Weather Forecast: Very Cold

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GERMANS HARD HIT IN EAST AND WEST FIELDS

BRITISH FINANCIERS EXPECT AN EARLY END OF THE WAR

LETTER COMES FROM MEMBER OF PAT'S PETS

Sergt. Wigney Writes Men Have Been in Action at Front of Battle.

A PROUD BUNCH OF MEN

Sister-in-Law of London Man Receives Word From Flanders, France.

The first letter received here from a member of the Princess Pat's Regiment since the notable engagement in which this Canadian Regiment so distinguished itself at the front has been received from Flanders, France. Miss Betty Morton, sister-in-law of Wendell Holmes, manager of Mallagh's book store, this city, is in receipt of a communication from Sergt. R. C. Wigney, attached to Headquarters Company, P. P. C. L. I., British Expeditionary Force, on active service in France. Sergt. Wigney is from Toronto. He is a son of Capt. Wigney.

The letter is to the following purpose:

No. 9, Sergt. Wigney,
Headquarters Company,
P. P. C. L. I.,
British Expeditionary Force;
On Active Service.
December 30, 1914.

Dear Friend,—Well, we have moved at last, and have left Winchester some time now. I can't tell you exactly where we are, as we are not allowed to, and all these letters are censored. Anyway, we are still on the map, and fit and well, and doing O. K. We are billeted about here in different farms, etc. I am sleeping in an old barn in a stack of straw, and beyond being a bit cold at night and a bit ticky (i. e., there are a lot of small bugs about), it is not too bad at all. There are also quite a few rats in the straw, but as long as I once get to sleep, they don't worry me any. We are getting lots to eat. Plenty of tinned "Bully Beef" and biscuits, and jam sometimes, cheese and good tea, and we can now and then buy bread, so it is not at all bad so far. There are miles of trenches round here, and it is pretty hard work digging them and very muddy. There is generally heavy artillery fire at night and mornings, but not much during the day. You can hear the boom of the big guns miles away.

Christmas Day here was bright and frosty, and we were in our billets all day. We made it as jolly as we could around our little camp fires. On boxing day, the Daily News fund Christmas puddings arrived, and they were jolly good. We got half a pound each per man. We also got Princess Mary's present of a pipe, tobacco, and 20 cigarettes per man, and they were very acceptable, as I was clean out of both. It has been raining lately, and there is a lot of mud about. I would much sooner have the frost and dry weather. There is a lot to tell you, but I can't say much in this, as I am afraid it will be censored, and the letter chucked out, so it will have to keep till I see you next, which will be the Lord knows when, but some time next winter, I guess.

First into Action.

We are the first Canadian regiment to go into action, and are, of course, proud of the fact.

The others of the Canadian contingent are still on Salisbury Plain training. We hardly get any news here, of course, and only know what is happening immediately in our own vicinity until we get a stray English paper. So far as I know, Jack Edwards is not drowned yet, but is still out on the Pacific in the submarines.

You must excuse any fingermarks on this paper. I guess my hands are a bit sooty, as I have just been cooking our supper. I made a dandy stew of potatoes, turnips, carrots, leaks, and beef. All except the latter, I am sorry to say, were purloined from an adjacent garden. I can talk French quite a bit, so get on all right here. Thanks very much for the Christmas cards. I hope you got mine. Yours sincerely, B. W.

STOP BOOTH SMOKING

At the next meeting of the council a request from the Epworth Leagues of the city that smoking be not allowed in polling divisions of the city during the hours of voting, will be presented. It is claimed that many of the women voters who at the last election had to spend some time in the booths, were made ill and greatly annoyed by men smoking in the same room.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 25; lowest, 7 below.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 14; lowest, 8 above.

TOMORROW—VERY COLD.

Toronto, Jan. 28—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Today—North and northwest winds, becoming much colder.

Friday—Fair and very cold, with zero temperatures.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	40	34	Cloudy
Calgary	22	— 4	Clear
Winnipeg	—22	—28	Cloudy
Port Arthur	—18	—34	Clear
Parry Sound	24	0	Cloudy
Toronto	32	14	Snow
Ottawa	22	0	Cloudy
Montreal	22	20	Cloudy
Quebec	26	20	Snow
Father Point	24	16	Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

The Atlantic Coast disturbance is likely to develop into an important storm. The intensely cold weather which has prevailed in the Western Provinces for several days is now spreading over Ontario. Storm signals are displayed in the Maritime Provinces.

Type of Red Cross Ambulance Londoners Are Buying

Advertiser Illustrations.

The above photograph shows an ambulance now in service on the battlefields of the same kind as will be purchased with the money being subscribed by Londoners. The sum of $1,100 has been received, and $2,500 is required. The ambulance will be used for the Canadian wounded.

TORY FIGHT IN LONDON IS EXTREMELY BITTER ONE

Beck-Meredith-Moore Party and Gray-Essery-Johnston Battling.

CONVENTION IS CALLED

J. Percy Moore Will Likely Come Out To Oppose "Quicksilver" Bill.

It's a fight to the death between the Beck-Meredith-Moore faction and the Gray-Essery-Johnston faction for the vacant seat in the Dominion House.

An advertisement appearing on page three of this issue, calls a Liberal-Conservative convention for Saturday night at the Conservative Club. It is signed by William Howie, jun., president of the Conservative Club, and W. G. R. Bartram, acting secretary, and calls for a meeting of the divisions on the night previous to the convention.

A meeting was held at the Conservative Club and a final decision made to run a candidate against Mr. Gray. The most likely choice of this convention will be J. Percy Moore, of the firm of Fraser & Moore, the senior member of which is president of the local Tory organ, which has secured slathers of Government advertising since 1911.

William Gray, the choice of the other wing of the party, has been working night and day in preparation for a fight. It is said that Mr. Gray is strongly anti-Glaubitz and there is a chance that this issue will be introduced into the campaign.

No Questions of Policy.

Certainly, if meetings are held, the fight will not be on questions of policy. It will be a fight between the long estranged Sir Adam Beck and William Gray, whose quarrel with Sir Adam is of many years, and is attributed to a "snub" which Mr. Gray is alleged to have received from Sir Adam. Mr. Gray has spoiled for a fight with the Beck faction for years. He wanted the Dominion nomination and he would not run while Major Beattie was alive. But since the seat is open, he claims it, and he has shown himself sincere by fighting the desperate effort made to "pull him off."

Threats Fall Utterly.

Threats, offers and every possible means of securing Mr. Gray's retirement have been utilized. He has controlled the patronage for some weeks and those who controlled it for some years are sore.

Chiefly, the fight will be one over patronage. The Gray faction maintains that the patronage has not been properly handled and it will hang on to it.

Mr. Gray is confident of election. The other side will make an appeal to those Conservatives who have been in constant touch with the machine, and ask them to save the party by standing by the candidate. They will call Mr. Gray the "independent" Conservative candidate.

It was stated by authorities that if T. G. Meredith, K. C., had been persuaded to run, he would have given Mr. Gray a hard fight and would possibly have beaten him. The suggestion has been made that Sir Adam Beck may come out, but this is not given credence. He may take part in the campaign against Mr. Gray.

There are many persons still "from Missouri" in the matter. Some say Mr. Gray will be pulled off even yet, and others say that he will have no opposition.

CHILDREN DISAPPOINTED

School Boys and Girls Have Not Received Prizes Yet.

The prizes won by the city school children at the field day sports last year have not yet been given out.

Many of the children have expressed disappointment, as there were between fifty and sixty prizes in all to be distributed.

It was stated this morning that the delay was caused because the medals to be awarded had not yet been finished. It is possible that the prizes will be given next week, if the medals are received.

Fine Type of Men Ready to Enlist In Army Service

Lieut. Arthur Keene Has Received Orders to Recruit Corps to Full Strength—Great Enthusiasm Engendered.

ORDER CALLS FOR 168 MEN

The announcement that Lieut. Arthur H. Keene, Sixteenth Company, A. S. C., has received a request from Lieut.-Col. W. M. McCrimmon, A. A. G., First Division, to recruit men immediately to take charge of a permanent training depot in England, has aroused great enthusiasm. Though recruiting will not begin until tonight at 8 o'clock in the armories, Lieut. Keene has already received between twenty and thirty offers from citizens for overseas service. These are practically all skilled mechanics, and, as a whole, the finest type of men for the work that have yet enlisted. Capt. Irwin, 370 Dufferin avenue, is an officer who has given in his name, and it is almost a certainty that all officers will be accepted.

A well-known expert on motor vehicle mechanism has been recommended for the position of mechanical inspector of motor transports for the company.

The order for recruiting calls for 168 men, and these will go direct to England for training.

The Sixteenth Company, A. S. C., holds the proud distinction of having sent more men to the front, in proportion to its war-time strength (84), than any other branch of the service in London. Including officers, 70 left with the first contingent and 74 more have gone since Christmas.

Lieutenant Keene has wired Lieutenant Frank Millar, Chicago, and Lieut. Barry, Vancouver, to report at London, if possible. Since sending the dispatches he has learned that Lieut. Barry has removed to Seattle, and is finding difficulty in locating him.

Capt. Hunter, who left last night to join Kitchener's army, in which he has been gazetted as a captain, was offered the command of the company that is to proceed at once to England, but had already taken transportation to the old country.

With the above order Lieut. Keene received word from Capt. F. M. Spry, assistant deputy of service and transport, to recruit the Sixteenth Company, A. S. C., to full strength, 196, including officers and men.

Lieut. Keene wants 7 sergeants, 9 office clerks, 4 trumpeters, 4 corporals, farriers, saddlers, wheelers, fitters, blacksmiths, electricians, cleaners, and 100 drivers for each company.

LOCAL OPTION CAMPAIGN VERY LIKELY IN LONDON

Temperance people of London and the district are busy with propositions to present to the Ontario Government when Parliament opens in March. A big provincial convention of temperance workers will be held in Toronto on March 3, and among other delegates from this city will be Rev. W. Boyd, Mr. J. Pack, Prof. James Bowman, Mrs. May R. Thornley, and others.

The London temperance people plan to bring up the matter of abolishing the three-fifths clause. They think that as far as local option is concerned, the three-fifths clause has reached the limit now, and will ask that it be done away with. They also will ask that the hotel hours be changed so that they will be open every day except Sunday from 8 in the morning until 8 at night.

Other propositions are under discussion and will likely be presented before the convention. Now that votes for women have been carried in so many places, the temperance people expect to make prodigious gains, and a local option campaign for London is not at all improbable. If the Government will not reduce the three-fifths clause, a country-wide vote on C. T. A. lines may be taken, similar to that which was so successful in Huron, and the temperance forces are confident of winning.

PROMPT, GENEROUS RESPONSE TO MOTOR AMBULANCE FUND

Citizens Take Pride in Being Represented in So Worthy a Patriotic Donation.

Citizens of London should have reason for pride that they are to be represented by a Red Cross motor ambulance. Other cities of Canada have already raised funds for such an object and in this city several have made prompt and generous response to the appeal. Since the ambulance will accompany our own Canadians to France reasons are most urgent for collecting the required amount at the earliest possible date.

A letter which has just been received by the local Red Cross Society from Dr. Ryerson, of Toronto, president of the Canadian Red Cross, gives the following very full description of the ambulance for which subscriptions are being sent in to Mrs. George T. Brown, 661 Talbot street, and Mrs. E. C. Bowker. The following is the text:

"The motor ambulances which we are buying now cost $2,500, because it has been found that the smaller ones not only carry fewer people, but that the power is not sufficient. If the roads are heavy and muddy, the ambulances are liable to become bogged. The power of the car is 35 h.p. It carries four lying down and twelve sitting in addition to the chauffeur and the Red Cross attendant. These again, which we are now gathering, are specially designated for service with the Canadian contingent hospitals now in England, and will be attached to them under the control of the officer commanding the hospital. The upkeep is paid for either by ourselves or by the war office. It has not yet been settled who is to maintain them. We have in view the upkeep of all the motor cars which we have given and are to give to the contingent. It will, of course, accompany the contingent to France.

"The motor ambulances have been ordered in England hitherto, because it is found that they can best supply the type which is acceptable to the war office."

Concluding yesterday $1,150 had been subscribed for the ambulance in this city. Today the following contributions are noted:

Mrs. Boomer (on behalf of Local Council of Women)	25 00
Lord Roberts Chapter, I. O. D. E.	25 00

EXPECTING END OF WAR IN MAY

Financial Circles in London Think Germany Cannot Support Money Strain.

NO OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

And Teuton Allies Are Not Strong Enough To Provide Funds.

AMMUNITION GIVING OUT

Ambassador Believes Germany Failed To Make Provision For Amount Necessary.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Jan. 28.—A London cable to the Gazette says:

In leading financial circles here the prediction is being made that the war will end much sooner than is commonly believed, owing to Germany's inability to support the financial strain. Next May is mentioned as the probable date of the German collapse.

These predictions are based upon deductions. Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd George, as was recently announced in the London papers, will soon go to France to hold a conference with the French and Russian ministers of finance. It is generally understood that a result of the conference will be that Great Britain will undertake the financing of the Allies to an even greater degree than she has already done, though, in respect to Russia particularly, she has already put her hand in her pocket to no inconsiderable extent.

Cannot Get Outside Help.

The argument of these financiers who predict an early conclusion of the war is that, when the three great allied powers find it necessary to combine in order to meet from their common resources the immense

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SLAVS REVOLT AGAINST ORDER

Clergy Lead Them in Resisting Latest Austro-Hungarian Move.

"DOWN WITH GERMANS"

Mob Cries as It Attacks Gendarmes and Cavalry at Laibach.

ARMORY IS PLUNDERED

Uncensored Dispatches Tell of Rioting in Many Different Quarters.

[Canadian Press.]

Geneva, Switzerland, Jan. 28, via Paris.—The order of the Austro-Hungarian Government for the mobilization of the last line of service has brought about a serious rising among the Southern Slavs, according to uncensored dispatches reaching here from Austrian sources.

The clergy, these advices say, headed the movement of resistance, which began Sunday morning at Laibach, 35 miles northeast of Trieste. After the sermon by a Slavonian priest the crowd is reported to have left the cathedral shouting "Down with the war!" "Down with the Germans!" The rioters attacked the gendarmes, and after shots were fired the cavalry was called out and charged the crowd.

Deaths in Rioting.

During the disturbance the prefect's palace was burned and its furniture and pictures, which were thrown out of the windows, were trampled to pieces.

At Agram, capital of Crowina and Slavonia, bodies of students tore down the mobilization notices, and it is reported that a Hungarian official, a student and a child were killed in the rioting that followed. There was rioting also at Karlstadt, Crowina, where the mobilization notices were destroyed.

At Suzak, near Fieume, the armory of the Hunarian Landwehr is said to have been plundered.

Battle With Marines.

An enormous crowd, these advices from Austrian sources also say, concentrated at Ople and then descended on Trieste and joined manifestants there. All the boards on which the official notices of mobilization were posted were destroyed, and in the fight which followed with marines, two of the rioters are reported to have been killed.

Late dispatches state that the rioting continues, and that general apprehension is felt as to the outcome.

Serious trouble is also reported in Transylvania, where Governor Count Bethlen, it is stated, has ordered that all persons refusing to submit to the decree of the authorities shall be shot.

WRIT FOR $500.—Two county court writs were issued on Wednesday afternoon by Meredith and Meredith. J. Kolesnik has issued a writ against the Central Garage for $500 damages for personal injuries. The Mitchell Garage has issued a writ against the Mitchell Motor Sales Company for $429.83, the amount awarded the garage in a superior court suit in Quebec last summer.

SENIOR MEDICAL SCHOOL MEN TO ENLIST AS ARMY DOCTORS

This Action Is Likely To Be Taken Following Communication From Guelph.

BATTALION NEEDS THEM

Students Talk Matter Over and 12 Decide Will Answer Country's Call.

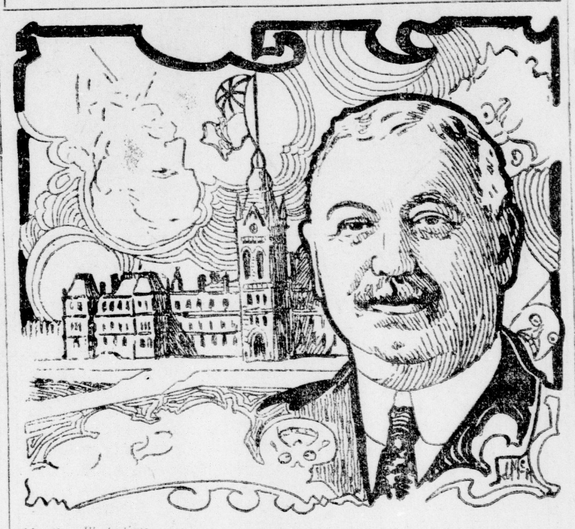
Following a communication from Major Ratz, of Guelph, who is attached to the Thirty-Fourth Battalion, a number of third and fourth year students attending the local medical school will, in all probability, shortly enlist in that regiment as army service doctors.

In a letter to the medical school authorities, Major Ratz stated that there were openings in his regiment for sixteen third or fourth year medical students to enlist in the medical corps attached to the Thirty-Fourth Battalion.

At the medical school today, a number of the students stated that they had talked the matter over and that despite the fact that their term had some three months to run, over a dozen of the men attending were seriously considering enlisting in the medical corps.

It is expected that the students who are thinking of enlisting will hold a meeting in a day or so to determine what action will be necessary in order that they may enlist.

Our Own London War Puzzle



Advertiser Illustrations.

One Conservative candidate. Cartoonist McNaughton has hidden several others. Can you find them? No one else has found another yet.

GERMANS TRYING TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES EVEN IN THIS CITY

Offers To Pay $1 Pound For Old Rubber, Delivery Insured For Germany, Have Reached London—Junk Dealer Real Patriot.

The Germans are trying to purchase supplies even in London.

Offers to pay $1 a pound for old rubber, the delivery of which to be insured for Germany, have reached the city.

A local dealer in junk and rubber had a circular sent him from the United States offering to purchase rubber in any quantity. He paid no attention to the circular, except to say that the Germans would get no supplies from him. He is not even shipping rubber to the United States.

THREE GERMAN REGIMENTS WIPED OUT BY RUSSIANS

After Breaking Through Latter's Trenches, the Enemy Was Driven Out By Bayonets and Raked By Machine Gun Fire.

[Canadian Press.]

Petrograd, Jan. 28, via London, 9:45 a.m.—In a stubborn fight in the vicinity of Sochaczew, on the Bzura River, the Germans yesterday broke through into the Russian trenches, from which they were only repulsed after bayonet charges. At Wlanka, two miles north of Sochaczew, in a battle lasting thirty minutes, the Germans lost 500 killed.

A Russian officer, commanding a battery of machine guns gave the following account of this fighting:

Trap Was Laid.

"At dusk our battery was ordered to take a certain position to check the Germans. Within an hour trenches were dug and battery masked. We lay all night waiting for the attack. Before us was a clear space of 2,000 yards to a hill, on which there were trees.

"With the coming of daylight we became impatient and began to fear that the Germans did not intend to attack. Suddenly, at the end of the field we noticed a detachment of cavalry. They rode towards our position and to a point within six hundred yards of it, and then stopped, evidently suspecting that something was wrong. We were in despair when they turned to move away, since we were without firing orders.

Wiped Out.

"Suddenly the crackling of our machine guns, twenty yards to the left, gave the signal for a general play of the battery. Part of the detachment was killed and the rest of the cavalrymen fled. They were caught, however, by shrapnel from our battery further back, and scarcely one escaped.

"Half an hour passed. From the direction of the village there then appeared the expected long lines of the

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C. M. R. GRAHAM'S MEMORY FAULTY PRIOR TO JAN. 1

The Advertiser called C. M. R. Graham, former mayor of the city, in regard to the failure of the London and Port Stanley Railway Commission to make the road a "Made in London" line.

"What do you think of it?" was asked.

"I have nothing to say," he replied.

"Did you not refer in your speeches to the number of London men who would be employed?" was another question.

"My memory does not go back prior to January 1," said the former mayor with a telephone smile.

BELGIAN MARVELLED AT MIGHTINESS OF NIAGARA

Mr. Yseux, Who Will Lecture in Tecumseh House Tonight, Interviewed.

[BY MARGARET WALKER.]

"Mr. Yseux?" asked The Advertiser reporter.

The dapper, curly-bearded, foreign-looking gentleman who had just stepped out of the elevator at the Tecumseh House, smiled genially.

"That is my name," he was kind enough to respond, ignoring the bald, Canadian accent of the reporter.

"You wish to see me?" he asked.

The reporter explained the nature of her errand. "You have just arrived?" she asked of the Belgian lawyer, who will speak tonight to a London audience on "Belgium, Her Art and Architecture."

Once again Mr. Yseux smiled, as he requested the reporter to be seated.

"It was very funny. I come to Canada. I would see Niagara Fall. I see it. I come to London last evening. The president of the club, Mr. Carling, looked for me this morning, and desired the—your burgomaster, what you call him?—to meet me. But I get here too soon!"

"That was too bad," agreed the reporter. "What was your impression of Niagara?"

"It is wonderful—grand! The ice and the snow, and the water—so great. I marvelled," said the little gentleman, with a sweeping gesture of his hand.

Great Country.

"Your Canada is such a great country. I see it for the first time now. I came by New York, and lecture here the first time in Canada. You have such ice and snow. At my home in Antwerp, and in parts of Belgium, we

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ROOMERS QUARANTINED

Discovery of Smallpox in Dundas Street House Holds Inmates In.

A case of smallpox of a very mild type was discovered in a rooming-house on Dundas street, near Adelaide, last night, and as a result, the proprietress, who is ill, and ten roomers, are in quarantine. M. O. H. Dr. Hutchinson nearly had a riot on his hands last night, it is stated, when the other occupants of the house tried to scatter, but all are being kept in the place.

Occupants of the house today telephoned the police magistrate and Chairman Somerville, stating that they only had half a ton of coal, and that no one would bring them food. M. O. H. Dr. Hutchinson stated to The Advertiser today that he was sending provisions, and that all would be properly looked after. It is said that many people have been going through the house recently, and an effort will be made to locate these. Dr. Hutchinson stated that two of the patients at the Cove Hospital were discharged yesterday.

HOLDS UP HORSE OF MOSES LEFF WITH GUN

Strange Actions of Holdup—Looking for Animal Victims.

Moses Leff rushed into police headquarters today with a mystery that he wishes the detective department to unravel. "But I offer no reward," says Moses. "All I want you to do is your duty."

Mr. Leff, when he recovered his breath, told Detective Harry Down that today a man rushed into his back yard, pulled his horse out of the barn, and placing a revolver at the animal's head, told Leff he was going to shoot it. Then he said that the horse was all right and he wouldn't touch it this time. He took the horse back to the barn. A few minutes later he came back again, and was going to shoot the horse, when he produced a piece of paper, and saying: "Oh, well, I'll let you go this time," he left Leff's premises.

The detectives are working on the mystery.

The Advertiser Prints Today

For the Taylor Drug Company, the largest Advertisement ever used by Any drug concern in Canada. Four and one-quarter pages, Occupying 10,200 agate lines. Or 728½ inches one column Wide, of space are used in This advertisement to Advertise a Canadian Trade Expansion Sale. It takes a Linotype operator and a Compositor about five full Days to assemble an Advertisement of this size.