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A Little Colder

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Turks Freeing Before Victorious Russians CANADIANS ENDURED ALL HARSHSHIPS IN THE TRENCHES

RHOEDRICK Dhu OF CHITORIES

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Personal Attacks, Billie
Gray Alive

A SWEEPING CHALLENGE

Cares Not Who Enters Lists
Against Him in This
City.

WOULD STAND ANYWAY

Open Rebellion Against Him in
Own Local Party Ranks
Continues.

Despite threats to oppose him, the
bringing to bear of influence from Otta-
wa, and personal attacks, William Gray
continues to play the Rhoedrick Dhu of
the Conservative party.

"This rock shall fly from its firm base
as soon as I—"

is Mr. Gray's attitude, and he backs it
up by a sweeping challenge to anyone
who cares to oppose him to get into the
field.

In ready for a contest if my enemies
choose to make an issue at such a
time," he said to the Advertiser.
"Would you stand if T. G. Meredith
were to come out against you?" was
asked.

"I would stand no matter who came
out," was the reply.

Open Rebellion in Ranks.

Open rebellion against Mr. Gray's re-
turn to Ottawa continues in the faction
of the Conservative party which op-
poses him. Conservative organizers
have been brought to the city to size
up the situation, cabinet ministers
have sent telegrams to him to keep
him to keep off, and several are said
to be more than anxious to offer
themselves as candidates for the
nomination and return of
Mr. Gray as the representative of the
Conservatives.

Mr. Gray Very Mum.

Mr. Gray would not make any state-
ment in regard to the story that an
attempt had been made to persuade
him to drop out of the cabinet minis-
terial from a cabinet minister at Ot-
tawa. The story ran that the candi-
date had refused to answer the tele-
gram, with the significant remark that
the Conservatives were not controlled
by some "foreign" cabinet minister.

Certainly the split in the party has

sewn more seeds of discontent and bi-
tterness than anything in its previous
history. It is said that if the anti-
"faction" becomes more desperate in
their attacks, that certain startling re-
velations will be made that will shatter
for some time the "whited sepulchre"
section of the party.

Would Wreck Party.

"These people are so bitter against
Mr. Gray that they would wreck the
party in London rather than see him
in," said one of the friends of the "peo-
ple's candidate." They quickly forget
the willingness with which they ac-
cepted Mr. Gray when they wanted a
man to run against Hon. C. S. Hyman, the
wanted a girl beaten. They forgot any
claims he may have and would give him
the cold shoulder now. But that man
could fill the Princess Rink with Con-
servatives who are ready to get out and
work for him. They will make a great
mistake if they think he can be beaten."

The election for the vacant seat

would be held on February 8. This
would be three weeks from today, and
the nomination would be held on
February 1. It is predicted that with-
in the next two weeks the second con-
vention will be held.

ATROCIOUS CRIME

ON JEWISH YOUTH

Horribly Mutilated After Be-
ing Drugged—Montreal Po-
lice Arrest Suspect.

[Canadian Press.]

Montreal, Jan. 18.—A crime rivaling
in atrocity any in the records of the
Montreal police was committed on Fri-
day night, when a man brutally at-
tacked and mutilated in the most hor-
rible fashion a 12-year-old Jewish boy
named Antonio Westowski, who had
been rendered unconscious by the ad-
ministration of carbolic acid.

The case is such an horrible crime

that the police have refused to give all
the details in their reports. Westow-
ski is believed by the doctors to be
dying, and his ante-mortem statement
was taken this morning.

Joseph Blasen, alias Joseph Archambault,

45 years of age, is charged with the
outrage. The police had difficulty
saving him from being lynched by
mutilated friends of the boy when the
case became known.

Blasen has already served a term of

years for an unmentionable offence.
Sparky appears again. —
Sparky, who appeared before
Justice Judd several weeks ago on
charge of bigamy, will appear to-
morrow morning for trial at a special ses-
sion of the county judge's criminal court
at the court house.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT IN LONDON FRIDAY

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ESTIMATES 20,000 DEAD AT AVEZZANO

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Minister of Public Works Says Disaster Results Grow Worse.

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haps an attempt to cross the River
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bank of the Aisne, and for the Germans
to attempt to gain the southern bank
is regarded as a development to be
expected. As to future engagements

MIRACULOUS ESCAPES Some Buried For Days Taken Out of Ruins Still Alive.

[Canadian Press.]
Rome, Jan. 18.—Rescue work through-
out the wilderness created by the earth-
quake last Wednesday continues slowly,
and under great difficulties. Each re-
ported excavation serves to verify the
earlier reports of the probable casu-
alties, though here and there, despite the
fact that many days have elapsed since
the catastrophe, living victims are be-
ing released from their prisons of
crumbling plaster and fallen timbers.

Thousands of soldiers and civilians are
camping out in the open, and the num-
bers of the nobility, gradually are sys-
tematizing the relief work and are set-
tling food and shelter supplies over the
obstructed roads to stricken towns and
villages. The relief work now, how-
ever, overshadows the rescue efforts.

The Pope, according to the Osservatore
Romano, has sent aid to all the bishops
of the dioceses in the devastated dis-
trict.

A fund of 20,000,000 lire (\$4,000,000)
has been received by the pontiff thus
far. Seven thousand five hundred mil-
lions of lire (\$1,500,000) have been re-
ceived by the pope's private secretary.
The property loss probably involved is
indicated by one estimate that it will
exceed 200,000,000 lire (\$40,000,000). No
official figures are as yet available.

No More Shocks.
In doses of reports of earthquakes, which
every report is being received, ex-
erted to avert disease epidemics threatened by
interrupted water supplies, and the ab-
normal manner in which the people are
living, physicians, in addition to the
work of caring for the wounded, are
busy putting health measures into effect.

TREMBLOUS LOSS.
Avezzano, via Rome, Jan. 18.—"The
disaster seems to be increasing with
every report received," said Signor
Cittell, minister of public works, Sun-
day. "Probably half the population of
Avezzano is dead, and the other half is
either dead or injured. I do not like
to put the number of dead higher than
20,000 for this region. This, of course,
does not include the surrounding areas."

I am estimating somewhat, without
being actually in possession of detailed
figures, because I have not had word
from more than half of the 50 villages
in the zone of destruction. The tele-
phone and telegraph wires connecting
all these towns have been broken, and
many of the roads are blocked by vast
masses of rock, and we have therefore
not been able to reach many of these
places.

Beyond Local Relief.
"I am afraid that terrible things
have happened, quite beyond the power
of local relief to help, but within an
other 24 hours it will be possible to
send battalions of workers and food to
all the villages now isolated."

The minister himself was without
food for 24 hours, with the exception of
a small piece of timed meat. During
the first 48 hours of his visit here he
was occupied in taking care of the in-
jured. He was assisted by military en-
gineers, sappers and firemen from vari-
ous Italian cities, all being experts at
handling ruins.

OVER HALF DEAD.
Magliana, near Rome, Jan. 17.—
Via Rome, Jan. 18.—This town, higher
up in the mountains, has suffered
scarcely less from the earthquake than
Avezzano. It is believed that there are
1,200 dead and 300 wounded in a
population of 2,400. Less than one
(Continued on Page Nine.)

MRS. MILBURN DEAD.—Mrs. Mary
J. Milburn, widow of the late William
Milburn, of Bright, Ont., died at the
residence of her daughter, Mrs. J. H.
Hall, 154 Clarence street, this morning.
She is survived by one son and one
daughter, Robert Milburn, of Bradford,
and Mrs. Hall, this city. A service
will be held on Tuesday evening at the
residence of Mr. Hall. Interment will
be made at Inverly Cemetery.

LONDON EXPECTING ENEMY TO ATTEMPT CROSSING OF AISNE

This Being Forty-Fourth Anniversary of Wilhelm I's Pro-
clamation as Kaiser, Renewed Effort For Spec-
tacular Success Is Anticipated.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Jan. 18.—At 11.15 p.m.—London
is recalling that this is the forty-
fourth anniversary of the proclamation
of Wilhelm I. as German emperor, and
the British capital it is expected that
the day may bring news of a wide-
spread German effort to follow up
with a still more important movement
than that of last week in the neighbor-
hood of Soissons.

In London it is believed that the
Germans have adopted what is virtu-
ally a defensive, and to the west of
Warsaw some British observers argu-
ing that this has been forced upon
them by superior Russian numbers—
and that these defensive tactics are
being used as a movement of many
thousands of Teutonic troops from Po-
land to the French and Belgian terri-
tories.

May Try to Cross Aisne.
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Plock Reoccupied.
News dispatches today report the
Russian reoccupation of Plock. This
report has not been confirmed official-
ly, but the Russians on Saturday
crossed the Skwa River a few miles
below that point, and may have been
able to occupy the city. Russian forces
already had reached Sierpoc and Gomb-
lin, lying respectively directly north
and south of this provincial capital.

The Russian defeat of the Turks in
the claims of Petrograd are fully borne
out, was so decisive, that it may mark
the close of the Ottoman attempt to in-
vade Russia in the Caucasian region.
The Russian victory probably will free
enough of the Caucasian army to free
effectively the Turkish forces
which are approaching the frontier
further eastward, through Persia.

W. J. Reid's Health Not Best
—John Pringle the Likely
Successor.

A meeting of the executive commit-
tee of the Western Fair board will be
held this afternoon at which Mayor
Stevenson and the new members of
the board chosen from the council will
discuss the matter of a new grand-
stand.

Fair Board President May Resign Office

Secretary Hunt has received an
offer for an all steel stand that has
been in use, and which it is believed
would fill the London requirements.

The board will meet on Wednesday
and will be held two weeks from next
Wednesday. It was stated to the Ad-
vertiser this afternoon that owing to the
condition of his health, the present
past President W. J. Reid may be
compelled to retire. It was stated that
in case of his retirement that Mr.
John Pringle will likely be the next
president.

Many Thin Nags
At Queen's Park
Inspection of Horses Quartered There
To Be Made During Present Week.

It was stated today that an inspec-
tion of the horses quartered at Queen's
Park will be made during the present
week. The Advertiser has made in-
quiries as to the quality of the animals,
and it was stated that the stables
which some of the horses did not "hold
up" when given any hard work, as a
class they were fairly good specimens.
Most of them are very thin, it was
said. At the same time it was de-
clared that any of them were victims of
smallpox, although the local member
of the board has been very careful at the
time of the investigation.

GERMANS TRY NEW TRICK AT WARSAW

Attempt To Push the Russians
Beyond East Bank of
Vistula.

ENEMY IS LOSING GROUND

Gzar's Forces Daily Capturing
New Villages in Plock
and Mlawka.

[Canadian Press.]
Petrograd, via London, Jan. 18.—Re-
cent developments in the vicinity of
Warsaw appear to indicate that the
Germans are directing their efforts to
push the Russians beyond the east bank
of the Vistula at the junction of that
river with the city of Warsaw.

It is the opinion of a high military
authority that the Germans expect co-
operation from the Austrians, who are
seeking to force their way through the
vicinity of the Upper Nida, where
recently hard fighting has been recorded.
Holding a line of trenches and fortifica-
tions directly west of Warsaw, the
German activity for the past fifty hours
has been around a big village between
Boleslaw and Bolechow, where six at-
tacks in succession were made Saturday
night.

In the region of Plock and Mlawka
the Germans appear to be on the de-
fensive. They have been slowly pushed
back by the Russians, who daily are re-
ported to be capturing new villages.
Saturday the Russians are said to have
crossed the River Skwa, which enters
the Vistula a few miles below Plock.
Southward the Austrians have fortif-
ied along the River Dunajec, and are
besieging Tarnow with heavy artillery.
In the Voges the second day of Soli-
saw and relief Przemyśl.

With all Bukovina in the hands of
the Russians, only one pass, which is
strongly fortified, prevents an invasion
of Transylvania, Hungary.

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SAYS GERMANY WON'T STARVE

Professor Wrong Declares She
Must Be Broken in
Hard Fighting.

BRITAIN MUST BE UNITED

Absolute Singleness of Pur-
pose On Defence Scheme Is
the Real Essential.

DISPEL ALL ILLUSIONS

Among These Speaker Men-
tions Disarmament and
World Police.

[Canadian Press.]
Montreal, Jan. 18.—A number of illu-
sions in regard to the war were dispelled
by Professor George M. Wrong, of To-
ronto University, in the course of an
address he gave before the Canadian
Club this afternoon on "Possible Terms
of Peace."

The professor outlined what would be
the demands of the two groups of bel-
ligerent powers in the event of victory,
and gave a number of suggestions for
smashing the Prussian control of Ger-
many, one of them being the elimina-
tion of the Hohenzollern element from
the peace negotiations. The necessity
of absolute unity of purpose of the Brit-
ish Empire on a defence scheme was
heavily underlined by Professor Wrong.

He threw down the challenge for world
supremacy, and things could never return
to what they were, Germany was glad-
ly to accept the challenge from Britain's
supremacy of the sea.

No More Preference.
"If she is successful she would make
up her enormous indemnity that will
paralyze our finance and industry. She
will not permit any part of the
British Empire to trade on preferential
terms with Great Britain, but will re-
quire equal privileges. She will take
some, if not all, of the fortified coastal
stations with Hong Kong and other points
in the East."

"She will paralyze our influence in
India. She will give back Egypt and
key and make her influence with Turkey
supreme from the North Sea to the Per-
sian Gulf. She will neutralize the coasts
of France and England and make it im-
possible for them to be fortified against
her."

Cannot Starve Germany.
Professor Wrong said that while Ger-
many suffers from illusions, we must
try to dispel our own. It was an illu-
sion to think Germany can be starved
out, she can only be broken by hard
fighting. She could not be easily made
a republic, because she was intensely
monarchical in spirit.

It was an illusion to think of disarm-
ament. Britain would not be willing to
give up command of the sea.

Professor Wrong then outlined the
terms of peace which might be ex-
pected. He said that the rebuilding of Bel-
gium, the French frontier, and the
small nations of Europe, the reconsti-
tution of the Prussian militarism, Rus-
sia intended to make her access to the
Mediterranean secure and to improve
her position on the Black Sea colonies.

The professor said Germany beaten
would still be a powerful state. He
suggested that the German colonies
be taken away from Germany's colonies
in the same way as France's were de-
tached in 1793. Some of them should be
given to Italy. The present ruling caste
in Germany must be broken. He
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"PETS" FACED FULL FORCE OF GERMAN FIRE FIVE DAYS

Fighting In Aisne Equal
In Ferocity to That In Yser

[Canadian Press.]
London, Jan. 18.—Detailed descriptions of the battle along the Aisne,
supplementing the brief announcements of the French and German war
offices, show that the fighting rivalled in ferocity that which occurred
along the Yser Canal in Flanders, when the Germans attempted to
break through to the English Channel, although the number of men
engaged was smaller. In the suburbs of Soissons were hand to hand
fighting of the most desperate nature, in which the French Moroccan regi-
ments distinguished themselves, using their rifles as clubs after their
bayonets had been bent or broken in the pitiless struggle.

Advices from French sources say that the Allied front in the posi-
tions taken up after the retreat is stronger than ever.

For five days these "pets" faced the full
force of German fire, amidst the most
trying and depressing climatic condi-
tions possible to imagine. Although
with fifty times the number of sol-
diers, the German line was amaz-
ingly small.

While no official figures are avail-
able here, every soldier I have seen in
agreed that the casualties were ter-
rific. One other died later, and four-
teen were wounded. The killed in-
cluded Captain Newton and two privates.

After Heavy Marching.
Nine days, after two days of heavy
marching, sixteen miles each day,
through broken, muddy roads, the
Canadians came into firing line.
They paused at a ruined village,
then set out at six in the evening for
the trenches, marching steadily, with
sheltered roads, reaching the com-
municating trenches and relieving
French troops at half past ten at night.
The day time. Some soldiers could not
immediately realize the absolute ne-
cessity of dead silence while advanc-
ing, and noise of their movements
brought heavy, but futile, German
bombardment on their lines.

Heard Enemy Talking.
And pauses in the almost incessant
rain of artillery fire, they could hear
German conversations. Some were
out of their trenches, scarcely a stone's
throw away. The artillery on both
sides kept on during the night. There
was an occasional burst of machine
gun fire, which told of the activity
of snipers.

Buyers declare that oats have gone
down in price, and that the price will
surely go down in a few days.

"However, the fact remains unaltered
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Very little wheat is coming in these
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