

HISTORY OF SERIALS

The London "Standard" Was First English Paper to Print Serials

It is said that the Old Lady of Shoe Lane, as the now defunct "Standard" was nicknamed, was the first English newspaper to print a serial story, although to-day the papers which do not are to be counted on the fingers of one hand.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" was written as it ran, and the authoress intended to bring it to an end in twelve instalments. It ran to forty-three.

"The first title in "All the Year Round," in the very first number, dated April 30th, 1859, is "A Tale of Two Cities."

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." It ran for half a year, and was one of the most successful serials ever written.

BRIEF REVIEW

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ing a toll of over two lives.

The month of July saw the launching of the great drive of the French and English on the Somme, which is still in progress after six months of almost constant fighting with the Allies steadily advancing.

In Ontario, July will be remembered for the longest spell of intense heat ever recorded in the Province. It began on Dominion Day and continued almost without a break until near the end of August.

AUGUST.

Sir Roger Casement was executed for high treason. Fresh evidence was made public that he had caused the death of Irish prisoners in Germany who refused to fight against the Allies.

- 5. King George renewed the pledge that the British Empire will fight until Belgium is fully restored.
6. Turkish force attacked the British in Egypt and was routed with great losses.
7. Italians took Gorizia and 10,000 prisoners.
8. Russians captured Stanislau from the Austrians.

The civilized world became aware during this month that Germany had decided to make slaves of the unfortunate Belgians. In order to liberate their own men to fight, the Huns carried off the males of unhappy Belgium to work in the mills and to labor in Germany.

NOVEMBER.

- 1. Sir George Perley was appointed Canadian Overseas War Minister.
2. The French captured Fort Vaux, thus taking back in less than a week by a brilliant offensive all the ground held by Germans at Verdun.
3. Victor Carlstrom, an aviator well known in Canada, broke the American cross-country record by flying from Chicago to Erie, Pa., a distance of 454 miles, in 4 hours and 16 minutes.

French launched surprise attack in Verdun sector, capturing 11,000 Huns and over 300 guns. It was reported that the British army in Mesopotamia had defeated the Turks making an advance towards Kut-el-Amara. This news proved especially cheering, as there had been no activity on this front since the disaster in the spring.

Although the Allies have met with disappointments and local defeats, the situation at the end of the year provides every reason for optimism. The Germans have managed to crush another small nation, but on all the important fronts the Teutons must admit being worsted during the past twelve months.

Another cheering feature of the situation is Germany's offer, arrogant though it may be, to consider peace. The Allies will not permit the war to end until they secure the things for which they are fighting. They started in to make the Germans accept their proper place in the world, and the Huns may be nearer to restored sanity than people know.

Telephone Book.

Canada.

Municipal

Table with 2 columns: Year, Amount. Rows for years 1920, 1925, 1931, 1919, 1926, 1920, 1921, 1923, 1936.

Wishing All

Before Buying be sure to hear the COLUMBIA GRAFONOLA

Macfarlane's Drug Store

Don't let the high cost of living deter you from getting a Grafonola

Although costs of material and labor have increased, Columbia prices are lower in many instances than they were a year ago.

Records 85c. up. Fit any machine.

For Sale by JOHN SNELL, Durham

COMMENCING TUESDAY NEXT, FOR TWO WEEKS WE WILL GIVE ONE-THIRD OFF ALL HOLIDAY GOODS

Advertisement for Macfarlane's Drug Store, The Rexall Store, featuring a coupon for a 1/3 discount on holiday goods.

Large advertisement for Columbia Grafonola records and gramophones, including an illustration of a gramophone and a stack of records.

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The Allies issued an ultimatum to the King of Greece demanding that his Government should surrender all the guns and munitions in the possession of the Greek royalist army.

The British refused to allow a safe conduct to the new Austrian Ambassador to the United States.

General Turner was appointed to command the Canadian forces in England.

Presidential election in the United States proved unusually exciting. With one exception it was the closest race in the history of the Republic.

The British Cabinet would be reconstructed so as to make it more effective in pressing the war.

The Danube bridge at Cernavoda, the greatest bridge in Europe and the only one across the Danube in Roumania, was captured by the Serbs.

The British Cabinet was formed, with four men forming the new War Council.

Germany makes peace offers.

A Man Who Knew Everything. Thiers, the French statesman, was a victim of many whimsies. None had stronger hold on him, says Mgr. Gabriel Hanotaux in "Contemporary France," than his desire to get everybody to recognize his universal competency.

Of an applicant for the post of director at the Sevres manufactory Thiers said: "He is no more made for that part than I for— and then he stopped."

"That's the truth! That's the truth!" cried the statesman gleefully. One day Thiers said, speaking of a man who had been raised to a high function: "He is no more suited for that office than I am to be a druggist. And yet," he added, catching himself up, "I do know chemistry!"

Force of Light. Light has an actual mechanical pressure and can be measured in the laboratory. It has been found that the sun's light in itself presses against the earth with a force something like 70,000 tons.

Treating a Cut. When you have a cut, a scratch, a bruise or any other kind of injury paint it with iodine. As soon as injured dip a toothpick with cotton rolled on the end of it in the iodine and paint over the wound without washing. The iodine will kill all germs in the dirt that gets into the wound, while washing only drives the germs farther into the flesh.

A Submarine Record. Although the submarine is, in a way, nearly 300 years old, yet the first under sea destroyer to sink a hostile warship without also sinking herself was the B-9 of the British navy, which in September, 1914, blew up the German cruiser Hela in Heligoland light-Argonaut.

A Terrible Slight. "What do you think? A man brought back the umbrella he took from our hall stand." "H'm! It speaks well for the honesty of the man, I should say, but it is a terrible slight to the umbrella."—Exchange.

Christmas swapping follows Christmas shopping just like hash follows a roast of beef.—Gulph Mercury.