

GERMAN MINES SINK THREE BRITISH DESTROYERS, 193 LOSE THEIR LIVES

Officers Among Drowned—Storms Hold up Operations on West Front—Italians Win Minor Successes Against Teutons—General Allenby Advances in Palestine—Roumanian King Abdicates?

London, Dec. 29.—Three British destroyers were sunk by mines off the Dutch coast on Thursday, with the loss of 193 lives, it was announced today.

Of the missing men 13 are officers.

The foregoing announcement indicated that the British destroyers had run into a new mine field recently laid down in Dutch waters by German mine laying submarines.

Storms Halt Operations.

London, Dec. 29.—Cold weather and heavy snow are interfering with operations along the western front. German artillery continues active in many points between the North Sea and Swiss Alps, despite thick weather. A dispatch from the front says that patrols were sent forward to clear the snowdrifts in an effort to prevent surprise attacks.

Italians Advance a Little.

A number of small successes for the Italians were reported from the Italian front. A German raiding party was repulsed near the Asolo plateau where the Italian army is in contact with the Austro-Hungarian army.

FULL STORY OF CAPTURE OF U-BOAT CREW BY FANNING IS GIVEN OUT

Secretary of Navy, in Official Statement, Tells Tale of Valor and Skill of U. S. Destroyer—The Nicholson Helped Sister Boat—British Admiralty Praises Americans.

Washington, Dec. 29.—How the American destroyer Fanning, assisted by the destroyer Nicholson, took prisoner the crew of a German submarine, was told in detail by the Navy department today. The Fanning was commanded by Lieutenant A. S. Carpenter, with Lieutenant G. H. Fort as his executive officer. The story shows conclusively just what good work the American destroyer squadron is doing in European waters. The submarine, gunning down the convoy, was sighted when it was in the periscope; it was compelled to surface by the depth charges.

Coldest Day of Season Hits State—10 Below at Winsted; All New England Shivering

Washington, Dec. 29.—No relief from the bitter cold gripping the Atlantic coast will come during 1917. Next Tuesday, the first day of 1918, "may be somewhat warmer," the weather forecaster said today. The cold wave came from the northwest and now covers a narrow strip from New York to North Carolina. Farther south the freezing point has not yet been reached. Snow is falling over an irregular area from New York to Virginia, but the storm is not expected to continue after this afternoon. Then it will be "fair and cold," until the New Year brings moderation.

TO SETTLE JUNIOR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

New York, Dec. 29.—Harold L. Taylor, Brooklyn school boy star, and Edward H. Hendricksen of Amherst, will clash today in the final for the national junior indoor tennis title at the Seventh Regiment Armory. Taylor won his way into the finals by defeating Gerald Emerson of East Orange, N. J., and Hendricksen eliminated Vincent Richards of Yonkers.

CRIMINAL PROSECUTIONS THREATEN IN PACKERS' PROBE

Boston, Dec. 29.—Special Counsel Francis J. Heney, of the Federal Trade commission, in a statement to newspapermen at the close of the packers' probe at noon today, declared that, following the hearing which will be held in Boston at a date in the future, criminal prosecutions will be made on the disclosure of certain evidence.

FUEL COMMITTEE OF STATE DEFENSE COUNCIL WOULD SAVE COAL BY LIMITING OPEN HOURS OF THEATERS, CHURCHES, AND OTHER BUILDINGS

Hartford, Dec. 29.—More radical changes in methods of daily living probably than ever have been officially suggested anywhere in the United States are proposed in a letter sent out today by the committee on fuel conservation of the Connecticut State Council of Defense to all the local fuel committees in the state. The suggestions aim at a saving of coal by reducing the hours within which certain public places are to be kept open each day. They include the following proposals: That saloons, theaters and other places of amusement be open a few hours each day; that churches hold union services which would allow some of them to close for the duration of the war; that country clubs close wholly or partly; that holiday recesses of schools be extended; and that private greenhouses be closed entirely.

Pershing Says He Favors Prohibition in the Army

With the American Army in France, Dec. 29.—Dispatches from the United States, telling of the tempest in a teapot stirred up through the announcement of General Pershing that only light wine or beer may be given or sold to the American soldiers, have resulted in a statement from the American commander explaining the position of the troops in France.

General Pershing received the correspondents and said to them: "The question of prohibiting the sale of all intoxicants to American troops is now under discussion with the French government, but there are difficulties here which do not exist in the United States.

"The general order issued on the eighteenth was a long step towards the prevention of drinking among the men. It was not intended by me to prohibit the sale of light wine and beer to the American soldier. It was merely an order drawn to conform with the French regulations on the subject. It stated expressly that only light wines and beer be permitted and prohibited the purchase or acceptance as a gift of whiskey, brandy, champagne and similar alcoholic beverages. It ordered all drinking places where such liquors were sold to be placed out of the bounds of the American troops, this same regulation having been issued to the British and French armies.

French Conditions Different.

"Though I am heartily in favor of prohibition in the United States

WAR BUREAU EXPLAINS WAR TIME INSURANCE

Relatives of Manchester Soldiers and Sailors at Mass Meeting

HOW THE MONEY IS PAID

United States Government Will Pay No Pensions as Result of This War.

A public meeting of absorbing interest to the relatives and friends of the Manchester soldiers who are in the military service of the United States was held at the High School Hall last evening. The important subject of compensation for dependents and disabled soldiers was fully explained, and the whole question of insurance for soldiers was discussed in detail. The meeting was under the auspices of the War Bureau of Manchester, and very timely and instructive.

Prior to the opening of the meeting a force of ten stenographers were kept busy an hour registering the names of the soldiers and their next of kin. This information was supplied by those who attended the meeting.

War Bureau's Object.

Chairman Frank H. Anderson, of the War Bureau, called the meeting to order at 8.15. He stated that the local War Bureau is a sort of "clearing house" for local war activities. The Bureau aims to coordinate these activities, but it has no intention of interfering in any way with proper movements and undertakings relative to war matters. The intent of the Bureau is not to monopolize

BRITISH LABOR VOTE FOR WAR STRENGTHENS PREMIER, MOVE MADE TO LIMIT NAVAL WARFARE

Storm and Gale Bother N. Y. Shipping and Communication

Telephone and Telegraph Facilities Affected—Vessels Held Up in Harbor—Coal Conditions Complicated—Wind Reaches Speed of Nearly 60 Miles an Hour.

New York, Dec. 29.—Accompanied by a snow storm which has the appearance of a blizzard, a gale is sweeping New York and vicinity today, tying up harbor shipping and disrupting telephone and telegraph communication.

With the snow, the wind, which at times attained a velocity of almost 60 miles an hour, brought with it a northern cold wave, sending the mercury down to one degree below zero, and causing renewed hardships to the poor and "coalless." The temperature was lowest at eight o'clock.

Many ships in the harbor, scheduled to clear port early today, were held up in the narrows by the gale, which also played havoc with high telephone and telegraph wires.

The coal situation in New York will become serious again on account of the storm, it is feared. Only 20,000 tons reached tidewater points yesterday and was hardly enough to meet the city's daily needs.

BRITISH LAUD U. S. GUNNERS.

London, Dec. 29.—British navy men had high words of praise for American gunnery today as the result of the exploit of an American passenger liner which sank a German submarine with two shots.

It took the Yankee gunners just two seconds to send the U-boat to the bottom. Before the passengers were aware what had happened the signal "a direct hit" had been flashed and flying debris 1,500 yards in the wake of the vessel showed where the submarine had met its doom.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT TO TAKE OVER MEAT DISTRIBUTION.

London, Dec. 29.—The British government is going into the butcher business. It was learned today that a system is being worked out to insure a fair distribution of meat to every community in the British Isles. The government, through the Live Stock commission, will purchase meats and put the supply into shops at fixed prices. The ministry of food will have direction of the scheme.

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Latter Project Talked Over at Petrograd by Russian Officers and Central Powers Report Says Germany Has Given Alsace-Lorraine Power to Choose Own Government

London, Dec. 29.—The position of the British government in its stand on peace was greatly strengthened today by the action of the National Labor conference, in voting for a continuation of the war.

This attitude taken by labor was doubly significant in view of the fact that it followed the offer of Germany and Austria to make peace on a basis of no annexations nor indemnities.

Both England and France, through members of their governments, have repudiated the Teutonic offer to negotiate peace on a basis of the status quo ante bellum, and it is unlikely that the circular note being drafted by Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister at Petrograd, will be answered. It is possible, however, that a statement on peace will be made by some member of the British or French governments, which may be accepted by the other as an answer to their invitation.

TO CURE NEEDLESS R. R. TRAFFIC TO HURRY COAL

Washington, Dec. 29.—Railroad legislation designed to curtail needless traffic will follow the investigation of the coal shortage by a Senate sub-committee.

This became more and more urgent today as members of the investigating committee continued their cross examination of L. A. Brand, in charge of distribution for the War Administration. Members of the committee were keen to learn how much business traffic was tied up with the movement of coal. Brand told the committee that coal was an essential passenger traffic, but he was unable to give an accurate estimate as to how much unnecessary traffic was being carried.

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SUNDAY IN THE CHURCHES

TO SING "THE MESSIAH" AT NO. CONGREGATIONAL

Noted Soloists to Take Part in Rendition of Famous Oratorio

LARGE CHOIR TO ASSIST

Unusual Treat for Music Lovers Arranged by Pastor Calderwood

Principal among the events in the churches tomorrow will be the Christmas song service which will be held at the North Congregational church tomorrow evening at 7.30. "The Messiah" will be sung



ELBERT L. COUCH

by noted soloists assisted by an augmented choir. The soloists will be Miss Rhea L. Massicotte, soprano; Mrs. Nellie Carey Reynolds, contralto; Frank N. Kelley and Elbert L. Couch, bass.

The program will open with the pastoral symphony from "The Messiah." Then will be rendered the carol "Holy Night" as arranged by Damrosch. Scriptural reading, a hymn, and an address will follow. Then will follow these excerpts from "The Messiah":

- Recit. (Tenor)—"Comfort Ye My People." (Tenor)—"Every Valley Shall Be Exalted." (Chorus)—"And the Glory of the Lord." Recit. (Bass)—"Thus Saith the Lord." Air (Bass)—"But Who May Abide the Day of His Coming." Air (Alto) and Chorus—"O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion." Recit. (Bass)—"For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth." Air (Bass)—"The People That Walked in Darkness." Air (Soprano)—"Rejoice Greatly O Daughter of Zion." Recit. (Alto)—"Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind Be Opened." Air (Alto)—"He Shall Feed His Flock." Air (Soprano)—"Come Unto Him." Air (Alto)—"He Was Despised." Air (Tenor)—"Thou Shalt Break Them." Chorus—"Hallelujah!" Offertory—Transcription Mendelssohn-Whiting

ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL.

Archdeacon H. S. Harte, Acting Rector.

Archdeacon H. Swinton Harte of Hartford, who has been acting as rector of St. Mary's church since September 1, will officiate for the last time in that capacity at the services tomorrow as Rev. J. S. Nellis of Woodhaven, N. Y., successor to Rev. Manning B. Bennett, is to take up his duties in the parish the following Sunday. The services tomorrow will be as usual, senior school at 9.30 in the morning, morning prayer and sermon at 10.45, junior school at 12.10 and evensong and sermon at seven o'clock.

Organist John Cockerham has arranged the following musical programs for the morning and evening services:

- Morning 10.45. Prelude, (a) Pastorale, from First Sonata, Gullmant (b) Pastorale in E, Lemare Te Deum, Sullivan Anthem, There Were Shepherds Vogrich Lemare

- Postlude, Festival March Evening 7.00. Prelude, (a) Pastorale, Kozeluch (b) Chorus of Shepherds Rolle Anthem, Arise, Shine, Elvey Postlude, Festival March Hollins

SALVATION ARMY.

Adjutant J. H. Abrams, Commander.

Three cadets from the local corps, William Addy, Bertha Wilkinson and

Eva Platt, who are studying at the New York Training College, will be week-end guests of the corps. They will take part in the service this evening and all the services tomorrow and also will remain for the New Year's eve services Monday evening. Major Thomas Hughes of Hartford will have charge of the services Monday night. The first meeting will begin at eight o'clock and last until 9.30, when there will be a recess. The watch night service will begin at ten o'clock and continue until the New Year arrives.

NORTH METHODIST.

Rev. Elliot F. Studley, Pastor.

At the 10.45 service, Gustave T. Bochman, of Hartford, will speak on "The War against the Saloon." Mr. Bochman is the latest addition to the staff of speakers of the Connecticut Temperance Union. He has been an active and prominent worker in labor circles and, in accordance with the statements of a labor paper, would have been elected president of the Hartford Central Labor Union had he not been guilty of the crime of being a prohibitionist. Mr. Bochman's knowledge of the labor question stood him in good stead as he spoke in Manchester's successful campaign for no-license this year. Perhaps he was the means of turning more votes for no-license than any other man. It will be a privilege for the people of Manchester to hear Mr. Bochman at an indoor service Sunday morning.

The Sunday School will meet at the usual hour, 12.45, Sunday noon. Through the plan adopted of giving to the Armenians and Syrians, instead of to the scholars, the sum of \$50 was raised in the Sunday School and a check for that amount sent on to the treasurer of the fund after the Christmas exercises last Sunday evening.

Epworth League meeting at 6.30, the chorus choir meeting at 6 for rehearsal. Subject for League meeting, "Our Year of Jubilee." (Rev. 21:5; 2 Cor. 5:17; Lev. 25:8-10). E. B. Freeman, leader. The pastor will speak at 7.15 on "The End of the Third Year."

SOUTH METHODIST.

SWEDISH LUTHERAN.

Rev. P. J. O. Cornell, Pastor.

Services at the Swedish Lutheran church tomorrow will be as usual, the Sunday school convening at 9.30 in the morning and preaching service, with sermon by the pastor, being held at 10.45 in the morning and 7.30 in the evening. A New Year's walk will be held in the new church chapel Monday evening, beginning between eight and nine o'clock and continuing until after mid-night.

During the evening, there will be a program and refreshments will be served. The arrangements are being made by the Ladies' and Men's societies. At 11.30, a short service with sermon by the pastor, will be held, this service to continue until the coming in of the New Year.

SOUTH METHODIST.

Rev. W. H. Bath, Pastor.

"The Glorious Gospel" will be the subject of Rev. W. H. Bath's sermon at 10.45 o'clock tomorrow morning. At seven o'clock in the evening he will speak on "Vital Religion."

The musical program for the morning service will be as follows: Prelude, Prelude in G, Wolstenholme Anthem, There Were Shepherds, Barnby Anthem, Slumber Song of Infant Jesus, Old French Carol Postlude, Festival March Best The Sunday school will convene as usual at 12.15 o'clock. "Our Jubilee Year" will be the topic of the Epworth League meeting at 6.15 o'clock tomorrow evening. Miss Florence Burdick will be the leader.

PENTECOSTAL.

Rev. A. C. Goldberg, Pastor.

"Serve God with All our Might" will be the subject of Rev. A. C. Goldberg's sermon at 10.30 tomorrow morning. He will speak on "The Possessions of a Christian" at the service at seven o'clock in the evening.

The Sunday school will convene at 12.05 o'clock tomorrow. A watch night service will be held in the church Monday evening, beginning at nine o'clock.

GERMAN LUTHERAN.

Rev. W. C. Schmidt, Pastor.

The preaching service tomorrow will be held at 2.15 o'clock in the afternoon and will be preceded by the Sunday school session at 1.15.

A New Year's Eve service will be held in the church at 7.45 o'clock Monday evening.

The Ladies' Aid society will meet at 2.30 Wednesday afternoon and the Young People's society will hold its monthly meeting at eight o'clock Wednesday evening.

EVANGELIST ABBOTT.

"Allegiance to Whom—Christ, or Satan?" will be the subject of the address to be delivered in the Odd Fellows' hall Sunday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Many should plan to hear this sermon by Mr. F. L. Abbott. The public is cordially invited.

AMUSEMENTS

WHAT'S WHAT AND WHO'S WHO IN MANCHESTER MOVIE HOUSES

AT THE PARK.

That king of comedy, a Keystone, will occupy the headline position of the double feature bill at the Popular Playhouse this evening. "His Precious Life" is a comedy that is aptly termed a grouch buster for there is a laugh in every inch of the film. From the flash of the title to the final fadeaway the action is fast and furious and in and out of fit shapely beauties of the Keystone chorus which furnishes the background for most of the comedies.

The other feature is "The Iron Ring" which besides being a melodrama of the diamond class, has the added distinction of carrying three stars. As the title suggests, the story is about married life and how the wedding ring may become an iron ring in time. Two married couples and a man about town become mixed up in a scandal that is a thriller for excitement. The advance notices speak highly of this melodrama.

For tomorrow the management of the Park will feature "Ashes of Hope" a play that must be seen to be appreciated. The usual two reels will be shown in conjunction.

Next Wednesday and Thursday "Pay Me" comes to the Popular Playhouse. This is one of the biggest features of the Jewel Film Co. and tells a tremendously dramatic story. A big advertising campaign will introduce this feature next week.

It was also announced today that for New Year's day a special bill of features will be shown that will make all other holiday bills look like pickers.

Connecticut school girls have pledged themselves "to eat no more bonbons, candy, tarts, cream-puffs or other sweetmeats" for the duration of the war. A motion picture, indeed, it is taken as showing a highly optimistic view of the duration of the war.—New York World.

The sunny side of the Russian situation lies in the fact that you don't have to believe all you read about it.—Bridgeport Telegram.

REV. T. B. MCGARRY MADE CURATE AT MERIDEN.

Meriden, Dec. 29.—Announcement was made here today of the appointment of the Rev. Thomas B. McGarry of Putnam to be curate of St. Joseph's Church in this city by Bishop Nilan, succeeding the Rev. James J. McGerrick, who has returned to his home in Danbury on account of illness. Father McGarry was ordained in St. Joseph's Cathedral, in Hartford, last Saturday and sang his first solemn high mass at St. Mary's Church in Putnam on Christmas. He has been serving as prefect at St. Thomas' Seminary in Hartford.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE AGAINST PHYSICIAN.

Waterbury, Dec. 29.—Dr. Jacob I. Gancher, of this city, was bound over to the superior court on the charge of manslaughter today by Judge John F. McGrath, in the city court. The physician, while responding to a call on the night of November 21, struck seven years old Frederick Weaving, and death resulted a half hour later. He was later found criminally negligent by Coroner John T. Monzani.

NEW HAVEN MAN FOUND DEAD.

New York, Dec. 29.—A man registered as Roland G. Wicks, of New Haven, was found dead in bed at the Hotel Brevoort early today. He was fully dressed and three gas jets were open. A letter in his pocket was addressed to Roland G. Wicks, No. 500 West 177th street. The police were told a man by that name had lived there with a wife and two children and had come from New Haven three months ago. He was an insurance agent, 30 years old. Six cents was all the money found in the man's pockets.

To keep the axe a-ringin' To keep the saw a-singin', An' make the soil Give up to toil— That's faith to which we're clingin'! —Atlanta Constitution.

PARK THEATRE

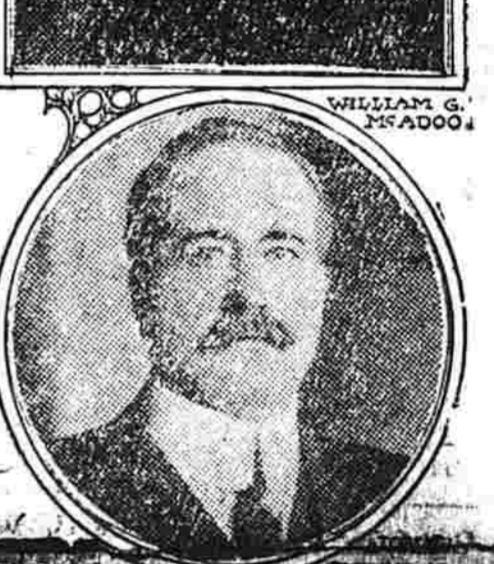
THE IRON RING

A THREE *** TRIANGLE His Precious Life

A Keystone Grouch Buster TOMORROW—"ASHES OF HOPE" NEXT WEEK—"PAY ME", A RIPPING FILM.



WILLIAM G. MCADOE



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William G. McAdoe, Secretary of the Treasury, who has been appointed to direct the operation of the railroads of the country in accordance with President Wilson's announcement in seizing the transportation lines of the country. John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency, it is understood, will be named Mr McAdoe's assistant.

PHONE YOUR ADS. FOR THE HERALD'S BARGAIN COLUMN 20 WORDS FOR 10 CENTS For the accommodation of our patrons we will accept advertisements for this column on any telephone subscriber or any one whose name is on our books. Payment to be made at earliest convenience. In all other cases, cash must accompany order.

FOR SALE—Six single comb white Leghorn chickens bred from Blue Ribbon stock. William A. Risley, Highland Park. FOR SALE—Wood, cut stove lengths Chestnut \$3.00 a cord and hard wood (green) \$10.00 a cord. Branch office, Phillips Lewis, 11 School St., Phone 306-3.

FOR SALE—Birch wood by the cord or more, 4 foot or cut in stove lengths. C. H. Scheil, Tel. 143-12. FOR SALE—One acre of land and six room heated house in excellent condition is a bargain today at \$12,000. I have on the premises. For more particulars see Robert J. Smith, Bank Bldg.

FOR SALE—Homelike 8 room residence on Main street, north of Center street; modern improvements, large lot, 80x150, offered for sale for the first time. Price only \$3,500. Robert J. Smith, Bank Bldg.

FOR SALE—East Cambridge street, thoroughly equipped, sleeping porch, etc. For more particulars see Robert J. Smith, Bank Bldg.

FOR SALE—Modern low, inside floors, paneled walls, extra large fruit, few minutes from center. Price \$4,500, easy terms. Robert J. Smith, Bank Bldg.

FOR SALE—Near Center and Main street, large 2 family house, 12 rooms, lights, bath, wash trays, a nice home and 19 per cent investment. Price \$4,000. This is real value. Robert J. Smith, Bank Bldg.

FOR SALE—\$2,800 buys a two-family flat with large lot and easy terms. A. H. Skinner. FOR SALE—\$1,200 buys a 5 roomed house with central heating. Only 5 minutes' walk from Main St. A. H. Skinner.

FOR SALE—\$2,700 buys a place at Manchester with house, barn, hayrack and fruit with about 3 acres of land. A. H. Skinner.

FOR SALE—A good horse, used all summer at the Manchester Country Club. Have no use for it now. This is the only reason for selling. A bargain for some one. C. Elmore Watkins. FOR SALE—Six room bungalow in Cambridge street, steam heat, all improvements, easy terms. Inquire Thos. P. Sullivan, Main street.

TO RENT.—On Hartford Road a tenement of six rooms besides pantry and sink room, rent \$7. Inquire on premises 471 of Bartlett, Robinson, 471 Center Street. TO RENT—Tenement of four rooms with pantry, bath and all improvements. Apply to H. W. Harrison, 150 Center Street. TO RENT—Six room tenement with all modern improvements. On Elm Street. Inquire 155 Center St. TO RENT—Tenement of six rooms at 38 North St. with bath and tubs. Inquire at 36 North St. FOR RENT—Steam heated apartment of 4 rooms second floor. On Block, north of Walton St., corner 22 Cambridge St., Manchester, Conn. Phone 221. FOR RENT—Four room tenement on Ridgewood St. to small family. Inquire G. Hohenthal, 467 Center St.

TO RENT—Seven room single tenement. Inquire 46 Cottage street. WANTED.—Two men boarders. Inquire 60 Walnut street, five minutes walk from silk mills. WANTED—Woman for general housework. One to go home nights preferred. W. W. Harris, 18 Center Street. WANTED—A driver and horse. Inquire at Adams Express. LOST.—Saturday, Dec. 23, missing dam Book with sketches and photographs. Finder please return to Phillips Lewis's Store. LOST—A black beaded hat. Highland Park and South Main street depot; contents, gloves, bracelet, white kid gloves, little wooden box with change card case and keys. Don't mind so much about the hat if I can have the contents. Inquire at Phillips Lewis's Store, 11 School St. LOST—A pocketbook containing sum of money in bills and coins. Please return to Phillips Lewis's Store.

The Great Indoor Sport Roller Skating AT THE ARMORY, WELLS STREET. Afternoons 2.30 to 5 P. M. Evenings, 7.30 to 10 P. M. Clean, Wholesome, Inviting. Music at all sessions: Don't forget Monday night, skating the old year out and a big surprise to all. Skating from 7 till 12.30 P. M. with no extra charges. ADMISSION AND SKATES, 35 CENTS.

MISCELLANEOUS. WILL THE PERSON WHO TOOK the sled, "Speedway" with initials R. M. from in front of The New York Store kindly return same to the Herald branch office. 7512 SKIRT MAKING: we will make a skirt to measure, from your materials for \$2. We furnish trimmings. Ladies' Shop, Main St., near Center. 531 OHIO VALLEY OIL for investment now selling at \$1.50 per share, paying 24 per cent. DIVIDENDS 2 per cent. MONTHLY Cash or one-third down and one-third each 30 days. Valuable information on request. W. B. HARRIS & CO., INC., Suite 64, 262 Washington St., Boston. Coughs, sore throats and hoarseness are relieved promptly with Magnell's Throat and Bronchial Balsam. Magnell Drug Company.



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Victor presents a screen edition de-luxe of the popular play.

MARY JANE'S "PA"

William Duncan in "THE FIGHTING TRAIL"
"Hearst's Choice" Vitagraph Comedy

TOMORROW EVENING

MME. PETROVA in "THE SILENCE SELLERS"

Coming Tuesday and Wednesday, "MAN'S LAW."

VICTOR NO LONGER TO GET ALL THE SPOILS

First Four Teams in Both Leagues to Have Share in World Series Money.

The first four teams in the finish of the major league baseball season will no longer share the spoils of the world series. This has been decided by Ban Johnson and Garry Herrman who were appointed to investigate this scheme which has been in the wind for some time. In the opinion of the majority of the baseball magnates this scheme is a good one. According to the plan laid out, the two contending titular teams will share the greatest amount. Then the first three following will share the rest of the money in proportion to their position in the first division. This will mean that the world series money will be divided between eight different teams.

The advantages of the scheme are many. The fighting spirit will be kept up among all the clubs until the game is in the schedule has been completed. It will bring more money to the clubs which are in the second division will fight to get to at least the last place in the first division. If they don't get in the first division they won't get any money at all. Previously it has been the habit of those teams who realized they had no chance for the pennant to lay down at the end of the season and simply play their games. The new plan will do away with this completely.

Although this plan has not been formally announced by Johnson and Herrman they have practically admitted to newspaper men that this is their plan. It will probably be presented to major league owners at the February meeting. Another perplexing question which Johnson and Herrman were asked to decide was that of how to collect the war tax on baseball tickets next season. They realize that making change with odd pennies will greatly deter a large crowd going into a ball game. They have not as yet reached a permanent settlement regarding this question.

CROSBY'S COACH RESIGNS.

Was Extremely Unpopular Among Players and Pupils in Waterbury School.

Pat Cawley has resigned as the coach of the Crosby High school basketball team in Waterbury. Cawley was appointed coach early this year. He formerly coached New Haven High and was very successful. He was greatly disliked however by both players and pupils in Crosby High. He has not been attending practice sessions lately and finally has tendered his resignation. No one has been appointed to succeed him. Crosby High has the reputation of turning out fast basketball teams. They have almost always defeated the local high school basketball teams overwhelmingly whenever the two teams met. In the past few years Crosby's reputation in basketball circles has spread outside the state. The players could not get along with Coach Cawley and he became very unpopular. Cawley is a member of the faculty in Taft school at Watertown.

EAST MEETS WEST.

Football Game in Pasadena on New Year's Day.

Allentown, Pa., Dec. 29.—Much local interest is shown in the forthcoming match between the United States Army Ambulance football team and the Pacific Coast United States Marines at the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena on New Year's day in what will be one of the greatest pigskin Red Cross benefits of the year.

This means that the Ambulance eleven, with its big collection of national stars, has made an invasion of the West to play a game which is the natural successor of the Oregon-Penn game of last year.

Cleveland has not traded Tris Speaker for Ping Bodie. And that is only half the story.

We have it on good authority that sassafras will continue to be a popular drink in the ball parks despite the war.

They wanted to see Alex sold to the American League.

Boxing Football

Sporting News

Bowling Baseball



EDDIE COLLINS.

The price Charles Comiskey, owner of the champion Chicago club, paid for Eddie Collins, star second baseman, was made public by President Ban Johnson at the American League meeting. He said Comiskey paid the Philadelphia club \$50,000 for Collins's contract, gave Collins a \$15,000 bonus for signing and signed him to a five-year contract at a salary of \$15,000 a year, a total of \$140,000.

WANTED—BASEBALL PLAYERS.

Will Make Excellent Hand Grenade Hurlers, Think British.

Baseball players are in demand in the trenches. The British-Canadian recruiting mission has issued an appeal calling for baseball players. The reason they are especially desired is that they will make excellent hand grenade throwers.

The official statement reads: "Baseball players can do better at grenade throwing than any other men. We can train ordinary men for this service, but this is an age of specialization, and ball players are better fitted to become grenade throwers than any other class of men."

PALITZ-MARTIN BOUT.

New Haven will again be a mecca for fight fans next Friday night when Dave (Knockout) Palitz will exchange blows with Johnny Martin of New Haven. Palitz is a Hartford fighter. The two will fight for twelve rounds and will weigh in at 143 pounds. As a preliminary match Joe Currie and George Protto will be staged in a bout. Neither of these two men is well known but sport fans who have seen them box say that the preliminary match will be a corker. The fight will be staged at the Monroe A. C. which is situated on George street in New Haven.

Peanut vendors will Hooverize next season, but that won't keep 'em off your toes.

Looks as though the International League will have a playless season in 1918.

Since the Frawley law cashed in, New York fight promoters are observing many eatless days.

CAMOUFLAGE TAKES PLACE IN GREAT AMERICAN GAME

Alexander-Killifer Deal Good Example—Magnates See Value of Fooling the People.

New York, Dec. 29.—Camouflage is not a new wrinkle in baseball.

The merry magnates have been using it for a number of years and they are past masters in its use.

The most recent example of the use of camouflage by the moguls was the Alexander-Killifer deal.

When President Weeghman, of the Cubs, announced the purchase of the star Philly batter, he intimated that the deal involved close to \$100,000 in cold cash, in addition to two Cub players. The hungry reporters grabbed the bait and spread it across seven columns in papers throughout the country as the biggest deal ever thought of.

Later it developed that the actual cash consideration did not amount to more than \$59,000. Why do the magnates camouflage the facts in a big deal? The answer is comparatively simple.

In the first place, the players involved rarely know the inside of the deals by which they are bought or traded. And when a big deal is made the magnate boosts the cash consideration in the belief that it will make the player he has purchased a much bigger drawing card.

Should Cub fans say:

"Weeghman paid \$80,000 for Alexander," the Great Alex would naturally be a bigger attraction at the gate than if Cub fans knew that he cost but \$40,000 or \$50,000. Many a fan would pay for a chance to get a good look at an \$80,000 ball player.

The merry mags do not camouflage the prices they pay for players with any thought of doing harm. They naturally want the deals they make to look as big as possible and they figure the publicity worth the trouble of camouflaging to the extent of \$25,000 or \$30,000.

Harry Frazee, who, as a theatrical man, is well aware of the value of publicity, probably camouflaged to the extent of \$50,000 when he closed the deal with Connie Mack for the last three stars of the old Athletics machine. If Mack got more than \$30,000 in that deal he put something over, in the opinion of a majority of baseball men.

But the old camouflage looks good to the mags. They like it, and they are going to stick to it.

Baseball has not been demoralized by the war as yet.

The outcome of the joint meeting of National and American League magnates at Chicago proved beyond a doubt that war times have not squelched the spirit or confidence of the club owners.

The big money spent for players, leaving camouflage out of it entirely, shows that the owners are not hanging on the ropes, calling for somebody to toss a sponge into the ring. They are looking ahead, with all the optimism possible, and they feel much better, now that they have gotten together and talked things over.

The sound advice handed to National League magnates by President John K. Tener was largely responsible for the change of front on the part of owners in the senior circuit. There had been a tendency toward calamity howling before the meeting in New York. But the mags have all gone home to tend to their knittin' and make their usual plans for 1918.

Baseball has taken some hard wallops. Guess it can stand a few more.

FEW PLAYERS ENLIST.

Although there are comparatively few baseball players who have volunteered their services to Uncle Sam, there is a reason for it. Baseball is an established industry like the actor's art or the operatic singer. The baseball player in the big leagues has spent a large amount of his time in perfecting his baseball talents. Despite this he is exempted no more than the street idler or some common laborer who has not striven to make a mark for himself in the world. In comparison with other established industries such as professional actors, singers, or expert accountants, baseball has furnished as many men as any of them.

Jess Willard has some 300-odd pounds of proof that he is the heavyweight champion. Alexander deal was unpopular with National League batters.

SPINNING MILL LEAGUE.

Tigers Make First Place More Secure With Two Games.

The Spinning Mill bowling league held its weekly matches at the Center alleys last night. The Tigers made first place firmer by taking two games out of three from the Cubs, the latter losing the last game by one pin. O. Nelson was high man in this match with high single of 100 and three string of 275.

In the other match the Giants had new life instilled into them by their captain, Mr. McCann, who instructed them in the fine points of the game with the result that they climbed out of their cellar position and tied the Cubs for second place, sending the Pirates into the cellar position.

The Giants took three straight games from the Pirates all by a very large margin. McCann got high single in this match of 98 and Ritchie got high three string of 281.

The scores:

	Cubs.	Tigers.
Dux	79 81 85 245	
Ford	85 89 84 258	
Matchett	71 74 78 223	
	235 244 247 726	
Joe	73 69 68 110	
H. Nelson	99 73 80 252	
O. Nelson	88 87 100 275	
	260 229 248 737	

	Pirates.	Giants.
Doherty	71 81 84 236	
Frederick	71 70 67 208	
Ritchie	89 96 96 281	
	231 247 247 725	
Dowd	78 87 84 249	
Saidella	83 90 74 247	
McCann	78 98 97 273	
	239 275 255 769	

	The Standing.
	W. L. P.
Tigers	16 11 592
Giants	13 14 481
Cubs	13 14 481
Pirates	12 15 444

Next week's games: Tigers vs. Giants; Pirates vs. Cubs.

You are slowing up a bit, Tyrus Cobb; Though I hate to mention it, Tyrus Cobb; You are going back, I know, And I reckon you will blow in about ten years or so, Tyrus Cobb.

Ban Johnson is not the most popular guy in the American League. Ty Cobb made 225 hits this year.

"INTERNATIONAL" WAVERING.

Stability of League Doubtful When President Resigns.

The International Baseball League may not take up any space in the sporting pages next season. It is on the verge of falling through after the resignation of Edward G. Barrow, the president of the league. Mr. Barrow has been a firm and capable leader and it is feared that without some man who can do as well the league will topple. It will be extremely hard to find a man to fill the position. Mr. Barrow has had two splendid offers from major league clubs. It is rumored that he will be with the Boston Red Sox next year and another story has it that Branch Rickey has secured him to take the ropes of the St. Louis Cardinals.

YOUNG TENNIS STAR.

Fourteen Year Old Youngster Plays Great Tennis.

Thursday Vincent Richards, the youngest of tennis stars, won a brilliant victory over Sheppard Lee Alexander of Columbia University. The contest was decided by one stroke and Richards is the fortunate player. Richards is but fourteen years old and is a wonder with the racket. He is now taking part in the junior national lawn tennis tournament and has won a place in the semi-finals.

The semi's will be played today on the board courts of the Seventh Regiment Armory in New York city.

ATHLETIC GOODS RISE.

Baseball isn't a winter sport but nevertheless baseballs are soaring in the air. And it doesn't take a Tyrus Cobb or a Tris Speaker to send them up. Instead of paying \$1.25 for baseballs as formerly they are now \$1.50 with chances of going much higher.

All sporting goods such as golf clubs, tennis racquets, footballs, and almost everything else in the sport line have advanced from 15 to 25 per cent and will advance greater as the war progresses.

"ALEX THE GREAT" TO ACT.

Grover Cleveland Alexander, who with his catcher Bill Killifer was sold by the Phillies to the Chicago Cubs, has refused an offer of \$10,000 to appear upon the vaudeville stage.

Alexander was sold for \$75,000 and has demanded that \$10,000 of the sale price be paid him. He however refuses a like amount to go behind the footlights.



"WILD BILL" DONOVAN.

Bill Donovan, for the last three years manager of the Yankees, will marshal the hosts of Branch Rickey's Cardinals in 1918.

HARVARD TRAINER PLANS TO DEVELOPE EVERY MAN

More Attention Should Be Given to Men Who Refrain from Athletics Says Dr. Sargent.

Dr. Dudley A. Sargent, physical director at Harvard University and a graduate of Yale told the Athletic Research Society Thursday that the colleges of the country are on the wrong track regarding athletics and sports.

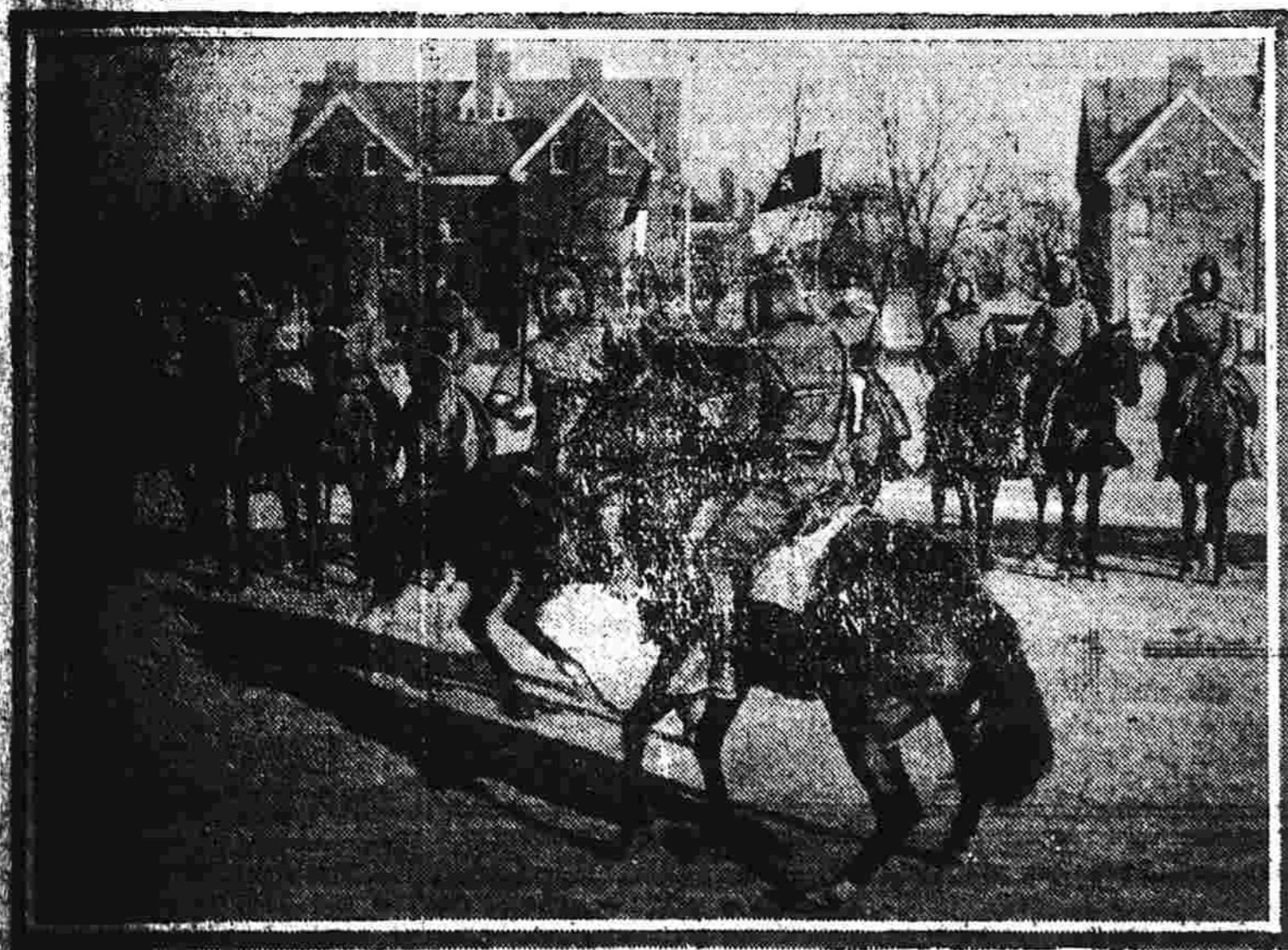
"It seems to me," said the Harvard director, "that the greatest boon the war has already given to us in America is a realization that our men must all be physically fit. I cannot look back upon the record made at Harvard and Yale, with both of which institutions I am familiar, being a graduate of one and officially connected with the other, without feeling that for twenty-five years our athletic training and our athletics have been on the wrong track. But I am glad to say that we are seeing the light and that we are coming around."

"Get Everybody In." "Get everybody into the game," that's our slogan now and it should have been our slogan for years back. It has taken the war to make us see things right. When I look back and think of the fine specimens of physical manhood who have gone across the seas to fight our battles my heart swells with pride, but when I think of those other men, the great majority in fact, who were not such fine physical specimens, I am filled with pity.

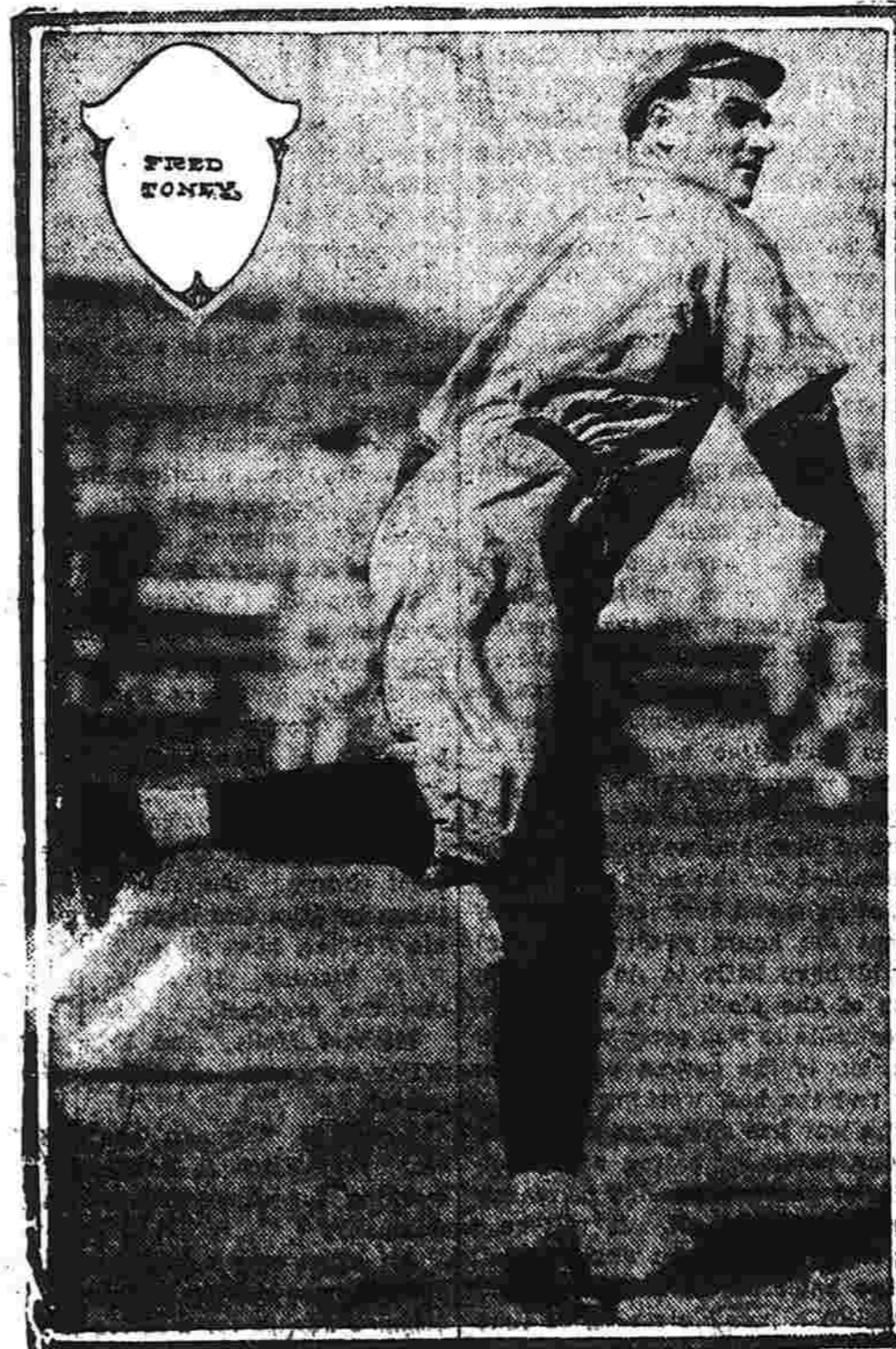
Fears for Untrained. "I have no fear for the star athletes, the cream of our young men who have gone, but I do fear for the men who were discouraged because they could not make the first team and sank back to become athletic slackers when they were in college because they thought they were not good enough. They consider themselves good enough to go and fight their country's battles, however, and we, with our old system of athletics in which we placed the premium on the specialized expert, have really denied them the physical training that they find so necessary now. Why should they sacrifice their lives if their lack of fitness makes that sacrifice not worth while?"

Students Want It. "We must have athletics for all in the colleges now, and I know that at Harvard and at Yale that is the trend of the day. You can hear it on all sides and you can see that the students want it by reading their college papers. Everybody should be out playing, building up his body."

"We shouldn't spend our time developing a man to jump six feet when we have 1,000 men who can't jump four feet. Why, 1,000 men who can jump four feet are worth today a dozen men who can jump six feet. What good is your man if he can't get out of a trench by himself, and every man over there must be able to do that. We have men who cannot pull themselves up once on a horizontal bar and we have those who can't raise themselves once on a parallel bar. And these are our potential holders. They must be trained and each of us must share the burden."



WARRIORS AT THE FRONT.



FRED TONEY OF THE "REDS" ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED VIOLATION OF DRAFT LAW.

Fred Toney, star pitcher of the Cincinnati "Reds", is out on bail today following his arrest at Nashville, for alleged conspiracy to evade the Selective Service law. It is charged that Toney swore falsely that his wife, child, mother, stepfather, and sister are wholly dependent upon him for support, whereas, it is alleged, for the past five years he has not lived with his wife, who is employed as a telephone operator.

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BUYING BY CARD.

If the war continues Manchester will very soon see fuel and food cards in common use. The shortage of two commodities, coal and sugar, has developed a situation which shows that some method of equalizing the distribution of necessities must be devised.

We have been told that while the supply of coal in the market is limited there will be enough for everybody if it is used sparingly. The same is said of sugar. Yet in different localities and in different families in the same locality conditions vary widely. Some consumers are plentifully supplied; others cannot get what they need.

The government administrators have equalized the prices and have prevented profiteering on the part of producers and distributors; but they have not equalized the purchasing power of consumers. Some localities receive more coal than others; some dealers receive more sugar than others and some individuals somehow or other get more sugar than their neighbors, equally able to pay for it.

There are several reasons for this situation, among them favoritism on the part of the dealer and aggressiveness on the part of the consumer. The element of chance also plays its part, and even deception is not unknown. In ordinary times the law of supply and demand has been relied upon to keep the flow of commodities moving at a reasonable price. But now the supply has been to an extent arbitrarily regulated by government administrators, transportation has been checked to give precedence to war movements, and prices have been regulated.

Unfortunately the government cannot regulate human nature and mainly because of the difference in human beings some fare better than others. Some were more far seeing and more forehanded than others and laid in a supply greater than their immediate needs in anticipation of the coming famine. Of course the more who did that the nearer approached the famine for all the supplies stored in advance were withdrawn from the market. When the famine finally came some were more shrewd than others, carefully concealing their purchases until they had gained a sufficiency. They used the levers of friendship to pry away the needed commodity in some instances; they used deceit in others. Some housewives had accumulated a surplus of sugar since the shortage began while others have been unable to buy enough for their bare necessities.

The only way to prevent this haphazard distribution of needed fuel and food is by the use of allowance cards. Coal cards will be in use within a week. No person will be permitted to buy coal who has a month's supply on hand, and no person will be permitted to buy more than a quarter of a ton of coal at a time without filling out card. This rule will be enforced by the state fuel administrator. The sugar shortage, while lessening somewhat, is likely to continue for some time and local grocers are planning a card system for their customers by which each one can get his share of the government's allotment, and no more.

The card system has been in use in foreign countries for a long time, as a means of conserving necessities during the war and of assuring their equitable distribution. In this country the necessity for sharp economy is not yet so keenly felt. But it is gradually coming and we will do well to profit by the example of European countries.

DON'T GET "SOFT."

As a general proposition, life depends upon the "liver." That is an old and immensely significant saying, despite the play upon the last term of it. Its implications are not self-evident, however. Goethe, who in many minds shares the general condemnation of

all things German, for the present at least, once made one of his characters in Faust say "I only see how poor mortals torture themselves." A man of grander and nobler achievement, John Milton, said his own mind to him was a kingdom.

Much the same thing has been said in many different sorts of ways, some of which doubtless occur to our readers.

The point is that happiness and unhappiness, comfort and discomfort, achievement and non-achievement, poverty and material well-being depend in most cases upon ourselves, first of all, and upon things only secondarily.

The most delicious viands are as sawdust to one who has no appetite. The beauty of nature is blank to one who is not in the temper to appreciate it. Museums of art hold no enjoyment for those who have eyes, but don't see. Music has little melody for one who cares nothing for it, is not at the time in the mood to hear it. A soft bed, plenty of time to sleep, etc., are of small use to one who hasn't earned a good night's rest.

This list might be lengthened indefinitely. We want to add only one item to it. That is, that the warmest house will not be comfortable to one who doesn't exercise enough to keep his blood moving and obtain the benefit of it. Harvey discovered and proved that the blood circulated long ago, but we haven't learned even yet the full secrets of an effective circulation and the good it does. Even if one's own house is comfortable, the outside cold becomes all the more bitter to one who doesn't keep himself in physical trim to defy it.

To allow one's self to become "soft" during the present cold period is a very unwise thing to do. The physician and undertaker are the chief beneficiaries of it. Insufficient exposure to the cold or too much indoor living, physical coddling of one's self and all that goes toward it lower one's resistance, make one less hard.

Don't get "soft."

DAYLIGHT SAVING PROGRESSES.

The daylight saving plan is brought a little nearer realization and beyond the stage of mere debate by the framing of a federal act designed to put it into effect. The House committee on interstate and foreign commerce will hold a hearing on the bill, which the Senate already has passed, within a week or two.

Post Administrator Garfield and Chairman Hurley of the Shipping Board are among the legislators who

plan is estimated at more than 1,500,000 tons a year, even if the plan is used only for a short period. The direct saving by the increased use of natural light also would be great, because coal is a large item in the manufacture of electric energy and gas.

These and various other results that would be obtained by the scheme have been formulated by the executive committee on daylight saving, of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. By daylight saving between the second Sunday in April and the last Sunday in September, according to the Calder bill of the Senate, now before the House, a saving of 150 hours out of a year's average of 1,320 hours a year could be effected and in electricity and gas for lighting, 666,000 and 144,000 tons of coal, respectively. Larger savings of time and coal could be obtained by setting chronometers an hour ahead during a longer period of the year. And all of the estimates given are conservative, very conservative.

The state councils of defense of New England, says the committee, have united in asking for daylight saving. Several legislatures, including that of Pennsylvania, have requested it. Commercial organizations all over the country are for it. The committee hasn't named in its last communication some of the more general considerations. If the hours of sleep and waking have been determined for the most part by the fact of light and darkness, to be consistent the hours selected for each should have little to do with the hour of the clock. In summer, it is desirable to rise early because the morning is the coolest part of the day and the best working period.

The war has shown us that many of our habits of eating are purely artificial and not founded in reasonable necessity at all. It will be a fine idea if we can be wrenched out of the habit of wasting, by failing to utilize a possible saving of time, fuel and so forth.

R. R. REVENUES LOWER.

The net revenue from railway operations during the ten months of 1917 as compared with the same period of 1916 showed a decrease, even according to the figures of the Interstate Commerce commission. The following figures are of interest,

in view of the taking over of the railways by the government: 1916, average number of miles operated, 222,542.20; 1917, 223,168.27; 1916, railway operating revenues, \$2,864,427.189; 1917, \$3,210,564.647; 1916, railway operating expenses, \$1,870,025.177; 1917, \$2,236,339.019; net revenue from operation, 1916, \$994,402.012; 1917, \$974,225.628.

Rising expenses of labor, materials and equipment, in other words, more than overcame the increased earning power of the railroads.

The raising of more wheat and other cereals and of beef and other meat foods in Connecticut—not to forget the fish in the state's streams—must be the first move to simplify food requirements. But the government's work in adapting superior grains from other lands to climates of this country, its propagation of the reindeer by thousands in Alaska and elsewhere suggest possibilities of food raising that should not be neglected. Even distribution will not altogether solve the food item in living expenses, unless Connecticut like other states becomes semi-independent.

President Wilson was sixty-one yesterday. But then he is younger in his power of work, because of the facility and confidence which presumably have come from experience.

DRAFTTEES NOT NEEDED BEFORE FEBRUARY 15

Fifteen Per Cent. in Last Call Can Remain at Home Six Weeks Longer.

The draftees of the last fifteen per cent. who have been expecting a call to service from day to day for the last month will have a respite for the next six weeks. Chairman Hohenthal of the local board has received official notice from the government that this section of the first allotment will not be called before the 15th of February. This news will be welcomed by such men in the last fifteen per cent. as have business responsibilities. Mr. Hohenthal says that there are between 40 and 50 men in this bunch. There is a possibility that now and then a man

Manchester

25 Years Ago

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Joseph McGowan had taken the management of the McPherson barbers shop at the south end.

The Manchester '91 club had elected J. C. Carter as president, Charles I. Balch, secretary and Charles H. Strant treasurer.

A. W. Hyde received a Christmas present of a new cap with the word "Conductor" in gold letters. It was the first time that he had ever worn a conductor's cap although he had oftentimes been called to act in that capacity on the South Manchester railroad. Mr. Hyde still holds the same position.

George H. Howe who was clerk for Alvord Brothers at the Green was recovering from a serious illness.

John Matchett and Miss Mary J. Hare were married by Rev. E. H. Coley of St. Mary's Episcopal church. It was the coldest Christmas weather in many years. The mercury hovered around the zero mark continually for three days.

E. H. Crosby was elected worthy patriarch of Manchester Division, Sons of Temperance.

A choir of 20 voices rendered a Christmas concert at the South Methodist church. The solo parts were taken by Miss Oro Capen, Miss Fannie Carrier, Mrs. Maria Ingalls and R. N. Stanley. Miss Maytie Case was the organist.

Michael Malley and Miss Ellen O'Day were married at St. Bridget's church.

James E. Sherman had left the employ of Fitch & Drake and was working for the American Express Company.

An effort was being made to secure Thomas Murphy the gospel temperance worker for a series of meetings in Manchester.

J. P. Cheney was raised to the Master Mason degree by Manchester lodge.

Cheney Brothers bought the residence of the late John Sault.

The school enumeration in the Ninth district showed a total of 969 children of the school age. In the Eighth district the number was 437.

may be called for to fill a vacancy before the 15th of February but the unit as a whole can count on being at home until that time.

All men who receive questionnaires must fill them out and if any fall into Class I, they may be called ahead of some with later numbers who have already been included in the first allotment.

All persons having questionnaires to answer are urged to submit their papers to legal advisers before sending them to the local board. Many questionnaires are received by the board which are imperfectly filled out making it necessary for the signer to go to the boards headquarters in East Hartford to make the corrections. Of course the information exposed to the legal advisers will be treated as strictly confidential.

The Open Forum

Editor of The Evening Herald:

I would like to take up a little of your valuable space to explain this little senior episode of Thursday night's issue.

In the first part of the season the seniors had a good basketball team, so you say. I will admit that. I will go further and say there will be a good senior team when the Interclass League starts. The members of this team thought that it would be right to have the senior class pay part of the bill for jerseys—you know jerseys are mighty high this year. The majority of the seniors favored this plan, with the exception of a few. However, for reasons that need not be told at this time, the class did not pay any part of the bill for the jerseys. Did the team quit? Well, I guess not! Each member of the team dug down into his first national bank and drew forth the necessary thrift stamps. As for the other team you mentioned, I have not been able to find out anything about them.

Thanking you again for your space. I remain,

Arthur Knolija,
Manager 1918 B. E. Team.

MANCHESTER

25 YEARS FROM NOW

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J. Ward Taylor will be an expert dancer under the instruction he is now receiving from "Jake" Greenberg at the Recreation building.

Philip Shaw will have his place in the high school honor roll. We should say Philip Shaw jr., the son of the present Philip Shaw.

"Pete" Carrier will not be with the Connecticut Company but rather will hold Vernon Castle's place upon the stage.

Earl Trotter will be principal of the local high school. That is the South Manchester High school for the north end and will have a high school by that time.

Page Potter will be Major General of the Medical corps of the U. S. Army.

"Connie" Moynihan will be the president of a local insurance company which will do more business than all of Hartford's present insurance companies.

"Tommy" Conran will be the president of the local candy concern which will manufacture chocolates which really are different.

"Chapple" Pentland will be the janitor in the Center club which will have its rooms where the Park Hill Flower Shop is now. The members will be the present members of the Center Curbstones who take great delight in standing in front of the flower shop.

Nine ball pool will be considered a dead game by that time. Somebody will have invented a game which will get rid of money quicker. "Red" Crockett will be a successful professor of gymnastics.

There may be a telephone in each of the local post offices. A trolley line may be run along Spruce street, "Manchester's Broadway."

The section around Main street and Middle Turnpike will be called "Cainville."

More than two trains daily will leave for New York.

On the New Haven time tables, Manchester at least will be printed in bold face type.

ONLY ONE MORE DAY OF OUR RUMMAGE SALE

In many respects the most remarkable sale in our history. Sale closes Monday night Dec. 31st, at 6 o'clock. See these prices on Iron Beds, Odd Dressers, and Chiffoniers.

ODD CHIFFONIERS

- These chiffoniers left over from suites. One solid oak chiffonier with 5 drawers and oval mirror, regular price \$15.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$9.98**
- Solid oak chiffonier with shaped mirror regular price \$16.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$11.98**
- Large size solid oak chiffonier with Colonial mirror, regular price \$17.50. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$13.98**
- Plain oak chiffonier with large mirror, regular price \$20.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$15.98**
- Plain oak chiffonier with shaped mirror, regular price \$22.50. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$17.98**

Odd Chiffoniers

All quartered oak chiffonier, rubbed and polished with shaped mirror, regular price \$24.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$17.98**

Special men's chiffonier with extra deep top drawer in dark mahogany, regular price \$29.50. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$21.75**

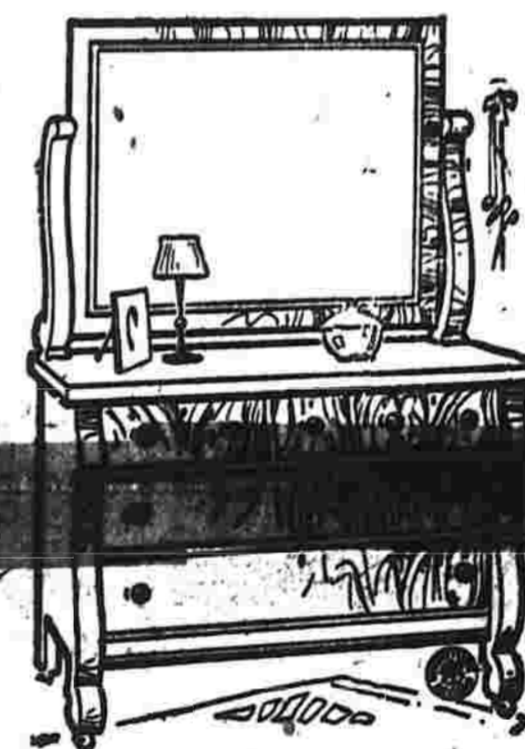
Very large Colonial chiffonier, genuine mahogany with six drawers, very large shaped mirror, regular price \$45.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$27.50**



Odd Dressers

Solid oak dresser with shaped French plate mirror, regular price \$18.00. If bought before Jan. 1st. **\$13.98**

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"He's hard to get along with, isn't he?" "I should say so. He acts as though he were a street-railway corporation."—Detroit Free Press.

Five congressional investigations of the government's conduct of the war and war not started yet. This looks promising.—Waterbury Republican.

A farmer of Kansas has sold him now \$2.65 to produce a bushel of wheat. In which he quit the business of growing wheat. Florida Times-Union.

Ready Reference Guide

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Ferris Bros., Est. 1880, 937 Main.

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Manchester Plumbing & Supply Co., 877 Main.

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I. Schwitz, Neolin Soles, 883 Main.

S. Yulys, Princess Bldg., Birch St.

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E. A. Lettney, Stoves, 88 Main.

TAILORS, REPAIRING, PRESSING.

R. P. Edmund, Park Bldg.

R. H. Grimason, Odd Fellows Block.

P. McFarlane, Depot Square.

E. Kwartler, 815 Main.

S. Rosenblatt, 93 Center.

WALL PAPER, PAINTS, SUPPLIES

Manchester Wall Paper Co., 529 Main.

WAR BUREAU EXPLAINS WAR TIME INSURANCE

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tion of his pay not otherwise allotted as will, added to the compulsory allotment, equal one-half pay.

The allotment of pay is compulsory as to wife and child and voluntary as to other persons. Monthly compulsory allotment shall be in an amount equal to family allowances, but not more than one-half pay, or less than \$15. The enlisted man may allot any proportion or amount of his pay in addition to the compulsory allotment, such purposes and persons as he may direct, subject to regulations. The Secretary of War and the Secretary of Navy may require that any proportion of one-half pay which is not allotted shall be deposited in the military and naval deposit fund for the benefit of the man.

Family Allowances. Mr. Hyde stated that a family allowance not to exceed \$50, in addition to pay allotted by the man, shall be paid by the government. Family allowance shall be paid upon application, which may be made by the man, or made by or in behalf of the beneficiary. No family allowance shall be made for any person preceding November 1, 1917. Family allowance will be paid from the time of enlistment, but ceases one month after the termination of the war, or at death in, or one month after discharge from the service.

Compensation. Attorney Hyde said that soldiers and sailors are to be paid a certain sum, regardless of salary, this applying to men below the rank of Lieutenant. The government will pay compensation for any soldier killed or injured in the war. The compensation will go to the wife, the children, or the widowed mother, but not to grandparents, grandchildren, brothers or sisters. A widow who re-marries will lose claim to compensation. Children may receive compensation until the age of eighteen, and longer if they are incapacitated as to earning a living. The amount of compensation varies from \$30 to \$75 a month. The monthly sums payable in each case are stated and are not based upon pay of the deceased. They are as follows:

For a widow alone, \$25.

For a widow and one child, \$35.

For a widow and two children, \$47.50, with \$5 for each additional child up to two.

If there be no widow, then for one child, \$20.

For two children, \$30.

For three children, \$40, with \$5 for each additional child up to two.

For a widowed mother, \$20. The amount payable under this subdivision shall not be greater than a sum which, when added to the total amount payable to the widow and children does not exceed \$75.

Total Disability. During the continuance of total disability, Mr. Hyde stated, monthly compensation will be paid the injured person. The amounts payable are not based upon the pay of the injured person. They are as follows:

If he has neither wife nor child living, \$30.

If he has a wife but no child living, \$45.

If he has a wife and one child living, \$55.

If he has a wife and two children living, \$65.

If he has wife and three or more children living, \$75.

If he has no wife but one child living, \$40, with \$10 for each additional child up to two.

If he has a widowed mother dependent upon him for support, then, in addition to the above amounts, \$10.

To an injured person who is totally disabled and in addition so helpless as to be in constant need of a nurse or attendant, such additional sum shall be paid, but not exceeding \$20 per month, as the director may deem reasonable.

For certain specified conditions, or if the injured person is permanently bedridden; \$100 monthly compensation is provided. (But no allowance for a nurse shall be made.)

Soldiers' Insurance. Attorney Hyde stated that the government has offered insurance to the soldiers in policies of \$1,000 to \$10,000 at actual cost. This is in addition to compensation. The kind of policy is classed as Term Insurance. The insurance is payable to wife, children, father, mother, brothers, sisters, grandparents and grandchildren. Premiums are paid monthly and if not paid by the end of thirty days, the policy will lapse. The amount of the policy will not be paid the beneficiary in a lump sum, but will be paid monthly. On a \$10,000 policy, the amount of \$57.50 would be paid for 240 months. As to cost, a man of 29 years would pay \$6.90 a month on a \$10,000

policy. Each soldier has been given a blank and he must make application before February 12, 1918. He may apply for as high as \$10,000, but once he has made application for a stated sum, he can never increase that sum. Mr. Hyde urged all present to write their soldier relatives urging them to apply for \$10,000 policies at once.

Premium rates shall be net rates, based upon American Experience Table of Mortality, and 3 1-2 per cent interest. Such rates do not include any provision for expenses. During the period of the war and for five years thereafter unless sooner converted, the insurance shall be term insurance for successive terms of one year each. For five years after the termination of the war the insured shall have the right to convert this term insurance into any of the usual forms of insurance at the net premium rate for such forms of insurance. No medical examination can be required as a condition of converting the insurance. Unless the privilege of conversion is exercised the insurance can not be continued after the expiration of the five-year period. To carry out the privilege of conversion, ordinary life insurance, 20-payment life insurance, endowment maturing at age 62, and other usual forms of insurance shall be provided. Premiums shall not be required for more than one month in advance and may be deducted from the pay or deposit of the insurance.

State Allowance. Selectman Howard I. Taylor explained the terms under which the state will make allowances to soldiers' relatives. These allowances are subject to the approval of the Board of Control. Application blanks giving full information are ready for all who are interested and will call upon the selectmen.

Red Cross to Help. President Anderson explained that in cases of emergency the Red Cross will provide assistance where none has been received from the State.

At the close of the meeting the citizens were directed to information desks in the hall, where all questions were answered by Attorney Hyde, H. B. Cheney, H. I. Taylor and Willard B. Rogers.

The War Bureau is preparing a form letter to send to soldiers, at request of relatives, urging them to take out insurance policies.



"BIG FOUR" HEADS CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT WILSON.

Officials of the four brotherhoods of railroad trainmen who have conferred with President Wilson regarding the Government operation of the railroad executives on their demands for increases in pay. W. G. Lee is President of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen; Warren S. Stone is Grand Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers; A. B. Garretson is President of the Brotherhood of Railway Conductors and W. S. Carter President of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Engineers.

THE WAR CORNER

News From Manchester Men Who Are Serving Uncle Sam on Land and Sea

THE EVENING HERALD, eager to gather every bit of news of our soldier boys, wherever they may be, invites its readers to contribute personals, portions of letters, and any information about them they may possess. Such portions of letters as are personal or which may give information to the enemy, will, of course, not be published.

Two more letters have been received from Private William H. Sargent of Company L, 102nd U. S. Infantry, "Somewhere in France." One of the letters was written to his sister, Miss Maggie Sargent, undated date of November 17 and the other to his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Sargent of 41 Chestnut street under date of November 29. The letters in part follow:

My Dear Sister: I received your letter all right and was glad to hear that you are all well. I am feeling fine. Well, Maggie, I was glad you got the pictures all right. You told me you sent one to Tom. How are Tom and Rose. I am writing a letter to him now. You said he was going to send me a sweater. I will be glad to get it as it is getting a little chilly at night. I am writing this letter in the Y. M. C. A. after supper. We have got a piano here and the boys all write their letters here at night. We have got a stove, which keeps us warm while we are writing.

Save me a leg of the "crow" until I get home again and we will have a roast. Am sorry I haven't got a Christmas box yet to send to you, but I may get one later on. Will close with sending my best love to all. Write soon. "Somewhere in France."

Private William H. Sargent.

Co. L, 102nd U. S. Inf., A. E. F., Via N. Y.

Well, My Dear Father and Mother: I take the greatest pleasure in writing you a few lines to let you know I am feeling fine and hope this finds you the same. I got two War Crys O. K., but you didn't say who they were from. I thought there would be a line or two inside to let me know, but I had to guess they were from Maggie. I thank her very much, anyway.

I am writing this letter the day before Thanksgiving. We were all digging trenches in the morning and were given the afternoon off before the Y. M. C. A. entertainment. I think we are going to have a fine Thanksgiving. We are going to have some turkey, some pudding and mince pie. I hope you have a good one and that we will have the next one together. Tell father not to shoot his "hall" all away at the black birds.

I suppose William James Armstrong is "noting" away on his fiddle. Does father ever go over to see him in the hen coop? How are Paul and Annie and the baby and Sarah. Write and let me know how they all are. I wrote to Tom. I think this is all for this time as it is getting dark. Hoping to see you all again soon and hoping that you have a good Thanksgiving. From "Bill." Write soon.

"Somewhere in France."

Private William H. Sargent.

Officer of Torpedoed Cruiser Who Survived



Lieut. John K. Richards, U. S. N., was one of the officers of the American destroyer Jacob Jones who survived when that vessel was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine.

That President Garfield's own Ohio should be the first to quarrel with her son over a little matter like coal is curiously shocking. Let us draw the veil over such perversity.—Brooklyn Eagle.



I Am Going To Sell Out Up Here At The Green!

My business is in Hartford, our only child at home goes to Hartford every day, there is seventy-two cents per day and tiresome hours spent going and coming. We certainly feel that we should be located in Hartford, and shall make the change just as soon as possible.

There is a frontage of four hundred feet on the street, by about three hundred in depth, containing four acres of land.

I will sell this property as a whole, or will sell the north and south portion for building lots, and at a fair price, reserving about two hundred and fifty feet to go with the home place, which comprises a two story house of nine rooms, having hard wood floors, steam heat, electric lights, enamel bath complete, and is a most beautiful home.

There is a garage for two Autos and new poultry house for one hundred and fifty head.

The entire front is bordered by a row of beautiful shade trees, the grounds about the house, with shrubs, plants and flowers, there are seven kinds of apples, three of pears, and grapes galore.

The terms will be made easy, an exchange for other property considered.

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Advertisement for W.B. CORSETS, featuring Reduso and Nuform corsets. Includes images of women wearing corsets and pricing information.

Advertisement for CASCARA QUININE, featuring a portrait of a man and text describing the medicine's benefits.

Advertisement for Insurance, listing various types of property and automobile insurance.

Advertisement for Fire Insurance, listing automobile, fire, and liability insurance.

Advertisement for Richard G. Rich, Rubber Footwear.

Advertisement for C. E. HOUSE & SON, Men, Women, Girls, Boys and Children.

Advertisement for G. H. Allen, Special Best Red Cedar in Any Quantity.

Advertisement for DR. N. A. BURR, Will be at the office of DR. LEVERNE HOLMES.

Advertisement for piano repair services, mentioning L. Siebert.

Advertisement for HEAVY TRUCKING, Long Distance Hauls a Specialty.

Advertisement for Sheet Celluloid, For repairing Automobile Curtains.

Advertisement for Hall, Modan & Co., FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING.

Advertisement for FALL PAINTING, Time to Freshen Up for Winter.

My Resolution--A. AUTO

Firmly Resolve That--
 Will serve my master obediently through the year 1918. I will not balk. I will not stall him on a lonely road. I will not groan, nor grind, nor squeak. I will give him every ounce of speed there is in me for every gill of gasoline fed me. I will do all this and more PROVIDING I AM OVERHAULED AT

BELLAMYS ECONOMY GARAGE

Auto Repairs and Auto Accessories of All Kinds
 Main Street and Middle Turnpike



THE OPEN FORUM

Parish Hall Center Church
 Tomorrow Afternoon at 3 o'clock
 Mrs. W. D. ASCOUGH
 The Federal Amendment
 --AUSPICES--
 Manchester Single Tax Club.

ABOUT TOWN

TONIGHT IN MANCHESTER.
 This is Porkless Saturday. Roller skating, Armory, Park Theater, "The Iron Ring," Circle Theater, "Mary Jane's Pa." Lighting Up Time. Auto lamps should be lighted at 5 p. m. The sun rose at 7.19 a. m. The sun sets at 4.27 p. m.

Captain Walter E. Spencer of the Signal Corps has been transferred from Leon Springs, Tex., to Camp Hancock, Augusta, Ga.

It is to be hoped that this frigid December betokens an early spring. We have already had as many zero mornings as are usually recorded in an entire winter.

Paul Fitzgerald of Brainard Place has enlisted in the Naval Reserves and is now waiting his call to the colors.

Ephraim Cowles of the U. S. S. Illinois arrived in town last evening for a five days' furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Cowles of Adams street.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Duplease of Eldridge street returned Thursday from a visit to Enfield, N. H., and left yesterday for a visit with friends in Palmer, Mass.

Men in the employ of the Folly Brook Ice company have been cutting ice at Globe Hollow for the past four days. The ice now is ten inches thick and of fine quality.

Washington L. O. L. 117 will confer the R. A. P. M. Degree on a class of candidates in Orange Hall tonight. After the working of the degree, a social hour will be served, and refreshments will be served.

Private John Olson of the Machine Gun Battalion at Camp Bowers is enjoying a week-end furlough with relatives in town. He says he has gained eight pounds since going to the camp.

A delegation of the Woodmen of this town went to New Britain last night to confer the degree for the lodge in that city. The party arrived home about one o'clock this morning.

Samuel Hynds of West Center street, who enlisted in the Canadian army at the time of the Black Watch's visit in Hartford, has been enjoying an eighteen days' furlough in town. He will return to Canada January 4 and expects soon to be sent across for foreign service.

The staff of Somniths Events entertained the members of the staff of the past two years an informal dance last night. There were about thirty present and dancing was enjoyed to the player piano in the auditorium of the Recreation building.

The Bon Ami factory shut down at noon today for a week as the plant is unable to get enough tarsap to keep the employees busy. The spar is held up at railroad stations along the line because of the embargo. The little that is mined near Glastonbury is not sufficient to keep the plant working.

Captain Walter E. Spencer of West Hartford, a former Manchester man, who received his commission at Plattsburgh last month, has been assigned to the new motor truck regiment attached to the signal corps and transferred from Leon Springs to Camp Hancock, Augusta, Georgia. This contingent has received orders to equip for foreign service.

James Finlay, William H. Moore, Robert Brown and Frank Taggart of the Canadian army, arrived in town last evening on a week's furlough. They will return to Canada next Friday. These men had planned to come home for Christmas but because of a quarantine at the camp and were unable to come at that time.

AN ODD APPLE.
 Dr. F. B. Crane was exhibiting an apple last night which he claimed was one of a number, which he had grown in his cellar. The apple was a handsome one. It was of an unknown variety and the peculiar thing about the apple was that it was shining like those shown in fruit store windows. Dr. Crane claimed that it grew that way. He did not have any to give away as they were precious.

UNCLAIMED LETTERS.

Unclaimed letters are held at the South Manchester postoffice for the following persons: Leroy Chamberlain, Pine St.; John David Gibbs, 64 Hill St.; Mrs. E. C. Greene, R. F. D. 2; Mrs. F. S. Hancock, 13 Pleasant St.; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hamilton, Huntington St.; May S. Le, Mde. Frederick Newman, 417 Center St.; Mrs. Florence Thompson, Center.

UNION VS. NON-UNION QUESTION REAPPEARS

Builders and Contractors Send Written Statement to Their Employees in Pay Envelopes.

In response to a communication received some weeks ago from the Building Trades' Council, stating that beginning January 1, 1918, no union man would be permitted to work on a job where a non-union man happened to be working, each member of the Manchester Builders' and Contractors' association today placed in the pay envelopes of his employees a letter outlining his position in the matter. A copy of the letter follows:

Dear Sir:
 As a business man enjoying American citizenship, American Independence, Justice, and American Freedom—all of which may be practiced and enjoyed by you—I have striven for years against legalized trusts, and I am sure that, as a sane man, you have not been in favor of them. My understanding is that the local labor unions, in which you have a good and perfect right to hold membership, have demanded—among other things—that the general builders, contractors and sub-contractors in this jurisdiction are to employ men of the labor unions commencing with January 1, 1918, and that union workmen on and after that date will not permit to work with them men other than members of the labor unions in the building trades of Manchester and South Manchester, Conn., and the jurisdiction under which this town comes.

If I am obliged to pay my bills I certainly ought to have the right to conduct my business without being forced to discriminate against any one.

In justice to my customers, to the public in general, as well as in fairness to you, I herewith advise you that commencing January 2nd, 1918, I shall hire such workmen as I may require, and will not question men who, through no fault of their own, are members of, or what their private affairs are, but will reserve the right to ask: Do you understand your business as a workman?

On and after the date mentioned I will conduct my business under the principles of true American independence—the "open shop"—at highest ruling wages consistent with first class workmanship, and the working conditions will be under the 8-hour system.

If your principles, your conscience or your moral obligations will not permit your re-entering upon employment with me, automatically, if you fail to respond on the date mentioned for re-employment, I shall

FAREWELL RECEPTION TO DR. HESSELGRAVE

All Friends Invited to Say Good-bye Sunday Afternoon.

A public reception will be tendered to Rev. Dr. C. E. Hesselgrave at the parish hall of the Center church Sunday afternoon from five to seven o'clock. Dr. Hesselgrave is to leave town Tuesday for a year's service in France and this reception is for the purpose of giving all his friends an opportunity to say good-bye to him. Everybody will be welcome, whether members of the church and congregation or not.

In receiving line with Dr. and Mrs. Hesselgrave will be Rev. and Mrs. Charles M. Calderwood of the North Congregational church who are about to leave for Lee, Mass.

There will be no formal program. At the close of the reception light refreshments will be served.

F. B. L. WHIST.
 South Manchester Council, F. B. L., held an enjoyable what social in Foresters' hall Thursday evening. Eight tables were filled with players and prizes were awarded as follows: Lady's first, Miss Martha Kusulki, sofa pillow top; second, Mrs. Margaret Griffin, fancy box of writing paper; third, Miss Irene Anderson, glass dish; gentleman's first, Tony Bass, a necktie; second, Samuel Houston, jar of tobacco; third, John Stevenson, ash tray. Following the games there was a social hour with selections on the piano.

At the next meeting of the council, the newly elected officers will be installed. This meeting will be held Thursday evening, January 10, Supreme officers from New Haven will be present.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIAL.
 At a social held by the Confirmation League in the Swedish Lutheran chapel last evening, the young people who were confirmed last June, 83 in number, were admitted into the league. There were about 70 guests present and a most enjoyable time was spent with games and an entertainment program.

The social was in the form of a Christmas party. There were two trees and a grab bag and every one received a present. During the evening refreshments were served.

RAILROAD BRAKEMAN UP ON NON-SUPPORT CHARGE

Wife and Children Suffer for a Week While He is Away From Home.

Edward Copeland of North Main street faced Judge Arnott in the police court this morning on the charge of non-support. His wife was in court and told the judge that Copeland had not been home since Monday. At that time he came home and wrecked some of the furniture in the house. He had been to Rockville and had gotten into trouble up there. She said that they had no fuel in the house and very little to eat. Since Monday the neighbors had been very kind and had provided food for herself and two children. She said that her husband gave her less than five dollars a week to keep the family.

Copeland said that he was a brakeman on the railroad and earned \$15 and \$16 a week. His wife said that he got \$20 a week on the local freight. He said that his wife was always scolding him and he had made up his mind to keep away from her. Judge Arnott found him guilty as charged and although he placed him in charge of the probation officer for a month, he gave him to understand that if he did not support his wife and family he would be sent to jail. The prosecutor also gave Copeland to understand that it would go worse with him if he undertook to skip town. The law will follow him. Copeland promised to do better.

SURPRISED AT SHORTAGE.

Thomas McNear of New York is visiting his mother, Mrs. Mary McNear of 146 Center street. In speaking to some friends last evening, Mr. McNear said he knew nothing of a sugar shortage until he arrived in Springfield, Mass. He ordered a cup of coffee at the station restaurant and asked for some sugar, whereupon he was informed that there was sugar in the coffee and that was all he was going to get. He said that sugar was selling for 6 1/2 cents a pound in Chicago and that it was plentiful all through the Middle West.

JOHN TROUTON.

John Trouton of New York, who was for many years a resident of this town, died last night from an

fire department. He is survived by a wife and two children. He also leaves three brothers and two sisters. They are Thomas of New York, Samuel of this town, Henry of Bristol, Mrs. Minnie Hoyt of Meriden and Mrs. George Simpson of Meriden.

SHIPS THREE CASES.

Three cases of Red Cross material have been completed and packed. They are to be sent to the Red Cross headquarters on E. 15th street, N. Y. city. One box was valued at \$400, another at \$825 and the other at \$100. All this is made up of bandages and necessary Red Cross equipment. Many of the women were disgusted with the railroads of the country when it was said at one meeting that there was an embargo on such things as Red Cross equipment included. But now that things are straightened out the material will get to New York and eventually to France.

THE CASINO MAID.

"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"
 "To the Casino," she frankly said.
 "What's going on, my pretty maid?"
 "Fine roller skating," in delight she said.
 "I love it," she added, "and doctors wise."
 "Say, 'tis a wonderful exercise."
 "It brings the glow of health to one's cheeks."
 "That beats paint all hollow and lasts many weeks."
 "You'll enjoy it keenly as sure as fate."
 "So go to the CASINO tonight to skate."
 "You'll find that it quickly kills Dull Care."
 "As 'round and 'round you go skating there."
 "Now fill your cup of bliss with delight."
 "And go to the CASINO Saturday night."
 Skating at the Casino Armory, Wall Street, every afternoon and evening. Music at all sessions.—Adv.

THE ORFORD
 [Formerly Mowry's]
 A REGULAR RESTAURANT
 Not Merely GOOD FOOD
 BUT SERVICE

STIFF FINE FOR LINEMAN WHO CUT DOWN OUR TREES

Warden Bowers Indignant When He Discovers Telephone Co. Responsible for Mutilation.

Tree Warden Bowers with the help of the local authorities is going to put a stop to the ruthless destruction of shade trees on the highway. John H. Koendris who is employed by the Southern New England Telephone company pleaded guilty in the police court this morning to cutting two maple trees that stand in the highway opposite the R. N. Strong place on Tolland Turnpike. The fine imposed was \$25 with costs which was paid.

Mr. Bowers said that the two trees in question stood in the highway and were promising young trees. Recently he noticed that the tops of the trees were cut off and upon investigation found that the job was done by the telephone company. Another tree at the Oakland trolley station had been mutilated by the same concern. He had given no person permission to trim the trees and no one representing the company had asked this permission.

As a rule the telephone company had been reasonable in this work of cutting trees and the tree warden cited one place on Spencer street where trees interfered with the wires and the company had used a pipe to carry the wires through the branches rather than cut them off.

In his own behalf Koendris said that he had been sent out to trim some trees along the line and that he asked permission from Dennis Bryan to cut these two particular trees. He did not think the trees were on the highway and supposed that they were the property of Mr. Bryan. The branches interfered with the wires of the company.

Dennis Bryan, who owns the farm adjoining the highway, was of the opinion that the trees were on his property and supposed that he had the right to allow the trees to be trimmed. He remained with the man while the job was being done so as to insure the work being done correctly.

Robert N. Strong, in front of whose property the trees stand, was of the opinion that the trees were in the highway. He saw the trees when they were cut and testified to

worsted into their talk. Beside's aunt was a very obese lady, a fact which put an idea into the child's busy brain. She began by questioning her aunt about heaven and what folks did when they went there. Finally she said: "Well, auntie, I'll bet when you die and get wings and fly all about folks will think you're a Zeppelin."—Boston Transcript.

If the imprisonment of the Romanoff family in a fortress takes away the motion picture privileges, the kaleidoscopic conditions in Russia will probably serve to keep their minds interested.

GEN. ARMANDA DIAZ



RECENT PHOTOGRAPH OF NEW ITALIAN COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.

General Armando Diaz, who succeeded General Cadorna as commander-in-chief of the Italian armies.

General Diaz was born in Naples in December, 1881, and at the age of fifty-five has been placed in command of the army in the most critical moment in the history of the Italian nation. He was the most victorious general on the Carlo front and has so far never failed in any undertaking during the war.

CHIMNEY FIRE GETS FIREMEN AT EARLY HOUR

East Side Companies Had to Do When They Arrived. No Damage Done.

Firemen hate to be called out for nothing but the members of the east side companies of the Boston Manchester fire department were exactly sorry when they were called out shortly before five o'clock this morning and found it was only a fire in a flue-line chimney and needed any of their attention. The mercury several degrees below zero, it would have been no joke to handle a nozzle for two or three hours and the firemen appreciate the fact, although they were a bit peeved at being aroused from their slumbers so early in the morning.

The fire was in George Weir's new four-tenement house on Charter Oak street. A son of Emma Johnson, who lives nearby, saw sparks flying from the chimney and dropping on the roof of the house, so he turned in an alarm from Box 52 at Charter Oak and Spruce streets and then ran to the house and woke up William Warren, who lives in the lower flat, the side of the house where the fire was. Mr. Warren formerly lived in New London and was a member of the New London fire department. He got out of bed, felt the chimney and exclaiming that the house was on fire, climbed back into bed.

Meanwhile, the firemen were hustling to the scene, but when they arrived there was nothing for them to do. The recall sounded within ten minutes after the alarm had been sent in.

MARKET BUOYANT STILL. RAILS GENERALLY ACTIVE

Some Recessions After Advances. Certain Steels Decline a Little. Standard Issues Up—Quotation.

New York, Dec. 29.—There was a strong tone to the stock market on the opening today, with nearly everything traded in making gains from fractions to over one percent. The railroad stocks were particularly active.

Points to 67 1/2 and trade advances were made in the cotton way issues.

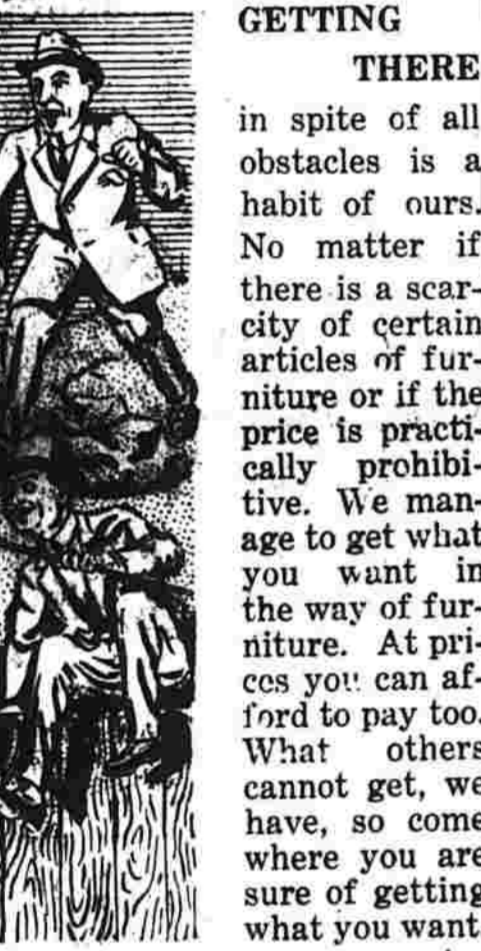
Steel Common sold up to 47 and Bethlehem Steel B scored equal advance to 73 1/2. American Locomotive rose to 55 1/2 and gain of a half were made in Baldwin locomotive and American Foundry.

After the gains in the initial trading heaviness developed. Steel Common declined to 82 1/2, while Bethlehem Steel B yielded to 72 1/2. Union Pacific lost its opening point of one point, while Northern Pacific sold off 1 1/4 to 66.

Cotton.
 New York, Dec. 29.—A firm tone was displayed at the opening of the cotton market today, although a supply of January by Wall Street and some room traders forced the month down four points on the open. Other positions were unchanged to 16 points net higher.

Stock Quotations.
 Reported for The Evening Herald by Richter & Co., 6 Central Bldg. Hartford. Closing prices:

At G & W I	90
Alaska Gold	100
Am B Sugar	100
Am Tel & Tel	100
Anaconda	100
Am Smelter	100
Am Loco	100
Am Car Foundry	100
A T & S Fe	100
Balt & Ohio	100
B R T	100
Bucks & Sup	100
Chile Copper	100
Cons Gas	100
Col Fuel	100
C & O	100
Can Pac	100
Erie	100
Erie 1st Sup	100
Gen Electric	100
Gt Northern	100
Illinois Cent	100
Kennebec	100
Louisville & Nash	100
Lehigh Valley	100
Mexican Pet	100
M K & T	100
Mer M Pfd	100
Mer M	100
Miami Copper	100
Norfolk & West	100
Nev Consol Copper	100
North Pacific	100
N Y Cent	100
N Y N H & H	100
Press Steel Car	100
Penna	100
People's Gas	100
Repub I & S	100
Reading	100
Southern Pac	100
Southern Ry	100
St Paul	100
Tex Oil	100
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