

submarines known to be in Mexican waters, and stating that drastic measures will be taken in this matter.

A despatch received in London from the British minister to Abyssinia announced that a big battle has been fought twenty-five miles outside of the capital and resulted in a complete victory for the new government. Ras Mikhael, father of the late emperor, was taken prisoner.

Recent despatches announced the outbreak of a revolution in Abyssinia. A London despatch said Emperor Lidj Jeassa, the twenty-two year old son of the late Emperor Menelik, had been deposed, and that Omsero Zeolitu, daughter of Menelik, had been proclaimed "Empress of Ethiopia."

In a further review of the operations on the British front in France and Belgium, Gen. Sir Douglas Haig, the British commander, praised the Canadian troops in the following words:

"The Canadians and the troops of our new army who conducted these operations deserve great credit for their signal and most economical victory."

In an engagement in the English Channel between British and German torpedo boat destroyers two German destroyers were sunk, while the British lost a transport. In addition a British torpedo boat destroyer is missing and another was run aground, after it had been disabled by a torpedo.

The assassination of the Austrian premier, Count Karl Stuerghk, was purely political, and was induced by his refusal to convene parliament, according to the admission of Dr. Friedrich Adler, his assailant, shortly after his arrest. Dr. Adler is an eccentric and super-radical Socialist, sometimes known as "the Liebknecht of Austria." He was editor of *Der Kampf*. At first he declined to reveal his motives, but after being locked up he broke down and declared the premier's political policies had led him to do the deed.

The policy of the United States regarding the recent "U" boat raid off the New England coast will not be determined until much more complete information as to all the facts has been received. Officials indicated that much would depend upon Rear Admiral Knight's forthcoming report on all the naval phases of the raid, particularly the steps taken to insure the safety of passengers. Considerable interest centres in the continued silence of the Allies. It has again been stated positively at the state department that no representations of any sort had been received from the Allies as a result of the U-53's visit to Newport, or her depredations off the American coast.

Although the Germans claim to have won a victory over the Roumanian troops it is well apparent that the force of the enemy's onslaught in that direction is well spent. Roumania is keeping half a million Germans busy and weakening them to that extent in France. Recent incidents at Verdun show the effect produced. The gain to the Allies by the adherence of Roumania is very real, although perhaps a little slow in developing.

The precedent set by the British government, the French government has deprived William Randolph Hearst and the International News Service of the use of cable service between Paris and America. The order applies to all the news channels under Hearst's control. The Hearst publications are also prohibited from entering Canada.



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SCHOOL AND COLLEGE.

St. Francis Xavier College, Antigonish, N. S., is offering correspondence courses in Latin.

The Teachers' Institute of Carleton and Victoria Counties, N. B., will meet at Woodstock on December 21st and 22nd.

At an entertainment recently given by the pupils of the Albert School, St. John, West, more than two hundred and fifty dollars was realized for patriotic purposes.

Captain W. B. Shaw, C. E. F., of Victoria Corner, N. B., has again donated a prize of twenty-five dollars to the New Brunswick Normal School student having the highest general average of marks at the close of the present school term.

The School Board of Halifax, N. S., has issued an appeal to the principals of all the schools in the province to give instruction to their pupils on prevention of fires, similar to the teaching now given in the Halifax schools.

We regret to record the death of Miss Annie Crowell, formerly of Port La Tour, N. S., and for several years past a valued member of the teaching staff of the Sydney, N. S., Academy.

A very successful school exhibition was held at St. Croix, N. S., on October 10th, under the direction of the teachers — Miss Best and Miss Cochrane.

Miss Edith M. Hartt, of Fredericton Junction, has resigned her school at Belgrave, Sask., and is now enrolled as a Sophomore in Arts at the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon.

Alexander McKay, M. A., for thirty-five years Supervisor of Schools in Halifax, N. S., has resigned his position on account of ill health. Mr. McKay has spent fifty-six years in educational work in the public schools of Nova Scotia. Born in Colchester County, in 1841, he began teaching when only fifteen. In 1859 he graduated from the Normal School, and taught after that in the Counties of Digby, Colchester and Kings. In 1872 he resigned the principalship at Wolfville to take charge of the Dartmouth public schools, and after nine years in that position he was made Science and Mathematics Master in the Halifax High School. He was appointed Supervisor in 1884. The Board of School