Canadians To Front Next Month POPULAR "BARRY"

The Report

COL. WILLIAMS WOUNDED

Ottawa Man in Trenches Three Days and Shot Three Germans -Col. Turner Hurt in Auto Accident-Fine Message From Jellicoe

Salisbury Plain, Dec. 24—Lieut, Colnel Victor Williams, of Ottawa, is back rom the front, where he spent three yeeks with the British and French armes' line. He is now lecturing to the se' line. He is now lecturing to the first officers by request of General first officers by request of General transform.

London, Dec. 24—The Times' correspondent on the Beigner graphs:—

"The Belgian troops yesterday succeeded in crossing the Yser Canal near es' line. He is now lecturing to the first property of Mannekensvere, and establishing themselves firmly in spite of a murderous fire. This is an important step and merits attention.

They are tire

ifles an hour.
Colonel Mercer of Toronto, command-

"The officers and men of the grand ritish fleet, wish our gallant comrades the Canadian contingent every success. We know the magnificent spirit which brought them to England, will ad them to victory.'

NUSSIAN STATEMENT GOOD.

Petrograd, Dec. 24—A statement issued by the official press bureau today, regarding the fighting along the Russian front says:—

"On the left bank of the Pilica obstinate lighting continues in the region of the villages of Keseszee and Rojkowawolia, about six miles west of Now-miasto.

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TTAWA DOES NOT NOW OF FRICTION

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—There is nothing Ottawa, Dec. 24.—There is nothing railleuses.

"In the Caspathians, while pursuing the retreating Austrians, we captured, diderson is resigning the command of the Canadian force at Salisbury owing friction with Major General Hughes, at the militia headquarters it is said the relations of General Alderson with major of General Alderson with major General Hughes, and major General Hughes, an relations of General Alderson with into the city."

FRENCH BATTLESH P HIT BY TORPEDO; LITTLE DAMAGE

London, Dec. 24—(8.17 p.m.)—An official statement in Paris today says that an Austrian submarine torpedoed a French battleship in the Gulf of Otranto. The battleship was damaged only slightly. No one was injured.

JOFFRE SEEKING

OPENING IN LINE

London, Dec. 24—Christmas finds

ST. JOHN GEETINGS TO FIGHTING MEN ON



Late In January Is Belgians Fight Their Way Across The Yser

General Progress Also All Along The Line and Russian Report is Good-Austrian Companies Annihilated in

"Depression has overcome the German troops on the Yser. They are tired of fighting vainly in a cold, wet and comfortless land, far from their homes. Batches of prisoners have been brought regularly into Furness every day since the fighting around Nieuport began again.

"There is considerable activity over the whole of the allies' front in the north. The British guns near Armentieres have been booming hard and I have reason to believe that appreciable advances have been made toward clearing Lille of the Germans.

"The German shelling of the hospital in the convent of Sacre Coeur in Ypres, has compelled the surgeons to have the wounded removed. The destruction of the hospital is very much to be deplored. The German gunners doubtless were aiming at the railway station, but the fact remains that ever since the bombardment began shells have not ceased to fall in and around the con-

"On the right bank of the Pilica, we have made progress in the vicinity of Opoczno and Tomaszow.

"In Galicia our success continues, South of the Vistula, we captured during the 20th and 31st, sixty-six officers and 5,000 men, three cannon and ten mit-

cere be a change it is said that Major London, Dec. 24—Christmas finds reneral Hughes might cross the Atintic and take command in person.

London, Dec. 24—Christmas finds little change in the underground warfare in the western war theatre. General Joffre still appears to be cautiously feeling for an opening in the strongly entrenened German line across France

KAISER WITH TROOPS ON CHRISTMAS TO ENCOURAGE THEM

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New York, Dec. 24.—A cable to the Herald dated "on the Belgian frontier, Wednesday," says the Kaiser's decision to pass Christmas among his troops in the people of St. John extend hearty hiristmas greetings. They have a symm spot in their hearts for all the allant men under arms ready to strike traight and hard for the empire. For hey "will never let the old flag fall."

(Sgd) JAMES H. FRINK, Mayor-lieut. Col. H. F. McLeod,

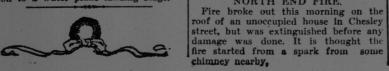
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THOMPSON IS DEAD

Learn News With Deep Regret

A host of friends today mourn the leath of LeBaron R. Thompson, travel-ng passenger agent for the Eastern as a shock to all, for he had been sick only a short time, having been attacked with a paralytic stroke just a few days ago. He succumbed about eight o'clack this morning in his rooms in the Prince William Apartments. His wife survives, with two sisters, Mrs. Harper, of West Superior, Ont., and Mrs. Robert McVey, of Seattle; and two brothers, Tyler and Harry Thompson of Missoula, Mo.

Mr. Thompson, who was about fifty

The following contributions to the Canadian Patriotic Fund are acknown for the 20th Battalian at the arms (Co. and No. 2 Hook and Ladder, West how may on the men on the following contributions: Priend, per O'Nelli, 16c; M.O.M., St. 10c, M.O.C. and Research of the men on Christmas holidays with the commissioners are level to act as hosts to the entire and any strategic importance, but the Germans have been made for the new of the men on the following contributions:—Willard A. Smith, 83; H.J. 20ch of the men on the following holiday.

WANT MR. ALLAN TO

Continue In Charge

For the Belgians

Mayor Frink has received for the Belgians

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GERMAN AEROPLANE DROPS BOMB INTO

London, Dec. 24-The official press bureau reports:

"An aeroplane of the enemy dropped a bomb while passing over Dover this morning. The missle Many Friends Everywhere Will fell in a garden and exploded, but no damage was done.

ADVANCES BY ALL'ES

of 400 yards, and we drove back a counter attack. The Germans endeave

"The aeroplane was seen for a few seconds only. It left immediately, passing over the sea. A

British aircraft went up, but did not see the enemy again. The weather was cloudy and foggy."

Portugal Cuts Off Import Duty of 25 to 35 Per Cent

CANADA TO BENEFIT

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Paris, Dec. 24 (3 p. m.)—The French was office this afternoon gave out an official communication as follows:—

"From the sea to the Lys we made progress by sapping operations in the dunes, and we repulsed an attack in front of Lombaertzyde. At Zwartelen, to the southeast of Ypres, we occupied a group of houses and we drove back as far as the southern part of this village a counter attack of the enemy; this was done in spite of a very spirited lire from the German artillery.

"The Belgian army pushed forward certain detachments along the right bank of the Yser, to the south of Dixmude, and organized a defensive work protecting the head of a bridge.

"In the region of Arras, the fog still made all operations impossible.

"To the east and to the southeast of Amiens, especially in the suburbs of Lassigny, there have been artillery exchanges.

"In the region of the Aisne the Zouaves, during all yesterday, held back brilliantly several attacks; they remained masters, at a point near the road of Puisleine, of the German trenches occupied by us on December 21.

"In Champagne we strengthened the positions taken by us in advance of the night before in the region of Graonne and Rheims.

"In the vicinity of Perthes all the counter attacks of the enemy on the positions conquered by us on December 22 were successfully repulsed. To the northwest of Mesnil-Leh-Hurlus, we occupied German trenches for a distance of 400 yards, and we drove back a counter attack. The Germans endeavored to Newfoundland and the Canadian marticles at the distance of Ville Sur Toughe but our estillers diseated to the standard of the counter attack. The Germans endeavored to the standard of the standard of the standard of the counter attack. The Germans endeavored to the standard of the stan

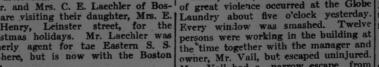
sparelytic stroke, and had not been altogether well since that time.

When a very young man, Mr. Thompson came to St. John from his home in Woodstock, and entered the service of the International Steamship Co. He had since remained in this business, a tribute in itself to the esteem in which he was held by the directors of that and later of the Eastern S. S. Co.

He was a prominent member of the Masonic fratemity, belonging to Hibernian Lodge, No. 3, A. F. and A. M. Carleton Royal Are Chapter, Union Chapter, St. John Encampment, Knights Templars and Luxor Temple, Mysetic Shriners, at the annual meeting of which rently, be had been chosen as a representative to the imperial council meet next June in Settles.

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Committee Interviewed Him and Matter is Left Open For Pre-



DEATH OF VINCENT CAPLES.
The death of Vincent Caples took place this morning after an illness of two months. He is survived by his wife, one son, his parents, one brother, William, who is in the fire department, and three sisters, Mrs. Andrew Falkuner of East Carrey, Me.; Gertrude, of Boston, and Annie at home. His funeral will take place Sunday afternoon from the residence of his parents, Westmorland road.

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TURKEYS HIGHER.

The continued cold weather caused a slight advance in the price of turkeys todays. A few days ago they could have been bought from twenty-three to twenty-five cents, with indications being that they would be no higher. Today, however, from twenty-six to twenty-eight cents was asked.

Christmas Cheer For The Soldiers

ters, Miss Ada of Boston, and Mrs. Gordon Boyne of Wright street, with whom she has made her home. The funera will take place on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock from the residence of her daughter, Wright street.

OPERATION ON BOY
The many friends of Lieut-Colonel and Mrs. A. E. Massie will hear, with regret, that their young son, Redvers B, is quite ill in the G neral Public Hospital. He was operated on this week. It was good news today to hear that he was much improved.

OPEN HOUSE
The recreation room arranged for the soldiers on duty here in the Germain street Baptist school room will be open temorrow evening from 6.30 o'clock to 9.30 o'clock for the entertainment of the men. A good time is in store. Refresh ments will be served.

Turkeys are stuffed, trussed and larded, and most delectable plum puddings are tied up in cloths, while tempting jars of cranberry sauce abound.

Treat pressure having been brought

