Officer Home With Wound Hopes To Go Back Again Soon For "General Good" take place on 2.30 o'clock.

Major Blair Cochrane Arrives in City After Service of Several Weeks on Smith-Dorien's Staff

Shrapnel Splinters in Ankle and Bruised Generally by Falling Shield on Armored Car-Say Earl Kitchener Spends Much Time at Front-German Artillery Effective But Allied Soldiers Are Fearless.

Looking ill and weak and limping slightly from a splinter in the foot, Major Blair Cochrane, an English officer who, just before war broke out, settled in St. John and responded to the call of his king, is back in the city from the front ral earnest. He was wounded in the foot but he was much more "knocked ut," to use his own words, by the armored screen of his motor car being cked clean over him by a German shell. Major Cochrane is a skilled strategist and was at one time prior to his retirement from the active army, instruc-tor in strategy at Aldershot. From the moment war broke out he was itching to get at the old job again. Later he went to Valcartier and then went to Eng-

land, where he at once reported to headquarters. Major Blair Cochrane has in physical build and general appearance a re-markable resemblance to Barl Kitchener, for whom he has all the British sol-

dier's admiration and unquestioning trust. He has seen much service in the long years he was in the army. He went through the Egyptian campaign with the late Lord Wolseley and later was with the camel corps in the Egyptian campaign under Kitchener and the Ashanti expedition , besides the South African war.

But he does not readily speak of his wounds. "Only a matter of being knocked about by the overturning of the armored car by a shell from a German gun and a small splinter beneath the ankle," he told a Telegraph reporter yesterday. He did not mention the weight of the ar-mored shield that fell on him, but that it was no light matter is obvious.

Major Cochrane went on staff duty in Smith-Dorien's division around nd Arras, in France, for some time. There was, he says, an immense amount of transras, in France, for some time. There was, he says, an immense amount of trans-port work to do ,all of it practically by motor forries. The roads had been ploughed into a terrible state by the traffic and the work was arduous in the extreme. Many of the drivers of the motor vehicles were London taxicab driv-ers who enlivened the drudge with their Cockneyisms. "They have about as much fear for the Germans as you might have for a pot," he said, "They are simply unbeatable and as brave as her

My own driver used to speak of the German snipers who were keeping on potting us from all quarters as if they were rabbits, 'A few more of those d-German sausages,' he would remark in going along, perhaps in real dat

course I had to tell him all the same to keep his head under the shield." "What is the nearest you could get to the German lines?" asked the news

"Well, different distances; sometimes quite near, as near as King square is customs house. But we could not get as near as that in the cars of

cribing the trenches as long burrows twisted and turned so that ald not be enfiladed, Major Cochrane said that the German artillery was fearfully effective,

"They find the range well and observe the effect of the fire so well that they strike almost on the spot. Sometimes they have got to within 800 yards but oftener they are 5,000 and 6,000 yards away, but they make first class practice and their shrapnel is deadly. The trenches are made to meet that. The Jack Johnsons' are not very terrible."

OBITUARY Mrs. Robert Hunter.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, JANUABY 6, 1915

Amos Tower,

Arthur Donald McEachern

Thursday, Dec. 31. Vews reached the city yesterda ming bringing the sad tidings tha and Mrs, Donald McEachern, form ly of this city, had lost their six-ye ld son, Arthur Donald, at their bo on, Arthur Donald, at their nome esque Isle (Me.) The boy, who had a bright, healthy lad, had been sick three weeks with spinal meningitis les his parents, four other children boy only a few weeks old, survive degram amouncing the death wai wed yesterday by Mrs. E. N. Stock

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reat popularity and had established an SASE ADVICE Gagetown, Dec. 30—At a late ho aturday, Dec. 26, there passed ther home here, Margaret Emily TO FARMERS

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The provincial accounts for the fiscal than the year ending 1913. Printing

FRONT ONLY NARROW STRETCH.

"I have been a little amused at the general use of the word "front' in the ling the statement that the Canadians are at the front, etc. The front is only a narrow bit of territory which may have a contour anything like the indented shores of the Bay of Fundy and a small section might be com-pared to the harbor front from the West Side round to Courtenay Bay. It is not the mathematical straight line that some people think it. In this, there is great scope for the individual commander to take the initiative and it is in this too that our men are so good. They learned a lot in the South African war, but I went through that and the present is a vastly different thing even from the worst of that campaign. The Germans are remarkably well equipped and are wonderfully trained. Above all they have such a fearful preponderance in

are wonderfully trained. Above all they have such a fearful preponderance in numbers. They are simply overwhelming at times. Our men are fighting well, but it is the numbers that are so impressive to those at the actual front." Major Cochrane said he was not at liberty to state several things that in ordinary times would be harmless, but he had to recollect that he was an officer. Even he was not allowed to send simple post cards from the scene of his work. One he wrote to a London club for a change of underclothing was not passed by the censor; there was no doubt a reason, but not even the officers

"It is Earl Kitchener who is putting through the great work," he went on in answer to a query as to what the minister of war was doing. "He is often on the actual spot in France and knows as much of the daily movements as General Joffre, I think."

NO PANIC IN ENGLAND.

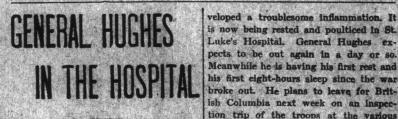
Owing to his wound, Major Cochrane was only in England for three days on his return from France, and did not have an opportunity to see much except of London. That he found was all in semi-darkness at night, and

except of London. That he found was all in semi-darkness at night, and the sky was being searched as a matter of precaution by searchlights. "Yet there is absolutely no panic or even an appreciation of the fact that there may be danger of a Zeppelin raid in England. It is spoken of quite academically, but it would be really impossible to locate any of the public buildings in London at night at a few feet up, much less at the height that in would have to fly to keep out of range of the new air guns. Pe a Zeppein would have to ny to keep out of range of the new ar guns. People are taking it coolly, but at every open space in London, and I am told it is the same in other parts of the kingdom, you see companies of men drilling in plain dress. They are the men who volunteered for home defence. Of Kitch-ener's army I saw nothing, as I was hurried through from Southampton to London, and I took the Lusitania to return to America. I am granted seven weeks' leave, but I fancy it will be considerably more. Then I shall have to go before the medical board and if I am fit I shall go back and do another turn or two for the general good,"

"For the general good"—that was the keynote of the remarks of the major as he busied himself among his weird looking books on strategy and fortifica-tions—the human rabbit burrows, that is all that modern science can teach for the real defence of humanity in this big game of "man's inhumanity to man."

mobilization centres in western Canada

MEET



Ottawa, Jan. 3-Major-General San Hughes has been slightly wounded on active service and is in the hospital. He was sent there last night by his physi-cian, and reluctantly consented to remain in bed for at least the week-end while his wounded knee is being put in active service shape again. The wound was received several cays ago while the min-ister of militia was on an inspection trip. His knee and a sharp corner of his gov-ernment car had an encounter and the

knee got the worst of it. Ottawa, Jan. 2-At one o'clock thi the worst of it. to the general's refusal to lay morning the government called parlia-e time the injured limb has de-ment to meet on Feb. 4th. Owing

The death of a well known hotel pro-prietor, Joseph B. Landers, proprietor of the American House, occurred on Phursday at Fredericton Junction. De-home, 215 King street cast, after an illprietor, Joseph B. Landers, proprietor son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bell, Occur-of the American House, occurred on home, 215 King street east after an H ness of two months, from heart trouble was born in Sun Francisco (Cal), and lived in Bangor (Mc.) where he was connected with the firm of T. White 6 Co. until four years aco, when he bough the American House at Fredericton Junction and has Since conducted it. He leaves his wife, formerly Mise Mary Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. De Courcey, and one bother, Frank al of San Francisco Mr. Landers has many friends in Can ada and the United States wow will re-ret to hear of Ms death, and will sym-pathice deeply with his wife and family. The function will be made in Hampton. Mrs. Margaret O'Keefe, interment at the Catholic cemetary Mr. Landers was a young man of



The bombardment by naval forces of undefended ports, towns, villages, dwell-ings, or buildings is forbidden. Seaside resorts may, however, be or-dered at any time to provide food-stuffs and memories for the season of the sea

Private property at sea is liable to no storms arise.

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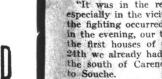
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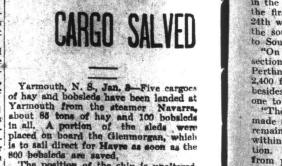
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