THIS ORIGINAL DOCUMENT IS IN VERY POOR CONDITION.

---Ul ggle There is One, Like That Aisne and Ysef.

THE BALKANS Rulers of Bulgaria and Roumania Have Arranged for Conference.

London Cable .---- The vast conflict between the Russians and the Austro-German armies in Central and South Foland and in West Galicia has reached a temporary state of dead-lock, according to to-night's official communication from Petrograd, which is chiefly notable for the information that Marshal von Hindenburg's forces have adopted sapping tactics on the Bzura-Rawka from west of Warsaw.

Saps are being advanced by the Germans in several places towards the Russian positions, according to the report. In this work they are making use of steel shields to protect themselves from the rifle fire of the Czar's troops in the nearby trenches. It thus appears that the battle in Poland, which began as a field operation of great magnitude, is quickly being converted into siege warfare almost identical with that which for so many weeks has been proceeding on the Aisne and the Yser in the western war theatre.

PRISK FIGHT ON BZURA There has been, however, one brisk combat in the Warsaw region recent-The statement records that the Germans captured some Russian trenches on Wednesday near Sochacrew, the ill-fated village on the Bzura that was the storm centre of the re-cent engagements where von Hindencent engagements where von Hinden-burg's march on Warsaw was brought to an abrupt stop. The Russians re-turned to the attack this morning, and in a fierce bayonet encounter drove out the encourt and remined all drove out the enemy and regained all arove out the enemy and regained an the positions previously lost. Five quick-firing guns and a number of German prisoners were the Russian trophies of this adventure.

Of operations in North Poland or East Prussia the Russian statement says nothing to night, and of Buko-wina, where clief interest in the eastern war theatre now is centred in view of the immircut invasion of view of the inminent invasion of Transylvania from that quarter, and iransylvanic from that quarter, and its probable political effect on Rou-mania, Grand Duke Nicholas' head-quarters says merely that "we con-tinue our offensive." The situation thrue our offensive." The situation east of Cracow and in the Carpathians is described as "without important "Lange." Lange.

The German statement throws no light on the situation in Poland, beyond the fact that the continued inclement weather has count of the muc, which has greatly delayed what Berlin describes as German progress

ROUMANIA COMING IN. No better evidence of the extraor-dinary political effect which the Rus-rian sweep through Bukowith and

Jely to points of the line ... e Grand Duke Nicholas is enabled to assemble his troops and the reint orcements arriv-ing in large numbers, under the most favorable circumstances. Virtually all of Poland' is said to be a sea of mud at this time and the Germans have been unable to bring up their mud at this time and the Germans have been unable to bring up their heavy artillery to the districts where they had apparently planed to de-liver concentrated attempts to break through the Russian front. Rusians aerial scouts have reported

Rusians aerial scouts have reported Husians aerial scouts have reported that German artillery is stranded in sevral districts and that the mud is so deep, even on the principal high-ways, that all efforts at moving heavy guns will be in valn until a severe cold spell arrives.

WILL PAY FOR ERIE SHOOTING

Britain Will Recompense Victims of Recent Tragedy.

Ambassador Spring-Rice Notifies Secretary Bryan.

Washington Report.-The United

States Government to-day sent a formal note to Creat Britain through Sir Cecil Spring-Rice requesting the Sir Cecil Spring-Rice requesting the punjshment of those guilty of the kill-ing of Walter Smith and the wound-ing of Charles Dorsch, two American citizens, who were shot by three Cana-dian militamen at Fort Eric, Ont., while bunting ducks in alleged violawhile hunting ducks in alleged violation of the Canadian game laws.

The communication, which was of a friendly character, pointed out that not only did the United States Government expect the offenders to be duly punished, but that adequate compensation be given the families of the victims. Co-incidently with the sending of

the note, Secretary Bryan received a personal memorandum from the Britsh Ambassador here, after which the Secretary said: "The British Governent, with out deciding the question of liability, will consider the payment of damages to the injured man and the family of the deceased."

From this State Department officials took it for granted that damages would took it for granted that damages would be paid after the Dominion authorities had completed their enquiry. Hon. I. B. Lucas, the Attorney-day that heave to prosecute Provincial Folice Officer Thomas W. Delaney and the militamen concerned in the Fort Erie shooting has been sought by Crown Attorney Cowper, of Wel-land county. The Attorney-General stated that Mr. Cowper's proposal has been approved, but was not inclined to discuss the attitude of the provincial authorities in the matter. No action towards the suggested

No action towards the suggested prosecution had been taken at Fort Erie up to a late hour yesterday,

Official Eye-Witness Says Allies Hold the Initiative in the Great Struggle.

CHANGE IS BAD It Breaks Enemy's Spirit to Real-

ize That They Can No Longer Advance.

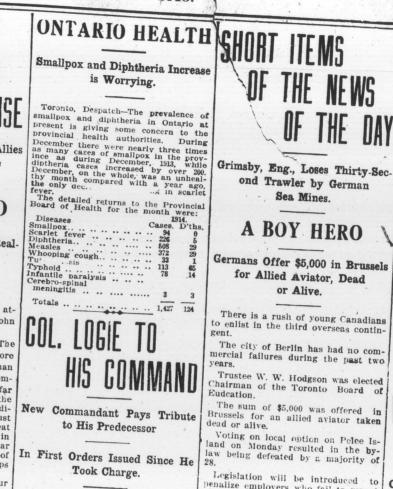
(BY "THE EYE-WITNESS.") Report of a military observerer attached to Field Marshal Sir John French's shaff at the front:

British Headquarters Cable.-The New Year has opened upon a more favorable situation for the allies than any they had known since the comany they had known since the com-mencement of the campaign. So far as the British are concerned, the small expeditionary force of four di-visions which took the field in August has now been swelled into a great army which is steadily increasing in numbers, has become inured to war and can look tack on a record of hard fighting such as British troops seldom have sustained in the past. The struggle of the last four months has entered upon 'ts fourth phase. A slow out none the less markphase. A slow out none the less mark-ed change which has taken place, has ed change which has taken place, has resulted in the definite passing of the initiative to the hands of the allies. This is not shown so much by ma-terial results obtained, although at some upints of the allies there is a some the source of the source o some points of the allied front ground has been gained, and in some places very marked progress has been made, resulting in the capture of guns and strongly-entrenched positions; but our advantage lics in the fact that it is now the allies who for the past points of the allied front it is now the allies who for the past few weeks have assumed and main-tained the offensive role, while the enemy has been acting on the defen-

ONLY COUNTER-ATTACKS. The fact that the enemy is acting on the defensive does not mean that on the detensive does not mean that he has given up his attacking alto-gether, but his attacks have been in the nature of counter-attacks, under-taken either in order to regain ground previously lost, or to relieve pressure on some other part of the German on some other part of the German line

If we retain the initiative it will mean that the German soldier gradu mean that the German soldier gradu-ally will become increasingly con-scious that he is no longer marching on Calais or Paris; that instead of pressing forward his role is merely to maintain what already has been won, and that even this limited phiced block and that even this limited object has not been obtained. Hitherto he has continually been told that reinforce-ments are about to arrive and that an advance in force is imminent, while advance in force is imminent, while reports of startling victories on land and sea are disseminated broadcast. But such fabrications can no longer carry conviction when the troops realize that instead of attacking they are stationary, or even retiring, and the morale of the enemy must inevitably be affected.

The more thoroughly they are now deceived as to the true position greater will be the disillusionment it they realize that ultimate victory is unattainable; while upon such an army as that of the Germans, which has been taught to exalt the cult of the offensive almost into a fetish, the mere consciousness of being reduced to acting on the defensive mitst have most discouraging effect. PROGRESS IS SLOW. It must not, however, be thought that the allies have made other than very slow and laborious progress or that the final result is within immediate reach. Yet every capture by the



REPORTER, JAN. 13. 1915.

Toronto Report .- In the first camp orders issued by Col. W. A. Logie, the new commandant, yesterday a graceful

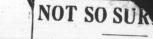
been sunk by striking a mine in the North Sea. Seventen of her crew tribute to the ability of his predeces-sor, Major-General F. L. Lessard, is expressed, where Col. Logie makes the

expressed, where Col. Logie makes the following statement: "In assuming tennorary command of the second division, the officer commanding asks and expects all ranks to co-operate and maintain the high state of discipline and efficiency in which his predecessor, General Les-sard, had left it. This result can only be obtained by a continuance of strict recruited in Northern Ontario. be obtained by a continuance of strict attention to discipline, training, and determination on the part of each of fleer, n.c.o. and man to prepare him-self in every respect for active ser-

Major-General Lessard leaves Ottawa on Monday, where he will in-terview the Minister of Militia in refrence to certain details of his new work. The General expects to estab-lish his office in Toronto shortly, alhough no place has yet been se-eted, the divisional headquarters on innoce street being already over-Simcoe crowded. There is a general expecta-tion that Major-General Lessard may yet be sent to the front in command a Canadian expeditionary force. Following the series of lessons'

the infantry battalions in attack tactics, there will be a series of schemes arranged for the officers of all units by Major Bickford, on map reading and how to place positions in a state of defence. About 25 officers will be instructed at a time, the senior officers of the infantry and artillery to

retirement of former Premier Flem-ming owing to the Dugal charges. the taken next week. The Ninth Mississauga Horse will supply 80 n. c. o's and men and four officers for "C" soundron of the Sth presented with a silver watch and chain, in recognition of his bravery in effecting the rescue of Miss L. Hugsoundron of the Stl Regiment of Canadian Mounted Rifles which it was announced some time ago will be formed for the third conago will be formed for the third con-tingent. The men will be drawn from Torento, Barrie, Orillia and Colling-wood, and the regiment will be con-centrated at Hamilton. An interest-Kingston. wood, and the regiment will be con-centrated at Hamilton. An interest-ing incident which occurred last night when three troops of the 9th Missis-saugas were on parade was the call-ing for recruits for the new regiment for overseas service, when the orce to a man stemed forward. The selection of the mea from the regi ment is being made by Major Brown. 36TH PEEL REGIMENT. The first regiment in the district to get its men mobilized for the third contingent is the 36th Peel Regiment. which has already the greater part of its quota medically examined and in quarters in West Toronto, examina-tions in preparation for a call having having been under way for some time. The men, are already drawing pay, the examination of the remainder necessary to make up the regiment's ellotment will be preceded with day, to-morrow and Sunday, when it is expected the full complement will have been made up. Although the 36th detachment will not be included with the Toronto battalion, but will join the drafts from Hamilton and the vicinity in the Hamilton battalion, it vicinity in the Hamilton battalion, it is expected that the force for the third contingent will remain at West Toronto, where they have better fa-cilities for drill than would be the case if they moved to Hamilton. In this way it will probably not be ne-cessary for them to leave their regi-mental headquarters until concentramental headquarters until concentration takes place, which it is expected will be at the Exhibition Grounds The regiment is furnishing



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Deposed Khedive Pessimist Turkey in Egypt.

Paris Cable .--- The Geneva c Paris Cattle.——The Geneva c spondent of the Temps sends par lars of an interview given by th Khedive of Egypt to a represent of the Vienna Neue Freie Pressel Abbas Hilm Pasha takes a pessimistic view, and there is noth of German-Turkish 'bombast in i

declarations. He said: "The Turkish expedition to Egypt will encounter very great difficulties. Still, I hope it will succeed in over-coming them victoriously.

"People wonder that Egypt remains quiet, and that it does not make common cause with the Turkish army and further its task by a general revolution.

"It must be understood that Egypt is wise and does not wish to revolt just now, a revolution being, in the present circumstances, foredoomed to

"But if a Turkish army enters Egypt But it a regarded as certain that the it may be regarded as certain that the Exptians, faithful to their feeling in favor of the Turks, will join with them to create for England a situa tion full of danger.



penalize employers who fail to report to the Workmen's Compensation Com-Ontario Bar Association Discusses Plan for Canada.

H. A. Burbidge, Hamilton, Member of Council.

The British steamer Alfreida was sunk by striking a mine off Scarbor-ough to-day. The captain and 12 of the crew are missing. Toronto Report .- A suggestion that an effort be made to secure the pas-sage of a uniform bankruptcy law for sage of a uniform bankruptcy law loy all Carada was made at the closing session of the annual meeting of the Ontario Bar Association after the reading of a haper by Prof. D. W. An-ram, of Philadelphia, on the practical result of the administration of estates of insolvents under the bankruptcy A full crew for an entire motor batery of ten armed and armored motors for service on the continent is to be Thos. C. Keefer, C. E., C. M. G., L.L.D., a pioneer engineer and writer on canals, railways and international trade, died at Ottawa, aged 93 years. result of the administration of estates of insolvents under the bankrupt(y) law of the United States. Prof. All-ram was not able to be present at the meeting in person, but he forwarded big name, which was not able to Jas. Weir, a well known insurance agent of that city, was found dead on the street near his home in Chatham. meeting in person, but he forwarded his paper, which was read by Mr. W. C. Mikel, K. C., of Belleville. The au-thor of the treatise was of the opinion that the end of the war in Europe would be followed by a movement in the direction of an international sys-tem of commercial and bankrupter Death was the result of a paralytic Despondent, Donald Ross, 18 years oid committed suicide by hanging, on the farm of an aunt near Innerkip, ten tem of commercial and bankruptey laws. miles north of Woodstock. The boy

Mr. Mikel proposed that a committee be appointed to draft a bankrupt-cy bill for introduction in the Do-minion Parliament. He said that no The grand jury returned a true bill against James Morabito, the young l9-year-old hallan charged with the nurder of Antoni Bonjourno on Oc-teber 3rd last in Whithy. Had discussed the suggestion with Hon, W. T. White. The latter had Hon, W. T. White. The latter had thought it might be undesirable to in-troduce controversial legislation at the coming session of Parliament. Mr. Mikel, however, was of opinion that in view of the war itself and the mora-torium it might be well to draw up a ted 1,000 acres for the new model farm at Nottaway 180 miles cast of Cochrane. The land is to be cleared

in view of the war itself and the mora-torium it might be well to draw up a bill for submission to the members of the association and second to the Government. Mr. H. H. Dewart, K. C., pointed out that the Canadian Bar Associa-tion was going to discuss the question at its next meeting. On the motion of Mr. N. B. Gash, K. C., the question was referred to the council. The members decided to raise \$1.000 for the purchase of a machine date, was elected in the Woodstock, N. B., by-election necessitated by the George Anson, twelve years old, was while skating on Navy Bay, at

The members decided to raise \$1.000 for the purchase of a machine gun and a like amount for the Be)-gian Relief Fund. They left in the Sir Thomas Lipton has loaned his steam yacht, the Erin, for the use of the Sevian and Montenegrin wound-bodying a plea for the establishment of international courts for the settle-ment of international disputes feeling they had not time to discuss it thor-oughly at the meeting. They receiv-ed through Mr. Justice Bissell, of ed through Mr. Justice Bissell, of the New York State Supreme Court, an invitation to attend a banquet to be given by the Buffalo Lawyers' Club OFFICERS ELECTED.

sian sweep through Eukowith and also through the passes of the Car-rathians into Hungary has had could be found, then the autoincement that the Czar, the Eulgarian King and the King of Roumania, attended by their Foreign Ministers, have arand the King of Roumalia, attended by their Foreign Ministers, have ar-ranged for a conference to be held on Reumanian soil, the object of which will undeubtedly be the par-ticitation of Reumania in the Farm ticipation of Roumania in the Euro-pean Kar and the subsequent relations between the Balkan States.

This announcement has been pre-ceded by intimations that the Roumanian invasion had already been manual invasion and aircady been notified that an early call to the col-ors would be issued. Many of the Roumanians who will fight on the Roumanians who will light on the side of the allies if intervention is de-cided upon have been strongly influ-enced, it is believed, during the past few weeks by the presence along their borders of Russian soldiers of Ron-manian blood from Bessarbia, and the Russian provinces north of Buko-wina. Benorts for anoth of Buko-Reports from the vading Bůkowina savs that the Rom-manian inhabitants of the contigious manian innantiants of the contigious incritory have conducted themselves in a manner highly indicative of their partisan feelings; that is, the soldiers believe that public orbiton throughout Roumania is unmisrakably in opposi-tion to the Germanic duo.

ASSURANCES TO BULGARS. The bitterness engendered in Bul-raria as the result of seizure of Bu-

raria as the result of seizure of Bu--rarian territory by Roumania at the close of the second Balkan War has never abared markedly, and the senti-tern in that country, has been re-farded as somewhat favoring the Austro-German allignee, although no open manifestation of the feeling has been found. Roumania is known to en found. Roumania is known to yor the ailies, and the conference conference countries is therefore the etween th between the countries is therefore the cause of much speculation here. It is believed that Reupania will give as-surances to the Bulgars that will remove the present causes of friction and will ultimately bring about the formation of a new Bulkan federation with decided icaniags towards the al-time.

of course the immediate incentive of this development is the successful restant sweep through Buk wina and latich, to the four bases of the Car-atistans, and thence into the plains Hungary, where a number of viloperations for a direct march on danest have bee f the Dukla and the Ozsok

SERVIANS' AGAIN Renewed Fighting On Their Border Won by Them.

Paris Cable .- Fighting has been resumed on the Servian front, acording to an official communication issued at Nish, Servia, and forwarded to the Hava Agency here. The fighting in which the Servians were the ictors, according to the statement, occurred near Belgrade. The commun-

Strong forces of the enemy occupied the small island of Ada iear Belgrade, on Jan. 3. Small de Taiglia. hear Beigrade, on Jah. 5. Small de-tachments of our troops surprised and routed the Austrians during the night of Jan. 4. capturing 45 soldiers, a sergeant major and two sergeanst. Our oss was insignificent.

"Beyond this engagement, there is notain- important to report on any



Canadians Work Hard Under Awful Conditions. *

Salisbury Eng., Cable .- Twenty-five hundred Canadians who have been en-gaged in trenching and in building huts and roads completed these opera tions to day, and will begin hard diffing to-morrow. Camp conditions are deplorable, owing to the unprece-dentedly bad weather. There is a possibility that the contingent will proceed to France shortly to finish training. This, or a large extension of billeting, is apparently absolutely necessary, as, ewing to the heavy and rains and the overflow of unceasing the River Avon, the lower parts of Salisbury Plain have been rendered inpossible of habitation. As already cabled, several battalions of the Cana-

dians have already been billeted in the surrounding villages. At a meeting of the chaplains of the first contingent, held at Larkhill camp,

a resolution was passed recording the sense of the deep loss sustained by instituted. In ad- | the chaplains in the death of their thich of the Dukla and the Ozsok league, Chaplain George Ingles, of the assos the Russian masses have also Queen's Own Rifles. allies of a trench represents lost ground for which the enemy expendlost ed much blood and treasure, and is step forward in the process of attri-tion which eventually will bring the war to an end. It is only by balancing the total re-

sults of these attacks by both sides that a clear idea can be obtained. Really marked progress has been

Really marked progress has been achieved by the allies. The German defensive is an active one, it is founded on the axiom of war that the weaker the force is and the more hardly pressed, the more persistently should it attack. But it remains true that such action is none the less essentially detensive even the less essentially detensive even though here and there one of their counter-attacks may succeed in re-gaining possession of a trench or in driving back a small section of our There is considerable sickness in

the German ranks. For some time past there has been a good deal of typhoid, and some German units have ven been withdrawn temporarily on this account.

Italy Notifying Reservists Now Living in Switzerland.

CALLING HER MEN

Geneva, via Paris. Cable--All Italians liable to military service in Geneva, numbering several thousand, have received notification from the consulate to present themselves for medical examination. it is stated that similar measures will shortly be taken in other towns of Switzerland. Of the 200,000 Italian residents of Switzer

At Chiasso, Como and other points on the frontier no Italians between the ages of 18 and 40 have been per-mitted to cross for the past week, while the exports of foodspute to while the exports of foodstuffs is strictly United to Switzerland.

175 non-commissioned officers and a new corps in the direction of Sar men and four officers. Kamysh, but recognizing the hopeless



Must Have North Sea Naval Base Equalling Britain's.

New York Report .- A cable to the New fork Report.—A caple to the Herald from Copenhagen says: Herr Albert Ballin, managing direc-tor of the Hamburg-American Steamtor of the Hamburg-American Steam-ship Line, who is a personal friend of Emperor William, has expressed the view that Germany must admit her position at Heligoland does not give the German fleet a desirable base of operations. He also tdmits that Engthe German He also tdmits that Eng-operations. He also tdmits that Eng-fand has brought the whole of Ger-many's overseas trade to a standstill. Herr Ballin declares there can be Herr Ballin declares there can be

get her fleet a station in the North Sea, which at least will give to Germany the same advantages in Europe as Great Britain possesses.

tion in person, and asks for assistance in stores and money.

The Province of Quebec has allot-

S. Frank Smith, Government candi-

y interned alien enemies.

The Department of Trade and Comas just shipped 280,000 bushels Canadian wheat to New eZaland. this is part of the wheat order placed This is part of the wheat order placed by the New Zealand Government some time ago to make up for the shortage in the New Zealand crop.

Lieut. Eric Greenwood, of the Royal Enginers, son of Lieut.-Col. Green-wood, of the Canadian forces, success-Green. ully underwent an operation in Lon don for amputation of the leg and is doing well, though not yet out of danger.

THE TURK ROUT

Reports From Caucasus Say Recovery is Impossible.

London Cable .- A despatch to the Times from its Petrograd correspond-CI.t savs:

Telegrams from Tiflis state that the blow inflicted on the Turkish army involves all the corps engaged. Of these, the Ninth and Tenth wore either Of completely shattered or taken prisoncompletely shattered of taken brison-ers. The Tenth began a disorderly flight, but the Russians cut off its retreat, and entire regiments are now surrendering.

Kamysh, but recognizing the hopeless-ness of their position, they quickly withdrew it. The Russian regiment at Ardahan withstood the attack of two Turkish divisions until the arrival of the main Russian forces. "The scenes in the battle zone were terrible. The ground was piled high with bodies of animals and men, smashed wagons and carts in large numbers. Many of the wounded are still lying on the ground, and many

still lying on the ground; and many have been frozen.

"A majority of the captured mountain guns are of German make." The Eleventh Turkish Army Corps

suffered a disastrous defeat in the region of Van three days ago. Thus the entire organization of the Turkish army in Anatolia has been

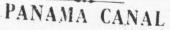
Other despatches say that the Turk-

ish defeat has aroused a dangerous feeling among the people in Constan-The Turks claim to have occupied

Urmai, in the Russian zone of influ-ence in Persia.

They completed their business by

They completed their business by electing the following officers: Honorary President, Sir Geo. Gib-bons, K.C., London; President, Mr. W. J. McWhinney, K. C., Toronto: Vice-Presidents, Geo. C. Campbell, Toron-to, A. E. H. Creswicke, K. C. Barrie Presidents, Geo. C. Campbell, Toron-to, A. E. H. Creswicke, K. C., Barrie, Col. J. E., Farewell, K.C., Whitby; Re-cording Secretary, C. F. Ritchie, To-ronto; Corresponding Secretary, R. J. Maclennan, Toronto; Treasurer, C. A. Moss, Toronto; Historian and Archiv-ist, Col. W. N. Ponton, K. C., Belle-ville; Toronto members of the Coun-cil-Messrs, Jas. Bain, Frank Dentor il-Messrs, Jas. Bain, Frank Dentor N. B. Gash, Hearne, J. H. Spence, H. H. Dewart and J. A. Macdonald; Outof-town members of Council-H. Burbidge, Hamilton: J. J. Drew. A Guelph, and R. T. Harding, Stratford



U. S. Plans Big Celebration for the Opening.

Washington Report-Administration officials were going ahead to-day with plans for the celebration incident to plans for the celebration incluent to the formal opening of the Panama Canal next March, virtually certain that funds necessary therefor would be forthcoming from congress.

Assurance to this effect practically was given to President Wilsen by $D\epsilon_{\rm T}$ mocratic and Republican leaders in Congress who was given by $E_{\rm T}$ Congress, who were summoned to the White House late vesterday to confer with him relative to the celebration. The President outlined to the dele-

The President outlined to the dele-sation tentative plans for the celebra-tion, which had been laid before him by Secretaries Bryan, Garrison and Laniels, calling for an estimated ap-propriation of \$250,000 to defray ex-penses of the celebration, and he asked-that this amount be provided for by-Congress. The delegation approved the plans and expenditures. the plans and expenditures.

Plans for the celebration include. Plans for the celebration include. of foreign fleets, which are to particirate in the naval review and page through the canal, if that is possible, and the transportation of the fleet and visitors