

KILLING OF ARCHDUKE A PRETEXT FOR WAR

Austria in 1913 contemplated war against Serbia—England learned fact only few days ago.

London, Feb. 4.—"Until the revelations were made in the Ministerial statement before the Italian Parliament the other day, we had no knowledge that Austria-Hungary contemplated hostile action against Serbia in 1913," Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, told the House of Commons today.

SIR ROGER CASEMENT'S PENSION IS STOPPED PENDING AN INQUIRY

Reported last November he went to Berlin and conferred with German authorities.

London, Feb. 4.—Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, announced in the House of Commons today that Sir Roger Casement's pension had been suspended, pending an investigation of allegations that he was disloyal.

SEE IF THE CHILD'S TONGUE IS COATED

If cross, feverish, constipated, give "Syrup of California Figs"

Look at the tongue, mother! If coated, it is a sure sign that your little one's stomach, liver and bowels need a gentle, thorough cleansing at once.

When peevish, cross, listless, pale, doesn't sleep, is feverish, stomach sour, breath bad; has stomach-ache, sore throat, diarrhoea, full of cold, give a teaspoonful of California Syrup of Figs, and in a few hours all the foul, constipated waste, undigested food and sour bile gently moves out of its little bowels without griping, and you have a well, playful child again.

PRISON TERM FOR BR. SOLDIER WHO ATTACKED GERMAN OFFICER

Berlin, Feb. 4.—(By Wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The German supreme military court has commuted to imprisonment for 20 years the death sentence imposed on William Lonsdale, a British soldier, for attacking a German non-commissioned officer at the military prison at Doberitz.

Contributions to Red Cross Society. The New Brunswick Provincial Branch of the Red Cross Society acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following contributions: Kilburn Red Cross Society, one box; Oakville Red Cross Society, one box; Rexton Red Cross Society, one box; Honeydale Red Cross Society, one box; Apohaqui Red Cross Society, one box; Andover and Perth Red Cross Society, one box; Mrs. John A. W. Robertson, Heron Island, New Mills, one box; Passeskeag Red Cross Society, one box; Mrs. Graham, Main River, one box; Barnesville Red Cross Society, one box; Bay Road Red Cross Society, one box.

Good Fishing. The men engaged in fishing on the Kennebecasis and St. John rivers are making large catches of gaspereaux daily. Many of the nets when taken from the water contain from 100 to 200 fish. These sell at four cents each, wholesale, thus making the business quite profitable. The nets often contain hake, but there is no sale for them at the present time.

PILES. Do not suffer another day with itching, bleeding, or protruding piles. Surgical operation required. Dr. Chase's Ointment will relieve you in 24 hours, and as certainly cure you, etc. a box, all colors, or Edmond, Bates & Co., Ltd., Toronto. Sample box free if you mention this paper and enclose 10c stamp to pay postage.

DISASTROUS FIRE AT SPRUCE LAKE

Summer hotel of John O'Regan destroyed—Loss at \$9,000 partly covered by insurance.

A large four-story building at the end of Spruce Lake, erected about two years ago by John O'Regan and since occupied by him in the summer, was completely destroyed by fire early yesterday morning, and in consequence Mr. O'Regan faces a loss of about \$9,000, on which there is \$4,000 insurance. The origin of the fire is not known. On Wednesday Frank O'Regan and a party of friends visited the place, and on their departure there was no trace of fire. Later the caretaker came to look the building up and found everything in good order. About half-past five yesterday morning Mrs. McCarthy of the Seven-mile House, was awakened by a glare in the sky, and on looking out the window perceived the end of Mr. O'Regan's building to be in flames. She despatched her son to notify the caretaker, a Mr. Smith, who went to the scene of the conflagration, but was unable to check the flames. A neighboring barn, however, was fortunately saved. The building was valued at about \$8,000, was of wood on a concrete foundation, four stories in height and contained about forty rooms. It was insured with the Nova Scotia Fire Insurance Co., \$2,000 with the Royal and \$1,000 with the Scottish Union. Yesterday morning Mr. O'Regan visited Spruce Lake, but was unable to form any estimate of how the fire started. He states that no suspicious characters were seen in the vicinity and there is no possibility of embers left by the party who visited the place Wednesday starting the conflagration.

The \$4,000 insurance on the O'Regan house at Spruce Lake was held as follows: \$3,000 with Messrs. J. M. and C. W. Hope Grant, and \$1,000 with A. C. Ritchie.

BIG DEMAND FOR SEATS FOR AMATEUR NIGHT AT OPERA HOUSE

Tonight comes the big amateur contest at the Opera House, to be staged immediately after the regular performance. Young Adams Company. There are 12 entries of local aspirants for seats, a honor, and there promises to be plenty of amusement. Stage Manager Stackhouse has prepared a new book of generous proportions but hopes there will be no occasion to use it. In addition to the amateur contest, there will be a tug-of-war between the Army Service Corps and the 26th Battalion. There will be eight men and an anchor on each side, and as there is considerable rivalry between the two teams there is no doubt but what this contest will be very exciting. "Dutch" Ervin or "Doc" McGillicuddy will act as referee. In deference to the regulation requiring the soldiers to be in barracks at 9.30 p. m. arrangements have been made to have the tug-of-war contest take place at 9 p. m. sharp, so that all the military men can see it. There will be a special prize for this contest. There has been a big advance sale for tonight, so it will be well to secure your seats early today, if you intend going.

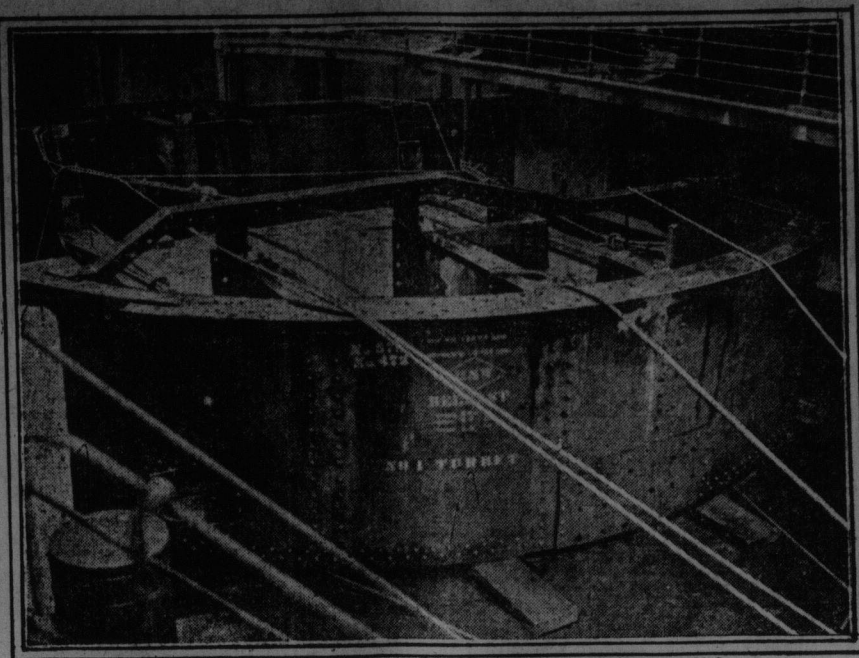
HORSES FOR BRITISH ARMY.

London, Jan. 30.—A correspondent of the Times describes at some length the organization which provided the British expeditionary force with its full quota of horses. The writer says that during 1913 the study of the situation by the Remount Directorate (of the War office) showed that the system necessitated an accurate census by permanent remount officers, and the organization which enabled the War office to horse the expeditionary force, the territorial force and the reserve units and depots was further evolved. The United Kingdom was divided into nineteen administrative remount circles under a deputy assistant director of remounts. Within each circle were a certain number of remount districts, presided over by a district remount officer, whose primary duty was to make the military census each year. The deputy assistant director of remounts was charged with all the organizing work necessary to furnish such quotas of horses as might be required from their circles.

Each Remount circle was further divided into a certain number of purchasing areas, presided over by a civilian gentleman whose business it was, on mobilization, to value horses, pass as suitable and pay for those required by the police in pursuance of the necessary magistrate's order. The whole success of horse mobilization centralized round the way in which these purchasers carried out their duties and the amount of attention to their instructions they paid in peace time. Each was provided with a despatch box containing warrants, railway consignment books, and information as to the prearranged truck programme, with an increased account to pay and authority to hire assistants. The services of these purchasers, drawn as far as possible from the country, in many cases retired officers, has been extremely valuable.

The Actual Mobilization. In accordance with the organization already described, each purchaser had in his despatch box a list of stables containing horses fit for military purposes at the last census and from which they might take 50 per cent of the total numbers. Further, a list included a list of units, or depots to receive units, each day, and a table showing the railway programme. Each purchaser's list contained about 40 per cent more horses than he was called upon to produce. It depended, therefore, on the reasonable accuracy of the census whether or not the required number of horses was forthcoming. The annual census was the ground-

BIG GUNS AND WAR SHIP TURRET SENT TO ENGLAND



INNER SECTION OF GUN TURRET ON BOARD THE TRANSYLVANIA. On board the steamship Transylvania when she left New York for England were two 16.1-inch guns and the turret of a battle ship. The pieces of ordnance, which were lashed to the forward deck of the vessel and consigned to a shipbuilding firm at Belfast, were the second shipment of arms from America. The shipment was made by the Bethlehem Steel Company, under a contract made with the British government by Charles M. Schwab. The enormous guns, carefully cased, each weigh 146,248 pounds and are fifty-three feet long. They are for use on battle ships now being hurried to completion for the British navy at the shipbuilding yards at Belfast. Other guns of similar size are to be sent from America as fast as they can be manufactured. With the gun turret, which was fastened to the deck in between the two guns, the Transylvania at first glance looked almost like a fighting ship.

the defence of the country by the territorial force. 134,000 Horses in Twelve Days. Reviewing the situation generally the remount directorate at the War Office, presided over by Major General Birkbeck, and its officers distributed over the country, may congratulate themselves on having placed 38,000 magnificent horses in the ranks of the expeditionary force, 80,000 useful horses for the territorial force, and 18,000 horses for the reserve formations within twelve days of the order to mobilize. It should also be realized how much the competent control of the railway authorities contributed to the distribution of the horses to the units requiring them. Since the completion of mobilization the large improvements to the British forces and the large demands to replace the natural wastage due to extremely arduous operations have been successfully met during the last three months from the resources in the United Kingdom. Horses are still flowing to units in the field of a sample equal to that with which they were first equipped, and some 60,000 more have been purchased since mobilization was completed for drafts and new formations.

FUNERALS.

A large number of friends attended the funeral of George McKean yesterday afternoon. At half-past two,

TURKS ATTEMPT TO CROSS SUEZ CANAL ON RAFTS; DRIVEN BACK WITH GREAT LOSS

Cairo, via London, Feb. 4.—The following official statement recounting the depulse of a Turkish force which attacked the Suez Canal, was given out here today: "At daybreak yesterday the enemy advanced on the posts at Toussoum, (35 miles north of Suez). When they attempted to cross the canal on Tuesday night and their artillery bombarded Toussoum and Serapeum, our artillery, supported by ships in the canal, repelled. "The enemy tried to cross the canal on rafts but retired at 3 o'clock in the afternoon with the loss of eight officers and numerous dead, while 282 more prisoners were taken. "Our losses were two officers and thirteen men killed and fifty-eight men wounded. "At El Kantara (40 miles south of Port Said) the enemy also attacked, but was driven off, leaving 21 men killed and 25 wounded prisoners in our hands. "The enemy's force consisted of 1,200 men and six batteries."

services were conducted at his late residence, 70 Wentworth street. Rev. Ralph J. Sherman and Rev. G. A. Kubring officiated. At three o'clock the same clergymen conducted services at Trinity church. The following, close friends of the deceased, bore the pall: Messrs. W. E. Golding, C. H. Read, R. A. McIntyre, A. I. Mathers, J. D. Irving, H. E. Wardroper. Many beautiful floral tributes expressed the sympathy of friends. Interment was in Fernhill cemetery. A delegation from St. Patrick's Society, of which Mr. McKean was vice-president, attended the funeral. The delegation was made up of: George McAvity, Magistrate Ritchie, John E. Moore, George Carroll, Dr. J. D. Maher, J. H. Ritchie, Dr. Travers, G. Hevenor and E. S. Ritchie.

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