SHORT ITEMS OF THE NEWS OF THE DAY

British Military Authorities Will Issue a Daily Communication From Western Front.

LOYAL INDIANS

Fourth Victim of Toronto Boiler Explosion of Monday Has Died.

The 6th Regiment of Vancouver is raising a second battalion for over

W. F. Cockshutt, M. P., Brantford, has been appointed Hon. Lieut.-Col. of the 125th Battalion.

The Counties of Halton and Dufferin have joined for military purposes, and will form a battalion for overseas ser-

Thirty-five Indians joined the Hal dimand County Battalion at a meet-ing at Ohsweken when Col. Baxter

Dr. Alfred Morisset, clerk of Executive Council, announced that the opening of the Quebec Legislature will not take place before January 10.

Laval University's offer of a general hospital contingent for service at the front has been accepted by the War Office, it was announced at the Militia Department. Department.

Carleton County Council has voted 0,000 to the Canadian Red Cross So-ety and the Canadian Patriotic Fund, amount to be divided by a commit-

Nolan, the Welland Canal dynamiter, released from penitentiary on Tuesday, has left for Ireland, where his wife lives. He is quite deaf after spending eight years on the stone

Col. Bedell, of Prescott, who has been on service at the firing line, is battalions in process of organization in that district.

H. B. Tremain, M. P., for Hants, who is aiding in recruiting work in Nova Scotia, as finding a splendid re-response to the call for men in that province. He telegraphed the Minister of Militia that he has enlisted 400 men in the course of a few weeks.

As a result of the mandamus issued by Mr. Justice Riddell regarding the local option repeal, the Owen Sound Council, at a special meeting, gave the repeal local option by-law its first second readings, and it will go to the electors on January 3 next.

British military authorities have arranged to issue a daily communication from the western front in France, commencing next week. The British Wer Department thus comes into line with the army headquarters of the other countries at the war.

Count Alvaro de Romanones was chosen by King Alfonso to form a new Spanish Government in succession to the Dato Cabinet, which resigned on Monday, Count de Romanones declared that his policy on international questions would be identical with that

William McLean. William McLean, of 31 Snamey street, Toronto, died in St. Michael's Hospital shortly before midnight on Thursday as the result of a number of severe scalds which he received on Monday of last week, when the throttle valve of the engine used for heating the plant of the J. G. Greev Con pany blew out, filling the engine-room with live steam. This is the fourth death to result from the acci-

As Usual, the Tale He Tells is Very Optimistic-

Constantinople, Cable-An official re-

Constantinovie, Cable—An official report given out here made and profit grammy in Mesopotamia, and that the assertion following its long retreat from the vicinity of Baggad, is took offering less effective resistance. On the Darganelles front minor engagements continue. An Allbed monitor was hat wice and compelled to without was his wife and compelled to without with the Was office announcement follows:

"Mesopotamian Front." The enemy's resistance is decreasing sensing, our troops repulsed all British sorties with heavy losses to the attackers. Six aeroplanes, which we captured, have been replained and are now being used against paired and are now being used against the enemy?

"Caucasan front: The enemy attacked our westerly detachment near Alasa-Guerd, but was repuised. Only satinishes occurred on the other portions of the front.

Dardamelos front: Near Anafatta hostile artillery opened fire from seen, from several directions. Our artillery replied, scattered hostile troops; and drove transport ships to the shoals of Kimikil Liman Bay.

"Near Ari Burun there was Abbedie to the choice trainer participated in the oneacement. An iron-old maintenance and the many directions. Our articlety desired in the computation of the

KAISER TO VISIT BRUSSELS.

Amsterdam, via London, Cable,— Emperor William will visit Brussels from Dec. 19 to 22, according to the Belgian correspondents of Dutch newspapers. He will also visit the neighboring parts of Belgium, includ-ing the field of Waterloo, it is said. Special police already have arrived at Brussels to act as a guard for the

WINNIPEGGERS WIN D.C.M.

Winnibeg, Report.—Private J. Jamieson Milne and Pte. A. Bonnar, both of Winnibeg, of the 27th Battalion, have been recommended for the Distinguished Conduct Medal. They valunteered to take papers from the body of a dead Gearman sniper fifteen wards off the German sniper fifteen yards off the a hall of bullets.

WAR SOUVENIR

Canadian Scottish Brigade at Front Issues a Booklet.

London Cable.-"Stray Papers by a Private," a collection of entertaining and pleasant literary efforts, has been issued as a Christmas souvenir by the Canadian Scottish brigade at the front. The compiler and author of many articles is J. F. Cadenhead. Brig.-Gen. Leckie, who wrote the in-troduction to the second edition, wishes it to be regarded as his farewell message as commanding officer of the Canadian Scottish. "Looking back I have nothing but praise for the loyalty and sense of honor of the 16th Battalion. It was that loyalty and rare courage that brought us through many a perilous crisis," he says.

Every Obstacle Thrown in the Way of the Allies.

British Fleet at One Time Cleared for Action.

London Cable .- The Daily Telegraph's Saloniki correspondent, in a despatch sent by mail in order to avoid the Greek censorship, gives instances of veiled hostility on the part of the Greeks at Saloniki towards the allies. He says that no sooner was the first contingent of troops landed than the prices of all commodities were doubled or trebled. The highest tariff was applied for the transportation of munitions and supplies, augmented by a super-tax of a per cent. The full passenger rate was exacted for each soldier, plus 7½ per cent. of a super-tariff, and the State Director of Railways insisted that the cost of each train be paid in gold before it left Saloniki. If the allied officers been on service at the first in the service at the s stepped in and annulied the contract claiming that the house was needed for the State. The same was done as regards, horses, carts, etc.

"Karaburum fort at the entrance of the Bay of Saloniki was secretly strengthened," says the correspondent, "defence works constructed and heavy guns mounted. The presence of submarine mines was discovered, stored as if ready to be launched at the mouth of the Vardar River Trenches and barbed wire defences were constructed on the heights above Saloniki turned towards the direction of our camps; even the artillery was mounted on these heights with the muzzles turned in our direction. Instead of concentrating the mobilized Greek army along their eastern frontier, from where the Bulgarian danger threatens, it had been concentrated round Saloniki and along the routes that would be followed should the Franco-British and Serbian troops have to retreat from Ghevgheli and

Monastir.
"The situation at Saloniki last Sunday, Nov. 21, became so critical owing to certain military movements made during the day by the Greeks that it was suspected the Greeks were preparing to attack us that same night. fieet in the port was cleared for action; all the steamers along the quays and docks were ordered to leave and a constant watch was kept up from various points in the city. Fortunately nothing happened, either because the sters taken by our fleet became known to the Greeks, or because, in reality, no

Will Not Hinder Making Munitions for Allies.

Hopewell, Va., Report—The town of hopewell, swept by fire yesterday and last minn, was almost as bare to-day as the cornicld in which its first buildings were put up a year ago.

Four hundred housel, most of them wood, constructed in teverish haste to care for the military of people brought here by activities at the Dupont explosives plant, were licked up by the flames. In the main part of the town of 25,000 is remained that the main part of the town of 25,000 is remained in the main part of the town of 25,000 is remained in the main part of the town of 25,000 is remained in the main part of the town of 25,000 is remained in the flames. In the main part of the town of the town were undamaged. The loss is put at \$1,000,000.

Although many were injured only one death was reported. A negro, caught to take, was said to have been strong up to a tree at the edge of the town.

An civen-y-med boy was the hero containing and each the runshed into the remaining and each the runshed into the at the special is utraining out war munitions for the Allies, ceased operations envi long considering and each the respective mone of his buildings which were famined together-wood and brick—in a space coverings about sixty acres. The estimate of \$1000 irss is a conservative one, it was said.

ong members of the British and French Parliaments for closer co-operation between the two pouces. Deputy Bouillon," the paper cays, "conferred with John William Gulland, the Government whip, in London yesterday regarding the possibility of a joint meeting of the House of Commons and the French Chamber of Deputies. The scheme is very visionary; but is to be considered."

WINTER FAIR PRICES HIGH

Boy Baby Beef Raisers Gave an Object Lesson.

Wentworth Third in Inter-County Judging.

Guelph Report.-The programme of the last day of the Winter Fair provided the best entertainmetn of the Live stock judging in the arena kept up until 7 o'clock to-night, while sales of seed, dressed sheep and dressed poultry, provided entertainment for purchasers and others interested in the final returns for the labor of the feeders. Prices for poultry were very high; in fact, some records were made, turkeys bringing as high as 51 cents per pound, geese 29 cents, ducks 32 cents, and chickens, 35 cents.

Prices for sheep careases ran from 11 to 18 cents, with an average of 14 cents, which was hardly enough, considering the price of live animals on the market, yet many were too fat for the fancy of the trade. Bacon hogs brought \$11.50, and butchers'

hogs. \$12.60. in the final results of the intercounty judging competition, which was announced to-day, the team from Oxford, consisting of R. Chalmers, W. McCorquodale and J. Robson, was first; the team from Middlesex County second, and that from Wentworth The district representatives who trained these different teams are C. R. Green, of Woodstock; R. G. Whale, of London, and Roy L. Vining,

of Hamilton. A contest that ended in the show ring this afternoon was that in the fattening of baby beef by boys under 18. The young fellows appeared leading a fine lot of calves well fed and groomed and the behavior of both the cattle and their "showmen" was equal to that of older animals and men. The prizes, five in number, went in order to Wm. Guthrie, New Dundee; John Horsfield, Walkerton; Lesile Turnbull, Galt; Ralph Fried, New Dundee; J. G. Wilson, George Brown. The special prizes given for a grade steer sired by a pure-bred Shorthofn bull was won by Peter Stewart, of Guelph, and the boy who fed this animal, which is 15 months old, is only 17, but had falled to enter in the baby beef competition.

Championships in cattle were won by James D. McGregor, Brandon, who had the best Aberdeen Angus animal, either pure-bred or sired by a pure-bred Angus; also the grand champion steer or heifer, Wee McGregor; P. Stewart, of Guelph, in grade steer or heifer class, and T. A. Russell. Downsview, for his winner in the steer or heifer class for Shorthorns.

Perhaps the most important horse ection judged to-day were those in the Clyde classes for stallions, and one for three animals, the get of one sire. This went to W. F. Batty, a farmer of Brooklin, Ont. The sire of this three, "Duke Curruchan," was sire of the first six in this section at the Canad-

ian National this year.

Graham Bros., of Claremont, were the biggest winners with imported Clydes, and T. A. Hassard, of Markham, with Canadian breds. The award to horses to-day for Clyde mare, 'Royalotte." W. W. Hogg, Thames-ord; Clyde stallion. "Randolph ford; Clyde stallion, "Randolph Romeo," T. H. Hassard, Markham; Canadian-bred Clyde mare, "Scotland's Charm," George Miller, Caledonia. The grand champion Clyde stallion of the show is "Baron Ascot" (imported). a bay foaled in 1912; sire, Baron's Pride, and the winner of the same honor at the Winter Fair last year. This record breaker is owned by Graham Bros. The grand champion Clyde mare is "Royalette," foaled in 1904. She was close driven by Scotland's Pride, but the older mare had the best BIG TURK CLAIMS HOPEWELL BLAZE way of going, in which she is a wonder; the judge, Prof. W. J. Rutherford, few like her in the country. ette" is owned and exhibited by W. Hogg, of Thamesford

OFFICERS, NOW

Many Canadian Non-Coms. Are Granted Commissions.

London, Cable-The following, Canadian non-commissioned rankers receive commissions in the new Kitchener army: Canadian Artillery-41,091, Gunner Warren. 41,119, Gunner Walbank; S.131, Bombardier Layne. Canadian Cavalty Depot—168,223. Sergt. Grace; 188,236, Sergt. Gwynn; 167,235, Sergt. Giles; 107,237, Corp. pt.—18,233. Sergt. Grace; 195,236. Sergt. Alkinson; 16,031.
All cleven-year-old boy was the horo of the fire; Twice he rushed into the building and each the reappleared with a paly in his arms.

The explosives need which day might at lot speed is turning out war munitions for the Allies, crased operations environs count to make sure none of his buildings would harm.

There was little insurance, it was said, on the buildings, which were famined together-wood and brick—in a space coverings about sixty acres. The estimate of Sires has a conservative one, it was said.

A NAV MOVE

Plan to Have British House and

French Chamber Meet.

London Cable—The Daily Mail says that a movement is on foot among members of the British more peration between the two nears.

ANGLO-FRENCH COURTESIES.

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Paris, Cable—Sir Edward Grey, the British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, and Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, Secretary for War, who are in Paris for conferences with French Government officials were received to-day by President Poincare.

President Poincare gave a luncheon to the British Cabinet members, which also was attended by the members of the French Cabinet and Under-Secretaries of Cate.

RUSS VICTORY

Rout Insurgents in Their March to Teheran, Persia.

London Cable—A Reuter despatch from Petrograd says:

"A telegram from Teheran says that the Russian Legation is informed that the Russian troops have gained a victory in the direction of Hamadan, defeating a force consisting of 500 cavreating a force consisting of 500 cavalry, infantry and insurgent gendarmerie and 1,200 German and Turkish mercenaries, of whom a large number were killed or wounded. The Russian troops have occupied an important position near the town of Aveh, about sixty miles northeast of Hamadan, from which they are pur suing their ofensive."

HOW RUSS TOOK

Fuller Account of the Capture Reported On Thursday.

Sudden Sortie by Small Party Won Big Prize.

Petrograd Cable - Tine enire staff of the eighty-second German army division was captured by Russian mounted scouts and brought as prisoners into the Russian lines as the result of a daring night raid recently, according to unofficial accounts which have just been received. Under cover of darkness, a small ompany of scouts worked its way ast the German trenches towards the German base. Emerging from a wood, the scouts found thema wood, the scouts found them-selves close to a village. They stopped and sent forward a reconnoitring party.

The latter soon came upon a German sentry, who gave the alarm. Ten minutes later a German cavalry squadron galloped out of the village, followed by two companies of Austrian Landsturm troops. The Russians meanwhile had dismounted, hiding their horses and concealing them selves.

The Germans and Austrians fell into the ambush and became panicstricken when the Russians fire, the Austrians running for their lives and throwing down their rifles. In the confusion, the German cavalry, not knowing how large a force might be opposing them, also retreated ed, many troopers falling under the Russian fire.

The Russians were ordered to follow on foot into the village. They came upon a large estate, and through the windows of the mansion made out the signer of Cermon officers. nade out the figures of German offi-Half of the force of scouts or the mansion, while the made for others continued their pursuit of the retreating troops.

A rush for the doors of the man

sion was made by ten Cossacks, and so quick was the progress of events that the German officers did not have time to secure their coats and furs be-fore they were hustled outside.

By this time the other division the scouting party had returned and searched the mansion, which proved to be a division staff headquarters, and secured valuable papers. whole incident took place in less than

With their prisoners the scouts be gan to retire. The German cavalry-men meanwhile had reformed and at-tempted to cut off the Russian retreat. The prisoners were sent back under convoy, however, and the retreat covred by the bulk of the scouts. who also succeeded in returning to the Russian lines with small losses.

It is stated that the captured staff

included two generals, one being a division commander, geven staff offidivision commander, seven staff cers and several Red Cross ph cians. One colonel was killed in tempting to escape.

WHEAT GONE

Canadian Grain Burned in Elevators at Erie, Pa.

Erle, Pa., Report-Two of the three Anchor Line grain elevators owned the Pennsylvania Railroad Company b were destroyed by fire early to-day their contents, about 500,000 bushels of wheat. The loss is estimated at \$750,000. A third elevator holding 325,000 bushels of wheat was saved by firemen. The wheat came from Canada and awaited

WARNED AWAY

"The paper Ethnos announces that the Austrian and Turkish officials proaching partial mobilization of the army. The report is unconfirmed, but it is said the general staff is consider-

"Pity is akin to love," quoted the Wise Guy. "Yes," agreed the Simple Mug, "and sympathy is akin to charity, but it won't fill an empty 'omach'"

4,000,000 RUSS

Great Forces Ready for Invasion in the Spring.

Russian Airman Tells in Toronto of Their Hopes.

Toronto Report-In ringing tones Lieut. Victor Ougott, of the Kussian imperial Navy Flying Corps, stated at the function of the Empire Club yesterday atternoon that Kussia would fight on uptil edge about the form of the corp. fight on until she shed her last drop or blood. She would not speak of peace until her allies thought the time opportune. It might be a long fight, but kussia was going to keep at it until a decisive victory was won.

The speaker explained why Russia had been unable to take the offensive against Germany owing to lack of munitions and other causes, but he added that things had changed, and with the spring Russia would begin her great invasion of Germany with a new army of four million men.

of four million men.

Lieut. Utgoff could not understand why Germany had started the war. So far as Russia was concerned, the Germans had everything to lose. For generations they had come across into Russia, had remained for a few years, and then returned to their own council. and then returned to their own country wealthy. They had kept control in high places in Russia, and had kept down the people for their own advancement. By the war they would only only the war they would only succeed in losing this source of wealth and this control. "But it has been a good thing for Russia," he continued, "because

have attained a plane of civilization shoulder to shoulder with the other nations of the world. 'Already our Government is taking steps to give the people more liberties than they ever before possessed—even Czar Nicholas is helping to give them word liberties."

people are beginning to awaken. And

when the war is over the people will

more liberties." The speaker declared that Germany had been the cause of the Russian people remaining so long in servility. The upheaval had come, and Germany would suffer bitterly as a result. Mr. E. M. de Sherbinin told the members of the club of the manner in which Lieut. Utgoff had won the Cro

IS ACCEPTED

Canada's Offer to Support Anglo Russian Hospital.

Ottawa Despatch-The offer by the Canadian Government of \$59,000 towards the establishment of an Anglo-Russian hospital has been accepted, a cable to that effect having been received from Major-Gen. Lord Cheylesmore, chairman of the executive committee in London. The money has been forwarded.

The offer of the Canadian Government read as follows: "My Ministers understand that provision is being made in Great Britain, under patronage of Her Majesty Queen Alexandra, for an Anglo-Russian hospital. They learn that equipment and mainten ance for one bed for one year is estinated at one hundred pounds. Government, desiring to assist therein, and thus to express Canadian appraclation of the valor and heroism of the Ru-sian armies, hope you will inform the Government of Russia and Lord Cheylesmore, chairman of the committee, that Canada will contribute ten thousand pounds for the purpose, which, according to the committee's estimate, will equip and maintain one hundred beds for one year."

Queen Alexandra, on being informed of the gift, caused the following letter to be sent to General Lord Cheylesmore: "I have shown your letter of yesterday to Queen Alexandra, and Her Majesty is much gratified to hear of the splendid contribution of ten thousand pounds from the Canadian Government to the Anglo-Russian hospital. Her Majesty knows how pleased her sister, the Empress Marie Fedorovna, will be to hear of this generous help from the people of Canada.

ROYAL FARMER

Danish Prince to Spend Years Learning Agriculture Here.

Copenhagen Cable lies.

One company of firemen saved the third elevator by elimbing into it and lightling back the blaze.

An investigation of the origin of the fire will be requested. No other cause than spontaneous combustion has yet the property of the who will leave Denmarck on January 13, will travel by way of New York and make a short tour of the United

Austrians and Turks Advised to
Leave Greek Capital.

Paris Cable.—The Athens correspondent of the Havas Agency sends the following under date of Thursday:
"The paper Ethnos Sanources that second brother, Prince Age. was married to a daughter of a former italian Minister at Copenhagen. The second brother, Prince Age. was married to a daughter of a former italian Minister at Copenhagen. The second brother, Prince Ayel is a wellsecond brother, Prince Axel, is known aviator. The third brother. Prince Erik, is a practical farmer. He have advised the subjects of those nations to be ready to leave the city of Athens. The newspapers have renewed the discussion of a reported appear to the purpose of studying English methods of cattle breeding. His only sister, Princess Marguerite, took the degree of bachelor o. arts last year. She served as a nurse for months this year, caring for British ing the best measure to accomplish soldiers, until her work was interruptit."

Prince Viggo has reserved passage on the steamship Helig Olav.

You never can tell. A man may be crank, and still refuse to be turned

HUN BRUTALITY

Slew Their Own Aviators to Prevent Loss of Papers.

St. Catharines Ont., Despatch-A thrilling conclusion to an air duel on the western front is described by a non-commissioned officer of the second Canadian contingent in a letter to his parents in St. Catharines. He says his parents in St. Catnarines. He says that a German machine was disabled by a British aeroplane, and was falling towards the Canadian trenches. The Germans, rather than have their says and other information get in camera and other information get into the hands of the Canadians, opened fire on their own air crew, killed the men and riddled their machine and contents with bullets.

SHORT OF MEN, USE BIG GUNS

Germany's Force Running Short, Hope to Win by Shell Fire:

Serbs Were Never Able to Come to Close Quarters.

Paris Cable-Chas. Humbert, Sen ator of France and member of the Senate Army Commission, says:

"The Teutons have inaugurated new tactics in the Balkans, consisting of the employmeth of minimum troops and a maximum of material. are economizing on human material, which it takes twenty years to produce, while reiging on their big guns,

which their shops seem able to supply in inexhaustible abundance. "It is certain that Field Marshal von Mackensen had not more than 175,000 Germans, in addition to 80,000 Austrians, but they had artillery sufficient for one million men, according to the pre-war theory. They employed five guns where only one would have hear used in resolutions. have been used in previous wars.
"The result was the Teutonic infant-

ry seldom came in contact with the Serbs, who were deluged with shells, and were unable to display their traditional bravery. "The lesson of the Serbian campaign

"The lesson of the Serbian campaign is that Germany, realizing that she is at the end of her resources in men, now hopes to crush the allies by the sheer weight of metal.

"It is our duty to be immediately ready to meet a similar phalany of ready to meet a similar phalanx of guns on our front by still further in-creasing the number of our batteries."

ANOTHER CHANGE

Discharge Depot Moved From Quebec to Liverpool. *

Ottawa Report-A new arrangement has been made by Gen. Hughes regarding the examination and care of nvalid soldiers returning to Canada. Hitherto they have been sent in batches, when transportation was convenient, to Quebec, where they have been examined by the medical board of the department and an official report upon their condition made.

Quebec has been the discharge de-ot for returned soldiers, and arrivals have been dispositioned as speed

ily as possible. However the discharge depot will be Liverpool after this. The medical board of the Militia Department will go to Liverpool, and returning sol diers will be examined there or on the way across the ocean. Medical officers will travel on every vessel

carrying Canadian soldiers.
Further, instead of sending men home irregularly as heretofore, they will be sent weekly, and some 150 at a time.

The object of the new arrangement has been to obviate any delay of the invalids at Quebec. Recently a batch of 700 soldiers were kept at Quebec for a week, and as some of the men came from British Columbia they were long in reaching their homes.

The reason for the delay was the necessary examination to discover what the physical condition of the soldiers was. On this examination depended the questions of pay and pen-sions. By having the examinations done at Liverpool or on the way out there will be no necessity for the men going to Quebec at all. When they reach St. John N.B. they will entrain at once for their homes or the convalescent homes as the case may be. .

FIGHTING HARD

Brave Montenegrins Are Contesting Every Inch of Ground.

London Cable-The Austrian campaign in Montenegro is making only slow progress, no successes of a definite nature being announced to-day. The German War Office asserts, how-ever, that these operations are progressing favorably for the invaders. gressing favorably for the invaders. All indications are that the Monteneggins, defending every inch of ground in the steep mountain passes of their little kingdom, are rendering a resistance equal in heroism and te acity to that which the invaders met in Serbia

The Bulgarian official statement issued to-day follows: "Our columns from Kichevo and Monastir advancing aganst Ochrida

descended on to the Ochrida plain and occupied by Ochrida.
"On the Serbo-Montenegrin front an

enormous amount of booty was cap-tured near Djakova. The capture in-cludes 18 guns, 1,100 caissons, 15 motor cars and four carriages with war material.