

AUSTRIA ADMITS LOSS OF 100,000

Populace Indignant With Field Marshal Responsible For Disaster.

(Canadian Press.)
LONDON, Dec. 16.—A dispatch to the L. H. range Telegraph Company from Rome says:
In Vienna it is generally admitted that the Austrians killed or wounded 100,000. Public sentiment and indignation are strong against the leaders in the attack, especially against Field Marshal Potiorek, who but eight days ago was cited for the Emperor's high decorations, after telegraphing that the Serbians had been completely defeated, and that he would be in Nish within three weeks.
"This telegram also resulted in Gen. Hlad, commander of the fortress at Sarajevo, being sent as governor of Belgrade, whence he was constrained to flee five days after his arrival."

OFFICERS DESERT: SOME SHOT IN BACK.

GENEVA, Switzerland, Dec. 16.—(Via Paris, Dec. 16.)—Reuter's—Belgrade telegraphed from the Swiss frontier from Innsbruck, Austria, to the effect that one of the principal reasons why the Serbian army took 20,000 prisoners after their victory over the Austrians, was that the Slav element in the Austrian retreating forces gladly surrendered, shouting: "Welcome, comrades. Don't shoot!"
Even some of the officers deserted, the reports say. A few Austrian officers, it is added, were found shot in the back. Vienna is still unaware that Belgrade has been retaken by the Serbians, but Budapest is better informed.

AUSTRIAN PUBLIC ON VERGE OF REVOLT.

ROME, Dec. 16.—According to reports which have reached the Austrian frontier, whence they have been transmitted to Rome by telegraph, the situation in the dual monarchy is approaching what might be called a critical stage. These reports are worthy of credence, and set forth that following the news of the defeat inflicted on the Austrians by the Serbians, the situation became grave, and was rendered more acute by internal disorders, especially at Vienna, Budapest and Prague.
Public Protest at Vienna.
At Vienna a large crowd gathered in the Ringstrasse and marched to the foreign office and the war office, the people calling loudly for the resignation of the war minister. The situation in the capital is becoming more serious, and the government is endeavoring to suppress the movement.
At Budapest the demonstrations were even more violent, and almost assumed the character of a riot. The principal streets of the city had to be cleared by the police, and while attempting to make its way to the ministry of education, the crowd cried: "Down with Potiorek!"

TERRIBLE SUFFERING IN HEROIC SERBIA.

ROME, Dec. 16.—It is difficult to say whether the news reaching here from Serbia is arousing a greater degree of admiration for the heroic qualities of the Serbian people, than it does pity for their sufferings.
While the assistance and sympathy of the entire world has gone out to every relief to the Belgians, to the French people, to the Poles, and to the people of Galicia, nobody seems to realize that in Serbia disease and the cold weather are today finding more victims than do the bullets of the Austrian soldiers.
Wounded Unattended.
The conditions in Serbia are such that the wounded are unattended on the battlefields, and are abandoned in isolated villages. There is a lack of ambulances, of doctors and of nurses, even of bandages and disinfectants. In several Serbian villages there are today over 1,000 wounded in each community. In some cases one single doctor has no fewer than 1,000 men in his care.
MILLIONAIRE DEAD.
London, Dec. 17.—Sir John Barker, the millionaire department store owner, died yesterday, aged 72.

CHILD'S TONGUE BECOMES COATED IF CONSTIPATED

When cross, feverish and sick, give "California Syrup of Figs."

Children love this "fruit laxative," and nothing else cleanses the tender stomach, liver and bowels so nicely. A child simply will not stop playing to empty the bowels, and the result is, they become tightly clogged with waste, liver gets sluggish, stomach sour, then your little one becomes cross, half-sick, feverish, does not eat, sleep or act naturally. Health is lost, system full of cold, has sore throat, stomach-ache or diarrhoea. Listen, Mother! See if tongue is coated, then give a teaspoonful of "California Syrup of Figs" and in a few hours all the constipated waste, sour bile and undigested food pass out of the system, and you have a well, playful child again.
Millions of mothers give "California Syrup of Figs" because it is perfectly harmless, children love it, and it never fails to act on the stomach, liver and bowels.
Ask your druggist for a 30-cent bottle of "California Syrup of Figs," which has full directions for babies, children of all ages and for grown-ups plainly printed on the bottle. Beware of counterfeits sold here. Get the genuine, made by California Fig Syrup Company. Refuse any other kind with contempt.

Furs! Furs!! Furs!!!

Handsome furs, of highest quality, at manufacturers' prices. Repairing and remodelling.
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427 DUNDAS ST. W. PHONE 3397.
Open Evenings.

AUSTRIAN BODIES FILLED TRENCHES

Nish Dispatch Says Servians Are Following Victory With Other Successes.

(Canadian Press.)
PARIS, Dec. 16.—A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Nish, dated December 15, but delayed in transmission, says: "On the northwestern front our troops on December 14 continued a vigorous pursuit of the enemy. They had cleared all the territory between the Drina and Save rivers, and occupied Shabatz and Jagodina in the Mladva Shabatz-Dejagrad region."
"Our troops repeatedly assaulted the enemy's positions at Kraljeva, Bara and Koudova, driving the Austrians out of their trenches by the use of bombs. The enemy suffered heavy losses on this front. At Koudova we captured a battalion and a half."
"On the Austrian right our troops broke the enemy's resistance at Petrovgrad. The trenches were filled with bodies of the enemy."
"On the other fronts there is nothing to report."

GREAT DEBACLE. [Canadian Press.]

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Times correspondent who journeyed over the path of the great Austrian retreat from Serbia, telegraphed from Belgrade as follows:
"There are a myriad of evidences of the completeness of the great debacle, which far surpasses anything similar in the Balkan war."
"This retreat is a terrible tragedy. The roads along which the Austrians fled are littered with corpses and impediments of every description. What impresses one most is the appalling filth, which the Austrians left behind them. The hospitals containing their wounded are in a pestilential state. It is impossible to enter many of the rooms owing to the stench. The Serbians are busily engaged in trying to restore order."

KITCHENER'S ARMY MANNED TRENCHES

They Took Baptism of Fire Splendidly—Seven Were Killed.

(Canadian Press.)
HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 17.—The first men of Earl Kitchener's new army to come under fire were the local militia, who were sent out to man the defence trenches on the seafront when the German raiders appeared. They were shelled by the enemy who had the range of the new defences with accuracy, which suggested information by the militiamen stood their baptism of fire splendidly, especially when it is considered that they were in a position to make a reply as the firing had to be left to the heavy guns.
The officer in command had a narrow escape when a shell struck the earth mound, burying him and three men in the trench. Fortunately all four were rescued.
The casualties in the trenches were seven killed and fourteen wounded, most of them in a single company.

TWO MILLIONS LOSS IN PENNSYLVANIA FIRE

(Canadian Press.)
POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 17.—Fire in the business section of this city early today wiped out property valued at nearly two million dollars. An entire block of business buildings, which were stocked with holiday goods, was destroyed. It was the worst fire in Pottsville's history. Twenty stores, the Pennsylvania National Bank and the Academy of Music, one of Pottsville's leading playhouses, were among the buildings destroyed.
SOLDIERS POISONED
One Hundred and Fifty Cases Occur at British Camp.
[Canadian Press.]
LONDON, Dec. 16.—One hundred and fifty serious cases of pneumonia poisoning are reported among the troops stationed at Black Heath. Medical experts have been sent and are taking adequate steps to cope with the disease.
Black Heath is an open common, covering 267 acres, in the county of Kent, five miles east of St. Paul's, London. It is the favorite place of holiday resorts for the inhabitants of the metropolis, but since the war, according to the above dispatch, it has apparently been turned into a training ground for new troops.

FOREST SOLDIERS ARE DRILLING REGULARLY

(Special to The Advertiser.)
FOREST, Dec. 16.—Captain O. A. Smith has now forty young men enrolled in his company here, and drilling takes place every Tuesday and Friday evening. They are a fine force, and the right material for first-class soldiers.
William Rupp, who has been in service in the hospital for a month, has been brought home and is steadily improving. It is ten weeks since he was nearly killed in a collision between his bicycle and a buggy on the street.
Robert Garrett has bought 15 acres from Joseph Proudfoot, in Warwick, part of the McCallum farm.
The following officers have been elected by Royal Oak Lodge, No. 108, I.O.O.F.: N.G., Dr. F. Chalk; V.E., J. Williams; recording secretary, C. W. McKinstry; treasurer, D. A. Buchanan; trustee for three years, R. Garrett.
The Red Cross workers have shipped five large boxes of clothing and quilts for the Belgians, including a generous supply from the Ravenswood people.

HEAVY DRIFTS BLOCK ROADS AT KINCARDINE

(Special to The Advertiser.)
KINCARDINE, Dec. 16.—As a result of the heavy storm which has been raging through this district in the past few days, many of the roads are badly drifted. John Pierson, of the fifth concession of Kincardine Township, had his big power windmill blown over.
In many sections water is very scarce, and some sprouts which formerly had a constant supply, are now nearly dry.
Jean, the little daughter of James Taylor, became bewildered in the dark after she had been driven home from school by her father, and wandered away from her home in the dark. She was missed and search was made, and she was found on the road.
To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take **WATSON'S EXpectorant**. Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. J. GROVES' signature is on each box. 25 cents.

In Restaurant 3 to 5:30, Oyster Patties and Tea or Coffee, Special 10 Cents.

SHALLMANS/NERAM

Afternoon Tea 3 to 5:30, French Pastries, Ice Cream and Cup of Chocolate, Tea or Coffee, 15c.

Wonderful Christmas Store: Wonderful Christmas Business

A lady remarked the other afternoon: "There seems to be just as many people here one day as another, and I have resolved to finish my gift buying in the morning." The setting in of winter and the changing of the earth's mantle from brown to white seems to have inspired that buoyant Christmas spirit in every human heart and enthused the Christmas joy of the children, big and little.

The popularity of Santa Claus goes back through the ages—his reign is brief but welcome, for he brings joy to every youngster and sober happiness to all who are no longer children, and bids us for at least this once a year to have kindly thoughts and do kindly deeds for the remembrance of home and friends.

NOTICE!
Beginning Saturday, and continuing until Christmas, store will be open each evening until 10 o'clock.
Special Supper served in Restaurant from 5:00 to 7:30. Full course, 35c.

A Great List of Friday Bargains

For Men
Bath-
robes
Sweater
Coats
Socks
and
Neckties

MANY LESS THAN HALF.
It will be wisdom to be here Friday at 8:30 for your choice of these special offerings, every one of which are gift suggestions.

Men's \$5.00 to \$7.50 Sweater Coats, \$2.95

Don't miss this. Sixty only. Heavy All-Wool Sweaters, in plain grey angora finish, trimmed in white, also tan and white, with or without collars, long combed hair finish. See window. Your choice..... **\$2.95**

75 Bath Robes, \$2.75 each
These should go with a rush. All sizes and best colors. Regular \$4.25 to \$5.00 Robes. 75 only to be cleared Friday morning at..... **\$2.75 each**

40 Doz. Neckties, 50c Quality Boxed Singly, 29c or 4 for \$1.00

These are same variety as sold Monday morning so quickly. The last of this lot, 40 dozen, in great variety of designs and colors. All new Christmas stock. Get yours early, **29c each** or..... **4 for \$1.00**

Silk and Satin Crepe Ondine and Andalousa—Sale Thursday, \$1.00 and \$1.19 yard

If you are puzzled about a lady's gift. Here is just the kind of a gift that would be acceptable and appreciated, especially at this season of the year, when party dresses are necessary. A variety of beautiful evening colors, and every yard on sale is this season's goods, which have been held out with the exception of six pieces of Andalousa and six pieces of Crepe Ondine. Tomorrow should see the end of these at reduced prices.
Silk Crepe Ondine—Double width, rich, bright finish finest French dyes, in colors of Shell Pink, Pale Blue, Champagne, Mauve, Copenhagen Blue; also Ivory. An attractive silk for party dresses. Tomorrow your choice..... **\$1.00 yard**
Satin Crepe Andalousa—Double width, rich satin finish, soft draping weave. A beautiful material for evening wear. Pretty colors of Shell Pink, Pale Blue, Tango, Champagne, Rose du Barry, Alice Blue. Tomorrow your choice..... **\$1.19 yard**
Sale at Rear of Centre Aisle, Main Floor.

AT STATIONERY COUNTER.
Personal Christmas and New Year greeting cards. 50 designs to choose from. Order now.

Veilings, Laces and Ribbons
Daintily Boxed for Gifts

Many practical and useful suggestions may be found in above lines, and the daintiest of gifts in pretty boxes.
Shadow, Net and Spot Veilings, in all shades. Prices from..... **25c to 85c yard**
Bobby Veilings, in black, white, navy. From..... **35c to 65c yard**
Plain and Fancy Nibbons make a very acceptable gift for blouses. In all the new shades at..... **75c, \$1.75 and \$2.00 per yard**
Real Maltese Laces and Insertions for Christmas handkerchiefs. Insertions from **15c to 45c yard**. Laces from..... **22c to \$1.75 per yard**
RIBBONS.
A new shipment of Fancy Ribbons just arrived in floral designs, Roman stripe, and black and white.
7-Inch, floral design, green, grey, purple, navy, also black ground, at, per yard..... **65c**
5 1/2-Inch Roman Stripe in black, red and green, also blue, yellow and black; green, yellow and black; blue, red and black..... **50c yard**
6-Inch Roman stripe, red, alic blue, black and royal..... **45c yard**
6 1/2-Inch Black and White Stripe..... **65c yard**
6-Inch Black and White Stripe..... **50c yard**
7 1/4-Inch Moire Ribbon. Just the thing for hair ribbons, girdles, etc., in alic blue, pink, rose, navy, paddy green, pale blue, purple, also white, **50c yard**

FURS—An Ideal Gift

Because they are practical, necessary, stylish, and will be worn continually throughout the winter by the lady receiving them. The best collection of Furs we have ever made may be seen in our Fur Section. Every character of Fur is represented, and they are of assured reliability, and at unusually moderate prices. Here are a few suggestions.
Mink Pillow Muff, 4 stripe, Canadian Mink skins. Silk shirred ends. Special..... **\$48.00**
Alaska Sable Pillow Muff, satin lined..... **\$16.95**
Alaska Sable Pillow Muff, drop skins..... **\$29, \$30, \$35 to \$45**
Western Sable, large pillow muff, satin lined..... **\$13.75**
Manchurian Wolf, large, plain pillow muff, satin lined..... **\$6.75**
Manchurian Wolf Muff, trimmed with heads, paws and brushes..... **\$10.75**
Black Wolf Muff, plain pillow, satin lined..... **\$16.50**
Black Wolf Muff, trimmed with heads and brushes..... **\$17.50 to \$22.50**
Mink Marmot Muffs, **\$4.50, \$4.95, \$6.50, \$8.75 to \$13.00**
Misses' Grey Lamb Muffs, satin lined..... **\$6.50, \$6.95**
Misses' Grey Squirrel Muff, satin-lined..... **\$11.50**
Children's Tibet Set, stole and tuff, satin lined..... **\$5.50 set**
Misses' White Thibet Muffs, satin-lined..... **\$5.00, \$6.00 and \$6.50**
Misses' White Tibet Stoles and Scarfs..... **\$4.50, \$5.50 and \$6.50**

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Sale of Men's Socks, 45c per pair or 3 pairs boxed for \$1.25
A special purchase of 50 dozen Fine Imported Plain and Heavy Ribbed Cashmere Socks. Qualities are much higher than this price. A manufacturer's clearing. All sizes 9 1/2 to 11. On sale Friday, **45c pair, 3 pairs boxed for \$1.25**



Your Christmas Linens
Sale of \$4.50 Table Napkins, \$2.95
50 dozen, only, per dozen..... **\$2.95**
Special purchase just received from the Shamrock Linen Mills, Belfast, Ireland. Perfect goods, in a variety of good designs, 58x8 size, all pure Irish linen, good heavy quality. At least \$4.50 values. On sale Friday, at..... **\$2.95 dozen**
All Prettyly Boxed.

OTHER LITEN GIFT SUGGESTIONS.
HAND CROCHET DOILIES, 25c EACH.—Our Christmas shipment of Hand Crochet Doilies has just arrived. All choicest, and crocheted with Damask centres. Special price..... **25c each**
EMBROIDERED PILLOW CASES AT 85c PAIR
—60 pairs Heavy Embroidered Slips. Regular \$1.00 value, in four different patterns. Makes an excellent Christmas gift, neatly boxed. 60 only. Special..... **85c pair**
DAMASK BORDER TOWELS—In all Pure Linen Huckaback, with wide Damask border. Beautiful quality, and a very acceptable gift, **35c each**
DAMASK BORDER TOWELS—All linen towels, with neat hemstitched and Damask border. Size 19x37. A limited quantity only..... **25c each**
EMBROIDERED TRAY CLOTHS, 35c AND 65c EACH.—10 dozen only. Embroidered Linen Tray Cloths. Neatly hemstitched and beautifully embroidered. Size 14x21. 10 dozen only. **35c each**
Same as above, Size 16x24..... **65c each**
NOVELTY BATH TOWELS.—Colored borders, in green, blue, lavender; pink and yellow. Good large size in extra fine quality..... **65c each**
BLUE AND PINK CHECK TOWELS, 35c EACH.
These are the new black check, 25 dozen Check Towels for Christmas. Excellent quality and makes a nice gift..... **35c each**

Dainty Silk Shawls and Scarfs
Silk Shawls, in small or large shell pattern, finished with silk fringe. Colors, cream, grey, also black..... **\$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.50 to \$3.75**
Silk Scarfs in silk and artificial silk. Designs in lace and colored floral patterns, ends finished with lace or fringe..... **\$1.00 to \$3.75**
Ice Wool Scarfs at..... **45c, 75c to \$1.00**
Hand-Made Wool Jackets, sleeveless. Colors: grey and heliotrope; black and heliotrope; white and pink; white and blue; or all white. Price..... **\$1.75 and \$2.00**
Second Floor.

THE "AIDE DE CAMP" MILITARY BRUSHES \$1.75 PAIR.
These are genuine ebony, with French hand-drawn bristles. Good shape, with convex back. Special..... **\$1.75 pair**
EBONY HAIR BRUSH, 75c EACH.
A few dozen only at this price, genuine ebony, with hand-drawn bristles. Four good shapes on sale tomorrow..... **75c each**
At Toilet Counter.

"THE DESIGNER."
30c year. Subscribe now before list closes when price will be 75c a year. At pattern counter.

WOMEN OF LONDON WILL HELP SOLDIERS

Hope to Relieve Men Who Go on Fighting Line—Four Companies.
LONDON, Dec. 16.—7:30 p.m.—A meeting was held today at the Mansion-House, in aid of the movement for the formation of a women's voluntary reserve, the object of which, according to the lord mayor, who presided, is "to provide a trained, highly-efficient body of women, whose services can be offered to the state, if required."
Such women, said the lord mayor, could be trained for signalling, dispatch riding, telegraphing, motorizing, and camp cooking, and thus could replace men who might be more usefully employed on the firing line.
The Right Hon. Henry Chaplin, M.P., explained that the corps was intended to be employed, in the event of an invasion of this country, "by bodies of German barbarians." It was not proposed to arm women for aggression, he added, but "to arm them for their own defence. In the last emergency, it is very different and entirely justifiable."
Four companies of the women's voluntary reserve have already been formed, with "Viscountess Castlereagh as colonel."
[Canadian Press.]
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CARRANZA CLAIMS TWO VICTORIES

[Canadian Press.]
VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Dec. 16.—The officials here today reported that two battles had taken place. One was at Guamova, near Tampico, in which it is claimed Gen. Carranza's forces won.
The other was near San Pedro de las Colonias, between Torreon and Saltillo. In this fight Gen. Vasquez, commanding the Carranza forces, reported that he was making gains and declared that Gen. Villa's men had taken a trainload of wounded into Torreon.
**ABSURD REPORTS
SPREAD IN INDIA**
LONDON, Dec. 16.—(Through Reuters' Ottawa Agency)—A special dispatch from Delhi, India, says: "Reports which the Government of India is receiving regularly from the provinces indicate that the internal situation continues satisfactory."
"Trade as a consequence of the destruction of the German cruiser Emden, is showing encouraging signs of recovery, and the tendency to withdraw

NEW SENSATION IN WHITBY SHOOTING

WHITBY, Dec. 16.—Harry Birmingham, a young man, a friend of William Stone, who was shot in his office in the Grand Trunk depot here, sprang a new sensation tonight by the statement that he had been fired at shortly before 8 o'clock from a shack occupied by a gang of Italian, two hundred yards south of a crossing one and a half miles west of here, while he was engaged in repairing an electrical crossing bell.
He claims that he hurried home without stopping to investigate. He says that earlier in the day he saw Inspector Green and Detective Madala of the Grand Trunk, leaving the shack, after examining the belongings of the alleged shooter, and expressing the opinion that the Italian, whom he alleges to have done the shooting, belonged to the "Black Legion," a notorious underworld organization.
William Stone, father of the murdered operator, was thought arrested charges with an assault on his daughter, Mrs. Catherine, of Toronto, who was staying with her parents. Stone came home intoxicated, and started the row which led to his arrest.

ONE SPOONFUL GIVES ASTONISHING RESULTS

London residents are astonished at QUICK results from the simple mixture of buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Adler-Lax. This remedy acts on BOTH upper and lower bowel and produces a powerful bowel cleanser that is used successfully in appendicitis, COLIC, SPASMS of abdomen, a relieved most ANY CASE of constipation, indigestion or gassy stomach. ONE MINUTE action, take it, the next minute and pass out W. T. Strong, druggist.