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Half Of Them Will Receive No
Christmas Gifts—What the Con-
sul Suggests Should Be Done.

"There are about 100 Kingstonians in German internment camps and half of them will receive no Christmas gifts," said United States Consul F. S. S. Johnson to the Whig on Tuesday, and his suggestion regarding sending these boys a Christmas remembrance should be acted upon.

One Kingstonian has already made up twenty parcels and these have been sent by Mr. Johnson to the American Ambassador at Berlin for distribution to Kingston prisoners-of-war who are receiving no other parcels. Mr. Johnson has made the very generous offer of giving one of the rooms in his office on Clarence street for the purpose of receiving parcels and will also supply the wrapping material.

Mr. Johnson's suggestion is this: The different organizations throughout the city should take the matter up immediately and by interesting as many ladies as possible many suitable gifts for the parcels could be secured. These could be sent to Mr. Johnson's office where two or three ladies could do the wrapping and addressing. The only cost would be that of the gifts in the parcels, as the transportation charges will be taken care of by the Government.

The prisoners-of-war will feel the need of Christmas presents even more than will the men in the trenches. They are in a strange country, among people who do not speak their language. They have little if any opportunities to buy any luxuries and the most important of all is that they are Kingstonians who have made the greatest sacrifice that any person can make, that of fighting in the defense of their country and the people who have been left at home. The people whom they fought for until wounded and captured will see that they will not be forgotten at Christmas.

Mr. Johnson some time ago cabled the American Ambassador in Berlin for a list of the Kingstonians in the internment camps, but to date this list has not arrived. The gifts however when sent to the American Ambassador will be given to the men who deserve them most, and from all sides there seems no better way for charitably inclined persons to work than in securing gifts for the Kingstonians who at Langemarck and other battles were wounded and captured and are now waiting for the year to end in German internment camps.

Among the many things that could be put in the parcels, Mr. Johnson suggests the following: First, tobacco, this is the most important thing of all. Other articles are chocolates, Christmas cake, nuts, dried raisins etc. socks, slippers, gloves and mitts, candles for Christmas trees, ties, handkerchiefs, holly for decoration purposes.