MEN FROM THE 'PEG ARRIVE IN CAMP

Stirring Scenes Observed as Soldiers Parade at Exhibition Grounds.

POWER OF MACHINE GUN

Weapons at Camp Show Terrific Power for Destruction of Life.

Two stirring scenes at Exhibition Park Camp were the arrival of the western detachment, under command of Lt.-Col. Boussette, and the return of the 20th battalion from a splendidly executed route march.

The battalion came swinging down Dufferin street at 5 o'clock in splendid style, headed for the first time outside the grounds by the new camp band playing a quick-step. The two commanding officers rode at the head of the battalion.

One hundred and forty-three men in civilian attire, followed by a cyclists' company in khaki, marched in thru the Dufferin street gates at 4.20. They had left Winnipeg on Saturday evening and were in high spirits.

Weather Was Different.

They found a great contrast in the weather conditions, as Winnipeg was under deep snow and had been shivering at 20 below zero. The commanding officers, Lt.-Col. Boussette and Lieut. W. H. Richmond, are former members of company No. 2 of the Toronto Army Service Corps, and have many friends in the city. They joined No. 2 company at its formation. The 143 ununiformed men will be equipped here for the transport service. They mobilized at Winnipeg, but represent a number of western centres. These are accompanied by Lieut (Dr.) Simes of the Winnipeg Army Medical Corps.

A special order of the day notified commanding officers of units that they must hereafter give detailed particulars in all cases where recruits were discharged, on the ground of being medically unfit. Eleven members of the contingent were struck off yesterday for refusing to submit to inoculation.

The organization of a standing board of medical examiners, to report on the results and progress of inoculation against typhoid, was published in yesterday's orders of the day.

A Terrible Weapon.

So deadly is the new rapid-fire machine gun now supplied to the Canadian contingent that a single complete half circle volley is supposed to be able to place a whole regiment advancing in massed close formation, on the casualty list. The machine gun's highest effect is secured by firing first a round of shots at a stationary objective point. This cuts a passage clean thru the massed ranks of an attacking force. One bullet will account for the first man in the first rank and the one behind. The round will thus sometimes place 18 out of action. The first rapid-fire round is slanted slightly to the left and automatically clicks one point to the right after each round. The target used in the demonstrations has the bullets from each round grouped within one inch. The bullets cut clean thru the target and a two-inch board and spent their force on the lake front.

The new battery of field artillery, to be formed here under the command of Major W. E. L. Irving, D.S.O., has already started recruiting and will continue during the week. Three-quarters of the men who have already reported to Major Irving were passed by Dr. J. E. Elliott. Those wishing to join the artillery for active service may apply to Major Irving at the orderly room, 9'h Battery, C.F.A., at the armories any afternoon this week.

The annual meeting of the Corps of Guides was held in the Military Institute yesterday. Officers of the corps from all over Ontario, including Major Sitwell, A.D.M.I., of Ottawa, were present. Major Sitwell is in charge of the corps since the return to England of Col. Paley, who was loaned by the British Government to Canada, and who was killed in France at the beginning of the war. The Corps of Guides visited the Exhibition Park camp in the morning, being taken there in civic motor cars.

Lecture on Co-operation.

Major H. C. Bickford lectured to the officers in camp last night on the "Co-operation of the Different Arms of the Service."

One of Toronto's most efficient rifle associations is composed of 100 men connected with the McGregor and McIntryre Steel Company of North Toronto, under the command of Capt. Robertson and Lieuts. J. Mackrell and W. H. Wilson. Not only does this corps parade at its own grounds Tuesday nights but at noon hour also.

Fear He is Dead.

Friends of Fred K. Street, one of the Toronto reservists who has been at the front for some time, fear that he has been killed in action. Letters of condolence from his friends in various parts of Canada have been received here by his brother, who is a member of the Royal Grenadiers, and has volunteered for the third contingent. Fred K. Street was an ex-constable and was in the service of the C.P.R. While reports of his death have been received in Canada the name given in the British casualty list appears as Percival, instead of Frederick, so that his brother here has hope that Frederick is still safe.

Arts and Science Men Inspected.

The Arts and Science Mounted Corps was inspected yesterday afternoon at the armories by Major R. K. Barker of the Divisional Headquarters. The squadron in command of R. K. Shepard was formed of three troops, under Troop Commanders E. Wyly Grier, C. F. Martin and W. M. Oxley. The evolutions and drill were favorably commented upon by the major, who intimated that his report to the officer commanding the division would ensure adequate recognition for the corps. It is announced that more men are desired to take up the work of the corps, and that a new troop will be formed to receive instruction by Sergeant-Major Price of the Governor-General's Body Guard. Recruits are requested to send in their names to R. K. Shepard, the captain, at 43 Scott street. A meeting will be held at the armories next Thursday afternoon to determine the future movements of the corps.

The Beaches Company of Home Guards paraded last night under Capt. Chuck Skene. Forty-five men were present. All members are requested to fall in at the exhibition gates tonight at 7.40 for rifle practice.

Parkdale Club Inspected.

The Parkdale Rifle Club, under command of Captain J. C. Eagleson, paraded last evening at Lansdowne School. Parade state showed two officers, five non-commissioned officers and 84 men. During the evening the club was inspected by Major W. D. Butcher, R.C.R., who complimented the club very highly on steadiness and discipline. He also expressed pleasure at the remarkable showing the club had made under the command of Captain Eagleson.

A Shooting Challenge.

The Parkdale Rifle Club have accepted a challenge from the Irish Rifles to shoot at the armories on Saturday afternoon next with a team of ten men each.

PAINTED A FLAG POLE UP NEAR THE CLOUDS

W. Smith Spent the Day Nearly Four Hundred Feet Above King and Yonge.

Crowds on King and Yonge streets craned their necks yesterday to watch a man perched on the flag pole on top of the Royal Bank Building, busily engaged in painting and gilding the new 50 foot steel flagpole which tops the building. The work was done by W. Smith, a local painter, 222 Wilton avenue, who also is ex-champion bicycle rider of Canada. The Royal Bank Building is more than 300 feet high.

M'CARTHY TALKED TO RIVERDALE MEN

Candidate for Mayoralty Discussed Causes of Present Depression.

"There are three great employers," said Controller McCarthy, addressing the Riverdale Conservative Association last night in Classic Hall, "the government, the city and the private interests. The depression was with us before the war because of other causes, but it was here two years ago last April—why?—because at that time Germany began to horde all the gold that she could lay her hands on. Ever since the kaiser started this the depression has been felt.

"The Bloor street viaduct report," Mr. McCarthy continued, "will be brought before the council tomorrow and by Friday, it is expected that all the contracts will be let so that this work may be started at once."

Controller Simpson reviewed the work of the council this year in its efforts to grapple with the labor problem. He told how the council had anticipated the present crisis and away back in October had started the civic registration bureau. He stated that from this source it had been learned that there were about 15,000 unemployed in the City of Toronto today.

Outsiders Come, Too.

"The city cannot give work to all," he said, "because this city has not only her own people to look after, but there are thousands of others who flock here as soon as some stringency makes itself apparent in the rural districts."

"I have no use for alien enemies, either in the university or in the city hall," declared ex-Ald. Yeomans. "I think it is a shame that these men should be able to secure their salaries from a publicly supported institution, and I believe that the Dominion Government at Ottawa should be asked by what influence Dr. Elwin Kohlman, a German, formerly of the works department, was granted permission to leave the country."

G. E. MacDonald, K.C., announced that Joseph E. Thompson would be a candidate for the board of control again this year. Controller Church made a short address.

PRESENTATIONS MADE TO OFFICERS AT GALT

Special to The Toronto World.

GALT, Dec. 7.—Tonight in the band hall of the 29th Regiment, H.L.I., the presentation was made of a purse of gold and a belt to Lieut. McIntosh, Lieut. Elliott and Lieut. Northcombe, formerly of the 29th and now officers of the 18th Battalion, second Canadian expeditionary force at London, Ont.

Former Mayor F. S. Scott was chairman over a large gathering and addresses were made by A. P. Gundry, principal of the Galt Collegiate Institute; Reeve J. A. McIrvine and R. G. Struthers. Mayor A. E. Buchanan made the presentations.

GIVES WESTBROOK PART COMMISSION

Judgment on Dispute Over Sale of O'Keefe Stock Yields Fifteen Thousand.

OSGOODE HALL NEWS

Shareholders in National Railway Company Likely to Be Called on For Payments.

Fred Westbrook, who sued for $95,000 as commission on the sale of the O'Keefe Brewery Company stock to the Millar Mulock interest, which recently took it over, was awarded $15,000 by judgment of Mr. Justice Middleton in single court. The sale involved 12,000 shares of the preferred and common stock of the company, valued at $9,000,000, and the judgment is rendered against W. T. Kernahan, W. H. Garvey and Edith Florence Dryden, trustees under the will of the late Widmer Hawke.

Will Was Upset.

Because two clauses in the will of Donald McLellan are "bad," Mr. Justice Middleton gave judgment voiding them, because they offend against the law of perpetuities.

McLellan died on March 2, and by his will and codicil provided that: "In case the old McLellan homestead farm, which has descended from my grandfather, or the east half of it, should be put up for sale, I direct my trustees, or their successors for the time being, to buy it and hold it always as a part of my estate, applying the rent of the land in keeping the house and other buildings and the fence in good repair and insured. The house is not to be rented, but a caretaker appointed. I would like the house to be kept as a memorial for our family, and the descendants of our family, for the time being, to meet there once a year, say for their holidays, the purchase money to be taken from the part of the said residue given in my said will for education of members of our family, in addition to any sum due my estate from my brother Duncan's estate."

Another clause said: "The interest accruing from the remainder of the said residue I direct my said trustees to apply from time to time in educating McLellans of our family. The selection of beneficiaries to be solely in the discretion of my said trustees."

Shareholders Liable.

Whether the National Railway Association is wound up or reorganized, the shareholders will have to face a call on the unpaid stock, was the cheerless message given to delegates of the shareholders by Liquidator G. T. Clarkson in the master-in-chambers' court room at Osgoode Hall yesterday. The company has twelve stores, situated in Ottawa, Allandale, Quebec and a number of other places. A statement of assets and liabilities shows a loss of $146,843.48, made up of $54,332.99, from trading loss on stores; $32,656, head office expenses; $32,918, organizing expenses, and $17,394, commissions, etc., paid officials of the company. The liabilities of the company are $327,183, and the assets $132,700.

A committee was appointed to consider what course is best to be adopted. Shareholders will be asked whether they favor reorganization and continuing business under new management, or whether they favor the winding-up of the company.

In dismissing the action of J. E. Snider, who sued the executors of the estate of his brother, the late T. A. Snider, former "Catsup King," for $10,000 on a promissory note, for cancellation of another promissory note, and to recover $10,000, the amount of a legacy under the will, Justice Middleton found that, while it was obviously the intention of the late Mr. Snider that his brother should receive the $10,000 legacy, the parties resisting the claim were charities, and that their action was "not only ungracious, but is a course calculated to dissuade testators from exercising charitable intentions." The case was originally started in three different suits, which were consolidated into one.

The appellate division handed out judgment in favor of W. Kalari in his appeal against he decision of the district court of Sudbury, which dismissed his action against the Mond Nickel Company to recover damages for personal injuries. Kalari was employed as a "mucker" in one of the company's mines and while at the bottom of a shaft a bucket and crosshead fell to the bottom and he was severely injured. Judgment was entered for $450 and costs.

The appeal of T. Harvey Jessop from the decision of the mining commission was dismissed with costs. Jessop claimed that he was entitled to certain interests in certain mining claims recorded in the name of his wife and one recorded in the name of H. Routley, who holds one-quarter interest for the wife.

The appeal of H. Dawson against the decision of Mr. Justice Kelly in dismissing his action against the Hamilton Bridge Company for damages for personal injuries was dismissed. Dawson was employed by the company and was injured by a falling beam.

Tomorrow's List.

Crabtree Brothers & Lund have entered an action against Calver & Dwyer Co., Ltd., to recover $23,920.65, alleged due on certain bills of exchange.

The following cases are set for hearing in the first appellate divisional court today:

Rex v. Williams.
Rex v. Wright.
Rex v. Cohen.
Rex v. Toronto Railway.

JAP WARSHIP CONVOY FOR NEW ZEALANDERS

Canadian Press Despatch.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 7.—Letters from New Zealanders say that the New Zealand contingent for service in Europe left the southern dominion about Oct. 15 and that the men were carried in 12 transports, escorted by a British battleship and two cruisers and a Japanese battleship.

CRAZED FATHER SHOT TWO IN COURT ROOM

Man Accused of Offence and Juror Fell Before Bullets.

Canadian Press Despatch.

CASHMERE, Wash., Dec. 7.—C. D. Franklin, former superintendent of Sunday schools of Leavenworth, Wash., was shot and killed here today by Harry E. Carr, a rancher of Leavenworth. Franklin was charged with having committed an offence against Carr's 10-year-old daughter and was awaiting trial. At the time of the killing Franklin was on trial on charges of a similar offence against another girl, and one of Carr's bullets missed Franklin and killed a juror.

Carr entered the courtroom and opened fire on Franklin with an automatic pistol. A bullet struck J. C. Parsons, one of the jurymen, killing him instantly. Two bullets pierced Franklin, who died in 15 minutes. He leaves a widow and five children.

Carr surrendered to the sheriff.

BELGIUM CALLED GERMANY'S BLUFF

Charge That Neutrality Was Surrendered to Britain Without Basis.

A MILITARY PLAN?

If Document Exists It Consists Merely of Suggested Defence Scheme.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The Belgian legation today made public the following statement:

The Belgian minister, whose country in the hour of her great affliction, has received such precious help from the American people, begs that the following statement may be made known to them:

"In a recent speech made by the German chancellor to the representatives of the German people, he lays the blame for the invasion of Belgium, with all its terrible consequences, on Belgium herself. And as a proof of this astonishing accusation, he claims that documents have been found in Brussels establishing that Belgium had surrendered her neutrality to England.

"The Belgian Government has requested that these alleged documents should be published in full, thus proving the falsity of such a charge. Three months have elapsed since this alleged discovery, but nothing has appeared.

Not an Agreement.

"In case these documents are published, it will be seen that they do not constitute an agreement between Belgium and England against Germany, as the German chancellor claims them to be. They are possibly a military plan drawn between the British military attache and the Belgian staff to be effective in case Germany should violate Belgian neutrality, which she effectively did in August last.

"It would indeed be humorous should the matter not be too serious for such a term, that the German government should call a breach of neutrality this alleged plan which, if it existed, had for its object to fortify Belgium's neutrality against a possible aggressor. Events have shown, too clearly, alas, that such a precaution against Germany's projects would have been timely."

STORES CHARGE FRAUD AGAINST THESE TWO MEN

Claim That They Stole Goods and Also Used Worthless Cheques.

Arthur Warden, 546 Jane street, and Frank Gibson, who gave his address as 81 East St. Clair avenue to the police and to the authorities in the Robert Simpson Company as 1284 West St. Clair avenue, were arrested by Detectives Newton and McConnell yesterday on a joint charge of attempting to obtain goods to the value of $67.04 by a worthless cheque from the Robert Simpson Company on December 3rd. There are also three charges of theft against Warden, embodying thefts in T. Eaton's store and in the Robert Simpson Company's store.

The mode the men are said to have used to obtain their goods, according to Detective Newton, was very clever. The men yesterday obtained a transfer card and went to the jewelry department in Simpson's. They asked to see an $18 ring and had one sent to the transfer department for them. While the clerk was making out the transfer card Gibson is alleged to have stolen a five-pearl ring of the same value. Detectives Newton and McConnell were then watching them. It is alleged by the police that Warden used the same system in Eaton's, obtaining a ring valued at $5 and a watch which the detectives claim to have found on him. When taken to the detective office Gibson said he had never stolen before, but had been told how easy it was by Warden and tried it yesterday morning.

The police allege that Warden, under the name of Williamson, presented a cheque at the Robert Simpson Company's transfer department on December 3rd for $67.04 for his purchases, and at the same time, explaining that he was a railroad man, and wanted to get a watch he had purchased, wanted the other goods delivered to him. The watch was valued at $14. When the clerk went to telephone the bank to ascertain whether the cheque was good Warden left in a hurry. The cheque was made out on the Bank of Montreal.

SPLENDID EXHIBITS MARK WINTER FAIR

Judging Completed in Dairy Cattle, Where High Standard Was Reached.

FINE POULTRY DISPLAY

High Percentage Shown in Dairy Tests—W. H. Cherry Wins Prize.

By a Staff Reporter.

GUELPH, Dec. 7.—Judging by the enthusiasm of the large crowds which attended the exhibition, and the splendid quality of the stock shown, the 31st Ontario Provincial Winter Fair which opened at Guelph yesterday, promises to be the most successful one yet held. It was Children's Day, and a large number of embryonic tillers of the soil availed themselves of the opportunity given them by the local school board, and attended, viewing the poultry, cattle and horses with knowing looks, and picked their fancies for winners with keen discernment.

Judging in all sections was carried on all day, but with the exception of the dairy department no awards of any importance were made. It is just possible that the exhibits of horses may not shape up to the standard of last year, but in all the other departments the entries bid fair to excel in quality any previous exhibition.

Poultry Entries Interesting.

Particularly interesting are the entries of live and dressed poultry, not so much in the increased number of entries as in the great improvement in quality. This is apparent in all the dressed poultry classes, but more particularly in pairs, cases and the two classes of untrussed birds. This latter is a new feature and is worthy of a long journey to see, as it gives the buyer a chance to see all the good and bad qualities of the specimens.

In general quality the poultry exhibit is much higher than was the case in past shows. Exhibitors seem to be gradually realizing that the largest bird is not always the best, nor is the plumpest bird always of the highest quality. Large, stagy, over mature birds are much less in evidence this year.

There is no doubt but that the improvement in this branch is due in a great measure to the generosity of the Toronto packing houses, which have enabled the secretary and committee to greatly enlarge the prize list.

Judging Competitions.

Much interest was taken in the judging competition. Most of the contestants were students from Guelph Agricultural College. In the three competitions finished up yesterday the winners were as follows:

Swine judging competition—1st, E. E. Reilly; 2nd, W. E. McPhail; 3rd, R. S. Watt.

Dairy cattle judging competition—1st, T. Vahey; 2nd, D. Freid; 3rd, Calvin Bush.

Horse judging competition—1st, R. J. Skelton; 2nd, P. Vahey; 3rd, W. Kedey.

Dairy Tests Good.

The most interesting event of the day was the result of the dairy tests of the past three days. A very high average is shown, and great satisfaction expressed by exports present at the result. The tests began on December 3rd and continued during the following two days, each cow being milked three times a day.

The best record was shown by W. H. Cherry of Hagersville, "Rosie Posy," with 297 points, his cow giving 25.86 pounds of milk in the three days, with an average of 3.5 butterfat and an average of 9.1 per cent. solids, not fat. G. B. Ryan, Tillsonburg, came a close second with "Beauty," 277 points, while Jas. G. Currie's "Mercena" came third with 269 points.

Short Horns, cow, 48 months and over—1, A. Stevenson, Atwood, Gipsy, 170 points; 2, Wm. J. Beatty, Guelph, Kentucky Rose, 130 points.

Cow, 36 months and under 48—1, Wm. J. Beatty, Butterfly Bloom, 150 points.

Heifer, under 36 months—1, Wm. J. Beatty, Blaemar Beauty, 118 points.

Jerseys, cow, 48 months and over—1, B. H. Bull & Son, Brampton, Bright Dracony, 219 points; 2, H. H. Gee, Hagersville, Sadie Mac ow P. R. P., 218 points; 3, Ira Nichols, Woodstock, Clara, 174 points.

Cow, 36 months and under 48—1, D. A. Doyle, Woodstock, Springbank Butter Girl, 198 points; 2, B. H. Bull & Sons, Brampton, Bright Kathleen, 174 points; 3, B. H. Bull & Sons, Brampton, Bright Betty, 153 points.

Prizes Awarded.

The list of prizes which follows shows the high standard reached: Ayrshires—Cow, 48 months and over: 1, John McKee; Norwich, Scottish Victoria, 240 points; 2, W. Stewart & Sons, Campbellford, Dew Drop of Menie, 199 points; 3, H. C. Hamill, Box Grove, Violet of Craigielea, 146 points.

Cow, 36 months old and under 48—1, H. C. Hamill, Craigielea Peach, 196 points; 2, John McKee, Air Mount Boneva, 148 points; 3, John McKee, Scottish Victoria, 148 points.

Heifer, under 36 months—1, F. H. Harris, Mount Elgin, Hillhouse Blossom, 148 points; 2, H. C. Hamill, White Lady of Craigielea, 145 points; 3, John McKee, Douglas Star's Sarah, 138 points.

Holstein, cow, 48 months and over—1, W. H. Cherry, Hagersville, Rosie Posch, 297 points; 2, James G. Currie, Ingersoll, Centreview Butter Gem, 258 points; 3, W. F. Walker, Port Perry, Madam B., 3rds Alma 2nd, 244 points.

Cow, 36 months and under 48—1, James G. Currie, Midnight Comet Dekol, 269 points; 2, James G. Currie, Highland Ladoga Mercena, 263 points; 3rd, A. E. Hulet, Madam Pauline Canary, 225 points.

Heifer, under 33 months—1, Rettie Bros., Pontiac Atlas Francy, 218 points; 2, R. M. Holtby, Port Perry, Mutual Pauline Patti, 161 points.

Heifer under 36 months—1, Ira Nichols, Golden Lad's Don Juan, 149 points; 2, B. H. Bull and Sons, Brampton Stockwell Rad, 136 points; 3, B. H. Bull and Sons, Brampton Raleigh Cowslip, 135 points.

Grades, cow, 48 months and over—1, G. BB. Ryan, Tillsonburg, Beauty, 277 points; 2, Wm. J. Beatty, Guelph, Renis, 158 points; 3, J. K. Moore and Sons, Peterboro, Mona, 152 points.

Cow, 36 months and under 48—1, Wm. S. Shearer, Lastowel, Valentine 3rd, 105 points; 2, J. K. Moore and Sons, May, 176 points; 3, Ira Nichols, Woodstock, Peg, 140 points.

Heifer, under 36 months—1, G. B. Ryan, Tillsonburg, Star, 137 points; 2, Wm. J. Beatty, 136 points; 3, J. K. Moore and Son, Polly, 116 points.

In the afternoon the prize winners in the dairy tests were used to illustrate lectures delivered by B. A. Bull, of Brampton, on the Jersey cow; R. T. Stevenson, of Ancaster, on the Holstein; W. W. Ballantyne, of Stratford, on the Ayrshire, and Professor Day of the O.A.C. on the dairy shorthorn.

ENGLISH MONEY ABOVE PAR IN FOREIGN MARTS

Prof. Lloyd Compared Economic Conditions of Powers in Lecture at Convocation Hall.

English gold is actually selling above par in the money markets of the world, and is above its full value even in Germany, according to a statement made last night by Professor G. I. H. Lloyd in his lecture on "The Economic Mobilization" at Convocation Hall. While an extreme money stringency had been felt immediately after the war, and cash disappeared and gold took its place, it was a curious fact that $700,000,000 in gold had gone to English banks, and an equal amount has been lost to the United States money market.

"The chief product which Germany exports is sugar," said Professor Lloyd, "and England has forbidden its importation after getting a supply of 300,000 tons from America. A sufficient quantity was secured to supply the needs of Britain in this way." Germany had, however, been exporting to Switzerland, and a great deal of German sugar will enter Britain in the form of Swiss chocolate.

OFFICIAL STATEMENTS

GERMAN

Here is the German official statement, given out in Berlin this afternoon:

"No especial reports have been received from the western theatre of the war, nor to the region to the east of the plain of the Mazurian Lakes.

"In Northern Poland we gained important successes in prolonged fighting around Lodz, by defeating strong Russian forces stationed to the northwest and to the southwest of the city.

"Lodz is in our possession. Details of the battle giving us Lodz cannot yet be made public because of the extended delay over which the engagement was fought. The Russian losses were very large. An attempt by the Russians to come to the assistance of their threatened armies in the north from southern Poland, was followed by the delivery of the Austro-Hungarian and German troops in the district southwest of Pietrkow."

AUSTRIAN

The following announcement has officially been issued by the Austrian war office:

"The fighting in the Russian war theatre is not yet decisive. The Austro-Hungarian and German troops in the district southwest of Pietrkow (Poland) attacked the Russian troops advancing northward across Nowo Radomsko and forced them to retreat.

"In West Galicia, important battles are proceeding, but no result has been reached. The Austro-German troops captured 1500 Russians in that territory Sunday.

"In the Carpathians the battles continued and from some points the enemy has withdrawn strong forces behind the mountains."

TURKISH

An official statement issued at Constantinople says:

"Near Adjara we have gained new successes over the Russians, capturing cannon and ammunition.

"The Russian attacks east of Lake Van (Kurdistan) have been unsuccessful. Our troops, advancing from Revanduz, have occupied Soujbulak, an important Russian point of support in the Province of Azerbaijan."

FRENCH

The following official communication was issued in Paris last evening:

"In Belgium the Germans have bombarded Oost Dunkirke, situated four kilometres (about 2½ miles) to the west of Nieuport. Between Bethune and Lens we have taken possession of the Village of Vermelles and the position of Rutoire, to the east of which we are along the railway line.

"Our troops have advanced perceptibly in the region of Rouvroye, Parvillers and Lequesnoy en Santerre (Department of Somme).

"There is nothing else to report."

The French war office gave out the following official communique in the afternoon.

"In the region of the Yser we continue to attack the few entrenchments still held by the enemy on the left bank of the canal.

"In the region of Armentieres and that of Arras, as well as in the Oise territory, in the Aisne region, and in the Argonne, there is nothing to report except to refer in general terms to the superiority of our offensive.

"In Champagne our heavy artillery on several different occasions has shown marked superiority over that of the enemy.

"There is nothing new on the eastern front of our line, where the positions of preceding days have been maintained."

CONGRESS AGAIN BACK TO GRIND

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Congress reconvened today after the fall recess. Members had reunions in the senate and house, and after the introduction of bills and resolutions and passage of formal measures incident to the opening of a new session, both houses adjourned to await the delivery tomorrow of the president's annual message.

While members discussed informally the legislative program for the final session of the sixty-third congress, which will end March 4 next, no definite plans were made for party conferences. These will not be considered until the president has been heard from. The message will be delivered personally by President Wilson before a joint session in the chamber of the house at 12.30 o'clock.

The opening sessions in the house and senate were marked with a spirit of good nature, despite the recent campaign which resulted in great Republican gains in the house and slight Democratic gains in the senate for the next congress.

Majority Floor Leader Underwood tonight declared there surely would be a vote on the proposed Hobson resolution for submission to the states of a constitutional amendment for national prohibition.

DETENTION CAMPS WELL CONDUCTED

About Twenty-Five Thousand Aliens Are Held in Britain.

AMPLE FOOD GIVEN

Some Suffering Endured in Unheated Tents — Can Play Football.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—An investigation of the detention camps at Newbury, Frimley, the Olympia in London and Douglas, Isle of Man, where German and Austrian prisoners are held by the British Government, shows that in these camps there are nearly 14,000 prisoners.

The number thruout the British Isles is about 25,000. There is discomfort and discontent, but the prisoners are not subjected to genuine hardships. With the coming of cold weather the suffering among those compelled to live in tents is keen, for the tents are not heated. They are being abandoned, however, and in a fortnight more all prisoners will be under premanent cover.

Several thousands will be placed aboard nine ships, which are being prepared for the purpose. Some of the ships are liners which have been in the Atlantic service, and it is expected that aboard them the prisoners will be comfortable.

Prisoners' Health Good.

Medical reports show the health of the prisoners to be good. The treatment accorded them so far as food and accommodations are concerned is virtually the same as that afforded the British soldier.

In these four camps there have been only ten deaths. Five of the prisoners were killed by the guards during the recent rioting at the camp at Douglas. Four deaths were due to natural causes, not related with the rigors of confinement. The tenth death was an accident, a German soldier being thrown from a motor truck.

Olympia, a vast, dark and gloomy place, is a sort of clearing house for the alien enemies. When rounded up in London they are confined there for a brief period and then sent to regularly established camps elsewhere.

The greatest suffering is experienced by those who live under canvas. Recently prisoners at Newbury, Douglas and Frimley have awakened in the morning to find ice in the bottom of their cups. The tents have wooden floors and each prisoner has a straw mattress and four blankets.

Plenty of Food.

All the prisoners need clothing and they are given good apparel, including heavy overcoats, suits and shirts and underclothes, socks and army boots, as well as necessary toilet articles. The food is issued by the British army commissariat. Each prisoners is given daily eight ounces of fresh meat, eight of vegetables two of peas, lentils or beans, a pound and a half of white bread, condensed milk, tea, butter and salt and pepper. The materials are turned over to the prisoners, some of whom are cooks, and prepared by them.

Prisoners are allowed all possible liberty. Football and other games may be played except at the Douglas camp, where privileges were curtailed on account of the riot. Infractions of camp discipline are punished by confinement on bread and water.

DICKENS' CHARACTERS SHOWN AT LOEW'S

Heading an excellent anniversary program at Loew's Winter Gardens this week is Owen McGiveney in a quick-change dramatic presentation from Dickens' "Oliver Twist," and he had a great reception last night from a capacity house. The episode is "Bill Sykes," and in all Mr. McGiveney portrays seven characters. One of his most interesting characters, perhaps is Fagin, who is not represented as the cunning and villainous Jew, but in a slightly less hackneyed type. Ethel Whiteside and her troupe of "cullud folk in songs and dances received great applause, and George Armstrong with his original numbers pleased immensely. Rockwell and Wood are really clever "nuts," and Nowlin and St. Clair present an amusing turn. Not the least noticeable are the five Martells, sensational cyclists. Bean and Hamilton, barrel jumpers, Arno and Stickney, the musical boys, and Zudora, the sensational detective picture, complete a splendid bill.

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