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**WINTER SIDE TIDINGS**  
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**News From Villages and Farms Throughout the Adjoining Counties — Rural Events, and Movements of the people.**  
**Notes From Unionville**  
 Unionville, Dec. 29.—A large number attended the school concert given by the scholars under the management of their teacher, Miss Glen. It was a great success. Everyone took advantage of the good sleighing which came for Christmas. A number from here attended the entertainment at Sydenham Christmas night. B. Grant is on the sick list. Miss E. Glen is visiting her parents at Stella. Miss G. Knapp is spending a few days with friends at Parham.

**News From Arden**  
 Arden, Dec. 28.—The Christmas tree held in the village hall on Christmas eve was a success. The hall and streets were brilliantly lighted by the new "electric" lights, and the programme was all that could be desired. Miss Hazel Dettlor is home from Rawdon, where she spent the past three months. Miss Hazel Greene is home from school for the holidays. On Christmas night an enjoyable time was spent at B. F. Dettlor's. The rooms were beautifully decorated, and card playing and dancing were indulged in until a late hour. Ross Greene is home for the holidays from college. Belleville. Everyone is well pleased with the electric lights. Mr. and Mrs. W. McUtcheon are spending a few days with the latter's parents here. Miss Luella Hartwick is at J. Barker's.

**Millhaven Reports**  
 Millhaven, Dec. 2.—The school teacher, Miss Mullen, left for her home at the close of the school term to spend the holidays. Quite a number from here attended the Union Christmas tree on Tuesday night. A good programme was rendered. The lake froze over on Wednesday night. The ice is now about five inches in thickness. Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Weese, on Christmas Day, a daughter, Edgerth Milligan, of Medicine Hat, who was visiting at Oscar Amey's, has returned home. Mrs. B. Franklin and family, of Darlington, visiting her parents at Millhaven, have returned home. Mr. and Mrs. J. John Clement spent Christmas at their daughter's, Mrs. S. Smith's, Parrot's Bay.

**Sand Bay Notes**  
 Sand Bay, Dec. 28.—The crossing is good on Sand Bay lake. A convention being held in the Sand Bay hall. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lappan are visiting at Lyn and other points. Miss M. E. Kelly, the teacher, returned to her home in Fitzroy Harbor, William and Aggie Marshall spent Friday at their home in Taylor. Thomas E. and Miss Mabel Maxwell and Gus Webb, Seely's Bay, are at William McDonald's. J. Grier, Lyn, visited at Mrs. I. Johnson's. Miss Sadie McDonald is visiting relatives at Seely's Bay. Miss Mabel McCready, who has been in Weston, Man., is visiting friends in this vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. S. Grey, Athens, at R. Free's, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lappan and Rosie, at A. Lappan's.

**Village Of Cataract**  
 Cataract, Dec. 29.—The Anglican Sunday school will hold its annual tea and concert on Wednesday evening. Many visitors have been in the village for the holiday. Some of them are: Miss Grace England, MacDonald College; Sadie Edwards, Albert College; Geraldine Purdy Normal School, Ottawa; Erwin Stillwell, Merrickville; Bessie Blair, Cloyne; Maud Harpell, Toronto; Stuart Nicol, B. Sc., Montreal; C. Greenland, Columbus College, N. Y.; Rev J. Tallon and Mrs. Tallon, Seattle; Evelyn Kiser, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. I. de Watertown; Edith Black, Pittsferry; John Black, Tennessee, will stay the winter with his parents here.  
 James Gordon is still confined to the Kingston General Hospital. T. Gordon is preparing to move to his new home in Latimer. The Methodist Sunday school held a successful Christmas tree entertainment on Wednesday evening of last week. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Baker received a Christmas present of a baby daughter. The Ladies' adult Bible class presented Miss Minnie Clyde with a silver pudding dish on the occasion of her marriage to J. Purcell, of Saskatchewan. Mrs. S. Herrington and daughter, Frenon, and J. Hunter, Hamilton, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Smith are visiting their children at Ogdensburg, Lancaster and Cornwall. A. Saunders skated to Amherst Island on Christmas Day.

**Janetown Jottings**  
 Janetown, Dec. 28.—Miss Evelyn Price is spending the holidays with her parents at Mountain Grove. Mr. and Mrs. J. Gardiner, Addison, were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Green. Miss Beatrice Avery, of Brockville High school, also Miss Gertrude Scott, of Gananoque high school, are holidaying at their homes here. Charles Tennant, of Queen's, Kingston, is home for the week. Miss Orma Fortune, Athens, is enjoying the holidays at her home here. Miss Maud Avery, Toronto, is the guest of her parents here. Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Avery are guests to-day of Mr. and Mrs. Cole Phillips, of Escott. William Hall is spending the holidays at Grayhurst. The Christmas entertainment by the school on Monday evening was largely attended and much enjoyed. Several from here are attending nomination at Malorytown to-day. Howard Lakins has returned home after spending the past week in Brockville. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. H. spent Christmas with their parents at Janetown.



**CHURCHILL'S TROUBLES NOT APPARENT HERE**  
 Winston Churchill, first lord of the British Admiralty out for a walk and respite from his many troubles. His wife accompanies him, and both wear a smile despite the troublesome times.

Misses Helen and Evelyn Purvis, Lynn, are visiting friends here.  
**Odessa's Belgian Fund Gift**  
 Odessa, Dec. 29.—The annual Methodist Sunday school Christmas tree was a decided success, about \$25 being realized for the Belgian Relief Fund. Miss Ella Smith, Belleville, spent Christmas with her brother, D. E. Smith, Miss Zetta Woodard, Bancroft, is spending the holidays at her home here. A. E. Timmerman has returned to his home after holidaying in Belleville and Kingston. R. W. Anglin and family spent Christmas at Brewer's Mills. Miss Lola Shane, Moscow, is spending a few days the guest of her cousin, Miss Letta Shane. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lucas and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Allen spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Fraser in Odessa. George Hartman and daughters, Lily and Celona, of Napanee, spent a couple of days recently with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. I. Hartman. I. P. Asseltine, Denbigh, is spending his Christmas holidays with his parents.  
 At the nomination the old council was returned by acclamation and the money, which would have been expended in election purposes, was handed over to the Belgian Relief Fund, \$75 forty dollars extra, presented by the council. P. A. Mabel has returned after visiting in Cherry Valley. J. M. Denyes, Milton, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Denyes. A. E. Judge, of Queen's, spent Christmas at home. Earl Johnston, Moose Jaw, has returned to his home here.

**ON AMHERST ISLAND**  
**Result of the Nominations Held at Stella**  
 Stella, December 29.—Amherst Island nominations were held on Monday. Reeve, D. Caughey, Jr.; Councilors: J. A. Gubien, H. Willard, F. P. Instant, P. Drummond, R. Fleming, J. McLellan.  
 At the last regular meeting of the Anti-Lodge No. 184, A.O.U.W., held in Victoria Hall on Wednesday evening, December 21st. The following officers were selected for the ensuing year: P.M.W., D. Finnigan; M.W., J. S. Nelson; financier, W. H. Moutray; recorder, C. A. Gibson; foreman, J. A. Reaubien; overseer, D. H. Smith; treasurer, W. Montgommery; guide, W. Glen, Jr.; In. watch, J. H. Bieubien; Out. watch, S. L. Pringle; medical examiner, Dr. G. H. Patterson; auditors, J. S. Nelson, S. L. Pringle.  
 Quite a number from here took in the special Christmas trip of the steamer Wolfe Island to the city on Tuesday last. Our ice bridge has once more formed over the mainland. James Strain, mail carrier, walked across for the first on Saturday. The first horse and cutter crossed over to-day. This was the earliest crossing in many years. The following are the dates of the first crossings for the past ten years: 1904, first horse over, December 1912 February 8th; 1914 Jan. 12th; 1906, 1905; January 4th, 1906; February 6th, 1907; January 14th, 1908; January 31st, 1909; January

**SUSPICIOUS SHIPMENTS**  
**Empty Sacks May Be For German Trenches**  
 Hull, Dec. 31.—A good deal of suspicion is being attracted at Hull to shipments of large consignments of empty sacks to Holland. It is stated that there is a remarkably good demand for empty sacks from Holland, but despite the necessary declaration as to their destination, it is suspected in well-informed quarters that their ultimate destination is Germany, where they are much needed to be filled with sand to protect German trenches. Thousands of bundles of sacks are being shipped from Hull. One recent single consignment to Holland from Hull was thirty tons.  
 H. M. Drummond, of Winnipeg, intends spending a short visit in Kingston, having arrived here on Thursday morning.



**MAY CONFEDERATE**  
 According to the recent conferences of the three kings, it is believed that while political action was not taken, a Scandinavian confederation

**FOUR MONTHS' LOSS**  
**FIFTY-FOUR SHIPS AND CARGOES TAKEN BY ENEMY**  
**Leaves Small Margin — Underwriters Have Netted a Profit From War Insurance**  
 London, Dec. 31.—During the first four months of the war 54 British foreign-going ships, valued at \$11,500,000, with a cargo worth \$18,800,000, were captured or destroyed by the enemy. These are the official figures of the Liverpool and London War Risk Insurance Association.  
 According to these figures, the losses for four months were 1.23 per cent of the total number of vessels, 1.49 per cent of their total value, and 0.94 per cent of the total value of cargoes carried.  
 This would indicate that vessels could have been insured at a rate of 0.37 per cent monthly for their cargoes at a rate of 0.91 per cent. The rates fixed by the government at the beginning of the war were 0.72 for vessels and 1.24 for cargoes. This shows a snug margin of profit for underwriters.  
 Total losses to Scandinavian shipping through mine disasters were as follows up to mid-December:  
 Sweden, eight ships and sixty lives; Denmark, six vessels and six lives; Norway, five vessels and six lives. To this total must also be added Holland, with three vessels and 15 lives.  
 The total financial loss for the 22 ships and their cargo will reach nearly \$10,000,000.

**IN NORTHERN ONTARIO**  
**No Hardship From the Lack of Employment**  
 Toronto, Dec. 31.—Weather conditions in Northern Ontario just now are most favorable to the settlers in getting out their pulpwood, was the statement of J. L. Englehart, chairman of the Timiskaming & Northern Ontario railway commission yesterday. There is lots of snow, and things are moving briskly. According to present indications, the outlook for a large output of pulpwood is good, and it would not surprise the commission if the figures ran over 100,000 cords.  
 A new condition is developing in the pulpwood industry. Heretofore settlers have sold their wood in the rough, or peeled, but several roasting plants are being installed at different points along the line, and the settlers are taking their wood to these to have the bark taken off by machinery. While, on the one hand, this maintains a small local industry, on the other the improved condition of the wood enables the settler to get a much better price, as the wood, ready for the mill, is clean and free from stain. In some cases the settlers sell their wood outright to the roasting plants, and in turn sell to the mills.  
 Shipments later in the season will be extensive. The mill at Iroquois Falls is cutting a large supply on its own account, while large consignments are being sent to Sturgeon Falls and Spanish River.  
 Mr. Englehart said that there is no hardship from lack of employment, and labor conditions appear quite normal.

**FOR HANDLING GRAIN**  
**Winnipeg Corn Exchange Reduces Commission Charge**  
 Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—There was a meeting of the Grain Exchange yesterday afternoon to consider the question of commission charged for handling grain, the net result of the meeting being that in a fair endeavor to meet the views of the Grain Growers' Association, and taking into consideration the evolution of the grain trade in the last few years, the exchange decided, by unanimous vote, to reduce the commission charge for handling oats from 1 cent per bushel to 3/4 of one cent per bushel, with 3/4 of one cent between members of the exchange, this reduction to take effect on the first day of September, 1915.  
 The rate of 1 cent per bushel commission on wheat, barley and flax remains unchanged, as there has been no general complaint against these rates as unfair or unreasonable.

**COMBINED WORSHIP FAILS**  
**After Four Years New York Churches Separate**  
 New York, Dec. 31.—The Calvary and Fifth Avenue Baptist churches, after a nine-months' trial union, will worship separately in future if the recommendation made yesterday in the report of the special committee is carried out by a vote of the congregation.  
 The report states that it has been found desirable for the two churches to separate and resume their individual services and activities, but that they do so with kindest feelings, each for the other.  
 The English were defied and the submarines named for the first eight ago. The Fifth Avenue church, which John D. Rockefeller and his wife attended, has been closed since the two congregations began worshiping at Calvary church nine months ago.

**EXCUSE TO USE DUM-DUM**  
**Retaliatory Measure Says Kaiser In Issuing Order**  
 London, Dec. 31.—The Daily Telegraph has received from a correspondent a statement that the following proclamation has been issued in Antwerp: "The Kaiser, weary of vain protests against the use of dum-dum bullets by all the allied armies, finds himself obliged, cruelly against his will, to authorize his valiant soldiers also to employ this murderous weapon."  
 Christmas and New Year's Cigars put up in special boxes at cost from now until New Year's, at Hoag's. Boston rules that wives, consuls, etc., must be laid when attacks are being conducted except under extraordinary circumstances.

**CONAN DOYLE TOLD OF PERIL FROM RAID**  
**Suggestion That Britain Might Be Starved Into Submission By Submarines**  
 Sir Arthur Conan Doyle was the first man to suggest that Great Britain might be starved into submission by destroying her mercantile fleet and keeping foodstuffs out of the country. He wrote last spring a short story called "Danger," which was published in Collier's Weekly on August 22 and 29. In a box with the story was this statement:  
 "This remarkable story was finished by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle before his last visit to America. He wrote it as a last anxious warning to England before she embarked upon another war. And the war has come sooner than ever he feared."  
 Sir John Sirlus, the hero, belonged to the navy of one of the smallest powers in Europe. A dispute had arisen between this power and Britain over a colonial frontier and an ultimatum had been sent to the small nation. The king and his ministers were in favor of surrender, but Capt. Sirlus protested and said: "I will stake my life that if you will follow my advice within a month or six weeks, we will bring proud England to her knees."  
 The king became interested. He asked his admiral how many vessels there were in the fleet and learned there were two battleships, four cruisers, twenty torpedo boat destroyers, and eight submarines.  
 Sirlus explained his plans "Gather the fleet," he said, "under the forts of Blankenberg, where they will be protected from attack by booms and piles. They can stay there till the war is over. The eight submarines you may leave in my charge."  
 The English were defied and the submarines named for the first eight ago. The Greek alphabet, took on supplies and went to sea. The English fleet blockaded Blankenberg. Capt. Sirlus took the lot, and the next morning was off the coast of Norfolk and later stood guard between the Mafin Sands and the Nore. A merchantman, the Adele, of 15,000 tons, was sighted loaded with frozen mutton from New Zealand. That day six British food ships, aggregating 50,000 tons, were sent to the bottom. The other submarines attacked vessels off Southampton, Bristol, Liverpool and Glasgow and in the Irish Sea.  
 The British destroyers tried to capture the submarines. One was lost, but the seven others kept up their work and after the first few days' attacks no vessel dared approach a British port. The food supplies in Great Britain soon dwindled and food riots in the thickly populated manufacturing districts followed, so that in less time than that asked for by Sir John Sirlus Great Britain must have succumbed to the small power.  
 The fleet blockaded Blankenberg harbor, the forts and the town were

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**FIRE AT DESERONTO**  
**Home of Joseph St. Louis Was Destroyed**  
 Deseronto, Dec. 29.—The funeral of the late Mrs. Daniel Walker took place on Wednesday, at her late home. The service was conducted by Rev. F. S. Dowling. Mrs. Walker was one of Deseronto's oldest residents, being in her ninety-second year. She is survived by seven sons and one daughter. Mrs. Denmark, of Belleville. The remains were placed in the vault at Deseronto cemetery.  
 Fire broke out in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph St. Louis about one o'clock Tuesday morning. The alarm was given by their neighbor, Mr. Thorgan, who was awakened by his dog barking. The firemen were soon on the scene but the entire house was saved. The house belonged to William Manigan, of Port Arthur, and is partially covered by insurance. The cause of fire is unknown.  
 Miss F. Gimlet, of Kingston, spent the Christmas holidays with Miss Gladys Thompson, who came down from Belleville on Thursday. Mr. Boswell, of Kingston, spent a few days with Horace Thompson. Miss Mary Callaghan, professional nurse, of Ottawa, spent the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. Callaghan.  
 The nominations were held on Monday night in the town hall. For mayor, W. J. Malley, E. A. Rixen and Robert Geddes; reeve, J. Naylor and J. Stainton; councilors, Walter Stratton, Milton Hunt, Thomas Fox, George Clement, A. J. Bogart and Henry Kimmery.  
 The Young Men's Catholic Association held their "At Home" in their club rooms, which were prettily decorated, and a large crowd was present from town and surrounding country.  
 Midnight mass was held in the Roman Catholic Church on Christmas eve and services on Christmas day were also held in St. Mark's Church. St. Mark's Church will hold their Christmas tree for the school children on Wednesday, after which a supper will be served.  
 The market is well attended as is firm for crossing and Prince Edward farmers are coming across.

**Cannot Get Candidates**  
 Orangeville, Dec. 31.—A peculiar situation in municipal affairs has been created by the neglect of twenty-one of the twenty-four men nominated for council to qualify. As there are six offices to fill, a fresh nomination meeting is necessary.  
 It is stated that severe criticism of the local council is responsible for the reluctance to contest for office. Mayor Campbell and Beave Fairbairn were re-elected by acclamation.