

## YOUNG MAN, DO YOUR DUTY! SIGN UP FOR OVERSEAS SERVICE IN THE BRANT BATTALION

### NO DECISION REACHED YET ON BLOCKADE

Britain to be Content With Measures Which Suit Neutrals.

REPLY TO MAIL PROTEST  
St. Paul's Cathedral Once Again in Danger of Collapse.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
London, Jan. 26.—(New York Times cable)—The Daily Telegraph, commenting editorially on to-day's blockade debate, says:  
"There is reason to anticipate that the foreign secretary will announce that the government has reached no important decisions with reference to the foundations of our policy," and adds, "it must be apparent that we can institute no more drastic measures against the enemy than are to be found in the order-in-council. Any suggestion to the contrary is suspected because the facts are against it."  
"This country may be content with the measures which, if apparently slow are sure, and which hitherto have been adopted without any severance of friendly relations with the neutral powers. We have had experiences at the past of the consequences of impetuous and overbearing conduct. The nation will not go astray if it bears in mind the warning finger-posts of our history and seasons its enthusiasm and patriotism with caution and circumspection. It is a good motto that everything which is possible is not expedient."

REPLY TO U.S. PROTEST  
The foreign office handed to the American embassy to-day and 'ad interim' reply to the American protest against detention of Swedish vessels. It states that a formal answer to the representations of the United States will be made as soon as the French Government has signified its approval of the attitude of Great Britain.  
It is understood the formal reply will defend the action of the British authorities by citing evidence that the Germans have been abusing the privileges of first class mails. The British Government will rely on the postal convention adopted at The Hague for justification of its measures.  
The United States protested to Great Britain last month against interference with mails between the United States and Sweden. Large quantities of mail matter, particularly parcels post packages, have been taken from a number of steamships which were detained in British ports on voyage to the continent.

HASTENING REPAIRS  
Again the attention of the public has been called to the danger of St. Paul's Cathedral collapsing through "semic decay" and an appeal for funds is made by the dean to hasten the repairs. Two years ago the sum of \$350,000 was asked by the cathedral preservation board and of this only about \$150,000 has been so far subscribed. It was then stated by the examining engineers that the original architect, the great Wren, had been very sparing in his use of materials. The constant jarring of the building by motor bus and other heavy traffic, had of course not been anticipated. The vast and imperfectly distributed weight of the dome is the seat of the trouble and the gradual pressure of the weight is accelerated by the rusting of iron and internal degeneracy. Only the loyalty of the materials to each other says one authority, has kept the mass together. Repairs done at an earlier period are found to be entirely inadequate, and new buttresses and supports are to be constructed as soon as the money can be found.

Railroad Changes Hands.  
By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Spokane, Jan. 26.—The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad has purchased under foreclosure proceedings for approximately \$5,000,000 the Washington and Idaho Northern Railway, which operates about 100 miles of road between Spokane and Metlaka, Washington, was announced here to-day. The sale held at Spirit Lake, Idaho, was ordered by the United States District Court of Idaho, to cover the first and second mortgage bond issues, practically all of which were held by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad.

A polar bear in Central Park, New York, bit off the finger of a twelve-year-old boy.

### SELKIRK GAS IS RESTORED AGAIN IN BRANTFORD; TILBURY BRAND SHUT OFF

City Solicitor Makes Important Statement on Gas Situation—Hamilton Injunction Does Not Affect Brantford—Conditions Previous to 17th Inst. Restored.

City Solicitor W. T. Henderson gives out the following statement for the information of the citizens of Brantford:  
"I have obtained a copy of the injunction issued in Hamilton and of the contract between the Dominion Gas Company and the United Fuel Company of Hamilton, which owns the distribution plant in that city. The Hamilton injunction has no connection whatever and does not affect in any way the gas situation in Brantford. The pipe line which transports gas to Hamilton is an entirely separate and independent line and at no point is in connection with the pipe line which transports gas to Brantford. The only thing in common to the two pipe lines is that they both transport gas from the Selkirk fields.  
"There is nothing in the contract with the Hamilton Company which prevents the Dominion Gas Company from supplying the city of Brantford in the same manner that it has been doing ever since the pipe line to Brantford was laid.  
"I am assured by the Manager of the Brantford Gas Company that the whole supply available from the Selkirk field will be restored to-day and the Tilbury gas shut off except to such extent as it can be purified in the local works. This means that conditions as they were previous to the 17th instant will be restored.  
"It must be borne in mind that the Selkirk supply is gradually diminishing, and that in cold weather there will be a shortage both in Brantford, in Hamilton and every other municipality which is supplied by it. When these conditions arise we shall either have to do without gas in Brantford or accept the Tilbury article during the continuance of cold weather."

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Paris, Jan. 26.—The Corfu correspondent of The Petit Parisien has had an interview on the island with Nikola Pachitch, the Serbian Premier and quotes him as saying:  
"The retreat of our troops from Albania to Corfu is far from completed. Those who suffered most will soon be sent to places where they will be cared for, reorganized and re-armed. As for the others, if they are kept supplied, you may be sure they will continue the campaign in Albania with vigor. They will give the enemy some unpleasant surprises, for in Albania the roads and paths can be defended by small numbers of men and it is simply a question of transports and supplies and you alone, the allies, can solve the problem."  
"Give us enough to eat and we shall hold on and we shall fight. I am certain that with you and by your aid, we shall triumph. I repeat that we are absolutely sure that the allies will triumph and our one wish is to be able to contribute to the great victory."

### Darkened Streets Cause More Deaths

Accidents Much More Common in London Because of No Lights.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
London, Jan. 26.—When the full statistics for the Metropolitan area London are completed, an enormous increase in deaths from street accidents will be noted, perhaps as much as fifty per cent. over 1913, the year before the streets were darkened. In 1913 there were 579 fatalities due to street traffic. The darkening of streets in the latter part of 1914 raised these figures to 637, and it is expected that 1915 will show more than 800.

Japanese exclusion may be ignored at the present session of Congress.

### THE WARDENSHIP

Reeve Evans Expected to Get Post, According to Unwritten Rule.

But Found, to His Surprise, That Same was to Be Ignored.

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### LABOR IN BRITAIN PASSED RESOLUTION TO ASSIST THE GOVERNMENT IN THE WAR

"If Germany Wins, Nothing on God's Earth Matters" Said Mover of Resolution—Debate on Blockade Measures Commence To-day—Much Interest Taken in Announcement.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Bristol, Eng., Jan. 26.—The representatives of more than 2,000,000 members of trades unions met here to-day to decide the attitude of organized labor toward the war and in particular, compulsory military service. Early in the proceedings an attack on the compulsory service bill, now before the House of Lords was made by the president of the conference, William C. Anderson, member of parliament for the Attercliffe division of Sheffield.  
Mr. Anderson, who has opposed the bill in parliament, declared that it did not redeem the pledge of Premier Asquith regarding compulsion.  
"No form of words can offer immunity from danger," he said. "We cannot have forced military service without the risk of forced industrial service. Any attempt to use this weapon to coerce trades unionists will lead to great bitterness and end in failure."  
Mr. Anderson said there was danger in Great Britain's attempting a blockade as possible without interfering with the normal requirements of those neutral countries for internal consumption.

WIDESPREAD ATTENTION  
The debate in the House of Commons is attracting widespread attention, being expected to bring to a culmination the bitter controversy which has been going on in the press relative to the strengthening of the measures taken to restrict Germany's foreign trade. Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, is expected to submit a statement, but thus far it has not been indicated whether the government proposes to continue to act under the present order in council or to substitute an effective blockade.  
Some indication of the government's probable attitude, however, is given by the official figures issued last night to controvert assertions of certain newspapers that huge quantities of supplies are reaching Germany through neutral countries. The impression prevails that the government considers the present system reasonably satisfactory.

FIRST RESOLUTION  
The first resolution was moved by James Sexton on behalf of the National Union of Dock Workers. The resolution expresses "the horror of conference at the atrocities committed by Germany and her allies," and pledges the conference to assist the government as far as possible to prosecute the war successfully.  
Mr. Sexton said he was opposed to militarism, but that the war must be won.  
"If Germany wins," he continued, "nothing else on God's earth matters."  
Ramsay MacDonald, Labor member of parliament, appealed for tolerance. He deprecated such a controversial resolution which, he said, was calculated to interfere with Labor's previous comradeship and unity in fighting a common enemy.

Mr. Sexton's motion was adopted by a card vote of 1,502,000 against 602,000.

EAGERLY WAITING  
London, Jan. 26.—Experts and self-styled experts on the economics of war and the law of maritime war on commerce mobilized in the House of Commons this afternoon for the eagerly awaited debate on the measures to be taken for a blockade against Germany.  
Critics of the government's policy and the defenders thereof were equally insistent on the necessity of enforcing a blockade as effective as possible, but they joined issue on the best methods of enforcing this, a keen desire being shown in some quarters to make the interference with

Married at Folkestone.  
By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Kingston, Ont., Jan. 26.—A cable from England received this morning by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Reid, announces the marriage on Tuesday at Folkestone of Miss Norma Reid, their second daughter, to Lieut. Percy D'Essex, formerly of the 59th Battalion, London, and now in the 1st Canadian Trencher Regiment, in England.

Traffic Resumed.  
By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Revelstoke, B. C., Jan. 26.—Traffic east from this point has been resumed after slides at Rogers Pass and blizzards at Field had tied up trains for two days. No trains are expected from Vancouver before the end of the week. Revelstoke's supply of coal is practically exhausted.

Sailed Over Volcano Crest  
S. S. Sierra Battered With Pumice Stone in Pacific.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
San Francisco, Jan. 26.—Pumice stone, presumably from a submarine disturbance, was mixed with the waves which battered the Oceanic Steamship Company's liner Sierra during a hurricane three days out from Sydney, N.S.W., according to a report made by the Captain of the steamer which is in port to-day. Captain Koughan said that a few hours before leaving Sydney, January 8, it was reported to him that seismographs there registered violent disturbances at sea. The Sierra, he said, must have passed over the seat of the volcano outbreak. For hours the ship was in a sea of pumice, pieces varying in size from a marble to a hat, being thrown on deck by the waves.

### Kill Huns to Have Peace Says Father Vaughan

"Our Business is to Keep on Killing Germans," He Advocated, Vehemently, in Meeting in London.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
London, Jan. 26.—(In Montreal Gazette)—In a speech at the Mansion House yesterday, Father Bernard Vaughan said if Prussianized Germany would play the game according to the rules laid down by international law, he thought it would command the admiration as well as the respect of Englishmen, but the Germans had failed to play the game.  
"Our business," he cried, vehemently, "is to keep on killing Germans. Somebody has to be killed, and do you think we ought to be killed in view of the motive we have gone forth

to fight for? I say we have to kill a sufficient number of that tremendous army so as to entitle us to dictate terms of a peace that shall be rooted in a victory to be heard and shouted from Paris to this mammoth metropolis."  
Referring to the reports of German atrocities, he said he was sometimes told that the newspapers were exaggerating. His answer was that if the Germans had not done what was charged against them they were failing to carry out the laws laid down by their war lords—to leave women and children nothing but their eyes to weep with.

Bryan Joins Peace Party  
By Special Wire to the Courier.  
London, Jan. 26.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Stockholm says that William J. Bryan, in accepting membership of the Ford Permanent Peace committee intimated that he was preparing to leave the United States for Stockholm.

### DISARMING OF MONTENEGRINS CARRIED OUT

Vienna Hears Austrians Treat Conquered Nation Kindly.

VAIN DEFENCE OF SCUTARI

Albanian Question Stirring Up Much Interest in Italy.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Vienna, Jan. 25, via London.—The disarmament of the Montenegrins, it is reported here, is progressing favorably. Lack of communications, the nature of the country and unfavorable weather rendered it difficult for the Montenegrin government to reach outlying districts. It was necessary that notice of the government's intention to capitulate should reach every house, because every Montenegrin was armed, and this task in the absence of rapid communications was found more difficult than at first supposed.

The Austro-Hungarian military authorities, it is announced, are showing much consideration for the conquered people. It has permitted the members of public safety organizations to retain arms, although Austro-Hungarian troops have already assumed police duties.  
Measures have been taken to feed the population, which is greatly in need of the necessities of life. Fifteen hundred Serbian soldiers, who had taken refuge in Montenegro, were made prisoners by the Austrians.

Trustworthy reports from northern Albania, say that many Albanians are joining the Austro-Hungarians, and that the supporters of Essad Pasha the provisional president of Albania, who has been opposed to Austria, are steadily deserting.  
Nothing is known by the public here of the terms of peace between Austria and Montenegro. This has not even been the subject of speculation by the press, which treats this as a matter of secondary interest until the country is completely occupied. There are indications, however, that the government is not inclined to be severe with Montenegro. Through the occupation of Antivari and Dulcigno, the Austrians have established an effective control over the major part of the eastern Adriatic coast.

WOMEN HEROIC AS MEN.  
Rome, Jan. 25, via Paris.—A despatch from San Giovanni di Medua, to the Idea Nazionale, says that the Montenegrins made a determined stand on Mount Tarabosh, in an effort to save the city of Scutari, but that the approach of a strong Austrian column forced the garrison to evacuate the place, and the detachment on the mountain to retreat. The women, it is stated, conducted themselves as heroically as the men, carrying on their backs during the retreat everything that was necessary to continue the struggle.

Although the fall of Scutari was discounted by the Italian public, the suddenness with which it was brought about has caused much surprise. Keen interest is manifested in political circles regarding the entire Albanian question. Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister, had a long conference this morning with the king, and it is understood that at the meeting of the Italian cabinet to-morrow certain features of the Albanian question will be discussed, although it is not expected that definite decisions of importance would be arrived at, as the question is an international one and must be settled by agreement of the allies.

Military experts affirm that no immediate anxiety is felt for Durazzo, which is understood to be satisfactorily defended by Essad Pasha, nor for Avlona, which is believed to be safe from a sudden blow.

NEW SHOW ROOMS.  
Mr. C. J. Mitchell, the local Ford dealer, has found it necessary, on account of the increase of his business to open on Dalhousie street, in the Schultz Building, a show and sales room. This show room will be devoted to the sale of the popular Ford cars, and will be continued until such time as our new premises will be completed on Darling street.

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### THEATRE

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