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PROBS—Cloudy and mild; light fall of snow or rain tonight and on Wednesday. TWELVE PAGES—TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 29, 1914—TWELVE PAGES. VOL. XXXIV—No. 12,466

## UNITED STATES PROTESTS AGAINST GERMANY'S ASSERTION OF POWER OVER THE BRITISH CONTRABAND RULES

### BRIGHTENING SKIES FOR BUSINESS

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.

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 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 immediately.

### BUSINESS MEN AID KITCHENER

War Machine in Britain is Working With Great Smoothness.

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### GERMANS GAVE UP TRENCHES IN REGION OF LENS

Allies' Gains Compensated for Loss of Ground Near Hollebeke.

### FIGHTING WAS TERRIFIC

Conflict on Christmas Day Was Fiercest in Past Month.

### SPLENDID PARADE OF WESTERNERS

Six Thousand Marched Before Premier Borden at Winnipeg.

### A "MAGNIFICENT BODY"

Prime Minister Congratulated Gen. Steele on Great Showing Made.

### ENGLAND PLEASED WITH AERIAL RAID

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

### BELIEVE DAMAGE DONE

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

### THREE DAYS' BATTLE FOUGHT IN VOGES

Conflict Raged Along Entire Front—Cannonading Heard in Switzerland.

### METROPOLITAN LIFE TO BE MUTUALIZED

Policyholders Vote by Large Majority to Take Charge.

### 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.

### "Hide When Guns Boom" London Civilians Told

Naval and Military Authorities Point to Danger From Dropping of Projectiles Fired at Zeppelin Raiders.

LONDON, Dec. 28, 7.55 p.m.—The London official bureau this afternoon issued 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."

### UNIFORMS MADE FOR HOME GUARD CITY WON'T PAY

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

### ALDERMEN CHANGE MIND

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

Toronto's Home Guard has received its fifteen hundred uniforms and a bill for \$21,000 of which the city was to have paid \$12,000 and won't. Yesterday afternoon, 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 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' statement 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.

### THINK KILLING OF U. S. CITIZEN UNINTENTIONAL

Men Refused to Come Ashore When Ordered—One Slightly Wounded.

BUFFALO, N.Y., Dec. 28.—The killing of Walter Smith and the wounding of Charles Dorsch, two American hunters by Canadian soldiers on the Niagara River, near Fort Erie, today, was unintentional, according to information gathered by the military authorities and forwarded to Ottawa tonight.

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

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

### SHIRTS OVER JACKETS PROVED CLEVER TACTICS

French Infantry Not Seen Amid Snow, Rushed German Trenches.

### GENERAL ALDERMAN NOT TO LEAVE CANADIANS

Canadian Associated Press Cable. LONDON, Dec. 28.—The following telegram was received tonight from General Alderman, commanding officer of the Canadian contingent: "No truth in the report of my leaving the Canadians."

### U.S. CONSULS IN BELGIUM MUST BE WITHDRAWN

German Military Rulers Insist on Running Affairs of Consulates.

### WITHDRAWALS DESIRED

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Recent Low Temperature Emphasizes the Need of Fur Garments.

Those who must be constantly outdoors in such weather as we had round Christmas know that it is only by wearing fur garments that the cold can be successfully resisted.

The great fur sale at D. Young's, 147 Yonge street, meets the need at a tremendous saving to you. Fur-lined coats and coat collars are priced below makers' cost. Fur caps, collars and gauntlets are similarly reduced. Fur rugs and handbags, as well as motor robes, coonskin and Walkley motor robes and handbags, are also being sold at a specialty here and should be secured before the season is further advanced, and at the extraordinary price concession prevailing now.

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