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## The Blood Stained Ruins of Dinant

Giant Hand Seems to Have Pluck- wits, knots, oyster catchers, phalaed Up Homes and Hurled Them ropes, plovers, sand-pipers, snipe,

Down in Fragments

A medley of blood-stained ruins, of disrupted houses, and ragged, tumble- ing doves and wild pigeons. down walls. Thus stands the little cataclysmio.

humming birds, kinglets, martins,

live amongst. The poor citizens of this despoiled entirely or chiefly on insects. town move about the stone-strewn, shell-smashed streets like ghosts, flitting in and out of the ruins, hiding at the sight of any of the German garrison, dumb and afraid.

The silence is scarcely ever broken, now and again the wail of a child is heard, and from a corner house in the market square a woman shouts, in the harsh, unmeaning voice of madness.

In places the walls and the stones of the streets are splotched with dark red stains, marking the spot where hundreds of inoffensive citizens, men, women and children, were butchered in cold blood. And not far away are the cemeteries, made in a day, where the poor martyrs were buried.

"The atrocious vision of that stricken town is still before me, with the same intensity of horror," writes a Belgian woman, who, from Dinant, reached the safe refuge of England. "Oh, that pretty valley of the Meuse, now overrun and devastated! Those villages set on fire without any strate gic motive! Nothing that has been said or written can give any idea of the reality."

The fate of Dinant is shared by hundreds of towns and villages from end to end of Belgium. The plight of this people is truly indescribable. Words can paint only a shadow of the actual situation.

Seven million people are on the verge of starvation, just barely kept alive by the three sl'ces of bread and a bowl of soup per day. distributed by the Belgian Relief Fund workers.

Even these poor rations must denied them unless further support is received at once. Will you help to beat back starvation from them, and refary is her the instr by feeding the massist them also to fight against tuberculosis, which is quickly spreading in their midst?

your utmost contribution

Dated from Issue of this Great Work stilts, surf birds, turnstones, willet,

woodcock, and yellowlegs. (e) Columbidae or pigeons, includ-

2. Migratory Insectivorous Birds Belgian town of Dinant, grim, silent, Bobolinks, catbirds, chickadees, cuck- signs of the present time, and is evioos, flickers, flycatchers, grosbeaks,

Some giant hand seems to have plucked up these houses and hurled meadowlarks, nighthawks or bull bats, them down in fragments. Resembling nut-hatches, orioles, robins, shrikes, a city of the dead, it yet shelters the swallows, swifts, tanagers, titmice, living, a starving people, who in thrushes, vireos, warblers, waxwings, spirit are as broken as the ruins they whipporwills, woodpeckers, and wrens and all other perching birds which feed

> 3. Other Migratory Nongame Birds: Auks, auklets, bitterns, fulmars, gannets, grebes, guillemots, gulls, herons, jaegers, loons, murres, petrels, puffins, and terns.

**MUNICIPALITY OF** ELTÓN

**Council Minutes** 

Tenth meeting of Elton council, held n the hall at Forrest on Tuesday, December 19th. All members present. Minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Communications were

received from the following: Messrs. Coldwell, Coleman & Kerr, our solicitors, informing us that in their opinion the council had not the power to lease the portion of Broadway street, Douglas, but it could pass a bylaw

declaring that portion of the street closed and could sell it; Baker and Long, inquiring if the municipality organizations. The City of Glasgow wished to dispose of the tax sale cer-

O tificates held by them. A deputation from the Forrest Wo-

men Grain Growers waited on the council re grant to be devoted for comforts to the boys that had gone to the front from the municipality.

C. E. McDougall and D. S. McGregor Canadians Did Brilliant Stroke of -That this council form itself into an Work that Surprised the Enemy approval board for the Patriotic fund, and that each councillor, with the

reeve and secretary, be a committee to deal with urgent cases in their re spective wards.

R. J. Black and F. Brooks-The sec over all school levies in f

tricts.

R. J. Black and A. M. Robertson-

between 11-12 and 11-17.

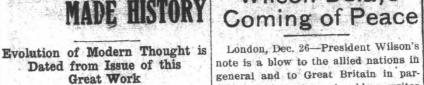
J. M. ALLAN, Sec.-Treas.

PLEASANT FOR U. S.

Forrest, was passed.

3-11-17.

A. M. Robertson and John Webster -That the financial statement of the



Interference by

Wilson Delays

BRANDON WEEKLY SUN

ticular. It is a staggering blow, writes The questioning spirit which is Hall Caine.

We do not for one moment doubt abroad in the churches today, and its sincerity. The total absence of any which many people regard with anxiety and disquietude is, according to appeal to our humanity, that nause-

Rev. A. E. Smith, one of the healthiest ating ingredient of the recent note from Germany, the direct warning to our fear of consequence, and above all dence of growth and progress. Speaking on "The Church's relation at the frank confessional of a rational America, left the note above all pos to the forces of change in the last

century," at the Men's Club in First sible suspicion of hypocrisy. But the very sincerity of the note, Methodist church on Thursday night, Rev. Mr. Smith bespoke a sympathetic coupled with its apparent insensibility attitude towards those who do not of convictions and emotions, which at keep abreast with modern thought, this moment are as deep as our souls,

and dwelt with the various factors makes it a surprising, almost a stupi that had tended to bring about an en- fying document. We do not question the right of Amtirely new conception of theology, and one of these was "the new and guiding erica to look at the war from the

principle that the Bible should be American point of view. We may perhave suffered less and gained more by book."

the war than any of the neutral na-He described Darwin's book as the tions, but we agree that whatever the most epoch-making event in the history of modern thought, and referred measure of her material loss she has to the scathing criticisms that were a right to call it into reckoning as

directed at Darwin's theory when his long as she does not count it against book was first published, and the our losses in flesh and blood, for that we should not for one moment permit of all ranks in the Christian church to We also agree that in rational terms of future peace, no more and no other than these, the people and govern-

ment of the United States, are as OFF TO MISSION FIELD vitally and directly interested as the peoples and governments engaged in

the war Recognizes Laws Too Late We wish that President Wilson had recognized these clear laws of international life two and a half years ago.

If he had done so then, instead of imposing a neutrality upon his people which he now sees to have ben impossible, God knows what wohld suffering might have been spared.

It is small comfort to us today that he has intervened after millions o lives have been lost, after thousands of millions of money have been spent

after the welfare of the world has been shaken to its foundations, and at the moment when we are being made fronts yesterday. the victims of an indisguised and in-

disguisable plot to put us in the wrong the war. God grant that President Wil-

son't note, however worthily intended. With the British Armies in France, Dec. 26.-North of Arras certain Cana-may not help that plot. We only too ps have just accomplished plainly see that

ase in modern treach warfare. plomacy has any such tragically unit id, which, however, was much timely offer been made by the hea in a raid, they succeeded in of one great nation to the goverty south, near the Transylvania-Roumanof action, temporarily at ments of others.

'In Order that We May Regulate Our Conduct in Future," Declares Secretary Lansing-Wilson's Note Declared Not to be a Movement for Peace but an Effort to Induce the Nations at War to Define the End for Which They are Fighting.

U.S. DRAWING NEAR TO WAR WANTS

TO KNOW WHAT BELLIGERENTS SEEK

Washington, Dec. 21-Danger of the United States itself being drawn into the war by reason of its increasingly critical position as a neutral, was one of the moving considerations in President Wilson's dispatch of notes to all belligerents urging them to discuss terms of peace.

Secretary Lansing today authorized the statement that the material rights of the United States had not been the paramount consideration.

"America's rights," he said, "were being more and more involved by belligerents and as the United States was 'drawing nearer the verge of war' it was entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks 'in order that we may regulate our conduct in future.'

Secretary Lansing's statement was as follows:

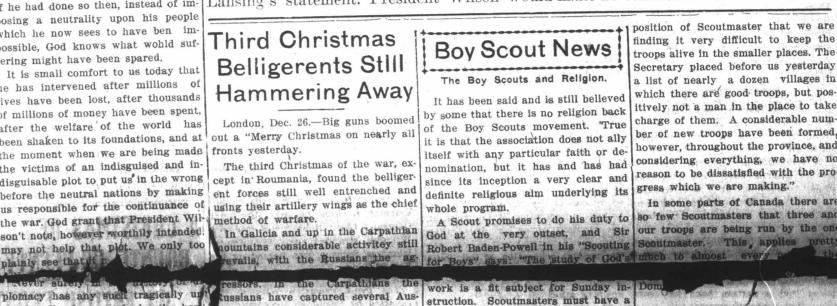
"It isn't our material interest we had in mind when the note was sent, but as more read and interpreted like every other haps think that the United States may and more of our rights are becoming involved by the belligerents on both sides so that the situation is becoming increasingly critical.

"I mean by that, we are drawing nearer the verge of war ourselves and therefore we are entitled to know exactly what each belligerent seeks in order that we may regulate our conduct in future.

"No nation has been sounded. No consideration of the German overtures or of the speech of Lloyd George was taken into account in the formulation of the document. The only thing the overtures did was to delay it a few days. It was not decided to send it until Monday. Of course, the difficulties that face the President were that it might be construed as a movement toward peace and in aid of the German overtures. He specifically denied in the document itself that that was a fact.

"Sending of this note will indicate the possibility of our being forced into the war. That possibility ought to serve as a restraining and sobering force safe-guarding American rights. It may also serve to force the earlier conclusion of the war. Neither the President nor myself regard this note as a peace note. It is merely an effort to induce the belligerents to define the end for which they are fighting.

At the White House no effort was made to lessen the importance of Secretary Lansing's statement. President Wilson would make no comment.



a list of nearly a dozen villages in which there are good troops, but positively not a man in the place to take charge of them. A considerable num ber of new troops have been formed, however, throughout the province, and considering everything, we have no reason to be dissatisfied with the pro gress which we are making."

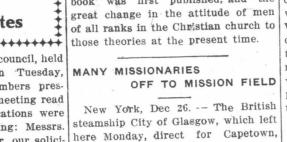
In some parts of Canada there are so few Scoutmasters that three and

our troops are being run by the on

ro-German positions, and farther full appreciation of the religious and

moral aim underlying the practical instruction all through the scheme of

Veterans Angry At Socialists Declare Belief that Right-Minded Men of Labor Party are Now in the Trenches



DARWIN'S BOOK

South Africa, carried ninety-eight passengers, the first direct sailing of a South African passenger ship from port for some time. Most of the passengers are mission aires from various American church

will also call at Calcutta, India.

Mrs. J. W. G. Watson, secretary of accepted. the Belgian Relief Committee, Brandon, or direct to headquarters of the fund, at 59 St. Peter street, Montreal.

## Bird Pact To Take Effect On March 10th

## Treaty for Protection of Migratory Fliers Long Advocated-Close Seasons Fixed

Ottawa, Dec. 22 .- An important new at Chater. treaty has been recently signed between Canada and the United States That this council grant the sum of looking towards the protection of mi-\$75.00 to the reeve for services, 1916. gratory birds. The new treaty will go The reeve vetoed this motion and into effect next March when corresstated that he appreciated the manner ponding close seasons on migratory in which this grant was given, but birds will be observed in the two coununder present conditions he felt he tries.

The signing of the treaty is the result of long agitation on the part of therefore declared the motion lost. bird lovers, game protective associations and other organizations for some uniformity of action to prevent the turned Soldiers' Association. R. J. Black and John Webster complete annihilation of many birds which were rapidly disappearing. That the secretary be instructed to The most important clause provides write the G.T.P. engineer re crossing

for:

1. A close season on migratory game birds from March 10th to' September 1st. with the exception:

2. Of an open season of three and a half months.

3. Of a close season throughout the year on insectivorous birds.

The open season of three and one half months may be fixed anywhere be tween Septecher 1st and March 10th to suit the local conditions. The restriction of the open season on wild-

fowl to three and one-half months will involve in some Provinces a shortening of the present open season, but in view of the objects of the treaty and the experience that such restriction in the United States is increasing the supply of birds, this change will undoubtedly meet with the support of sportsmen desirous of preventing the continued decrease in the numbers of wild fowl.

The birds included in the treaty are as follows: 1. Migratory Game Birds:

The Birds Included

(a) Anatidae or waterfowl, including brant, wild ducks, geese and swans. (b) Gruidae or cranes, including little brown, sandhill, and whooping cranes.

(c) Rallidae or rails, including coots, gallinules and sora and other rails. (d) Limicolae or shorebirds, including avocets, curley, dowitchers, god-

But before they had so much as a secretary-treasurer for November be least, an entire battalion of German single day in which to consider the infantry. The took fifty-nine prison-

John Webster and C. E. McDougall ers, including one commissioned officer situation, President Wilson leaped in the Dobrudja region of Roumania are every Scout belong to some religious -That in the interest of the munici- and estimated that they killed 150 with the suggestion, made in the name still hammering hard the Russian and pality we think it best to hold tax Germans alone, which were blown to of the greatest neutral nation, that Roumanian lines in the north. The sale; that we instruct our assessor to atoms after they refused to surren- the allies should state their terms send C.P.R. Land Certificates Branch der. The Canadian losses were ex- also. their assessment notice on pt. S W ¼ tremely light.

The "raid" took place at three

John Webster and F. Brooks-That o'clock in the afternoon on a front of the German proposals. He certainly the secretary be instructed to write 400 yards. The German prisoners admade it impossible for the allies to he Canadian Pacific Railway Co. pro- mit that they were completely by sur- discuss terms of peace at all without testing against said company closing prise. The officer captured said he apparently acquiescing in the eyes of the crossing at Douglas station; and was convinced that something was the world and of history in the Geralso to act in conjunction with Corn- about to happen but believed that the man claim. He put the clock of peace wallis with the closing of the crossing attack was coming on Christmas Eve. back for many days, perhaps many He reported to the higher command

months ,and thereby committed, howbut received no support. ever unwittingly, an error which, so The Canadians, mostly stalwart men far as we can see, has already had the from the plains of Manitoba, Saskat-

effect of a crime. chewan and Alberta, had skilfully es But President Wilson's note is not tablished themselves well forward so nore astonishing in its tragis untimethat when the artillery had ceased the liness than it its apparent insensibilpreparatory fire they were in the German front line trenches in less than we are compelled to conclude (which had been rewarded sufficiently, and two minutes. The officer in command, God forbid we should be) that he bewho was reporting the raid to the lieves the objects aimed at by the D. S. McGregor and F. Brooks-That brigade headquarters by telephone. warring nations are virtually the we grant the sum of \$50.00 to the Re- said he had hardly uttered the words, same; that each side is honestly fight-"They're off" before he had to say

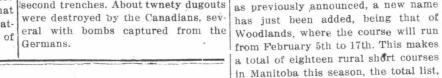
ng for the rights of the little nations. for defence of the territory against Consternation reigned among the Germans who scrambled for the saps aggression, and for the general interests of humanity. and dugouts leading to the rear

A number of bills were ordered trenches while the Canadians pelted EIGHTEEN RURAL SHORT them with hand-grenades. Caught un paid, and a motion to adjourn to meet prepared, many Germans in the front on Tuesday, January 2nd, 1917 at line offered no resistance but threw

up their hands with cries of "Kam erad." Others were taken as they fled for the second and third lines, for the Canadians pushed on quickly to the

Montreal, Dec. 23 .- Chief of Police second trenches. About twnety dugouts as previously announced, a new name their feet. Campeau has officially declared that the war has driven the world's greateral with bombs captured from the est criminals to America and many of Germans. them to Canada,

'They're in."





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J. W. Millar, Manager. BRANDON BRANCH, .

Put Clock of Peace Back

In doing that he probably arrested are keeping up their operations in the region of Tutltcha, seeking to make secure the bridgehead for operations against southern Bessarabia. The northern bank of the Danube is being vigorously shelled from the latter sector by the artillery of the central powers.

them.

The 'Peg Flooded Christmas Booze

ed to Winnipeg

cores, perhaps hundreds, of Winniordered last | week from Kenota,

In addition to the list of short courses at rural centres in Manitoba, has swept the express companies off the strength of the troop is no mean them to be free men.

Woodlands, where the course will run

from February 5th to 17th. This makes nothing of Sunday. And yet at noon a flourishing condition. It consists of total of eighteen rural short courses Monday there were a few odd hundred twenty-five members, all keen on their n Manitoba this season, the total list, in addition to the four courses now crates still lying undelivered in the work. They have passed their tendercompleted, standing as follows: Sou- offices of local express companies. ris, Jan. 8th to 20th; Gilbert Plains, Jan. 8th to 20th; Holland, Jan. 8th to retary of the Lord's Day alliance, stat- are fully uniformed in the regulation 20th; Deloraine, Plumas and Portage ed that those responsible for the de- Scout uniform. We have had two la Prairie, Jan. 22nd to Feb. 3rd; Lan- livery of liquor on Sunday would be summer camps, and are now prepar-

gruth and Woodlands, Feb. 5th to prosecuted. 17th; Killarney, McCreary and Brandon, Feb. 19th to March 3rd; Boissevain, St. Pierre and Birtle, March 5th to March 17th

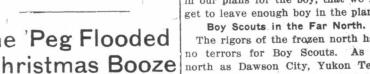
Very often the price of liberty is \$10 or ten days.

Figures may not lie, but estimates cuted by "home guards," and many re often misleading. ★ Villa troops were killed in a battle

It is the man at the little end of the southwest of Chihuahua City, a memhorn who is either applauded or hoot- ber of the "home guards" reported. VIRDEN TOWN COUNCIL ed by the audience.

ian frontier, have taken a ridge from scouting." The religious policy of the The forces of the Teutonic allies in movement states: "It is expected that denomination and attend its services." Many successful troops of Boy town of Isakishe, on the east bank of Scouts are connected with churches the Danube, opposite Braila, has been and religious institutions. Surely, captured by the invaders, who also then the Boy Scouts Association is a religious organization with a pro-

gram broad enough to embrace all



ity tothe moral issues of the war, if Express Companies Fail to Deliver All the Liquor Consign-

day Sunday. their liquor is simple. **COURSES IN MANITOBA** It was because the inflow of that,

day or so has been so large that it lation of about eight thousand people, made, and are making, it possible for

Late into Saturday night rigs loaded ary Secretary writes as follows: only with "booze" were to be seen on every second Winnipeg street, to say in knowing that our troop here is in

foot tests, and will soon be able to Sunday night Rev. J. S. Watson, sec- pass as Second Class Scouts. They

> ing for our third spell . under canvass.

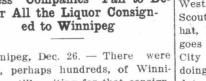
Not Enough Scoutmasters. Recently we heard murmurs from the

West to the effect that the war was neutral press views on Mr. Lloyd Juarez, Mexico., Dec. 21.-Buadelio making great inroads into the supply George's refusal of the German peace Uribe, a follower of Villa, who is said of Scoutmasters. Now the cry is offer, largely takes the standpoint that to have instituted the practice of cut- taken up in the West. The Commis- he did not close the door to peace.

ting off the ears of Carranza prisoners, sioner for Alberta, Mr. Justice W. L. The actual fact, however, is that he and seventeen of his band were exe- Walsh, writing to the Honorary Dom- entirely declined peace on anything inion Secretary, says: except the Allies' terms and the door "We are doing what we can to fur- obviously remains open only if Gerther the movement in this province, many is willing to accept those terms,

but the war has made such demands which are complete restitution, full upon the young men available for the reparation and effectual guarantee."



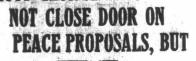


Winnipeg, Dec 26 .- After carefully studying the attitude of the present denominations of the Christian faith. Trades and Labor Council, which, Charles Stelzle, in his "Boys of the coupled with the Social-Democratic Streets and How to Win Them" says: Party, the Socialist Party of Canada, Sometimes we are so much concern- the Single Tax League, and Rev. Hored about there being enough religion ace Westwood is opposing National in our plans for the boy, that we for- Service, the Great War Veterans' Asget to leave enough boy in the plans." sociation, at their meeting, Sunday afternoon, passed the following resolu-The rigors of the frozen north have tion:

to terrors for Boy Scouts. As far "That the Great War Veterans' Asnorth as Dawson City, Yukon Terri- sociation of the City of Winnipeg extory, the Scout is almost as familiar a presses indignation at the stand taken figure as he is in the East and the by the Trades and Labor Council in re-West. Adorned in the regulation gard to registration; and we believe Scout uniform, with his broad rimmed that the right-minded men of that body hat, his shorts, khaki shirt, etc., he are now fighting in the trenches, shargoes about the streets of Dawson ing the honors of true British sub-Winnipeg, Dec. 26. - There were City wearing the same broad smile, jects; and that all returned soldier doing the same kind acts, "doing his members have no confidence in the peggers still waiting for that consign- duty to God and King" just as his men who are the cause of this trouble; ment of alcoholic beverage that they fellow Scouts are ding in the cities, and that we as an ussocration think

towns and villages of the East, the it a most regrettable occurrence and Christmas morning, despite the fact West and the South. His daily pro- not in keeping with the true standard that express deliverymen worked all gram is the same as that of Scouts of a British subject whose first duty is throughout the Dominion. In Dawson to his King and country and his flag, The reason why they didn't receive City there is a well trained troop of instead of causing internal disruption; twenty-five boys and a Scoutmaster. and that these men now opposing Na Considering the locality and the fact tional Service should turn their attenliquid into Winnipeg during the past that Dawson City only boasts a popu- tion to the assistance of those who

> total. In a recent letter the Honor "You will, I feel sure, be interested LLOYD-GEORGE DID



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London, Dec. 21 .- The Daily Mail. which is close to Premier Lloyd

George, this morning gave prominence to the following: "Germanic and

