the roll of rifle fire, faintly it is true, but ecvidence of the life and death struggle where friend and foe bite the dust, the peace of God turned into the devilishnes of war.

Now a question, "Did you pull him in?" "I did, why? He only tried to kil an enemy?" "Well,' came the reply. "Is it not Christmas day? I read this morning, about the shepherds keeping their flocks by night, and of the angel that come to them and said, 'For unto you is born this day, in the City of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord,' and that other angels came and a great multitude praising God and saying, 'Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.' I could not let him kill you today, but please do not come tomorrow. This is the day of peace and goodwill."

So here is the influence of the Christ child, holding back hate and death, saving life and protecting it, just for the day. Yes, tomorrow it will be different, I shall not come back tomorow? But I must accomplish my mission if possible, so I tell the story of the sick and dying, and their needs, offering payment for what good things she can spare. Now, I must go back, and ride carefully or I will smash the four dozen eggs, and wonder how I will prevent three pounds of fresh butter from melting. As for the six loaves of bread, fresh from the oven, they can take care of themselves in the saddle bags. Blessed woman, how hurt she seemed when the money was tendered. She simply shook her head, waved a farewell, shut the door, as she said, "He hath filled the hungry with good things."

Later, she mourned the fact that husband and two sons never came back to drive the cattle to water, or sow seed for future harvests, for the angel of death had taken toll.





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SONS OF IRELAND VS. LAVAL TONIGHT

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RESULTS IN COMMERCIAL LEAGUE

SONS OF IRELAND PLAY FIRST GAME OF SEASON AT ARENA TONIGHT

Champions Will Meet Fast Laval Club in City League Game —Emmet McDonald Will Have Full Team Out This Evening—Capt. "Coo" Dion May Play With Laval —Jack Marks and Sam Murphy the Referees.

The Sons of Ireland will play their first game of the 1916-17 season at the Arena this evening, when the City League champions and Ross Cuphold ers, meet the Laval team. Paul Parent's entry in the City League race.

The Sons will take the ice with the full regular team which caused such a sensation in amateur ranks last winter and Manager Emmett McDonald is confident that they will open the season with victory, though Laval will have a formidable array of hockey talent opposed to them.

George Carey, George McNaughton and Hammy LaRoche, the clever trio of forwards, will lead the attack for the Sons, and the Laval team will have its work cut out trying to hold these fast boys down. The three forwards are going stronger than ever in practice so far this winter, and the defence of Fuller, Malone and McDonald or Lonergan, will be much improved. Bert Shiuk, who is now with St. Pat's, and Joe Thomson now with the Canadians in France, are the only ones missing from the champions' squad, and McDonald has Mark Kenney, of the Emmets, Edgar Wiggs, young Kane and other coming youngsters to shove into the fray when necessary.

The Laval team will probably have Leveque in goal for this game. The Chicoutimi boy is a clever custodian, and will strengthen the defence of the Students appreciably. Other stars, such as Simard, Antonio Savard, Jim Roy, Capt. "Coo" Dion, Lt. Gendron, Rene Gauthier and others make Laval a very strong looking aggregation.

President Newton has named the officials as follows:

Referee: Jack Marks.
Assistant: Sam Murphy.
Umpires: M. J. Hanrahan and L. Letourneau.
Timekeeper: Wm. J. Sharpe.
Penalty Recorder: E. R. Lepine.
Scorer: Jos. Ledden.

The game will begin at eight fifteen and the line-ups will probably be:

Sons of Ireland.	Laval.
Goal.	
Fuller	Leveque
Point.	
Malone	Simard
Cover Point.	
McDonald	Gendron
Centre.	
McNaughton	Jas. Roy
Right Wing.	
Carey	A. Savard
Left Wing.	
LaRoche	R. Gauthier

BASEBALL COMMISSION.

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 22—It was announced officially here today that the National Baseball Commission would meet in this city on January 2nd, 1917. At this time the Class AA. draft question will be brought up by the minor leagues. The uniform players contract will be taken up and the election of officers will take place.

Inasmuch as numerous minor league matters are to come before the commission at this meeting, Chairman Herrmann stated today that he anticipated the largest gathering of baseball magnates from both major and minor leagues that has ever attended a National Commission meeting.

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QUEBEC TEAM IN GOOD SHAPE

MANAGER QUINN PLEASED WITH WORK SO FOR—PRACTICE THIS AFTERNOON.

With the exception of Jack McDonald, who lost his way in the snow storm last night, all the regulars turned out for practice at the Arena and the Quebec squad went through a fast hour's work.

"Rusty" Crawford is showing brilliant playing lately and the western cyclone will be in tip-top shape when he lines up for the first game here Wednesday against the Wanderers. Joe Hall and Dave Ritchie played steady games on the defence, while Walter Mummery is shaping up very strong in front of the goalkeeper. J. Malone arrived a bit late but made up for it when he got on, going ahead at top speed for over a half hour. Skull Johnson is much steadier this season than last while the veteran Paddy Moran is turning them aside as usual. Jack Marks was out and showed terrific speed.

The Quebec club expects to sign up a new player very shortly, and with him the line-up for the first game will probably be decided upon.

Tickets on Sale.

Tickets (including season tickets), are on sale for the opening game here on Wednesday, and for the benefit of the up-town people, seats may be reserved at Lindsay's Music Store, on the corner of St. Eustache and St. John streets. Phone orders will be attended to also at this store—telephone number is 7395. Seats may also be procured at the Arena, by phoning 6287 or 6467. Only a few days remain in which to reserve seats and in order to avoid the last minute rush, patrons would do well to order them early.

Club Helping Patriotic Work.

The management of the Quebec Club have received a suggestion that they should donate a certain percentage to patriotic work, etc. It is evident that the Quebec Club's efforts in this direction have not altogether been known. Last season the Club contributed over $200 to the Patriotic Sports Committee for the boys at the front, besides contributing to St. Bridget's Home, Jeffery Hale's Hospital and St. Vincent de Paul Society. This season a percentage of every gate-receipt is donated to the Red Cross Society, which will total up quite fair sum when all the matches have been played. Besides this the Club will again contribute to the Patriotic Sports Committee by giving their services free in a game with an All-Star City aggregation as soon as a date is available. As the expenses of running a professional team are rather heavy, it will be at once seen that the Quebec Club is doing as much as possible to aid patriotic funds in this city.

Manager Quinn will take the matter up with the Arena people, concerning the free admittance to the games of all returned invalided soldiers who come to the local Discharge Depot for disposal. There is no doubt that Mr. Dussault, the manager of the Arena, will be only too pleased to co-operate with the Quebec Club in helping to entertain the returned heroes when they are in the city. When he broached the subject to the Quebec management last evening, they were only too delighted to do this, and Manager Quinn will communicate with the officials of the local Discharge Depot at once, in order that proper arrangements may be made to accommodate the boys who wish to see the games.

SIX DAY GRIND.

New York, Dec. 22—There was no change in the relative standing of the teams at midnight. The six leaders had covered 2,218 miles and five laps. Debaetes and Walthour were leading. The record for the 120 h hour is 2,348 miles and 2 laps, made by Moran and McNamara, in 1914.

INDIAN FOOTBALL.

Like lacrosse, the great Canadian national game, the Indian played his game of football upon the flat sands. The ball was made of leather, sewn with a thong and filled with moss, says a writer in Boys' Life. The goals were a mile and more apart. The players ordinarily were braves of the same tribe, but upon special occasions the game would be waged between selected players of different tribes, one tribe being arrayed against another.

In these tribial contests, says a writer in the Princeton Alumni Weekly, the players came to the sands arrayed in war bonnets, war paint, and full savage regalia. As the time drew near for the game to begin bows, quivers, shields and bonnets were discarded, and the Indian, lithe and athletic, stood forth eager and alert. Before commencing play the rival players shook hands and rubbed noses in formal token of the friendliness of the fierce encounter.

And were our comrades of this primeval game without technique? Harken unto the words of William Wood: "They 'mount' the ball into the air with their naked feet. Sometimes it is swayed by the multitude." Say, you sons of college gridirons, is not this a concise description of a kick-off or a punt? And can that swaying by the multitude be aught else than a scrimmage, however crude?

Our genial reporters of three centuries ago tell us that sometimes several days were required to obtain a goal.

Toronto, Dec. 22—Caught in the cog wheel of an elevator this afternoon, at the Milne Coal Company, Frederick Pennock, 5 Perth avenue, an employee of the company, was almost instantly killed.

Sporting Notes

To the readers of this "colyum", sport fans in general, athletic organizations and clubs, amateur and professional in the city and district, we most heartily wish you a Very Merry Christmas.

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Emmet McDonald and Paul Parent have written to Santa Claus both asking for a win in tonight's game. As Santa Claus can't hand it to both of them, one of them is bound to be sore on the old Gent from the North Pole League.

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Joe Malone, one of the fairest and best sports in the city, whose squareness has never been questioned by any fairminded sportsman in Quebec, talking of refereeing City League matches says:

"Never again!"

Malone states that despite the fact that Montagnais were beating St. Patrick's decisively, every decision he gave which was against the latter, he was subjected to all sorts of sarcastic and unpleasant remarks from an official of the Montagnais team who was armed with a megaphone and seated behind the Montagnais players.

"You're no more Joe Malone. You are rotten! Your're showing your colors tonight! etc., etc." Such were the remarks which Malone alleges he was hearing constantly.

"I understand," said Joe, "that a person who referees must stand this sort of stuff from both sides, but I guess it is better in my own interests and the interests of the Quebec Club that I should steer clear of City League matches. Some of these hot-heads go up from the rink, tell their friends that Joe Malone is a crook and so forth, and these people get sore on me and also on the Quebec Club, though for what reason I can't fathom."

Joe Malone emphatically denied that the Quebec management had refused players permission to referee games. "We are at liberty to do what we like in this respect," said Joe, "but so far as I am concerned, I am through."

Joe is not positive as to who the man with the megaphone was, but he states he was not Phil Angers, who also had a megaphone. The knocker was behind Angers.

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The Emmets will practice between eleven and twelve o'clock Sunday morning.

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The Montagnais team will practice this evening between seven and eight o'clock. Manager Letourneau expects a full turnout.

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Jack McDonald tells this story on Joe Hall. As everyone knows McDonald is a left-handed shot and and therefore should he play on right wing is at a disadvantage. Joe Hall was sympathising with Mac and trying to find some way in which McDonald could be made at home on the right rail. "Did you ever practice shooting right hand, Mac" said Joe.

"Sure", said Mac, "but it's no use, its harder than trying to write left-handed."

"I have it" said Joe. "You tape your hands to the stick—right-handed—the next time we practice and then you'll have a good grip on it and you can go out and surprise the bunch."

But Mac never tried this novel experiment. It would be rather hard on him if he wanted blow his nose, etc.

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Tommy Smith may be Wanderers yet. Quebec players, however, state that they think Tommy would just as soon remain out of the game altogether this winter.

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Those "official bowling papers" will probably get the scores of Thursday evening's matches before the end of this year.

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The Prohibition bill has caused quite a lot of "dry" wit around these parts.

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How about taxing the people before they come out of the shows as well. Betcha' Mitchell never thought of that.

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Popular Pastime, No. 646:— Trying to get the "kids" asleep before Santa comes.

D. & A. AND ROSS TEAMS WINNERS

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE OPENED AT THE ARENA LAST EVENING.

Despite the big snowstorm last night, the attendance at the opening of the Commercial Hockey League at the Arena was very fair.

Two good games were played on a splendid sheet of ice, D. & A. winning the first one by defeating Samson & Filion, 4 to 0, and Ross Rifle defeating last years' champions, Quebec Railway, by two to one, after a very strenuous contest.

The first game was not as one-sided as the score might indicate, and the play was pretty evenly dibided, the D. & A., however, being more effective around the opponents nets. Lots of hard knocks were handed out in this game, and the referees were kept busy.

The second game was very cleanly played though hard fought and the Railwaymen were in the fight until the end.

President Paquet of the Commercial League is pleased with the showing of the teams, and expects a big season.

The teams lined up as follows:

First Game.

Samson & Filion.	D. & A.
Goal.	
W. Frenette	A. Tanguay
Point.	
Jos. Samson	R. Boucher
Cover.	
M. Lemieux	R. Giroux
Center	
Paul Lemieux	A. Lachance
Right Wing	
J. Belanger	H. Gagnon
Left Wing.	
A. Robitaille	J. A. Morency

Substitutes.

Jos. Simard ... E. Pepin
Jos. Tremblay ... H. Genest
George Egan ... M. Giroux
N. Routhier ... A. Morency

The Officials.

Referee: Charles Nolan.
Assistant: A. Demers.
Timer: D. Kerr.
Scorer: L. O. Pouliot.

The Summary.

First Period.

1—D. & A., H. Gagnon	5.09
2—D. & A., A. Morency	10.00
Second Period.	
3—D. & A., A. Morency	4.50
Third Period.	
4—D. & A., A. Lachance	6.50

Second Game.

Quebec Railway.	Ross Rifle.
Goal.	
A. Demers	Frenette
Point.	
Geo. McCarron	Racine
Cover Point.	
J. Legendre	Douglas
Centre.	
W. Power	Kelly
Right Wing.	
H. Matte	Marier
Left Wing.	
J. Patry	Kane

Substitutes.

L. Croteau ... Moreau
C. Brugse ... Marier
F. Paradis ... Gagne
Frank Johnson ...

Officials.

Same as first match.

The Summary.

First Match.

1—Ross Rifle, Kelly	8.00
Second Match.	
2—Ross Rifle, Marier	12.00
Third Period.	
3—Que. Railway, Power	5.25

BOWLING.

SILLERY WON THREE.

The Sillery team of the Class "B," Independent Leaue, rolled the highest total yet put on by any of the Class "B" teams, last night, incidentally taking three strings from the Laval five. The team total was 2387, which beats the Victoria mark of 2344 made earlier in the season. "Billy" Aubin, of the Sillery team, also tops the scorers with 527, beating previous marks of 513, made by Ledden, of St. Pat's, and Gagnon, of the Discharge Depot. It is not likely that these records will stand, as the boys are improving with every game.

Fred. Belanger was again the high man, totalling 467 for his three strings.

The matches were played on Brochu's alleys, the scores being:

Laval.

A. Duquet	111	...	...	111
St. F. Hamel	...	134	144	278
Jos. Hamel	140	133	166	439
Lemay	143	165	129	437
F. Belanger	170	156	131	467
E. Durand	172	143	127	442
Totals	736	731	707	2174

Sillery.

A. Gauthier	161	134	171	466
H. Davis	187	145	161	493
R. Frechette	150	143	174	467
T. Aubin	121	151	162	434
W. Aubin	179	177	178	527
Totals	791	750	846	2387

Sillery won three strings.

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What To Drink This Xmas

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New York, December 21—It is possible that local boxing enthusiasts will witness a ten-round bout between Les Darcy, the Australian middleweight, and Billy Miske, of St. Paul. Tex Rickard, the western promoter, who is at present negotiating for a ten-round bout, in which the principals will be either Jess Willard, world's heavyweight champion, Georges Carpentier, champion of Europe, or Les Darcy, today intimated that such a match would be staged if satisfactory terms could be entered into by the parties concerned.

"Miske's showing against Jack Dillon the other night impressed me favorably," said Mr. Rickard, when seen tonight, "and if an emergency arose where I found it hard to get a suitable opponent for either Carpentier or Darcy, I would not hesitate an instant in negotiating with Miske for a match with either man. Darcy will arrive in this country shortly and I think that he and Miske would make an attractive match."

Mr. Rickard also said that he had positive information as regards the present whereabouts of the Australian boxer, and added that he would announce something definite in this respect in the course of a few days. When asked about negotiations for a lease of Madison Square Garden, Mr. Rickard said that there were no developments.

THE CHRISTMAS FEELING.

I like the Christmas feeling that is filling the air,
That fills the streets and busy stores, and scatters everywhere;
I like the easy manner of the people on the street,
The bundle-laden people and the shop girls smiling sweet.

There's a glow of warmth and splendor in the windows everywhere,
There's a glow in people's faces which has lately stolen there;
And everywhere the bells ring out with merry peal and chime,
Which makes me like the feeling of the Happy Christmas time.

I like the Christmas feeling, there is nothing can compare
With the free and kindly spirit that is spreading everywhere;
The rich, the poor, the young and old all catch its atmosphere,
And every heart for once is full of good old Christmas cheer.

I like to feel the presents as they reach me day by day;
The presence of the presents drives my loneliness away.
To feel that I'm remembered is a feeling most sublime,
The feeling of the feeling of the Happy Christmas time.

—Joe Conc.

"Doc" Foster at the Ross Rifle attends to the Quebec players who are working in the factory. Foster is a "first-aid" man and Jack McDonald and Joe Malone have already been attended by him. McDonald got a bad cut over the eye lately but the "Doc" fixed it up in great shape.

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PERSONAL

Mr. D. O. L'Esperance has left for guest at the St. Louis.

Mr. G. Fournier, of Montreal, is a guest at the St. Louis.

Mr. A. Devine, of Parent, P.Q., is registered at the St. Louis.

Mr. J. J. Frantz, of Kingston, Ont is staying at the St. Louis.

Mr. G. McGown, of Montreal, is a guest at the St. Louis Hotel.

The Hon. Senator Thibaudeau, of Montreal has arrived in the city.

His Grace Archbishop Bruchesi baptized in the private Chapel of the Cathedral, Montreal, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Pierre F. Casgrain. The Godparents of the child are Sir Rodolphe and Lady Forget.

Mr. Murray Kennedy and Miss M. Kennedy are spending Christmas at the Chateau.

Mr. Edgar Clement has left for Boston on business. He will be away for a couple of days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Frances have lef for Boston, where they will spend Christmas with friends.

Mrs. E. B. Garneau and her two young daughters have returned to the city, after visiting Bermuda and New York.

Mr. Arthur Savard, who is attending McGill University has arrived in the city to spend the Christmas vo cation.

Eric, son of Mrs. Harold L. Scott, who has been attending school at Lakefield, Ontario, has returned home for the Christmas holidays.

Brigadier-General A. E. Swift, D.S.O., left last night for England, where he will organize the 11th Brigade, Fifth Division, at Witley Camp.

Lieut. Gerard Garneau, of the 163rd Battalion, son of Mrs. E. B. Garneau, is attached to the Garrison at Bermuda, before leaving for the front.

The engagement is announced of Miss Marguerite Gingras, daughter of the late Mr. A. Gingras, formerly Postmaster of Faubourg, St. John, to Mr. Regis Belanger, St. Pierre, Mont magny.

Hon. Rodolphe and Mde. Lemieux, accompanied by Miss Clothilde, and Master Roddy Lemieux, are leaving Ottawa next week for Quebec to spend New Year's with Mde. Lemieux's parents, Sir Louis and Lady Jette.

STATEMENT ISSUED AT VIENNA.

Vienna, via London, Dec. 22—The following official statement was issued today outlining the policy of the new Ministry:

"This government has been entrusted with the direction of affairs at a serious time, and office has been assumed with a feeling of the greatest responsibility. Its first aim will be the restoration of full constitutional conditions and the creation of necessary conditions for that purpose and for the assembling of parliament.

"Among its earliest tasks will be the conclusion of a treaty between the two states constituting the monarchy regarding economic relations. Another task will be the establishment of closer economic relations with the German empire. Both tasks will tend toward the political and economic consolidation of Austria.

"Other tasks in prospect are social problems which have considerably increased in importance since the war, the development of popular education and new regulations for state economy The duty of feeding the people will be the first care of the Ministry."

STORM IN BUFFALO.

Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 22.—Buffalo is tonight in the grip of the worst storm of the season. Six inches of snow fell within two hours this afternoon, crippling railroad and street car service. Three lake steamers bound from Fort William with grain which were due at Buffalo this morning had not come into the harbor at a late hour tonight. The boats are the Hazard, the J. J. Sullivan and the Price McKinney. Their arrival will close navigation on Lake Erie.

DUKE MAKES SPEECH.

New Governor-General Does Not Mince Words.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—"It is abundantly clear from what has happened in the last few days that there can be no peace until the full fruits in this great struggle in which we are engaged have been won," declared His Grace the Duke of Devonshire at the Christmas banquet to returned soldiers in the Fleming Convalescent Home tonight.

"By the work of the men who fight and those in authority in the Empire," he continued, "we shall be able to demand such terms of peace as will give us ample security and full reparation. It may be a long time before we obtain this but no matter how long we will carry it through."

The Governor-General made the above declaration in replying to a toast to his health and was vigorously applauded by two hundred of the men who have fought the Empire's battles overseas.

GIRLS STEALS TO GET BEAUTIFUL CLOTHES.

Trapped When She Buys Things in Another's Name.

New York, Dec. 22—A 17-year-old salesgirle, who wanted things to wear that would not make her ashamed when men took her to restaurants, was arrested when she was buying a coat, scarf and gloves worth $72, in a 34th Street departmental store, and having them charged to Mrs. K. Gilman of Fifth avenue. The girl gave her name as Anna J. Rose, and said she worked in a Brooklyn department store and lived in Brooklyn.

The police say that she saw Mrs. Gillman buying some things and having them charged in the store several months ago. Then, they say, Miss Rose had cards engraved with Mrs. Gillman's name, and began to buy fine clothes and have them charged Mrs. Gillman complained, and the girl was trapped. She waived examination when arraigned before Magistrate Brough in the Jefferson Market court and was held for trial.

COOK GETS $20,000 HEART BALM

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 22—Twenty-thousand dollars for breach of promise to marry was awarded Margaret Strand against P. Malone, a wealthy mining man of Fairbanks, Alaska, by whom she was formerly employed as camp cook, when a jury in the superior court at Seattle, Wash., reported recently. The jury, composed of six men and six women, deliberated half an hour.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT AGAINST MILLIONAIRE

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 22—George Orme, Dundas's millionaire mayor, is in St. Joseph's Hospital here after having undergone an operation. When he recovers he will be called upon to face a charge of assaulting Frank Lalor, M.P. The charge was laid several days ago, but the case was laid over because the defendant had to come to Hamilton for an operation.

ROBBER STRIPS PREACHER.

Youngstown, O, Dec. 21—Clad only in a blanket, Rev. C. C. Chain, of the Hubbard Methodist church, shivers in his home, without a stitch of wearing apparel. A burglar entered his home and took all of the clergyman's wardrobe, even to his hose supporters and socks. The burglar took nothing else, not even a birthday collection box which was standing on the table.

DEATH REVEALS ILLEGAL WHISKEY

Eureka, Cal., Dec. 14.—Death frustrated an illegal attempt to bring liquor from California into the state of Oregan. Shortly before the steamer F. A. Kilburn arrived from San Francisco, Dean Bishop, once a photographer of Portland, Ore., died in his stateroom. A subsequent examination of his possessions revealed two kegs of whisky imbeded in excelsior in his trunk. Bishop had only 15 cents in money.

CANADA PUTS BAN ON MORE HUN PAPERS

Ottawa, Dec. 22—The ban has been placed on another batch of enemy publications whose corculation in Canada is debarred from the mails. The papers shut out thus are: The New York Freeman's Journal; Die Abendschule, St. Louis; the Biez Bozy, Chicago; the Westlicher Herold, Volksblatt De Westens and Sonntags, of Winona, Minnesota; Der Wandered, St. Paul; Narodna Wola, Scranton, and the Tagliche Abende Presse and the Cincinnati Freie Press of Cincinnati.

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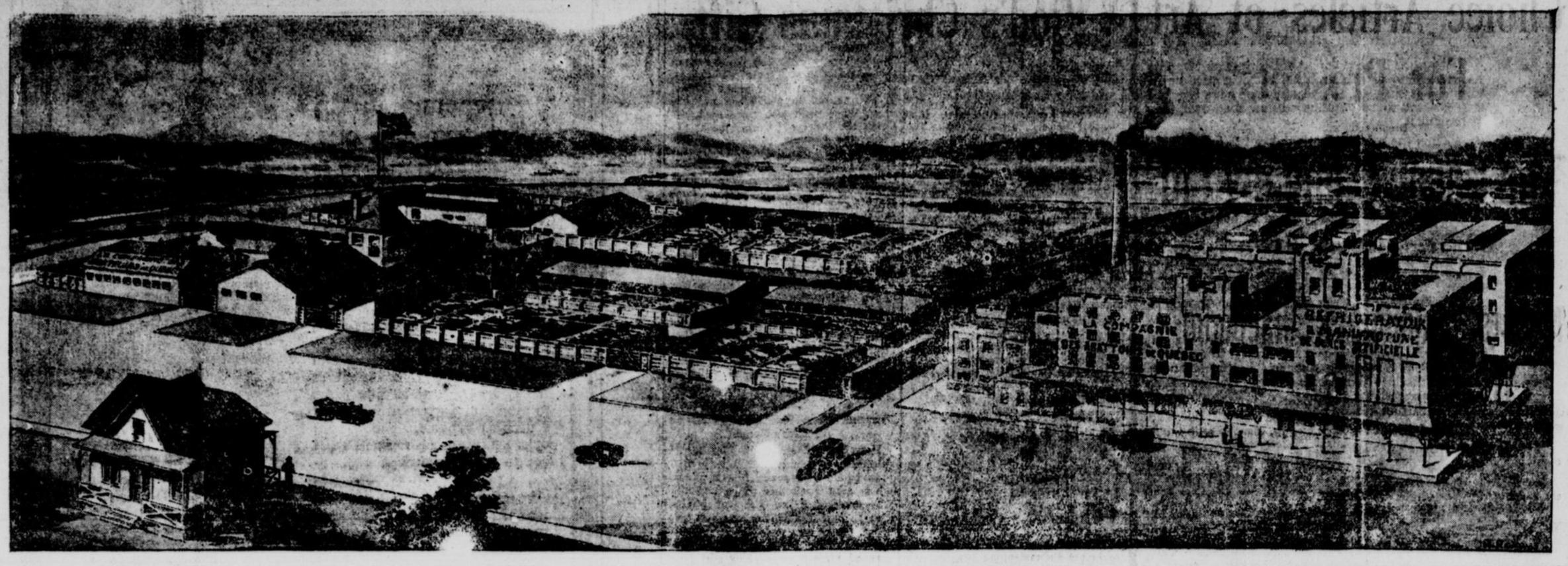
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God's Christmas Gift

By Kathleen Bowker

"France—Sept. 20th, 1914.

Three cheers for the news, lassie! It was better than a battle. A boy! We'll make him into a soldier, won't we Jean? And always have a fighter for the Empire, in the family. We had been for hours in the trenches when the letter came, and were stiff and sore, and cold. But your news was too good to keep to myself, and somehow it spread like wildfire. These Frenchmen are fine chaps and all the fellows were interested. You would think I was the King (I felt like him), they way they spoke about it, and weer so pleased, and said the little chap would be a mascot for the battalion, the first "War Baby." They started a kind of celebration, even the cooks put an extra flavor in the stew, "To celebrate the birth of Monsieur the Baby," the Frenchies said. The officers sent us some jam and things for our mess, and the Major himself congratulated me. After every shell that bursts near us now, the French fellows call along "Is all well with Father of Monsieur the Baby?" You could almost think I was the baby, they're so keen on me, since it happened."

There was more to this of Jock's letter; a lot more; that brought the color into Jean's pale cheeks, and a tender look into her eyes. She bent over her little sleeping son, and whispered sentences from the letter into his ear; and when he stirred and smiled, who shall blame her for the fancy that it was in response to her words?

She was so happy she, forgot to be anxious, for a a little while. Her husband's pleasure renewed her own joy, and the little scene on the bitter field of battle seemed to bridge the miles that separated them, and made her visualize him, sharing parenthood with her.

It was in the early weeks of October that the news came, "Killed in Action;" and there was need of the baby then to help her to bear the terrible days that followed, and give her strength to endure life for them both.

Jock's Major was a son of the owner of the great English estate at whose gates Jean lived, and the kind lady of the manor came to try and comfort and help the broken hearted girl wife.

"Think how proud Jock was of you, and be worthy of his pride," said the brave lady. "That's our share for our country, my poor crild; and you may be a proud woman to think that you have given one man to the Empire, and can bring up another to take his place."

"To be food for the pitiless guns," cried Jean, holding her baby close "what's the good o' glory, and talking about the flag! That's all very well for the happy people, but to us who have lost the best of our lives, it just makes it feel worse. Oh, my lady, I don't want to be ungrateful, but you don't understand."

The lady's mind fluttered back to thoughts of life in India with her soldier husband; years of a desperate desultory fighting there. Years of a never sleeping vigilance for him, and a never ceasing anxiety for her; of the long slow months of the South African war, where the Trumpets of Peace had sounded over the grave of her eldest son; of the one now in the zone of fire; and she sighed softly.

"Perhaps I don't," she said. "But I want you to do something for me, Jean. I have a young lady staying with me, not any older than you are. She married a cousin of mine, a week before the war broke out, and he went abroad with the very first of the Forces. She is a Canadian; but she didn't go home. She stayed here to help me (whom she never saw before) take care of these wounded men who have come to be our guests. But she is terribly anxious; and she's terribly lonely, too. I want you to let her come and cuddle the baby sometimes."

"Vivian," said the lady of the manor that evening, to her Canadian guest, "I've got a new 'chore' for you." I want you to go and see that little girl, the wife of poor Davis (my son's servant), who was killed the other day; such a nice young fellow, industrious, intelligent, handsome and gay. I don't wonder that she's heart broken, and she's just a child, and Scotch, they both were, and they were both well educated, rather superior people, too. She has nobody here of her own, and though the other women are good to her, she just sits and cries. They'd only been married a year; and there's a young baby. Perhaps she isn't very strong, yet. But she just seems to have gone to pieces. She'll kill the baby if she goes on like that. I can't think of any tonic that would be so good for her, as you would. She lives in a pretty cottage just beyond the Lodge gates. I don't want to kill you child; but do you think that you have room for one more, in addition to all the maimed and the halt, and the blind, to whom you have been eyes and feet and hands, and heart, too, since we turned this place into a hospital?"

"I think I'll go and bath the baby in the morning," said Vivian from her footstool at the lady's side, where they sat in front of the fire together. She looked up in the older woman's face with a whimsical smile of comprehension. "What a good guesser you are, Auntie Minerva. Times, I can fairly hear the owl in your helmet, "Too-whit-too-whooing.'"

She The lady addressed as Auntie Minerva, laughed a little; and they fell to discussing details of the work to which the great house was given up. The little bride had thrown herself into it heart and soul, and was having a great success with the convalescents. She was a curious mixture, being in many ways the last word in modern feminism, with a large share of boyish frankness that was a continual and refreshing surprise. Of medium height, slim, with a style in dress that was thoroughly Parisian, she would never be called pretty. But she was possessed of enough of that mysterious quality called "charm," to have endowed two ordinary women. Her slumberous eyes were oddly arresting; and when she laughed, her wonderful teeth lit up her dark almost sallow face, like sunshine from behind a cloud.

Whatever the batn that they gave it together, she and Jean, may have done for the baby, it seemed to have washed some of the corroding sadness out of the heart of the mother. The common cause of youth seemed to break down the ordinary barriers, and in ministering to little Jock, and encouraging each other, each girl eased her own sore heart.

"Just think what I've discovered, Auntie Minerva," cried Vivian one day, bursting into the room where the lady sat entrenched behind a perfect fortress of correspondence. "You know that nice jolly little Belgian, Vaucamps, the lame one with a hole in his shoulder, and the pretty manners? You know how cheery he is, always telling stories to the grouchy ones, and singing songs and things. A lot of them were grouped around him today, and when I came to the door, and stopped to listen to what he was telling them, they were so interested, nobady saw me; and would you believe it! He told them the whole story of "the father of Monsieur the baby," just as Big Jock told it in that pathetic letter to Jean; only much more dramatic—he has a real gift that way. That is where he got wounded himself, the very same fight where Jock was killed. He says Jock was as brave as a lion, and was in the very front rank of the charge. My Belgian saw him fall. But he never saw him again, poor fellow. I've often thought that if Jean could go and cry over him, in a real genuine comfy grave, to which she could transplant flowers from the very borders where he set them out himself, the loneliest part of it would be gone. It's the intangible horror; she can't think of him resting in any one place." . . ." the girl stopped. Her face and voice seemed suddenly like that of a runner, desperately mounting some cruel ascent. Last week her husband had been officially reported "missing."

"It's all right, Auntie Minerva" she said presently, from the place where she knelt, inside the fortress of letters, with her cheek against that lady's sustaining hand. "What I meant to say was, could I take Vaucamps down to see Jean this afternoon? He is lonely, too, really. And being kind to somebody else would help Jean a lot, I think. I could take him down in one of the wheel chairs. I can push him all right myself. I'd rather take him alone. I'll take him very gently, and I don't think it will hurt him a bit. He speaks such good English. Yes, he travelled for some Belgian firm before the war, and has such a gift of description, she would understand it all so well. He could make it seem far less sad to her, I think."

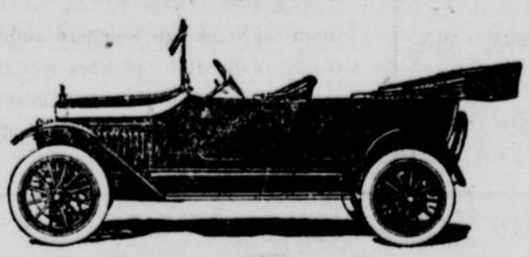
It was Vaucamps who told the lady of the manor about it afterwards, beginning and ending with the same words.

"Ah, madame, she is wonderful, Mees Vivian" (somehow everybody called her that, it seemed to bring her nearer to them). "She grouped us in the sunshine; me, that I could not grow chill, she close to the gap in the hedge where I could look over quiet hills, and see the warm colors

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of the English winter that November is bringing; all the soft browns and reds, and blues and purples, like a banked fire. And the wife of the father of Monsieur le Bebe, her she had placed on a bench, where the sun was warm on the house wall, with le Bebe in her arm. The flowers were nodding at her knees, the very flowers that the father of Monsieur le Bebe had planted in the spring; those late sweet wall flowers, and the cheerful crysanthemums, and the Michaelmas daisies, like cloudy smoke from a censor. So I told her Madame, just as it happened. How the letter came, and how great the news was to the father; and how pleased were all his friends — and he had many friends—his generous soul, his simple friendly heart, had made many love him. And I told of the news, how it pleased us all; how we regarded him with pride and took pleasure in knowing each day, that all was well with the father of Monsieur le Bebe. And I told her of the charge—ah!" —his eyes flashed, and the little man sat up straighter, "that was a Man's ending; not maimed and broken like me, to be wheeled about by kind (so kind) ladies; but to go forward, the equal of any man, to the last moment of life, aye, and to lead men, for he did lead them. He outran his company, and leaped first upon the parapet of a German trench, his face to the foe; ah!— Oh yes, she cried when I told her, that little mother of Monsieur le Bebe. But he, he laughed, and made the noise of babies, and waved his little hand. And Mees Vivian, she said, 'See Jean, he cheers for the brave soldier,' and more she said, gay brave things, and laughed, even while the tears flashed from her big eyes. And at the last she said, 'Monsieur le Bebe is cold now Jean, and wants his rations,' and she took them indoors—and I waited. Then, presently, me, she takes home; very quiet she walks; and says nothing; till we come to the gates, and then she says, soft but brave, 'Always we will be proud of our soldiers, very proud we will be; for if we have not pride, what have we?' Yes, she is wonderful, Mees Vivian."

Truly she was wonderful, like many surprising girl. Every day she scanned the papers for news; but the riot of words told her nothing that she wanted to know. Every day she found time, among her multitudinous self-imposed duties (sternest duties of all) to see Jean, and tell her wise things to do for Monsieur le Bebe; sometimes to bath and dress him, and to say how he had grown; sometimes to bring work for Jean to do; work that did not try her strength, but that gave her a purpose, and kept her thoughts moving.

Sometimes the lady of the manor went too. And very often, Vaucamps went, in his wheeled chair. He would be pushed into the garden by kind hands, and there he would sit and hold the sleeping child, and croon; and watch Jean go about her work.

More and more, he took to watching Jean. By and by, as his wounds healed, and he was able to hobble about, he helped her; and always, he watched her. Never could he fight again "equal with any man;" but there was much he could do, dozens of jobs that his deft fingers and quick brain helped to make easier for others. And it was wonderful how many things he taught Jean to think he could do for her.

"He doesn't really know it yet, and Jean doesn't even dream of it," said Vivian wisely to the the Lady of the Manor, "but he's been far more to her and done far more for her, than I have. He's a genius in his way. He knows every trick of the heart, and how to turn her weeping to wisdom. I don't believe that her Hero ever understood her half so well. Vaucamps does understand her. Poor Vaucamps."

"Poor Vaucamps?"

"Yes. But he has a reward of a kind, too, and humor in the pathos of his understanding. One must always laugh at oneself, musn't one?" The starlight of her smile broke out. 'But it can't hurt, one's own laughter.'

As Chrostmas drew nearer, Vivian and Vaucamps laid their wise head together to devise a suitable entertainment for Monsieur le Bebe.

There were to be all sorts of fun for the convalescents.

"But such things are not good for the little soldiers of the future. Too late, and too much noise. And too much strain for the mother, if she were to bring him."

So said Vivian. And with Vaucamps' help, she trimmed a wonderful little tree, whose roots, instead of being set in earth, were wedged into a collection of mysterious little parcels. A tree that fairly sprang from gifts in plenty.

An exceptional little tree. But sure even so rare a variety was not sufficient to account for the mysterious confabulations that sprang suddenly up between the two conspirators. Not enough to account for a flying visit to London, on Vivian's part or for the almost superhuman effort of Vaucamps, who hobbled the whole way to the station through the snow, to meet her on her return; on which occasion Vivian leaned out of the carriage window, crying, "I've got it! I've got it!"

Percels emerged; with her; after her; and later, from the luggage van. But apparently the one she spoke of was not amongst them, for leaving everything to go up to the Manor with a servant, Vivian sat down then and there in the little station waiting room, for a long talk with eager Belgian.

At the end, she said, "To please me, you'll go alone. I couldn't bear to spoil anything in that picture, and I might—now—"

The little mad drew himself up, and saluted. "I go alone then, by your order."

"You are a brave man Vaucamps," she said.

The vening of December twenty-fourth found both Vaucamps and Vivian at Jean's cottage, with wreaths and gay streamers, and holly.

"For the Baby dear Jean," said Vivian. "Not for any sad feelings or sore hearts in this wide world must any little soul be deprived of the scents and sounds of the season."

She hung a great big red paper bell in the window as she spoke, and the child up to it.

"See—he rings it for Luck—and Love," she said, as the tiny fingers touched the bright toy. Then she put the child in his mother's arms, and was gone swiftly.

"No word for her yet?" said Jean.

"No word,' said the man; "Brave she is, braver than many a soldier with a wonderful high courage; but she waits—and waits—and longs—and longs—. Always that strain of waiting."

"She has always Hope," said Jean.

"Forlorn Hope," said the man, with a sign, "the hope this is hardest of all."

Jean drew a little chair to the fire, and sat down, the child in her arms.

"Any hope is good," she said. "Any living hope."

The little twisted soldier hobbled about the room, gathering up the broken twigs and leaves, making up the fire, and giving tidy little touches to the room. Then he sat down on the opposite side of the hearth, and there was silence between them, while she rocked and sang to the baby, and he watched her—always watched her.

At last he said, "You have been very kind to a poor foreigner Jean." "You are no like a foriegner now," she said "You're nearly English."

He smiled a little.

"You helped me then, to be that!

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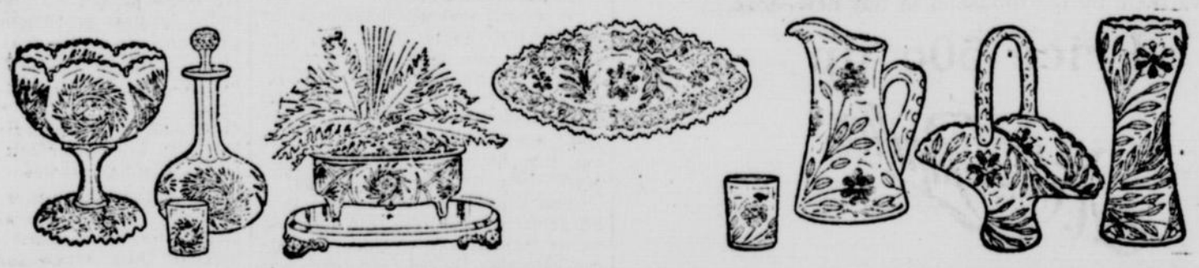
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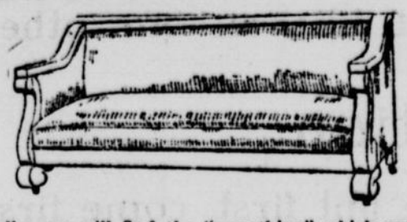
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GOD'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

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But"—a fierce dark look swept across his face—"I am all Belgian when I think of my unhappy country. Ah! Perhaps I am of all times most English when I think of that! But I would not talk of that tonight. It is not for the little pink ears of M. le Bebe."

"He's sleeping," she said softly; "talk of what you wish." She lifted her deep unselfconscious eyes to his face, and went on in her gentle voice. "Youve ben aye kind to me, too, though while you may think that I haven't noticed it. You've helped me to bear the pain—you've never worried me; but always, when I've needed you, you've been there, you, and Miss Vivian."

"Ah! Mees Vivian," he said; and he turned his eyes sway from her, and looked into the fire. Then, with a little twist to his mouth, that may have been a smile: "Mees Vivian, she has been to town lately, and bought—no—not quite bought—has found; obtained; a gift for M. le Bebe. A gift, rare! And she thinks, most acceptable."

"Miss Vivian always has good thoughts," said Jean. "My Jock thought her a wonderful fine young lady. But he didn't know, my poor lad, all that she is."

"He'll be glad to know" said Vaucamps.

"Yes, he'll be glad of the help she is to me, the kindness she shows to my poor fatherless bairn. Even in Heaven, that knowledge that would make him more glad.

"Even in Heaven," Vaucamps repeated to the firelight in the little room.

But he rose to his feet almost as he spoke.

"Come Jean," he cried, "It's Christmas Eve, and the house is too dark. Let us light candles—and a fresh log for the fire—and another candle here—and the table here."

Jean looked at his sudden activity in surprise.

"It's a waste," she said. "So many candles just to light you and me."

"Is it just you and me," he said, "You and M. le Bebe. It is well that they should be lighted, to receive this present that Mees Vivian has—prepared. It is ungracious of you if you wait in the dark for this—gift."

"You'll wake baby," said Jean.

"For that I care not. M. le Bebe has the sense of years; he will like, when he is a grown man to know that he wakened. And you? Mees Vivian prepared a surprise for you too. She is sending you—a—a—" (his eyes never left her quiet face) "a Lodger."

"A Lodger? said Jean blankly.

"'Tis a soldier, one wounded, but recovering, a man for you to tend, and restore to health."

"I want no man in my house," said Jean sternly. "I'll have none."

"Jean! Would you then refuse lodging to me?"

"Oh!—you— But do you not want to lodge here?"

He was silent a moment.

"It is not I that will lodge here" he said, a little sadly: "But this man Jean, is as one come back from the dead. They thought him dead. He came very close to Death. He was lost in a German Prison. Then came some whisper, some tiniest clue; no one thought of the little clue only Mees Vivian and she—she—Hush!"

Something in his voice more than his actual words, drew Jean suddenly to her feet. In the stillness, the garden gate gate clicked, and there was the sound of slow steps up the path; slow, but assured, as of one who knew his way in the dark.

A hand on the outer latch—and then—

"Jock! Oh! JOCK!" cried Jean. And somehow the door was open, and they were together.

Vaucamps, hobbling up the frosty road under the stars—dim stars tonight — murmured to himself, "No longer need one ask 'Is it well with the father of M. le Bebe'".

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

Christmas Reflections.

The spirit of Christmas! Christmis is a spirit. The character that embodies that spirit is what we want to carry all the year. Providing a feast for the poor one day in the year is not enough, and if that is the way we represent Christmas we are verily false witnesses.

The word Christmas comes, as we might guess, from Christ, and, the "mas," from the latin, mossa, to send. It is the time when gifts are sent to Christ, or to those who represent Him. The first Christmas then, was the day when the Wise Men brought their gifts to the Christ child; gold, frankincense, myrrh and adoration. The day has been observed in some form for many centuries.

Christmas also commemorates the coming of Christ into the world. This event is known in theological language as the Incarnation. It is in this, the greatest event in human history, that we may study the true spirit of Christmas.

We can say then in the first place that it is a spirit which seeks the happiness of others. What a dreary world it was when Christ came. Caesar reigned supreme in the political realm. His voice echoed throughout the world. There was no deliverer from political or spiritual slavery. "Deep weariness and sated lust made human life a hell." Men toiled on without cheer. Faith was dying and song was dead. But as Christ came joy arose. Immediately things changed. The dull shepherds on Judah's hills heard the angels singing. So the shepherds rejoiced, the parents rejoiced, the wise men rejoiced. And all the way through the days of the Master's stay upon earth He was making men happy and showing them the secret of the joy that would abide forever.

The spirit of Christmas is to find out where there is the most need for help. There is truth in the saying that one-half of the world does not know how the other halt lives. Near where we live some one may be needing a friend or some help in the worst way. The Christmas spirit divines such cases and is swift to send relief, and thus bring joy.

The Christmas spirit is a spirit of faith. That world into which Christ came was a hard world. For long generations the people among whom He lived had rejected the prophets and stoned those that were sent unto them. He believed there was hope. He threw himself with infinite grace and boundless enthusiasm into the situation. He knocked at the doors of the lowly. He allied Himself with but one class—those who were hungry for the truth. He served men. Men came to believe in Him, and follow Him. The hard hearts were melted. A new day dawned.

The Christmas spirit is a spirit of sympathy. Christ got alongside of men. He shared their lives, their burdens, their hopes, and thus led them into closer fellowship with the Father of all. Here was a new thing in the world. There is just one royal road to the human heart; it is the road over which Christ travelled. As Macaulay so forcibly puts it in his essay on Milton: "It was before deity embodied in a human form, walking among men, partaking of their infirmities, leaning on their bosoms, weeping over their graves, slumbering in the manger, bleeding on the cross, that the prejudices of the Synagogue and the pride of the Portico, and the swords of thirty legions were humbled in the dust." Our sentiments of generosity and feelings of pity must be incarnated in flesh and blood to fulfil the divine will. The gift without the giver is bare. A few gifts bestowed here and there out of our fulness may be the merest mockery of the Christmas spirit. Giving is sharing. To save childhood, first be a child, to save manhood be a man.

Christmas is social. God wants men to be happy. He hates factions. Christ came to break down old barriers and bring men together. How noticeably men draw near each other at Christmas. Old feuds are dropped. Families are united. Ties of kinship and brotherhood made stronger. The world is drawn closer. The Christmas spirit will be realized when the "former things" are passed away and the world is one happy family. Citizen and saint should be synonymous terms.

The Christmas spirit is a divinely radiant spirit that should develop life with a continuous halo. Our great need today is for an illumination of the commonplace. We do ont see the divinity in our lives and our lots as we should. Look again over St. Luke's story: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them...And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God." There you have it; the quiet, dull shepherds, the routine task, the dull night, the tedious hours. Suddenly! In this glory all may share, and thus make life sublime. Put some angels—or rather let them come—and some mysteries, and some miracles, into your life. That is the spirit of Christmas.

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Bopp admitted existence of a "secret" German consulate "war fund" aggregating more than $100,000. Some of the money, he said, came from the German Embassy in Washington. John Preston, United States District-Attorney, was endeavoring to show that the alleged conspiracies were financed on a gigantic scale. He asked Bopp if this war fund ever reached $1,000,000. Bopp said that it had not.

Rubber and Nickel.

"We spent the money to buy rubber and nickel for Germany," the consul replied. "We shipped the materials through neutral countries."

To what other uses the money was put was not revealed. While Preston was questioning Bopp about "such an enormous fund," Bopp exclaimed: "Why, the British consulate here has millions."

"What is your attitude regarding the sinking of passenger ships carrying munitions?" Preston asked.

"I didn't cry when I heard of the destruction of such ships," Bopp retorted.

Preston endeavored unsuccessfully to get the witness to admit that sending spies into Canada constituted a military expedition. The court finally headed off further questions along that line and the District-Attorney resumed his effort to show that the employment of Smith as a spy, rather than as a dynamiter was absurd.

STORING FOODS.

Hints How to Keep Vegetables Fresh All Winter.

There are three important considerations in connection with the placing of vegetables in storage. The vegetables themselves should be of good quality, free from disease or bruises; they must not be put in too early or piled so that any heating will take place, and they must not be subjected to an atmosphere which is so dry that it will cause wilting and thereby spoil their quality. It is possible for the home gardener to keep root crops, potatoes, cabbage and squash for months in most house cellars with the exercise of some precautions, even where a cool cellar is not provided.

Vegetables should be stored as far away from the heater as possible, excepting in cellars where freezing occurs. If there is a cement floor it is best to pack the root crops in boxes or barrels and cover the top with clean sand or sifted soil in which there is not much organic matter. A covering of about two inches is sufficient. In case either the commercial grower or the home gardener lacks a storage place there is an alternative which is available to almost every one who has a garden. This is the vegetable "pit." The essentials are a well drained piece of land conveniently located and some material to cover the pit after cold weather comes.

The crops which can be successfully handled in this way are beets, carrots, parsnips, turnips, winter radishes, salsify, horseradish and cabbages. The outdoor vegetable pit is made in the following manner: On the spot selected measure off a space three or four feet wide and as long as desired. Plan to have the pit extend north and south. The soil should be removed eight to twelve inches deep the width of the pit and one-half of the earth thrown out in either side. The bottom of the pit should be made level and the sides cut straight down. The root crops are then piled on the ground the full width of the excavation and brought to a ridge about two and a half feet deep at the center. Rarely will the home gardener need a pit more than six or eight feet long, and it is wisdom for him to mix roots stored so that all sorts can be obtained at one end.

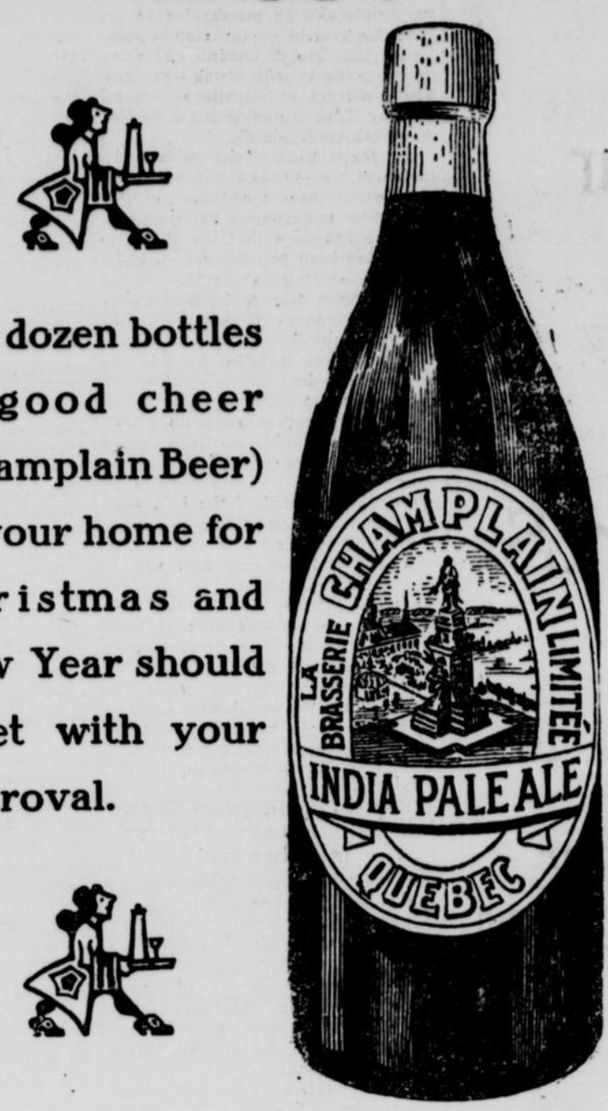
The commercial grower will do well to use the pit for each kind of vegetable stored. The roots should not be piled before the weather is cool. They should be dry and covered with about two inches of soil to prevent frost injury of wilting. As the weather grows colder and preferably after the first soil covering has frozen nearly to the vegetables more covering should be applied to a thickness of two to four inches. It is well to obtain this soil alongside of the pit in such a way that good drainage will be assured. After more cold weather additional covering of straw, meadow hay, leaves of similar good protective material is added.

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TENDERS will be received by the undersigned on or before 4 p.m., January 3rd, 1917, for telegraph poles of the following lengths:—1,700 poles, 25 feet long; 380 poles, 30 feet long, and 370 poles, 35 feet long, also for 800 brace poles, 15 to 20 feet long.

Delivery to commence May 1st, 1917, and to be completed by July 31st, 1917. Tender will be for poles delivered f.o.b. cars Q. L. H. & P. Ry. Co's tracks, Quebec.

Tenders must be sealed and distinctly marked: "Tender for Telegraph Poles."

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

The successful tenderer or tenderers must be prepared to make deposit of ten per cent (10 p.c.) of the amount of the tender.

Specification and form of tender may be obtained at the office of the undersigned, also from Mr. Gordon Grant, Chief Engineer T. C. Ry., Comm., Ottawa, Ont., or Mr. A. Dick, Division Engineer, N. T. C. Ry., Quebec.

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Fobs	$ 1.00 to $ 15.00	Diamond Rings	$5.00 to $1000.00
Cuff Links	.50 to 100.00	Fountain Pens	1.25 to 10.00
Scarf Pins	.50 to 100.00	Watches	2.00 to 250.00
Watch Chains	25.00 to 50.00	Necklaces, Etc., Etc.	

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WITH THE MOTORIST

OTTAWA IS ACTIVE MOTOR CAR CENTRE

Ford Heads List for Popularity in This Year's Record-Breaking Registrations.

With one motor car to every 50 of its people and an increase of 66 per cent this year in its automobile population, the City of Ottawa and vicinity is credited with being the most active market in Canada for motor cars by "The Automobile," a leading American trade journal.

By registration count, it was ascertained that Ottawa and surrounding districts uses 2,500 cars for both recreation and commercial purposes. The records show that the Ford has been the most popular car in point of sales. During the first six months of 1916, more than 50 Ford cars were sold for commercial use, while the year previous, in the same period, only two were installed for business and delivery use.

According to an interview with one of Ottawa's leading automobile men who compiled the statistics given above, they are indicative of the sweep of motor transportation in all parts of tre country. "It is a positive fact," he says, "that every one of these low priced cars sold is productive of at least one more sale in the same neighborhood. Records prove it. That is why local dealers in motor cars look forward to 3,500 to 4,000 cars in Ottawa and vicinity by the same date next year.

"When John Jones buys a car, the whole block knows about it and if it performs well, it is the most powerful argument in the world for one of his neighboring friends to invest."

GREAT AUTO SHOW IN GRAND CENTRAL PALACE, OPENING JANUARY 6TH.

America's greatest exhibition of motor cars and accessories is but two weeks off, the seventeenth annual automobile show under the auspices of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, Inc., opening at Grand Central Palace on Saturday afternoon, Jan. 6, and continuing for one week. That the forthcoming event will be the best of its kind ever held, not only in this country, but abroad as well, is anticipated by S. A. Miles, who manages the annual shows at New York and Chicago for the manufacturers' organization.

While there have been large shows held in London, Berlin and Paris in the years before the war, the exhibition at Grand Central Palace will undoubtedly surpass them all in point of number of exhibitors as well as being distinctly and comprehensively representative of the Nation's motor vehicle industry. All of the exhibitors will be American manufacturers and they will include those whose product provides pleasure and recreation and the highly important business transportation for the man of moderate means as well as the vehicles of the companies catering to the more select whose purse limitations are relatively more extensive. The show will mark the introduction of a number of new cars, mostly in the moderate price class, but the main group of exhibitors will be composed of the companies whose activities have been the foundation stones upon which the industry has been developed. The real pioneers of the industry, whose vehicles are the "sterling" of the automobile world, are among the prominent exhibitors.

All Prices and Designs.

Seldom has a show afforded a prospective car owner such a wide selection of models as will the forthcoming display. No matter what the price limitation or how distinctive the body design may be the man in search of a vehicle conforming with his idea of construction and price without doubt will find it among the cars on view at the Palace. There is such a wide range in the prices of the show cars that it will be possible to satisfy any purse. It is estimated that there will be between 350 and 400 cars and chasses on display, representing about 100 different makes, and the prices of these cars range from $395 to $6,000, with at least one chassis selling for $6,000.

Not only will there be an appreciable variance in the prices of the cars, but every one of the sixteen types of body styles on the market today will be included among the exhibits. And bodies will represent one of the most interesting features of the show to the man in search of changes in the 1917 models over those of last year.

S. A. E. Defines Body Types.

Heretofore there has been a good deal of misconception in regard to the correct definition of the various types of bodies fitted to pleasure car chasses. The Society of Automobile Engineers has officially defined these bodies so that the situation is now considerably clarified in this respect. The sixteen body types defined by the Nomenclature Committee of the Society of Automobile Engineers are the roadster, couplet, coupe, convertible coupe, clover leaf touring car, salon touring car, convertible touring car, sedan, convertible sedan, open sedan, limousine, open limousine, berline, brougham and landaulet.

Twelves, eights sixes, and fours, as distinguishing the engine types, all will be represented, as will be the latest adoption of the automobile engineer for passenger car service—the sixteen-valve engine. On the upper floors of the Palace there will be spread for the inspection of the visitors the hundreds of devices and accessories that have been designed for the comfort and convenience of the motor car owner and to reduce the cost of automobile operation and maintenance. More than 225 exhibitors of parts and accessories have been assigned space and will display the latest in their field.—New York World.

NEW DIRECTOR OF CHALMERS ADVERTISING.

Following his policy of strengthening the sales and advertising organization of the Chalmers Motor Company, E. C. Morse, Vice-President of the Selling Division has just announced the appointment of W. L. Agnew as Director of Advertising.

Mr. Agnew, who has already assumed his new duties, is one of the best known advertising men in the automobile industry. For the past four years he has been advertising manager for the Hudson Motor Car Company and has been responsible for much of the excellent selling copy placed by that concern. Before joining the Hudson Company, he was a prominent member of the copy staff of Lord & Thomas, Chicago advertising agents. A comprehensive merchandising experience includes several years as advertising manager of the Great Northern Railway at the time when the late James J. Hill was lending his enormous energy toward building up a great trans-continental system.

In directing Chalmers advertising policies, Mr. Agnew will promote an advertising campaign of the safe and sane type as opposed to sensationalism. He is a firm believer in plain, straight-from-the-shoulder advertising copy that carries a real selling message and will build the coming Chalmers campaign on quality, performance and price features.

According to Mr. Agnew, Chalmers advertising plans call for wide-spread use of daily newspapers during the coming year. He has a high regard for the ability of newspaper space to deliver the goods, and has directed a large appropriation for this purpose in the 1917 campaign.

FIRESTONE BRANCH OFFICE MANAGERS HOLD CONVENTION

Forty-Six Gather at Akron Factory and Discuss Better Service to Customers.

Every purchaser of Firestone products will benefit from the conference of the company's branch office managers held at Akron, O., this week, H. Topping, local branch office manager, announced upon his return here last Friday.

"Better service through the application of new ideas and methods in the branch offices was the keynote of all discussions at the convention," said Mr. Topping. "Every one in attendance at the meeting will profit from the knowledge and inspiration he gained. And this means that Firestone customers will be benefited.

Mr. Topping was enthusiastic over the convention, and described its activities in detail.

For three days forty-six branch office managers and several travelling auditors of the company conferred jointly with the home office executives, seeking new and better ways of serving the tire-using public. The conference is part of the company's plans for preparing its organization to handle efficiently the big increase in business now in sight for next year, when the plant's production will jump to 20,000 pneumatic tires a day.

Besides being the first of its kind ever held by any of the big Akron rubber concerns, the convention marked another step forward in the progress and growth of Firstone organization. Every year the company plays host to every division of its field force. Only a few weeks ago more than 500 branch managers, salesmen and representatives of the company from all parts of the world met in Akron for the tenth annual sales convention. Within the few months the service men will assemble at the home offiice for a joint conference.

But the most satisfactory result foreseen by company officials is the establishment of a closer bond and better understanding between the home office and field forces. The Firestone company believes that one of the secrets of its success is in the creation of complete understanding and co-operation among the members of its organization through personal contact.

The visitors to the Akron office were welcomed by President H. S. Firestone, who delivered a short address. Other officers of the company who spoke during the convention were R. J. Firestone, Vice-President; J. G. Robertson, Treasurer; S. G. Carkhuff, Secretary; and A. G. Partridge, general sales manager.—New York World.

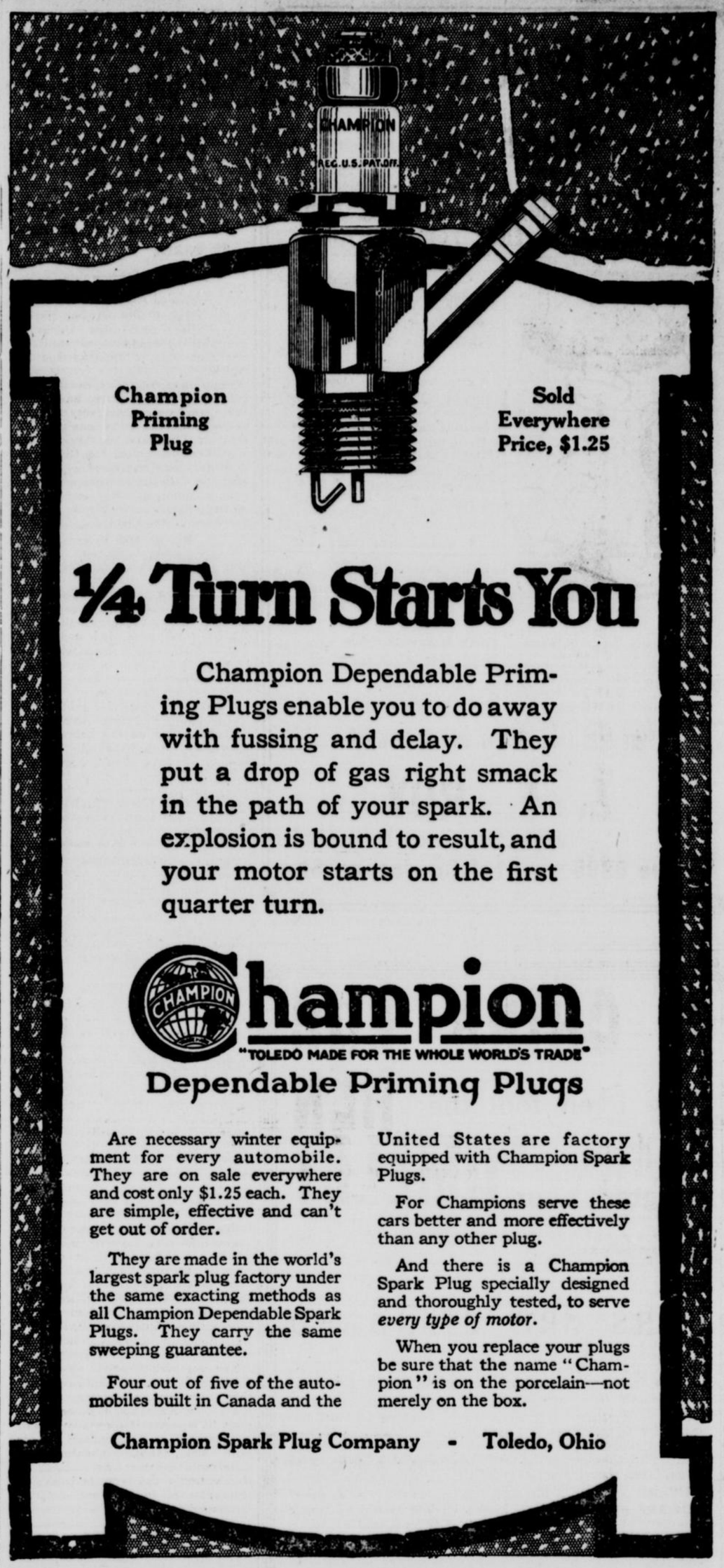
ACTIVE FORD FICTION.

That irresistible humorist who seems to be devoting his life's work to originating and circulating grotesque stories as to the promiscuous sales of Ford cars, is evidently starting in light-heartedly on his winter crop. This is very strikingly demonstrated by the loads of mail received these days by the Ford Motor Company. Letters my the hundreds are coming from all parts of Canada, asking for confirmation of these ridiculous stories.

Some of the preposterous rumors circulated are these:—That Ford cars will be sold for $100 each on Mr. Ford's birthday; that they will be sold for $100 each on his son's wedding day; that they will be sold for $101 each at a certain fixed hour all over the country; that they will be sold for $100 each provided one million individuals send in their names with $1 each enclosed; that a Ford car will be given away to anyone who sends in four dimes, the mint letters of which spell "Ford;" that Ford cars will be sold for $100 each on the day that Ontario goes dry.

Needless to say there is no foundation to such stories or any other reports of reductions in the Ford prices announced by the Ford Motor Company of Canada, Limited, on August 1, 1916. At that time the Company published the statement that no reduction would be made in the new prices before August 1, 1917, although no assurance could be given against an advance at any time.

While amusing on their face these stories are by no means humorous to the clerks and stenographers whose daily duty it is to deny that Ford cars will be sold any time at less than advertised list prices. And even assurances from the factory that cars can be purchased from the Ford dealer in the enquirer's community just as cheaply as at the factory or anywhere else, do not fully convince correspondents that they have not found a way to possess a new Ford car by some lucky chance or at some wonderful reduction from regular prices. —Ford Times for December.



MERRY CHRISTMAS.

The long year darkens to its close,
The fields are white and bare;
Low rides the sun, the day is done,
But joy is in the air;
For it is Christmas! Christmas!
Christmas!

Though the skies be dark and drear;
And in snowy belfries swinging
All the Christmas bells are ringing,
Far and near!

Deepens the gathering gloom of night
Above the wintry snow;
The frosty stars are all alight,
The fireside is aglow;
For it is Christmas, merry Christmas!
Hark, the sound of little hoofs
Sets our pulses all a-tingle
As we hear the sleigh-bells jingle
On the roofs!

The night is still, the bells have ceased
Sweet carols sound afar;
And darkness reigns—lo in the east
A new and radiant Star!
For it is Christmas! Christmas!
Christmas!
Breaks again the blessed morn,
While the joyful bells are ringing,
And the children all are singing:
Christ is born!"

—Willis Boyd Allen, in the December St. Nicholas.

GATHERING IN THE HONEY.

Bee-keepers in Eastern Ontario are the newest class to sing the praises of the Ford car. Mr. Jacob Haberer, of Zurich, Ontario, a prominent bee-keeper, bought a Ford car recently for the quick conveyance of his honey from the scattered hives to his headquarters, and is using it with great success. The value of the car for this use is well illustrated by the fact that on account of the pneumatic tires he has carried home as much as 1,000 pounds of honey at once with practically no breakage of combs. There is nearly always considerable breakage when a wagon is used.

HANDSOME CALENDAR.

With every dozen of Fox Head Ale and Porter purchased from your grocer during the Christmas Holidays, you are entitled to receive a beautiful and artistic calendar.

Our popular Fox Head Ale and Porter are sold everywhere.

The distribution of the calendars commence December 21st.

FOX HEAD BREWERY,
The National Breweries, Limited.

Russia's land area is 8,417,118 square miles.

St. Charles & Huron River Railway Company

NOTICE is hereby given that an application has been made by the St. Charles & Huron River Railway Company to the Quebec Public Utilities Commission for authority to construct, maintain and operate a spur or branch line at mileage 1.55 from Lorette, in the parish of St. Ambroise de la Jeune Lorette, for the purpose of serving the Laurentide Sand & Gravel Company, and that approval of said spur line will be pressed for consideration six weeks after the first publication of this notice or as soon thereafter as the matter can receive attention.

Dated at Toronto, the 28th of November, 1916.

R. H. M. TEMPLE,
Solicitor,
St. Charles & Huron River Railway Company.

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RESORTS.—Old Pt. Comfort, Va.

SHERWOOD INN (FORTRESS MONROE)
Old Point Comfort Va.

Most charming, restful, healthful spot in America. Beautifully located. Refined, attractive, modern. Terms moderate, special wkly. Open all year. Booklet. No snow here.
F. M. Cunningham, Mgr.

HOTEL CHAMBERLIN
OLD POINT COMFORT
Swimming Pool, Golf, Sea-food Cuisine, Every European Bath and Treatment. Write GEO. F. ADAMS, Manager Fortress Monroe, Va., or at the offices of the Grand Trunk Ry.

Colorado has dozens of mountains without names.

CANADA.) In the Record-
Province of Quebec,) er's Court, of the
District of Quebec.) City of Quebec
No. 2913, of 1916.
The City of Quebec,
Plaintiff;
vs.
Lucien Couture, heretofore of our City of Quebec in the District of Quebec, Stenographer,
Defendant.
Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.
Quebec, December 22nd, 1916.
TH. DUBE
Clerk of the Recorder's Court, of the City of Quebec.

CANADA) In the Record-
Province of Quebec,) er's Court, of the
District of Quebec.) City of Quebec
No. 2911, of 1916.
The City of Quebec,
Plaintiff;
vs.
E. Allen, heretofore of our City of Quebec, in the District of Quebec, Conductor,
Defendant.
Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.
Quebec, December 22nd, 1916.
TH. DUBE
Clerk of the Recorder's Court, of the City of Quebec.

CANADA.) In the Record-
Province of Quebec,) er's Court, of the
District of Quebec.) City of Quebec
No. 2236, of 1916.
The City of Quebec,
Plaintiff;
vs.
J. E. Grenier, heretofore of our City of Quebec, in the District of Quebec.
Defendant.
Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.
Quebec, December 22nd, 1916.
TH. DUBE
Clerk of the Recorder's Court, of the City of Quebec.

CANADA) In the Record-
Province of Quebec,) er's Court, of the
District of Quebec.) City of Quebec
No. 2363, of 1916.
The City of Quebec,
Plaintiff;
vs.
Armand Dupuis, heretofore of our City of Quebec, in the District of Quebec.
Defendant.
Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.
Quebec, December 22nd, 1916.
TH. DUBE
Clerk of the Recorder's Court, of the City of Quebec.

CANADA.) In the Record-
Province of Quebec,) er's Court, of the
District of Quebec.) City of Quebec
No. 2169, of 1916.
The City of Quebec,
Plaintiff;
vs.
Theo. Larochelle, heretofore of our City of Quebec, in the District of Quebec.
Defendant.
Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice
Quebec, December 22nd, 1916.
TH. DUBE
Clerk of the Recorder's Court, of the City of Quebec.

CANADA.) In the Record-
Province of Quebec,) er's Court, of the
District of Quebec.) City of Quebec
No. 2894, of 1916.
The City of Quebec,
Plaintiff;
vs.
W. D. McLean, heretofore of our City of Quebec, in the District of Quebec,
Defendant.
Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.
Quebec, December 22nd, 1916.
TH. DUBE
Clerk of the Recorder's Court, of the City of Quebec.

CANADA.) In the Record-
Province of Quebec,) er's Court, of the
District of Quebec.) City of Quebec
No. 2843, of 1916.
The City of Quebec,
Plaintiff;
vs.
Thomas Reil, heretofore of our City of Quebec, in the District of Quebec,
Defendant.
Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.
Quebec, December 22nd, 1916.
TH. DUBE
Clerk of the Recorder's Court, of the City of Quebec.

CANADA,) In the Record-
Province of Quebec,) er's Court, of the
District of Quebec.) City of Quebec
No. 2330, of 1916.
The City of Quebec,
Plaintiff;
vs.
A. A. Paradis, heretofore of our City of Quebec, in the District of Quebec.
Defendant.
Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.
Quebec, December 22nd, 1916.
TH. DUBE
Clerk of the Recorder's Court, of the City of Quebec.

CANADA.) In the Record-
Province of Quebec,) er's Court, of the
District of Quebec.) City of Quebec
No. 2678, of 1916.
The City of Quebec,
Plaintiff;
vs.
Emile Richard, heretofore of our City of Quebec, in the District of Quebec.
Defendant.
Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.
Quebec, December 22nd, 1916
TH. DUBE
Clerk of the Recorder's Court, of the City of Quebec.

CANADA.) In the Record-
Province of Quebec,) er's Court, of the
District of Quebec.) City of Quebec
No. 2681, of 1916.
The City of Quebec,
Plaintiff;
vs.
Louis A. Rheaume, heretofore of City of Quebec, in the District of Quebec.
Defendant.
Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.
Quebec, December 22nd, 1916
TH. DUBE
Clerk of the Recorder's Court, of the City of Quebec.

CANADA,) In the Record-
Province of Quebec,) er's Court, of the
District of Quebec.) City of Quebec
No. 2700, of 1916.
The City of Quebec,
Plaintiff;
vs.
Adjutor Sylvain, heretofore of our City of Quebec, in the District of Quebec, Joiner,
Defendant.
Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.
Quebec, December 22nd, 1916
TH. DUBE
Clerk of the Recorder's Court, of the City of Quebec.

CANADA.) In the Record-
Province of Quebec,) er's Court, of the
District of Quebec.) City of Quebec.
No. 3205, of 1916.
The City of Quebec,
Plaintiff;
vs.
Rev. J. D. Bernier, heretofore of our City of Quebec, in the District of Quebec,
Defendant.
Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.
Quebec, December 22nd, 1916
TH. DUBE
Clerk of the Recorder's Court, of the City of Quebec.

CANADA,) In the Record-
Province of Quebec,) er's Court, of the
District of Quebec.) City of Quebec
No. 3203, of 1916.
The City of Quebec,
Plaintiff;
vs.
Phileas Bouchard, heretofore of our City of Quebec, in the District of Quebec, Carter,
Defendant.
Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.
Quebec, December 22nd, 1916
TH. DUBE
Clerk of the Recorder's Court of the City of Quebec.

CANADA) In the Record-
Province of Quebec,) er's Court, of the
District of Quebec.) City of Quebec
No. 3308, of 1916.
The City of Quebec,
Plaintiff;
vs.
Joseph Langevin, heretofore of our City of Quebec, in the District of Quebec, Bricklayer,
Defendant.
Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.
Quebec, December 22nd, 1916
TH. DUBE
Clerk of the Recorder's Court, of the City of Quebec.

CANADA,) In the Record-
Province of Quebec,) er's Court, of the
District of Quebec.) City of Quebec
No. 2186, of 1915.
The City of Quebec,
Plaintiff;
vs.
Richard Arbeck, heretofore of our City of Quebec, in the District of Quebec,
Defendant.
Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.
Quebec, December 22nd, 1916
TH. DUBE
Clerk of the Recorder's Court of the City of Quebec.

CANADA.) In the Record-
Province of Quebec,) er's Court, of the
District of Quebec.) City of Quebec
No. 3329, of 1916.
The City of Quebec,
Plaintiff;
vs.
J. E. O'Malley, heretofore of our City of Quebec, in the District of Quebec.
Defendant.
Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.
Quebec, December 22nd, 1916
TH. DUBE
Clerk of the Recorder's Court, of the City of Quebec.

Shipping News

GOVERNMENT SHIPS WERE FORTUNATE

MONTCALM AND CHAMPLAIN NOT CAUGHT IN STORM—SS. CARIB.

The scheduled trip of the ice breaker Montcalm to Murray Bay yesterday morning with the C. G. S. Champlain was postponed until this morning. As events shaped up it was most fortunate the vessels were held over as a severe storm broke out during the afternoon and would doubtless have proved very dangerous for any vessel to navigate in. Weather conditions permitting the Montcalm will escort the Champlain to Murray Bay today and will return with the C.G.S. Rouville which has been carrying on the service between Murray Bay and Riviere Ouelle while the Champlain was here for her fall repairs.

C.G.S. Lady Grey and Eureka have arrived in port from Les Eboulements.

The Quebec Salvage & Wrecking Co. steamer Lord Strathcona has reached Murray Bay on her way from Halifax to this port. It is understood that the wrecking steamer will make an attempt to tow the SS. Carib to Quebec providing ice and weather conditions are favorable.

Mr. T. Beland local Agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department announces that all the buoys which were cast adrift, some time ago by floating ice have been brought back to port.

ARGENTINE TRADE.

BUENOS AYRES.

Increase in American Business.

From the correspondent of the London Times Imperial & Foreign Trade supplement.

During the first six months of the current year the value of the trade between Great Britain and the Argentine reached the exceptionally high figure of £21,040,000, as follows:—

Exported to the U. K. from the Argentine.....	£14,800,000
Imported from Great Britain	6,240,000

The percentage of the total trade in the hands of the U.S.A. increased from 14 1-2 per cent in 1915 to 23 1-2 per cent. in 1916; our proportion of the whole remained stationary at 30 per cent.

Without being depressing, these figures give food for reflection. But the best judges are in agreement that the United States increase is only temporary; further, it should be remembered that the export figures quoted for the two countries do not include shipments "to order." It is very difficult to estimate what proportion of these should be credited to each country. In normal times a very high per centage of the total exports "to order" are for Great Britain; nowadays the percentage will be greatly reduced; even so, it would be sufficient probably to swell the percentage of the total exports.

The noteworthy point about the shipments to the U.S.A. is that though during the six months referred to the Argentine has been shipping little meat thither, the volume of export has increased by 30 per cent. This, again, is abnormal, and does not represent an established steady trade; the increase is due to shipments of hides, wool, &c., by German firms to the States.

WEST INDIES.

New Port For Jamaica.

The London Times Imperial Trade supplement says:—

The need for increasing the facilities for the shipment of fruit from Jamaica is just now attracting attention. Jamaica is the leading country in the production of bananas, the greater part of her exports, averaging well over £1,000,000 a year in value, being shipped to the United States. Our own supplies are obtained chiefly from the Canary Islands, Costa Rica, and Colombia.

It is thought that expansion of the Jamaica trade would have been greater if better transport facilties had been available. The steamers which now carry bananas from Costa Rica and Colombia to this country do not call at the ports of the northern coast of Jamaica because those ports are considered unsuitable and unsafe. There is, however, an excellent land-locked harbour adjacent to Montego Bay, which might well be developed for the fruit trade. Over a century ago, on the report of Nelson, the harbour was surveyed by the British Admiralty to ascertain its strategic value in time of war. Its commercial value is now the point of interest, both in connection with the fruit trade and in view of the developments which are likely to result from the working of the Panama Canal.

The shippers who bring Central American bananas to this country have expressed the opinion that the harbour is eminently suited for development. Sheltered on all sides, with a boat channel as clear as when it was first surveyed in 1804, its only requirement is a quay or pier alongside which vessels can draw up and load the fruit direct from railway trucks. A good port with easy approach, safe harbourage, and trade to be done is bound to attract ships. The banana plantations in Jamaica have suffered a severe setback through the recent hurricane, but their recuperative powers have been demonstrated before and a rapid recovery is expected. The opportunity of devloping this port during the period of recuperation appears to be a good one.

OCEAN SAILINGS.

Transatlantic sailing list compiled by F. S. Stocking, General Steamship Agent, 32 St. Louis street, Quebec.

Subject to Change:

Dec.	From	To
24—Grampian	St. John	Liverpool
25—Ascania	Halifax	Falmouth
27—Northland	Halifax	Liverpool
"—Pretorian	St. John	Glasgow
28—Athenia	Portland	Glasgow
30—Philadelphia	N. Y.	Liverpool
"—Metagama	St. John	Liverpool
"—Andania	N. Y.	Liverpool
1917.		
January.	From	To
4—Ausonia	Halifax	London
"—Lapland	N. Y.	Liverpool
"—Kroonland	N. Y.	Liverpool
6—St. Louis	N. Y.	Liverpool
"—Corsican	St. John	Liverpool
"—New Amsterdam	N. Y.	Falmouth and Rotterdam
"—Espagne	N. Y.	Bordeaux
7—Southland	Halifax	Liverpool
10—Scotian	St. John	Glasgow
13—Missanabie	St. John	Liverpool
"—St. Paul	N. Y.	Liverpool
"—Laconia	N. Y.	Liverpool
"—Feltria	N. Y.	London
"—Chicago	N. Y.	Bordeaux
18—Baltic	N. Y.	Liverpool
20—Scandinavian	St. John	Liverpool
"—California	N. Y.	Glasgow
"—Pannonia	N. Y.	London
"—Ryndam	N. Y.	Falmouth and Rotterdam
"—Orduna	N. Y.	Liverpool
21—Canada	Halifax	Liverpool
27—Grampian	St. John	Liverpool
28—Northland	Halifax	Liverpool
30—Metagama	St. John	Liverpool
"—Ascania	N. Y.	Liverpool

HAMBURG-AMERICAN COUNTING CHICKENS.

Expecting Early Peace, Line Announces Itself Open for Freight Arrangements.

Evidently anticipating an early peace, the Hamburg-American line has addressed a letter to the shippers of the American West, stating that it is now open to make freight arrangements from the United States to Hamburg on "the resumption of peace, or such earlier time as the obstacles to such resumption may be removed."

The letter follows:

"Hamburg-American Line.
"327 So. LaSalle Street,
"Chicago,
"December 16, 1916.

"Dear Sirs:

"We take pleasure in announcing that we are now open to make freight arrangements from the United States to Hamburg upon the resumption of peace or such earlier time as the obstacles to such resumption may be removed. Rates and further particulars on application to

"Hamburg-American Line.
"E. OELSNER,

(Signed)
"Acting Western Freight Manager."

FREIGHTS AND CHARTERS.

New York, Dec. 22—The tonnage market was firm in all respects, but the continued light offering of tonnage was responsible for the light trading. Freights offered steadily, with rates very strong. Cotton to Liverpool, per 100 lbs. $2.25, January.

Charters: Norwegian steamer, 2,612 tons, New Yorkk and South America trade, one round trip, private terms, December-January; Japanese steamer, 4,000 tons dead weight (previously), general cargo, Atlantic range to a French Atlantic port, 120s net form, January-February; Danish steamer, 1,622 tons, coal, Philadelphia to Havana, private terms, prompt; schooner 1,377 tons, lumber, Gulf to the River Plate, basis $40 Buenos Ayres, January.

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Via C. P. R.

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Tickets at lowest one way first-class fare and one third will also be issued on December 21, 22, 23 and 25 returning up to December 27th. Also good going December 28, 29, 30 and 31st, valid for return until January 3rd, 1917.

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FINANCIAL - COMMERCIAL

Closing Letters By the Can. Press

(Canadian Press)

New York, Dec. 22—Rallies of 3 to 10 points in active stocks, with 18 for Gulf States Steel and 26 for Bethlehem Steel, denoted the extent of today's rebound of prices from the hysteria of the preceding session. At the high levels many stocks showed full recovery from their reversal of that memorable period and others registered actual gains over final prices of the mid-week.

Improvement began at the outset, overnight developments affecting the International situation being a potent factor. The advance was impartially distributed among standard shares no less than speculative issues and the shorts covered with far more alacrity than they had sold. Investment buying of the character which waits for such opportunities as yesterday's market offered also helped by their steady buying to bring about a speedy readjustment.

Realizing sales to effect quick profits and occasional but every cautious short selling caused reactions of 1 to 3 points before mid-day, but these were more than regained in the final hour, when the general average of prices was higher. Total sales aggregated 1,775,000 shares, some 1,400,000 under yesterday's unprecedented turnover, the difference, however, being wholly in favor of the constructive side.

United States Steel led the recovery in greater measure than it led yesterday's decline. At the best quotation of the day—107 3-4—it made an extreme gain of 6 3-4 points on transactions amounting to about 400.000 shares. Allied stocks like Crucible, Lackawanna and Sloss Sheffield Steel's and Republic Iron regained 5 to 7 points, the shipping division 8 to 13, equipments 5 to 13, Central Leather 11 3-8, with 8 for American Hide and Leather Pfd. an average of about six points for coppers and other metals. five to 12 for motors, 8 to 12 for oils, six for sugars and almost as much for American Woolen, General Electric and various miscellaneous or unclassified stocks.

Rails of virtuality all descriptions—dividend payers and low priced issues—were higher by 2 to 4 points, the latter being in especial demand.

International bonds made further gains, except Paris 6's. which forfeited some of yesterday's advance. Total sales, par value, $4,150,000.

NEW YORK MARKET.

(Bruneau & Dupuis)

Am Beet Sug. 86	90¼	86	90
Am Can Co... 46¼	47⅝	46	47¼
Am Car Fdy.. 63½	65⅝	62	65⅝
Am Loc 73	76¾	72½	75¼
Am S & R....104¼	106	103⅞	105⅞
Am Sug Ref..106⅛	..	..	108⅞
Am T & T...125	..	..	125½
Ana Mining . 79¾	83⅝	79¼	83¼
A T & S Fe..102½	104	102½	103⅞
Bld'wn Loco.. 59½	62	58½	61¾
Balt & Ohio.. 83	84¼	83	84
B R T 82	..	..	..
C P R 164½	167	164½	164½
Cent Leather. 82	86⅝	79¾	86½
Ches & Ohio. 63½	65½	63½	64⅞
C M & St P.. 90	91⅞	90	91¼
Chile Cop Co. 24⅛	25⅝	..	25¼
Colo F & I... 41½	..	..	45½
Crucible Stl.. 56	59¼	55½	59
Distillers 29¾	29¾	29	29
Erie 34⅝	35⅝	34⅞	34¾
Gen Electric.167½	..	..	..
Gt Nor pfd...116	..	..	117½
G N Ore ctfs..34½	..	..	35⅝
Ills Central..106	..	..	..
Ins Cop 55	57¼	53¼	57
In Con Corp. 16⅛	..	..	17
do pfd 69	72	69	71½
In M Marine. 26½	27⅝	25¼	26½
do pfd 90	92¾	88⅝	92½
Kan City Sou. 26¼	..	..	25½
Kenn Cop Co. 44	45⅝	42⅞	45
Lehigh Val .. 77	..	..	79
Maxwell 49	51⅞	49	51¼
Mex Petrol'm. 93	97¾	93	97
Miami Cop .. 36	38¼	36	37¾
Missouri Pac. 16	..	..	17½
Nat'l Lead ... 60¼	..	..	..
Nevada Cons. 22¼	23¾	22¼	23⅝
N Y Central..103½	104¼	103¼	104
NY NH & H. 51⅛	..	..	53
Norf & West.135½	..	..	135⅞
North Pac ...108	..	..	110½
Penna 56	56⅛	55¾	56¼
Press Stl Car. 71½	75⅝	71½	75
Ry Stl Spring. 49½	..	..	49⅞
Ray Con Cop. 24¾	..	..	26¾
Reading 103¼	105	102⅝	104¼
Rep I & S.... 75	77½	74½	76½
South Pac ... 96⅛	97⅞	96⅛	97⅝
South Ry 32	33⅜	32	33
do pfd 69¾	69⅞	69½	69¾
Studebaker ..109	112	107	112
Third Ave 50¼	..	..	..
Union Pac ...148½	148½	146½	147¼
U S Rubber.. 57	62½	57	61¼
U S Steel 104	107¾	103¾	107⅛
do pfd 117¾	118¼	117¾	118¾
Utah Cop ... 95½	101⅞	95½	101⅞
Westinghouse. 54	58⅝	53¾	55½

CHRISTMAS EXCURSIONS.

The Canadian Pacific Railway announce the following reduced fares in connection with Christmas holidays:

Lowest one-way first-class fare:—Going December 23rd 24th and 25th; returning until December 26th.

Lowest one-way first-class fare and one-third: Going December 21st, 22nd 23rd and 24th; returning until December 27th, 1916.

For full particulars, tickets, etc., apply to C. A. Langevin, City Passenger Agent, 30 St. John street, Chateau Frontenac and Palais Station, Quebec.

Closing Letters By Local Brokers

(By McDougall & Cowsn)

Montreal, Dec. 22—We have been through one of the worst market declines this country has seen. It was helped on by a foolish statement made by Secretary Lansing, and recovered this morning when he explained the meaning of his words. Earnings and declarations such as a 2 p.c. bonus on Union Pacific, meant nothing in the forced liquidation. Our stocks, such as the steel stocks; fell far below the normal peace basis considering the earnings that have been put back in the properties. The warning is, do not get over extended in your stock operations so that you will be able to protect what you are carrying, as in these abnormal times, you cannot tell what may happen over-night. There was a good recovery today, with the closing prices about the high. The Dominion Bridge statemnet was an excellent one and shows the position the other munition companies must be in. The action of Civic Power on this break was remarkable. It shows the position the stock is in owing to such quantities being taken off the market for investment.

(By Breen & Gourdeau.)

Chicago, Dec. 21—Wheat—Traders in wheat showed no disposition to press the holiday period with large commitments and while the market had support from cables and higher cash premiums, it failed to make much progress from last night's close. In the long run, supply and demand conditions will prevail and these, we believe, are bullish.

Corn—Was active within range of about one cent. Commission houses being good buyers on each dip.

Oats—Oats have been thoroughly liquidated and on all setbacks cash houses follow the buying side.

New York—A greatly improved situation developed over-night in connection with international affairs, or, at least, the anxiety felt for some days regarding the likelihood of serious complications between the United States and the belligerent nations of Europe, was dispelled by an official statement from Washington. Stock market prices, as a result of this development, opened at a general advance in which gains of three and four points from the previous day's close were common. Short covering, of course, figured to a very large extent in the improved price level. Fresh buying for the long account, too, was in substantial volume Fluctuations held within a trading area throughout the day and the market's undertone displayed firmness to the close of business. There was no tendency to over-extend or pursue aggressive operations, however.

Sales, stocks, 1,779,700.

(By Bruneau & Dupuis)

New York, Dec. 22—The explanation issued of the very unwise words uttered by Secretary Lansing has had a reassuring effect which has resulted in a rally. This we think is likely to continue until about Monday, but by that time stocks ought be a sale again. We can have no bull market for a long time after this shake out and the almost invariable rule is that after such an incident we have a rally, just as we are now experiencing and then a period of dullness and saggging prices which lasts a long time.

This is an extraordinary era and may prove to be an exception, but the old rules usually hold good, although some times they work slowly and we believe that conditions after this panicky break will be practically the same as have prevailed in the past.

Total sales, stocks 1,780,000.

MONTREAL EXCHANGE

(By Breen & Gourdeau)

Bell Telephone: 25 at 146.

Brazilian: 10 at 43½, 275 at 44, 50 at 44¼, 50 at 44.

Canada Steamships: 50 at 35, 10 at 34.

Civic Investment: 309 at 80, 25 at 80.

Detroit: 200 at 124, 10 at 123¾, 20 at 124, 25 at 123, 25 at 122¾.

Quebec Railway: 400 at 29, 25 at 29¼, 50 at 29½, 25 at 29¾, 25 at 29½, 5 at 29, 550 at 29½, 25 at 29⅝, 10 at 29½, 175 at 30.

Shawinigan: 25 at 127, 25 at 128.

Toronto Railway: 15 at 74.

Ames: 25 at 20.

Canada Car: 25 at 35½.

Canada Cement: 100 at 63½, 25 at 63¾.

General Electric: 25 at 112, 2 at 111, 25 at 112, 25 at 112¼, 50 at 112½.

Consolidated Smelting: 10 at 33, 200 at 33½.

Dominion Bridge: 25 at 168½, 50 at 169, 105 at 169, 25 at 168.

Dominion Steel Corporation: 25 at 65½, 50 at 65¾, 195 at 65½, 10 at 65⅝, 155 at 65½, 20 at 65¼, 100 at 65½, 125 at 65¼, 25 at 65⅝, 50 at 66, 40 at 65¾, 25 at 65⅝, 210 at 65½, 50 at 65¼, 10 at 65, 60 at 65¼, 100 at 65⅜, 10 at 65¼, 5 at 65½, 25 at 65¼, 25 at 65½.

Dominion Textile: 1 at 81.

Laurentide: 110 at 191, 150 at 190½.

Maple Leaf: 25 at 102½, 25 at 103, 75 at 105.

Ontario Steel: 10 at 30.

Riordon Paper: 100 at 115, 40 at 115½.

Scotia: 5 at 114½, 50 at 113½.

Spanish River: 50 at 15½, 15 at 16, 40 at 15¾.

Steel of Canada: 65 at 62½, 120 at 62¼, 50 at 62½, 75 at 62⅛, 125 at 62½, 10 at 62¼, 25 at 62½, 110 at 63, 125 at 63¼, 120 at 63½, 30 at 63¾, 250 at 63½ 10 at 63¼, 100 at 62¾, 450 at 62½, 100 at 62¼, 10 at 62½.

Wayagamack: 165 at 91.

Canada Car pfd: 10 at 73.

Steamships pfd: 65 at 90, 51 at 90.

Dominion Textile pfd: 1 at 104¼.

Canada Cement Bonds: $1,000 at 97½.

Dominion Cotton Bonds: $3,000 at 99¼.

Royal Bank: 10 at 212.

Union Bank: 2 at 135.

Brompton: 60 at 50, 1 at 52, 25 at 51, 26 at 52, 5 at 51½.

Tramway-Power: 50 at 40, 25 at 40, 3 at 39½, 25 at 39½, 25 at 39, 25 at 39½, 25 at 40, 35 at 39½.

GRAIN MARKET.

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	Close.	High.	Low.
Wheat:			
December. 158⅞	..	..
May 168	168	162¼
July 138⅜	138⅞	134⅛
Corn:			
December. 92¼	93	91¼
May 93⅜	93⅞	91½
July 92⅝	93¼	90⅞
Oats:			
December. 49½	49½	48⅛
May 53½	53⅝	51⅝
July 51	51¼	49

COTTON MARKETS.

New York, Dec. 22—Cotton futures closed steady. Closing bids: December, 16.06c; January, 16.39c; March, 16.63c; May, 16.73c; July, 16.73c; October, 15.12c. Spot closed quiet. Middling uplands, 16.20c.

Liverpool — Cotton, spot quiet. Prices weak. American middling, fair, 10.79d; good middling, 10.19d; middling, 10.09d; low middling, 9.93d; good ordinary, 9.57d; ordinary, 9.27d. The sales of the day were 5,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export, and included 4,500 American. Receipts were 11,000 bales, including 10,800 American. Futures closed quiet and steady.

OILS.

London, Dec. 22—Calcutta linseed Dec.-Jan. 105s.

Linseed oil, £46 10s.

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Turpentine, spirits, 53s.

Rosin, American strained, 25s. 6d; type "G" 26s.

Savannah, Dec. 22—Turpentine steady, 52 1-4; sales, 54; receipts, 243 shipments, 6; sotcks, 22,016.

Rosin, firm; sales, 769; receipts, 1,358; shipments, 43; stocks, 94,543.

THE TORONTO PRODUCE MARKET

Wheat—Ontario, No. 2 winter $1.62 to $1.64 outside according to location.

Wheat—Manitoba No. 1 north., $1.90 3-4; No. 2 north $1.87 3-4; No. 3 north $1.82 3-4.

Oats, Canada western, No. 2 north 66 3-4c.

Ontario No. 2 white 60 to 62 outside; No. 3 white 59 to 61 outside.

Peas—No. 2 $2.40.

Barley—$1.16 to $1.18 outside for malting.

Buckwheat—$1.25 shipping points.

Flour—Manitoba. Listed quotations at Toronto are: First patents, $8.90; second patnets $8.50.

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"A"

A part of lot No. 198 of the official Cadastre for the parish of St. Alphonse together with the rossing mill and other buildings and fixtures and accessories upon said property;

50 square miles, more or less, of timber limit described as limit No. 2, in township Otis, county of Chicoutimi;

21 and 1-3 square miles ,more or less, of timber limits described as limit No. 1 in same township Otis, county of Chicoutimi;

50 square miles, more or less, of timber limits described as limit No. 1 Riviere a Mars;

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Less, however, and to be deducted from the said two last-mentioned limits a certain extent of land containing 25,600 acres in superficies, known as "Freehold timber property" which was sold by The Ha! Ha! Bay Railway Company unto Battle Island Paper Company;

All rights, title and interest of said Battle Island Paper Company to all water, water rights and water powers, franchises, rights and privileges described in a deed of Mortgage and Hypothec granted by Battle Island Paper Company to The Columbia Trust Company passed before C. E. Taschereau, N.P., dated the 19th of November, 1908, and also all moveable property situated in the County of Chicoutimi transferred and assigned to The Columbia Trust Co in virtue of a Trust Deed dated July 1st, 1908.

The whole to be sold in one lot.

"B"

All the rights deriving to Battle Island Paper Company from a certain lease by The Quebec Provincial Government, dated June 8th, 1911, relative to improvements, dams and booms in Riviere a Mars and then existing, as these rights are described in said lease or as they may now exist and subject to all conditions and clauses of said lease,—the said rights to be sold in one lot.

A list of charges and of the conditions of sale shall be filed at the Office of the Prothonotary of the Superior Court, at Chicoutimi, on or before the twenty-seventh day of December, 1916.

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National Service means that we are to get into that frame of mind, which will cause us to think of the needs of the country, to realize that the interests of the State have a greater claim on us than our self-interest. This applies to everyone, from the highest in the land to the lowest. The Prince of Wales motto: "I serve," may well be the motto of every citizen of the British Empire at this time.

There are many ways of serving the nation besides going to the front. The man on the farm and the mechanic in a workshop may be serving the nation as usefully as the man in the trenches. Every man should be doing the work which represents his most efficient service to his country.

The war is teaching us, or should be teaching us, great lessons. Terrible as are its effects, those who have faith in Canadian manhood hope and believe that the nation will emerge from this experience a stronger and a better people. If the meaning of National Service is thoroughly grasped and properly understood, if the Government's call for information is responded to in the right spirit, the coming year will be the banner year in Canada's history.

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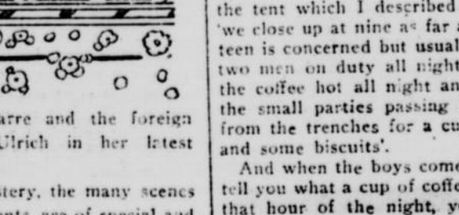
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