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THE BRITISH CONTRABAND RULES

They may be too optimistic, but the great majority of the people of the United States are looking forward to 1915 as the biggest boom year in their history. The record-breaking wheat crop of 1914 will soon be sold out, so that the price of wheat is advancing, carrying oats and corn upwards. Even cotton shows an upward tendency with increased exports, a considerable portion of them going to Germany. Mr. Charles M. Schwab of the Bethlehem Shipping Company says that the allies have let contracts in the United States amounting to \$300,000,000, and he is afraid the railways will be unable to handle the increased traffic that will soon be thrust upon them.

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BRIGHTENING SKIES FOR BUSINESS

Altho the boom has by no means arrived, we find most conserva-Altho the boom has by no means arrived, we find most conservative judges viewing the present situation and future prospects with satisfaction. R. G. Dun & Co., in their review of the week ending last Saturday, find that the holiday business, altho below that of last year, was much better than anticipated. The United States Steel Corporation has decided not to reduce wages. Manufacturers are quoting higher prices for future deliveries, and the export trade has increased so prodigiously that sterling exchange is lower than it has been since so prodigiously that sterling exchange is lower than it has been since the first three servers of exports over imports during the first three.

February. The excess of exports over imports during the first three weeks of December amounted to \$70,000,000.

It may be that the United States is in a better position than we are to speed up business, now that it has adopted an up-to-date banking and currency system, but our neighbors cannot have good times without things brightening up on this side of the line almost immediate.

BUSINESS MEN **AID KITCHENER**

Working With Great Smoothness.

CRITICS ARE SILENT

Guard Against Graft in Contracts.

Canadian Press Despatch.
LONDON, Dec. 28.—Criticism of the

execution of government contracts, not only to see that proper equipment and rations are supplied to the soldiers, but to prepare sweating.

Having been a bitter enemy of the

Problems Well Handled. "Having visited 36 camps in various

parts of the country, I am thoroly cheered. In the majority of cases business men are handling the diffi cult problems of war. Dwellers inland have no conception of the thoro-ness, efficiency and silence with which the war office and the admiralty have co-operated for the business of pre-venting a German raid or invasion. "The alarm that is still felt in some

parts of these islands is wholly unjustified, because, firstly, the business efficiency of the fleet under Jellicoe mas increased since war began; and, secondly, because the practical measures adopted by our military en-gineers, if generally known, would enble the timid to sleep quietly in their eds. If I were out to pick holes in our administration, it would not be in the general management of the

Recent Low Temperature Emphasizes The Need of Fur Garments. Those who must be constantly outrs in such weather as we had round Christmas know

by wearing fur street, meets the coonskii men's outfits are

specialty here hought before the nations, we are compelled to hold over

ROTESTS AGAINST

Allies' Gains Compensated

Was Fiercest in Past Month.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Dec. 28.-The battle line n the east and west have undergon only infinitesimal changes in the pas day. The French and German reports agree that the Germans have capture a section of trenches near Hollebeke, south of Ypres. The French assert that the Germans gave up trenches on the first line, to the extent of about 800 or 900 yards in the Lens region, further east, while unsuccessful demonstrations have been made from both sides at various points along the extended

lines.

The reports of the numbers of wounded both armies are sending back from the lines in Belgium appear to show that the fighting on Christmas in that country was the fiercest of the past month. Correspondents in the rear say that the Belgians as a result of five days' sapping captured nearly 3000 Germans with only small losses to themselves.

themselves.

According to the Russian reports, the German attempts to capture Warsaw have failed, while the Berlin official statement says there is general confidence that the German and Aus-tro-Hungarian forces are making pro-gress along the great front.

ENGLAND PLEASED

Cuxhaven Attack Heralded as Precursor of Attacks on Kiel and Heligoland.

BELIEVE DAMAGE DONE

Newspapers Have Poor Opinion of Zeppelins—German Fleet Atraid to Fight.

to the rear were Hon. Robert Rogers, Sir Rodmond Roblin and Sir Douglas Cameron, with other prominent citizens.

The march past was an impressive sight, and it brought home very strongly to Winnipeg what the west is doing for the empire. The saluting point was the corner of Portage avenue and Main street, where a great crowd gathered.

Premier Pleased.

"They are a magnificent body of men," said Sir Robert at the conclusion of the parade. "I have just had the pleasure of congratinating Gen. Steele on the magnificent turnout of men, and by the men in so short a perid of training. I am glad to know that the accommodation for them in Winnipeg has been very good, and I am not surprised to hear that the response in military district No. 10 has been all that could be desired."

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The men presented with the gire of the magnificent of the propels are thusiastic over the raid by their cruisers and seaplanes on Cuxtaven and seaplanes on

The British people are beginning to ose whatever fear of the Zeppelins they lose whatever fear of the Zeppelins they had, perhaps prematurely, but the exploits of the airmen on the continent, and the scouting trip of the German flyer over Kent on Christmas, show there is a strong possibility that the Taubes may repeat, over London, the visit with bombs which they paid Paris and War-

night of the danger to people in the streets from guns which may be used in London against hostile aircraft, and advised the people to the peo vised the people to take refuse in base-ments if they should hear the sound of

METROPOLITAN LIFE TO BE MUTUALIZED

jority to Take Charge

returned with sufficient information, it is said to allow the French artillery to conduct an effective fire on the German positions.

THE NICKEL CONTROVERSY.

Owing to the pressure on our columns of the municipal election nominations, we are compelled to hold over until tomorrow the publication of the order in council of 1895 re nickel in Ontario,

Canadian Press Despatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Mutualization of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. was endorsed by the policyholders at a meeting held here today. Only about 1600 voed against the plan, while 65,000 gave their approval. Most of the votes were by proxy. Mutualization already had been aproved by the stockholders and directors. The proposal now goes before the state superintendent of insurance, and if he gives his approval control of the company will pass into the hands of the policyholders, who will elect a board of directors.

"Hide When Guns Boom" London Civilians Told

Danger From Dropping of Projectiles Fired at Zeppelin Raiders.

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Dec. 28, 7.55 p.m.—The London official bureau this afternoon made the following announcement:

"The naval and military authorities call the attention of persons using the streets to the danger from fragments of shells from bullets from the guns used against hostile aircraft attempting to raid London.

"The civil population are warned to keep under cover preferably in basements on hearing the sound of firing by guns or of explosives."

Fort Erie Will Be Fully In-

vestigated at Ottawa.

When Ordered — One

Slightly Wounded.

Officers Who Ordered Goods Must Find Twenty-One Thousand Dollars.

ALDERMEN CHANGE MIND

One Confessed He Was "Carried Away" When He Signed Round Robin.

its fifteen hundred uniforms, and a ing of Walter Smith and the wounding bill for \$21,000 of which the city was of Charles Dorsch, two American to have paid \$12,000 and won't. Yesterday afternoon, led by Ald. Sam. McBride, eighteen aldermen reconsidered
the round-robin they had signed two weeks ago declaring themselves in favor of granting the \$12,000. Council by a vote of 17 to 4 decided not to pay the money. The uniform makers are waiting expectantly and the offiare waiting expectantly and the officers of the Home Guard find themselves responsible financially for the debt. The explanation given by the members who had changed their minds since the round-robin was circulated two weeks ago, is that they were influenced by Major A. Gillies' statements that the federal government would pay the unemployed among the Home Guard for protecting federal public works. Four men alone voted for the donation: Controllers O'Neill and McCarthy and Aldermen Ryding and Rowland.

Several volleys were fired over their theads to force them to come ashore with their rowboat. A final shot, said to have been fired for the same purpose, struck Smith between the eyes, and passing thru his head, wounded Dorsch on the arm.

Men Under Arrest.

While deep regret over the incident was expressed by the Fort Eric Village officials it was pointed out that the men were not only technically under arrest by the game officer and were attempting to escape, but they had violated a military order which forbade unauthorized persons to approach the international boundary line while armed. This order, it was said was accompanied by a verbal order to the

McBride Led Charge. Alderman McBride after characterzing the grant as the "biggest vote atching proposition ever," read a letter from Major General Lessard, in reply to unmerous questions, wherein

the general stated that only military (Continued on Page 7, Column 1.)

GERMAN RAID RUMOR FAILS TO SCARE C.P.R.

Vice - President Bosworth Facetious in Reply to New York Warning.

Canadian Press Despatch. MONTREAL, Dec. 28 .- "The German scare" reached Vice-President George M. Bosworth of the C.P.R. in the form of a telegram from The New York Times this afternoon as follows: "We are receiving intimations from widely scattered points in California that there is a movement of Germans in civilian clothing northward, the obexplosives or guns.

A heavywinds orm, with rain and snow, swept over parts of England and adjacent waters tonight.

in civilian clothing northward, the object being to raid Vancouver and Canadian Pacific Railway communications to keep Canadians at home. cations to keep Canadians at home Have you anything to say?" Mr. Bosworth had something to

"We have fine scenery all along the line of the C.P.R., and can reserve a peak 10,000 feet high for the solitary meditations of any German raider who comes across the international boundary.—G. M. Bosworth."

by a brilliant idea; every man pulled off his outer clothes and pulled his shirt on over jacket and vest; thus they crept thru the snow up to the edge of the German trenches without being seen and carried the entire line.

CENTRAL CARPATHIANS.

Canadian Press Despatch.

GERMANY ASSERTS POWER OVER

German Military Rulers Insist on Running Affairs of Consulates.

Washington Apparently Dis- Modification of Declaration posed to Regard Commands as Not Unreasonable.

Regrettable Incident Near VICTIMS UNDER ARREST Men Refused to Come Ashore

Canadian Press Despatch.
BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 28.—The kill-

promised, but a corporal was struck NO NOMINATION YET by a brilliant idea; every man pulled IN JACQUES CARTIER Conservatives Want to Know the

> Government's Attitude Regarding By-election. Canadian Press Despatch.

GENERAL ALDERSON NOT MONTREAL, Dec. 28 .- The Conserva TO LEAVE CANADIANS tive convention called at Lachine today Canadian Associated Press Cable. Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, Dec. 29, 2.28 a.m.—A
Petrograd despatch to The Times says that military circles point out that all the important passages of the Carpathians are again in Russian hands and that those swill held by the enemy afford them no advantage.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The following telegram was received tonight from General Alderson, commanding officer of the Sine die after a committee had been appointed to wait on the federal ministers in order to learn the wishes of the government in regard to a by-election.

UNITED STATES CONSULS IN BELGIUM

Search for Contraband and Wideness of Application Disliked at Washington.

GERMANY'S VIEW CITED DESIRED

of London, Opposed by Germany, Complained Of.

Canadian Press Despatch.

WASHINGON, Dec. 28.—The German Government has formally notified the state department that American consuls in Belgium must be acceptable to the German military authorities, and that it is desirable that some of the consuls be withdrawn for the present at least.

Secretary Bryan declined to make public the text of the German communication, or to comment upon it until the had had full opportunity to censider it. The understanding in official circles, however, is that the notice is similar to the one sent Argentina and other neutral countries, and that while the German Government does not insist that consuls in Belgium take out new exequaturs from German officials, it announces that such consuls must exercise their functions only by permission from the military authorities in control of the territory in which the consulate is situated.

The U. S. has consular representatives only in Brussels, Antwerp, Liege and Ghent, and since the war began they have had little work of the ordinary character to do. Their activities have been devoted largely to looking the consulation of President Wilson himself who revised its phraseology with min-

what expressed by the Fortier Village of Officials It was pointed out that the official in the property of the configuration of the con

willingness to adhere to the whole declaration, if the other belligerents would.

Position of United States.

The United States took the position that it could not accept piecemes! adoption between the allies of the Declaration of London with their own amendments, and declared that it would be guided by the general practices of international law irrespective of the Declaration of London.

The German Government in a formal note to the United States and other neutrals then voiced its objections to the British modifications, which similarly the United States opposed.

Today's note follows in many important points the arguments then advanced by Germany that British practice with respect to neutral commerce was a distinct departure from many previously accepted principles of international law.

Matines.

In order to give everyone an opportunity of seeing the famous comic opera, "The Chocolate Soldier," now in its fifth year, the prices for Wednesday's matinee at the Princess Theatre have been placed at 50c and 75c. No seat in the big theatre more than 75c. This should pack the theatre tomogram afternoon.

the cold can be sisted. The great fur sale at Dineen's, 140 Yonge dous saving to coats and coon below makers' cost Fur caps, collars and gauntlets are as well as motor and Wallaby motor rugs and handmusk ox robes for

SPLENDID PARADE

War Machine in Britain is Six Thousand Marched Before Premier Borden at Winnipeg.

"MAGNIFICENT BODY"

Effective Measures Taken to Prime Minister Congratulated Gen. Steele on Great Showing Made.

Canadian Press Despatch. WINNIPEG, Dec. 28.—Six thousan rament's war preparation which sturdy men of the west of Canad

sturdy men of the west of Canada marched past in review before Sir Robert Borden, premier of Canada, this afternoon and earned the high praise he bestowed in speaking of them as a magnificent body of men.

The war office has now enlisted the services of business men with experience in carrying out big enterprises to take part in the work of supplying the army, and the labor stages in review before Sir Robert Borden, premier of Canada, this afternoon and earned the high praise he bestowed in speaking of them as a magnificent body of men.

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The march past was composed of the second and third contingents from the west, and only such men and officers as have volunteered took their places in the ranks. The 27th and £3th battallons were completely equipped and carried their rifles with fixed bayonets. The 32nd Battallon carried no rifles, but all were in complete uniform. The same applied to the arsupplying the army, and the labor torm. The same applied to the armunions have volunteered to watch the tillery, the army service corps and execution of government contracts not

Arnold White, a prominent writer, and former colonial official, has been making a thoro inspection of the training camps for the purpose of detecting camps

Having been a bitter enemy of the Liberal government, his point of view was not prejudiced in its favor. He writes:

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and prouder still of being a Winnipeger," was the comment of Hon.
Robert Rogers, while Sir Rodmond Roblin said it was a wonderful sight. The men presented a fine appearance and looked entirely capable of taking their places on the dring line.'

THREE DAYS' BATTLE FOUGHT IN VOSGES

Conflict Raged Along Entire Front-Cannonading Heard in Switzerland.

Canadian Press Despatch. BASLE, Switzerland, Dec. 28 (via Paris), 4.55 p.m.—A battle lasting from December 24 until December 26 occurred along the whole front of the French and German armies in the Vosges Mountains. The sound of the cannon firing was plainly heard in Policyholders Vote by Large Ma-

French aeroplanes manoeuvring ever the Town of Muhlhausen, in Alsace, returned with sufficient information, it

Naval and Military Authorities Point to