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Statement to November 30th, 1915.	
Contributions to	
October 31	\$203,809.03
Receipts during	
November	34,327.24
Total contributions	\$238,136.27
Disbursements to	
October 31	\$172,486.36
Disbursements during	
November	20,500.18
Total Disbursements	\$192,986.54
Cash Balance	
November 30	\$ 45,149.73
Estimated requirements for Dec.	\$21,500.00
Estimated requirements for Jan.	\$22,500.00
Estimated balance available Jan. 31	\$ 1,149.73
No. of families assisted during	
November	1,436
Average monthly payment per family	\$13.60
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THE EUROPEAN WAR

Big French Liner Torpedoed

PARIS, Dec. 27.—The French steamer Ville de La Ciotat, with passengers on board, was torpedoed without warning and sunk in the Mediterranean by a submarine on December 24, the Ministry of Marine announced today. Most of the passengers and members of the crew had been rescued. The statement follows:

"The steamer Ville de La Ciotat was torpedoed and sunk on the 24th in the Mediterranean by an enemy submarine without warning. A majority of the passengers and crew were picked up by a British steamer. Details have not been received." The Ville de La Ciotat was one of the largest of the steamships sunk recently in the Mediterranean. Her gross tonnage was 5,378. She was 487 feet long and fifty feet beam. She was built at La Ciotat, France, in 1892, and was owned by the Messageries Maritimes of Marseilles. She was last reported on her arrival at Saigon, on December 1, on the voyage from Yokohama to Marseilles.

Turks Make an Attack on British, but are Repulsed

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The Turks, in an attack on the British forces in Mesopotamia, succeeded in entering the northern bastions of one of the forts at Kut-el-Amara, but were driven out, an official statement issued this evening says. The official statement follows:

"On the 24th General Townshend reported that the enemy had fired heavily throughout the previous night, but had not attacked. Later, he sent a further report as follows: 'From ten a.m. until past midday, the position was heavily shelled. The enemy, having breached the fort, effected an entrance, but were driven out. Two hundred dead were left inside the fort.'

WAR BRIEFS

The Germans have refused to give Salvation Army workers permission to enter Belgium.

In response to the call for general economy by Parliament, the saving of the British people increased from \$1,750,000,000 in 1913 to \$3,000,000,000 in 1914. It is expected they will reach \$5,000,000,000 for 1915.

Russia is reported to be training an army of 7,000,000 for service in the Spring campaign. Great quantities of munitions are going into Russia by way of Archangel. Canadian ice-breakers are endeavoring to keep that port open all winter.

German submarines have been quite busy in the Mediterranean of late and have destroyed a number of French and British vessels.

The Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry has been amalgamated with the Canadian Corps troops in France, under General Mercer. The Princess Pat's were the first Canadian troops in the trenches.

Hundreds of thousands in the Warsaw District are suffering for want of food. Most of them are living in huts, caves and abandoned trenches. They have no work as the Polish industries have been destroyed.

The great question between the two Candidates who are seeking the seat of the late James Keir Hardie, is that of conscription or voluntary service. Both candidates are very determined.

The Imperial German castle of Donaueschingen is being robbed of its copper roof for munitions of war.

By edict of the Royal Prussian Government the sale of cream for any purpose but the making of butter is forbidden. Also the sale of milk for making candies or bread is forbidden.

The League for the Rights of Man conducted an impressive ceremony, Nov. 28th, in memory of Miss Edith Cavell. President and Mme. Poincare and leading Englishmen were present.

Thirteen men and women have been convicted in Britain for espionage since the war began. Ten were condemned to death. The other three men and the women have been sentenced to penal servitude.

All undesirable aliens are being rounded up in Britain, and deported. Among them is Tod Sloane, a former U. S. jockey, lately keeper of a gambling house.

Mr. Oliver Asselin, a prominent Montreal Nationalist has accepted the organization of a French Canadian regiment for overseas, and has been made Major.

German spies who were detected and shot in England spoke with much anger of their Government. They were told, "If you succeed well and good. If they catch you, they will never kill you, and in a few months we will be over to release you."

Many of the recruits in England were turned down by one medical examiner, but tried another and passed. In some cases they were rejected three times, and then passed.

John Redmond, who spent a week visiting the trenches, says, "there is no pessimism at the front."

Mr. Redmond says that for every shell the Germans fire on the western line, the Allies fire five.

France has shot 55 spies, and holds 77 more.

Queen Mary is a great lover of reading. But, in these days she has little time for it. The Victorian rule is restored to some degree. A Maid of Honor reads aloud while the Queen works.

THE PRESENT CONDITION OF THE CANADIAN EGG MARKET

For the first time in a number of years eggs have taken a prominent place in Canada's export trade. This is largely due to the unprecedented demand for eggs on the part of the British market and the fact that British dealers have shown a marked preference for Canadian eggs over the United States eggs and a willingness to pay a distinctly higher price for them.

So great in fact has been the demand that Canadian dealers have shipped practically all of the available Canadian storage product to the Old Country. As a result there is not in Canada at the present time, sufficient eggs in storage to supply the home consumption until fresh receipts in appreciable quantities begin to come in.

Quantities of eggs from the United States, however, are being imported into Canada, some in bond for export, but the larger part to take the place

of the Canadian product exported. On account of the keen demand for Canadian eggs above mentioned, United States eggs can be laid down in Canada at the present time, duty paid, at several cents per dozen less than the price at which Canadian eggs are selling for, for export and they should be procurable by the consumers accordingly.

On the other hand the Canadian market at the present time is very firm for Canadian "Specials" (new laid) the production of which is not enough in most instances to supply the demand at local country markets. This means that high prices will have to be paid in consuming centres in order to draw a portion of these supplies from local points. Producers may therefore definitely expect reasonably high prices during the period of low production for fresh gathered eggs that will grade "Specials."

The question has been raised as to whether the phenomenal demand on the part of the British market for

Boston, New York, and other cities in the States were visited with a blizzard on Tuesday, Dec. 14th, hampering travel in all directions, blocking railways, bridges, and streets and causing much damage. Thousands of shovellers were employed to clear the streets, as over two and a half feet of snow fell.

General Sir Sam Hughes in speaking at a public meeting in Toronto, recently, stated that at present there are 850 institutions or concerns in Canada making shells or parts of shells, and 100,000 workmen were employed on that line of work.

The conscription conspiracy has been killed, and by Lord Derby's campaign the British army has been increased to a force of nearly 5,000,000. Over 500,000 enlisted during the week ending December 11th.

Col. Roosevelt has declined the invitation to speak in Toronto, as he is afraid he might say something he should not say under present circumstances.

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| Underskirts | Fancy Sets |
| Gloves, Hoisery | Gent's Neckwear |
| Hand Bags, Silk Scarfs | Cuff Link Sets |
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| Handkerchiefs, Ties | Hoisery |
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Four gills one pint.
Two pints one quart.
Four quarts one gallon.
Two gallons two quarels.
Two quarels one fight.
One fight two policemen.
Two policemen one police court.
One police court, one month in prison.

Minard's Linimen tCures Garget in Cows.

An Irish street car conductor called out shrilly to the passengers standing in the aisle: "Will them in the front plaze to move up, so that them behind can take the places of them in front, and lave room for them who are nayther in front nor behind."

A city girl was taking a course in an agricultural college. After a lecture on "How to increase the Milk Flow," she rose for a question. "How long," she blushingly inquired, "must one beat a cow before she will give whipped cream?"