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NOT IN GREECE

Bulgars Have Not Crossed The Frontier

ENEMEY LIE IS NAILED

British and French Forces Have Not Been Separated — Allies About 25 Miles From Saloniki —Greek King is Reported Ill

Athens, Dec. 15—The Greek government denies reports of the entrance of Bulgarian forces into the Greek territory.

(News despatches on Tuesday reported that Bulgarian troops had crossed the frontier between Serbia and Greece in pursuit of the retiring British and French forces.

Constantine Ill?

London, Dec. 15—King Constantine of Greece has contracted a mild influenza with symptoms of a slight fever, according to the Athens correspondent of the Daily Chronicle. The court physicians are said to have prescribed that he take a complete rest and abstain from participation in state affairs.

BRITISH HAD TO FIGHT THROUGH

Saloniki, Dec. 15.—An eye-witness reports that the retirement of the French to their temporary positions in Greece was conducted with great skill. All the wounded were brought in except a few who could not be moved. The guns were piled on freight cars. The city of Gevgeli was razed.

The French rear guards were constantly in touch with the Bulgarians until they crossed the border, but held that in check.

The British retirement from the Doiran section proved to be different. There was sharp fighting in the Strumitsa region, but no guns were lost. The British burned villages as they fell back, and destroyed the bridges.

The harbor at Saloniki is crowded with huge transports loaded to the gunwales with arriving troops. Freighters are disembarking munitions and stores. On land hospitals are being erected.

Report Denied.

Paris, Dec. 14—The Temps publishes a despatch from Saloniki corroborating the report that all French and British troops have retired into Greece.

Notwithstanding the difficulties of the retreat, and the determined attacks of superior forces of Bulgarians, the allies saved virtually all their ammunition and other supplies and suffered comparatively small losses in men.

The Bulgarian assertion that the Franco-British line had been cut, is not borne out by the correspondent of the Temps, who says:—"Efforts to envelope or cut the lines altogether failed."

Paris, Dec. 15—The latest information obtained by the Havas correspondent at Athens yesterday was that the allied front continued as far as Kukus, in Greece, about twenty-five miles north of Saloniki. The retreat is being carried on under favorable conditions, enabling the allies to preserve all their war material.

Athens newspapers express the belief that neither German or Bulgarian troops will cross the Greek frontier. It is said the German and Bulgarian forces in the Gievgeli section consist of three German and six Bulgarian divisions. Greek troops in Macedonia have been ordered to avoid all contact with foreign troops.

DOMINION EXPRESS WINS IN MONCTON SCOTT ACT CASE

Moncton, Dec. 15—In the Moncton police court yesterday afternoon Sitting Magistrate McDougall rendered a decision in favor of the Dominion Express Company, charged with a first offence violation of the Canada Temperance Act. A second offence Scott Act case against the Canadian Express Company was adjourned until the 20th.

CHURCH EVENTS

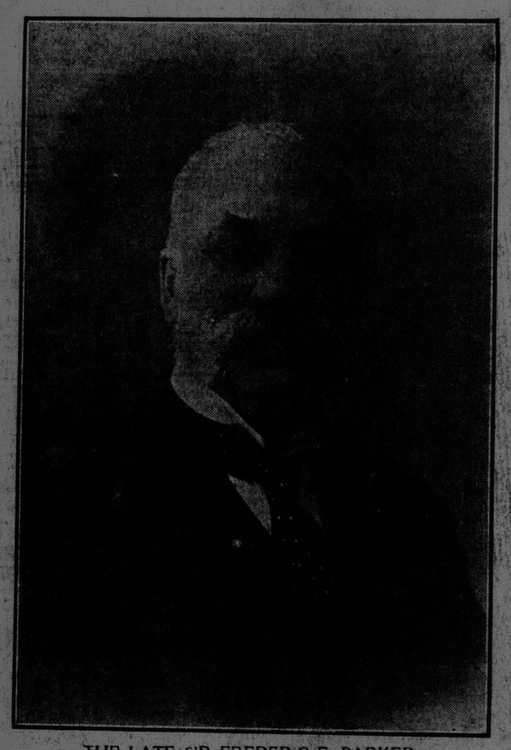
A fancy sale and tea is being held in Zion church school room this afternoon under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid Society. Mrs. S. R. Pendleton is in charge of the tea, Mrs. J. Wood and Mrs. T. McFarland of the apron table, Mrs. F. Cameron and Mrs. C. S. Corbett of the fancy table and Misses Helen Pendleton, Doris Champion and Hazel Keithlein of the candy table.

A very successful tea and sale was held in Douglas Avenue Christian church school room last evening under the auspices of Alexandra Soldiers' Comforts Circle. A large number of people were in attendance and the tidy sum of $92.22 was realized. Mrs. John Matherson was in charge of the tea table and was assisted by Misses B. Andrews, A. P. Roberts, J. Moore and R. Tapley. The candy table was looked after by Miss Gene Morey, assisted by Mrs. A. L. Roberts, Miss Mary White and Miss E. Tapley. Mrs. C. E. Harrison was in charge of the fancy sale and was assisted by Mrs. Mason and Miss Janet Armstrong. The home cooking booth was looked after by Mrs. M. W. Jones, Mrs. James Bond, Mrs. Fred Holeman and Mrs. M. Roberts. A Christmas tree with its many useful gifts was in charge of little Miss Louise Appel.

The Wheat Market.

Chicago, Dec. 15—After opening 1-4 and 3-8 to 5-8 higher, with December at 116 3-4 to 7-8 and May at 117 5-8 to 7-8, prices here scored slight further gains and then reacted to about yesterday's finish.

Sir Frederic Barker, Ex-Chief Justice, Dead



THE LATE SIR FREDERIC E. BARKER

By the death of Sir Frederic E. Barker, which occurred this morning at his residence, Mount Pleasant, St. John loses one of its most eminent citizens and one whose long public career and whose personal qualities won for him the universal respect and esteem, not only of the city, but of the entire province. He had been ill for several weeks and the end was not unexpected.

Son at Dardanelles

Sir Frederic is survived by his wife, Lady Barker, formerly Miss Mary Ann Black, daughter of the late B. A. Black of Halifax. He was first married in 1865 to Julia, daughter of Edward Lloyd, the latter at that time a member of the Royal Engineers' civil staff, stationed in St. John. By this union he had one son and two daughters, Colonel Frederic E. L. Barker of the Royal Field Artillery, who is now in command of a unit at the Dardanelles; Mrs. J. Roy Campbell of this city, and Mrs. Philip K. Meynen of New York. By his second marriage he leaves two daughters, Mrs. A. B. DeMille of Milton, Mass., and Miss Winnifred at home.

Born on December 27, 1838, he had attained the age of seventy-seven years. He was born at Sheffield, Sunbury county, son of the late Enoch and Mary S. Barker, his paternal ancestors having settled there after coming from Massachusetts in 1760.

He was educated at Sunbury Grammar school, King's College, Windsor, and at the University of New Brunswick, where he took the degree of B.A. in 1857. He subsequently took his degrees of M.A., B.C.L. and D.C.L. He was admitted as an attorney-at-law in 1860, and as a barrister in 1861, and appointed queen's counsel in 1872. He studied with the late Mr. Justice Fisher, and afterwards was for six years in partnership with the late Mr. Justice Wetmore.

He had been president of the New Brunswick Barristers' Society, the St. John Law Society, the St. George's Society, and of the St. John Bridge and Railway Extension Company.

In politics he was an active Conservative before his elevation to the bench, and represented St. John in the House of Commons, succeeding Sir Leonard Tilley when the latter became Lieutenant-Governor in 1885, but he was defeated at the following election.

He was one of the commissioners appointed to consolidate the statutes of New Brunswick, and was a member of the law commission afterwards appointed by the same government.

In 1893 he was appointed judge of the supreme court of New Brunswick. In 1896 he was appointed administrator of the government of New Brunswick during the absence of the late Lieutenant-Governor Fraser on leave. In 1906 he became chief justice, and in June, 1913, he received his knighthood. He retired from the bench in December, 1913.

Sir Frederic was a staunch member and supporter of the Church of England, and was a warden in St. Paul's church, from which his funeral will take place on Friday.

McBRIDE RESIGNS!

Premier of British Columbia Going to England — Bowser New Head of Government — Provincial Secretary Also Retires

Montreal, Dec. 15—The Montreal Daily Star, in its final edition today, special, prints a Vancouver despatch announcing that Sir Richard McBride, for more than twelve years premier of British Columbia, resigned today and from his seat in the legislature. He will be succeeded in the premiership and the leadership of the Conservative party by Hon. W. J. Bowser, attorney general. The new cabinet will be composed of:—

Premier and attorney general, W. J. Bowser; minister of finance, A. C. Flumerfelt; minister of public works, Chas. E. Tisdale; minister of lands, W. R. Ross; minister of mines, Lorne Campbell; provincial secretary and minister of education, Thomas Taylor. President of the council, William Manson.

Sir Richard McBride, it is announced, will leave in a few days for London, where on January 1, next, he will assume the duties of agent-general for British Columbia. Dr. J. H. Young, provincial secretary, has also resigned.

Conservatives are not slow to admit that their administration has been in a bad way for want of directing leadership, for it has been felt for months that Sir Richard McBride would retire and what would happen has been a subject for conjecture. Chances are that no general provincial election will be held until next spring.

BOYS' CLUB

There were more than seventy boys at the Boys' Club last evening. Tuesday of each week is gymnasium night and physical drill. Indian club drill and games were enjoyed under the leadership of Aubrey MacAndrews, physical director, with music by Miss Alicia Heales. The membership is so large this year for the one small room at their disposal that Supt. Howard has decided to introduce the group system in handling the work. They are now divided into junior and intermediate groups. A feature of last evening's programme was the presentation of a small billiard table by the Y. M. C. A. and a new carrom board, the gift of Wm. B. Tennant, president of the Playgrounds Association, for the use of the intermediate groups. Some books were lately added to the library, the gifts of Mrs. A. B. Gilmour and George E. Ewing.

No German Flag on High Seas Till Vessels Sunk Paid For

London, Dec. 15—The German mercantile flag will not be permitted to appear on the high seas until Germany has paid indemnity for the vessels of the allies sunk by German submarines or other vessels of war. That is one of the peace terms for which England and her allies intend to fight, and for which they will keep on fighting, no matter how long the war will last.

This statement was made today in a high governmental source and it was said that the allies have practically pledged themselves to this condition.

BYE ELECTION, P. E. ISLAND, ON JAN. 5

Much Depends on it as to Future of the Government

Charlottetown, P.E.I., Dec. 15.—The appointment of Hon. John McLean of Souris to the senate left a vacancy in the provincial cabinet of which he is a member without portfolio, and a vacancy in the first district of Kings, where he was returned at the last general election by a majority of 204. A bye-election is called for January 5. The government cannot easily afford to lose this seat. By holding it they retain their majority of four. By losing it the parties would stand 16 to 14 or a majority of one without the speaker. In any event, the government's existence hangs upon a thread. Two of its supporters, Hon. Mudrock McKinnon (who had resigned from the executive more than a year ago, as a result of a quarrel with the premier, but who was reinstated after the recent election), and J. A. Dewar are making it uncomfortable for the premier at present. Dewar is after the portfolio of agriculture, and Kennedy is seeking appointment if not for himself for a friend and the premier is not disposed to accede to their demands. Then there is the automobile question.

No candidates have yet been nominated on either side for the bye-election. The Conservatives are talking of running Roy McLean, a son of the former representative, but there is a movement on foot to nominate a farmer on each side.

WANT L. C. DAIGLE TO COMMAND BATTALION OF ACADIAN SOLDIERS

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 15—L. C. Daigle of Moncton, was selected at a largely attended meeting of Acadians in L'Assomption Hall here last evening, to lead the French-Acadian battalion to be recruited in New Brunswick. He is not in Moncton today, and it is not known whether or no he will accept the command. It is considered probable that he will do so.

Col. Papineau of Halifax, has been asked that Capt. Brosseau of the permanent force, be transferred to the proposed battalion. At the meeting last night he was chosen second in command.

RECRUITS SIGNING FOR 145TH BATTALION

Moncton, Dec. 15—Recruits are coming in for the 145th Battalion, which will be commanded by Major W. E. Forbes of Richibucto, who, it is understood, will soon be gazetted Lieut.-Colonel. About fifty men have been enlisted and when others are transferred from the 115th there will be more than 100 men, and recruiting has not yet begun in earnest.

Col. Dean is expected here today from Halifax to join Major Forbes in an inspection of buildings for the quartering of troops. Besides Moncton, it is expected that soldiers will be stationed at Shediac, Sackville and at one of the villages in Kent.

ST. JOHN CUT OUT

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 15—The special winter grain rate over the Transcontinental and I. C. R. from Winnipeg to Halifax, will be available soon. All grain consigned to these roads, and not otherwise routed will go by way of Quebec. St. John is eliminated this season, so far as traffic over the government lines is concerned by reason of the destruction of the I. C. R. grain elevator. The special rate will be fixed as low as possible, considering the cost of carriage and the absence of return freight. The equipment of the lines is adequate for all the traffic that offers.

CLOSE OF THE SAINT LAWRENCE SEASON

Quebec, Dec. 15.—This year's long season of navigation will be brought to a close today, when the Lady of Gaspe sails with a small cargo for Halifax.

C. P. R. CHANGES

Two changes of interest have been made in C. P. R. circles in this division this week. A. Williams, who has been superintendent of District No. 2, Woodstock, N. B., has been appointed superintendent of District No. 1, Brownville Junction, and R. McKillop, formerly divisional engineer of the eastern division with headquarters at Montreal, has been appointed superintendent of District No. 2, Woodstock, succeeding Mr. Williams. Both have taken up their duties.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER BULLETIN

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service.

Synopsis—The Atlantic coast storm has moved northward with diminishing energy and the weather has cleared in Quebec and the maritime provinces. Another storm is now developing in the southwestern states. The temperature is quite low over Canada from Quebec westward to Alberta.

Snow and Colder

Maritime—Increasing westerly winds, becoming colder; snow flurries Thursday, westerly winds and colder.

GERMANS PLAN TO ATTACK EGYPT?

Two Reasons Given For This Belief

STEAMSHIPS CHANGE ROUTE

Go to Indies Via Cape Instead of Through Suez Waterway — British Reported Strengthening Defences of Canal

London, Dec. 15—The announcement that Dutch East Indies liners and mail boats will abandon for the present their usual course through the Suez Canal and will follow the Cape route, in conjunction with the Cologne Gazette's report of British trench digging and general defensive preparations on both sides of the canal is taken by the Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily News as confirmation of reports of rapidly maturing German designs on Egypt.

The Dutch steamship companies explain the change of route by the increasing uncertainty of obtaining the necessary amount of coal at the appointed stations, but as the change of route will prolong the voyage for twelve or fourteen days, the Daily News correspondent asserts that the change could not have been dictated by any but the most serious reasons.

From various other sources come hints of the rapid completion of German plans for a projected attack on Egypt.

CHURCH WINS SUIT IN WALKER ESTATE MATTER

In the case of Rosborough, committee of John Douglas Walker, against St. Andrew's church, Mr. Justice Grimmer this morning delivered judgment in favor of the defendant, and ordered that the estate of the son cancel the mortgage amounting to $80,000 given by the church to the late Dr. Walker of South Bay and that the costs of the action be paid out of the son's estate.

Attorney-General Baxter, K.C., represented the church; F. R. Taylor, K.C., the plaintiff; W. A. Ewing the estate of the late Dr. Walker and M. G. Teed the residuary legatees.

It is understood the case will be appealed.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. ANDREW EMERY

Mrs. Andrew Emery died suddenly this morning at her home, 48 Exmouth street. Mrs. Emery retired in her usual good health but was taken suddenly ill with heart trouble at half past seven and passed away in a few minutes. She leaves, besides her husband, six sons, and four daughters. The sons are Edward N., William S., James E., Oliver R., Andrew J., and Frank J., all of this city. The daughters are Mrs. J. E. Clarkson, of Amherst, N. S.; Mrs. George K. Oulton, of this city, and the Misses Margaret and Sara at home. She is also survived by three brothers, William Stanton, of Portland, Oregon; James Stanton, of Alfred, Maine, and Joseph Stanton, of this city.

IN HONOR OF WILLIAM YOUNG

The home of R. T. Hayes in Mount Pleasant, was the scene of a pleasant gathering last evening when members of the Trustees Board of the Portland Methodist church assembled to honor William Young who, after fifteen years of faithful service as chapel steward, had tendered his resignation. The guest of honor was taken completely by surprise and was deeply moved by the many expressions of appreciation embodied in an address presented by the trustees. His reply was appropriate and his remarks showed how deeply he was moved by the many good wishes showered upon him by his friends. Addresses were also given by F. S. Thomas, W. B. McLean, R. T. Hayes, R. A. Corbet and Rev. T. J. Deinstadt. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable evening spent by all present.

ERICKSON-LINGLEY

A pretty nuptial event took place yesterday at the home of Mrs. G. A. Johnston, when her sister, Miss Blanche P. Lingley became the bride of August J. Erickson of New York. Rev. R. P. McKim officiated. The bride wore pale blue crepe de chene with down trimmings, and carried a bouquet of white roses. Her father gave her away. Miss Vera Lingley, her sister, played the wedding march. The parlor was prettily decorated with ferns and cut flowers, and the ceremony took place beneath an arch of evergreen and roses inset with electric bulbs. After a tempting luncheon Mr. and Mrs. Erickson left for their future home in New York. Many handsome remembrances were received. The groom's present to the bride was a diamond pendant. Best wishes of many friends will follow them for future happiness.

SAFE IN ENGLAND

A cablegram received last night from Mrs. F. A. Kirkpatrick by her father, C. H. Ramsay, Moore street, brought the good news of her safe arrival in England aboard the steamer "Corsican." She has gone to join her husband, Capt. Kirkpatrick, quartermaster with the 55th Battalion at Bramshott Camp. Others aboard the steamer going to join their husbands for Christmas in England were Mrs. Frank J. Corr, Mrs. Bertram Smith, Mrs. R. B. Patchell, Mrs. A. Philps, Mrs. Ryan of Hampton, and Mrs. Larsen of Campbellton. The Allan line reports the arrival of the Corsican at Liverpool at half past two o'clock yesterday afternoon.

POLICE CHANGES

Owing to the resignation of Policemen Hunter and Elliott, Policemen Brigden and Ward have been transferred to the northern division to fill the vacancies. This morning Policeman Hendrickson was transferred from the northern division to the city proper and Policeman Hogg was sent to replace him.

Lord Alverstone No More; His Title Dies With Him

Former Lord Chief Justice of England Passes Away at Age of 83

London, Dec. 15.—Viscount Alverstone is dead. For nearly thirteen years he was Lord Chief Justice of England and was one of the most popular, human and many-sided men in public life. In February, 1912, he was seized with a serious heart attack and his continued ill-health led to his resignation.

Tall, athletically modelled and vigorous, he was a splendid specimen of the old school of English gentleman. He came into prominence before the American public as the representative of England in the Alaskan boundary commission. His vote in support of the chief claims of the United States gave America the practical victory. Many Canadians professed to believe, and with bitterness asserted, that the American government went into the arbitration only after it had reached an understanding that the American case should win and that Alverstone was put forward to carry on the diplomatic bargain.

He was born on December 22, 1842, his father being Thomas Webster, Q. C., well known at Westminster where he had a large practice, especially in patent cases. Lord Alverstone's wife died in 1875, and his only son, in 1910, after an operation for appendicitis. There is no heir to the title.

The late Lord Alverstone, famous British jurist

THE QUARTERS FOR 115TH FINALLY DECIDED UPON

The matter of the billetting of the 115th Battalion is now apparently adjusted, and from today a crew of workmen will be busy in the agricultural hall arranging quarters there as the winter home of the unit. Yesterday's differences were straightened out in the afternoon. The city will rush the work and before very long the men now billeted in various quarters of the city will be located there, while some of the offices may be established there soon. At present Lieut. Col Wedderburn is using the offices at the corner of King and Prince Wm. street in the Bank of Montreal building.

The 140th.

On Saturday about 300 more men are expected here to be quartered in West St. John, with the 140th. The work of preparing quarters there is proceeding satisfactorily, and the recruits already quartered there are pleased with the arrangements. Other officers arrived today to join Major Gunning, who is to be officer commanding the battalion, and Capt. Davies, adjutant. A former St. John man is acting as quartermaster of the 140th, Lieut. Hall Fairweather, formerly well known here, who has been in the west. He is being welcomed by old friends. Subalterns with the battalion now on duty in Carleton are Lieutenants Fawcett, Lawrence, F. Armstrong, and R. D. Wilson. Recruits for this unit can be signed on at the immigration buildings, West End. It is understood that the remainder of the battalion, comprising about 500 men, will be located at Fredericton and Woodstock.

Recruiting Areas.

Official announcement was received in the city today concerning the territories mapped out for the recruiting of the battalions now organizing. Several counties are included in the area of the 115th—St. John, Charlotte, Sunbury, York, Carleton, Victoria, and Madawaska—with headquarters at St. John; Northumberland, Gloucester and Restigouche are mentioned for the 132nd, with Chatham as headquarters; Queens and Albert are given for the 140th, with Sussex as headquarters, and Kings, Queens and Prince for the 105th in P. E. Island, with Charlottetown as headquarters.

Recruiting

Two men were sworn this morning for the 115th, John O'Donnel of Sydney, C. B., and D. Anderson of Scotch Settlement, N. B. Several others are waiting to be attested or examined. A fine chance is now being afforded automobile experts, motor drivers, to enlist with the mechanical transport, and at five o'clock this afternoon Lieut. May, who has charge of this branch of recruiting, will be at the Mill street offices to examine any desiring to go.

Today's Drill.

The members of the 69th Battalion had a route march this morning, and enjoyed a walk to Rockwood Park, despite the snowstorm. The order "dismiss" was given and for a time the men made a tour of the park and were interested in the animals. They returned to barracks about 11.40 o'clock. The 140th had company drill this morning and also were arranged in platoon formation. With the arrival of more of the battalion this week, the drill programme will be further extended.

Increased Allowance. 6

The latest table regarding the matter of subsistance allowance now being given to the men of the 115th who have signed, but are not yet in barracks, shows a slightly increased scale. The former rate was fifty cents for a single and seventy-five cents for married men, but the scale is now sixty and eighty-five cents respectively.

PEACE FOLK HELD UP

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 15.—The members of the executive committee of the international congress to study the basis of a durable peace are still held up along the German-Swiss frontier. It may be necessary to postpone the meeting.

BRITISH PLACE ORDER FOR 10,000 AEROPLANE GUNS

Also Contract For Five Hundred Large Canon

MORE SHELLS, ALSO

Sir Percy Scott Completes Plans For Defence of London From Zeppelin Attacks and Next Visit of Air Raiders Not Feared

New York, Dec. 15—It was announced today that J. P. Morgan & Company have placed an order for 10,000 aeroplane guns for the British government with the Briggs-Seabury Ordnance Company.

A contract has also been closed for the manufacture of 500 large cannon and another for a large number of six inch explosive shells.

London, Dec. 15.—Elaborate preparations for the protection of London from German raids, which have been undergoing radical changes in the last three months, are now virtually completed.

The plan of defence worked out by Sir Percy Scott is perfected to such an extent that he has been able to turn over the responsibility to the War Office. It is learned from an unquestioned authority that the reason Scott retired is that he has finished work on the system he inaugurated and which now is in full swing. It has been intended that the army should take over its control as soon as possible. That time has come quicker than expected, although it has been evident that the sweeping changes brought about by Sir Percy were going on rapidly.

When he assumed charge in September, he at once began the installation of a type of gun which his experience as a leading gunnery expert in the British navy told him was suitable, although Mr. Balfour expressed surprise. The situation today is, according to the information obtained, that a gas searchlight system has been brought to a proper degree of efficiency ready for any future raids. The naval gunners have been replaced by army experts who have distinguished themselves by anti-aircraft work at the front. These men have been shooting at aeroplanes and airships for more than a year and have had much more practice than naval men; therefore there seems to be a comfortable feeling that any future attempts on the part of Zeppelins to attack London are likely to be unsuccessful.

J. B. HACHEY RECRUITING OFFICER FOR GLOUCESTER

Bathurst and County Are Doing Well For The 132nd

Bathurst, N. B., Dec. 14—The North Shore battalion is rapidly filling up. There are seventy recruits here. J. B. Hachey, M. L. A., has been appointed recruiting officer for Gloucester.

Halifax authorities have approved of the Curling Rink for quartering the troops. A full company will be raised in Bathurst and the county before the first of the new year. The band serenades the recruits three evenings each week and enthusiasm is growing. Col. Mersereau advises that two officers be sent from Chatham to assist drilling.

SAYS FULLY 2,000,000 UNDER DERBY PLAN

London, Dec. 15—Between 2,000,000 and 2,500,000 men have enlisted under the plan of the Earl of Derby, director of recruiting, according to the Daily Sketch. The paper says this figure may be reduced under analysis, and that it is quite possible that the figures relative to single men may prove to be below the required standard.

Shoe Factory Burned.

Newark, N. J., Dec. 15—The Boyden shoe factory here was destroyed by fire today, with a loss estimated at $200,000.