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## ITALIANS ON THE NORTH HAVE ASSUMED OFFENSIVE WITH SIGNAL SUCCESS

**GENERAL DIAZ'S TROOPS HAVE REGAINED CONSIDERABLE PORTION OF TERRAIN LOST NEAR MONTE ASOLONE—COMPARATIVE QUIETUDE STILL PREVAILS ON WESTERN FRONT BUT PRONOUNCED ARTILLERY ACTIVITY BETWEEN VERDUN AND ALSACE — BOLSHEVIKI MOVEMENT LOSES GROUND IN FACE OF UKRAINIAN AND COSSACK OPPOSITION — GERMANY REPORTED TO HAVE REJECTED RUSSIAN PEACE TERMS.**

The Italians on the northern line in Italy, between the Brenta and Piave rivers, have ceased, for the time being at least, their defensive warfare against the attacks of the Austro-Germans and assumed the offensive, with signal success on several sectors.

Attacking the positions which the enemy earlier in the week captured near Monte Asolone, General Diaz's troops have regained a considerable portion of the terrain and held it, notwithstanding the terrific artillery fire that was turned upon them.

The German War Office, in endeavoring to belittle the success of the offensive, which it asserts was repulsed, shows that the effort of the Italians was a determined one, the troops to the west of Monte Asolone delivering seven attacks against the enemy front. Admission is made in the German communication that the Italians also have taken the initiative in the fighting on Monte Pertica and Mont Solaro but it is declared that their attacks on these sectors, as on Monte Asolone were without success.

Comparative quietude still prevails on the British front in France and Belgium and along the French line running from the region of St. Quentin to the Swiss border, except for bombardments and infantry operations. From the Verdun region to Hartmanns-Weilerkopf in Alsace the artillery activity has been pronounced on various sectors.

The situation in Russia continues obscure, although such reports as are coming through indicate that the Bolsheviki movement is losing ground in the face of the opposition that is being imposed by the Ukrainians, and the followers of General Kaledines. The Bolsheviki commissioners are declared to have declined to accept the negative reply of the Ukrainian Rada to the Bolsheviki demand that the Ukrainians cease aiding the Kaledines forces and giving the Rada an opportunity to reconsider its action. As indicating that the Rada has finally declined to give heed to the dictates of the Bolsheviki is a report that a definite alliance has been formed between Kaledines followers and the Ukrainians.

A despatch from Petrograd says an unofficial report in circulation in the Russian capital is to the effect that the Germans have rejected the peace terms put forward by the Bolsheviki delegates.

Recent despatches have indicated that the peace parliaments in progress at Brest-Litovsk was merely preliminary to the peace conference which is to assemble there next Tuesday, and which is to be attended by the German and Austro-Hungarian Foreign Ministers.

problem was so important that he thought it should be withheld until calm was restored and everyone might duly reflect on the consequences of the future.

Mayor Lavigneur agreed with Ald. Collier and Ald. Fisot and said that on a matter of such importance the Council should have been consulted before the question was brought up.

Ald. Dussault said that he had placed the notice of motion before the chair and he wished it to remain there to be dealt with by the Council at the next meeting. In giving notice of the motion he knew what he was doing and his motives were not of an incendiary nature. The Council could deal with it as it wished. It could be discussed at the next meeting if by that time it was not too late.

Ald. Collier made another appeal for the withdrawal of the notice of motion, but without avail.

"Let him persist in his motion," said Ald. Fisot with heat. "It is his right to do so, of course, but he will bear the responsibility for it as he does for the other acts he has committed."

### CALIFORNIA TOWN LOYALTY RECORD.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 21—The little mountain village of Orleans, in northern Humboldt County, this State, with a population of 50, has sent 17 young men into the army. When the President sounded the call to the colors, Orleans had 17 young men among its inhabitants. One by one they offered their services until, with those who were drafted, every man of military age had become a soldier. Some of them are already in France, where they were sent with the first overseas regiments. Others are in the training camps at Tacoma and San Diego.

### INDIAN RESERVATION PRODUCTION AIDED

Albuquerque, N.M., Dec. 21—Gen. H. P. Robinson, superintendent of Indian irrigation service for the fifth district, reports greatly increased production on the Indian reservations of New Mexico, Colorado, Northern Arizona and Southern Utah.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs created within itself an irrigation branch of the service, which has undertaken a thorough and systematic development of the irrigation resources of the Indian reservations. Six of the irrigation projects already completed

## GOVERNMENT WILL CONTROL NEW BOND ISSUES

**IMPORTANT ORDER TO CONSERVE MARKET FOR DOMESTIC UNION WAR FINANCE.**

Ottawa, Dec. 21—An important Order-in-Council has been passed, under the authority of the War Measures Act, upon the recommendation of the Minister of Finance, by which new issues in Canada of bonds, debentures or other securities of any other provincial, colonial or foreign government, municipality, commission, local government, institution, corporation or incorporated company can only be made or sold with the approval of the Minister of Finance by his certificate in writing.

The regulation also applies to any new issues or offering of shares, whether preferred or common, of any incorporated company. It is expressly provided that nothing in the Order-in-Council shall affect the trading in bonds, debenture, securities or shares of capital stock heretofore issued and placed upon the market. In other words, the Order applies only to issues made from this time forward. Provision is made whereby any issue or sale in contravention of the prohibition of the Order may be restrained and heavy penalties are provided for violations of the regulation.

The object of the Order is to conserve the Canadian financial market for the war issues of the Dominion government and to prevent issues being made for purposes of which may well be deferred until the end of the war. Issues which are absolutely necessary may be made, with the consent of the Minister of Finance, who will probably appoint a commissioner or a priority board to advise him as to the necessity for new issues and the time when they should be made. The regulation is similar to that which has been long in force in Great Britain, for the same object of conserving the financial resources of the country for war purposes and preventing waste in public expenditure upon works and undertakings not absolutely needed at this time.

Owing to the need of establishing credits for the Imperial Government in order that Canada's manufacturing and agricultural products may find a market, the financial opinion of the country is that there must be regulation and control of all new issues of securities in order that the war loan of the Dominion may have the full benefit of the Canadian market.

## The Weather

Toronto, Dec. 21—The weather has been mild, with light local rains in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, while in Ontario it has turned somewhat colder. Moderate temperatures prevail in the West.

Temperatures:

	Min.	Max.
Prince Rupert	28	32
Victoria	38	42
Vancouver	34	38
Port Nelson	34	44
Parry Sound	12	31
Toronto	27	40
Kingston	34	38
Ottawa	20	28
Montreal	34	38
Quebec	32	33
St. John	30	35
Halifax	30	35

\*Below zero.

Forecasts:  
Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay: Moderate winds; fair and moderately cold.  
Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence: Fair and cold.  
Lower St. Lawrence: West to north-west winds; fair and much colder.

Maritime: cloudy, with local rains at first, followed by strong winds or gales from north-west; colder by night.  
Lak: Superior: Fair, with a little higher temperature.  
Manitoba and Saskatchewan: Fair; stationary or lower temperature.  
Alberta: Fair and becoming colder.

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## COUNCIL TO CONSIDER A NEW CONFEDERATION

**LEGISLATURE MAY BE PETITIONED TO CONSIDER UNION OF QUEBEC AND THE MARITIME PROVINCES APART FROM ONTARIO AND THE WEST.**

A motion of the Quebec City Council to petition the Quebec Legislature with a view to forming a new Confederation between Quebec and the Maritime Provinces was given notice of at the meeting last night by Ald. Dussault, of Belvedere Ward.

The petition is as follows: To the Honorable Legislative Council and to the Honorable Legislative Assembly of the Province of Quebec, in Canada, assembled in Parliament.

The humble petition of the undersigned, the Municipal Council of the City of Quebec, in the Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, respectfully submits:

That on many occasions, contrary to the fundamental principle of the British North America Act of 1867, proclaiming the equality of races in Canadian Confederation, the rights of the French Canadian race, a contracting party in the federative pact of 1867, were violated with impunity and injustice, and that a tendency, becoming more and more evident is developing day by day with the obvious intention of crushing the French-Canadian minority concentrated particularly in the Province of Quebec.

For this reason the undersigned Municipal Council of the City of Quebec in the name of the people whose real sentiments it believes itself to be expressing at present, humbly prays your Honorable Legislative Council and your Honorable Legislative Assembly to study the position thus created for the French Canadian minority and to consider carefully if the real solution of this problem, all others failing, would not be in the formation of a new Confederation between the Province of Quebec and the Maritime Provinces, the latter being willing.

And your humble petitioner will ever pray.

The Municipal Council of the City of Quebec.

The motion did not meet a very cordial reception from the members of the Council, who did all in their power to induce Ald. Dussault to withdraw his notice. After the meeting the Mayor and Alderman lingered in the chamber and it was plain to be seen that when the motion comes up at the next meeting on January 11th, Ald. Dussault will hardly secure a second.

After the notice had been read to the Council, Ald. Collier remarked that he knew that it was not customary to discuss a notice of motion. Although he knew Ald. Dussault's loyalty to the cause which he espoused, he (Ald. Collier) thought the motion a rather dangerous one to introduce in the Council. He was simply appealing to Ald. Dussault's good sense, he said, to weigh well the action he was taking. Such a motion would necessarily lead to a lot of discussion and would engender a great deal of bad feeling which should not exist. He was sure that Ald. Dussault's motion would not reflect the feelings of the majority of the people and he asked him to withdraw it as it was not necessary. In appealing to Ald. Dussault, he said that he was actuated by the very best feelings towards the French-Canadians and considered it in the best interests of all concerned that the motion should be withdrawn.

Ald. Fisot said that he shared the views expressed by Ald. Collier. He did not know where such an untimely motion had had its origin, but the

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STRONGER VOCAL TECHNIQUE URGED

SINGER ASKED TO CONSIDER INSTRUMENTALIST'S STANDARDS - BEECHAM ADVICE RECALLED.

London, Eng., Dec. 21—Since there is nothing so difficult to see as the thing one is always looking at, it is usually the obvious fact that escapes attention. Perhaps this accounts for the remarkable difference in the standard which average English musical criticism applies, so far as technical equipment is concerned, to the work of singers and that of instrumentalists and composers. It is time to ask—and the rapid growth of a popular demand for opera in English makes the question one of importance—why technical inefficiency should be condoned in the singer and condemned in the instrumentalist?

That this is an obvious and frequent occurrence can easily be proved. It is only necessary for one to attend a round of debuts at the smaller concert halls, and further to develop his altruism by studying the press notices of those newspapers in which the concert has been duly advertised. It will be found that a first-rate technique is taken for granted in the instrumentalist, who indeed dare not appear on the platform without one; while the singer, on the other hand, can be guilty of almost every crime on the vocal calendar and yet escape critical castigation, providing he takes the popular precaution of leaving his program with songs that interest the critic musically, and covers his multitude of technical sins with the spacious cloak of "temperament."

A year or two ago Sir Thomas Beecham wrote a series of characteristically outspoken articles for a London newspaper under the heading of "What is Wrong With British Music?" With the authority of his exceptional position and experience he declared that in certain directions we have made great musical progress in England during the last 20 years. "The level of instrumental playing is 100 per cent. higher, and we have a group of composers who are rapidly bringing us into line with continental standards of achievement. But there is one branch of executive musical art in which there is to be discerned not only no advance of any kind, but a distinct movement of retrogression. I refer to singing, which is at this moment in nothing less than a desperate condition of decline, and the responsibility of blame may fairly be divided between the singers themselves and those to whom has been intrusted the task of their education."

There is this much to be said, however, for the singers and their teachers; musical art has developed with such extraordinary rapidity that instead of devoting practically all his energies to the production of a fine vocal technique, as in the palmy days of Italian opera, the days of Grisi, Rubino, Tambourini, Lablache and

Mario, the student now has to face musical and artistic exactions of which his predecessors never even dreamed. The singing teacher of today is far too often merely a musical "coach," instead of one who possesses a really practical knowledge of actual voice production. There is, unfortunately, no short cut to vocal technique and even a Chaliapin finds that to make the voice a perfect servant instead of a capricious master takes years of severe study. Of course, certain fortunate individuals possess what is called a "natural" technique, and in London it is mostly this variety of technique that one gets from native artists; but "nature undisciplined by art generally means a complete disregard of the Italian axiom, "Chi sa respirare sa cantare" ("He who breathes well sings well"), combined with bad diction and an excessive consciousness of pitch. Of the last-named defect one may remark in passing that an astonishing number of singers still derive their notions about pitch from the mechanical arrangement of a pianoforte keyboard and the even more delusive arrangement of height and length provided by staff notation. One of the many advantages of the tonic solfa system is the better idea it gives of vocal pitch; for, of course, a "high" note or a "low" note has nothing to do with the visual height and depth, which supply only a very misleading parallelism.

In the same article Sir Thomas Beecham's caustic about the dictum "A musician first and a singer afterwards," which, he holds, could only have been originated by a superficial and unpractical amateur. "Is it any consolation to me, when I hear some one singing out of tune, with voice badly produced, or without style and diction, to be told that he is an admirable performer on the trombone, or increase his means of subsistence by writing halfpenny chants for village choirs? Music is a vast fabric, of which the voice is a small, but vitally necessary part, and the first and last things demanded of a singer are that he or she should sing. When this rare result is achieved the rest can be added."

If English press criticism were as outspoken as Sir Thomas Beecham and as quick to condemn technical faddities in the vocalist as it is in the instrumentalist, the standard would soon be raised; for Sir Thomas admits that nothing can be said against the quality of English voices or the musical intelligence of the average young English singer, as compared with the corresponding type abroad. There are in England a large number of first-rate voices, and it is quite justifiable to ask why there are not more first-rate singers to use them?

HE TOOTED.

A story is told by R. G. Knowles, the well-known comedian, of a dispute he once had with a flutist in a little town in America. The flutist in question could never play in tune and in time. Finally, says Mrs. Knowles, being unable to stand the horrible noise at rehearsal any longer, I whispered to the leader of the orchestra, "Cut out the flute." "All right," replied that gentleman soothingly, but rather uncertainly, "we'll try again."

"We did so, and once more I whispered, 'Cut out the flute.'" "The leader appeared to agree, and again we started off. But things were as bad as ever and, thoroughly exasperated I yelled 'Cut out that flute, will you?'" "Then up rose the flutist, and shaking his instrument at me threateningly, shouted, 'So you want me cut out, do you?'" "Yes, go away and forget to come back," I answered warmly.

SENTIMENT.

Thomas Mott Osborne, former warden of Sing Sing prison, was criticizing in New York the "honor system" of Great Meadow. "This system is sentimental," he said, "absurdly sentimental. In fact it is like the millionaire." "A millionaire one Christmas day listened to the hard luck story of a beggar who had somehow or other wormed his way into the house. Finally the millionaire rang for his butler and said, wiping a tear from his eye: "James, throw this man out. He is breaking my heart."—Exchange.

THE WOMEN'S ARMY AUXILIARY CORPS

NEW RECRUITING HUT FOR CORPS IS OPENED IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE.

London, Dec. 21—The new recruiting hut for the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, in Trafalgar Square, was recently opened by General Sir Nevill Macready, Mr. G. H. Roberts, Minister of Labor, presiding at the ceremony. A company of the latest recruits to the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, who had marched from their headquarters at the Connaught Club, near the Marble Arch, formed a guard of honor outside the new hut. After the speeches they were inspected by Sir Francis Lloyd. The hut is in the charge of Mrs. Hultahan, who has been at the head of the women's employment bureau in Great Marlborough street.

The new scheme drawn up by the Ministry of Labor for the enrollment of the women's corps had involved said Mr. Roberts, the establishment of selection boards in all parts of the country and receiving hostels for the women before they were drafted to work. Their first step had been the utilization of the outstanding applications which had been made at the National Service Department, and after that they had to satisfy demands from the War Office for 8,000 to 10,000 women a month. A steady flow of recruits was necessary to meet the demands of the authorities week by week. Women should understand that every one that enrolled helped to relieve a man for the army, and the demand for soldiers at the present time was far greater than at any previous period of the war. They required strong and active women.

Women were wanted for cooking, for warehouse work, for clerical work and for work in the Royal Flying Corps, and for other branches of substitution. The reports submitted to him day by day, said Mr. Roberts, made him marvel at the adaptability of women. This revelation had been brought through the war. The nation had never realized before the large reserve of skill and labor that it possessed, and after the war women would take a greater part in industrial development than they had done before. Women might enroll for home or overseas work for the duration of the war, and as many women as possible would be employed near their own homes. He realized that to ask women, many of them had been delicately nurtured to go to noisy workshops or within hearing distance of the rumble of the battlefields was to ask a great sacrifice of them. But those women would know that they were sharing with their glorious navy

and splendid armies the position of knights and ladies of the British Empire.

The hut was then declared open by Gen. Sir Nevill Macready, who said that it had fallen to him to start the machinery of substitution in the War Office. The time had come when they had to make the utmost use of all the possibilities of the nation. There were some kinds of work on which women could be better employed than men, and if the enrollment of a woman did not always release a man for the trenches it at all events sent him further to the front. He thought there were 9,000 women employed in the camps throughout the army and he had had nothing but good reports of them. When he had recently been in France he had heard that women cooks were, both for the officers' mess and for the men's, more economical and better than men. He had also heard that the women clerks picked up the work quickly and that the chauffeurs were equally satisfactory. They were still in want of men, and every man who could be spared was required for the army.

Some account of the arrangements made for the welfare and comfort of the women was then given by Mrs. Chalmers Watson, chief controller of the Women's Army Aux. Corps. Women, she said, had now been in France for six months and they had had nothing but good reports of them. They had found that two women took up the space in the huts of three men. The rationing was being altered, as the men's rations had not proved entirely satisfactory for women. As regarded the relationship of the women with the troops, she said that when they started they had only had the precedents of the nursing service and the voluntary aid detachments, but neither were suitable to the new corps. They could not treat women as if they had gone to a strict boarding school. A friendly intercourse was encouraged. They met men socially at entertainments and concerts, and this camaraderie was not abused. The officers encouraged respect for the women in their commands and invited the men to assist in seeing that it was maintained.

Lt. Gen. Sir Francis Lloyd added a tribute of praise to the newly formed women's corps, saying that it had proved an enormous success. Wherever the women cooks were employed there was cleanliness where there had been dirt; good cooking where there had been indifferent, and economy where there had been waste. He urged outside organizations not controlled by the army to give up their separate policies and join the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps.

HARD WORK FOR CUPID

Roumanian Farmers Try to Keep Their Sons From Wedlock.

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So the son tells his mother. The mother feeds father the best dinner she can cook, and when the old man is in a mellow mood she breaks the sad news about their boy. If she is skillful enough she wins his grouchy consent, and he calls in his two best

men friends. These two go with his son to the girl's home. Perhaps she has heard nothing of the love affair, but when she sees them coming she guesses what's up. Her father entertains the visitors, and if he lets the hre go out it means he has taken this method to turn them down cold. Roumanian wives all have silk dresses or silk shawls. Their husbands do not buy the silk for them; the women raise it themselves.

TEETH GRITTING

A SYMPTOM. When children grit their teeth, either asleep or as a habit when awake, it is generally a sign that they have

adenoid growths back of their noses and need the attention of a physician. Dr. C. E. Benjamins tells in a journal of Amsterdam of his experience with 1,548 cases of adenoids, in which about 37 per cent. of the children were teeth gritters, and in most of the cases the gritting ceased when the adenoids were removed. Among 113 teeth gritters he examined for troubles other than adenoids all but two were found to have adenoids.

Petrograd, Dec. 21—The Bolshevik Foreign Minister, Leon Trozky, denied today that Japanese have occupied Vladivostok. He added that the Bolshevik government would request the withdrawal of all foreign troops from Harbin, Manchuria.

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With the coming commemoration of the birth of Christ, on Tuesday, December 25th, the publication of the elaborate programmes arranged by both the Protestant and Catholic Churches of the Ancient Capital will prove of great interest to the general public. The programmes arranged are as follows:

Cathedral of the Holy Trinity. (Christmas Day.) 6.45 a.m.—Holy Communion. 8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion. 11.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer, Holy Communion and Sermon. 3.30 p.m.—Evening Prayer. 11 a.m.—Anthem: "Behold, my Servant"—Cuthbert Harris. Communion Service:—King Hall in C.

Trinity Church. (Christmas Day Services) 8 a.m.—Holy Communion. 11 a.m.—Morning Prayers and Holy Communion. Anthem: "The First Christmas Morn."—Newton.

St. Peter's Church. (Christmas Day.) Morning service followed by Holy Communion at 10.45. Rev. Captain Reed will conduct the Service.

St. Michael's, BERGERVILLE. (Christmas Day.) 8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion. 10 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Holy Communion.

Xmas Music, St. Andrew's Church, Sunday Dec. 23rd., 1917. Organ Prelude: March in B Flat—Duncan. Solo: Xmas Song—Carlo Menetti. (Miss Wright.) Anthem: The Sound of Holy Voices—Heysler. (Soloist: Miss Green) Organ Postlude: Grand Chorus in F—Salome. God Save The King. Evening.

Organ Prelude with violin accomp't. Mr. McLaren. Anthem: There were Shepherds—Ashford. (Soloist, Miss G. Wright.) Hymn of Intercession: Music composed by Mrs. A. D. Scott. Organ Postlude: Nazareth. Gounod Organist and choir leader. MRS. A. D. SCOTT.

Christmas Music at Chalmers Church St. Ursule St., Sunday Dec. 23rd.

Morning at 11 o'clock: Organ Prelude: Fantasy on Christmas Themes—Deplantay. "Hymn of Angels and men" (Xmas Carol)—Perry. (Soloist, Mr. J. Kinnear.) Organ offertory: "With the Shepherds"—James. Anthem: "Glory to God in the Highest"—Simper. Organ Postlude: Hallelujah chorus—Handel. God Save The King. Evening 7 O'Clock.

Organ Prelude: Christmas Pastoral. Solo and chorus: O Holy Night—Adam. (Mrs. T. B. O'Neil.) Offertory on old Christmas Hymns (organ and chimes). Anthem: Angels from the realms of Glory—Reed. Organ Postlude: Marche Triomphale—Lemmens. God Save The King.

Baptist Church, Sunday, Dec. 23. Morning. Prelude: Song of the Shepherds—Oesten. Carol: "Shepherds, shake off your drowsy sleep." Anthem: "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem."—Hopkins. Vocal Solo: "Merrily rang the bells"—Mr. Deguise. Postlude: Festival March—Salome. Evening. Prelude: Pastoral Symphony—Handel. Carol: "In the field with their flocks abiding."—Farmer. Anthem: "The Light has come."

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XMAS CLOSING OF PROTESTANT SCHOOLS HELD

INTERESTING CEREMONIES AT GIRLS' HIGH ENJOYED BY PARENTS AND COMMISSIONERS.

The Schools of the Protestant Commission closed for Christmas holidays on the afternoon of Thursday to reopen on Tuesday 8th. January.

At the Girls' High School the scholars, parents and friends met in the Assembly Hall where the Chairman Lt.-Col. W. J. Ray presided, with the Dean of Quebec, Mr. J. N. Miller the French Secretary of the Department of Public Instruction, Miss Gale the Principal and the Secretary Mr. F. C. Wurtele also on the day.

The Chairman opened the proceedings with a short sketch of the work of the School and informed the assembly that the Girls' High School came out first in the Government Examinations for Superior Schools in the Province with 77 p.c. of marks. Also that in the School Leaving Examinations Grade XI received special mention by the McGill University Examiner in Physics of work done by the Girls of this School who led the list with 90 p.c. of marks.

Miss Gale the Principal was called on by the Chairman and gave some particulars concerning the work of the school which has 153 scholars on the roll.

Carols were well sung by the several Grades. Then five sets of Miss Dale's class, suitably habited, related the story of the five little Christmas candles.

Mr. Miller at the Chairman's request addressed the scholars in French, and in English, complimenting the teachers and scholars on the excellent work always accomplished by the School. Dean Shreve also gave an excellent address after which the small girls then took up a collection for their "Ward" in India. The prizes not awarded last June were presented by the Chairman.

Grade XI:—Miss Estelle Amaron, the Ross Silver medal for highest attainment in years marks including the June Examinations. Also the Lieutenant-Governor's Bronze medal for Mathematics and the Superintendent of Public Instruction's gold medal for French. Gwendolin Fellows, Prize for attainment in the June Examinations.

Grade X:—Harriet Dale, 1st Promotion; 2nd. Promotion Doris Sharples. Grade IX:—Annie Lerner 1st. Promotion; 2nd Promotion, Esther Feiwicz.

Grade IX:—Annie Lerner special prize given by Mrs. J. C. McLimont for History competed for by the Senior Grades.

Grade VIII:—Ruth Ferguson 1st. Promotion, and 2nd promotion Irene McLaughlin. A fine exhibition of Physical drill was performed under the direction of Miss Syme their competent instructor. This interesting function closed with the "Hymn for time of war" and the National Anthem. The scholars then had a treat of ice cream and cakes to which the visitors were invited.

The Chairman and Secretary had visited the Victoria School and presented the prizes left over from June which could not be awarded because the Government returns of the examinations had not been issued. The Chairman in a short speech told the scholars that Victoria School was first in the Provincial Model School Examinations with an average of 78 p.c. of marks and by the excellent work of the Staff of teachers under the direction of Principal Mr. Durick and Miss Winn, his Assistant, had reached up to the high standard of leading the Model Schools of the Province. There are now 509 scholars on the Roll of this school. The prizes were awarded as follows:

Grade VIII:—Elizabeth MacMillan 1st. prize for promotion and years work, also 1st. prize for English literature, and 1st prize for Specimens. Rebecca Gardner 2nd. prize for promotion and years work. Harry Roback: 1st prize for French.

Laura Sleeth 1st. prize for attendance and punctuality. Gertrude Wright and Jean Ruthman, equal 2nd. prize for specimens. Elizabeth MacMillan and Rebecca Gardner won the Scholarship for the Girls' High School and Harry Roback that for the High School of Quebec.

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Jesuits Church. (Midnight Mass)

"Holy Night".....A Bertrand "Ca Bergeres".....Dr. Gaudreau "C'est notre maitre—solo and duet—Messrs. Moreau, Godin, Richard. "Les Bergeres et les Anges"—Massar, Gravel and Lemieux. "Montez a Dieux".....Mr. M. Bergeron "Jesus Enfant".....Mr. L. Pelland "Dans Cette Etable".....Choir "Adeste Fideles".....Choir "Il est Minuit".....Choir "Gloire au Sauveur".....Mr. Pelland Organist: Mr. F. Choquette

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A FIRST RIFT IN THE CLOUDS.

In no one day since the sudden outbreak of the war have so many important developments occurred as those which featured yesterday morning's news. Briefly summarized they are: first the announcement, unofficially but definitely of German Peace terms; second the statement, officially and with equal definiteness of the war aims of Great Britain; third the official admission of France's precarious food supply; and fourth the official warning as to the critical position of Italian finance.

That these things should be entirely unrelated is difficult to believe and, taken together, they may be fairly construed as the first serious overtures towards the re-establishment of Peace.

How otherwise than to prepare public opinion could the French Minister of Provisions be permitted to make so damaging an admission as that there was in that country available for the civilian population but a three day's wheat supply? or why should the Italian Minister of the Treasury declare that all property, whether individual or national must be consecrated to the war?

So far as the Central Powers are concerned, the latest pourparlers are obvious "fecklers" which can be promptly discredited in the event of their unfavorable reception but it is significant to note with what exactness they are met by Lloyd George in his speech before the British Commons.

Let us then briefly consider what the Kaiser has to offer and estimate how far his terms are likely to prove acceptable to the Allied Powers:

1. The Nationality of Alsace-Lorraine is to be left to a plebiscite of the people.

On this head the British Premier says nothing but the French Government has repeatedly stated that it will accept nothing short of Restoration. The offer of a plebiscite is plausible enough, although so many Germans have been poured into these provinces that it may not be so ingenious as appears on the surface. On the other hand the plebiscite might be so conducted — by private understanding — as to save Germany's face and satisfy France.

2. England to pay Germany for her lost colonies; this money to be used by the latter for the rehabilitation of Belgium, Serbia, Rumania and Northern France.

As against this, Lloyd George asserts that the fate of the lost Colonies must be decided by the Peace Congress which is not necessarily an antagonistic view, though much would depend upon the amount involved and the attitude of Germany herself.

3. Certain Russian Provinces to become independent under a German plan.

The last two words have an ominous sound but this is a question which affects Russia only.

4. Poland to be called an independent State under Austrian suzerainty.

Here again the hook can be seen somewhat too plainly through the bait but with suitable guarantees this might become the basis for an understanding.

5. Rumania, Serbia and Montenegro to retain their original boundaries, with the right of access to the sea in the case of Serbia.

Such a proposal is in direct line with the demand of Lloyd George for the restoration of all occupied territory and therefore needs no comment.

6. Turkey to remain intact.

The British Premier on this head states only that Jerusalem will never be restored but neither Armenia, Palestine, nor Mesopotamia are strictly speaking parts of Turkey and it seems possible that with some further concessions, such as the internationalization of Constantinople a fair adjustment could be made.

Nothing it will be noticed, is said as to the future fate of Belgium, but the provision for its rehabilitation would seem to indicate a willingness on the part of Germany to return to the status quo. Naturally the Central Powers are too experienced hucksters to name their lowest price until they are obliged to do so but it can be seen that they are now measurably nearer to the view point of the Allies and the main obstacle to negotiation rests only in the guarantees for performance of the contract.

In such an anxious hour it would be cruel folly to raise hopes that may never be realized and it must be borne in mind that the situation may never develop further or that negotiations, once entered into may prove fruitless. There is at least, however, a distinct rift in the clouds and it means much that Germany should now apparently be ready for a Peace which is as far from her original intentions as Heaven is from Hell.

BACK-BONE OF CANADIAN DEVELOPMENT.

In common with other successful enterprises, the great Banking institutions of the Dominion have been, and are, the butts of much uninformed criticism; as, for instance in the matters of credit or interest rate. These grumblers forget, however, that the Canadian system is the admiration of the outside world; that it has saved the country from those periodic panics which sweep over the United States, bringing wholesale bankruptcy in their train; and has permitted the most efficient aid to any national enterprise or national philanthropy—is a Victory Loan to be floated? who but the banks make it possible for the servant girl, the day laborer, to subscribe? are millions needed for the relief of Halifax? who so ready to offer their skilled organizations gratuitously for the collection of funds?

On other columns in this issue will be found the Annual Statement of the Royal Bank of Canada for the fiscal year just ended, which affords striking testimony to the remarkable strength of Canada's financial position, even under conditions of unparalleled difficulty; the giant strides made by the Royal having been for many years past among the outstanding features of Canadian bank expansion.

Evidence of the public spirit to which we have referred will also be found in perusing this statement by accounts which indicate the manner in which this Bank has loyally come to the assistance of the Dominion and British Governments in the handling of much of the larger financing which has arisen out of the conditions caused by the European War. The year's showing, in fact, probably constitutes a new record for this country in point of growth of assets, increase in deposits, business handled, and special governmental undertakings; particular interest being lent to such an achievement by the reputation of the Royal as a "People's Bank."

It is true in the most literal sense to say of this, in common with other similar institutions, that they form collectively the back-bone of Canadian development and prosperity.

As in other things, it is the quality of a newspaper and not the quantity that counts.

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If the German Navy didn't do something about once a year, the Kaiser would have nowhere to hang his iron crosses.

No pugilist could wish a better chance to fight than will be found in the prize-ring of Flanders. The bout is only concluding its third round and as it is not a private quarrel, anyone can join in.

The ostracism of Mr. A. R. McMaster is hardly in line with British sentiment but the citizens of Westmount find it hard to forget that he was the legal partner of the late Captain Talbot Papineau, M.C., dead on the field of honor.

And still the revelations of German infamy continue; if there are any two nations or groups of nations that Fritz has not endeavored to set by the throat, it must be regarded purely as an oversight. Fortunately for the world his ability does not measure up with his intentions or Armageddon would indeed be here.

PRESS COMMENT.

BRITISH PRINCIPLES. (Montreal Star)

In the heat of after-election excitement some bitter things are being said by isolated individuals and organs outside Quebec and also in this province. There is a small minority in Canada openly avowing its desire to drop Quebec overboard, and a small minority in Quebec crying out its anxiety to abandon the Confederation ship.

Neither of these shrill discords is the voice of Canada. The vast majority in every province is true to the vision of a great Dominion building from the best of the old nations the best of the new. Our leaders have only to follow the true and tested British principles which have welded into one vital organization all the races and creeds of the world—the principles which in less than ten years transformed our enemies in the Boer Republic into loyal brothers-in-arms.

THE CANADIAN ELECTIONS. (New York Times)

The decisive triumph of the Unionists in the Dominion elections is proof of the resolution of the mass of Canadians to stand united, without thought of party names or politics, until the war is won. For that reason, it is most welcome to Americans, even to those of us who have been the warmest admirers of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his great career. In the fifteen years of his Premiership he furthered fruitfully the growth of Canadian trade and transportation and agriculture, and of Canadian national feeling, of a Canadian State bearing strongly and with increasing power of initiative her part in the British Empire. His was the most engaging and impressive colonial figure at the commemoration of Victoria's sixtieth year upon the throne and at King Edward's coronation.

At the beginning of the war, and afterward, he supported with voice and vote its prosecution, and he urged his fellow-citizens of French Canadian extraction to enlist. He is a thoroughly loyal and patriotic leader; but he was unfortunate in some of his allies in this campaign.

The popularity of Sir Wilfrid, economic policies upon which in other times he might well have won a verdict, the lingering attachment of many Liberals to their old leader and party, the inevitable dissatisfactions and personal disappointments caused by a long Parliament and Sir Robert Borden's long continuance in office, the natural grumbling at war measures and conditions, all the shades of discontent and opposition were powerless to carry out the enterprise which the wonderful old man undertook under a misapprehension of facts singular for so accomplished a judge of men and politics.

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 CHAPAIS—At St. Hyacinthe, Que., on the 15th of December, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chapais, a son.

**DIED.**  
 BREAKEY—At the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, on Friday, December 21st, 1917, Margaret Maude Linton, beloved wife of Denaston Breakey, of Breakeyville, Que., and daughter of the late Robert Linton and Margaret McDougall.  
 Interment at Quebec, private.

**KEOUGH**—On December 20th, 1917, Gwendoline Marjorie Keough, eldest daughter of D. Keough, aged 22 years.  
 Funeral will leave her father's residence, 80 St. Eustache street, on Saturday, at 2:30 p.m., for St. Matthew's Church, thence to Mount Hermon Cemetery.  
 Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

**POSTON**—On Wednesday, December 19th, 1917, Esther M., eldest daughter of the late Edward Poston, Esq.  
 Funeral from Miss Corrigan's Hospital, 43 St. Ursule street, at 2:30 o'clock p.m., Saturday, December 22nd, to the Church of the Holy Trinity, and thence to Mount Hermon Cemetery.  
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**NOTICE**  
**CUSTOMS SALE.**  
 By order of the Collector of Customs, Quebec, a sale of unclaimed and other goods will be held at the EXAMINING WAREHOUSE, ON THURSDAY, 27th DECEMBER, 1917, at 10:00 o'clock, a.m., at which will be disposed of, under Section 28 off the Customs Act, various articles.  
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**Christmas Greetings to Each and All**

The Sisters in charge of St. Bridget's Home, will have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered in the New St. Patrick's Church, Thursday, December 27, 7:30 a.m., for their kind and generous benefactors, as well as the subscribers to the "Bread Fund," and on Friday, December 28, at 7:30 a.m., for deceased benefactors and members of the "Bread Fund."  
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**NOTICE**  
 TAKE NOTICE that meetings will be held in the Court House City of Ottawa, on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 8th and 9th days of January, 1918, at the hour of ten-thirty o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of continuing inquiry into and concerning the manufacture, sale, price, supply of book and half-tone papers, pulp and sulphite, etc.  
 All Parties interested are Requested to attend.  
 Dated at Ottawa, this 30th day of December, A.D., 1917.  
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 General Manager.  
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**CANADIAN RED CROSS AND PATRIOTIC FUND.**  
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At the meeting of the City Council last night Ald. Joseph Collier, of Champlain Ward, was elected Pro-Mayor of the City, for the ensuing three months.  
 The Council put through considerable routine work last night including the final reading of the by-laws concerning construction, the internal government of the Council by the reduced number of Aldermen which will take effect after the next civic elections and concerning cabman and carters.  
 All the reports of the different committees were passed, the Council adopted a resolution of condolence to the widow and family of the late Ulderick Cantin, a former member of the City Council.

No scarcity of American Beauties at Mrs. Lemieux's, for Xmas. Telephone 238.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT.**  
 The Captain and men of No. 6 Fire Station beg to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of 50 packages of Carillon tobacco from the B. Houde Company.

**SOLDIER DIES SUDDENLY HERE.**  
 A soldier named Emmons died suddenly here last night at the Khaki Club. Coroner Jolicoeur was notified and will hold an inquest.

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**ENTERTAINMENT AT MILITARY HOSPITAL**  
 On Thursday Evening the Military Committee of the Y. M. C. A. entertained the patients and staff of the Military Hospital to an oyster and cold meat supper. In this they were assisted by the ladies of the city who generously supplied the refreshments, after a musical program was enjoyed.

**QUEBEC OVERSEAS CLUB.**  
 As announced in another column a meeting of gentlemen interested in the above club is to be held on Monday. A meeting will be held shortly at which it is hoped ladies will also be present, so that arrangements can be made for the carrying on of the work of this Club. Although owing to the change in the medical arrangements it is hardly likely that returned men will be so long in public as has previously been the case, it appears likely that batches of them will remain here long enough to make the Club's work well worth doing.

**LOCAL V. A. D.'S RESPOND TO CALL.**  
 In response to a call from England to members of the V. A. D. in Canada two ladies have had the honor of having been selected from the Quebec Division of St. John's Ambulance for service overseas, they are Miss Owsette Joseph and Miss Gibson.

The many friends of these two ladies will doubtless unite in wishing them success in the patriotic duties which they have undertaken.

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 Miss Jenny Wren (Dolls Dress-maker), whose first display of Dollies, have all gone on their travels—has now a fresh supply clad in warm and comfy garments to defy Jack Frost.

Any ladies looking for late Xmas or New Year gifts will find here a large variety of useful articles at very moderate rates. St. George's Tea Room, 68 St. Louis street.

**GEORGE MORISSETTE SAYS.**  
 Give a man his choice, and nine out of ten of them will say, "I would like something to wear." By boyhood up, a man is just like that. To please him, things must be useful as well as ornamental. Every year I put aside coats, suits, dressing gowns and silk mufflers. My Semi-ready Store has fourteen princely gifts for me to select from—and I will buy anything back at full price up to the 3rd of January.

**QUEBEC WILLING TO WITHDRAW**

**WOULD LEAVE CONFEDERATION IF OBSTACLE TO CANADIAN PROGRESS.**

The withdrawal of the Province of Quebec from Confederation will most likely be the subject of a memorable debate when the Legislative Assembly resumes its sittings after the holidays.  
 Notice of motion was given yesterday by Mr. J. N. Francoeur, M.L.A., for Lotbiniere, as follows:  
 "That the House is of the opinion that the Province of Quebec would be disposed to accept the rupture of the Federation pact of 1867 if in the other provinces it is believed that it is an obstacle to the union, the progress and the development of Canada."  
 A motion for the admission of women to the practice of law in the Province of Quebec was also given notice of by Mr. Bouchard, M.L.A., for St. Hyacinthe. This motion was brought up at two sessions by Mr. Lucien Cannon, but was defeated on both occasions.  
 After routine business the Assembly adjourned to January 8th.

**HON. C. A. BALLANTYNE WRITES TO CHRONICLE**  
 Hon. C. A. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, whom the Chronicle congratulated on his election in St. Lawrence Division, Montreal, acknowledged the telegram as follows:  
 Montreal, P.Q., Dec. 18th, 1917.  
 Dear Sirs,—  
 Many thanks for your telegram of congratulation on the result of Monday's election.  
 It is very gratifying indeed to know that the Union Government has been returned with such a large majority—a mandate from the people to prosecute Canada's part in the war with unceasing vigor until Great Britain and her allies shall have attained a successful peace.  
 Yours very truly,  
**C. A. BALLANTYNE.**  
 The Chronicle, Quebec, P.Q.

**TURKEY CAPTURES CHRONICLE OFFICE.**  
 It was "Turkey Day" at The Chronicle yesterday. Despite the fact that these are hard times, every member of The Chronicle staff, from "printer's devil" to the "Big Chief," received a big fat turkey, the annual Christmas gift of the Company to its employees. Needless to say, the turkeys were more welcome than ever this year, in view of the prevailing prices, and not a member of the staff offered to refuse his.

The office was kept under heavy guard yesterday afternoon and the censors forbade all reference to the turkeys being stored there, in case of hostile raids.  
 The recipients appreciated the birds, however, and the Management of The Chronicle was heartily thanked for its thoughtfulness and generosity.

**18TH ANNIVERSARY LA GUIGNOLEE.**

The Commercial Travellers beg to advise that on Monday, the 24th December they will make the usual door to door collection for the suffering Poor of the City, irrespective of creed or nationality.  
 Business offices, banks, markets and factories will be called upon from 8 a.m. to noon and you are earnestly requested to have your contribution ready in order to avoid delay to the generous collectors.  
 Door to door collection, evening, from 6:30 p.m.

Rather than disappoint, send mail contribution to P. O. Box 205.  
 Give only to the wearer of "La Guignolee 1917 Badge."  
 The funds are to be distributed in the same manner as former years. That of the Protestant Institutions through the Hon. R. Turner.  
 Give heartily to God's Suffering Poor. Do not refuse the Collector who gives his time for such a charitable purpose.

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**LT. KINNEAR WINS MILITARY CROSS**

**ANOTHER QUEBEC BOY DISTINGUISHES HIMSELF IN THE BIG WAR.**

Lt. Bert Kinnear, the youthful Quebec aviator who was but recently reported wounded, has been awarded the Military Cross according to private advices received in the City yesterday.  
 Lt. Kinnear sustained a scalp wound but returned to duty after a short visit to the M.C.'s, and his many friends in the city will be pleased to hear that he has brought distinction to himself and the Ancient Capital while serving his country with the Imperial Flying Corps.

**HON. A. SEVIGNY.**  
 Quebec Minister Will Be at His Office in the Post Office Today.

Hon. Albert Sevigny, Minister of Inland Revenue, and representative of the City and District of Quebec, in the Unionist Cabinet, will be in the city today, and will spend the morning at his office in the Post Office Building.

**WINTER TRIPS.**  
 If you should contemplate a trip either of business, health or pleasure, consult us, we shall be glad to furnish you with reliable information. The universal organization of the Canadian Pacific Railway will facilitate the success and comfort of the voyage. Interesting cruises at moderate fares to West Indies, Bermuda, Havana, Panama. Choice of itineraries for Florida and California winter resorts. Call, write or phone Chas. A. Langevin, City Passenger Agent, 30 St. John St., and Palais Station, Quebec. All railways and steamship lines represented.

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**PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR INDUCTED.**

There was a large and representative congregation at Chalmers' Church last evening when the Rev. S. J. MacArthur, M.A., B.D., formerly of Newcastle, N.B., was inducted as Pastor of the Church.

The Rev. Mr. Wright, preached the Induction Sermon, in which he urged co-operation between the people and the pastor.

The Rev. Dr. MacLeod, of Scotland, delivered the charge to the Pastor-Elect, and before proceeding to the duty assigned to him, congratulated the congregation on the ceremony which had just taken place, and congratulated the minister upon his attaining to such a field of usefulness as the City of Quebec. Proceeding to the work assigned to him Dr. MacLeod, said that he would not proceed to address him upon his duties, but would speak for the Presbytery. The Presbytery would expect the new Minister to endeavor to carry out the intent of the Gospel of the Ministry, which is indicated in a clear way in the Christian Scriptures, and urged the Pastor in his ministrations to bring forth the "Best Robe" that provided by Christ.

Dr. Farquharson, followed by an address to the people in which he showed them how they could help their pastor first, by trusting him, second, by co-operating with him, third, by refreshing their Minister in his word, and fourth, by mutual faith.

**JUNKMAN'S PARADISE**  
 The Somme battlefield is described as "a veritable junkman's paradise." Mountains of wine bottles are piled high along the roads and in the billets formerly occupied by German officers. These bottles are worth 25 to 30 cents each. Old iron, steel and lead are being permitted to rust with no attempt to salvage it, because the advancing Allies can not spare the time and men. Thousands of miles of barbed wire are intact not even rusted.

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ALEXANDER WILL GET NO SHARE

EMMETS AND CRESCENTS MELT IN LE GUE GAME AT GRANDE ALLEE RINK

BIG CITY LEAGUE FEATURE FOR UPPERTOWN ICE THIS EVENING—FANS ARE HOPING FOR DROP IN TEMPERATURE IN ORDER THAT ICE MAY BE IN GOOD SHAPE—DAVE POWER AND GEORGE McCARRON ARE REFEREES—POSSIBLE LINEUPS OF THE TEAMS.

Hockey fans are hoping for a big drop in the temperature today in order that a good fast sheet of ice will be available for tonight's game at the Grande Allee Rink between the Crescents and Emmets who are scheduled to meet in a city league fixture.

BOB CICCO... PITCHER

CHICAGO WHITE SOX STAR HAS SPLENDID AVERAGE FOR SEASON.

New York, Dec. 21.—Eddie Cicotte, who did so much to help the Chicago White Sox win the American League pennant, headed the list of winning pitchers in the American League this year, according to the original averages just issued.

Next to Cicotte, Carl Mays, of the Boston Red Sox, and Eddie Plank, of the St. Louis Browns, were the most effective of the American League pitchers last season, while Stanley Colesdale, of Cleveland, Jim Scott, of Chicago, and Eddie Russell, of Chicago, were close on their heels.

ZBYSZKO WON.

New York, Dec. 21.—It took Wladislaw Zbyszko, of Poland, just 15 seconds to throw Fred Plakoff, of Finland, in their international catch-as-catch-can wrestling tournament here tonight. The quick fall was scored with a body scissors and wrist lock.

Table with 2 columns: Team, Player. Rows include Crescents, Emmets, Powers, Sullivan, McConnell, Paul, Dooley, Rooney, Thomas, Power, Foster, A. Dixon, Hill, Lambert, McLaughlin, Biss, Morissette, Walsh, Hawkins, P. Dixon, L. Gannon, Roche, S. Gannon, Kane, Fleming, McMahon, Conway, J. Dixon.

WRESTLER JOINS U. S. ARMY

Camus Dodge, Iowa, Dec. 21.—Earl Caddock of Anita, Iowa, claimant to the world's wrestling championship, today donned the uniform of a private in the National Army.

Sporting Notes

Some weather—and some water. Did anyone say anything about a green Christmas.

If this moisture keeps up, it will even wash the green off.

Crescents and Emmets will meet at the Grande Allee Rink this evening. So far, the ice is in good condition, notwithstanding the mild spell, and the temperature drops a wee bit, everything will be O.K., so far as the ice is concerned.

Johnny Carbray and Frank McLaughlin turned in a list of thirteen players each. Thirteen is going to be unlucky and lucky for someone.

President "Tom" Byrne certainly saw to it that the game was begun on time the other night. Keep it up, Tom.

Romeo Lepine is back in the sport-light again. He will act as time-keeper this evening.

Romeo is so used to the boxing game lately, that he may call out "seconds out" when the minute hand comes around to within five seconds of the minute. But so long as he doesn't ring the gong every three minutes, the fans won't mind.

The hockey public in general will regret to hear that "Mike" J. Quinn, manager of Quebec Hockey Club, is confined to the Hotel Dieu through illness. Mr. Quinn's condition was improved last evening and it is hoped that he will soon be able to be about once more.

Fraser, of the Crescents, will be watched closely tonight. Johnny Carbray's new player is said to be a real star.

There are three Dinans on the Emmets, and three LaPoches with the Sons of Ireland. How about lining up family forward lines when the two teams meet.

Young Charlie White says that he has been informed that Alf Lynch recently declared that he could take on both Lewis and White, on the same evening with one half-hour rest between. White says he will have no objections to meeting Lynch in this way, and hopes to have first chance. He trusts, however, that Lewis will be on hand, and if (White) succeeds in beating Lynch, he would take on Lewis immediately.

Lovola wrote Manager Emmet McDonald, of the Sons of Ireland, endeavoring to arrange a game here in Quebec, but it is hardly likely that arrangements can be made.

THE OTTAWA JOURNAL HAS THE FOLLOWING ABOUT MALONE AND HALL:

"Joe Malone, who led the league in scoring last season, when he was with Quebec, was the big net sayer last night, and has added considerable strength to the champion's forward line. He was in prime condition, went down with every rush and was continually fed by his team mates. He scored the first three goals that his team got and five during the night. Lalonde and Pitre do not appear to have gone back any, while Joe Hall in place of Harry Munnery has not weakened the defence to any great extent. The former Quebec player and Corbett blocked well, and also roke up a number of Ottawa rashness by tripping the puck carrier."

The Commercial Hockey League had a very exciting session last evening.

FACTS NOT WORTH KNOWING:

It's a bad sign to see a fellow stopping at a jeweller's window these days (Or, should we say, "A good sign?")

Turkeys may not fly high, but the prices for them can't scarcely be hit by an aerial defence gun.

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NEW JOB FOR "BILL" DONOVAN

WILL MANAGE ST. LOUIS NATIONALS NEXT SUMMER, IT IS SAID.

New York, Dec. 21.—William (Wild Bill) Donovan, manager of the New York American League Baseball Club for the last three years, will be the manager of the St. Louis National Club next season, according to unconfirmed reports here today.

Branch Rickey, of the Cardinals, and Donovan have long been friends and it is said that the deal soon will be consummated. When Rickey's efforts to sign Jack Hendrick's of the Indianapolis Club of the American Association as manager of his team, failed, negotiations were opened at once with Donovan, according to the reports.

NO PART OF IT FOR ALEXANDER

UNLESS CUBS GIVE HIM A TAKE-OFF, HE WILL GET NO EXTRA MONEY.

New York, Dec. 21.—Grover Alexander, former star pitcher for the Philadelphia Nationals, recently sold to the Chicago Nationals, with Catcher Killifer for \$50,000, will receive no part of the purchase money, according to President William Baker, of the Philadelphia Club.

"If Alexander wants any bonus he must look to it from President Weeghman of Chicago," said Baker here last night. "I see no reason why I should turn any of the money received for Alexander over to that player."

"As a matter of fact there is no need of Alexander signing a new contract with Chicago. We have assigned his contract which covers the season of 1918 and 1919, over to the Chicago Club. By the provisions of the new contracts signed by players last spring they agreed to go to whatever club they are sent, whether major or minor, at the same or smaller salaries."

BILLIARDS.

MORNINGSTAR BEATEN.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 21.—Welker Cochrane, of Chicago, tonight won a 1,800 point 18.2-balkline billiard game from Ora Morningstar, of this city, 1,800 to 1,767, after Morningstar had made an unsuccessful effort to come from behind in the final book. Needing 183 to win, Morningstar missed after running off 182 in his eighth inning, and Cochrane then ran his total to 1,896 with a fund of 23.

"PAL" MOORE GOT DEFEATED AGAIN.

Providence, R.I., Dec. 21.—"Joe" Lynch, of New York, won a decision over "Pal" Moore, of Memphis, in the twelve round main bout tonight. Lynch's margin was narrow.

MUNIFICENT GIFTS TO CITY OF CHRISTIANIA.

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 21.—The well-known Norwegian shipowner, Christopher Hannevig, Jr., who has amassed a very large fortune by successful speculations during the war, is setting a wonderful example of civic spirit. He has placed a sum of kr. 1,000,000 at the disposal of the sculptor, Gustav Vigeland, thus enabling him to carry out his plans for a fountain, in their entirety. Norway has had reason to be proud of this wonderful sculptor, but unfortunately financial considerations have placed limits upon the realization of many of the conceptions of his genius. Years ago, when the town of Christiania decided to buy his fountain, which comprises a group of figures requiring years of work and a very large expenditure, every one realized that in order to carry out his design in the best possible manner, much more was required in the shape of the building of terraces, the erection of imposing stone groups and the production of the characteristic mosaics which should form the frame work round the real fountain. All this is now made possible by Mr. Hannevig's munificent gift.

A few days after he had surprised the citizens of Christiania by this generosity, they woke up to find that he had also insured the town an opera house, by offering to provide the site and the building which, it is estimated, will involve a sum of over kr. 7,000,000, his only condition being that his plans are to be approved. The opera house is to be erected opposite the new Town Hall, which is now being built, facing the harbor. It is Mr. Hannevig's intention to have a modern business house next the opera house, and care will be taken to secure harmony of architecture between the three buildings.

MR. HENDERSON ON LABOR'S POSITION

LABOR SPOKESMAN URGES INCREASE IN REPRESENTATION IN PARLIAMENT.

Edinburgh, Scotland, Dec. 21.—At the closing meeting of the conference of the National Union of Scottish Mine Workers, Mr. Arthur Henderson M.P., gave an address on the subject of Labor representation in the House of Commons. Mr. Robert Smillie, president of the Miners Federation of Great Britain, in introducing the speaker, said the federation had been reviewing their position in the light of the Representation of the People Bill, and they had decided to increase the number of their candidates to 43, and the intention was to recommend that of these Scotland should be entitled to five.

Mr. Henderson opened his address with a sympathetic reference to Russia. Proceeding to the subject of labor representation, Mr. Henderson said Scotland would do well to take advantage of the passing of the new franchise bill to enlarge its representation in Parliament. He believed the bill would open up political and democratic possibilities unequalled in the history of either the trades union or the labor movement. Labor in Great Britain, Mr. Henderson maintained, had hitherto made little or no effort to become a national party. The Labor Party claimed to be nothing more than a federation, and it was interesting to know that its constitution had been open for the affiliation of the co-operative movement. It was no fault of the Labor Party, therefore, that the co-operative movement had not been more largely represented amongst the national bodies forming the federation.

Continuing, Mr. Henderson said labor meant to take advantage of the new circumstances something more than a readjustment of their position became absolutely necessary. He was in agreement with the national executive, Mr. Henderson said, in believing that the position must not only be reviewed, but it must be determined whether their present methods of organization would not have to be so completely revolutionized as to transform them from a federation into a full-blown national party. If labor intended to take that important step, Mr. Henderson proceeded, one qualification was essential, labor need not attempt to become a national party unless it recognized what was involved in the way of organization. Success could only be attained if there was complete unity in their ranks, and, if possible, unity amongst kindred democratic forces. While actual organic union might not be possible between these forces, unity in idea, and aim was indispensable, and, as far as possible, common co-operative action in the political sphere.

Speaking of the Labor Party's attitude to the war, Mr. Henderson said he was quite sure that neither from the point of view of the capitalist, nor from the standpoint of the worker did permanent advantage lie in the direction of revolution by force. There must be a revolution of a peaceful character. He believed the most peaceful and the most successful revolution that could come would be by placing the workers, through their own directly elected representatives, for the first time in a position of supremacy in the people's Parliament. After the war they might be up against terrible social, industrial and economic problems. Demobilization would mean the return of millions of men. It might be they would be in the acute stages of unemployment, of shortage of food, and shortage of capital, and this shortage would fall on the working classes. In order to provide for that time, it seemed to him absolutely essential to have a government that would challenge the problems of reconstruction in the interests of the masses of the people. No government, he maintained, ought to be permitted to take steps in a backward direction in response to the forces of reaction, and hand over to private control those great necessities of life which for war purposes had come under the control of the Government. In that he included railways, mines, shipping, and the sources of their food supply.

It was one of the finest testimonies to the position of the organized labor forces in the country, Mr. Henderson considered, that the Government had done the very thing labor had been appealing to them to do for the last 40 years. If it was good for war time, could it, Mr. Henderson asked, be other than good as a permanent policy? Many people did not like state control. Labor, however, would have to unite so that no government would dare adopt a policy of reaction.

Speaking of the possibility of a general election, Mr. Henderson said it was in their own interest to ward off an election until peace was actually signed. Then, he considered, the Government should ask the country if the peace met with its approval, and secondly they ought to get the country's mandate with regard to the great problems of reconstruction. The Labor Party, Mr. Henderson said, wanted to appeal to the new voter before he was committed to any party. It was for the constituencies to decide how many candidates were going to be run.



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The success realized is not only due to the organization but also to the air which was received on all hands, and the firm of Eug. Julien expresses thanks to His Eminence Cardinal Begin, the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Quebec, Sir Evariste LeBlanc who graciously gave their patronage. Approved by such personages the success of the undertaking was never in doubt; to the five newspapers of the city who gave free of charge all the space required in their advertising as well as in their news columns; to Messrs Ernest Tremblay, Dussault & Proulx and Charrier & Dugal, Printers, who supplied all printed matter required free of charge; to all manufacturers and purveyors as well as to those who donated prizes which represented a value of \$2,000.00. Among those donors special mention might be made of the Pollock Manufacturing Co., of Kitchener, Ont., who sent a Phonola worth \$175.00, the Doherty Manufacturing Co., of Sarnia, a stove worth \$88, and the firm of Thompson & Sutherland of North Sydney, N.S., a stove valued at \$75.00, which were among the finest prizes that we received. The other prizes while not worth so much were still of great value.

Thanks to the amiability of Mr. W. J. Lynch, Manager of the Quebec Railway, Light, Heat & Power Co., the crowds were able to reach their homes in comfort as there were sufficient cars at the doors to accommodate the people of the city and the surroundings, which was greatly appreciated by all.

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Thanks are also due to Messrs. Edgar Dion, Alexandre Bedard, Jos. Dussault and Ant. Drolet and to the Labranche Orchestra for the music supplied; to all persons who co-operated with the Julien staff for the sale of tickets or for organization work to Messrs. Arthur Paquet, M.L.A., Arthur Leclerc, and M. L. Marchand, who acted as judges on all three evenings, and also to Chevalier & Canac Marquis, Dr. Vallee, Dr. Racine, Mr. Guillemette and Martin who gave assistance, to Chief of Police Trudel and Deputy Fire Chief Belanger for supplying men each evening; to Chief Justice Sir Francois Lemieux for his visit and to the public in general who encouraged the movement and helped to make it such a signal success.

The sale of tickets and the money given instead of prizes netted \$2,327.93 and the vestry \$334.00 making a total of \$2,662.13.

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30TH NOVEMBER 1917

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ASSETS

Table with columns for 'Current Com.', 'Deposit in the Central Gold Reserve', 'Deposit with the Minister for the purpose of the Circulation Fund', etc.

H. S. HOLT, President. EDSON L. PEASE, Managing Director. C. E. NEILL, General Manager.

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

We report to the Shareholders of The Royal Bank of Canada that in our opinion the transactions of the Bank which have come under our notice have been within the powers of the Bank. That we have checked the cash and verified the securities of the Bank as the Chief Office at 30th November, 1917, as well as at another time, as required by Section 56 of the Bank Act, and that we found they agreed with the entries in the books in regard thereto. We also during the year checked the cash and verified the securities at the principal branches. That the above Balance Sheet has been compared by us with the books at the Chief Office and with the certified returns from the Branches, and in our opinion is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Bank. That we have obtained all the information and explanations required by us. JAMES MARWICK, C.A. & ROGER MITCHELL, C.A., Auditors. of Marwick, Mitchell, Post and Co.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Table with columns for 'Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1916', 'Profits for the year, after deducting charges of management and all other expenses, accrued interest on deposits, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of interest on unmatured bills', etc.

APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:-

Table with columns for 'Dividends Nos. 118, 119, 120 and 121, at 12 per cent. per annum', 'Transferred to Officers' Pension Fund', 'Written off Bank Premises Account', etc.

RESERVE FUND

Table with columns for 'Balance at Credit 30th November, 1916', 'Premium on New Capital Stock issued to Quebec Bank Shareholders', 'Transferred from Profit and Loss Account', etc.

H. S. HOLT, President. EDSON L. PEASE, Managing Director. C. E. NEILL, General Manager. Montreal, 18th December, 1917.

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Washington, Dec. 21.—M. L. Michailovitch, Minister of Serbia, has prepared a statement showing the attitude of his people toward the entrance of the United States into the war against Austria-Hungary. He says:

"Serbia has hailed with enthusiasm the decision of Congress to consider the United States at war with Austria-Hungary, the ally of Germany. The existence of Austria-Hungary, the power with whose aid Germany expected to accomplish her plans in the Balkans, was the principal cause of this terrible war. This ally of Germany has prepared the ground in the Balkans for the great route of conquest toward Baghdad. Bulgaria and Turkey agreed to these designs. Serbia alone remained a source of resistance to them, and it is not necessary to repeat here all that she has done during the present war. And for this reason alone Serbia can frankly hail the important decision of Congress declaring Austria-Hungary also an enemy of the aim for which the United States entered the war.

"We must, however, regret that this conception has not been extended to all the allies of Germany. The present war is a struggle between two groups of peoples and their united efforts to achieve victory. It is no longer any question what uniform this effort wears, just as there is no longer any question as to why any peoples have joined one or the other of these two groups. Military action and the final solution it will achieve will be the result of this common and concentrated effort, just as the political solution of this struggle will be represented by the resultant of the ideals of one or other of them. To fight on the side of Germany and pretend at the same time that one is not in accordance with her political aims, as the official representatives of Bulgaria do, is simply childish. Besides, as regards a successful activity of the allied troops and the troops of the United States, it is a matter of perfect indifference as to what may be the political relations between the various members of the enemy group. What is important is that the entire force of our enemies is drawn up against us and that it must be attacked if victory is to be achieved. The united efforts of the Allies must be opposed to the united effort of the enemy. On every front, be it in France, in Italy or in Macedonia, the enemy is always one and the same. The fact that the Allies have before them on a certain point Bulgarian or German troops is a matter of perfect indifference as far as the military action is concerned.

"From the first day of the war the enemy group has had this correct conception, but while it realized this unity of front, each of the Allies guarded the right to independent action, and as a result the enemy was able to strike them blow upon blow. In addition, we sympathize with Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey for being under the heel of the German boot. While the united effort of our enemy achieved victory after victory in Russia, in the Balkans, in Italy, the Allies consoled themselves with the imaginary mistrust of Germany's allies against German militarism. The official and the non-official agents of Germany encourage us by all sorts of rumors to indulge in this fond belief even today.

"The German troops cooperate with the troops of Austria-Hungary and Bulgaria, and we declare that therefore these countries are the tools of Germany. But do the troops of the Allies not cooperate today in France, in Italy and on the Macedonian front? The Serbian Army is today under the supreme command of a French general, and the Serbs do not declare that they are under the French boot, but, on the contrary, consider the French as their best friends and their brothers in arms.

"For war operations it is not sufficient to have at one's disposal a sufficiency of arms, munitions and men. We must also count upon the morale of the troops. To raise the morale of our troops and to maintain the healthy state of public opinion, to exercise a depressing influence upon the morale and upon the public opinion of the enemy so as to weaken his forces, all these things are just as important as the providing of war material.

"Germany, and especially Austria and Bulgaria, have made very efficient use of these means against our allies. The agents of these countries are ceaselessly putting into circulation rumors of a separate peace, rumors which are seized upon and discussed by the public press. At the time of the Emperor William's visit to Vienna and Sofia, when he began to prepare the great offensive against Italy, the allied press was discussing the possibility of a separate peace with Bulgaria. The Minister of Bulgaria in Washington even gave expression to his sympathies for the Allies. At the very moment when the Bulgarian Minister was making his declaration, not only were the Bulgarians fighting against Serbia, but Bulgarian officers were being sent to the Italian front to share with their German 'oppressors' in the victory over Italy. Once the Italian disaster had begun, the enemy agents became silent, waiting for a new opportune moment. The Minister of Bulgaria has just spoken again and declared his sympathies for the Allies, and I am convinced that behind this declaration hides a fresh surprise on the allied front from the



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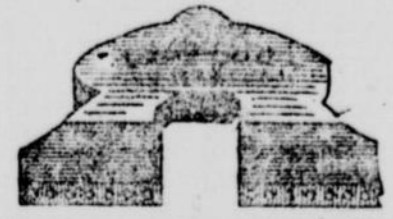
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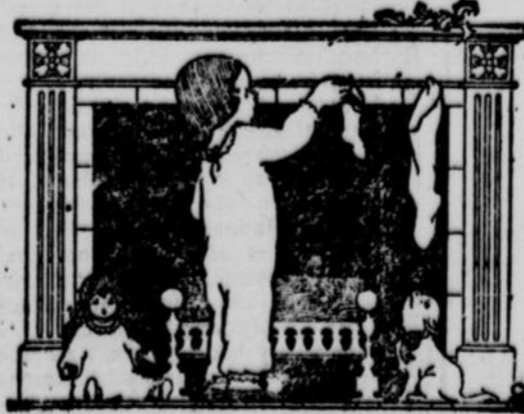
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EXAMINATION OF AUSTRIAN ISSUE

INTERNAL COMPOSITION OF DUAL MONARCHY CAUSE OF EUROPEAN UNREST.

Berne, Switzerland — Herr Siegfried Fleisch, who before the war was the editor of a Munich periodical known as the Kritische Tribune, has contributed an article to the Freie Zeitung pointing out what he considers to be the danger of an overlooking of the Austrian question.

The internal composition of Austria-Hungary, he writes, has been, and will remain, the cause of all European unrest, if the monarchy continues to exist in any form. Anyone who sets out to examine the so-called Austrian question must free himself, above all, from the nationalist prejudices of the different races embraced in the Danubian Monarchy. The question must be regarded from the European standpoint. A clear insight must be gained into what Austria-Hungary represents in the Europe of the Twentieth Century. Account must be taken of the dangerous agitations and the irreconcilable conflicts that arise from its present structure. It is necessary to prove that the existence or non-existence of Austria-Hungary constitutes a problem that interests not only Italy, Serbia, Rumania, and Germany, but which affects simultaneously and equally the interests of France and England, and indeed of the rest of Europe and of the world; that it is not a question of an inner-political problem, but a question of foreign policy that will affect in the highest degree the development of the history of Europe after the war.

No one will wish to deny that the democratization of Germany, for instance, is not only an inner-political concern of the German people, but that the historical development of all nations is also bound up with it. The same is true with regard to the democratization of Austria-Hungary. The difference, however, consists in the fact that Germany, homogeneous as she is, except, of course, for the people of Alsace-Lorraine, the Poles, and the Danes, would immediately find her balance in going over to democracy. The State structure of Germany, as a national State, contains no element that would make a process of democratization appear impossible, whereas the dissolution of the State as a whole into its ethnic entities is a necessary preliminary to the democratization of the Austrian crown lands.

A few examples must suffice here to illustrate the situation: Supposing that the Austrian half of the monarchy were to decide upon a policy of autonomy (for the various nationalities); the immediate result would be that the Croats of Hungary would arrive for union with their brethren in Austria. Supposing that after severe struggles that were realized, who could prevent the Serbo-Croats from striving for their ethnic union with Serbia, whose constitution would be sure to characterize that would the compromise settlement Austria would have been compelled to introduce without satisfying any party entirely? The same argument holds good with regard to the Italian territories, whose aspirations for autonomy would continually encounter the obstinate opposition of the other nationalities united with them in the same crown lands.

In a series of severe struggles and to the accompaniment of the permanent disturbance of the whole of Europe, there would inevitably take place that same process which developed in Turkey, and which permanently converted the Balkans into the storm center of Europe. Were a solution of the question in this sense possible we should have been able from 1848 onward to distinguish the signs of it, and to have observed its development since 1870. What we witnessed, however, was the contrary. Even the latest developments prove that; for instance, the amnesty wung from the authorities by the Austrian nationalities, is not possible in Hungary; in order to render it possible to push the state coach further on its way permanent recourse has to be made to paragraph 14 (of the Constitution, which enables laws to be enacted by royal decree alone), as the state of internal corruption renders constitutional cooperation impossible. The Emperor ascends the throne without taking the oath to the Constitution, and all this because the internal character of this state organism is built upon a purely dynastic and militarist foundation. Any reform of a democratic kind would undermine the State as a whole, and would bring nearer its inevitable dissolution. Hence that dissolution is necessary in order to render democratization possible.

Austria is thus the only section of Europe whose nature offers insurmountable obstacles to every progressive movement. It is, in consequence, also the hotbed in which all the poisonous growths of the old Europe have been able to spring up undisturbed. There have been developed in full strength and without limitation of any kind the chauvinistic ideas of the various nationalities, and it is possible to distinguish the most extraordinary developments, we see oppressed nationalities compelled, in order to avoid complete subjection, to challenge vigorously the right of other nationalities, hence the curious relationship of Austria-Hungary to the states on her borders. As the different ethnic entities in Austria feel themselves attracted to the neighboring state to whose nationality they belong, the only possible relation between that state and the monarchy is either that of an alliance, or

of latent or open warfare. An alliance with a view to enlarging its own sphere of influence by means of slow penetration carried on through the medium of its unredeemed brethren (as in the case of Germany), or a war for the liberation of those brethren, and for the attainment of the natural frontier (as in the case of Italy and Serbia) Up to the outbreak of war Austrian policy succeeded, by dint either of alliances or intrigue, in holding its own against the outer world that shrank from venturing into this spider's web of unlimited possibilities. The monarchy was also used as a buffer state between the imperialist aspirations of its neighbors. This position in European politics, however, means nothing less than an eternal postponing of the solution of a dangerous question. It is therefore clear that a state which today still bases its existence on theories outgrown in the evolution of mankind must disappear if it is not to constitute a permanent obstacle to human progress.

It is no longer possible to postpone the solution of this question, since one of the objects of the battle being fought out today is to solve those problems that, from fear of a world war, remained undecided during past generations, although the existence of many things had already been recognized as immortal. To uphold after this war theories that constituted the main reason for its outbreak would be to sin against mankind. The war must smooth the way for a free and peaceful development of the nations, and must loose all the chains that bound us to times and systems already outgrown in spirit by human progress. Austria, who had already lost, in 1848, the capacity to exist by herself, would long since have been unable to maintain herself had it not been for the support of all the governments of Europe. To allow her to exist after the war out of petty political opportunism, such as is known to governments, but not to people, would be a sin against the future peace.

RABBIT SKIN TRADE

It is Greater Than That in All Other Furs.

Many Canadians will be interested to know that the demand for rabbit fur is such as to make it pay to save the pelts of domestic rabbits killed for food, but that raising rabbits for the fur alone would be unprofitable with any known breed. Some facts about the trade in rabbit skins will be of interest in this connection.

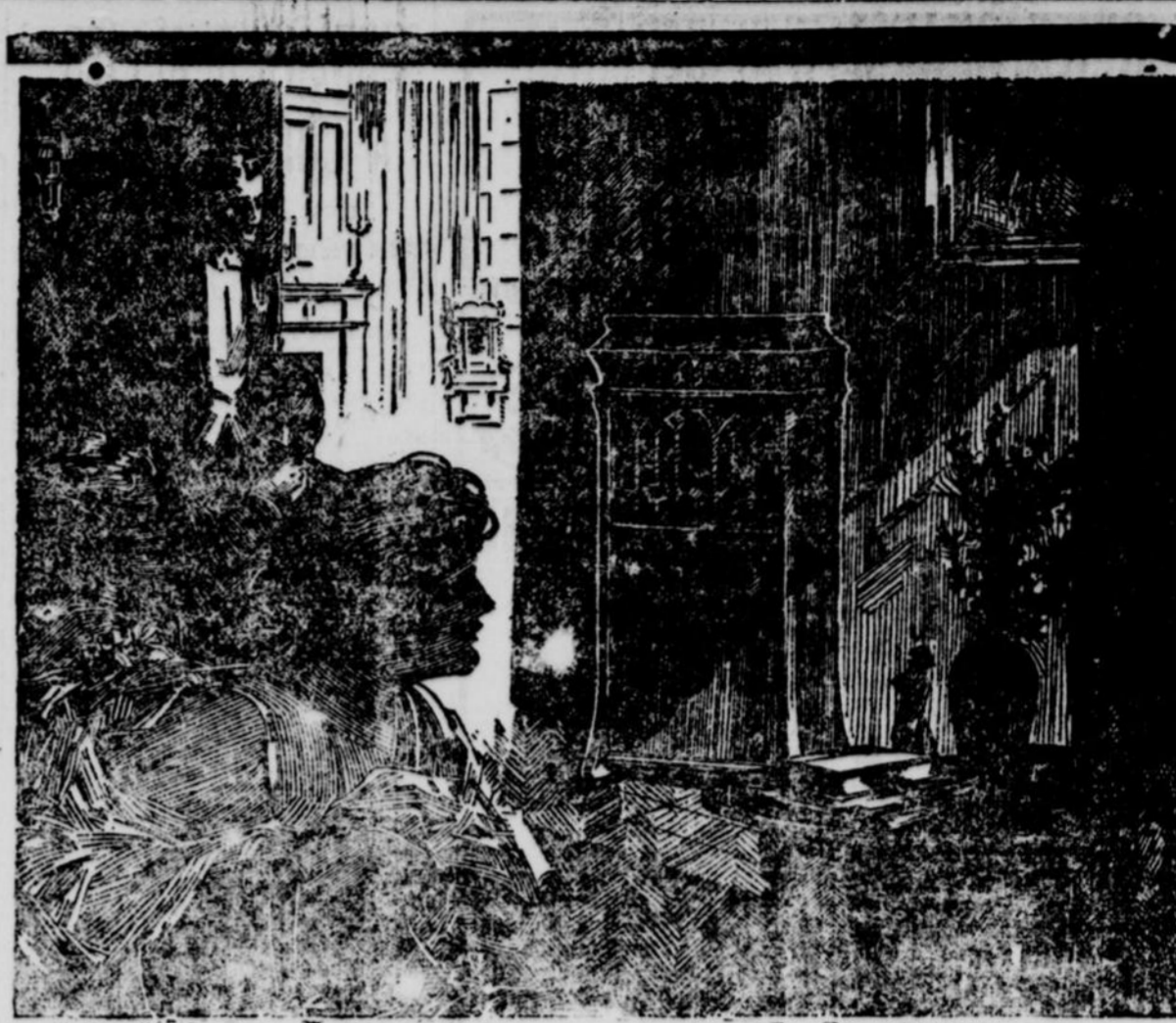
More skins of rabbits are collected and sold annually than of all other fur animals combined. Before the present war, Great Britain imported each year from 70,000,000 to 90,000,000 skins, while the home production added 30,000,000 more. The imported supply came from Australia and the nearer European countries, France, Belgium, Germany, the United States, and other countries also use large quantities of this fur. The bulk of it is sold in bales, bringing from 10 cents to 20 cents a pound, dependent on color and quality. The better class of skins sell by the dozen, bringing from 50 cents to \$1, that is, less than 10 cents each.

Baled rabbit furs are bought largely for felting purposes, the fur being made into cloth or coarse hats, while the skins are utilized for manufacturing glue. Fine hats are made of nutria (the fur of the South American capybara). The fur of the common wild rabbits of America does not sell well and is in slight demand. Whole skins of these animals seldom sell for more than one or two cents each.

The better kinds of rabbit skins are used for making fur garments, which when made up are commonly sold as "coats," but often under other trade names. White skins are made up in imitation of Arctic fox, or, sheared, in imitation of ermine. Gray rabbits are dyed brown or black and become "Baltic black fox" or "Baltic brown fox"; seal-dyed, they become "inland seal," "electric seal," "coast seal" or "near-seal." Reputable furriers avoid such names, or if they use them, frankly explain that the goods are cyn or rabbit. These garments, while handsome and comfortable, have little durability and are therefore cheap.

Statements to the effect that certain breeds of rabbits produce pelts of high market value are unwarranted. The long-haired breeds, such as the Angora and the Siberian (both white animals) have poor pelts and the hairs are not well set in the skins. The short-haired varieties are much alike, as to strength of pelts, but very considerably in color. The English black and white has striking colors that might appeal to the fancy of individual wearers of fur garments, but they are not popular in the furtrade. Skins of piebald rabbits of any shade sell for less than those of solid colors. There is also a difference in quality of fur between hutch rabbits and those kept in the open, the latter having the better pelts.

Besides exaggerated statements as to value of fur, advertisements of fur rabbits contain totally false claims as to the origin of animals offered for sale. This practice is not a new one, for about 60 years ago



A Gift for the Home

(Not for One Individual)

SHARED of all side-issues, the fight in this great war is for our HOMES. This awful conflict has taught us, as nothing else could, the value and sacredness of our homes. The Belgians and French appreciate this even more keenly, perhaps. Can we do, but all Canada is awakening to the great fact that it is the homes—YOURS and your neighbors—that hang in the balance.

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when the now well-known Himalayan rabbit was first bred in England, the statement that it originated in the Himalayan mountains was believed by a fellow of the zoological society of London, who described and figured the animal in the society journal as a new species. Rabbits recently advertised as fur animals are said to have been imported directly from Siberia in one instance and from Mongolia in another. The further statement that the animals exist in these countries in a wild state is advanced. As a matter of fact well known to naturalists, no wild rabbits occur in either country and the few species of hares found there are small grey animals that turn white in winter. The support

of the fanciful testimony of an unknown naturalist who claims to have resided in Siberia and to have observed the animals in the wild state does not help the case.

So far as "the black Siberian hare" is concerned, any experienced breeder of rabbits can readily identify the animals at first sight. They are undoubtedly the common European rabbit of the Flemish giant breed. In this variety black is a constantly recurring color and sometimes appears among litters of the purest-bred strain. These black individuals are usually regarded by fanciers as undesirable and are discarded. However, if the black stock be chosen for reproduction, a black strain of Flemish giants is obtained

in which bluish gray individuals recur from time to time, as several breeders in the United States have proved. Such a strain of Flemish giants is now offered as a new species imported directly from Siberia, a country without rabbits unless carried there as domestic animals.

It is not to be inferred, however, that black Flemish giant rabbits have no fur value. On the contrary owing to their great size and solid color, the skins will probably sell for more than those of most other breeds. All known breeds of domestic rabbits belong to a single species the European rabbit, whether they are known as Belgian hare, Flemish giant, Siberian, Himalayan, Dutch Japanese, Kai-Gai, or any other name.



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# WAR DEPARTMENT WORK IS REVIEWED

### U. S. SECRETARY BAKER TELLS OF ACTIVITIES IN THE WORLD CONFLICT:

Washington, D.C., Dec. 21.—Reviewing chronologically the operations of his department for the year, Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, in his report to the President, made public today, summarizes the activities of the regular army and the national guard along the Mexican border and in the northern states of Mexico. Regarding the accomplishment of the occupation and the results, both to the people of the northern portion of Mexico and the greater efficiency of the armed forces themselves, Secretary Baker observes: "General Pershing's force had been in Mexico in all about 11 months. For various reasons the usual modes of supply and transportation were not available to him and he therefore depended upon a motor-train supply operated from the border. The efficiency with which this supply was organized and maintained was highly creditable, and when the column returned to the United States it came with its own transportation and accompanied by a large part of the civilian population of the neighborhood in which it had been encamped and through which it had afforded an entirely unwonted period of peace, security, and opportunity for industrial and agricultural development. The expedition was in no sense punitive, but rather defensive. Its objective, of course, was the capture of Villa if that could be accomplished, but its real purpose was an extension of the power of the United States into a country disturbed beyond control of the constituted authorities of the Republic of Mexico, as a means of controlling lawless aggregations of bandits and preventing attacks by them across the international frontier. This purpose it fully and finally accomplished."

"The Mexican incident was valuable to the United States in two important ways. In the first place, it demonstrated very definitely the determination of the Government not to allow a menace to continue on our frontier, and, in the second place, by the mobilization of the regular army and the national guard, it gave an excellent opportunity for training both to the men in the guard and to the several supply departments of the Government, and thus afforded a most serviceable foundation upon which to proceed with the larger expansion of the military establishment which we were soon called upon to undertake."

Immediately proceeding to a consideration of the larger undertaking in which the armed forces of the United States are engaged, Secretary Baker says:

"On the sixth day of April Congress declared that the state of war between the United States and the Imperial German Government which had been thrust upon the United States is hereby formally declared. By this declaration and the proclamation of the President pursuant thereto, the United States entered the great conflict which had raged in Europe from August, 1914, as a belligerent power, and began immediately to prepare to defend the rights of the nation, which for months had been endangered and denied by high-handed and inhuman acts of the German Government both on land and sea. The peaceful ambitions of our people had long postponed our entrance into the conflict; and adherence to a strict neutrality through long months of delicate situations delayed the beginning of active military preparation. At once, however, upon a declaration of a state of war, Congress began the consideration of the measures necessary for the enlargement of the military forces and the coordination of the industrial strength of the nation. It was understood at the outset that war under modern conditions involved not only larger armies than the United States had ever assembled, but also more far-reaching modifications of our ordinary industrial processes, and wider departures from the peace-time activities of the people. The task of the United States was not only immediately to increase its naval and military establishments, but also to bear an increasing financial, industrial and agricultural burden for the support of those nations which, since 1914, had been in arms against the Imperial German Government and have borne not only the full force of the attack of its great military machine, but also the continuing drain upon their economic resources and their capacity for production which so titanic and long-continued a struggle necessarily entails."

The Secretary then reviews, in detail the measures adopted to increase the strength and efficiency of the land forces. These include the mobilization of the regular army and the national guard, and the enactment and administration of the Selective Draft Act, designed to create the new national army. Dealing with the latter subject, Secretary Baker says:

"In the preparation of the act providing for the temporary increase in the military establishment, very earnest consideration was given by the committees of the two houses of Congress and by the department to the plan which would be followed in creating a military establishment under modern conditions adequate for the tremendous emergency facing the nation. Our own history and experience with the volunteer system afforded little precedent because of the new conditions, and the experience of European nations was neither uniform nor wholly adequate. Our adversary, the German Empire, had for

many years followed the practice of universal compulsory military training and service, so that it was a nation of trained soldiers. In France the same situation had existed. In England, on the other hand, the volunteer system had continued, and the British Army was relatively a small body. The urgency, however, of the British need at the outbreak of the war, and the unbroken traditions of England, were against even the delay necessary to consider the plan upon which action might best be taken, so that England's first effort was reduced to that volunteer system, and her subsequent resort to the draft was made after a long experience in raising vast numbers of men by volunteer enlistment as a result of campaigns of agitation and patriotic appeal. The war in Europe, however, had lasted long enough to make quite clear the character of the contest. It was obviously no such war as had ever before occurred, both in the vast numbers of men necessary to be engaged in strictly military occupation, and in the elaborate and far-reaching organization of industrial and civil society of the nation back of the army."

"The three divisions of the army, namely, the regular army, the national guard, and the national army, were very different organizations as we contemplated them at the time of the passage of the act for the temporary increase of the military establishment. The regular army was a veteran establishment of professional soldiers; the national guard a volunteer organization of local origin maintained primarily for the preservation of domestic order in the several states, with an emergency duty toward the national defense; the national army an unknown quantity, made up of men to be selected arbitrarily by tests and rules as yet to be formulated, unorganized, untrained, existing only in theory and, therefore, problematical as to its spirit and the length of time necessary to fit it for use. Congress, however, most wisely provided as far as possible for an elimination of these differences. Enlistments in the regular army and national guard were authorized to be made for the period of the war rather than for fixed terms, the maximum and minimum ages of enlistment in the regular army and national guard were assimilated; the rights and privileges of members of the three forces were made largely identical. Indeed, the act created but one army, selected by three processes. The wisdom of Congress in this course became instantly apparent. Spirited young men throughout the country began at once to enlist in the regular army and national guard who might have been deterred from such enlistment had their obligation been for a fixed period rather than for the duration of the war. Many men asked themselves but one question: By which avenue of service will I earliest get to France? The men in the national army soon caught this spirit, and, while the department is endeavoring to preserve as far as possible in the national guard and the national army those intimacies which belong to men who come from the same city or town, and to preserve the honorable traditions of military organizations which have histories of service to the country in other wars, the fact still remains that the army is rapidly becoming the army of the United States, with the sense of origin from a particular state, or association with a particular neighborhood, more and more submerged by the living sense of national service and national identity."

Describing the efforts of the department properly to house and care for the men in the national army and national guard camps, the Secretary says:

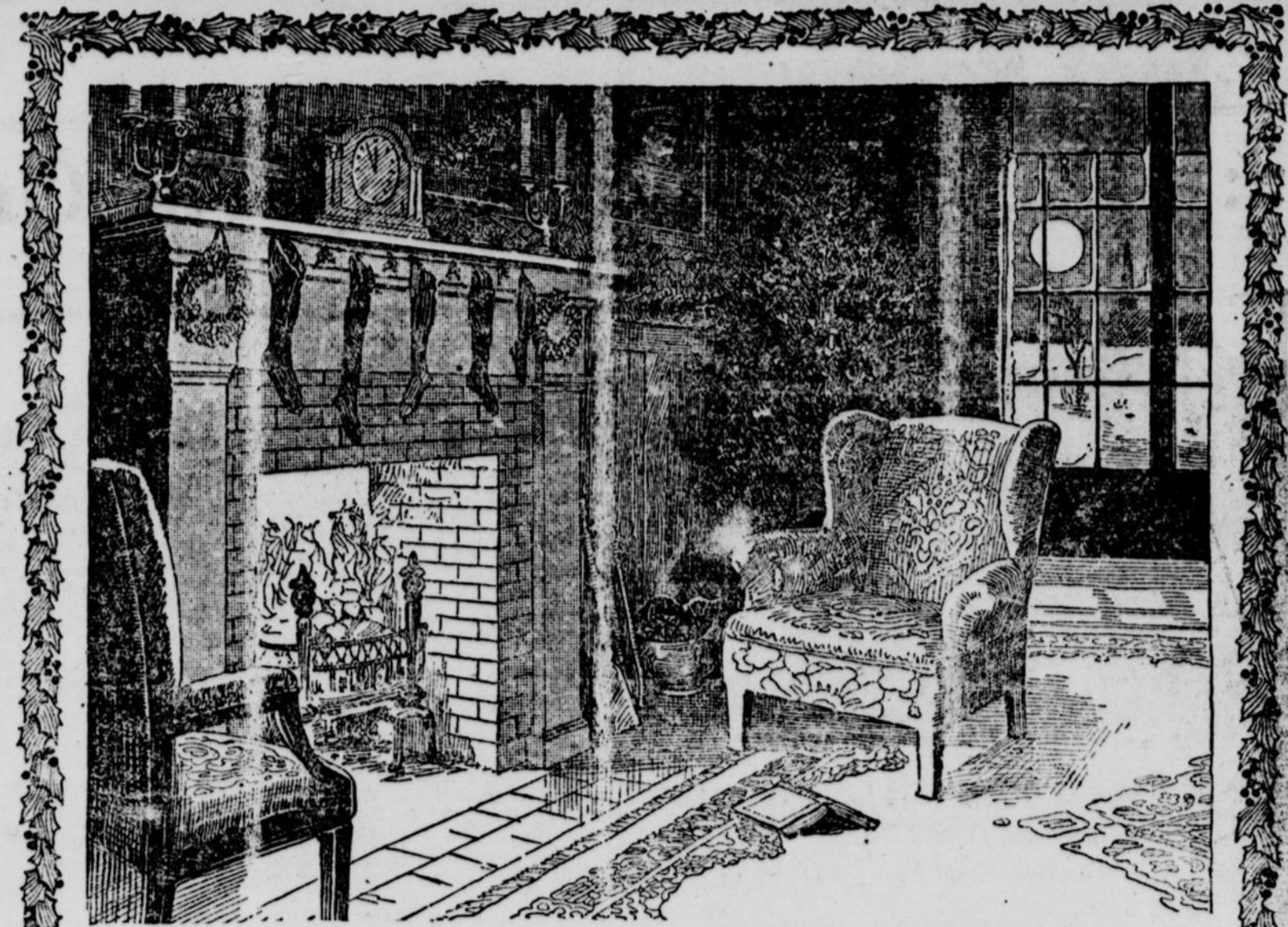
"Sixteen national army camps were constructed in various parts of the United States at points selected by the War Department. The camps were carefully laid out by experienced town planners and engineers to give best results considering all viewpoints."

"A typical cantonment city will house 40,000 men. Each barrack building will house 150 men and provide 500 cubic feet of air space per man. Such a cantonment complex contains between 1000 and 1200 buildings and covers about 2000 acres. In addition, each cantonment has a rifle range, drill, parade, and manoeuvre ground of about 2000 acres. In many cases all or a large part of the entire site had to be cleared of woods and stumps. The various military units were located on principal or primary roads—a regiment being treated as a primary unit. About 25 miles of roads were constructed at each cantonment, and sewers, water supply, lighting facilities, and other improvements installed."

"An infantry regiment requires 20 barrack buildings, six for officers' quarters, two storehouses, one infirmary building, 28 lavatories, with hot and cold shower baths, or a total of 50 buildings. In addition to the buildings necessary for the regimental units, each cantonment has buildings for divisional headquarters, quartermaster depots, laundry receiving and distributing stations, base hospitals having 1000 beds, post exchanges, and other buildings for general use."

"At several of the cantonments remount stations have been provided, some of them having a capacity to maintain 12,000 horses."

"In addition to the national army camps, plans were made for the construction of 16 national guard, two embarkation and one quartermaster training camp, but the construction of these items did not involve so large an expenditure as the national army camps, as provision was made for fewer units and only tentage quarters for the men in the national guard camps was provided. Modern storehouses, kitchens, mess shelters, lavatories, shower baths, base hospitals, and remount depots were built, and water, sewerage, heating, and light systems installed at an expenditure of about \$1,200,000 for each camp."



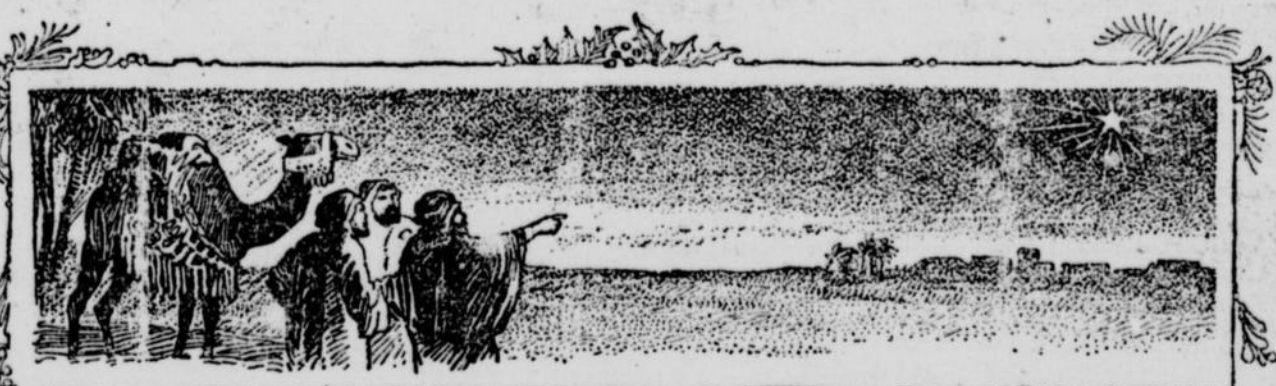
## A War-time Christmas Greeting

IN the march over the highroad to victory—our hearts inspired, uplifted and assured by the consciousness of right—is it not fitting that we pause by the wayside and try to forget our trials and tribulations if only for one peaceful day?

For the sake of the little ones who realize not the burdens of the time, those who have suffered will bravely mask their pain. As you bore the good wishes for a "Merry Christmas" will pass from lip to lip.

Such a Christmas will hearten all for the rest of the journey. And it will render more certain than ever the early coming of that glorious, lasting Peace which will be our reward for sacrifice.

As we clasp the hands of our mutual friends again this year it is with the prayer that Peace may come to us ere long wearing the crown of victory



"They followed the star the whole night through; As it moved with the midnight, they moved too; And cared not whither it led, nor knew Till Christmas Day in the morning."

## The Mutual Life of Canada

Waterloo, Ontario

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After describing in detail the work of the commission on training camp activities, the report has this to say: "This brief description of the committee and its work could with profit be greatly expanded. The splendid activities of the Young Men's Christian Association, the Knights of Columbus, the Young Women's Christian Association, the Masonic and other fraternal orders, the resources of the churches and the services of the social workers and experts in recreation and entertainment, have all been coordinated to surround the life of our soldiers with opportunity and diversion."

The report deals comprehensively with the developments in aviation and the activities of the Aircraft Production Board. The Secretary says:

"The report of the chief signal officer, which accompanies this, is necessarily reserved in its discussion of details; but it contains the outlines of a romance, the story of a new development of subtle adaptation, and of the fine capacity of our people to seize a new and infant art, make themselves masters of it, and work out its mechanical development under the spur of the country's need for patriotic service. We are dealing here with instruments which for military reasons can not be described, and with activities which can not prudently now be detailed; but the standardization of planes, engines, and parts to facilitate quantity production, the development of the Liberty motor, and the generous co-operation of (physical) scientists, engineers, and manu-

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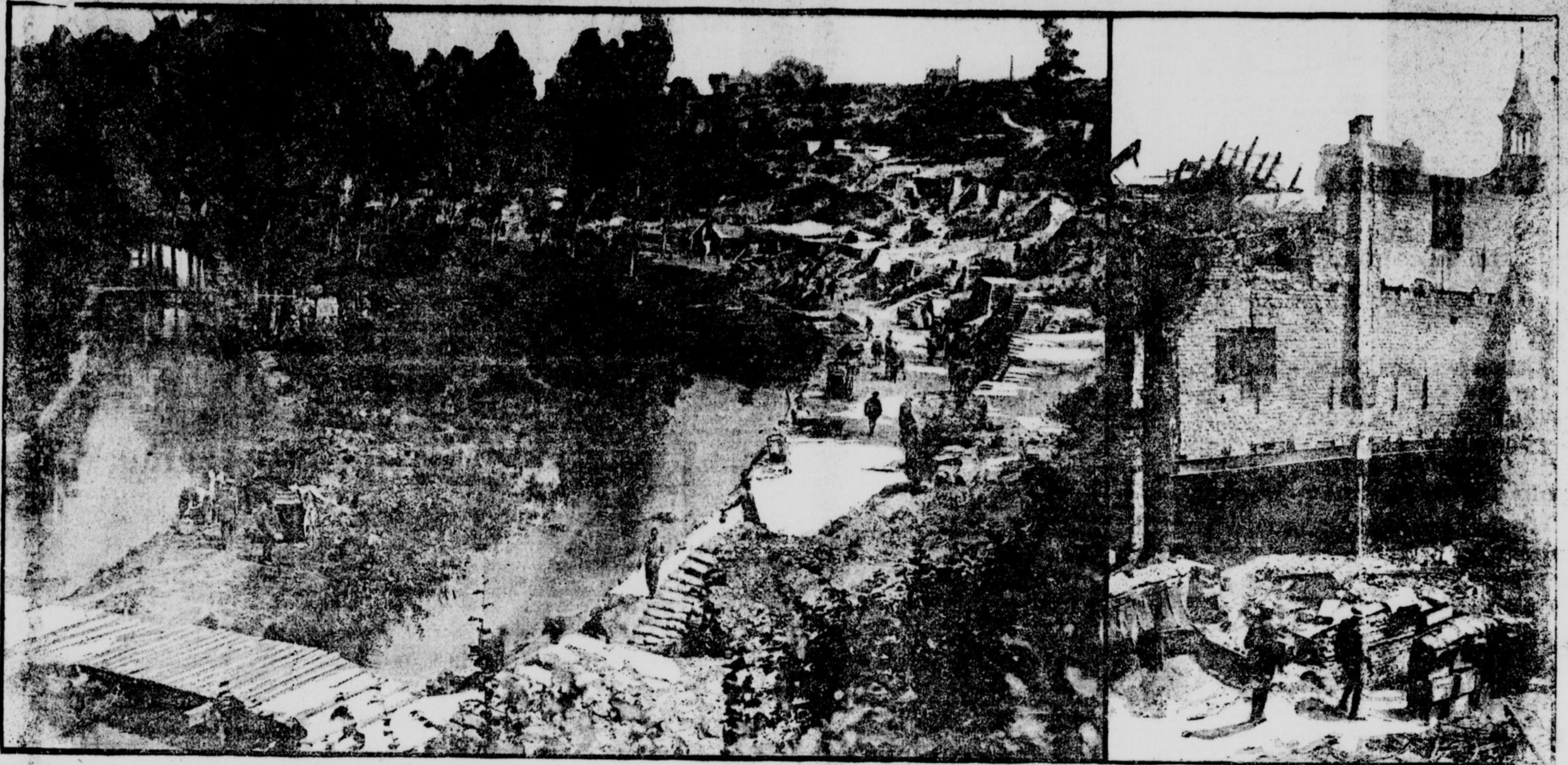
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CANADA.  
Province of Quebec, SUPERIOR COURT  
District of Quebec.  
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NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment from the Court, issued this day, the undersigned have been appointed provisional liquidators to the said Company.  
A meeting of the creditors, contributories, shareholders and members of the said Company will be held on December 28th, 1917, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Court House of Quebec, for the nomination of a liquidator and one or more inspectors to the assets of this Company, in liquidation.  
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An Englishman has invented a process of coloring wool khaki and orange shades with dilute nitric acid.

# :: Dugouts and Ramparts On The Western Front ::



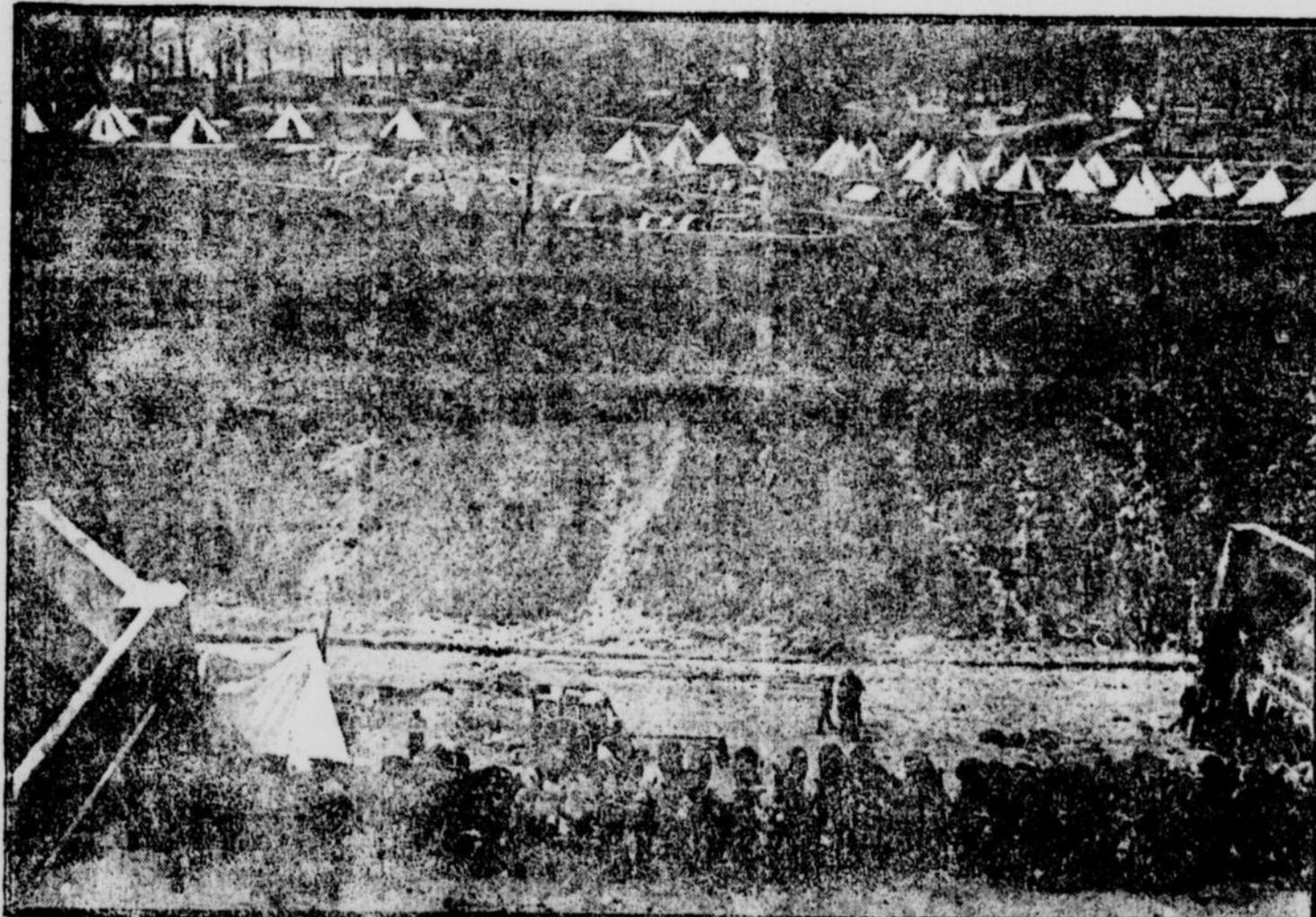
On the British Western Front in France.—View of some dugouts.

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Y. M. C. A. occupy cellar of ruined village.

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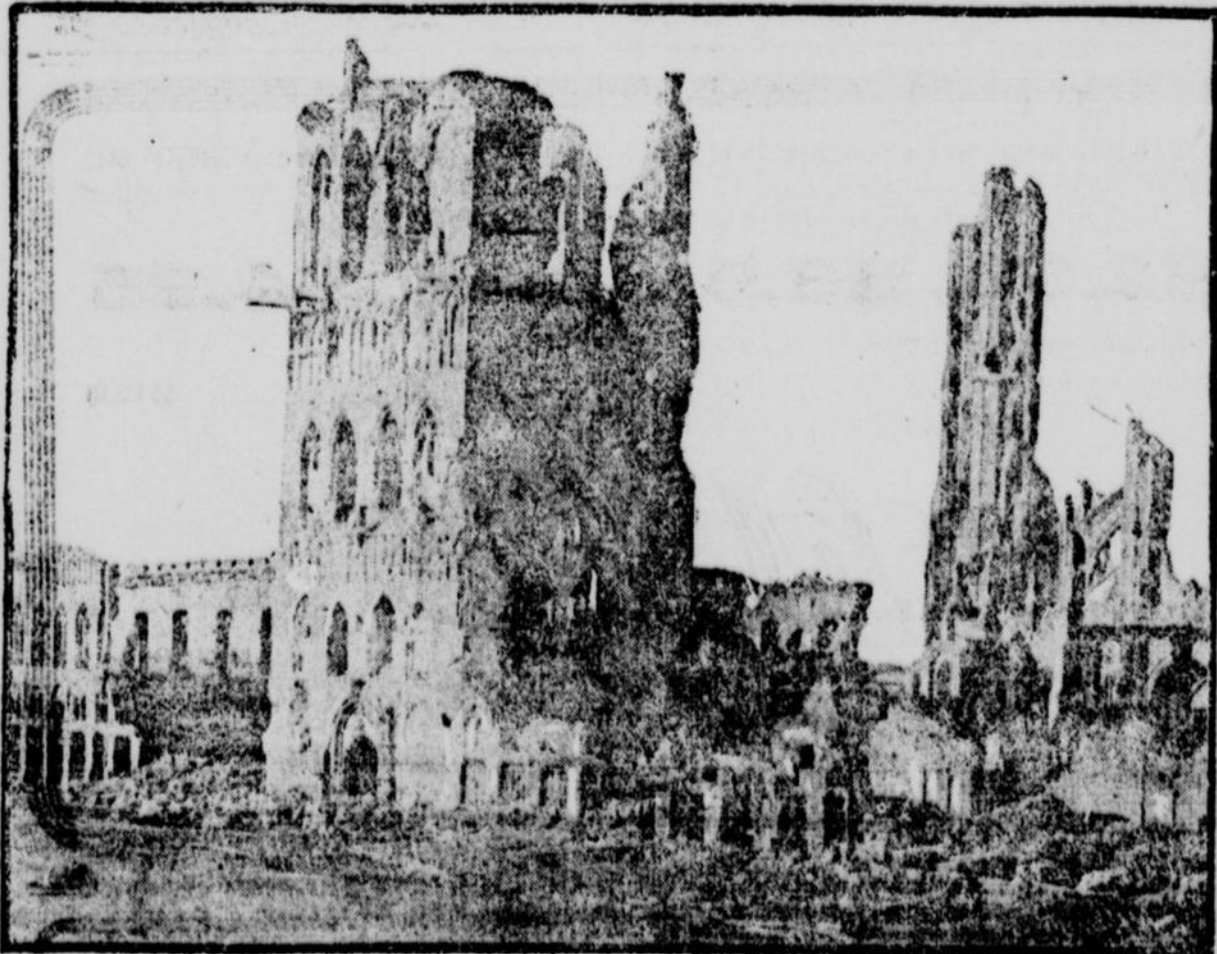
On the British Western Front in France.—View in some ramparts.

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Battle of Flanders.—German fortress in a wood from which they were driven—we have taken many such.

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Cloth Hall, Ypres, as it appeared at the end of 1916.

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## Habits of the Black Bear

THE black bear came shuffling down the mountain side through the fallen timber, pausing here and there to turn over a rotten log in search of grubs. It was summer and the feed was good. He was quite well-satisfied with the world. He had found a very good food for investigation in the new territory he had just taken up. In the tangle of the burnt and fallen trees he was sure of staples of life, and down on the edge of the river beside the trail he often discovered rare titbits, left by camping parties.

A hoarse whistle booming up from over the shoulder of the mountain on his left scarce caused him to pause for it was a section of his every day life. Ever since his youngest cub days he had heard the roar, far or close, on one side or another. Sometimes he crossed the steel bars on which the roaring monsters slid down or rolled up, out and into Flead. He was a British Columbia bear, and the Canadian Pacific main line was as much a part of his life as the mountains were.

He drifted down further, and spied a tent. It looked tempting and he scuffed close. There was one around, and he thrust an inquisitive nose within. Strange sights and wonderful smells greeted him. He made a tentative sweep at a box with one armed paw and a snowy mass of sugar rolled out. He ate. Then he tried the bacon and found it good, as

searched for a dessert and found a tin. This was held firmly to his paws while he bit at the top. It came off, and the contents looked red and delicious. Being a cautious bear, he investigated further by thrusting his nose into the opening and sniffing deep. Instantly he coughed violently and a cloud of particles arose from the can and filled his eyes and mouth. With a strangled roar he raced blindly about. He tore up blankets, he wallowed against the camp stove, he ripped the tent walls with his frantic paws and finally brought all down upon him in a rain of wreck. Fighting madly he worked free and dashed to the river where he plunged madly into the flood just as Jim Simpson, a guide and hunter, rounded the trail and saw the ruin wrought.

Simpson looked at the damage and swore, he pulled the canvas from the tangled mess of camp paraphernalia and disturbed a fine dust. He sneezed. He looked further. Red particles arose in little clouds when he moved any article. He picked up the can which caused the trouble, and he laughed. It was cayenne pepper.

But he thought the bear was proving a nuisance, so he rode ten miles to his winter camp and brought back a huge-jawed bear trap. And he set the grim mass of metal in the thick of the tallest-looking pile of rotten logs on the edge of the down timber for he knew the habits of bears.



When the next dawn painted the snows he started out with his rifle and his kodak. Men who hunt in the Canadian Pacific Rockies for their livings have realized that the American is as much of a money-setter as the hunter. When the bright morning sun peered warmly and cheerily over the low shoulder that reached out into the broad valley at the new bear was looking down from a mass of

lumbered timber or the trapped bear and the latter was coming at him. The paw was clamped in the second catch of the trap and the latter was wedged immovably in the space between. The camera flicked on the living animal for about thirty seconds before the big mechanism slid a big cartridge from magazine to barrel. Then another trap vander had gone over the mountains. — L. V. S.



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## POWER ASKED FOR COMMERCE CONTROL

INTERSTATE COMMISSION, IN REPORT TO CONGRESS. SEEKS ADDED AUTHORITY.

Washington, December 14—In an annual report of the Interstate Commerce Commission, submitted to Congress yesterday, the work of that body for the year ending October 31st, 1917 is reviewed. Within the period covered, the formal docket of the commission has included 654 new cases filed a decrease of 203 compared with the preceding year. Within the same period 746 cases were decided and 106 dismissed by stipulation or otherwise. The commission conducted 1,228 hearings and took approximately 210,133 pages of testimony.

The report summarizes the following recommendations, urged for reasons set forth in previous annual reports: That appropriate provision be made for the punishment of any attempt, by intimidation, threats, inducements, or otherwise, to influence the testimony of any witness before the commission or to deter him from testifying; as also for punishment of misbehavior, disorderly conduct, or contumacy, in or about any proceeding before the commission.

That the Congress fix a limit of three years within which a carrier subject to the act to regulate commerce may bring action for recovery of any part of its charges, and amend section 16 of the act so as to provide that if the carrier begins such action after expiration of the two-year limit now prescribed in that section, or within 90 days before such expiration, complaint against the carrier for the recovery of damages may be filed with the commission within 90 days after such action shall have been begun by the carrier, and not later.

That without abdication of any federal authority to finally control questions affecting interstate and foreign commerce, the commission be expressly authorized to co-operate with state commissions in efforts to reconcile upon a single record the conflicts between the state and the interstate rates.

That the portion of section 20 of the act, which accords the commission right of access to the accounts, records, and memoranda kept by carriers, be amended so as also to accord right of access to the carriers' correspondence files.

That there should be appropriate and adequate legislation upon the subject of control over railway capitalization.

That the use of steel cars in passenger train service be required, and that the use in passenger trains of wooden cars between or in front of steel cars be prohibited.

That under the Panama Canal Act the commission be empowered to permit, subject to further order of the commission, continued operation by a railway, or under railway control of water lines or vessels, where it will be in the interest of the people and of convenience to the public, even though such operation may reduce competition on the route by water.

That legislation requiring standardization of railroad operating rules be enacted. That Congress considered the advisability of prohibiting by statute, under appropriate penalty, trespasses on the trains of interstate carriers and on the tracks of such carriers at places where there are two or more tracks, or within the limits of incorporated towns, or at places where the carrier, by appropriate sign or warning, gives warning that trespassing on its tracks is prohibitive, providing that nothing there in is to be considered as making lawful any trespass which would be unlawful under state laws; and further consider the advisability of conferring concurrent jurisdiction upon federal and state courts for the enforcement of such statute.

Discussing the efforts of the commission to adjust transcontinental rates, under what is referred to as the fourth section of the Interstate Commerce Act, the report says:

The matter of greatest interest and importance coming under the fourth section of the act has been the question of the proper adjustment of transcontinental rates. This was discussed at some length in the last annual report, and it was shown that fourth section applications protecting this adjustment had been reopened for further hearing. Since that time, a decision has been rendered. (Transcontinental Rates, 46 I. C. C., 296). In this report we found the existing water competition to be a negligible factor in affecting the rates by rail between Atlantic and Pacific Coast terminals, and held the rates on commodities from eastern defined territories to Pacific Coast terminals lower than rates contemporaneously in effect on like traffic to intermediate points were not justified under the existing circumstances, and fourth section relief was accordingly denied by Fourth Section Order No. 6790, effective October 15, 1917.

"We also found that the effective rates on certain specified commodities from all eastern defined territories to Pacific Coast terminals were not unreasonably low and were not induced by water competition, and that the effective rates on other commodities in schedules B and C were, as a whole, unreasonably low from territories east of the Missouri river to Pacific coast terminals. We also held that the rates on barley, beans, canned goods, asphaltum, dried fruits and wine from Pacific coast ports via rail-and-water routes through Galveston to the Atlantic seaboard should be revised to accord with the requirements of the long-and-short-haul clause of the fourth section.

"In correcting their rates in accordance with the terms of said order the carriers elected to increase certain rates between the coast points. Before their schedules containing such increases could be filed, effective Oct. 15, 1917, as required by said order, section 15 of the act had been amended by providing that no increased rate, fare, or classification should be filed except after approval thereof has been secured from the commission. Owing to protests against the tariffs offered for filing by the carriers purporting to comply with our order, informal hearings have been set on these protests in New York, Chicago and Portland, Ore.

"In addition to the case just cited, several important decisions have been rendered under the fourth section, affecting extensive rate adjustments. These decisions will have the effect of bringing the rates of the carriers into conformity with the law."

"Since the amendment of August 9, 1917," the report says, "carriers have filed 1,400 applications for authority to file tariffs making increases in rates. Prior to Nov. 1, 1917, 59 applications were approved and four denied. The approved applications were for the most part for the purpose of correcting errors in the tariffs. It required some time to perfect an organization for the handling of matters arising under this amendment and this accounts for the small number of applications passed upon. Daily conferences have been held with shippers and carriers since change in the act concerning such applications and the procedure necessary to acquaint the public with the contents thereof."

Regarding the efforts of the commission to correct alleged abuses arising from discrimination in the allotting of cars to shippers, the report says:

"The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company and its general eastern freight agent were indicted in the Southern district of New York for granting discriminations to a partnership composed of Chas. Schaefer, Sr., and Chas. Schaefer Jr. Both were indicted for accepting and receiving the discriminations. The Schaefer firm was engaged as a dealer and commission concern in procuring shipments of hay, to divers points of delivery in New York city in competition with many other dealers and commission merchants. Since early in the year 1915, the eastern terminal of Lehigh Valley Ry. and other carriers which reached New York harbor have been congested by accumulations of cars loaded with freight. Embargoes have been laid repeatedly by carriers to relieve the congestion. The embargo circulars, which were issued at times by the Lehigh Valley Railroad for transportation to and delivery at New York harbor only when written permits were issued by its general eastern freight agent, authorizing its agents to accept such hay. Investigation disclosed that the Schaefer firm was given an undue share of the permits, cars, and transportation services was denied to its competitors.

"Isaac K. Dye, formerly general manager of the Coal & Coke Ry., was indicted in the Southern district of West Virginia for discrimination in allotting empty coal cars for loading coal at mines served by that carrier. Investigation disclosed that Mr. Dye while acting as general manager, had engaged in the purchase, sale and shipping of bituminous coal for personal profit. During periods of car shortage, mines were allotted a ratable share of available empty coal cars, but their respective allotments were, of course, less than the number of cars needed to ship the coal for which they had orders. During such periods of car shortage he delivered empty cars to certain mines in numbers that exceeded their percentage ratings, ostensibly for loading coal to be consigned to the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. He purchased the coal from the mine operators, and after it had been loaded and had been transported for some distance, he recognized it and sold it at a substantial profit, to certain corporations that were not carriers. By this practice he unduly favored certain mines and decreased the share of empty cars for commercial shipments from the other mines, thus effecting unlawful discrimination in car supply.

"Rigid enforcement of the demurrage rules will do much to aid in the relief of car shortage. Several indictments for alleged failure to impose demurrage charges are now pending trial in the district court.

Dealing with the effect of the Panama Canal upon transcontinental rates, the report says:

"In the last annual report at page 63, we stated that in interpreting the Panama Canal Act we had held that the competition or possibility of com-

petition, dealt with in the act was not a vague, indefinite, or remotely possible competition, but real and substantial competition; and that where the competition or potential competition was remote, impracticable, or negligible, the operation of boat lines by rail carriers might be continued where it was affirmatively shown that such boat-line service was being operated in the interest of the public, was of advantage to the convenience and commerce of the people, and a discontinuance thereof would be substantially injurious to them and to their localities, instead of working

any public benefit. We think that these facts should again be brought to the attention of Congress, so that it may determine whether or not authority shall be conferred upon the commission to permit, in such cases and under such circumstances, discontinuance of the railroad ownership, control, or operation of the water lines, subject to such further regulations as may be deemed necessary and appropriate orders as the commission may subsequently enter, upon a further hearing and a showing of substantially changed circumstances and conditions."

on the route by water. We there brought to the attention of Congress a number of cases then pending in which the competition was real and substantial and not denied, but in which there was abundant testimony on behalf of shippers and shipping interests generally in the territory served, to the effect that the service was in the interest of the public and of advantage to the convenience and commerce of the people, and that a discontinuance thereof would be substantially injurious to them and to their localities, instead of working

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This will be good news to the lovers of vaudeville while, today again, you have another chance of seeing a splendid photo-drama in eight reels, "THE BARRIER," by Rex Beach, the

picture that has drawn so large crowds to the Auditorium all this week.

Regular vaudeville prices will be in force next week, while for today's showing of "THE BARRIER," the prices will be the following: Matinee at 2, 15 cents. Evening at 7.30 and 9.00; gallery, 15 cents; balcony, 20 cents; orchestra, 25 cents.

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London, Eng., Dec. 21—In a letter to the press Mr. John Galsworthy makes an appeal for books and more books for soldiers and sailors on active service. There is a demand for 100,000 magazines and books per week, he says, and the demand is increasing. The supply coming in at present is about 40,000 a week, and dwindling at that.

The Camps Library, 45 Horseferry Road, Westminster, under the control of Sir Edward Ward—the Hon. secretary, the Hon. Mrs. Anstruther—the letter continues, is the organization officially recognized by the War Office for the distribution of literature given by the public for the use of the troops. They began work three years ago, and have dealt with more than 10,000,000 publications. When I went there I saw the little dun-colored mountain of canvas bags received that morning from the post offices. It was high, but it should have been three times as high. An agreed proportion of these bags is set apart and sent to the London Chamber of Commerce, the British and Foreign Sailors Society, and the missions to seamen for the navy; and to the British Red Cross War Library, for the use of the men in hospitals, and on hospital ships. The rest is sorted out and dispatched in due proportion to every unit of service at home and abroad and to prisoners of



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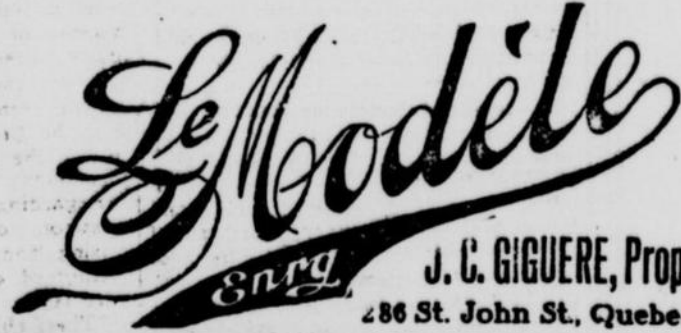
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**CITY OF QUEBEC DISTRICT OF QUEBEC.** To wit:  
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 Quebec, 16th November, 1917.  
 BY-LAW No. 16.  
 Concerning the Internal Government of the Council.

(Drawn up in the French language)  
 At a meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Quebec, held on the 16th day of November instant, (1917), the following by-law was read for the first time:  
 It is ordered and enacted by the Municipal Council of the City of Quebec, and the said Council orders and enacts as follows, to wit:  
 1. Article 35 of By-law No. 1, concerning the Internal Government of the Council as amended by By-law No. 1a, of the 9th February, 1913, is repealed and replaced by the following dispositions:  
 35. The Standing Committees of this Council shall be:  
 1. Finance and By-law Committee.  
 2. Police and Fire Committee.  
 3. Public Works Committee.  
 4. Health Committee.  
 2. Article 35a of By-law No. 1a is repealed and replaced by the following:  
 35a. The City Clerk shall be Secretary of the Police and Fire Committee. The City Treasurer shall be Secretary of the Finance and By-law Committee. The City Engineer shall be the Secretary of the Public Works Committee and the Secretary of the Health Department, shall be Secretary of the Health Committee.  
 3. Article 82 of By-law No. 1, is amended in consequence of the preceding articles.  
 4. The present By-law shall come in force on the 1st of March next (1918).  
 Public Notice.  
 It is hereby given that in conformity with the dispositions of law, the above by-law will be read a second time, for adoption, on Friday, the 20th November instant, (1917).  
 By order,  
 H. J. B. CHOUINARD,  
 City Clerk

**CITY OF QUEBEC DISTRICT OF QUEBEC.** To wit:  
**CITY OF QUEBEC**  
 City Hall  
 BY-LAW No. 270a.  
 Concerning the Weighing of Coal.

(Drawn up in the French Language)  
 At a meeting of the Municipal Council of the City of Quebec, held at the City Hall, in the said City of Quebec, on the twenty-first day of September, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, (1917), in conformity to law, and in virtue of a by-law passed by this Council, pursuant thereto, and after the due observance of all the formalities prescribed by the statute in such case made and provided, at which meeting were present the absolute majority of the members composing the Council of the City of Quebec, that is to say: His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen Bedard, Bertrand, Bois, Collier, Dus-sault, St. L., Gaudin, Gode, Lantier, Lockew, Madden, Martin, Paquet, (J.C.); Piquet (St. S.); Pettigrew, Theriault, Verret.  
 It is ordered and enacted by the Municipal Council of the City of Quebec, and the said Council doth hereby ordain and enact as follows:  
 1. Article 4, of By-law No. 270 passed by this Council on the 18th December, 1885 is abrogated and replaced by the following:  
 4. Every person purchasing coal in this City, may at his expense, after the salesman shall have delivered said coal, have it weighed or measured at any of the public coal weighing and measuring offices, so as to establish the weight or measure.  
 It shall be also advisable to the City of Quebec, by an official appointed to that end, have weighed or measured, at his expense, at any of the said weighing or measuring offices, every load of coal passing on a street in the City limits, so as to establish the weight or measure.  
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Shipping News

RED TAPE BLAMED FOR SHIPPING DELAY

COMMITTEE DIRECTED TO INQUIRE INTO BUILDING OF MERCHANT VESSELS.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 21—The resolution adopted by the Senate on Tuesday, at the instance of Senator Harding of Ohio, is the signal for a sweeping investigation of the program and progress of the shipping board and the emergency fleet corporation. In introducing the resolution, Senator Harding said: "It is a crime that entanglements of red tape and inefficiency should be permitted to interfere with our shipbuilding program. We have appropriated millions," he declared, "but instead of getting ships we have seen the passing of Goethals, Denman, Capps and now Harris." In the comprehensive inquiry authorized by the resolution, the committee on commerce is directed to investigate "the plans and progress of and all matters in connection with the building of merchant ships" by the shipping board and the emergency fleet corporation, with a view to making recommendations to Congress. Senator Harding laid stress on the importance of ships in the prosecution of the war and the utility of training millions of soldiers to send to Europe if the ships promised by the emergency fleet corporation are not forthcoming. Senator Williams of Mississippi, quoting the demand of Mr. Lloyd George, the British Premier, for "more ships and more ships," was inclined to attribute the delay to friction and conflict of authority between naval officers and civilians on the board and the emergency fleet corporation. "No one," said Senator Williams, "can close his eyes to the fact that we, as a nation, have not thus far done our full duty in the war. You may think that, in pursuing this investigation to speed up our shipbuilding program, you are giving information to the enemy, but you may rest assured that the enemy knows all about it already." The speed and efficiency with which war vessels is frequently referred to as an example of what can be done through the efficient execution of a well defined policy. Some senators think that naval officers have not been given the necessary authority to construct ships even when they were elected as managers. Senator Swanson of Virginia agreed with Senator Lodge that if the task of building a fleet of merchant ships had been assigned to the navy, much better results would have been achieved than by leaving it to the dual organization which is now controlling the situation. The immediate cause of the Senate's resolution to investigate the shipbuilding progress was the announcement of Chairman Hurley that Admiral Harris had resigned, and that the Chicago engineer, Charles A. Piez had been made general manager of the emergency fleet corporation. The history of the shipping board and the emergency fleet corporation has been one of continual change and reorganization. The shipping board was organized with William Denman as chairman, and Major General Goethals as manager of the emergency fleet corporation. Mr. Denman and General Goethals failed to cooperate, and it was pointed out at the time that lack of harmony between the two handicapped the shipping program at the very start. On their resignation Edward N. Hurley was made chairman and Admiral Capps head of the fleet corporation. After only two weeks' tenure in his new position caused considerable surprise in Washington, but Chairman Hurley and his associates took pains to emphasize that it would not in any way interfere with the vast projects now actually under way or planned out. In fact, Mr. Hurley, in the formal statement which he issued, intimated that Admiral Harris' severance of all relations with the shipping program would make way for other highly skilled engineering talent that would give an impetus to the shipbuilding program. Meanwhile, however, senators and congressmen are beginning to ask for results, and it is evident that they are not going to be satisfied with changes, reorganizations and promises.

ARGUMENTS FOR FREE PORT TRADE.

New York, N.Y., Dec. 21—The United States Tariff Commission opened a series of hearings this week at the Merchants Association upon the proposal to establish a free port in the port of New York. The association first advanced the proposal before the war as an adjunct to the extension of foreign trade. A referendum among the members showed overwhelming favor for the proposal, and Philip B. Kennedy wrote a pamphlet describing his investigations, on behalf of the association, of the free ports of Hamburg and Rotterdam. After investigating the matter here, the Tariff Board will make recommendations to Congress. It has already held sessions in New Orleans and San Francisco. The free port would be a zone inside the port of New York, where goods might be imported without paying duty. They could not be taken beyond the limits of the zone without paying the customary tariff. This arrangement, it is said, makes possible the exportation of such commodities to foreign countries, performing an exceedingly valuable function in the business of trans-shipment. The association is submitting to the board reasons showing why a free port should be established here, based especially on the fact that such ports have proved of great assistance in the development of the commerce of the countries which maintain them. TO BUILD TEN VESSELS. Shipbuilding Company Takes Over Paper Plant. Portsmouth, N.H., December 21—The paper making plant of the Colonial Paper Company, which was closed several years ago, was acquired today by the Atlantic Engine and Shipbuilding Company of New York and Boston. It is announced that ten steel merchant ships for Government use will be constructed here. The plant is located on Freeman's Point, the site many years ago of shipyards where wooden sailing vessels were built. FREIGHTS AND CHARTERS. New York, Dec. 21—Freights continued to offer steadily in both the steamer and sailing vessel markets and rates were generally well sustained, but the scarcity of available vessels restricted chartering in all trades. Charters: Danish steamer, 1,330 tons (previously), lumber, Gulf to the River Plate, \$131, December; Russia bark, 80,000 cases petroleum, New York to South Africa, private terms, prompt; Danish bark, 1,131 tons, licensed, River Plate to New York, private terms, March-April; schooner, 271 tons, lumber, Gulf to St. Kitts, private terms; schooner, 378 tons, lumber, Gulf to north side Cuba private terms; schooner, 385 tons, same, \$1 January; schooner, 310 tons, lumber, Gulf to south side Cuba, private terms.

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**Financial AND Commercial**  
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(Canadian Press.)  
New York, Dec. 21.—The authoritative statement that all reports concerning the next government loan are merely conjectural and decidedly premature and signs of a collapse of the peace negotiations between Russia and the Central powers contributed to the further strength of the stock market today.  
Prices after the preliminary period of uncertainty advanced 2 to 3 points among leading issues, with greater gains in the varied list of specialties. Technical conditions also were helpful, shorts again covering rather urgently on the increasing scarcity of offerings.  
Rails and the more representative industrials moved to highest levels in the afternoon, but shaded a point or more toward the end, the reversals synchronizing with the definite announcement that action on the railroad situation is to be postponed until after the holidays. Sales aggregated 650,000 shares.  
With the many large financial operations now under way, the money market continued very firm, all call loans holding at six per cent.  
Time rates were steady at 5 3/4 to 6 for mixed collateral, but in point of fact, funds were almost unobtainable, except for the shorter maturities.  
Exchange on France, Russia and Spain moved more in favor of these countries, rubles being in fair demand for the first time in weeks.  
The foreign bonds augmented yesterday's gains, some by 2 to 4 per cent. Domestic issues also displayed firmer tendencies. Liberty 4's sold at 97.10 to 97, and the 3 1/2's at 98.34 to 98.10.  
Total bonds sales, par value, amounted to \$5,357,000.  
United States old coupon 4's rose 3/8 per cent on sale, other issues remaining unchanged on call.

**NEW YORK MARKET.**

(By Bruneau & Dupuis.)

Beth St B.	69 3/4	70 1/4	67 1/4	69 3/4
Am Beet Sug.	66	66	65 1/4	66
Am Can Co.	34 1/2	35 3/4	34 1/2	34 1/2
Am Car Fy.	62	63 1/4	61 3/4	62 1/2
Am Woolen	40	40	39 1/4	40
Am Loco	48 1/4	50	48 1/4	49 1/4
Am S & R.	69 1/4	71 1/4	68 1/4	70 1/4
Am Sug Ref.	94 1/4	94 1/4	93 1/4	94 1/4
Am T & T.	38	38	37 1/4	38
Ana Mining	55 1/4	56 3/4	54 1/4	55 1/4
A T & S Fe.	77 1/4	78 1/4	77 1/4	77 1/4
Bid'wn Loco	52 1/4	54 1/4	52	54 1/4
Balt & Orio.	40 1/4	41 1/4	40 1/4	40 1/4
B R T.	38	38	37 1/4	38
C P R.	129	130 1/4	128 1/4	129 1/4
Cent Leather	56 1/4	57 1/4	56 1/4	56 1/4
Ches & Ohio	42 1/4	43 1/4	42 1/4	42 1/4
Butte	15	15	14 1/4	15
Chile Cop Co.	13 1/4	14	13 1/4	13 1/4
Colo F & L.	32	32	31 1/4	32
Corn Gas	78 1/4	81	78	79 1/4
Con P'dets	29 1/4	29 1/4	28 1/4	29 1/4
Crucible Stl.	47 1/4	49	47 1/4	48 1/4
Distillers	32 1/4	34	32 1/4	33 1/4
Erie	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4	13 1/4
Del & Hud.	91 1/4	94 1/4	91 1/4	92 1/4
Gen Electric	120 1/4	122 1/4	120 1/4	122 1/4
Gen Motors	88	91 1/4	88	90 1/4
Gt Nor pfd.	80 1/4	82	80 1/4	81 1/4
G N Ore cts.	20 1/4	21 1/4	20 1/4	21 1/4
Hls Central	86	86	85 1/4	86
Ins Con	39 1/4	39 1/4	39	39 1/4
In M Marine	19 1/4	20 1/4	18 1/4	19 1/4
do pfd	78 1/4	80 1/4	77 1/4	78 1/4
Kenn Cop Co.	29 1/4	30 1/4	29 1/4	29 1/4
Lehigh Val.	51 1/4	52 1/4	51 1/4	52 1/4
Lou & Nash	105	108	105	107 1/4
Maxwell	22 1/4	23 1/4	22 1/4	23 1/4
Mex Petrol'm	69	72 1/4	69	72 1/4
Missouri Pac.	22 1/4	23	22 1/4	22 1/4
Nat'l Lead	40	40	39 1/4	40
Nevada Cons.	16 1/4	16 1/4	16 1/4	16 1/4
N Y Central	64 1/4	64 1/4	63 1/4	63 1/4
NY NH & H.	27 1/4	27 1/4	27	27 1/4
Nor & West.	95	95	94 1/4	95 1/4
North Pac	77 1/4	77 1/4	77 1/4	77 1/4
Penna	41 1/4	42	41 1/4	41 1/4
People's Gas	33	34	33 1/4	33 1/4
Press Stl Car	52	52	51 1/4	52
Ray Con Cop.	20 1/4	20 1/4	20 1/4	20 1/4
Reading	67 1/4	68 1/4	67	68 1/4
Rep I & S.	72 1/4	74 1/4	72	73 1/4
South Pac	78 1/4	78 1/4	77	78 1/4
South Ry	22 1/4	23 1/4	22 1/4	22 1/4
do pfd	53 1/4	54	53 1/4	54
Studebaker	43 1/4	45	43 1/4	44 1/4
Union Pac	103 1/4	104 1/4	102 1/4	104
US I Alcohol	107 1/4	110 1/4	107	109
U S Rubber	49 1/4	49 1/4	48 1/4	49 1/4
U S Steel	82 1/4	84 1/4	81 1/4	83 1/4
do pfd	103 1/4	104	102 1/4	103 1/4
Utah Cop	74	74 1/4	73	74 1/4
Willis O'land	17 1/4	18 1/4	17 1/4	18 1/4
Westinghouse	35 1/4	36	35 1/4	35 1/4

(By McDougall & Cowan.)  
New York, Dec. 21.—Steel, coppers and rails their higher level in the early afternoon while various specialties made some territory gains. A number of high prices for the day were made in last hour although closing prices were generally a little below the top. The bulk of the day's news, what there was of it, appeared to lend itself to bullish interpretation. Foreign government bonds were again strong. This was in some quarters taken as indicating that peace talk was remark seriously in official quarters abroad. Rulings of Treasury Department on disputed points in war revenue law were received as an indication that the new advisory board is endeavoring to moderate the severity of measure as it applies to individuals and concerns. Buying orders on a considerable scale made their appearance in market today and while the advance was of course largely at the expense of short interest, the action of stocks suggested that the market might be discounting the favorable developments which are expected ultimately to result from the several investigations being carried on by Congress.  
Sales 669,600.  
closed quiet. Middling uplands, 31.10c.  
Liverpool—Cotton, spot slow. Prices steady. American middling, fair, 23.52d; good middling, 23.84d; middling, 23.31d; low middling, 21.79d; good ordinary, 20.79d; ordinary, 20.27d. The sales of the day were 2,000 bales, including 1,800 American. Receipts were 2,000 bales. Futures closed quiet.

**COTTON MARKETS**

New York, Dec. 21.—Cotton futures closed steady. Closing bids: December, 30.45c; January, 29.50c; March, 28.95c; May, 28.61c; July, 28.30c. Spot

(By Breen & Gourdeau.)  
New York, Dec. 21.—Developments of the current week failed to bring about any pronounced change in the character of trading in securities, and with virtually no altering of the general situation and outlook. Dealings continue very largely professional, much the same as they have been for the past several weeks and a waiting attitude upon the part of outside speculative interests, which has been in effect for some time was still strongly in evidence. Liquidation, however, developed at times and helped materially in depressing values. Mid-week witnessed a sharp decline, which, although becoming general, was principally concerned with issues of the investment variety, especially the railroad group, and new low prices records for the year were established. Uncertainties surrounding the railroad situation furnished the basis for the selling movement, while the utter lack of demand for stocks aided in the downward course, offerings being comparatively moderate in value.  
Prices enjoyed substantial recoveries in the closing days of the week, but this was due more to week-end evening-up operations by the professional element, rather than to an improved situation. However, a better feeling was created by a ruling of the Treasury Department in the matter of writing off depreciation of securities in making the year's tax returns and tended to check liquidation by investment interests.  
While the many uncertainties involved in the general situation are exerting a restraining influence on speculative circles, developments in connection with the war are commanding first consideration, and until a construction favorable to the Entente Allies may be placed upon the course of events in that situation, present market conditions are expected to prevail.  
Sales, stocks, 689,000; Bonds, \$5,326,000.

(By Bruneau & Dupuis.)  
New York, Dec. 21.—We are glad to be able to chronicle that the market has had a very different tone today from that which has prevailed recently and that the old story of liquidation and constantly shrinking values has not to be retold.  
From time to time it looked as if prices might sell off, especially in the last half hour, but the setback was only a moderate one. The news is better, for it would seem as if peace negotiations between Russia and Germany would probably be broken. International revenue committee in regard to partnerships and the marking down of securities to establish losses has apparently done much to check liquidation and was an important influence in today's market and will be, we believe, right along. In any event liquidating pressure has been conspicuously lacking while on the contrary there has been considerable buying in the past few days of a character generally termed "Good."  
The market closed under best prices but at good, substantial net advances in many issues.  
Total Sales Stocks, 611,200.

(By McDougall & Cowan.)  
New York, Dec. 21.—Steel, coppers and rails their higher level in the early afternoon while various specialties made some territory gains. A number of high prices for the day were made in last hour although closing prices were generally a little below the top. The bulk of the day's news, what there was of it, appeared to lend itself to bullish interpretation. Foreign government bonds were again strong. This was in some quarters taken as indicating that peace talk was remark seriously in official quarters abroad. Rulings of Treasury Department on disputed points in war revenue law were received as an indication that the new advisory board is endeavoring to moderate the severity of measure as it applies to individuals and concerns. Buying orders on a considerable scale made their appearance in market today and while the advance was of course largely at the expense of short interest, the action of stocks suggested that the market might be discounting the favorable developments which are expected ultimately to result from the several investigations being carried on by Congress.  
Sales 669,600.  
closed quiet. Middling uplands, 31.10c.  
Liverpool—Cotton, spot slow. Prices steady. American middling, fair, 23.52d; good middling, 23.84d; middling, 23.31d; low middling, 21.79d; good ordinary, 20.79d; ordinary, 20.27d. The sales of the day were 2,000 bales, including 1,800 American. Receipts were 2,000 bales. Futures closed quiet.

CANADA. ) In the Record-Province of Quebec) er's Court, of the District of Quebec.) City of Quebec. No. 203, of 1917.  
The City of Quebec, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Leopold Marchessault, heretofore of our City of Quebec, in the District of Quebec, keeping a shooting gallery Defendant.  
Defendant is ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.  
Quebec, December 22nd, 1917.  
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. 1171, of 1917.  
The City of Quebec, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
William Fortin, 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, 1917.  
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. 2370, of 1917.  
The City of Quebec, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Joseph Napoleon Garon, 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, 1917.  
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. 1893, of 1917.  
The City of Quebec, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Cyrille Verreault, 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, 1917.  
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. 2547, of 1917.  
The City of Quebec, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Valere Perron, 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, 1917.  
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. 2546, of 1917.  
The City of Quebec, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Joseph 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, 1917.  
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. 2369, of 1917.  
The City of Quebec, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Joseph P. Garon, 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, 1917.  
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. 2449, of 1917.  
The City of Quebec, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Reverend 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, 1917.  
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. 2198, of 1917.  
The City of Quebec, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Wilfrid Belleau, 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, 1917.  
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. 1813, of 1917.  
The City of Quebec, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Joseph Prevost, 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, 1917.  
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. 2897, of 1917.  
The City of Quebec, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Jean Drolet and Adelard Drolet, both heretofore of our City of Quebec, in the District of Quebec, Defendants.  
Defendants are ordered to appear within one month from the last publication of this notice.  
Quebec, December 22nd, 1917.  
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. 1202, of 1917.  
The City of Quebec, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Miss Emma Lesage, 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, 1917.  
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. 1177, of 1917.  
The City of Quebec, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Lestor Guignon, 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, 1917.  
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. 2499, of 1917.  
The City of Quebec, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Jean Baptiste Martel, 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, 1917.  
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. 2508, of 1917.  
The City of Quebec, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
William McInnis, 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, 1917.  
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. 2449, of 1917.  
The City of Quebec, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
Bartholemew Robert, 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, 1917.  
TH. DUBE,  
Clerk of the Recorder's Court, of the City of Quebec.

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## Personal Social

Hon. J. A. Tessier left yesterday for Three Rivers.

Mr. J. L. Ingham left the City yesterday for Montreal.

General Lessard has left for Toronto to spend the holidays.

Mr. J. L. C. McDonnell left last night for Montreal and Toronto.

Miss Irene Carpenter is at present visiting her family at Norton Mills Vermont, U.S.A.

Mrs. (Dr.) Labrecque will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents in Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. James Dick, of Toronto, are visiting Mrs. J. E. Leitch at Etchemin Bridge.

Sub. Flight Lieut. Fred A. Black R.F.C. has arrived in town from Fort Worth, Texas.

Hon. J. E. Caron, is leaving for St. Louise, L'Islet, where he will spend the New Year holidays.

Capt. L. H. Groover, M.H.C.C. left last night to spend the Xmas holidays with his family at Toronto.

Lieut. R. W. Diggory left by C. P. R. midnight train and will spend the festive season with his family in Ottawa.

Mr. Paul Parent has left for Ottawa, where he will spend the holidays with his parents, Hon. S. N. and Mrs. Parent.

Miss Gertrude Cholette, who has been the guest of her sister in Quebec for several weeks, will leave today for Montreal.

Lt.-Col. (Dr.) Brosseau, of this city, who has been at the front for the past two years, is expected to reach Quebec tonight.

Mrs. Charles Gagnon, Aberdeen St., gave a "shower" at her residence on Thursday afternoon in honor of Miss Jeanne Beauvais.

Miss Mariette Lafrance received at the tea hour yesterday in honor of Miss Gertrude Cholette and Miss Ninine Bruneau of Montreal.

Mr. and Mrs. Romeo Langlais will leave next week for Metis, where they will spend the New Year with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Langlais.

William H. Allison, known to thousands of transatlantic passengers as chief steward on the principal Cunard steamers, lately of the Aquitania and Orduna has been appointed port steward for the company at New York.

Mr. G. M. Bosworth, vice-president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and Mrs. Bosworth will be in town today, with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Birchall, of Montreal, to spend the Christmas holidays in Quebec guests at the Chateau.

Harold, and Herbert, sons of Rev. Isaac Couch, M.A.B.D., pastor of Quebec Methodist Church, came in on the early train this morning from Ottawa, where they have been attending the Ottawa Collegiate Institute. They will spend the Xmas holidays with their parents.

Masters Hinds, Ray, and Hibbert have returned home from Trinity College School, Port Hope, Ont., for their Christmas holidays. All three succeeded in taking the general proficiency prizes in their respective forms, Hinds in the McGill removal, Ray in the R.M.C. removal, and Hibbert in the Junior School.

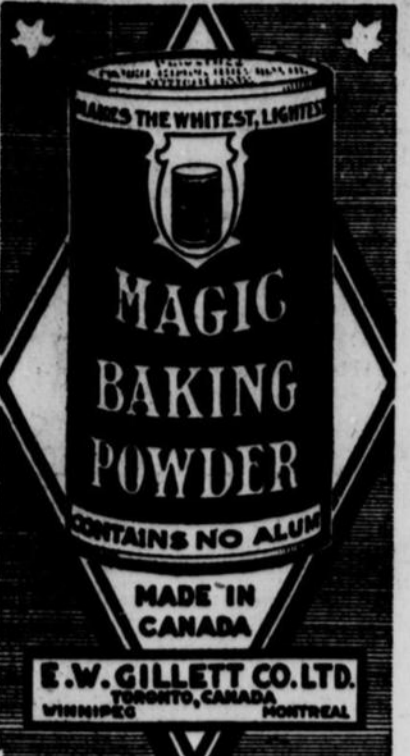
### QUEBEC BOY HAS MADE GOOD

Thirty-six years travelling in the Maritime Provinces and still looking as fit, though not quite so young as he used to twenty-five years ago. This, we think, is a proper description of the "Merchant's" old friend, Mr. Bruneau, better known to the trade as "Fred." Mr. Bruneau is now a director of the Parisian Corset Co., Quebec. He has been with this company for sixteen years and has built up a very fine trade for them in the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Bruneau visits all the important places from Edmundston on the St. John River to Sydney in the East; furthermore, he visits them four times a year. He tells us that the past year or two have been a very active period with the Parisian Corset Co., but that the cost of raw materials is now so high that profits are smaller than in former years. However, the firm are not complaining, as things are still pretty good. When Mr. Bruneau first came to the provinces he was with Thibideau Bros. & Co. wholesale dry goods merchants of Quebec. At that time this firm had quite a large connection in the provinces—competition was not then as keen, and connections once established were more easily held; but today, Mr. Bruneau prefers the specialty to the general line, and while he thinks he could still sell a good bill of dry goods if he had to he prefers to spend the balance of his travelling life in pushing the sale of his present specialty—the celebrated P. C. corsets. We are sure that all the corset buyers throughout the country will say amen to this intention.

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### LINEN REQUIRED FOR TUBERCULAR HOSPITAL

Through the instrumentality of Dr. Rousseau an auxiliary ladies committee has been formed with the object of providing the linen for the St. Foye Tuberculosis Hospital, now under construction. The members of this Committee are: Mrs. Geo. Tessier, President; Mesdames Carroll, Chapleau, Chauveau, Duggan, Dus-sault, Letourneau, (Dr.) Rousseau, Rey Simard, B. A. Scott, Alex Tasse-cherey, and Miss Routhier, Secretary. A series of bridge parties and a sale of fancy articles will be organized by the Committee, to take place at the home of the President. The new hospital is expected to be opened next May, and citizens who are interested in this work, and who desire to subscribe, are asked to communicate with Mrs. Geo. Tessier, 60 St. Ursule Street.

### DEPOT BATTALION IS WELL FED.

If the different Canadian Battalions are fed as well as the members of the 1st Depot Battalion (2nd Quebec Regiment) then the khaki-clad boys have nothing to complain about so far as this part of soldiering is concerned.

From the diet sheet of this Battalion for the week ending the 22nd, instant the menu provided for the different meals cannot be excelled, and reflect much credit upon Capt. J. A. McCallum, and Sergt.-Cook M. Brown. As an example of meals supplied the following is the menu for one day: Breakfast, coffee, fried bacon, bread and butter. Dinner, bean soup, steak pie, potatoes, carrots, pudding, tea. Supper, tea, preserves, cheese, bread and butter.

For Christmas Day a special dinner will be given, the menu for which is as follows:—Pea soup, roast turkey and ham, potatoes, washed carrots and turnips, plum pudding and vanilla sauce, layer cakes, fruit tablets, apples, and oranges, coffee.

### SALVATION ARMY GIVES XMAS CHEER.

The Salvation Army in Quebec intend giving a dinner to the poor on Christmas and in order to provide for as large a number as possible will, through the kindness of Chief Trudel, have two stands, one at the Auditorium and the other at the corner of Crown and St. Joseph Sts. where donations will be received from citizens who may desire to help in this laudable work. After providing for the dinner, any balance left over will be spent in relieving people in distress.

The manager of the branch of the Salvation Army, Ensign J. C. Harbour, has also obtained permission from Governor Carboneau of the Quebec Jail, to provide some extras for the inmates on Christmas Day.

About the end of the year an entertainment will be held for the poorer children of the city, who may possibly have been overlooked by Santa Claus when the old gentleman was going his usual rounds.

It is hoped that there will be a generous response on the part of the public to this Christmas Fund.

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In taking up the task of managing the Chalmers sales organization Louis Logie will not sever his connection with the Maxwell company but will still continue to act as Canadian supervisor for the Maxwell car.

## COOPERATIVE CITIZENSHIP

FORCES THE AMERICANIZATION WORK CARRIED ON BY CLEVELAND ASSOCIATIONS.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 21.—By the co-ordination of the Chamber of Commerce Committee on education, the Cleveland Board of Education, the Mayor's Advisory War Committee the Women's Americanization Committee and the Cleveland Public Library, the Cleveland Americanization Committee has under way a program that it is believed will prove not only of the highest value as a war measure but of great benefit to the city. Harold T. Clark, chairman of the organization, and Prof. Raymond Moley of the chair of political science of Western Reserve University recently gave a representative of The Christian Science Monitor an interesting account of the project as it is unfolding under their guidance.

"I think, perhaps, the best way of expressing the precise idea we have in thought here," Chairman Clark said, "is set forth in Professor Moley's phrase 'cooperative citizenship,' as against 'community citizenship.' In other words in our program of educating both foreign-born youths and foreign-born adults, and children of foreign-born parents we are endeavoring to impress upon their thought the idea that the American Government is a live organization of which they are constituent parts. In other words, we are trying to show these people that their duty towards the Government is quite as important as the Government's duty toward them.

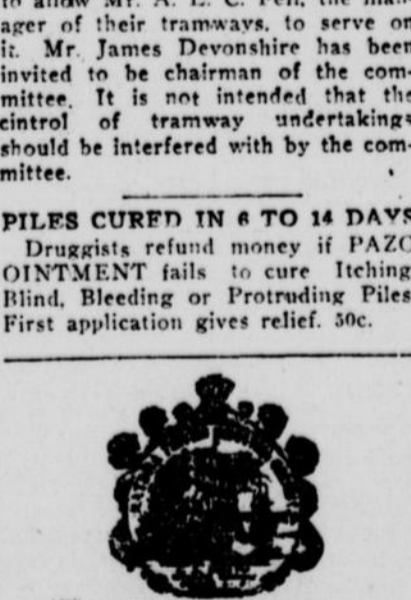
"Now a very important part of the Americanization work as it is being carried on in Cleveland this fall, is that which the Cleveland Board of Education is taking in it. Not only has the board made a specific appropriation for the purpose, but it has appointed an assistant superintendent to take direct charge of the work. Every facility that the public schools can offer to employees in the industrial establishments of the city is being urged upon these employers and employees so that the latter may raise their standard of citizenship and workmanship."

### TRAMWAY REPAIRS.

London, Eng., Dec. 21.—In view of the difficulty in meeting the demands for various materials and labor required for the maintenance and renewal of the permanent way and rolling stock of the tramway undertakings, the Board of Trade are appointing a committee to consider the needs of these undertakings so that the necessary steps may be taken to supply, as far as possible, such needs, even though it may be at some temporary sacrifice to less essential undertakings. The Municipal Tramways Association and the Tramways and Light Railways Association are being invited to nominate members to the committee, and the board have asked the London County Council to allow Mr. A. L. C. Fell, the manager of their tramways, to serve on it. Mr. James Devonshire has been invited to be chairman of the committee. It is not intended that the control of tramway undertakings should be interfered with by the committee.

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