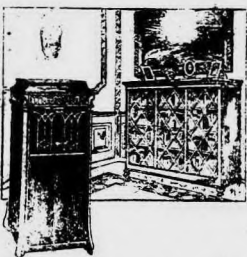




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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

- 9:30 a. m.—The session will meet in the church parlors and all desiring to unite with the church this morning are requested to attend the preliminary meeting. 10:00 a. m.—Public worship. The pastor will speak on "Apostolic Methods of Church Finance"—I Cor. 16:2. 11:20 a. m.—Sabbath-school. Superintendent, C. H. Rauch. Lesson: "Nehemiah Enforces the Law of the Sabbath"—Neh. 13:15-22. 1:30 p. m.—The every-member canvass team meets at church. 2:00 p. m.—Junior Christian Endeavor. Miss Gardiner and Mrs. Whipple superintend this work. The children are taught scripture, bible truths and prayer. 6:00 p. m.—Senior Christian Endeavor. "National Ideals War or Peace, Which?"—Isa. 9:8; Eph. 2:14-17. 7:00 p. m.—Public worship. "The Roman"—Rom. 1:14. This is the second historical advent sermon. Thursday evening, 7:00 o'clock—Prayer meeting.

THE PUBLIC IS CORDIALLY INVITED TO ALL SERVICES

Three Fine Events

The Alumni Play Banquet and Dancing Party a Decided Success in Every Way.

THE PLAY "Mr. Bob," presented by the Plymouth Alumni Association, under direction of Harry Green, Thursday evening, Dec. 6, in the high school auditorium, was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. The cast, Mr. Green and the orchestra are to be commended. At this time the alumni memorial—a curtain and two stage settings—were fittingly presented to the school by Miss Genevieve McClumpha, vice president of the Plymouth Alumni Association, and capably accepted by Dr. Luther Peck, president of the Board of Education.

THE BANQUET The H. S. Alumni association banquet last Friday evening at six o'clock, was a very pleasant occasion. It was held in the parlors of the Presbyterian church, instead of the schoolhouse, as planned, owing to greater convenience in serving. About 125 sat down to a meal, of which even Mr. Hoover would have approved, for while it included the meat and wheat that we hear so much about, it was so well proportioned that every plate went back "clean" and every appetite satisfied.

The toast part of the banquet was informal, presided over very creditably by Miss Genevieve McClumpha, vice president, in the absence of the president, George Burr. Several of the earlier graduates were called upon to speak of their thoughts of the school in the past. Then the classes were called in order, and a good number of them were represented and responded by some word of greeting. The principal speakers were: E. C. Hough, Mrs. Minnie Berdan Durfee, Frank Spicer, Bert Bennett, Miss Hanford, Hurd McClumpha. Rousing cheers were given our soldiers at the front and those yet present who are soon to go.

The newly elected officers are: President—Sanford Shattuck Vice President—Mrs. Fannie Spicer Doerr.

Secretary—Miss Alice Safford Board Members—Bert Bennett, Miss Anna Baker.

DANCING PARTY

On Friday evening, a social dancing party was given by the Alumni association in the high school auditorium. About sixty couple were in attendance, and excellent music was furnished by Fischer's six-piece orchestra of Kalamazoo. Dancing was indulged in from nine to one.

Join Red Cross President Urges

Washington, Dec. 11.—President Wilson has issued a proclamation in which he urged everyone, not yet a member, to join the Red Cross during the membership campaign starting Sunday and continuing until Christmas eve. In his proclamation, the president declares membership in the Red Cross to be a universal patriotic duty at this time and characterizes such membership as "the Christmas spirit in terms of action."

You don't want to be left with a soldier's job on your hands after Christmas. Buy her a nice bottle of perfume at Pinckney's Pharmacy.

Patriotic Meeting Great Success

Splendid Program Rendered and Efforts Will Be Made to Organize Patriotic League Here.

The patriotic meeting at the village hall last Monday evening was well attended in spite of the bitter cold weather. The meeting as stated in last week's Mail was for the purpose of hearing a report of the committee appointed to visit Oakland county and get some ideas as to what would be the proper procedure necessary to form a patriotic league in Plymouth and nearby townships.

The meeting opened with several selections by the band and the singing of "The Star-Spangled Banner" by the audience. Present at the village, Harry C. ... chairman of the event, after a preliminary introduction by Rev. ... the meeting proceeded to discuss the patriotic league. It was decided to form a patriotic league in Plymouth and nearby townships. The meeting was a great success and the citizens of Plymouth and nearby townships are now working to form a patriotic league in their respective townships.

A Community Christmas Tree

A Community Christmas tree will be placed in front of Kellogg park and illuminated on Christmas eve, December 24th. The committee in charge has arranged the following program in celebration of the event, in which they earnestly request that every child and citizen of this village and community be present and lend their assistance. An invitation has been extended to the Plymouth band to furnish music on this occasion. In addition to this there will be five-minute talks by Rev. Karl P. Miller of the First Presbyterian church, Rev. F. M. Field of the Methodist church, and Rev. A. L. Bell of the Baptist church. During the exercises the following three familiar hymns, "Joy to the World," "Holy Night" and "America," will be sung by the combined members of the Sunday-schools of the village, in which all residents of our village are urgently requested to join and thus help to make this Christmas eve one long to be remembered for its joy and good will. You cannot imagine how much of real pleasure and happiness you can get out of this Christmas tree celebration, unless you come and join in the Christmas throng, nor what joy will be brought to the hearts of the committee in charge in seeing their efforts rewarded by the presence of the entire community.

Levi Zeno, committee on the matter of what the state required for the organization of a company of Home Guards, reported that if sixty men could be secured the state would furnish rifles and uniforms. James Horn, who served several years in the navy, gave a very interesting account of his experiences. President Robinson asked if there were any young men present who would join the navy, in response to the call for three men from this township. Arthur Hamilton said that he had made application to join the navy and was given three rousing cheers.

One of the pleasing features of the evening was the fine showing made by the ladies of the Plymouth Branch of the American Red Cross, fifty-five members being present in costume. The ladies were given a hearty round of applause when they marched in and took seats reserved for them.

The meeting was a success in every way.

Do your Christmas shopping in Plymouth.

Proposed New Charter

Special Election for Its Adoption or Rejection to be Held Next Monday.

The week of November 30th, the Mail published in full the proposed new charter for the village of Plymouth, and it is hoped every reader of the paper has read the same, so that he may vote intelligently for its adoption or rejection at the polls, next Monday. The proposed charter as framed by the commissioners may not possibly be absolutely perfect in all details, but is it not an improvement over the existing state of municipal affairs? We believe it is, and we also believe that the voters of the village are of that opinion. The government of the village by a commission body of five members, elected by the people, and the appointment of a competent manager to supervise all the governmental details should make for a better and more economical administration. It is not to be expected that every detail will go to the polls next Monday and register the expression of his will, whether it be for or against. It is his duty to do so. A full vote on this very important proposition is very much to be desired.

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Happenings of the World Tersely Told

U.S.—Teutonic War News

Among the troops and units that have arrived in Italy with the British and French armies is a large group of aviators, who are impatiently waiting to get into action.

Restriction of imports by the countries at war with Germany in order to free tonnage for the transportation of American troops to the scene of conflict was one of the details of the agreement of the interallied conference at Paris.

Charles Trincard of Brooklyn, N. Y., a member of the Lafayette flying corps, was killed in an aerial accident in France, says a dispatch from Paris.

In a French harbor there is one of the latest designed German U-boats. Its crew of petty officers and men are prisoners and its former officers dead—killed at the hands of the crew, which had mutilated and hoisted the white flag.

Large numbers of American army engineers working on the British railways in the region of Guzeaucourt, France, caught in the German turning movement, escaped by lying in shell holes.

Major Kerth, American military attaché at Petrograd, has been instructed by Ambassador Francis to make a protest on the part of the United States similar to that entered by the heads of the entente embassies of the negotiations for an armistice between Russia and Germany.

Two American aviators, who had lost their compass and their bearings during a recent flight "somewhere in Europe," were encountered at sea 850 miles off the Irish coast by a steamship which arrived at an Atlantic port.

Spiral meningitis has confined more than 1,500 men in quarantine at the Great Lakes (Ill.) station. There are only six men actually attacked by the disease.

Eight men were killed and 25 were injured by an explosion that wrecked the "T. N. T." plant of the Aetna Chemical company at Heidelberg, a suburb of Pittsburgh, Pa. The explosion did damage estimated at \$250,000.

Judge Norman L. Jones in the Sangamon county court at Springfield, directed the jury to bring in a verdict in favor of United States Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman, who was sued by Louis and Mary Chaffee for \$10,000 for alleged "breach of contract."

Two United States army observation balloons that were unbalanced by accident and shot unguided into the air were brought to the ground. One escaped from students at Fort Omaha, Neb., and traveled through Nebraska, Oklahoma and thence back into Nebraska. The other bag carried two army officers, and was brought down 50 miles from Fort Sill, Okla.

Thirteen convicts who escaped from the penitentiary at Joliet, Ill., captured an interurban car near Minooka and fled with it toward Morris. The interurban crew and 20 passengers were beaten and robbed.

Mexican outlaws opened fire on one of the American cavalry patrols near Indio, Tex., wounding Private Kelst in the thigh and leg. The Americans crossed the river into Mexico and killed 12 of the bandits.

Full authority over every vessel in United States territorial waters was given to treasury department at Washington by proclamation of President Wilson.

No man will be granted exemption from the draft because he has dependents. In a review of the situation as affecting registered men, Provost Marshal General Crowder of Washington made that plain.

The American railroad systems must be conscripted. This is the verdict of the interstate commerce commission at Washington, and that body's answer to the railroads' petition for a general advance of 15 per cent in freight rates.

The treasury department at Washington announced that the government will buy the country's entire silver output. Prices will be fixed at a "fair" profit to producers. It was stated by Director of the Mint Ray Baker.

Attorney General Gregory announced at Washington he has recommended an amendment to the alien enemy act to include women over 16 years of age within its provisions. Enforcement of the act has been seriously hindered by the exemption of women.

Reports of Austro-Hungarian subjects suspected of being enemy agents in this country will be arrested within 48 hours after the declaration of war, says a dispatch from Washington.

CONQUEST AND KULTUR

We have become a nation of wrath; we think only of the war. We execute God Almighty's will, and the edicts of his justice will fulfill, imbued with holy rage, in vengeance upon the ungodly. God calls us to murderous battles, even if worlds should thereby fall to ruins.

Within the last month 77,500,000 one-cent pieces have been coined to relieve the penny shortage caused by imposition of war taxes, says a dispatch from Washington.

Both branches of congress at Washington responded with instant action to the president's recommendation in his message for a declaration of war against Austria.

Ambassador Jusserand presented to President Wilson a bronze medal from the people of France to commemorate the entrance of the United States into the world war.

It will require \$13,018,725,504.64 to run the United States government during the legislative year of 1918. Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo so informed congress at Washington.

A general increase of 35 cents a ton was added to the price of anthracite coal at the mines by President Wilson at Washington, to meet a proposed wage increase for anthracite miners.

Foreign

Quoting an Austrian official report concerning a Roumanian proposal for the negotiation of an armistice, a British official announcement issued in London says: "There is no truth whatever in this shameful statement."

A dispatch received at Amsterdam from Vienna quotes Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary as saying, in an address to an Austro-German delegation, that the dual monarch is ready at any time to conclude peace that would guarantee the integrity of the monarchy.

The duma at Petrograd has issued a proclamation to all nations, pleading for support as the only elective body in Russia. The Letts have issued a petition to the allies, protesting against the annexation of Courland (their domain) by Germany, and asking protection from Germanism.

A cable to New York from Petrograd says the bolsheviks have secured \$500,000,000 in gold from the Moscow branch of the Russian National bank, and it is likely other millions of gold in the national banks throughout Russia will fall into their hands.

Vladimir Selneur, one of the representatives of the bolsheviks in the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, was arrested at Petrograd a fortnight before the revolution of last March as a German spy, according to information obtained at Stockholm from a German source.

European War News

Sixteen British merchant men of more than 1,000 tons were sunk by mines or submarines in the last week, according to the admiralty statement issued at London. One vessel under 1,000 tons and four fishing vessels also were sunk.

Enemy forces have begun an attack on the Italian lines on the Asiago plateau, the Rome war office announced. The only gains achieved in the attack were some positions the loss of which has not impaired the Italian defensive line.

That Field Marshal Haig prevented the Germans from breaking through his lines on the Cambrai front discounts the small gains which the enemy achieved on Monday at a terrible cost of life, says a dispatch from Paris. Haig thwarted what is believed to have been a German attempt to duplicate the German-Austro-Hungarian performance in Italy.

An official announcement was issued at Petrograd, signed by Ensign Krylenko, the bolshevik commander in chief, confirming the killing by infuriated members of the bolsheviks of General Dukhoin, former commander in chief of the Russian armies, who refused to request German army officials to enter into an armistice with the bolsheviks.

Jerusalem is virtually at the mercy of British troops. General Allenby's troops are in a position to enter the city whenever they desire, according to official dispatches received at Washington. For strategic reasons the British are now engaged in an encircling movement branching out from Jaffa.

The Norwegian legation in London reports that 13 Norwegian steamers, of a gross tonnage of 39,092, were lost in November by causes arising from the war. Forty-one Norwegian lives were lost though the same causes.

The British steamer Appapa has been torpedoed and sunk, says a dispatch from London. Eighty passengers and the crew of the vessel perished. About 120 passengers were saved. It is reported that the submarine fired on women and children in open boats.

"East Africa has been completely cleared of the enemy." This official announcement was made at London. With the loss of East Africa all of its colonies have been taken from Germany.

SCENE OF MUNITION EXPLOSION AT HALIFAX



1—Approximate location of collision between the Mont Blanc, French munitions ship, and the Iona, a Belgian relief steamer. The Mont Blanc blew up. 2—Richmond, the section of Halifax which was practically wiped out by the explosion and fire. The darkened districts covers more than two and one-half square miles. 3—Dartmouth, where there also was heavy destruction of life and property. 4—Rockingham, where there was some damage. 5 and 6—The two harbors of Halifax, in which many ships were damaged and members of their crews killed or injured.

WORST DISASTER IN MANY YEARS

Catastrophe at Halifax Appalling in the Loss of Life and Property.

BIG PART OF CITY IN RUINS

Fire Following Rain of Explosives Completes Destruction—Port and Harbor One of the Most Valued of British Naval Posts.

Outside the toll of life claimed on land and sea by the great war, the catastrophe at Halifax is by far the greatest disaster in many years. Numerous explosions have occurred in munition plants in this country and Europe, but the Halifax disaster is the most tragic explosion, in the number of lives lost, in the last quarter century. Indeed, few catastrophes of any nature have probably exceeded it in the number of dead.

Pilot Frank Mackle of the Mont Blanc declared that the collision resulted from a confusion of whistles sounded by the Iona, causing a collision with the Mont Blanc, which arrived at a United States Atlantic port on November 9, laden with 3,000 tons of munitions for France. She was rammed by the Belgian relief ship Iona.

The impact set fire to a deck load of benzene on the French ship and the flames quickly communicated with the munitions, resulting in a practical bombardment of the city.

The zone of destruction in Halifax itself extended from the North street railway station as far north as Africville to Bedford basin and covered an area of about two square miles in the section known as Richmond. The buildings which were not demolished by the force of the terrific explosion were destroyed by the fire which followed.

District Densely Populated. The devastated district was the oldest part of Halifax and thickly populated. It contained, in addition to Citadel hill, many churches and schools, the railway station, government dockyard, Wellington barracks, Admiralty House (the official residence of the admiral in command of the North American British squadron), the military hospital, post office, provisional parliament building, city hall, the ordnance department, most of the department stores, all of the telegraph and cable offices and a few hotels.

The better residence district was almost unharmed. It lies southward from the Queens, and includes most of the churches, including St. Mary's Roman Catholic cathedral. In the fire-swept section were the parliament buildings, post office, three

newspaper offices, Royal Bank of Canada, Canadian Bank of Commerce, Bank of Nova Scotia, Bank of British North America and the Bank of Montreal.

Other structures destroyed are Dalhousie college, two Roman Catholic convents, the Presbyterian Theological college, the government technical college, 42 churches and 80 factories, including iron foundries, breweries, distilleries and two sugar refineries.

FAMOUS FOR BEAUTY.

One of the oldest of Canadian cities, Halifax also is one of the most picturesque. It has two principal beauty spots, Point Pleasant park and the Public Gardens. The first lies between the North Arm, a fiord three miles long, and the harbor proper. The North Arm is the cruising basin for canoes and pleasure craft of small size.

Two hundred acres of land make up Point Pleasant park, and the woods have been left in a state. The rocks are splendid. They were built for military purposes. The park has a pair of magnificent iron gates given to the city by Sir William Young, a former chief justice of the province. They are set at the head of Young avenue, one of the principal roads of the park.

A mile from Young avenue gates are the Public Gardens, the most cultivated spot in Canada, and said to be its most beautiful garden. An area of 20 acres is thus given up for purpose of pleasure right in the heart of the city. When the land was originally taken up for park purposes it lay on the outskirts of the town, and was a hunting field. It is laid out in formal flower beds, a band stand and prelate walks.

Like Bit of London. A dozen public buildings, each with a history, also tended to soften the lines of "the garrison city." Houses originally built of wood and stucco and later of stone and brick and patterned after the English style, give the visitor the impression that Halifax is a corner of London itself, lifted and transplanted in Nova Scotia.

From the citadel a beautiful view of the entire city and harbor is given. Facing the water front, one looking from the fortress may see the entire business district of Halifax (lying parallel to the docks and extending back almost a mile from the water front. On three sides of the citadel the residence section slopes away to the water, which almost surrounds the promontory.

Haligonians always took the greatest pride in their public buildings. In the point of age, Old Martello Tower, built during the earliest days of the city's history, is second only to St. Paul's church. It was used as an outpost when settlers were unable to leave the fortifications of the colony without taking chances of being scalped by the Indians.

Other Noted Buildings. The Provincial Building, the Government House, the City Hall, the Dominion Building and the new Customs House were among the edifices of which the natives of Halifax boasted.

DESIGNATED BY INDIANS GREATEST OF HAVENS. Halifax Was a Settlement Before the Dominance of the White Men in America.

Long before the coming of the white man the site of Halifax had been occupied by an Indian settlement. The spot was called Chebucto ("greatest of havens") by the Indians because they recognized the almost impregnable position of the harbor and inner

channel narrows suddenly and further in widens to form Bedford bay. Until recently this bay was practically unused. Because the harbor furnished better protection from submarines and warship attack than the outer harbor, Bedford bay with its new railroad terminals was taken over by the Canadian government for munition loading. Rockingham, within three years, became the home of thousands of laborers, who, in many cases, lived in hastily constructed houses.

CITY ON PROMONTORY JUTTING INTO ATLANTIC. Unrivaled Harbor Facilities Made Halifax a Point of Great Naval Importance to Britain.

Halifax is on a triangular promontory which juts out into the Atlantic ocean in the exact middle of the Nova Scotia peninsula. To the north is the harbor. Directly across from the center of the city, which faces upon the harbor, the

HALIFAX EXPLOSION WORST EVER KNOWN.

The following big explosions have taken place in recent years:

FEBRUARY 1, 1911—Railroad station in New York; cars containing twenty tons of dynamite. Twenty-five killed, 125 injured; \$2,000,000 damage.

MARCH 7, 1913—British freighter Alum Chine, in Baltimore harbor, carrying explosives. Forty killed; 300 injured; \$400,000 damage.

JULY 30, 1916—Black Tom Island, New Jersey; trains loaded with explosives; seven killed, \$10,000,000 damage.

JANUARY 13, 1917—Munitions plant of the Canadian Car and Foundry Company, of Kingsland, N. J. Seventeen killed; \$2,000,000 damage.

JANUARY 21, 1917—Munitions plant in London. Seventy killed; 277 injured; damage, 200,000 pounds.

APRIL 12, 1917—Eddystone Ammunition Corporation, Eddystone, Pa. Two hundred killed; \$1,000,000 damage.

Other buildings of prominence are the Dalhousie College, Provincial Museum, Academy of Music, Y. M. C. A. Building, Odd Fellows' Temple and the three principal hotels, Halifax, Prince George and Queen's.

Among the famous edifices of the city is the St. Paul's Episcopal Church, said to be the oldest Protestant church built in North America. It was constructed in Boston in 1750, a year after the town was founded, and carried in schooners to Halifax, where the parts were put together. The story is told that when Cornwallis wrote the Earl of Halifax he wanted to build a church the Earl replied by sending to Canada the architect who built St. Peter's in London.

The architect patterned the desired church exactly after St. Peter's. When parts arrived the colonists often had to lay down their implements and take to their guns to drive off the Indians, who made frequent attacks upon the workers.

St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church, which was built during the late years of the eighteenth century, was destroyed by fire in 1837, only to be rebuilt.

Cathedral Also Noted. One of the most beautiful buildings in the city is the St. Mary's Catholic Cathedral. With a tall white spire extending upward, it is visible for miles.

Religion of all denominations seems to thrive in Nova Scotia, for in a recent census of religions only 543 persons were listed as belonging to no sect. At present there are 125,000 Roman Catholics, 104,000 Presbyterians, 83,000 Baptists, 68,000 Anglicans, 57,000 Methodists and a few thousand spread through the Arvertons, Disciples and Jews. Of the latter there were 437.

Eighty years ago, when the province was small and practically uninhabited, the Presbyterians were the largest body, although there was a flourishing colony of Roman Catholics at Cape Breton. The Baptists then were an inconsiderable body of poor peasants with badly educated teachers and preachers. Today the Baptists stand third in the list of denominations.

One of World's Best Harbors. "Halifax has one of the finest harbors in the world and is the chief Canadian gateway for exports. It is the capital of Nova Scotia, with a population of 60,000. The city is three miles long and a mile wide; is built on the eastern slope of a small peninsula.

"It is a garrison city and has eleven forts and batteries, including the Citadel, once one of the strongest fortifications in America.

"The harbor is open all year. Its inner haven is Bedford Basin, 20 miles in circumference, in which the collision and explosion occurred. I have seen as many as 140 ocean vessels in the basin at once.

"Fast new wharves and railway terminals are being constructed by the government at a cost of \$50,000,000, but these are near the tip of the peninsula at the south, and evidently were not harmed.

"Halifax is 616 miles nearer Liverpool than New York for trans-Atlantic liners. It is 600 miles from New York.

Founded by Cornwallis in 1749. "Colonel Edward Cornwallis left Britain in 1749 and founded the city. The French armads gathered there in 1757 bent on demolishing Louisbourg, only to meet disaster through storm and plague. Howe went to Halifax with his men after they were defeated at Boston. Great numbers of royalists from New York found refuge there in the revolution. Halifax was the chief British base of supplies.

"One hundred and six warships made harbor there in 1812. The expedition that burnt Washington started from Halifax. And it was there the Shannon sailed with her prize, the Chesapeake."

Trimmed Up. Customer—What, you want 40 cents for a haircut like this? It's a skin game. Barber—Well, you said that you just wanted a trimming.

Puts Runners on Auto. When the snow is heavy, an Alaska man puts runners on the front wheels of his automobile, heavy chains on the back ones and encloses the engine with a special body and runs the machine as well as in summer.

Fewer Deserters Brought In. Fewer "deserters" have been brought to Camp Custer since the change in the manner of paying the \$50 reward for the arrest of deserters has been made to conform to a new ruling by the judge advocate general of the army. Before any money is paid it is necessary to take the alleged deserter before his district board for certain identification, and the expense of bringing the man to camp must be borne by the Canadian. This has cooled detective ardor.

CLIMATE HAMPERS CUSTER TRAINING

SOLDIERS NOT CLOTHED FOR COLD MICHIGAN WINTER, OFFICERS SAY.

PARKER NOW CAMP COMMANDER Before Trip to France, From Where He Recently Returned, Parker Was in Command at Waco.

Lansing.

Admitting they have not received proper clothing to equip soldiers against the stinging weather which confronts them and will probably continue intermittently for the next four months, and expressing the belief that Custer will eventually become simply an assembling station for soldiers, camp officers are dejected over the prospects of properly training soldiers in this section of the country.

"It is useless for you fellows to tell the people of Michigan what a nice place Custer is in the winter," said an officer to the correspondents, "when hundreds of fathers and mothers and wives and sweethearts are right here today and can see for themselves, and while hundreds of the boys are writing letters home telling of true conditions.

"If you do that you only discredit yourselves and when you later attempt to deny some falsity regarding food wastage or shortage or something like that you will not be believed."

It was emphasized, however, that so far as hardening the men this climate would be satisfactory. But that is about all they would accomplish, say officers. While the men here are hardening, those in southern camps will be gaining proficiency in all the arts of soldierly.

That Custer will eventually become a camp for assembling men and perhaps giving them an elementary training in the months of even temperature, is the general belief here. Such a place is necessary, as it would not be practical to send men in small groups of 10 to 100 to distant training camps.

If such a course is adopted sufficient soldiers would be stationed here at all times to guard the camp, and in the summer months probably several thousand would be training.

Parker Now Custer Commander. Major-General James Parker, former commander of the Michigan and Wisconsin guards at Camp MacArthur, has been detailed to command Camp Custer.

A physical giant at 63, standing 6 feet 1 1/2 inches tall, powerful, firm, yet as gentle as a kitten, that in brief is a word picture of Maj. Gen. Parker. Looked upon as one of the most experienced officers in the United States army when he took command of the Michigan and Wisconsin guards in the summer, General Parker has recently added to his store of knowledge by going to France as an observer of modern warfare.

Next to his family, General Parker loves the army. Military parades and reviews, to which the public always is invited, are a habit with the general. He contends that the citizenry likes to see what the army is doing and says patriotism and loyalty to the military life are aided by these field maneuvers.

One of the things that endears officers to the general is his ability to make friends rapidly. There is no person to whom he will not talk. He always has time to listen to a man with a good argument and he is willing to give a moment to any soldier that thinks he cannot get justice without going to the commanding general.

He has been in the army since 1876. Figures compiled at the office of the surgeon of the Eighty-fifth division show that nearly 15 per cent of the selected men sent to Camp Custer in the last contingent will be rejected because of physical defects.

These figures must not be taken to indicate that the rejected men are invalids or in most cases incapacitated from performing such labors as they may select, but they do sharply define that only the most perfect specimens of manhood will be trained for overseas duties in the first divisions.

A percentage of these men sent home will later be called to the colors, either because they take measures to remedy the defects which barred them at this time, or because the standard will be lowered when the pick of the country has been taken.

Many of the men require minor operations only to perfect them for service, but only in rare cases are these being performed by surgeons here. Many of the larger hospitals of the country are performing the operations free.

M. A. C. Students Healthy Lot. Eighty-six per cent of the masculine members of the freshman and sophomore classes of the Michigan Agricultural college are physically fit, the department of military science and tactics of the college has learned.

Of 389 men who came up for inspection, only 51 failed to pass the army tests, and the greater number of these were for faulty eyesight and hearing and flat feet. The 14 per cent is in marked contrast to the 40 and 45 rejected by local examining boards.

Fewer Deserters Brought In. Fewer "deserters" have been brought to Camp Custer since the change in the manner of paying the \$50 reward for the arrest of deserters has been made to conform to a new ruling by the judge advocate general of the army. Before any money is paid it is necessary to take the alleged deserter before his district board for certain identification, and the expense of bringing the man to camp must be borne by the Canadian. This has cooled detective ardor.

Farmers Promise to Help Win War.

The delegates to the State Association of Farmers' clubs, who attended the meeting at Lansing last week, pledged complete support of the farmers they represented, to all the national administration's programs, including food conservation and increased acreage.

A number of speakers severely scored the farmers for the part they have thus far taken in war preparations.

George W. McCormick, of McGenaw, head of the sugar plant there, and a member of the food preparedness committee, told of the arguments he and others had met with last spring when trying to convince farmers to increase acreage.

"I hope that the man or men who run that campaign next year will not have to hear from the farmers the two chief and most uncertain prices," said Mr. McCormick. "Put in the crops, and we will see to it somehow that they are harvested. And you must, we all must, stop this silly talk about how much we are going to get for things. A man after this war is over will not be measured by dollars and cents, but by the service he has rendered to his country."

Governor Sleeper, Rev. Oris J. Price, of Lansing, and President R. S. Wilbur, of Leland Stanford university, all called particular attention to some charge which had been made against the rural citizen for his alleged "slackness" in war assistance.

Then the delegates turned in and pledged their unwavering loyalty to the government.

Selects Will Get Commissions. As Camp Custer progresses, the fact becomes more evident that several hundred men who came to the cantonment as selected soldiers will emerge as commissioned officers and that efficiency will be otherwise rewarded throughout the Eighty-fifth division.

Each company and battery commander has a man or two whom he has recommended for the third officers' training camp, which will be opened at Camp Custer early next month, on the plan followed at Ft. Leavenworth, Fort Sheridan, and other officers' camps. There are scores of men in camp who either attended Fort Sheridan and failed to land commissions or who were candidates and, for one reason or another failed to be ordered to the school.

Announcement is also made that many graduates of colleges teaching engineering or of special technical schools, will be allowed to shake their "rookie" uniforms for officers' togery, soon after the first of the year. An examination has been arranged for January 21, to which technical graduates are eligible and the winners will be at once commissioned second lieutenants in the engineering corps.

Y. M. C. A. Popular Spot at Custer. The second monthly report of the army Y. M. C. A. at Camp Custer demonstrates in figures the place which this organization holds in the daily life of the 25,000 recruits who call this home. No mere report can tell of the place which the army "Y" holds in the hearts of the men, of the unnumbered kindnesses which it performs and of the value of the home atmosphere which it fosters and preserves. But the Y. M. C. A. executive board feels that it owes the public an accounting of its stewardship and has arranged to render monthly accounts of its activities.

During November the estimated attendance in all huts was 548,170. There were 23 lectures, attended by 6,444. At 97 educational classes 6,361 were present.

Three educational clubs were formed and 3,282 books were loaned. At the different athletic exercises there were on hand 16,441. In all 55 religious meetings were held with an attendance of 14,723. At 74 bible classes 2,226 were present. Secretaries distributed 1,656 copies of the scriptures, while there were 512 personal Christian interviews. From these talks 259 Christian decisions resulted.

At the 47 entertainments, 18,321 were cared for. To the 77 movie shows were attracted 40,866. In the auditorium were held eight religious meetings, with an attendance of 7,700, while 7,879 attended 10 social entertainments. The secretaries sold \$46,580 in money orders and 551,701 letters were written.

CAMP CUSTER NOTES

The new concrete road to Battle Creek was opened a few days ago. It cuts the time of the trip from a half hour to 15 minutes and eliminates a very rough journey.

Rudolph J. Forejt, Detroit private in the 339th regiment, who committed suicide, insured himself two days before for \$10,000. There is no suicide clause in the soldiers' insurance policy. His widow will receive compensation monthly for 20 years allowed by the government.

It is an interesting fact that most of the "objectors" to military service come to camp with the national colors in their coat lapels.

A perfectly equipped wireless station, powerful enough to talk with Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Tex., has been erected at Custer. It will be for experimental purposes only. An entire battalion of signal men, including one radio operator, one wire company and an outpost company, composed almost entirely of technical men, is training at camp under command of Major Dalley.

By order of Secretary of War Baker second lieutenants hereafter will have special insignia to distinguish them from enlisted men. He has ordered them to wear single gold bars for the shoulders and one strand of brown braid for the overcoat sleeves.

Rumor is again stirring and on an old topic. The story is that a southern training camp is soon to be selected by a national guard division and that the 85th will be sent down to train in its place. There is no foundation for the rumor and the probabilities are that it is untrue.

FLANDERS BATTLES SEEN AS CLIMAX

Constitute Greatest Offensive Operation Undertaken by Allied Forces.

GRIP OF TEUTONS IS BROKEN

Ultimate Fate of German Armies on West Front No Longer Open Question, Declares Military Authority.

By JOHN LLOYD BALDERSTON. (Copyright, 1917, by the McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

London.—The desperate efforts of the Kaiser's autocracy to secure peace before winter, have been regarded here as the direct results of the British victories in Flanders. It is because these epoch-making successes reveal such comparatively little movement on the map, and result in hauls of prisoners very small compared to the standard set in the campaigns in Russia, that the general public here and abroad has failed to realize all that Sir Douglas Haig's autumn offensive implies for the future of the world.

This great turning movement that began in Flanders on July 31, it may now be said, is regarded by the allied staffs as the first major or decisive offensive operation undertaken by the allies on the west front since the battle of the Marne. The Somme campaign last year, with its half-million casualties, more than double the number suffered in Flanders, was a subsidiary operation. It was carried out in order to make the Ypres offensive possible. And the Ypres offensive has already succeeded.

This is England's year. Next year, at least in the closing phases of the campaign, if it lasts so long, England may have to share the honors with America. France did her full share and more in 1914 at the Marne, and in 1915 when her desperate frontal assaults on the German line wore down the enemy's manpower, in 1916 when her glorious resistance at Verdun broke the Kaiser's last bid for a decision. England took over the burden in the closing phases of the Somme battle; the battle of Flanders overshadows everything else in the history of the present year.

Seen as Climax of War.

I am able to give American readers a brilliant analysis of the Flanders operations, prepared by a most competent authority who must be nameless. This expert makes clear why it is that the statements made above are true; he shows how the Flanders battles which show the German line back for the moment, only a few miles, represent the climax of the war and constitute the main push, for which Loos and the Labyrinth and Champagne, the Somme and Vimy and Arras, were only intended to pave the way. The statement follows:

"When the allies passed tactically to the offensive on July 1 last year upon the Somme, the German front rested on the Alps at one extremity, and on the coast at the other. And the front, while apparently it could not be turned on either flank, was supposed to have been made impregnable to assault. The effect of that state of things was that the line, as a line, could be held with a minimum of troops, and that although the total enemy force might be of no more than moderate dimensions, the fortified character of the front still made it possible to employ an important percentage of that force, and the best of it in point of quality, as a movable reserve to be used either for a tactical counter-offensive or to meet attack wherever attack might develop. Thus there were some one hundred and twenty German divisions on the west front altogether, and yet there were such assaults as those upon Verdun.

Front Found Not Impregnable.

"But the battle of the Somme having finally and conclusively demonstrated that the front was not impregnable to assault, the state of things was radically changed. The change did not come about all at once, but when the Somme was followed by its sequel, the loss of the Vimy ridge, and that in turn by the loss of the Aisne ridge and the Champagne ridge, the position became this: the enemy had at once to increase the number of men holding his line, and found his resources in the form of movable reserve cut down. He increased his total force on the west by some thirty divisions, but, despite that, he had fewer troops whom he could play about.

"Now a movable reserve is a very important part of the German defensive, and that defensive, by any change which cuts down such a reserve, is materially weakened. The change makes resistance to attack the more risky, by making it more difficult to provide against attack. Further, the necessity of thickening the troops in the line has meant, in the face of the superiority of the allied fire, a consistently heavier rate of losses.

"Evidently, as a matter of plain common sense, these effects had to be brought about before the operation of attacking the enemy front with the object of turning it could be entered upon. Further, there had to be the reasonable assurance that attack would be stronger than the strongest defense the enemy could put up. Without some such reasonable assurance, the attempt would have been a courtship of failure.

"As to the point of the front where this operation was to be looked for, there was never any mystery. The point was the sector east of Ypres. It has always been manifest that the Germans violated the neutrality of Belgium because, without the roads and railways through Belgium, their expedition into France, dependent on the route through Metz, could not have been on a larger scale than the attack of 1914. It had to be on three times the scale at the very least. And the present application of these facts is

that for all essential supplies the Germans on the west are absolutely reliant on the Belgian routes.

"Now the question of whether they might continue to rely upon the Belgian routes was in this attack to the east of Ypres to be put to the test. If they could defeat that attack, well and good. They might then consider themselves secure, their hold on Belgium secure, their armies in the west safe so far as supplies were concerned, and, what is more, the German alliance or confederacy assured by the effect of this success, and the way opened for peace negotiations more or less in accordance with their own views.

"But if they could not defeat the attack, then equally all this was altered. They were insecure; their hold upon Belgium must become precarious; their entire force on the west must be jeopardized; the effect of defeat undermining the faith of their allies must undermine their confederation; and the hope of a peace upon anything like their own terms must be destroyed.

More Than Fight for Territory.

"It will be seen that the battles east of Ypres are much more than a fight for a system of ridges; certainly much more than a fight to decide whether the British stand on wet ground or the enemy on dry ground, or a struggle for the coast, or for presumed submarine bases; much more than the impressing of German public opinion. These battles decide whether or not a vital operation is possible; a vital operation, because the whole German force on the west it is a matter of life and death, and a matter of life and death to the modern Prussianized and militarized German empire.

"A test, when it comes to the shock of battle, is always tactical. Let strategical schemes be as sound and well conceived as they may, if the troops who are to carry them out are not up to the work, the plans cannot be realized. With this tactical test, so far as it has gone, we have every reason to feel in the highest degree satisfied. So far we have not missed a step.

"Further, we knew that although there has been singularly little vicissitude of fortune, we have compelled the enemy to put forth and have met his utmost effort. Five divisions have been identified east of Ypres as just brought from Russia and from Champagne. It is telling evidence of the strain this defense has imposed. A stronger defense than that hitherto offered may be dismissed as wholly improbable.

"In a case like this, the German command is not accustomed to lock the stable door after the horse has been stolen, and it is idle to suppose that we should have been allowed to advance as far as the outskirts of Passchendaele and the Houthulst wood if any means of the enemy's command could have prevented it. The means are not at the enemy's command, and if they are not now, they never will be.

Test Has Been Decisive.

"In brief, this tactical test has been decisive, and that decision is the decision of the war. The fate of the German armies on the west is no open question. Before the assault on the Meuse ridge it might have been so regarded. It cannot be so regarded now.

"And what is the authoritative German view of the matter? Let us judge as usual by acts. First of all there is the distribution of 'Fatherland Party' pamphlets among the German soldier. The morale of the German army needs to be re-inforced. The procedure has no other meaning. Why does the morale need to be stiffened? Because of the effect of the repeated shocks it has undergone. Shocks are not caused by victories. All the detailed accounts agree that the morale of the German troops is patchy. Some fight well; others fight badly. The morale of an army which is sinking always takes this form of rotten spots, which tend to spread. It leaves a force unreliable, for an army is a chain of linked units and unities, and if some of the links are rotten the chain will break to a certainty. The 'Fatherland' propaganda is apparently an attempt at cure.

Know They Are Beaten.

"Next there is the official representation in the German newspapers of the resistance east of Ypres as a 'victorious' resistance. Seemingly it is victorious because we do not accomplish everything at one bound. There could not be a grosser military absurdity, and of course the men who write bulletins of that kind know that such stuff is nonsense. The fact that they write it, and feel constrained to write it, discloses their real opinion. They know that they are beaten.

As Germans View It.

To turn from this authoritative English view of the Flanders campaign, one of the most vivid pictures of what the British attacks in Flanders mean to the unfortunate German soldiers crouching in the mud under an unprecedented volume of fire has been written by a German correspondent, Professor Wegener of the Cologne Gazette. Despite his effort to put the best face possible on the situation, it is not necessary to read between the lines to appreciate the hopelessness with which the enemy must look forward to new and greater attacks in the spring, in which the American army will play its part.

"It was plain, above all," wrote Professor Wegener in describing the latest attack, "that the enemy would con-

tinue to put his hope not in the moral superiority of his troops, but in material superiority. The incomparable fighting strength of the German soldier was to be broken, and must be broken, by a tremendous development of mechanical weapons and the unheard-of accumulation of guns, ammunition, mines, gases, armored cars, and the like. This is all in accordance with the English way of thinking, for their battle is fundamentally a battle of money.

Recognize Bravery of British.

"The natural dislike, mingled with contempt, which we Germans have for this way of thinking, must not prevent us from understanding that the conception is exceedingly serious. Anybody who formerly followed English Colonial wars, English voyages of discovery, and English sport, knows how much of the successes of the English in these spheres was always due to brilliant preparation and equipment. Of course all depends upon whether there are behind the material and the machines real men to use them. But we all know that this is the case with the English, and we are far from wanting to deny it; on the contrary, we should be diminishing the achievements of our own men if we did so.

"Even earlier the fighting was well described as a super-material battle. But since the end of August it has become quite plain that the English intended to increase their efforts still further by still more gigantic guns and still more enormous masses of munitions and all the engines of war. On our maps of the ground behind the enemy front, upon which we mark from time to time his new camps, batteries, strategic railways, and so on, one sees how all of Belgium that remains unoccupied, and especially the area of Ypres and Poperinghe, has become really one enormous war camp, crossed in every direction by a close network of strategic railways that have sprung out of the ground.

Sees French Activity.

"There was a further considerable expansion of all this recently. Feverish activity could be seen among the English. Bridge after bridge appeared across the Ypres canal, new roads crossed the country, branch lines advanced further, the enemy artillery was brought closer to the front, and new battery positions were prepared. New munition dumps were laid down, new aerodromes, and new encampments, thickly sown though the encampments already were. As regards troops as well as material, the Englishmen hope to get his results by the employment of masses.

"During the period of preparation the bombardment of our front was incessant. From the methods of the new artillery, it was realized that the enemy had thought out a new tactical scheme to meet the Hindenburg-Ludendorff defensive tactics. This is not the place to go into details about that. But a feature of the scheme was that the enemy tried constantly to broaden the zone of his artillery destruction behind our front. The increasing frequency of the bombardment, which often developed into drum fire, was directed against our lines of approach and command positions, gradually showed that the new attack was near. The drum fire assaults on the whole battle front increased so much in strength that they were obviously preparing for the new infantry storm.

Attacks Nerves of Defense.

"The drum fire was different from former drum fire, not only in its more terrible mass effect, but also because of its peculiar employment in the rear. It was not, as formerly, an almost unbroken thunder, but a series of fire storms of tremendous violence but of limited duration, alternating with periods of comparatively small activity; both the fire storms and the pauses varied, so that one could realize the intention of destroying the nerves of the defense, by the element of uncertainty.

"Of airmen also the English had prepared masses in excess of anything known before. This development was sudden, and it took some time before we had caught up with the numerical superiority. The enemy airmen tried to advance in swarms over our lines, but the perfect bravery of our men was able to force them back, and in the main to keep them behind their own lines."

So much for Professor Wegener. The Herr professor doubtless knows, if his readers do not, that the "unheard of accumulation" of material, the "masses" of airmen in "excess of anything known before," will next spring be still more unheard of, and still more in excess of anything known before.

Stone Age Blotter.

Instead of blotting paper we soon may be using a piece of stone to dry our letters. This is not as unreasonable as it sounds, for there is a kind of stone found at the bottom of certain hot springs which is excellent for blotting purposes, observes an exchange. The stone is a sediment that has formed in the bottom of the springs, and may be had in inexhaustible quantities. It is highly absorbent, though not soft in the ordinary meaning of the word. When placed on a sheet of paper that will absorb the surplus ink more quickly and satisfactorily than the usual blotter.

The scarcity of all kinds of paper caused by the war and the growing demand for varieties more important than blotting paper makes it probable that we may be buying a yard of stone before long to use as a blotting pad. When one side becomes heavily inked it can be cut off with a knife and the remainder of the stone used again.

His Certificate.

"President Wilson hates kaiserism as bitterly, and, by Jove, he raps it as hard and well, as was the case of Whistler with the Royal Academy."

The speaker was George Luke, the fashionable New York painter.

"An American admirer of Whistler," he went on, "once wrote to our great man in care of the Royal Academy in London. The letter had a hard task to find Whistler, but it did find him at last, and on the envelope Whistler saw that the Royal Academy people had maliciously written:

"Not known at the Royal Academy,"

"Whistler enclosed the envelope to a newspaper with the comment:

"Behold, my certificate of merit!"



WHAT CAN WE DO?

In a recent article it was recommended that women who wish to sew for the Red Cross should choose one or two kinds of garments and confine themselves to making them, rather than try to make many different garments. Often women who are willing to give time to sewing or knitting cannot afford to buy all the materials they need. In this case they can arrange to do the work for other women who haven't time for the work. In some places the Red Cross chapters furnish the goods and give out work to volunteers who make up needed garments.

When possible each box should be filled with only one kind of garments or supplies.

Marking of Boxes.

Boxes should be marked on top—"American Red Cross Division Supply Depot," with the address to which the box is to be sent. The name and address of shipper, the serial number of the box, and a statement (stenciled on the wood) of the contents of the box should be given. A red cross 3/4 inch high and wide, should be painted on each end of the box.

Express companies will accept gifts to the Red Cross, for shipment at two-thirds their regular rate, when prepaid and addressed as above.

Chapters should ship to their division supply depot in one of the following cities:

Boston, Atlanta, Chicago, Seattle, New York, New Orleans, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Denver, Washington, Cleveland, San Francisco.

An invoice or notice of shipment, giving the serial number of the box, or boxes, sent and duplicate copies of their inventories, should be mailed by all shippers to the chapter or division supply depot to which the shipment is being forwarded.

Inventory.

Each box of garments should contain, inside the water-proof wrapping, a typewritten inventory of its contents following the name and address of the shipper.

Shipping and Packing.

According to a bulletin issued by the woman's bureau of the American Red Cross boxes containing garments and hospital supplies should not exceed 3 1/2 by 2 by 2 feet in size. "They should

be made of five-eighths inch tongue and grooved boards, strongly joined at the corners, and should be lined with heavy water-proof paper, which must extend over the top of the contents after the box is filled.

FANCIES : OF : FASHION

Coats, coat suits and frocks, with collars and cuffs, of fur or fur-fabrics and emplacements like them on the skirt are among the season's noteworthy and handsome offerings. On separate long-coats and on coats with coat suits the collars and cuffs are attached to the garments, but on frocks to be worn indoors as well as out, the collar and cuffs may be detachable. Collars are nearly always of the convertible variety on all coats.

A handsome coat of taupe wool velours is shown in the picture, finished

with a touch to tell woven broadtail or seal or mole plush from these furs. They are at their best when used in the manner illustrated, either on coats or suits or frocks.

Now that everyone is practicing economy and prolonging the usefulness of garments by remodeling them, these fur-fabrics have proven themselves the best of aids. They help to change the appearance of made-over clothes so completely that there is no recognizing original suit or frock that is enriched by them—and their durability means a



COAT WITH EMBLEMMENTS OF FUR-FABRIC.

with fur-fabric in the same color. It is full and straight-hanging, with a handsome half girdle of the material that extends from the side seams to the front. Here its two long ends, bordered with the fur-fabric are looped over. There are three large covered buttons at the front of the coat and on the collar, all covered with the same furlike material.

long-time lease on life for such garments.

Entire coats of fur-fabrics are very warm and hardly suited to the milder climates of the South, but scarfs and mufflers, or collars and cuffs on fashionable coatings worn with muff to match them, make an ideal coat for any latitude. In the North a sweater worn under a coat of this kind makes it as warm as a fur coat and the cloth coat trimmed with fur-fabric. At least the equal of an entire coat of the fabric, in elegance and in rich appearance.

Julie Bottomley

Afternoon Dresses.

One sees such gossamer and much chiffon in the new afternoon dresses and these lovely stuffs are draped over soft satins, meteor and Liberty satin being most in favor. Embroideries in silk or beads add richness of trimming, but the frocks themselves are exceedingly simple. Flounces and frills are unknown. In Paris every woman is supposed to get a frock out of four yards of material, but this material may be ornamented with as much handwork as she pleases.

Tweeds and Homespuns.

Tweeds and homespuns stand hard wear amazingly, and in many mixtures show well for little. This season, too, there are some extremely nice things in homespuns and tweeds of somewhat gay coloring. The yellow tones, for example, have been very well handled, and certain imported coats and domestic models made up of imported cloths are of mixtures in which soft gold-yellow tones predominate, so that at a little distance the cloth looks like plain gold-yellow.

HOLY CITY FALLS TO BRITISH FORCES

JERUSALEM, IN HANDS OF TURKS FOR 1,200 YEARS, TAKEN BY GENERAL ALLENBY.

JAP TROOPS LAND IN RUSSIA

Nipponese Enter Vladivostok, Object Still Puzzle — Armistice Frees Large Force of Teutons.

London.—Jerusalem is in the hands of the British after having been for virtually 1,200 years in the control of the Moslems.

The holy city of the Christian religion capitulated to General Allenby's forces, consisting of British, French and Italian troops, after it had been entirely surrounded.

Its fall seems to sweep away the dream of the Germans and Turks of driving southward through Palestine, capturing the Suez canal and invading Egypt.

Since the recent taking of the town of Jaffa on the Mediterranean sea and the gradual closing in on Jerusalem by the allied forces, the fall of the ancient city had been anticipated.

Jap Troops Land in Russia.

Tokio and Petrograd—the latter officially announced that Japanese troops have entered Vladivostok, "to afford protection from disturbances."

It is the Mikado's first military move since November 7, 1914, when Kiaow Chau was captured.

Whether this armed intervention in the Russian upheaval constitutes a threat to the Bolsheviks to swing Russia back into line as an active belligerent against the Teutons is, for the moment, still a puzzle.

Vladivostok, moreover, has declared its independence from Russia proper, as has the nearby province of Amur.

The big Russian Asiatic port is the terminus of one of the branches of the biggest Russian railroad to Petrograd.

Armistice Frees Teuton Forces.

From the Baltic sea to the north of the Danube, the armistice between the Russians and Rumanians and the Austro-Germans is still in operation. The agreement for cessation of hostilities between the Rumanians and the Teutonic allies covers the region running from Dneister river to the mouth of the Danube, according to the Berlin war office.

An unofficial dispatch from Jassy, Rumanian capital, says the armistice is to continue for three months and that the Teutons have agreed to all proposals made by the Rumanians, except that providing that troops shall not be removed to other fronts. This proposal is still under discussion.

That the Austro-Germans are relieving men from duty on the eastern front and throwing them into the lines in France and Italy daily becomes apparent.

The Italians have definitely stopped the attempted drive of the Austro-Germans toward the Italian plains, and the Germans have failed thus far to follow their success of last week against General Byng's army on the Cambrai sector in France.

COUNTERFEIT PLANT IS SEIZED

New York Police Unearth International Scheme, Involving Over \$1,000,000.

New York.—Counterfeiting schemes said to involve more than \$1,000,000 and whose ramifications extended to Europe, South America, and the United States were disclosed here Monday when William J. Flynn, chief of the United States secret service, announced that an elaborate plant for printing spurious money and French passports had been seized in this city.

Several arrests have been made in connection with the seizure of the counterfeiting outfit.

The plant contained printing presses, plates, engraver's tools, and a bundle of franc notes amounting to \$125,000.

Investigation is said to have disclosed that the entire plant was brought from Spain, last April and with it a bundle of more than \$1,000,000 in spurious franc notes. At least \$65,000 has been put into circulation in the United States.

EQUADOR BREAKS WITH KAISER

Another South American Republic Severs Diplomatic Relations.

Guayaquil, Ecuador.—Ecuador has severed diplomatic relations with Germany, according to an official announcement made by the government.

Ecuador has been on the verge of breaking diplomatic relations with Germany since early last October, when Peru, Ecuador's neighbor on the south, dismissed the German minister at Lima, Dr. Perl.

Soldiers Recreation Home Planned.

Battle Creek.—Within two weeks excavating will begin for a \$15,000 recreation home, to be constructed by Michigan Presbyterians for the benefit of Camp Custer soldiers. Detroit churches have agreed to furnish \$6,500, the War Service fund \$5,000 and the remainder will come from Wisconsin and Michigan churches. Plans call for a two-story building with an auditorium seating 400 people, reading, writing and lounging rooms, shower baths, kitchen and wash rooms.

Everything "Camouflaged" in France. Pontiac.—"Everywhere in the French battle zone there is camouflage," says Morrison Taylor, Pontiac agent, who has just returned from several months' experience as an ambulance driver in France. "The French paint and disguise everything of military importance. The area directly in the rear of the lines looks like the 'behind-the-scenes' appearance of a stage. The roads along which the ammunition trains move are concealed with canvas walls.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF

Kalamazoo.—Registration of alien enemies in Kalamazoo will begin January 1, according to announcements by federal officials here. There are Austrians and Bulgarians working in the paper and steel mills in this city.

Marshall.—Howard Culver, 66 years old, was instantly killed when an interurban car struck his automobile at Ceresco, six miles west. Culver was for 13 years a rural mail carrier at Ceresco. His widow and a daughter survive.

Kalamazoo.—Ralph Brinkert, member of the crew on the Antilles, the American transport torpedoed October 17 by the Germans and who was mourned for dead by his parents in this city, has returned home on a furlough.

Lansing.—Frank J. Champs, a farmer living north of East Lansing, and Roy Wilmworth, were instantly killed by a Grand Trunk passenger train near Trowbridge, when they were unable to stop the automobile in which they were riding.

Muskegon.—The enlistment of Reynold T. Jacobson, 19 years old, as a cook in the signal corps at the local recruiting office, made four of his family now in service. Two of Jacobson's brothers are now in France, while another is in training.

Grand Rapids.—Local bakers are trying to conform to the Hoover order for cheaper bread. New wholesale prices are now in effect. Pound loaves sell from 7 to 7 1/2 cents. The old 8-cent loaf sells at 7 1/2 cents. The 12-cent loaf of 24 ounces and over sell for 11 cents.

Bravo.—James Schriminger, a crippled rural carrier on route No. 2 out of this village, was injured and his stepson, Edmund Brownlow, was killed when the auto in which they were delivering mail overturned near here.

Dowagiac.—The 60 guests attending the eighty-fourth birthday dinner of Mrs. Charlotte Cowham, of Volinia township, included all of her 13 children. Mrs. Cowham was born in Lincolnshire, England, in 1833 and was married in 1853.

Port Huron.—Three guards who were detailed to protect the water works plant here were found asleep by Chief of Police Chambers. The officer fired a revolver near the men, but they continued to slumber. The men were discharged.

Owosso.—The United Dairies company, co-operative concern which has secured control of the retail milk business here, has boosted the price two cents a quart, making it 12 cents. Officers of the dairy company, which is composed mostly of farmers, say the increase is due to an increase in the price paid to the producers.

St. Johns.—Lewis Allvater was horsewhipped by a company of masked men near his home, five miles east of this city, for alleged pro-German statements. The men drove to his house in automobiles and after whipping him, compelled him to salute the flag. Allvater has two sons in the army, one at Camp Custer, the other at Camp Grant.

Benton Harbor.—Mrs. Germa, who narrowly escaped serious injury when her husband, driving their automobile, was stricken with apoplexy. Mrs. Handy noticed the car veering off the road and set the brake, finding Mr. Handy unconscious in his seat. He died three hours later. Mr. and Mrs. Handy were on their way to the hospital to see their son, who had lost his arm in an accident a few days ago.

Richmond.—Wallace Youngs, a Memphis stock buyer and shipper, suffered a compound fracture of his right leg when his rig overturned as he was making a quick turn in pursuing cattle.

Ludington.—The Stearns Salt & Lumber company is enlarging its salt blocks at cost of half million dollars, bringing capacity to million barrels annually, or equal to that of the Marton Salt company. Ludington with an output of 2,000,000 barrels yearly will then rank first among American cities in salt production.

Battle Creek.—Because he stole back money which Jeff Mitchell had won from him, Ernest Sanders, colored, must serve nine months in Jackson. Sanders alleges that Mitchell, who is also colored, won his money as fast as he could earn it and that the only way he could live was to steal it back. Sanders is 18 years old.

Port Huron.—Norman Schmidt and Burr Mason, 15-year-old Detroiters, aren't going to be Indian hunters any more. Arriving in this city on their way to the badlands of the north, the boys lost all desire to battle the redskins when a policeman took them in custody as they were pitching their camp in Pine Grove park. Burr's father, W. J. Mason, took the two movie fans back to Detroit. They confessed that three visits in succession to the same show had proved too much.

Muskegon.—Elmer Waldorf, separated from his wife for several weeks, visited her, having with him when he came, a vial of carbolic acid, a revolver, a box of shells and a butcher knife. Officers arrested him.

Cassopolis.—Luther Walter, former resident of Sunnerville, this county, has been given up as "legally dead," and his estate will be closed and heirs determined by Judge O. E. Coe of this place, administrator. Walter went to Spokane, Wash., 20 years ago and has not been heard from since that time.

Jackson.—Optum, heroin and other drugs valued at several thousand dollars were taken from the safe of the Schmitt Chemical Co. by safe thieves. The night watchman was overpowered. Drug funds are believed to be responsible.

Owosso.—A. B. Cook, of Maple River, president of the state vegetable growers' association, has returned from a conference with Herbert Hoover. The latter informed Cook that the price for beans would be announced before the association meets January 6.

Suggestions for Christmas

HANDKERCHIEFS all our large line 5c, 10c, 15c, 25c, 50c	NECKWEAR Don't fail to see our large line of Silk Ties and Neck Scarfs 25c, 50c, \$1.00 A Holiday Box with each tie	FUR CAPS Bellemont quality \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00	LEATHER SPECIALTIES Collar and Glove Boxes 50c to \$2.50	DRESS SHIRTS Silver and Ide Shirts newest styles and patterns \$1.25 \$1.50, \$2.00	HOSIERY Hose of Luxite 25c, 35c, 50c
DRESS GLOVES Capes, Suedes and Yarns, all colors and sizes 75c to \$2.50		SWEATERS large assortment and good values \$1.00 to \$6.00.	WALK-OVER SHOES Enjoy the comforts of a pair on Christmas.	NIGHTGOWNS and UNDERWEAR make USEFUL GIFTS	SUSPENDERS in pretty Holiday boxes 50c, \$1.00

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THE PLYMOUTH MAIL

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Local News

Election next Monday.
Dance, Saturday night, Penniman hall. Strengh's orchestra.
\$1.00 Crib blankets for 69c per pair, while they last, at Rauch's.
Charles Ballen is spending a few days with his mother at Carleton.
Mr. and Mrs. Percy Shafer were guests of the formers brother and wife at Northville, last Sunday.
Miss Edna Butter of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, was the guest of Mrs. O. F. Beyer, over Sunday and the first of the week.
Mrs. Ballen of Carleton, has been spending the last two weeks with her daughter, Mrs. James Gottschalk, in Plymouth.
Last Friday, Mr. and Mrs. James Gottschalk and Mrs. Ballen called on Patrolman William Ballen and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Eli Ballen of Detroit.
Mrs. John Johnson and little son, Robert, of Detroit, visited her sister, Mrs. F. A. Campbell the first of the week.

Wins First Prize

B. F. Lombard of Milan, visited friends here, last week.
Miss Louise Olson visited friends in Detroit, Saturday and Sunday.
Albert Burton of Toledo, Ohio, spent Monday and Tuesday at George Huger's.
Will Mosher of Ann Arbor, was a caller at the Huger home, last week Wednesday.
John H. Grove of Pontiac, spent Sunday at the home of George Huger on Main street.
C. J. Hubbard of Dayton, Ohio, visited at the home of Mrs. Pearl H. Hubbard, a few days last week.
Miss Nellie Huger who is attending the Normal this year, sang at a concert given by the Normal choir at Ypsilanti, last Wednesday evening.
Miss Maurine Jones of Ypsilanti, visited friends here the latter part of last week and attended the alumni banquet given last Friday evening.
Miss Verne Rowley, who underwent an operation at Harper hospital two weeks ago, returned to Plymouth, Saturday, and is staying for a time with Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Warner on Harvey street.
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Spicer of Highland Park, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Spicer and attended the alumni banquet and party, Friday evening.

Innis-Davis

Henry Steinmetz, Pere Marquette section foreman, has received word that his section, which comprises the trackage from a point one and one-half miles west of Plymouth to Stark station, had been awarded a first prize of \$25.00 for the greatest improvements found in a recent inspection made by the officials of the road. Mr. Steinmetz will divide the prize with his men.
Miss Julia Davis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis of West Plymouth, and Alfred Innis, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Innis, were quietly married in Detroit, last Wednesday afternoon, December 5, by Rev. H. Smith, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal church. They were accompanied to Detroit, by the groom's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whitmore. Mr. and Mrs. Innis will reside on the Sherwood farm, a short distance north of town. Their friends extend congratulations and best wishes for happiness and prosperity.
J. M. Young of Detroit, was calling on old friends here, the latter part of last week.

Given Pleasant Surprise

The young daughters of E. S. Roe pleasantly surprised their grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Burch, last Monday evening, by inviting her children—Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burch of Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burch and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Durham of this place—to their home on Main street for a six o'clock dinner, the occasion being her 84th birthday. A delicious dinner was served, one of the special features being the birthday cake with candles. Mrs. Burch was the recipient of several nice gifts and the day will remain a pleasant memory. The following poem was composed and read that day in her honor:
On December the tenth, 1833,
You first saw the light of day;
And you winked and you blinked,
And tried hard to be
So good they would want you to stay.
Now many are the years that have passed and gone,
With all their problems weighty;
The burdens have seemed lighter
with each new dawn,
And happy are you—over eighty.
We are only as old as we feel, they say.
So you must be in your prime,
For your heart and your step are as light today.
As in days of Auld Lang Syne.
Now may each added year bring added love
And contentment and joy and peace,
And added faith in the Father above,
Whose love will never cease.

Presbyterians Notice!

The annual every member canvas of the First Presbyterian church, will be made next Sunday afternoon. Twenty men of the church will divide into teams and visit every home in the congregation. The members of the church will greatly help this work by being at home when the committees call, so that return trips will be unnecessary. The budget for the entire year of 1918 will be pledged in this canvas. The members of the committee are: W. R. Shaw, F. D. Schrader, W. J. Burrows, Harry Shattuck, Charles Greenlaw, J. R. Rauch, C. F. Reeb, Harry J. Green, Clyde Bentley, George Wolfrom, C. B. Weaver, I. N. Hummell, Harry Birch, William Kaiser, Charles G. Draper, N. I. Moore, Walter Wilson, Charles Barnes, Calvin Whipple.
NEWBURG
Mrs. James Norris and sons of Detroit visited at the parental home the latter part of the week.
Don't forget the L. A. S. dinner at the hall this Friday at noon.
There was a good attendance at church Sunday last, considering the extreme cold. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Lowery sang a beautiful selection. The young people are taking a great interest in the choir. They meet for practice every Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Cochran.
The Epworth League took in over five dollars at their social last Saturday night. Pretty good, considering the cold stormy night. They report a good time.
Each Sunday-school class is to see how large a collection they can get next Sunday, the same to go to the Methodist Children's home in Detroit as a Christmas gift from the Sunday-school. This is a worthy cause and everyone should respond as liberally as possible.
Last Friday, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stevens entertained Mr. and Mrs. James Gates and son, Ross; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Blunk; Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Becker and daughter, Mabel; Mr. and Mrs. Manny Blunk and son and Miss Margaret Stevens, who spent the afternoon and evening. A fine six o'clock dinner was served by the hostess. The ladies spent the afternoon working for the Red Cross.
Mrs. Charles Kramer is in Harper hospital, where she underwent an operation, Tuesday morning. Mr. Kramer reported she was doing as well as could be expected.
Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ryder entertained last Wednesday evening, the following guests: Mrs. Emily LeVan, Mrs. Sarah Holington and daughter, Hattie; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. LeVan and son, Arthur, the occasion being the eightieth birthday of Mrs. Emily LeVan. Her many friends wish for her many more happy birthdays.
Miss Beatrice Davey and cousin, Sadie Knapp of Detroit, spent over Sunday at home and attended the social Saturday evening.
Miss Gladys Smith spent the weekend at the Peters home in Detroit.
The Misses Anna and Ada Youngs took dinner at the Ryder homestead, last Friday; also called on Mrs. L. Clemens.
Mrs. Carrie Lavender of the northern part of the state, visited her uncle, Frank Knickerbocker, the latter part of last week.
Roy Amrhein has enlisted in the navy and left home Monday morning for the Great Lakes Naval Training station, near Chicago. Corporal Henry Grimm was also home over Sunday from Camp Custer, and reported he had orders to leave there Tuesday morning for some other place. Uncle Sam has two of our best young men to fight for him. The best wishes of a host of friends go with them.
Last Monday evening the teachers of the Plymouth High school met together in the domestic science room, where at 5:30 a fine supper was served. The evening was enjoyed in a social way, in order to have the teachers become better acquainted.

Death of George Bryant

George H. Bryant, aged 78 years, passed away late last Friday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. Charlotte Passage, on Church street, where he had been staying for the past year and a half. Mr. Bryant had been in failing health for some time but had grown rapidly worse during the past few months. His death was due to a gradual decline of both body and mind. On Saturday the remains were taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Johnson, at Northville, where the funeral was held Sunday afternoon. Burial took place in the family lot in Waterford.
Mr. Bryant was well and favorably known in this community, having been a resident of Plymouth and vicinity nearly all his life. He was a charter member of the Universalist church of this place, and for many years was an active worker in the cause. He was a brother of the late Mrs. Charles F. Frisbie. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Frank Johnson, of Northville, and one granddaughter, Miss Ara Johnson. His wife preceded him to the higher life eight years ago.

Beach-Wiest

A pretty wedding took place at noon Wednesday, December 12th, at the home of Mrs. Mary Wiest, when her daughter, Frances Josephine, was united in marriage to Milton Bruce Beach, of Vassar, Mich., in the presence of the immediate family and a few invited friends. The bride was neatly attired in gray satin and carried white and pink carnations. Rev. W. Wallace of Denton, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Beach left on the evening train for their home in Vassar.

Free Lecture on Christian Science

A free lecture on Christian Science will be given in the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Plymouth, Thursday evening, December 20th, at 8:00 o'clock by William Kilpatrick, C. S., of Detroit, member of the Board of Lectureship of the Mother church, the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston, Mass. Everybody is cordially invited to be present.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

(Official)

December 3, 1917.

At a regular meeting of the common council of the Village of Plymouth, called to order by President Robinson, the following were present: Councilmen Patterson, Reber, Hall, Sherman and Reiman. Absent: Fisher.

Minutes of regular meeting of Nov. 5th and adjourned regular meeting of Nov. 12th, read and approved. Moved by Patterson, supported by Reber, that the President call a meeting of the citizens of Plymouth village and township for the purpose of forming some patriotic league for volunteer services in joining the U. S. navy, name of organization to be determined after the league is formed. Carried.

The following bills were passed upon by the auditing committee: Week of Nov. 9th. Ernest Rewald, \$19.50; Harry Norgrove, 11.74; Warren Durham, 18.00; Harold Jolliffe, 18.00; Erland Bridge, 9.00; B. D. Brown, 15.00; John Kirk, 12.00; Bert Knapp, 36.00; Charles Sackett, 42.00; O. Hanchett, 9.00; George Sears, 10.62; Len Atchinson, 5.50; F. Bruner, 4.37; John Oldenburg, 14.00; R. S. Todd, 30.00; State Fire Marshall, 10.00; H. C. Robinson, Freight, 3.76; John Gustin, 18.00; Markham Air Rifle Co., 3.50; T. F. Chilson, 30.00; Lem Daugherty, 7.50; Tom Bissell, 3.60; George White, Sr., 12.00; Charles Krumm, 18.00; George Holstein, 21.00.

Week of Nov. 16th. R. S. Todd, \$30.00; John Oldenburg, 14.00; Ernest Rewald, 19.50; Harry Norgrove, 21.50; Warren Durham, 18.00; Harold Jolliffe, 18.00; Erland Bridge, 9.00; Bert Knapp, 36.00; Clark Sackett, 42.00; William Blunk, 27.20; George Holstein, 21.00; T. F. Chilson, 30.00; George White, Sr., 12.00; Lem Daugherty, 7.50; Charles Krumm, 18.00; John Gustin, 16.50; Warren Perkins, 9.00; C. S. Sayles, 3.00; Ed. Thierry, 7.00; Warren Durham, 3.00.

Week of Nov. 23. R. S. Todd, \$20.00; Bert Knapp, 6.00; Ernest Rewald, 3.25; Harry Norgrove, 9.75; John Oldenburg, 14.00; Ed. Smith, 4.50; Harry Norgrove, 6.50; Ernest Rewald, 1.00; Seal Simms, 3.25; Frank Bruner, 8.75; Dick White, 2.10; Chan. Bunyes, 2.50; Ernest Rewald, 14.63; Albert Crannell, 1.29; Warren Durham, 16.50; Ed. Thierry, 14.00; Warren Perkins, 8.75; Charles Krumm, 16.50; Lem Daugherty, 17.88; T. F. Chilson, 30.00; Robert Warner, 4.00.

Week of Nov. 30. T. F. Chilson, 30.00; George White, Sr., 6.60; Seal Simms, 12.50; Ed. Thierry, 19.25; Charles Krumm, 18.00; Lem Daugherty, 19.50; Frank Bruner, 2.50; Ernest Wilson, 12.00; William Walker, 6.00; William Coverdill, 12.60; Thomas Simms, 12.60; William Smith, 13.10; Harry Norgrove, 6.50; Ed. Smith, 13.05; Ernest Rewald, 9.75; Warren Durham, 18.00; John Oldenburg, 10.00; George Springer, \$4.17; Conner Haw. Co., 19.42; W. T. Pettigill, 16.46; Thompson Meter Co., 8.15; Robt. Walker, Capt., 24.25; R. R. Parrott, insurance, 60.46; Detroit Edison Co., 12.67; Plymouth Mail, 207.20; Neptune Meter Co., 4.77; Coorlies & Dayton, 2.00; Standard Oil Co., 2.50; Road & Decker, 34.25; F. J. Tousey, 22.24; Plymouth Lumber & Coal Co., 468.39; Plymouth Elevator Co., 17.80; John Williams, Capt., 27.50; William Geigler, 3.00; Ed. Bolton, 6.25; Charles Steinhebel, Capt., 19.00; Fred Drews, 6.00; Albert Reddean, Capt., 25.75; Ed. Gayde, 16.46; J. H. Patterson, 29.60; Flower Stephens Mfg. Co., 208.30.

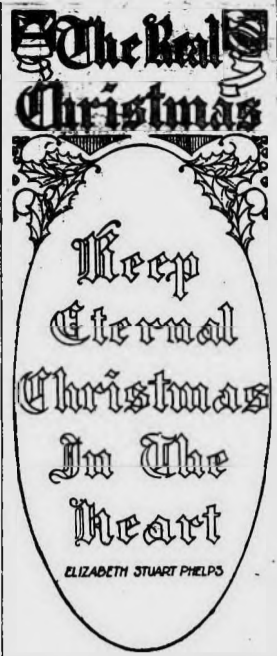
Moved by Patterson, supported by Reiman, that the bills be allowed and the clerk be instructed to draw warrants on the proper funds to pay the same. Carried.

Moved by Reber, supported by Reiman, that the clerk notify property owners of the special assessment on Forest avenue, as assessed against their several properties. Carried.

Moved by Patterson, supported by Reber, that we adjourn. Ayes all. Carried.

F. J. TOUSEY, Village Clerk.

Probate Notice. STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Wayne. In and for the County of Wayne, I, the Probate Court Room in the City of Detroit, on the 11th day of December, 1917, have appointed as executor of the last will and testament of William H. Hays, deceased, George Hays and Frank Hays, executors of the last will and testament of the said deceased, and have authorized them to execute the same, and to receive and collect the same, and to distribute the same, and to do all things which may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the said will, and to do all things which may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the said will, and to do all things which may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the said will. Witness my hand and the seal of said court at Detroit, Michigan, this 11th day of December, 1917. EDWARD CONNOR, Judge of Probate.



Working In The Name Of The Christ Child

SOME thirty years ago there lived in the city of Washington a young girl, the daughter of Richard T. Merrick, a distinguished lawyer, says the Survey. A serious injury, due to an accident, had left her an invalid, confined to her couch. The Christmas season was fast approaching and amid the preparations for the holidays, which the happy family were busily making, this young invalid, roared in luxury, conceived the desire of clothing in the name of the Christ Child some poor babe who was to come into the world in poverty. She made a simple but complete layette, sent for a friend who she knew could find the very mother who needed such assistance, and one small child was clothed in the name of the Christ Child. The Christ Child, society, founded 27 years ago, distributed 139 layettes last year. Not one request has ever been refused to an applicant indorsed by its visitors. And from this has developed the material relief department, which clothes and shoes children, furnishes a fortnight's outing, a brace for a crippled leg or a book from the library. There are no religious qualifications. Active members contribute a definite number of hours' work each week, and anyone may become a member by promising to answer the Christmas letter of a poor child. Washington numbers 1,000 members, and there are more than 4,500 in all, including the branches in 25 cities.

St. Nicholas Day and Christmas.

A writer in the Pall Mall Gazette thus speculated concerning the amalgamation of Christmas eve and St. Nicholas eve: "Perhaps the amalgamation of the two festivals was brought about by motives of economy, the giving of presents on December 5 and again on December 25 constituting too heavy a toll on parental purses. That this was the case appears to be proved by the custom prevailing in Catholic Germany, where St. Nicholas duly appears in each home on December 5, and, inquiring into the conduct of the children, rewards the worthy with fruits and cakes and lectures the unworthy on the duty of obedience. He then asks the Christ Child to bring them at Christmas, and on the morning of that day they usually find the desired articles in the shoes which they placed overnight on the hearth. This variation of the original St. Nicholas eve custom, for so long obsolete in England, probably accounts for our possession of Santa Claus in his present form. He is supposed to have been an importation from America about 40 years ago (as a little earlier we had derived the Christmas tree from Germany on the initiation of the prince consort, husband of Queen Victoria.)"

On Christmas Eve.

Oh, little babe, oh, gentle babe, That in a manger lies, A-laying to the choral sweet, Whose notes a-down the skies, We, through the year, who only hear The world's harsh thundering, Listen that we, dear babe, with thee, May hear the angels sing.

Oh, little babe, oh, gentle babe, Who lookest toward the star, And seemest when they bear their gifts, Those wise men from afar, From wandering wide back to thy side, Weary and worn, we face; But hearts that bleed and hands that need, Are all we have for thee.

Oh, little babe, oh, gentle babe, Our hearts were hard and cold; The star we loved, the star of fame, The song the angels sang, At the manger's side this Christmas tide We listen and we long To see that star shine from afar And hear the angels' song. —Richard F. Souter.

Do your Christmas shopping in Plymouth this year. Suffer from Trouble and Constipation? Those who are afflicted with stomach troubles and constipation should read the following: "I have never found anything so good for stomach trouble and constipation as Chamberlain's Tablets. I have used them off and on now for the past two years. They not only regulate the bowels, but stimulate the liver and keep the body in a healthy condition." writes Mrs. Benjamin Hooper, Auburn, N. Y.—Adv't.

CHEETAHS USED FOR HUNTERS

Are Regarded as the Swiftest of Animals—Combine Speed, Courage and Stalking Ability.

The fastest animal on four legs is said to be the cheetah or hunting leopard, which is part of the establishment of many an Indian noble. The cheetah is a tall, rangy spotted cat as large as the American puma and is the only one of the large cats which has been domesticated so that it may be controlled in the open field by the voice of man. This hunting cat is a wonderful combination of speed, courage and stalking ability; indeed, the chief weakness of hunting with the cheetah as a sport is that the cheetah does everything and has all the fun. Any traveler who visits an Indian potentate in the excellent hunting regions along the foothills of the Himalayas will be sure to be taken hunting with the prince's cheetahs. These formal hunts are specially dull, as the game is commonly driven by beaters almost under the nose of the cat, which merely butchers it. On more informal hunts, however, there is much maneuvering with the cat in which the cheetahs are held until the animals see the quarry, which is usually some sort of deer. Then the cheetah is unhooded and either proceeds by an elaborate stalk to approach and kill the deer or if it is close to make one of those lightning rushes from which nothing on earth is fleet enough to escape. Occasionally a buck, taken by surprise, will turn and catch the springing cat upon his horns, thus turning the tables completely.

HE BELIEVES IN PUBLICITY

Dutiful Husband Assists Wife in Receiving, and Wants His Friends to Know It.

A small, rather timid-looking man entered a newspaper office and approached the clerk. "Are you the man who takes in society news?" he queried with an appealing look. "Yes, sir," cheerfully replied the young man at the desk. "I can take any kind of news. What have you got?" "Why, it's just this way," said the caller, lowering his voice. "My wife gave a party last night. It was a brilliant affair, and I am willing to pay to have this report of it put in the paper." "We don't charge anything for publishing society news," explained the clerk, at the same time taking the proffered manuscript and looking it over. "That's all right," was the reply. "You don't get me. I write this up myself, and I put in a line that says, 'Mr. Walfack assisted his distinguished wife in receiving the guests.' That's the way I want it to go in, and I don't care what the cost is, absolutely don't care what the cost is. I want my friends to know, by George, that I still belong to the family."—Lippincott's Magazine.

Oil the Skin Also.

In describing the means by which the Hawaiians, before contact with civilized peoples brought about the deterioration of this splendid race, kept their skins in healthy condition, V. MacClung says in the Scientific Monthly that they not only bathed daily in the sea and in fresh water, but oiled their bodies with coconut oil. Commenting on this latter practice, the Journal of the American Medical Association says the effectiveness of bathing is well recognized today, "but we fail to realize the unquestionable merit in the injunctions with oil that undoubtedly confer a suppleness and pliancy to the skin quite contrary to the extreme detergent action of the water bath. It is not without hygienic significance that the skin is normally lubricated by a subcutaneous secretion which the bath tends to remove, often to a degree no longer compatible with a perfect epidermis."

Has Never Been Captured.

Throughout the little kingdom of Liechtenstein, which lies between Switzerland and Austria, are many shrines, little crosses, and crumbling castles. One of the latter, beside the village of Balzers, has stood 1,000 years and never has been captured. The Swiss tried to take it in 1499 from its before. Overlooking the Rhine, the ruins recall the days when robber barons extracted a tariff from every boat which passed in front of their domains. Most of the inhabitants are farmers. They grow bar, maize, apples, pears, plums, and vegetables. Liechtenstein practically exists on its own bread, cheese, milk, honey and wine. Cattle graze on its fertile meadows and the fir of the mountains furnish wood for heat.

The Elephant.

Nature supplies elephants with trunks as weapons for defense as well as for uprooting trees in search for food. Their small eyes are supplied with a nictitating film to rid them of dirt and small flies. They take mud baths to stand off the sun at its hottest as well as to keep off the many small insects which annoy them. Nature also provides a number of small birds which stay on them continually, living on the small flies and other insects found on their backs. The elephant's only equal in combat is the rhinoceros, but neither is usually belligerently inclined toward the other. The elephant's only deadly enemy is the human ivory hunter.

Collection of Taxes

I will be at the store of Pettigill & Campbell, Saturday, December 1st, and every Saturday during the month, and at Gayde Bros.' store on Monday, December 3rd, and every Monday during the month for the collection of taxes.

C. H. Bathburn, Township Treasurer.

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MORTGAGE SALE. Default having been made in conditions of a certain mortgage executed by the Malloway-Cole Bell Realty Company, a Michigan Corporation and Harry and Anna Conely, husband and wife, John Howard McClements and McClements, his wife, dated the 1st day of March, 1917, which mortgage was recorded on the nineteenth day of March, 1917, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Wayne County, Michigan, in Liber 813, of mortgages on page 497, in which mortgage it is provided that should any default in the payment of the same is made payable, and should the same remain unpaid and in arrears for the space of thirty days, then and from thenceforth, the whole of the principal sum and interest shall at the option of said mortgagee become due and payable immediately thereafter; and default having been made in the payment of the interest due on the twelfth day of September, 1917, and more than thirty days having elapsed since the said payment of said interest became due and payable, and the same remaining yet unpaid, virtue of the said mortgage, in said mortgage declares the whole amount of money secured by said mortgage including principal and interest to be due and payable immediately. On said mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of one thousand and forty dollars (\$1,040) and attorney's fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25), provided for in said mortgage, and no suit or proceeding at law having been instituted to recover the moneys secured by said mortgage or any part thereof, NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given, and on Saturday, the sixteenth day of February, A. D. 1918, at ten (10) o'clock in the forenoon we shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder at the south front door of the county building in the City of Detroit, Michigan, (that being the place where the Circuit Court for the County of Wayne, Michigan, is held,) the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due on said mortgage, with six per cent interest and all legal costs together with an attorney fee of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25) as provided by law and as covenanted for therein, the premises being described in said mortgage as follows, to-wit: "The parcel of land, situated in the Township of Romulus in the County of Wayne and State of Michigan, described as follows, to-wit: The East half (1/2) of the North half (1/2) of the Northwest quarter (1/4) of the Northeast fractional quarter of Section Four (4), T. 3, S. R. 9, East, containing ten (10) acres more or less." Dated, Plymouth, Mich., November 13th, 1917. John Howard McClements, Mable McClements, Trustees. Willis L. Lyons, Howell, Mich. Attorney for Mortgagees.

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Wayne County Farmers' Federation Elect New Officers

At the annual meeting of the Wayne County Farmers' Federation held last week at Dearborn, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—George C. Raviler, Plymouth.

Vice President and chairman drainage department—Milton Carmichael, Detroit.

Treasurer—Samuel Spicer, Canton. Secretary—G. W. Kennedy, Dearborn.

Charles Evans, Belleville, chairman dairy department.

E. W. Stewart, Inkster, chairman committee on standardization of crop.

Fred C. Fischer, Belleville, boys and girls club work.

Mrs. J. Forrest Lindsay, Romulus township, chairman poultry department.

These officers comprise the executive board of the federation. They will meet monthly to advise the county agent regarding his work.

PERRINSVILLE

The Gleaners will give a dance in the hall, Friday evening, Dec. 14th. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Tickets will be taken at the door.

Mrs. George Baehr and daughter, Hildred, spent Saturday in Detroit, Christmas shopping.

There was no church Sunday on account of the bad weather, but everyone is invited to be there next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hanchett of Flint, who have been visiting their sons, Arthur and Alonzo, returned home, Monday.

Gleaner meeting was held last Tuesday night. The following were elected to fill offices:

Chief—Ed. Wolf
Vice Chief—Carl Theuer
Chaplain—Mrs. Ed. Wolf
Lecturer—Mrs. Proctor
Conductress—Mrs. Darby
Conductor—Roy Tait
Outer Guard—Henry Kubik
Inner Guard—Roy Badelt
Secretary and Treasurer—Harold Wilson.

Tuesday evening, December 18th, will be installation. All members are urged to be present. Ice cream and cake will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Hanchett and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hanchett spent Friday evening at George Baehr's.

If there is anything you want to buy or sell, advertise it in the Mail.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant to take, which is important when medicine must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.—Adv't.

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS!



In and Around Plymouth

Do your Christmas shopping in Plymouth this year.

Northville will have a community Christmas tree again this year.

V. H. S. Doerr of this village, has opened an agricultural implement store at Northville.

The Northville school board has voted to drop the study of the German language from the curriculum of the public schools of that village.

The village council at Northville has ordered the police department to stop the operation of slot machines and punch boards in the village.

The future president and trustees of the village of Northville, will receive a salary of \$4.00 per meeting, by virtue of an ordinance passed by the council recently.

Married, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Ogden, south of Milford, Saturday, Dec. 1, by Rev. J. W. Campbell, David A. Burrows of Milford, and Mrs. Rosa Johnston of Plymouth.—Milford Times.

Joe Snyder of Wayne, and well known in Plymouth, has enlisted in the army for overseas service as an expert automobile repair man, and has gone to Washington, from which city he will go at once to France.

The Ford Tractor plant at Dearborn is working three shifts a day and rushing completed machines to the east for export as fast as they are completed. It is currently reported that Ford tractors will be in the Michigan market in the spring.

The Harroun plant in Wayne is now turning out 100 cars each week and expects to increase this as soon as material begins to flow a little easier. The shop force now totals better than 300 men. A number of Plymouth citizens are employed there.

The fuel situation in Livingston county is acute, to the extent that a county fuel commission publishes the following recommendations that might be applied to other communities as well: That families curtail the use of fuel to the limit of their ability by closing portions of their homes not urgently needed, that farmers use wood instead of coal, and that they put wood on the market if they have any to spare, also that churches, schools and public buildings use fuel as sparingly as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Markham of Superior, were last week winners of the gold medal at the annual convention of the Michigan Beekeepers' association at Saginaw. This is the third win, and means that the medal now becomes their property. Mr. and Mrs. Markham returned from Saginaw, Sunday. Highest honors were awarded the Markhams on comb honey, extracted honey in glass, candied honey, beeswax, honey fruit cake and honey cookies. Mrs. Markham was elected vice president of the state association, and Mr. Markham was elected delegate to the national convention to be held in February, probably in Cleveland.—Ypsilanti Record.

Our Grand River "cop" is dead again. This time he is dead beyond repair. He died at his post, Sunday night. An automobile party from Plymouth passing through town claimed they saw no light and crashed into the signal breaking the standard in several pieces and putting all lights out of commission for a time. The driver was would have to get something more substantial to direct traffic at this crossing, as this is the second time it has been run into in the last month. It has been suggested that we put up a good flag staff with lights and signs attached thereto. This would afford something hard to break and at the same time we could show a little patriotism by flying "Old Glory."—Brighton Argus.

County Institute Dates

Farmers Will Hear Many Specialists in County Early Next Year.

The dates for the various farmers' institutes in Wayne county have been fixed as follows:

January 5—Afternoon, Dearborn; evening, Detroit, with the market gardeners. This day will be given entirely to vegetable-growing problems.

January 7—All day at Belleville, with morning given over to the boys and girls.

January 8—Romulus; small fruits, farm management, etc.

January 9—Flat Rock; overlaps one day on account of extension school program given under the auspices of the M. A. C. This will be the first of three extension schools in Wayne county this winter.

January 10—Eureka; drainage and fertilizer.

January 11—Martinsville; lime and vegetables.

January 12—New Boston; farm management.

January 14—Denton; farm crops.

January 15—Northville; fruits.

January 16—Plymouth; poultry.

This meeting is at the same time as the Plymouth poultry show and will bring out the best breeders in Wayne county.

January 17—Redford; fertilizer and drainage.

January 18 and 19—Round up at Wayne; live stock, fruits, fertilizer and other topics.

Thrift Stamps

Go on Sale in Plymouth

Government's New Plan for Small Savings and War Aid in Operation

Plymouth, along with other places all over the country, have placed the government Thrift Stamps on sale at the local postoffice. This is a means of small investment, designed especially for the youth. Anybody can buy them in limited quantities, however. It is planned to put them on sale at banks and even in stores at some places. Daniel Murray was the first one in Plymouth to buy Thrift Stamps.

You start thrift saving with a quarter. That is the price of a stamp. When you get 16 of them go back to the postoffice and cash them in for a "war savings certificate stamp." You have something which cost you \$4.12, but in five years you can cash it in for \$5.00. To help in this saving plan the postoffice will supply you with a "thrift card" with 16 spaces for stamps.

If you want to buy a war savings certificate stamp outright, it will cost you \$4.12 during December and January, with a penny a month added until the close of 1918. With the first war savings certificate stamp, you will be given another card with 20 spaces. This when filled gives you a full fledged war savings certificate, the total cost of which is \$82.40, (with a penny a month added after January) and it will be redeemable in January, 1923, for a full \$100.

Stamps can at any time be turned in after ten days' written notice and you will be paid in full for your investment with 3 per cent interest added.

It is the small savings that are desired. Not more than \$100 in stamps will be sold to any one person at a time and no person will be allowed to have a total of more than \$1,000 worth.

Registrants in

Draft Are Given Careful Warning

From the Adjutant General's office at Lansing, the following telegram from General Crowder is published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29, 1917. Governor of Michigan, Lansing, Michigan, No. 10948.

Please cause the broadest and most extensive and continuous possible publicity to be given through the Adjutant General, Local and District Boards, the newspapers, and by all other possible means of warning to all registrants, who may have changed their places of abode and post-office address, to communicate immediately with their Local Boards, where they registered, and furnish their present addresses, so that the Questionnaires, which will begin to be mailed about December 15, will reach such registrants without delay. Registrants are bound by law, to keep themselves advised of all proceedings in respect to them, and failure to do so may result in their losing right to claim exemption or discharge. Please request newspapers to give warning broad and continuous publication, from this time until the process of mailing the Questionnaires has been accomplished. Crowder.

JOHN S. BERSEY,
The Adjutant General.

Poultry Show

January 15 to 19

The premium list for the second annual show of the Plymouth Poultry and Pet Stock Association is now in the hands of the printer, and will soon be ready for distribution. The show will be held in Penniman hall, January 15 to 19. There is every reason to believe that the coming show will far eclipse the one held last year. A number of exhibitors, who did not show their birds last year, have signified their desire to do so at the coming exhibit.

Notice of Special Election

Notice is hereby given that a special election of the electors of the Village of Plymouth, State of Michigan, will be held in the Village of Plymouth on Monday, the 17th day of December, A. D. 1917, at which said election there will be submitted to the electors of said Village the question of the adoption of a proposed new charter for the said Village as heretofore prepared by the Charter Commission.

Notice is further hereby given that the poll or place of holding said election will be the Village hall of said Village, and that the polls at said election will be open from 7 o'clock in the morning to 5 o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

Notice is further given that the ballots on such election will have printed thereon the proposition to be submitted for such election as follows: "For the adoption of a new charter for the Village of Plymouth as prepared by the Charter Commission," followed by the word "Yes" and the same words followed by the word "No" and any elector desiring to vote against the adoption of said charter shall make a cross opposite said word "Yes" and any elector desiring to vote against the adoption of said charter shall make a cross opposite said word "No" and his vote shall be counted accordingly. He shall set his cross opposite either of said words "Yes" or "No."

Notice is further given that the ballots cast at such election and the results of such election will be certified by the board of inspectors in the same manner as prescribed by law for canvassing of votes and making returns thereof at other Village elections.

Dated, November 30, 1917.
Harry C. Robinson, President.
Frank J. Tousey, Clerk.

Registration Notice

To the Electors of the Village of Plymouth.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Registration of the Village above named will be held in the Village hall in the Village of Plymouth on Saturday, December 15, 1917, for the purpose of registering the names of all such persons who shall be possessed of the necessary qualifications of electors, and who may apply for that purpose and said Board of Registration will be in session on the day and at the place aforesaid from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose aforesaid.

Dated November 30th, 1917.
Frank J. Tousey, Village Clerk.

CUT THIS OUT - IT IS WORTH MONEY

DON'T MISS THIS. Cut out this slip, enclose it with 5c and mail to Foley & Co., 2843 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for bronchial and la grippe coughs, colds and croup; Foley Kidney Pills, for lame back, weak kidneys, rheumatism, bladder troubles; and Foley Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic for constipation, biliousness, headache and sluggish bowels. You will also receive a copy of charge, Foley's Family Almanac, containing "Alphabet for Children" and "Health Hints"; Foley's Booklet on "Kidney Diseases" and a few simple suggestions for those having kidney and bladder troubles. You can secure all these for only 5c.

SOLD EVERYWHERE

Commissioner's Notice.

In the matter of the estate of Franklin Fililton, deceased. We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the probate court for the county of Wayne, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of the Probate Court in the Village of Plymouth, in said County, on Saturday, the 23rd day of January, A. D. 1918, and on Tuesday, the 27th day of March, A. D. 1918, at 10 o'clock A. M. of each of said days for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that four months from the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1917, were allowed by said Court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated November 30, 1917.
WILLIAM T. CONNER,
FRANK A. DIBBLE,
Commissioners.

Commissioner's Notice.

In the matter of the estate of Katharine Sackett, deceased. We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Probate Court for the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of Voorhis & Dayton, in the village of Plymouth, in said County, on Wednesday, the 16th day of January, A. D. 1918, and on Saturday, the 16th day of March, A. D. 1918, at two o'clock P. M. of each of said days for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims, and that four months from the 16th day of November, A. D. 1917, were allowed by said Court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated November 16th, 1917.
BENJAMIN WEALEY,
THEODORE F. CHILSON,
Commissioners.

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, county of Wayne ss. At a session of the Probate Court for said county of Wayne, held at the Probate Court Room in the city of Detroit, on the twenty-first day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Present, Edward Conrad, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Franklin S. Shattuck, deceased. On reading and filing the petition of Frank H. Shattuck and Henry H. Shattuck, praying that the residue of said estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto. It is ordered, That the twenty-third day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, eastern standard time, at said Court Room, be appointed for hearing the same. And it is further ordered, That a copy of this order be published three times in successive weeks to said time of hearing, in the Plymouth Mail, a newspaper printed and circulating in said county.

EDWARD CONRAD,
Judge of Probate.
[A true copy.]
Albert W. Flint, Register.

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- Perfumes
- Box Candies
- Pocketbooks

- Christmas Box Cigars
- Popular Copyright Books
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- Ever Ready, Gem and Durham Duplex Safety Razors
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Beautiful line of Bath Robe Blankets and Bath Robes.

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Silk Hose for Men and Women in Black and colors.

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Our line of Handkerchiefs is second to none—in beautiful boxes and sealed packages.
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Nothing like a pair of soft woolen Blankets and soft downy Comfortables these cold winter nights. We have them and you will find them extra quality.
Bedspreads (exera size), Sheets and Pillow Cases.

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Look over our line of Neckwear, Suspenders, Hosiery, Arm Bands, Supporters in Boxes, Umbrellas,

Bath Robes, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, Shirts, Etc., and your question will be answered.

Call and Look Over Our Many Lines Before You Buy.

We carry a full line of Warner Rust-proof ...and Nemo Corsets....

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Wayne County Farmers' Federation Elect New Officers

At the annual meeting of the Wayne County Farmers' Federation held last week at Dearborn, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—George C. Raviler, Plymouth.

Vice President and chairman drainage department—Milton Carmichael, Detroit.

Treasurer—Samuel Spicer, Canton.

Secretary—G. W. Kennedy, Dearborn.

Charles Evans, Belleville, chairman dairy department.

E. W. Stewart, Inkster, chairman committee on standardization of crop.

Fred C. Fischer, Belleville, boys and girls club work.

Mrs. J. Forrest Lindsal, Romulus township, chairman poultry department.

These officers comprise the executive board of the federation. They will meet monthly to advise the county agent regarding his work.

PERRINSVILLE

The Gleaners will give a dance in the hall, Friday evening, Dec. 14th. Everyone is cordially invited to attend. Tickets will be taken at the door.

Mrs. George-Baehr and daughter, Hildred, spent Saturday in Detroit, Christmas shopping.

There was no church Sunday on account of the bad weather, but everyone is invited to be there next Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hanchett of Flint, who have been visiting their sons, Arthur and Alonzo, returned home, Monday.

Gleaner meeting was held last Tuesday night. The following were elected to fill offices:

Chief—Ed. Wolf

Vice Chief—Carl Theuer

Chaplain—Mrs. Ed. Wolf

Lecturer—Mrs. Proctor

Conductress—Mrs. Darby

Conductor—Roy Tait

Outer Guard—Henry Kubik

Inner Guard—Roy Badelt

Secretary and Treasurer—Harold Wilson.

Tuesday evening, December 18th, will be installation. All members are urged to be present. Ice cream and cake will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Hanchett and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hanchett spent Friday evening at George Baehr's.

If there is anything you want to buy or sell, advertise it in the Mail.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy

This is not only one of the best and most efficient medicines for coughs, colds and croup, but is also pleasant to take, which is important when medicine must be given to children. Many mothers have given it their unqualified endorsement.—Adv.

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS!



In and Around Plymouth

Do your Christmas shopping in Plymouth this year.

Northville will have a community Christmas tree again this year.

H. S. Doerr of this village, has opened an agricultural implement store at Northville.

The Northville school board has voted to drop the study of the German language from the curriculum of the public schools of that village.

The village council at Northville has ordered the police department to stop the operation of slot machines and punch boards in the village.

The future president and trustees of the village of Northville, will receive a salary of \$4.00 per meeting, by virtue of an ordinance passed by the council recently.

Married, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Oden, south of Milford, Saturday, Dec. 1, by Rev. J. W. Campbell, David A. Burrows of Milford, and Mrs. Rosa Johnston of Plymouth.—Milford Times.

Joe Snyder of Wayne, and well known in Plymouth, has enlisted in the army for overseas service as an expert automobile repair man, and has gone to Washington, from which city he will go at once to France.

The Ford Tractor plant at Dearborn is working three shifts a day and rushing completed machines to the east for export as fast as they are completed. It is currently reported that Ford tractors will be in the Michigan market in the spring.

The Harroun plant in Wayne is now turning out 100 cars each week and expects to increase this as soon as material begins to flow a little easier. The shop force now totals better than 300 men. A number of Plymouth citizens are employed there.

The fuel situation in Livingston county is acute, to the extent that a county fuel commission publishes the following recommendations that might be applied to other communities as well: That families curtail the use of fuel to the limit of their ability by closing portions of their homes not urgently needed, that farmers use wood instead of coal, and that they put wood on the market if they have any to spare, also that churches, schools and public buildings use fuel as sparingly as possible.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd C. Markham of Superior, were last week winners of the gold medal at the annual convention of the Michigan Beekeepers' association at Saginaw. This is the third win, and means that the medal now becomes their property. Mr. and Mrs. Markham returned from Saginaw, Sunday. Highest honors were awarded the Markhams on comb honey, extracted honey in glass, candied honey, beeswax, honey fruit cake and honey cookies. Mrs. Markham was elected vice president of the state association, and Mr. Markham was elected delegate to the national convention to be held in February, probably in Cleveland.—Ypsilanti Record.

Our Grand River "cop" is dead again. This time he is dead beyond repair. He died at his post, Sunday night. An automobile party from Plymouth passing through town claimed they saw no light and crashed into the signal breaking the standard in several pieces and putting all lights out of commission for a time. The driver was Walter Dethloff. It looks as if we would have to get something more substantial to direct traffic at this crossing, as this is the second time it has been run into in the last month. It has been suggested that we put up a good flag staff with lights and signs attached thereto. This would afford something hard to break and at the same time we could show a little patriotism by flying "Old Glory."—Brighton Argus.

County Institute Dates

Farmers Will Hear Many Specialists in County Early Next Year.

The dates for the various farmers' institutes in Wayne county have been fixed as follows:

January 5—Afternoon, Dearborn; evening, Detroit, with the market gardeners. This day will be given entirely to vegetable growing problems.

January 7—All day at Belleville, with morning given over to the boys and girls.

January 8—Romulus; small fruits, farm management, etc.

January 8 and 9—Flat Rock; overlaps one day on account of extension school program given under the auspices of the M. A. C. This will be the first of three extension schools in Wayne county this winter.

January 10—Eureka; drainage and fertilizer.

January 11—Martinsville; lime and vegetables.

January 12—New Boston; farm management.

January 14—Denton; farm crops.

January 15—Northville; fruits.

January 16—Plymouth; poultry. This meeting is at the same time as the Plymouth poultry show and will bring out the best breeders in Wayne county.

January 17—Redford; fertilizer and drainage.

January 18 and 19—Round up at Wayne; live stock, fruits, fertilizer and other topics.

Thrift Stamps

Go on Sale in Plymouth

Government's New Plan for Small Savings and War Aid in Operation

Plymouth, along with other places all over the country, have placed the government Thrift Stamps on sale at the local postoffice. This is a means of small investment, designed especially for the youth. Anybody can buy them in limited quantities, however. It is planned to put them on sale at banks and even in stores at some places. Daniel Murray was the first one in Plymouth to buy Thrift Stamps.

You start thrift saving with a quarter. That is the price of a stamp. When you get 16 of them go back to the postoffice and cash them in for a "war savings certificate stamp." You have something which cost you \$4.12, but in five years you can cash it in for \$5.00. To help in this saving plan the postoffice will supply you with a "thrift card" with 16 spaces for stamps.

If you want to buy a war savings certificate stamp outright, it will cost you \$4.12 during December and January, with a penny a month added until the close of 1918. With the first war savings certificate stamp, you will be given another card with 20 spaces. This when filled gives you a full fledged war savings certificate, the total cost of which is \$82.40, (with a penny a month added after January) and it will be redeemable in January, 1923, for a full \$100.

Stamps can at any time be turned in after ten days' written notice and you will be paid in full for your investment with 3 per cent interest added.

It is the small savings that are desired. Not more than \$100 in stamps will be sold to any one person at a time and no person will be allowed to have a total of more than \$1,000 worth.

Poultry Show January 15 to 19

The premium list for the second annual show of the Plymouth Poultry and Pet Stock Association is now in the hands of the printer, and will soon be ready for distribution. The show will be held in Penniman hall, January 15 to 19. There is every reason to believe that the coming show will far eclipse the one held last year. A number of exhibitors, who did not show their birds last year, have signified their desire to do so at the coming exhibit.

Notice of Special Election

Notice is hereby given that a special election of the electors of the Village of Plymouth, State of Michigan, will be held in the Village of Plymouth on Monday, the 17th day of December, A. D. 1917, at which said election there will be submitted to the electors of said Village the question of the adoption of a proposed new charter for the said Village as heretofore prepared by the Charter Commission.

Notice is further hereby given that the poll or place of holding said election will be the Village hall of said Village, and that the polls at said election will be open from 7 o'clock in the morning to 5 o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

Notice is further hereby given that the ballots on such election will have printed thereon the proposition to be submitted at such election as follows: "For the adoption of a new charter for the Village of Plymouth as prepared by the Charter Commission," followed by the word "Yes" and the same words followed by the word "No" and any elector desiring to vote for the adoption of said charter shall make a cross opposite said word "Yes" and any elector desiring to vote against the adoption of said charter shall make a cross opposite said word "No" and his vote shall be counted accordingly as he shall set his cross opposite either of said words "Yes" or "No."

Notice is further given that the ballots cast at such election and the results of such election will be certified by the board of inspectors in the same manner as prescribed by law for canvassing votes and making returns thereof at other Village elections.

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Harry C. Robinson, President.
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Registration Notice

To the Electors of the Village of Plymouth:

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Board of Registration of the Village above named will be held in the Village hall in the Village of Plymouth on Saturday, December 15, 1917, for the purpose of receiving the names of all such persons who shall be possessed of the necessary qualifications of electors, and who may apply for that purpose and said Board of Registration will be in session on the day and at the place aforesaid from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until 5 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose aforesaid.

Dated November 30th, 1917.
Frank J. Tousey, Village Clerk.

CUT THIS OUT—IT IS WORTH MONEY

DON'T MISS THIS. Cut out this slip, enclose it with 5c and mail to Foley & Co., 2843 Sheffield Ave., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly.

You will receive in return a tripple package containing Foley's Honey and Vet Compound, for bronchial and a tripple package, colds and croup; Foley's Kidney Pills, for lame back, weak kidneys, rheumatism, bladder troubles; and Foley's Cathartic Tablets, a wholesome and thoroughly cleansing cathartic for constipation, biliousness, headache and sluggish bowels. You will also receive three charges of Foley's Family Almanac, containing "Alphabet for Children" and "Health Hints"; Foley's Booklet on "Kidney Diseases"; and a few simple suggestions for those having kidney and bladder troubles. You can secure all these for only 5c.

SOLD EVERYWHERE

Commissioner's Notice.

In the matter of the estate of Franklin Tillison, deceased. We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Probate Court for the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of Voorhies & Dayton, in the Village of Plymouth, in said County, on Saturday, the 23rd day of January, A. D. 1918, and on Tuesday, the 26th day of January, A. D. 1918, at 10 o'clock A. M. of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims and that four months from the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1917, were allowed by said Court for creditors to present their claims for examination and allowance.

Dated, November 23, 1917.
WILLIAM T. GONNER,
FRANK A. DIBBE,
Commissioners.

Commissioner's Notice.

In the matter of the estate of Katharine E. Sackett, known as Kate I. Sackett, deceased. We, the undersigned, having been appointed by the Probate Court for the County of Wayne, State of Michigan, Commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased, do hereby give notice that we will meet at the office of Voorhies & Dayton, in the Village of Plymouth, in said County, on Wednesday, the 10th day of January, A. D. 1918, and on Saturday, the 13th day of January, A. D. 1918, at two o'clock P. M. of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and allowing said claims and that four months from the 10th day of November, A. D. 1917, were allowed by said Court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and allowance.

Dated November 16th, 1917.
BENJAMIN VEALBY,
THEODORE F. GIBLIN,
Commissioners.

Probate Notice.

STATE OF MICHIGAN, county of Wayne. As a session of the Probate Court for said county of Wayne, held at the Probate Court Room in the city of Detroit, on the twenty-first day of November, in the year one thousand nine hundred and seventeen.

Present, Edward Command, Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Franklin S. Shattuck, deceased.

On reading and filing the petition of Frank H. Shattuck and Henry H. Shattuck praying that the residue of an estate be assigned to the persons entitled thereto.

It is ordered, That the twenty-sixth day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon eastern standard time, at said Court Room, be appointed for hearing and publication.

And it is further ordered, That a copy of this order be published three consecutive times previous to said time of hearing, in the Plymouth Mail, a newspaper published and circulating in said county of Wayne.

EDWARD COMMAND, Judge of Probate.
Albert W. Ynt, Register.

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Make This Store Your Christmas Headquarters
We Give Below a Few of the Many Useful and Appropriate Gifts that Are Here for Your Choosing



This High-class Pathephone at \$50 would make an ideal Xmas present

Trench Mirrors

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Pocketbooks

Christmas Box Cigars

Popular Copyright Books

Children's Books

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Give the Perry Barn Equipment a chance to save you time and money.

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TELEPHONE 336.

Christmas at Murray's

- CHRISTMAS CARDS
- CHRISTMAS STICKERS
- CHRISTMAS TAGS
- CHRISTMAS BELLS

We will have a large stock of XMAS CANDY of all kinds.

CHRISTMAS CIGARS at the same old prices

Murray's Ice Cream Store
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Our store is full of good things for Christmas

Shoes and Slippers

For Father, Mother, Brother and Sister

Do your Christmas buying NOW, and be sure and BUY FROM US

We Can Save You Money

And we want your trade

Buy a nice Shoe or warm Slipper for the kiddies

It Will Please Them

C. R. WILLIAMS

The Store With The Christmas Spirit
Shoe Store on the Corner

YPSILANTI, MICHIGAN

Take Notice of Our Prices on Standard Groceries

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| National Corn Flakes.....10c | Comet Rice, per lb.....10c |
| Searchlight Matches.....5c | None Such or Slogan's Mincemeat.....10c |
| Calumet Baking Powder, 3 10c cans, 25c; 2 15c cans, 25c; 2 25c cans, 40c | Tryphosa.....10c |
| Toilet Paper, 6 rolls.....25c | Corn Starch.....10c |
| Bob White, Galvanic, Flake White Soap.....5c | Large bottle Vanilla or Lemon, 10c |
| Ivory Soap.....5 1-2c | Instant Postum.....30c, 45c |
| | Puffed Wheat and Rice, 13c; 2 for 25c |

OUR FAMOUS BIG BEN COFFEE NOW 20c POUND—NONE BETTER

Don't Forget the Pony Contest Now On at Our Store. Help Some One Win It

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Buy One of These As An Investment

Six acres on Golden street. Fine garden soil, good buildings, excellent water. 1/2 mile from car line. Price \$4,000. Terms.

60 acres, 3 1/2 miles from Plymouth on gravel road; 8-room house, new barn and other good buildings; a nice bunch of black muck, all tilled. 1/2 mile from school. \$125 per acre. Easy terms.

A large house on East Ann Arbor, nice shade, good work shop, a large lot. \$2,400 on easy terms.

Six-room cottage on Depot street, large lot, water, lights and gas. \$1500. Cash, \$600, balance easy.

FOR TRADE—A new modern, up-to-date home in Plymouth for a small farm. What have you?

R. R. PARROTT
Phone 39 No. 288 Main St. Plymouth, Mich.

Local News

Some winter weather this. Local news on extra pages. Special election next Monday. Read the letters from Camp Custer in section two.

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Subscribe for the Mail today.

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Oscar D. Chapman of Fair Haven, visited last Wednesday with his sisters, Mrs. Gilmore and Mrs. John Bennett.

Robert N. Lockwood of New York City, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bennett, a few days this week.

On account of a severe cold on his lungs, Rev. Charles Straesen could not preach at Livonia, last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Welch and little son, Jack of Detroit, visited the former's mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Welch, over Sunday.

Lieut. and Mrs. C. F. Chapell and little daughter, Roberta, of Toledo, Ohio, visited relatives here from Saturday until Monday.

Mrs. I. H. Field returned to her home in Ann Arbor, Tuesday, after a ten days' visit with her son, Rev. F. M. Field, and family.

We have a few copies of the paper containing the proposed new village charter, which we will be glad to give anyone desiring a copy.

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Pinckney's Pharmacy is showing the most exquisite new line of Parisian Ivory ever shown in Plymouth. Every lady adores it. Take the hint, boys, when buying her a Christmas gift.

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Mrs. Oliver Wingard was the guest of Bay City friends over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Hoffman entertained a friend from Detroit, Sunday.

Last Sunday morning thermometers around town registered from one to six below.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gildner entertained the latter's parents from Elm, Saturday.

Mrs. Elmer Willett and daughter, Eva, visited the former's son in Detroit, over Sunday.

Every citizen should vote next Monday on the adoption or rejection of the proposed new charter.

Mrs. Max Hoffman received the sad news of the death of her father at Niagara Falls, last week.

Mrs. E. A. Lapham and daughter, Grace, of Detroit, were callers at Mrs. Ella King's, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hirschlieb and Mr. and Mrs. Max Hoffman called on friends at Elm, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sheffield of Detroit, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lombard, last Sunday.

Mrs. Orlo Soth and two children left Tuesday for Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where she will visit friends for a month.

Through the efforts of Village President, Harry C. Robinson, another car of coal was secured for Plymouth this week, which brought relief to a number of families who were practically out of fuel.

Mrs. Charles Hirschlieb called on Mrs. Charles Mason, Saturday.

Mrs. S. E. Campbell and Mrs. Howard Brown returned Monday from Paw Paw, where they were called last week by the sudden death of E. H. Reynolds, brother of Mrs. Campbell.

Word has been received from Mrs. S. M. Reed, who left last month for Los Angeles, California, saying that she reached her destination safely, and is now located for the winter at 5300 Pasadena avenue. Mrs. Frank Hodge, who accompanied her, has gone to San Diego, California, where she will spend the winter with Mrs. Emily Hodge and daughter, Harriet.

Wants, For Sale, To Rent, etc

Mrs. George Huger will do family washings, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays; will use own soap and starch and get them ready for the line for 25c a bushel basket. No deliveries. Phone 157. 21f

FOR SALE—100 cords green body stove wood, cut by hand. James Kincaid, Stark. 21f

FOR SALE—WOOD. Call phone 317-F2.

FOR SALE—A 45-gallon furnace and cauldron, nearly new. Cheap. William Gayde. 21f

FOR SALE—Nice Steel Red apples. Phone 317-F31. F. L. Becker. 21f

A competent girl wants work in a family of adults. Inquire, 281 Depot street, Plymouth. 21f

FOR RENT—Modern house at corner of Liberty and York streets. Inquire at Streng's Restaurant. 21f

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King of the Khyber Rifles

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The Most Picturesque Romance of the Decade

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KING IS LED TO VISIT A VAST CAVE THROUGH WHICH AN UNDERGROUND RIVER FLOWS, AND IN A GREAT CAVERN MEETS THOUSANDS OF FANATICS

Synopsis.—At the beginning of the world war Capt. Athelstan King of the British Indian army and of its secret service, is ordered to Delhi to meet Yasmini, a dancer, and go with her to Khyber to meet the outlaws there who are said by spies to be preparing for a jihad or holy war. On his way to Delhi King quietly foils a plan to assassinate him and gets evidence that Yasmini is after him. He meets Bawa Gunga, Yasmini's man, who says she has already gone north, and at her town house witnesses queer dances. Ismail, an Afridi, becomes his body servant and protector. He rescues some of Yasmini's harem and takes them north with him, tricking the Rangar into going ahead. The Rangar deserves him at a dangerous time. He meets his brother at All Masjid fort. The disguise he assumes there fools even the sharp-eyed outcasts composing his guard. He enters Khinjan caves, thanks to his lying guides.

CHAPTER XI.—Continued.

"Are there devils in Tophet? Fire and my veins are one!"

The man did not notice the eagerness beaming out of King's horn-rimmed spectacles, but Ismail did; it seemed to him time to prove his virtues as assistant.

"This is the famous hakim Kurram Khan," he boasted. "He can cure anything, and for a very little fee."

The man looked incredulous, but King drew the covering from his row of instruments and bottles.

"Take a chance!" he advised. "None but the brave wins anything."

Ismail and Darya Khan were new to the business and enthusiastic. They had the man down, held tight on the floor to the huge amusement of the rest, before he could even protest; and his howls of rage did him no good, for Ismail drove the hilt of a knife between his open jaws to keep them open.

A very large proportion of King's stores consisted of morphia and cocaine. He injected enough cocaine to deaden the man's nerves, and allowed it time to work. Then he drew out three back teeth in quick succession, to make sure he had the right one.

Ismail let the victim up, and Darya Khan gave him water in a brass cup. Utterly without pain for the first time for days, the man was as grateful as a wolf freed from a trap.

"Are there any others in pain in Khinjan?" King asked him.

"Listen to him! What is Khinjan? Is there one man without a wound or a scar or a sickness?"

"Then, tell them," said King. The man laughed.

"When I show my jaw, there will be a light to be first! Make ready, hakim! I go!"

King sat down to eat, but he had not finished his meal—he had made the last little heap of rice into a ball with his fingers, native style, and was mopping up the last of the curried gravy with it—when the advance guard of the lame and the halt and the sick made its appearance. The cave's entrance became jammed with them, and no one could move more noise.

"Hakim! Ho, hakim! Where is the hakim who draws yunnani? Where is the man who knows yunnani?"

Top men burst down the passage all together, all clamoring, and one man wasted no time at all but began to tear away bloody bandages to show his wound. King rolled up his sleeves and began, so that eagerness gave place to wonder. The desperate need of winning his first trick, made him horror-proof; and nobody watching for the next turn was troubled because the man under the knife screamed a little or bled more than usual.

When they died—and more than one did die—men carried them out and flung them over the precipice into the waterfall below.

Ismail and Darya Khan became choosers of the victims. They seized a man, laid him on the bed, tore off his disgusting bandages and held their breath until the awful resulting stench had more or less dispersed. Then King would probe or lance or bandage as he saw fit, using anesthetics when he must, but mangling mostly without them.

They almost flung money at him. He tossed money and clothes and every other thing they gave him into a corner at the back of the cave, and nobody tried to steal them back, although a man suspected of honesty in that company would have been tortured to death as an heretic and would have had no sympathy.

For hour after gruesome hour he tolled over wounds and sores such as only battles and evil living can produce, until men began to come at last with fresh wounds, all caused by bullets, wrapped in bandages on which the blood had caked but had not grown foul.

"There has been fighting in the Khyber," somebody informed him, and he stepped with lance in midair to listen, scanning a hundred faces swiftly in the smoky lamplight. There were ten men who held lamps for him, one of these a newcomer, and it was he who spoke.

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"And who is 'Bull-with-a-beard'?" King wondered; but he did not ask that question because his wits were awake again. It pays not to be in too much of a hurry to know things in the "Hills."

As it happened, he asked no more questions, for there came a shout at the cave entrance whose purport he did not catch, and within five minutes after that, without a word of explanation, the cave was left empty of all except his own five men. They carried away the men too sick to walk and vanished, snatching the last man away almost before King's fingers had finished tying the bandage on his wound.

"Why is that?" he asked Ismail. "Why did they go? Who shouted?"

"It is night," Ismail answered. "It was time."

King stared at him. He had not realized until then that without aid of the lamps he could not see his own hand held out in front of him; his eyes had grown used to the gloom, like those of the surgeons in the sick-bays below the waterline in Nelson's fleet.

"But who shouted?"

"Who knows? There is only one here who gives orders. We be many who obey," said Ismail.

"Whose men were the last ones?" King asked him, trying a new line. "Bull-with-a-beard's?"

"And whose man art thou, Ismail?" The Afridi hesitated, and when he spoke at last there was not quite the same assurance in his voice as once there had been.

"I am hers! Be thou hers, too! But it is night. Sleep against the wall tomorrow. There be many sick in Khinjan."

King made a little effort to clean the cave, but the task was hopeless. For one thing he was so weary that his very bones were water. He appointed two-hour watches, to relieve one another until dawn, and flung himself on a clean bed. He was asleep before his head had met the pillow; and for all he knew to the contrary he dreamed of Yasmini all night long.

It seemed to him that she came into the cave—to him, the woman of the faded photograph the general had given him in Peshawar—and that the cave became filled with the strange intoxicating scent that had first wooed his senses in her reception room in Delhi.

He dreamed that she called him by name. First, "King sahib!" Then



A Man Whom He Had Never Seen Before Leaned on a Magazine Rifle and Eyed Him as a Tiger Eyes his Prey.

"Kurram Khan!" And her voice was surprisingly familiar. But dreams are strange things.

"He sleeps!" said the same voice presently. "It is good that he sleeps!" And in his sleep he thought that a shadowy Ismail grunted an answer.

When he awoke at last it was after dawn, and light shone down the passage into the cave.

"Ismail!" he shouted, for he was thirsty. But there was no answer.

"Darya Khan!"

Again there was no answer. He called each of the other men by name with the same result. He decided to go to the cave mouth, summon his men, who were no doubt sleeping. But there was no Ismail near the entrance—no Darya Khan—nor any of the other men. The horse was gone. So was the mule. So was the harness, and everything he had, except the drugs and instruments and the presents the sick had given him; he had noticed all

those lying about in confusion when he woke.

"Ismail!" he shouted at the top of his lungs, thinking they might all be outside.

He heard a man hawk and spit, close to the entrance, and went out to see. A man whom he had never seen before leaned on an magazine rifle and eyed him as a tiger eyes his prey.

"No farther!" he growled, bringing his rifle to the port.

"Why not?" King asked him.

"Allah! When a camel dies in the Khyber do the kites ask why? Go in!" He thought then of Yasmini's bracelet, that had always gained him at least civility from every man who saw it. He held up his left wrist and knew that instant why it felt uncomfortable. The bracelet had disappeared!

He turned back into the cave to look for it, and the strange scent greeted him again. In spite of the surrounding stench of drugs and filthy wounds, there was no mistaking it. If it had been her special scent in Delhi, as Saunders swore it was, and her special scent on the note Darya Khan had carried down the Khyber, then it was hers now, and she had been in the cave.

He hunted high and low and found on a bracelet. His pistol was gone, too, and his cartridges, but not the dagger, wrapped in a handkerchief, under his shirt. The money, that his patients had brought him, lay on the floor untouched. It was an unusual robber who had robbed him.

"Who's 'Bull-with-a-beard'?" he wondered. "Nobody interfered with me until I destroyed his men. He's in opposition. That's a fair guess. Now, who in thunder—by the fat lord Inery—can 'Bull-with-a-beard' be? And why fighting in the Khyber so early as all this? And why does 'Bull-with-a-beard,' whoever he is, hang back?"

CHAPTER XII.

They came and changed the guard two hours after dawn, to the accompaniment of orders growled through the mist, and the crash of rifle-buffs grounding on the rock path. King went to the cave entrance, to look the new man over; he was a Mahsud—no sweeter to look at and no less treacherous for the fact. Also, that he had bolts all over the back of his neck. He was not likely to be better tempered because of that fact, either. But it is an ill wind that blows no good to the secret service.

"There is an end to everything," he remarked presently, addressing the world at large, or as much as he could see of it through the cave mouth. "A hill is so high, a pool so deep, a river so wide. There is an end to pain!"

He went on, adjusting his horn-rimmed spectacles. "It lanced a man's bolts last night, and it hurt him, but he must be well today."

"Go in!" growled the guard. "She says it is sorcery! She says none are to let these touch them!"

"I can heal bolts!" said King, retreating into the cave. Then, from a safe distance down the passage, he added a word or two to sink in as the hours went by. At intervals throughout the day Yasmini sent him food by silent messengers. It is not easy to worry and eat heartily at one and the same time. Having eaten, he rolled up his sleeves and native-made cotton trousers and proceeded to clean the cave. After that he overhauled his stock of drugs and instruments, repacking them and making ready against opportunity.

"As I told that heathen with a gun out there, there's an end to everything!" he reflected. "May this come soon!"

The second guard that afternoon proved even less communicative than the first, up to the point when, to lessen his enmity, King began to whistle. Each time he came near the entrance the new guard could catch a few bars of the tune. After a little while the hook-nosed ruffian began to sing the words to it, in a voice like a forgotten dog's. So King stopped at the entrance and saw then a blood-soaked bandage on the right of his neck, not very far from the jugular.

"Hah!" said King. "Was that wound got in the Khyber the other day?"

"Nay. Here in Khinjan."

"A man told me last night," said King, drawing out imagination without any compunction at all, "that the fight in the Khyber was because a jihad had been proclaimed already."

"That man lied!" said the guard, shifting position uneasily, as if afraid to talk too much.

"So I told him!" answered King. "I told him there never will be another jihad."

"Then thou art a greater liar than he!" the guard answered hotly. "There will be a jihad when she is ready, such an one as never yet was! India shall bleed for all the fat years she has lain unpledged! Not a throat of an unbeliever in the world shall be left unslit! No jihad! Thou liar! Get in out of my sight!"

So King retired into the cave, with something new to think about. Was she planning the jihad? Or pretending to plan one? Every once in a while the guard leaned far into the cave and hurled adjectives at him, at the midst of which was a well of information. If his temper was the temper of the "Hills," it was easy to read disappointment for a jihad that should have been already but had been postponed. King let him alone and paced the cave for hours.

He was squatting on his bed-end in the dark, like a spectacled image of Buddha, when the first of the three men came on guard again and at last Ismail came for him holding a pitchy torch that flared the dim passage full of weird shadows and made him of them cough. Ismail was red-eyed with it.

"Come!" he growled. "Come, little

hakim!" Then he turned on his heel at once, as if afraid of being twitted with desertion. He seemed to want to get outside, where he could keep out of range of words, yet not to wish to seem unfriendly.

But King made no effort to speak to him, following in silence out on to the dark ledge above the waterfall and noticing that the guard with the bolts was back again on duty. He grunted evilly out of a shadow as King passed.

"Make an end!" he advised. "Jump, hakim, before a worse thing happens!"

To illustrate the suggestion he kicked a loose stone over the cliff, and the movement caused him to bend his neck and so inadvertently to hurt his bolts. He cursed, and there was pity in King's voice when he spoke next.

"Do they hurt thee?"

"Aye, like the devil! Khinjan is a place of plagues!"

"I could heal them," King said, passing on, and the man stared hard.

"Come!" boomed Ismail through the darkness, shaking the torch to make it burn better and beckoning impatiently, and King hurried after him, leaving behind a savage at the cave mouth who fingered his sores and wondered, muttering, leaning on a rifle, muttering and muttering again as if he had seen a new light.

Instead of waiting for King to catch up, Ismail began to lead the way at great speed along a path that descended gradually until it curved round the end of the chasm and plunged into a tunnel where the darkness grew opaque. For thirty minutes he led swiftly down a crazy devil's stairway of uneven bowlders, stopping to lend a hand at the worst places, but everlastingly urging him to hurry.

Then the hell-mouth gloom began to grow faintly luminous, and the waterfall's thunder burst on their ears from close at hand. They emerged into fresh wet air and a sea of sound, on a rock ledge like the one above. Ismail raised the torch and waved it. The fire and smoke wandered up, until they flattened on a moving opal dome, that prisoned all the noises in the world.

"Earth's Drink!" he announced, waving the torch and then shutting his mouth tight, as if afraid to voice sacrilege.

It was the river, million-colored in the torchlight, pouring from a half-mile-long slash in the cliff above them and plunging past them through the gloom toward the very middle of the world. Somewhere it met rock bottom and boiled there, for a roar like the sea's came up from depths unimaginable.

He watched the overturning dome until his senses rebelled. Then he crawled on hands and knees to the ledge's brink and tried to peer over. But Ismail dragged him back.

"Come!" he howled; and in all that din his shout was like a whisper.

"How deep is it?" King bellowed back.

"Allah! Ask him who made it!"

The fear of the falls was on the Afridi, and he tugged at King's arm in a frenzy of impatience. Suddenly he let go and broke into a run. King trotted after him. After ten minutes' hurrying uphill he guessed they must be level with the river, in a tunnel running nearly parallel. Ismail kept looking back to bid King hurry and never passed once to rest.

"Come!" he urged fiercely. "This leads to the 'Heart of the Hills!'"

And after that King had to do his best to keep the Afridi's back in sight.

They began after a time to hear voices and to see the smoky glare made by other torches. Then Ismail set the pace yet faster, and they became the last two of a procession of turbaned men, who tramped along a winding tunnel into a great mountain's womb.

The sound of slippers clicking and rushing on the rock floor swelled and died and swelled again as the tunnel led from cavern into cavern.

In one great cave they came to every man heat out his torch and tossed it on a heap. After that there was a ledge above the height of a man's head on either side of the tunnel, and along the ledge little oil-burners were spaced at measured intervals. A quarter of a mile farther along there were two sharp turns in the tunnel, and then at last a sea of noise and a veritable blaze of light.

Part of the noise made King feel homestick, for out of the mountain's very womb brayed a music-box, such as the old-time carousals made use of before the days of electricity and steam. It was being worked by inexperienced hands, for the time was something jerky; but it was robbed of its tinny meanness and even lent majesty by the hugeness of a cavern's roof, as well as by the crashing, swinging music it played—wild, wonderful—invented for lawless hours and a kingless people.

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The procession began to tramp in time to it, and the rock shook. They deployed to left and right into a space so vast that the eyes at first refused to try to measure it. It was the hollow core of a mountain, filled by the sea-sound of a human crowd and hung with huge stalactites that danced and shifted and flung back a thousand colors at the flickering light below. Across the cavern's farther end for a space of two hundred yards the great river rushed, plunging out of a great fanged gap and hurrying out of view down another one, licking smooth banks on its way with a hungry sucking sound.

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"Greek lamps, every one of 'em!" King whispered to himself, but he wasted no time just then on trying to explain how Greek lamps had ever got there. There was too much else to watch and wonder at.

No steps led down from the bridge end to the floor; toward the arena it was blind. But from the bridge's farther end across the hurrying water stairs had been hewn out of the rock wall and led up to a hole of twice a man's height, more than fifty feet above water level.

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Reasoning along that line, he tried to see the faces on the far side, but the problem was to see over the dancers' heads. He succeeded presently, for the Orakzal Pathan saw what he wanted, and in his anxiety to be agreeable, reached forward to pull back a box from between the ranks in front. Its owners offered instant fight, but made no further objection when they saw who he wanted it and why. King wondered at their sudden change of mind.

He found a man soon who was not interested in the dancing, but who had eyes and ears apparently for everything and everybody else. He watched him for ten minutes, until at last their eyes met. Then he sat down and kicked the box back to its owners. He touched the Pathan's broad shoulder. The man smiled and bent his turbaned head to listen.

"Opposite," said King, "nearly exactly opposite—three rows from the front, counting the front row as one—there sits a man with a black beard, whose shoulders are like a bull's. As he sits he hangs his head between them. Look! See! Tell me truly what his name is!"

The Pathan got up and strode forward to stand on the box, kicking aside the elbows that leaned on it and laughing when the owners cursed him. He stood on it and stared for five minutes, counting deliberately three times over, striking a finger on the palm of his hand to check himself.

"Bull-with-a-beard!" he announced at last, dropping back into place beside King. "Muhammad Amin. The mullah Muhammad Amin."

"An Afghan?" King asked.

"He says he is an Afghan. But unless he lies he is from Ishtamboul (Constantinople)."

"I ching to ask more questions. King—the hakim Kurram Khan—blinked mildly behind his spectacles and looked like one to whom a savage might safely ease his mind.

"He bade me go to Sikaram where my village is and bring him a hundred men for his lashkar. He says he has her special favor. Wait and watch, I say!"

"Has he money?" asked King, apparently drawing a bow at a venture for conversation's sake. But there is an art in asking artless questions.

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Reasoning along that line, he tried to see the faces on the far side, but the problem was to see over the dancers' heads. He succeeded presently, for the Orakzal Pathan saw what he wanted, and in his anxiety to be agreeable, reached forward to pull back a box from between the ranks in front. Its owners offered instant fight, but made no further objection when they saw who he wanted it and why. King wondered at their sudden change of mind.

He found a man soon who was not interested in the dancing, but who had eyes and ears apparently for everything and everybody else. He watched him for ten minutes, until at last their eyes met. Then he sat down and kicked the box back to its owners. He touched the Pathan's broad shoulder. The man smiled and bent his turbaned head to listen.

"Opposite," said King, "nearly exactly opposite—three rows from the front, counting the front row as one—there sits a man with a black beard, whose shoulders are like a bull's. As he sits he hangs his head between them. Look! See! Tell me truly what his name is!"

The Pathan got up and strode forward to stand on the box, kicking aside the elbows that leaned on it and laughing when the owners cursed him. He stood on it and stared for five minutes, counting deliberately three times over, striking a finger on the palm of his hand to check himself.

"Bull-with-a-beard!" he announced at last, dropping back into place beside King. "Muhammad Amin. The mullah Muhammad Amin."

Detroit United Lines

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(EASTERN STANDARD TIME)
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Plymouth to Detroit 5:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 2:45 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 8:45 p.m. 11:30 p.m.
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Detroit to Plymouth 6:00 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 3:45 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 9:45 p.m. 12:30 a.m.
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are often marred by ill shaped and poorly cut letters. Note the work we have erected; or better still, visit our works and see the class work we are turning out in this line.

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Every letter and figure raised, cut good and deep and square in as the best quality of granite obtainable. We have a reputation for doing good work, and we are

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A GREAT DISCOVERY

Swollen hands, ankles, feet are due to a dropped condition, often caused by disordered kidneys.

Carter's Little Liver Pills

BOSCHEE'S GERMAN SYRUP

Interesting Distinction. "One way to find out who likes you and who doesn't," remarked Miss Cayenne.

Japan's Waterfalls Menaced. The constant danger of earthquake stands in the way of the development of the waterfalls in Japan.

MANY MICHIGAN MOTHERS CAN SAY THE SAME

Detroit, Mich.—"I found Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription to be a splendid medicine. I took it before and after my baby came.

Why? A man at sixty years of age is either a failure or a success.

BEECHAM'S PILLS

Save the Calves!

HOUSETOPS ARE UTILIZED

House-tops play a very important part in village life in Palestine, writes Rev. C. T. Wilson.

Six Minute Pudding

She Likes It. "Are you fond of cheese?" "Yes, especially that 'camouflage' we are hearing so much about lately."

Bowser, He Invites—But He Will Never Do So Again

Three or four weeks ago Mr. Bowser had to go out into the country to look at a piece of land for a would-be customer.



As introduced, that she did not care to live in this world, and that she was ready to go whenever the summons came.



When they had talked for awhile, Mr. Bowser asked: "Don't you ever get lonesome out here?"

Too Busy to Help. Even in war times a heroine is often without influence in her own home town.

Where's the money to pay our expenses? If we could get away for a week, we'd come home here full of ambition.

Mr. Bowser's heart was touched. He felt pity for the whole family. He cast around in his mind for some way out for the unfortunates.

"What are you doing here?" In a not unkindly voice. "Why, we have come to stop with you a week."

Mr. Bowser did not look at Mrs. Bowser. He was afraid of falling dead if he did so.

"Here's the old boy himself!" family without a complaint. That family had what the farmer called a rip-roaring old time.

"Tell the old boy that I shall always love him for this, and you can take it that we shall be grateful to you as long as we live.

Mexican Coinage in Bulk. The soaring price of silver has brought about the curious result that Mexican dollars are worth more than a dollar as currency.

Lungs Are Weakened By Hard Colds

At the Hairdresser's. "Is this the Blank barber shop?" "Yes, ma'am."

KIDNEY TROUBLE OFTEN CAUSES SERIOUS BACKACHE

NEVER FAILS TO END MISERY OF PILES

Still Another Saving. Hazen J. Titus, the food expert, says: "We could save \$50,000,000 worth of food a year by omitting our daily luncheons."

WATCH YOUR SKIN IMPROVE

When You Use Cuticura—The Soap to Purify and Ointment to Heal.

Word Picture of Jerusalem. The best word-picture of the ancient city of Jerusalem is Pierre Loti's.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the original little liver pills put out 40 years ago.

Colds Cause Headaches and Grip

A Waste of Pity. Mrs. Greener (at her first game of football)—"Oh, isn't it awful! Horrible! Why, they will kill that poor fellow underneath."

For years I suffered terribly with itching and bleeding piles. I tried everything and despaired of ever getting rid of them.

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Even if the worm does turn what does it benefit him?

Why That Lame Back?

A Michigan Case

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS

CASTORIA

COLT DISTEMPER

Stop! Women and consider these facts

Perhaps if your head were as clear as a whistle, it would not ache—

Very Successful

meetings at the Elm school conducted by Rev. Karl P. ... were well attended last week.

Epworth League Enjoy Social Meeting

Forty young people met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Oldenburg Tuesday evening for the monthly meeting of the Epworth League.

It will pay you to do your Christmas shopping in Plymouth.

Plymouth merchants want your holiday trade. They can save you money.

AUCTION SALE

L. W. LOVEWELL, Auctioneer

WARM LUNCH AT NOON

Having bought the South Lyon Elevator, I will sell at Public Auction on the James Van Alsta farm, six miles west of Salem or four miles south and two miles west of South Lyon, on

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1917

Commencing at 9:00 a. m. sharp the following described property:

- 5 HORSES: 1 pair Bay Horses, 7 and 8 years old, weight 2700; 1 pair Mares, weight 2400; 1 Gelding, 13 years old, weight 1250. CATTLE: 11 Holstein Cows; 10 Jersey Cows and Heifers; 10 Jersey Cows and Heifers. SWINE, GRAIN, HAY, FODDER: 1 Sow with 5 Pigs, 8 weeks old; 3 Pigs, 8 weeks old; 7 Shoats; 400 Bushels of sorted Corn; 300 Bu. of Oats; 8 Tons Timothy Hay; 25 Tons good Clover Hay; Silage; 8 Acres of Cornstalks in bundles.

TERMS: All sums of \$10 and under cash, over \$10, six months' credit will be given on good bankable notes bearing 6 per cent interest.

C. L. BAILEY, Proprietor; GEORGE GEIGLER, Clerk.

STATE OF MICHIGAN EXECUTIVE OFFICE LANSING

PROCLAMATION

By The Governor of Michigan.

To the People of Michigan: It is a privilege to call your attention to the Christmas Membership Campaign inaugurated by the Red Cross.

We are all familiar with the splendid work of this wonderful organization, and it is therefore not needful at this time to dwell at length upon it. Whether through relief extended to the victims of calamity or disaster, or to the sufferers from the horrors of war in the devastated countries of Europe, or to the dependent loved ones of soldiers who have gone forth to fight for our country, or to our boys in training camps both here and overseas and in the trenches at the front, its merciful ministrations are everywhere manifest.

Its appeal is universal and comes to each one of us, it matters not what our race, creed or condition. It was a happy thought that suggested the idea of combining the spirit of the Red Cross with that of Christmas. Both involve service and sacrifice, helpfulness and humanity. Let us make this a Red Cross Christmas.

There are five million members of the Red Cross in our country. It needs fifteen million to carry on its work. Michigan has a proud place in Red Cross activities, having five hundred thousand members. We should have at least three-quarters of a million, and eventually a million members.

Therefore, I, Albert E. Sleeper, Governor of Michigan, hereby set aside the period from December sixteenth to December twenty-fourth, inclusive, for the purposes of the Red Cross Christmas membership Campaign, and call upon all our people to lend their assistance thereto by becoming members or renewing their memberships and by enrolling others in the organization.

I wish also to call special attention to the Red Cross Christmas Ceremony on the evening before Christmas. It is to be hoped that, between the hours of seven-thirty o'clock and nine o'clock thereof, Red Cross Christmas Candles will burn in the windows, that the bells in the churches may chime the half hours, and that Christmas Carols may be sung in the streets and public places throughout the state,—the whole a fitting close of the Christmas Membership Campaign and appropriate to the Christmas time; and I request the Mayors of all incorporated cities in Michigan to make like proclamations to their people.

Given under my hand at Lansing, Michigan, this tenth day of December, nineteen hundred seventeen.

Albert E. Sleeper, Governor of Michigan.

Plymouth Boy Honored

Bertram L. Coverdill, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Coverdill of this place, was honorably discharged from the National Army to take up his work as an electrician in the Detroit Shipbuilding Co. on government work. He was one of sixteen chosen from 43,000.

Subscribe for the Mail today.

T. L. Bennett of Port Huron, spent a part of last week with his aunt, Mrs. John Bennett.

A CARD—We sincerely thank the Grange, Friendship club, Waterford club and friends for flowers during our recent bereavement. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson and Daughter.

RED CROSS WORK SAVES SOLDIERS FOR NEXT SPRING

MEN AT FRONT ARE FEARTENED BECAUSE THEIR FAMILIES ARE CARED FOR.

GENERAL PERSHING CO-OPERATES

American Leader and Gen. Petain Aid in Relieving Distress, Thereby Keeping Up the Morale of the Army.

That the work which the Red Cross is doing in France to alleviate suffering among the families of Frenchmen who are fighting at the front represents a saving of 1,500,000 men is the opinion of William Allen White, noted writer and owner of the Emporia (Kan.) Gazette, who has just returned from France.

"It is not probable that our army in France will get into the fighting to any large extent until next spring. The real war work that should interest the people of America this winter is of an economic rather than a military character. It will be carried on by the Red Cross in France, its purpose being to relieve needy conditions in the homes of French soldiers who are in winter quarters in the trenches at the front.

"Comfort Women and Children. "It is felt by the military officers of both nations that nothing could do more to keep up the morale of the French soldiers during the coming winter than to bring comfort to women and children at home. The soldier's knowledge that his family is being well cared for will take a great load from his mind and hearten him to stand up against privation which otherwise might break his spirit and render him of no physical use.

"Mad. Grayson, M. P. Murphy of the Red Cross, Gen. Pershing and Gen. Petain of France are working in unison to perfect the plans for the relief of families of soldiers, the military commanders believing that it will be of the greatest benefit to both armies. It should be kept in mind that every soldier who is saved this winter means the saving of an American boy when the big drive begins next spring. Some American boy will have to take the place of every Frenchman who is killed or who breaks down under the strain.

This particular relief work means, therefore, that French soldiers will be saved for work in the spring and American lives will be conserved at the same time.

GRANGE NOTES

At a meeting of the Plymouth Grange, December 6, many who were present expressed a desire to become members or workers of the Red Cross. A committee was appointed to canvass the Grange to obtain members for the Red Cross. Those wishing to join or help in any way will please be present at the next Grange meeting, Dec. 20. Election of officers for the coming year will be held at this date. All members are requested to remember this particular work for the next season.

How to Prevent Croup In a child that is subject to attacks of croup, the first indication of the disease is hoarseness. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy as soon as the child becomes hoarse and the attack may be warded off and all danger and anxiety avoided.

CHURCH NEWS

Lutheran Rev. Charles Strasen Sunday-school begins at 9 o'clock. Subject "Isaac." The morning services will be in English. Text, Zachariah 13:1. Theme, "The Open Fountain of Grace." The evening services will be in German. Text, Matthew 11:2-10. Theme, "Why Do You Go to Church?" The services at Livonia, Sunday afternoon, will be in English.

Baptist Rev. Archibald L. Bell, Pastor. Dec. 16—Morning worship, 10 a. m. Theme of sermon, "False and True Hope." 11:20 a. m., Sunday-school. 6:00 p. m., Young People's meeting. Topic, "Christmas Peace." Leader, Grace Brown. 7:00 p. m. evening service. Subject of sermon, "Jesus and His Precious Invitation." Monday evening, Dr. A. H. Henderson, a medical missionary from Burma, will be with us and it is hoped a large crowd will be present to hear him. Wednesday evening, Primary Bible class will meet. Thursday evening, regular prayer meeting at 7:00 o'clock.

Presbyterian Karl P. Miller, Minister. Sunday, Dec. 16—9:30 a. m., the session will meet in the church parlors and all desiring to unite with the church that morning are requested to attend the preliminary meeting, 10:00 a. m. public worship. The pastor will speak on "Apostolic Methods of Church Finance"—1 Cor. 16:2. 11:20 a. m., Sabbath-school. Superintendent, C. H. Rauch. Lesson, "Nehemiah Enforces the Law of the Sabbath"—Neh. 13:15-22. 1:30 p. m., the every-member canvass team meets at the church. 2:00 p. m., Junior Christian Endeavor. Miss Gardiner and Mrs. Whipple superintend this work. The children are taught scripture, bible truths and prayer. 6:00 p. m., Senior Christian Endeavor. "National Ideals War or Peace, Which?" Isa. 9:6; Eph. 2:14-17. 7:00 p. m. public worship. "The Roman"—Rom. 1:14. This is the second historical advent sermon. Thursday evening, 7:00 o'clock, prayer meeting. The public cordially invited.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, corner Main and Dodge streets. Sunday morning service, 10:30 o'clock. Subject, "God the Preserver of Man." Sunday-school at 11:30 a. m. Wednesday evening testimony service, 7:10. Reading room in rear of church, open daily except Sunday, from 2 to 4 p. m. Everyone welcome. A lending library of Christian Science literature is maintained.

Methodist Rev. Erank M. Field, Pastor. Thois coming Sunday, December 16, is Communion Sunday, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the morning service at ten o'clock. All the members of the church and especially the seventy-five who have united with the church recently, are urged to be present. The Quarterly Love Feast will be held, preceding the morning service, beginning at 9:30. This is for all christians.

Sunday evening at 7 o'clock the pastor will complete the story of "Modern Pagans," giving sufficient of review so that the complete story will be gotten by those who did not hear the previous installment. A large number came last Sunday in spite of the cold and became so interested in the book that they did not want the service to close.

Sunday-school for both old and young at 11:30 Sunday morning. Epworth League at 6 p. m., led by Miss Olive Lundy, will meet in the Epworth League room below. The League has taken on new life and interest. Plans for the "Aeroplane Race to Berlin" will be announced Sunday night. An interesting series of Bible studies from the Book of Acts will begin at Prayer Meeting next Thursday evening, from 7 to 8 o'clock. Planned especially to help new christians. Come and bring your Bible. Instruction class for new members which was postponed from Thursday evening on account of trouble with the heating plant, will be held after Christmas. Engineers have been rectifying the trouble with the steam heating plant this week.

St. John's Episcopal Mission H. Midworth, Minister. Sunday, Dec. 16.—Public worship at 10:15 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon. Everybody welcome. Mr. Torre's Sunday-school class meets at 9:30 prompt.

AUCTION SALE Stephen Avery will sell at public auction on the Harry B. Clark farm, two miles west of Northville, on the Base Line road, on Wednesday, December 19, 1917, commencing at 10:00 o'clock sharp: 35 head high-grade Holstein cattle; 4 head of horses; a large quantity of farm tools, etc. Usual terms. Hot lunch at noon. Frank J. Boyle, auctioneer.

Woman's Literary Club Meets This Afternoon The Woman's Literary Club will meet this afternoon (Friday) in Penniman hall. Each member of the club is requested to bring one 10c guest. The meeting will call to order at the regular hour, and the afternoon will be devoted to the entertainment of the children.

EAST PLYMOUTH

Lee Cool and Robert Warner have purchased eighty acres of land near Salem. The property is covered with wood timber, which they have already commenced to cut and buzz up, with a view of selling same for winter fires.

Cliff Bryan has already completed his fine barn, and also has the foundation finished for his residence, which when erected will make quite an addition to the east-end of the Plymouth road.

L. A. Thomas, wife and son Lucius, visited their relative, Miss Ella Rice, in Detroit, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Coatsman and baby of Highland Park, were Saturday and Sunday guests at Mrs. Will Sly's.

Clarence and Arthur Eckles were Detroit visitors last Saturday. They had an unpleasant experience, when their car broke down on the return journey, leaving them stranded for most of the night in the freezing blizzard. They were finally towed home by their brother, S. J. Eckles.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Miller entertained Lee Cool and family at dinner, Sunday.

Mrs. Theodore Schoof visited her sister, Mrs. H. B. Fisher, at Plymouth, Thursday and Friday of last week.

The Misses LaVerne and Dorothy Sly spent Tuesday night at the home of their brother Will Sly.

Mrs. Will Krumm of Plymouth, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Emil Schilling, for a few days this week. Mrs. D. M. Shaw and little son, Neal, left Tuesday for East Aurora, New York, where they will spend the winter months.

Theodore Schoof visited friends at Phoenix, Tuesday.

John Cool of Brighton, visited his son, Lee, and family last Sunday. Will Holmes and wife of Plymouth, were Tuesday evening callers at Emil Schilling's.

Roy Amrhein from our neighboring township of Livonia, has enlisted in the U. S. navy, and left Monday to train for his new duties. His friends in this vicinity are proud of the patriotic spirit shown by him.

Rah! Rah! Roy! Atta a boy; You're admired, Ambition's fired. Other men For U. S. N. Will follow you. Their bit to do. Rah! Rah! Roy! Atta a boy.

WEST PLYMOUTH

Charles Tiffin and Miss Ermah Tiffin visited in Detroit, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Tiffin and children visited at Charles Tiffin's Sunday.

Mr. Fisher of the county superintendent's office and Mr. Coffy of the State Department, visited the school Tuesday. After making certain suggestions for further improvements, the board were assured a standard plate would be granted the District. However, this will not be given until in the spring after the yard has been properly graded, etc.

Clark Hearn is on the sick list. Calvin Hearn is out hustling to get the pony and outfit.

The pupils in the Tiffin school are busy preparing a Christmas program. If they give as fine and successful an entertainment as they did Thanksgiving, a real treat is in store for all who attend. Set aside Friday evening before Christmas, and be assured District No. 7 will entertain you well.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Innis. You see after all Alfred must have had a bungalow in mind.

The snow banks have made travel exceedingly difficult. Robert Walker was unable to reach all his patrons and several high school pupils did not reach school until noon.

Auto livery at all hours. Charles Hirschlieb, 843 Starkweather avenue, Phone 169J.

CHRISTMAS RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP PLAN COMPLETED

State Organization Ready for Campaign—Goal 750,000 By Christmas Eve.

Detroit—The machinery is all being assembled and oiled, the crews instructed and made ready, and the final touches are being given to the campaign plans for the big "Christmas Drive" of the Red Cross in Michigan. Beginning officially Monday morning, December 17, the entire strength of the state organization is to be turned loose on the citizenship of the commonwealth with a membership for the Red Cross of 750,000 people.

"And we're going to win," says Sidney T. Miller, Chairman of the Michigan Red Cross. We simply must not fail, and with the careful preparations made for an enthusiastic, intensive campaign, I do not see how we can do other than gain success. The responses we have had thus far to our appeal for assistance has been glorious; Michigan people are as intent on going 'over the top' in this campaign as they have been in every other they have participated in.

"The plans for the drive are comprehensive. We hope that every city in the state will have an organization for every one of its blocks of residence and business places. Tons of publicity literature, designed to educate every last person in the state as to the purposes of the drive, are going out daily. Posters, cards, sermons—everything is ready and awaiting only the word to go. Churches and schools are taking up the work in a most satisfactory manner. Nothing less than three-quarters of a million members in Michigan will satisfy the state organization and I'm confident we will have gained our goal when the campaign closes on Christmas Eve."



Lighting the Candle behind the Red Cross on Christmas Eve.

SALEM

Mrs. J. M. Baker left Saturday morning for Greenville, to visit her mother. She will stop at Grand Rapids on her way home and stay till holiday time.

Dr. Betseys of Plymouth, was in town, Friday night.

Mr. Weston and family are waiting at William Lincoln's.

Mrs. F. C. Wheeler and Mrs. R. M. Terrill visited at Brighton, Thursday night.

Bert Rider and Mr. Gerraty were at Ypsilanti, Thursday evening.

Roy Bennett and friend of Detroit, visited his mother, Mrs. Hattie Bennett, and family, Friday.

Mrs. William Thompson of Brighton, visited Mrs. F. C. Wheeler, Friday, also attended the Baptist bazaar.

Miss Elsie Rider was a Detroit visitor, Saturday.

Ira Soper is driving a new Ford. Arch Kerr was in Detroit, Monday.

Mr. Gordon of Paw Paw, visited at Rev. Baker's, one day last week. Mrs. Amos Worden has been ill. Her daughter, Tessa, of Ann Arbor, has been caring for her.

Capt. Waid after, a few days' visit with his family, returned to Peoria, Sunday morning.

Miss Elsie Rider is the owner of a new piano. C. M. McLaren and wife and F. J. Whittaker and wife attended the Alumni play in Plymouth, Thursday evening.

Miss Gertrude Austin of Detroit, spent the week-end with her friend, Mrs. Gayle Soules.

GALE'S TOYS

We Wish to Give You a Partial List of Toys at Gale's for Christmas:

- We have dolls from \$1.50 to \$5.00 each. Dressed Dolls, Character Dolls, Bisque Dolls, etc. Cradles, Beds, Doll Buggies, Go-Carts, Children's Chairs, Shoe Boxes, Rubber Balls, Wool Balls, Alphabetical Blocks, Picture Blocks; Games, 10c, 25c, 50c; Tea Sets, Toy Water Sets, Folding Tables, Blackboards, Brooms, Wagons, Whistle-blowers, Iron Toys, Mechanical Autos, Mechanical Birds; Banks, 10c to 50c; Musical Tops, Drums, Stuffed Animals, Drawing Slates, Violins, Trumpets, Horns, Erectors No. 1 and 2, Mouth Organs, Santa Claus Masks.



GROCERY DEPT. We have a large stock of Fine Candy to sell at cheap prices. Just received a new stock of Citron, Lemon Peel, Raisins, Currants, Mince Meat, etc. A fine stock of Oranges, Grape Fruit, Bananas, Grapes, Cranberries, Apples, Celery, Vegetables in season. We carry a fine line of Canned Goods, Nuts of all kinds, Teas, Coffee, Chocolates, Cocoa, etc. Pickles bottles and bulk. Open Kettle Molasses, 60c per gallon.

CHRISTMAS CARDS We have a large stock of Christmas cards, booklets, Christmas letters, tags, etc., bells and wreaths.

BOOKS We have a fine line of books for boys, girls and children from 5c to 50c

CHINAWARE Come in and see our line of Water Sets, China and Glass Dishes of all kinds and prices.

Just received a new assortment of Souvenir. MICHIGAN. PLYMOUTH. JOHN L. GALE Store Open Evenings During Christmas Week.



We Hope Your Christmas Day This Year

Will be Full of Joy Christmas Cheer may the sweet meats and other meats

The Meats You Purchase Here The day complete with joy replete as it slowly fades away.

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