# FOUR AIRPLANES OF ENEMY DESTROYED BY FRENCH FLIERS

Aerial Activity Only Feature of French Front.

Paris, Dec. 21.-The French official tatement on the progress of hostilities iven out this afternoon by the war says there has been relative exception of aerial activity. Four enemy implanes have been brought down by rench pilots, and French machines plosive bombs behind the German

The text of the statement reads: "The night passed in relative quiet ong the entire front. On the Somme ront four enemy airplanes have been ught down by French pilots. The st came to earth near Malincourt e second in the environs of Clery, third near Devise, while the fourth s brought down at a point to the oth of Pouy Le Grand by Sub-Lieut This makes 21, the total of enemy airplanes brought n by this aviator

other one of our pilots, pursuing erman machine collided with his

y-eight shells were thrown down on the railroad station at Anizy. The ing of the 20th, four French avi rs threw down 480 kilos (about 1,000 ands) of projectiles upon the railroad tions at Brieulles-sur-Meuse and eleven French aviators sallied forth tres each upon the railroad station certain convoys marching behind

### TWO INQUIRY COURTS

oth to Deal With Different Phases of Windsor Fire,

e to arms, clothing and equipment on

arge to the unit. Lieut.-Col. T. G. Delamere will be M. Spry and Lieut. Roy Garrett as

### DIED IN HOSPITAL.

on, died in St. Joseph's Hospital here

BONSPIEL POSTPONED .- Owing to

TWO HOLIDAYS .- The Red Cross s at Hyman Hall will be closed ut work will be resumed on Friday.

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The nearest parallel in world ristintary discussions. The main idea of Germany and her allies is to get each set of belligerents into direct personal beautiful to president Roosevelt's move in 1305 to end the war between Russia and Japan. But in that case the president had been assured his proposal would not be disagreeable to either of the belligerents, and, curiously enough.

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The view prevails in German curve.

# Text of President Wilson's Peace Note to Warring Powers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.-The president's notes by Secretary Lansing to the American ambassadors



PRESIDENT WILSON

directs me to send be presented immediately to the minister of foreign ou are accredit-

The text of the identically, as fol-

of the United States has instructed me

present war, which he hopes that the Governm most friendly spirit and as coming not only from a friend but also as coming from the representative seriously affected by the war and whose concern necessity to determine how best to safeguard those

DENIES INFLUENCE OF GERMAN PROPOSAL. At this point the texts vary. In the notes to

the central powers this paragraph follows next:
"The suggestion which I am instructed to make the president has long had it in mind to offer. He is somewhat embarrassed to offer it at this particular time, because it may now seem to have b fering it until those overtures had been independent

PROPOSALS IN A NUTSHELL. Then, all the notes proceed identically as fol-

"The president suggests that an early oc-casion be sought to call out from all the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded, and the arrangements which would be deemed satisfactory as a quarantee against its renewal or the pare them. He is indifferent as to the means taken to accomplish this. He would be happy himself to serve, or even to take the that might prove acceptable, but he has no desire to determine the method or the instru-mentality. One way will be as acceptable

to him as another, if only the great object he has in mind be attained. "He takes the liberty of calling attention to the t that the objects which the statesmen of the ligerents on both sides have in mind in this war o make the rights and privileges of weak peoples he great and powerful states now at war. Each vishes itself to be made secure in the future, along us of the formation of any more rival leagu tiplying suspicions; but each is ready to con-r the formation of a league of nations to in-peace and justice throughout the world. Before that final step can be taken, however, each deems it necessary first to settle the issues of the

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FEARING THAT STATES

unforeseen development in affairs. The secrecy with

otes and their dispatch were sur-

y were well on their way to the bel-

Splendid Isolation Abandoned.

The definite proposal of the United tates for "a league of nations to in

did isolation." which Washington be-

is interpreted as a step which f carried through, would mean the present war upon terms which will certainly safe-guard the independence, the territorial integrity, and the political and commercial freedom of the nations

PROTECTION FOR SMALL STATES.

"In the measures to be taken to secure the future United States are as vitally and as directly interested over, in the means to be adopted to relieve the smaller and weaker peoples of the world of the peril of wrong and volence is as quick and ardent as that of any other people or government. They stand complishment of these ends when the war is over But the war must first be concluded. The terms upon which it is to be concluded they are not at liberty to suggest, but the president does feel that interest in its conclusion, lest it should pre ie beyond its conclusion, lest the situation of neutral nations, now exceedingly hard to endure, be rendered altogether intolerable, and lest, more than never be atoned for and repaired.

"The president therefore feels altogether justified in suggesting an immediate opportunity for a com-parison of views as to the terms which must precede those ultimate arrangements for the peace of the nations, as well as those at war, are ready to play tinue to proceed towards undefined ends by slow other is exhausted, if million after million of human lives must continue to be offered up until on the one side or the other there are no more to offer, if despairs engendered from which there can be no recovery, hopes of peace and of the willing concert of

### SAYS OBJECTS NOT STATED!

"The life of the entire world has been profound! affected. Every part of the great family of mankind has felt the burden and terror of this unprecedented contest of arms. No nation in the civilized world can be said in truth to stand outside its influence, or concrete objects for which it is being waged have never been definitely stated.

"The leaders of the several belligerents have, as been said stated those objects in general to But, stated in general terms, they seem the same on the war had been fought out. The world has been exchange of guarantees, what political or territoria

success even, would bring the war to an end "It may be that peace is nearer than we know that the terms which the belligerents on the one side upon are not so irreconcilable as some have feared least for conference and make the permanen a concert of nations immediately practicable.

"The president is not proposing peace, he is not even offering mediation. He is

The note to the Entente group will be delivered

## CANADA'S PROSPERITY REFLECTED IN STATEMENT OF BANK OF COMMERCE

Year, Due to Deposit Increase.

TORONTO, Dec. 20. — The coincidence of commercial and industrial prosperity in the Dominion is reflective in the annual report of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. At the close of that bank's year, November 30 last, its assets amounted to \$258,427,579, or \$35,990,090 more than a year ago. and expansion directly due to an increase in deposits from \$194,090,090 at the end of November, or a gain of 17 per cent. Total liabilities amounted to \$258,367,6, as compared with \$221,-090,090, a year ago.

Against these liabilities the bank holds \$46,291,495 in the form of current coin, Dominion notes and a deposit in the central gold reserve of \$5,690,090, which, together with other quick assets, including call loans, securities and balances due from other curties and balances due from othe TORONTO, Dec. 20. - The coinci-

Dressed hogs sold at \$15 a cwt. Veal per cent of the bank's deposits, The most notable increases come under the head of British, foreign and colonia; public securities, other than Canadian, which rose from \$1.719.283 at the end of last year, to \$17.282.912 at the close of November last. These represent holdings of British treasury notes in addition to the \$13.500.000 advanced to the imperial munitions board. Current loans and discounts in Canada amounting to \$23.373.8131 are in excess of those at the close of the previous year. They rofits of the bank, amounting to \$23.439.415, which are better than those of last year by \$87.000 permit payment of the usual dividend of per cent, and 2 per cent bonus to the shareholders, in all, 12 per cent, as well as the usual allotment for pension funds, substantial subscriptions to patriotic and relief funds, and the payment of the war tax, amounting to \$23.600.000 advanced to the imperial munitions board. Current loans and discounts in Canada amounting to \$21.37.831.81 are in excess of those at the close of the previous year. They rofits of the bank, amounting to \$21.37.831.81 are in exceeding the proving year. They rofits of the bank, amounting to \$21.37.831.81 are in exceeding the proving year. They rofits of the bank amounting to \$21.37.831.81 are in exceeding the proving year. They rofits of the bank, amounting to \$21.37.831.81 are in exceeding the proving year. They rofits of the bank, amounting to \$21.37.500.000 advanced to the imperial munitions board. Current loans and discounts in Canada and the payment of the usual dividend of the previous year. They rofits of the bank, amounting to \$21.37.500.000 advanced to the imperial munitions board. Current loans and discounts in Canada and the previous year. They rofits of the bank, amounting to \$21.300.000 advanced to the imperial munitions board. Current loans and discounts in Canada and the previous year. They rofits of the bank, amounting to \$21.300.000 advanced to the previous year. They rofits of the bank and the previ

## JUMPING FROM SLEIGH

Manor Park, had both bones of her leg above the ankle broken today at noon, when she jumped from a swiftly-moving sleigh. She was offered a ride into the city by a farmer coming to market. The horses became fractious and she, being frightened, jumped.

She was attended by Drs. R. and J. F. Ferguson at her own home. She will be laid up for six weeks.

Miss Elizabeth Asquith, youngest

Miss Asquith is not quite 21 years of age. She is very fond of outdoor soprts patents, 47s. and is an accomplished linguist,

### WAITER AND CUSTOMER MIX IT IN ALPS CAFE

At this puncture two other gentlemen happened along and, assisted by the arms to happened along and, assisted by the arms to happened along and assisted by the arms to happened along the arms to happe

### GIVEN TWO AND A HALF YEARS ON THEFT CHARGE

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Sent Before Premier's Speech.

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"How long since you have worked?" War Loan, \$13,200 at 98 to 98%.

"Two years," said Strong. Crown Attorney McKillop stated that

ward such a proposal at such a time, unless he had reason to believe it would receive respectful consideration at the hands of all the belligerants and above all would not prejudice the position of the United States as a possible mediator.

Bernstorff Sure of Conference.

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CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET.

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CHICAGO PROVISION MARKET.

## [Reported by Thomson & McKinnon.] Chicago, Dec. 21.—Close—Pork—Dec., \$27 45; Jan., \$26 75. Lar—Dec., \$16 30; Jan., \$15 82. Ribs—Jan., \$13 75. RUNS OVER BOY'S HEAD-

# Financial, Market and Commercial Section

## Assets \$38,000,000 More Than Last VENDORS ASK 40 CENTS PER PEACE NOTE SLASHES POUND FOR THEIR TURKEYS

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BROKE BOTH BCNES

Ferguson at her own home. She will be laid up for six weeks.

Sheep—Receipts, 14,000; market was steady; wethers, \$8,85@9.90; lambs, native, \$11@13.15.

ASQUITH'S DAUGHTER

MARRYING AMERICAN

Is Engaged to Secretary of Embassy in London.

New York, Dec. 21.—The Evening Sun prints the following:

Dublin, Dec. 21.—The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Asquith, youngest

East Buffalo, N.Y., Dec. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 400 head; slow, steady. Veals—Receipts, 1.5 head; active; heavy, \$10 75@10 80; mixed, \$10 70@10 following: heavy, \$10 75@10 80; mixed, \$10 70@10 following: py 75@10 25; pigs. \$9.50; roughs, \$9.40@9.50; stags, \$7.50@8.25. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 3,000 head; active; lambs, \$8.50@13.75; year-lings, \$7.011.50; wethers, \$9.50@10; ewes, \$4.50@9; mixed sheep, \$9.25@9.50. Industry

GRAIN.

Gibson, first secretary of the American embassy in London, will be announced soon, is the report here. Both have been staying for the last fortnight in the vice-regal lodge. They left at the same time today.

GRAIN.

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Wheat—Spot was steady: No. 1 Manitoba, 17s 6d; No. 3, 16s 10d; No. 1 northern spring, 17s 5d; No. 2 hard winter, 16s 10d.

Corn—Spot quiet; American mixed, new, 13s 9½d.

American Sugar.

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GRAIN.

Liverpool, Dec. 21.—Hops (in London)

Pacific coast, £4 15@5 15s.

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Cottonseed Oil (Hull refined)—Spc 50s 6d. MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE. Montreal, Dec. 21.—Sales: Brazilia 445 at 44½ to 44; Steamships, 160 at

Strong, who is only 22 years of age. Investment, 660 at 80 to 791/2; Detror them, but gave no particular reason of the for committing the theft.

His father is confined to his bed with sickness, and in police court of the following uesday his mother testified that they at 73 to 72; Canada Steamships, 85 at

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miscellaneous.

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FRENCH MOUNT THEM

a more favorable opportunity for its submarines,

On Monday the higher officials of the The wish and hope of the German powers that President Wilson would president's confidence, and the text at SOMME, IN HOSPITAL

world, which all desire, and in

vices to the American Government, might say.

has been that a peace offer by the Officials expect the note to be re-United States would be considered almost the next thing to unfriendly.

Diplomatists consider it incredible that the president would bring for Diplomatists consider it increatible that the president would bring forward such a proposal at such a fime, unless he had reason to believe it would receive respectful consideration.

| Common This information is contained in a letter from him received by his father, J. M. Thompson of 546 Adelaide street.

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Suggest Committee of Three.

So far as Germany is concerned, the perfectly willing that a committee of Bernstorff, the German ambassador:
"Now," said he, "I am perfectly conthe central powers, a representative of the Entente and a representative of ticulars. the United States, should hold prelim-

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ter saying his action had long been in mind, added:

"The president can only beg that had been effectively treated at that inhad been effectively treated at that inhad been effectively treated at that inhigh and leather dealer, departed for could bring it to a stop, the front wheel passing over his head. The car wheel passing over his head. The car wheel touched him.

Witnesses of the accident attach to be carried in imported hides, on application. Canadian Bureau of credits, Dominion Eank Chambers.

Wilson began preparation of his note some time ago, pro ably even before the German proposals came out, and that the offer of the central powers and the succeeding developments made hoard to defend themselves against

first only a clarification of terms is taken as indicating that he is not the rights of unarmed merchant ship terests, not only between the two belligerent groups, but even between nations of the same group, it is realized that much time may be needed even to bring about the mere preliminaries of a conference. It is desired, therefore, to clear away as many of these preliminaries as possible, so of these preliminaries as possible, so of the admiralty, replying to a question today in the House of Commons. Continuing, Sir Edward said:

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# LEAVES LONDON, FIGHTS

powers that President Wilson would intercede in some way has long been way has long been was sent to the public printer to make copies for the diplomatic corps. The indifferent ways to the White House. The attitude of the Entente Adies as expressed by their statesmen and certainly until recently in official adcertainly until rec

The German embassy view, consistently hopeful that proposals of the Allies will meet the present note in at least friendly spirit.

Ord, in that he has seen action and is back in England, seven weeks after pec. eaving here.

He left here as a gunner in a draft
July ...

f the 63rd Battery, and has since

Corn— He left here as a gunner in a trace of the 63rd Battery, and has since Dec. ...

Been transferred.

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Those in official circles who would discuss the notes, thought it worthy of attention that President Winner and Winipe the president's note.

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Toronto, Dec. 21.—Dr. C. K. Clarke, superintendent of the General Hospital, announced today that a case of anthrax his suggestion be considered existed.

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James Maxwell Struck by Car as He