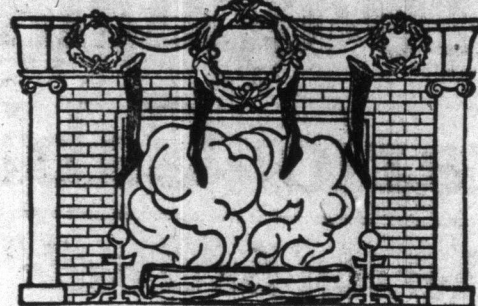


**The Significance of Xmas**



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**BORDEN PLEDGES FULLEST SUPPORT**

Premier Reads at Regina Cable He Sent to Lloyd George.

**TO SPARE NO EFFORT**

Canada Will Play Full Part in Ensuring Allies' Victory.

Regina, Sask., Dec. 19.—An immense gathering welcomed Sir Robert Borden and R. B. Bennett, M.P., director-general of national service here. The feature of a meeting of remarkable enthusiasm was the reading by Sir Robert Borden of a cable-message he had received from David Lloyd George, prime minister of Great Britain, and of his reply thereto.

In answer, Premier Borden cabled: "We can reply that, God willing, we shall do our duty in this struggle to the end. No sacrifice on our part shall be spared to make triumphant the great cause for which the allied nations are contending."

The party after a very successful meeting in Moose Jaw, earlier in the afternoon, reached here at 3.30 p.m. and were met by Lieutenant-Governor R. S. Lake, and were driven at once to Government House.

**Saskatchewan Supports.**  
The meeting was held in the immense winter fair building, between 4000 and 5000 persons being present. Mayor Dr. Cowan acted as chairman.

Hon. Mr. Calder, registered that Premier Borden, owing to a previous engagement was not present, but at his special request, said Mr. Calder, he wished it to be recorded that he was heart and soul in support of the movement in which Sir Robert was engaged. Hon. Mr. Calder said the government and people of Saskatchewan stood solidly behind the government in assisting to bring the war to a triumphant issue.

Sir Robert Borden, who was received with prolonged cheers, said the meetings he had addressed during his western tour were proof of the solidarity of western opinion. He made an eloquent appeal for loyal public support for the work of the board of national service, and was followed by Mr. Bennett, who pointed out the duty of every man and woman in Canada to take part in national service.

**AVIATION STUDENTS MAKE FINAL TESTS**

Three More Graduate From the Curtiss Flying School, Toronto.

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Leave is Restricted to "Well Conducted and Deserving Men."

Owing to the receipt of an urgent message from the British Admiralty for qualified aviators from Canada, special arrangements have been made by the Curtiss Flying School at Toronto to meet the request. Yesterday three more students were through their final tests as air pilots. Their names are: E. J. Whittow, W. J. Whitfield, Hamilton; C. G. Davis, Hamilton; W. B. Holmes, 1 Dunn Avenue, Toronto; G. Calvert, 41 Huron Street, Toronto; and O. F. Macgregor, Montreal.

Above, 56 air pilots have been trained already overseas. Nearly all of them are serving in Europe.

**Christmas Holidays.**  
Regarding Christmas and New Year's leave for officers and men of the C.E.F. now in Canada, word has come from the headquarters that authorization is given for fifty days of each unit to be permitted leave from the night of Dec. 27 to the night of Jan. 3, 1917. This will give four clear days to each soldier at his own home. This privilege is restricted to well-conducted and deserving men.

Another quota of students, 30 aviators for overseas service with the Department of Air, are being recruited for enlistment. Eight of them were accepted and attached to the Special Service Co., three: Army Service Corps, two: artillery, engineers and signallers, each one.

Major-General Logie and Col. H. C. Rickford, G.S.O., are making an inspectional visit to the C.E.F. in the United States. They will examine the non-commissioned officers' class of the 4th Infantry Brigade.

**Are Given Discharge.**  
A board of officers, with Major H. H. Madill as president, met in Hamilton yesterday to examine the non-commissioned officers' class of the 4th Infantry Brigade.

Twenty-one names of soldiers belonging to various C.E.F. units were posted yesterday as discharged. Two of them, Ptes. K. M. Pringle and Geo. H. Moran, are accepting commissions in the Royal Naval Air Service. Pte. Norman A. Dobson is joining the Royal Flying Corps. Ten soldiers were discharged on account of medical unfitness. A member of the 21st Battalion purchased his discharge.

Lieut.-Col. R. C. Windover of the A. A. G. staff, who was taken ill at his home at Oakville a few days ago, is progressing favorably towards recovery. After a period of rest he will resume his duties at Exhibition Camp.

**WASTE CAMPAIGN.**  
The Red Cross Society received a check yesterday for the returns for the collection of waste paper, rags, etc., from Dec. 1 to the 15th, amounting to \$783.32, the total receipts to date being \$9,814.26.

**Peel Off Your Rough Skin**  
To remove roughness, chaps or any condition of the skin, the best thing to do is to remove the skin itself. This is easily and harmlessly done by the application of a special cream. The cream is applied to the defective outer skin, a little each day, gradually bringing the second layer of skin to view. The new skin is beautifully soft, clear, white and young looking. Just press an ounce of maceless wax at any drug store and use like cold cream.

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**France Derides Foe's Offer**

London, Dec. 19.—The text of the German note announcing Germany's readiness to discuss peace was made public here this evening. In substance it is identical with the outline contained in the speech of Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German imperial chancellor, last Tuesday.

A Paris despatch says Premier Briand announced in the senate today that the entente allies would send tomorrow a concerted reply, making known "to the central powers that it is impossible to take their request for peace seriously."

**SAYS SUBMARINE LET COLUMBIAN SAIL**

Germans Return Equivocal Answer to American Inquiry re Sinking.

**LEFT PORT OF ALLIES**

Pirate Captain Believed Lost Ship Carried Contraband of War.

Berlin, Dec. 19, via Sayville.—The German Government's answer to the inquiry of the United States in regard to the sinking of the American submarine Columbian by a German submarine has been handed to the American charge d'affaires. The note states, according to the Overseas News Agency, that at the time the incident occurred it was impossible, on account of the weather, to see for a distance of three nautical miles. The wind and sea were "rather high."

After a warning shot and the setting of the signal: "Send your papers on board," the Columbian set the signal, "I cannot discern your flag," the note continues. "This answer seemed to be justified on account of the relative position of the ships and the direction of the wind, which directed the flying flag towards the steamer under the water and thru its periscope made a closer inspection of the steamer, which had stopped. The submarine then emerged near the steamer."

**Let Sloop Alone.**  
"While the submarine was proceeding under water, it was observed that the steamer carried the American flag and bore the name 'Columbian,' New York and also had wireless apparatus. Judging from her course, the steamer had come from an English or French port. On account of the empty wooden boxes on the deck, she seemed to have a cargo of war."

"On account of the difficulty of having boats come to the submarine for the purpose of making an investigation, the commander of the submarine gave up his intention of inspecting her papers and signaled to the steamer: 'You are dismissed' and, running above water, left the steamer. Thereupon the steamer resumed her former course."

**RECEIVES AUSTRIAN ARMIES.**  
Emperor Charles Makes Visit to Trieste Front.

London, Dec. 19.—Emperor Charles of Austria has returned to the Austrian army on the Trieste front, according to a Reuters' despatch from Amsterdam, quoting a Vienna telegram. The emperor, accompanied by Gen. Sorovich, commander of the Austrian forces on the lines of that river and later went to Trieste, where he is reported to have received an enthusiastic welcome. The emperor was accompanied by the monarch's son, Prince Rudolf, and his adjutant, addressed former Burgomaster Sandherr.

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**MUCH COAL PILED UP.**  
Lack of Ships Causes Trouble in South Wales.

London, Dec. 19.—The Chronicle says that owing to the shortage in ships for the transportation of coal an extraordinary chaos of congestion exists in South Wales. Miles of the sidetracks at Cardiff and Newport are choked with coal-laden trucks which have been accumulating for many days with the result that there has been a loss in production of a million tons in three weeks. The Chronicle claims that the exportation license system has resulted in some ships sailing from coal points in inland.

**SANITARY WASHED WIPING RAGS AND CHEESE CLOTH.**  
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**GIRL DIED IN GARAGE.**  
An unknown girl was picked up unconscious on Yonge street late last night by a chauffeur named Laurence Smith, 8 Olive Avenue. He took her to a garage at 12 Admiral Road and called a doctor, but she died without regaining consciousness. The body was removed to the morgue and the police are investigating the matter.

**A GIFT FOR THAT MAN.**  
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**MORE VESSELS SUNK.**  
London, Dec. 19.—The Norwegian steamer Sjofta, of 527 tons net, and the Swedish schooner Njord have been sunk. The Danish barkentine Jorgen Larsen is believed to have been sunk.

**CANADA THANKED BY LLOYD GEORGE**

Empire's Sacrifices Will Not Be in Vain, He Cables Borden.

**NEED FULLEST EFFORT**

Every Man and Every Pound is Required to Ensure Victory.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Sir Robert Borden has received the following cable from Hon. David Lloyd George, on his accession to the premiership of Britain.

"On taking up the high office with which his majesty has charged me, I send to you, on behalf of the people of the old country, a message to our brothers beyond the seas. There is no faltering in our determination that the sacrifices which we and you have made and have still to make, shall not be in vain, and that the fight which we are waging together for humanity and civilization shall be fought to a triumphant issue. We realize that we shall still need every man that we can put in the field, every pound that we can provide, and every effort which a united people can put forth to help in the heavy task of our soldiers and sailors. The splendid contributions to the common cause already made by the dominions give us sure confidence that their determination is no less high than ours and that however long the path to final victory, we shall tread it side by side."

**HANNA RESIGNS**

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these different departments, and it is felt that the work can be done more expeditiously and effectively under the direction of the prime minister than under a new cabinet minister.

**Creechman Comes In.**  
"In order to facilitate the work mentioned, the prime minister will call to his assistance the best advice and help available. Prof. Creechman, the able and energetic president of the agricultural college at Guelph, and recognized as one of the most progressive agriculturists in America, will be appointed commissioner of agriculture. The prime minister will, therefore, have at his command immediately the advice and assistance of Prof. Creechman, in addition to that of the many capable officers in the department of agriculture, and the other departments mentioned, in planning and carrying out the work referred to, and such other work as may be thought advisable in the interests of the province."

"One very important subject, demanding, as above pointed out, the 'best' attention, is that of the returned soldier, and the placing of many of these men upon the land as can successfully be done. Prof. Creechman will be specially charged with the work of devising the best plans and means for accomplishing this object."

**Blockade and Nickel Issues Are Before French Parliament**

Paris, Dec. 19.—Premier Briand was expected to reply in the senate today to questions by Henry Gerenger, senator for Gaudeloupe, upon the military, diplomatic and economic policies of the government, by George Clemenceau upon "armaments and the conduct of the war," and by Gaudin de Villaine, upon "the blockade and the question of nickel."

The questioners, it was announced, would demand a secret sitting.

**WAR SUMMARY**  
THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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ment of the inhabitants for their personal losses suffered by the war, and the repairing of the damage done to property in the war zone, and in the districts of an indemnity by Germany, and such an indemnity would be no small figure. According to computations by allied authorities, it will require twenty to forty billions of dollars to make reparations. The next consideration is the man promise of security for the future. As the allies will take no Germany of what these are may be gained from previous assertions of responsible men, the German fleet, giving France Alsace-Lorraine, the restoration of Poland armies, and even, perhaps, the occupation of Germany by an allied force for

The premier also outlined many matters that the government proposed to attend to in order to proceed vigorously with the war. Mobilization of Britain dusts, so that the industrial industries may be suspended, are two of the important measures. A colonial conference will be summoned in the near future to discuss the terms of the peace to be imposed on the enemy. The last a little longer. Many other strong actions will be made to make the war cabinet. The government of Venezuela, in Greece, is to be recognized. This means that King Constantine is to go. The allies are to take means to prevent a repetition of the Rumanian blunder in Greece.

In the French senate, the French Government was censured yesterday for dilatory waging the war, and Premier Briand, in his defence, said that the allies had not yet broken thru the German front, neither had the Germans, with all their 44 years of preparation, broken thru the allied front. After they had violated Belgium, when it might have been thought that they would triumph, French soldiers, nearly all alone, blocked the way and said "No further." The French Government had since done its duty in permitting

In the field the war is again quieter, with violent cannonading around Verdun, a sporadic raid on the Somme, matters in Rumania settling into weather holding up the allied march in Macedonia.

Gen. Joffre has been made president of the allied war council, and in such elevation is spoken of as a promotion by Gen. Nivelle. The new leader of the French armies has earned his title to high command by his perfection of a tactical method of rapidly capturing German trenches with trifling losses, and in artillery work by Gen. Mangin, that is to bring the allies to victory in the coming months.

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