

## SCORES OF COUNTIES IN ONTARIO ARE RAISING BATTALIONS—SHALL BRANT COUNTY FAIL IN ITS EFFORTS? SIGN UP AND HELP TO FILL THE RANKS OF THE 125TH!

### Constantine Congratulated Upon His Great Cleverness

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Athens, Feb. 18, via Paris, Feb. 19.—The officials of the Chamber of Deputies during an audience with King Constantine this morning complimented the king on the fact that, acting under powers conferred on him by the constitution, he had saved the country at a most critical juncture from the horrors of war which had overtaken other small states. They expressed the hope that he would continue to work for the preservation of the resources of the nation so that they might be used for the best interests of the nation and thus fulfill the wishes of all those whom the Greek parliament represents. The King returned his thanks for the laudatory expressions, which had been addressed to him.

### BIGGEST GRANT THAT WAS EVER MADE BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
London, Feb. 19.—(New York Times cable)—According to the Daily Telegraph's parliamentary correspondent, the ninth vote of credit for the prosecution of the war, which Mr. Asquith intends to ask for on Monday, will be the biggest grant ever made by the House of Commons. It will be for £420,000,000 (\$2,100,000,000) or £20,000,000,000 (\$100,000,000,000) in excess of the preceding vote, which at the time constituted a record. The financial editor of the Daily Telegraph says: "The new vote of credit will bring the total amount of these votes during the current financial year up to £1,720,000,000 (\$8,600,000,000). It is understood that only £130,000,000 (\$660,000,000) will be required to

end of March and that the balance of £590,000,000 (\$2,950,000,000) will finance us until the end of May. It means therefore that during the 12 months, ending in March next, we shall have supplied £1,420,000,000 (\$7,100,000,000) by votes of credit in addition to the revenue of £305,014,000 (\$1,525,070,000) provided by the budget.

"These are stupendous figures and including the amount voted in 1914 the votes of credit since the war commenced will reach £2,082,000,000 (\$10,410,000,000). "If we are going to spend at the rate of £150,000,000 (\$750,000,000) a month, as would appear from the vision about to be made for April and May, two full years of war will have required votes for £2,382,000,000 (\$11,920,000,000) over and above the large sums furnished from revenue.

### No Change

HOLLAND WILL KEEP UP THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF CONTROLLING TRANSIT TRADE.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 19.—The Handelsblad, referring to the declaration of The London Daily Mail that the Netherlands overseas trust has decided to perfect new arrangements to control the passage of supplies through Holland, says that no changes in the present system are in preparation or even under consideration. The British Government, the Handelsblad states, does not share the view that the Netherlands overseas trust has been a failure in pre-

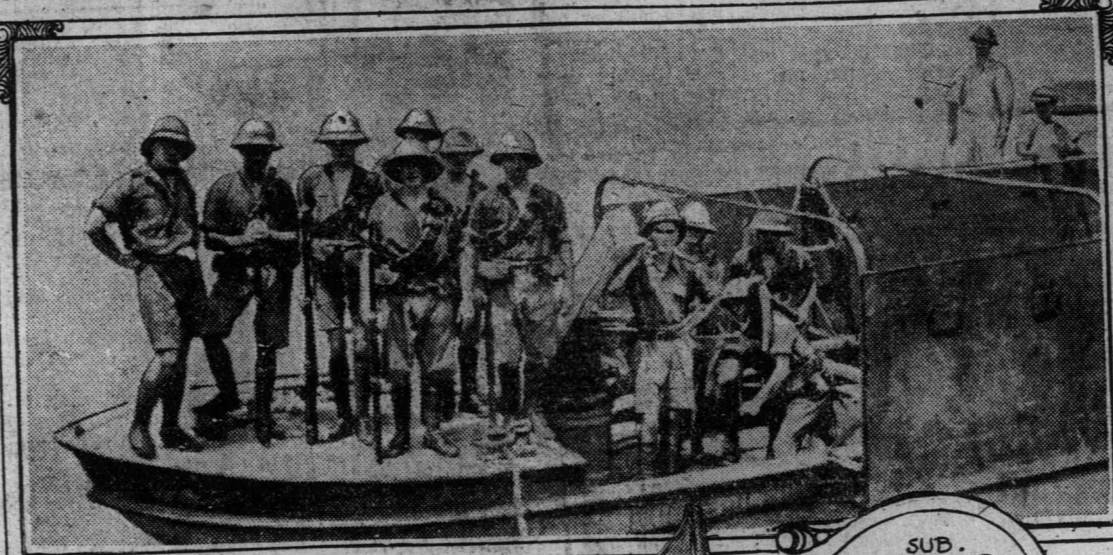
venting supplies from reaching the Teutonic allies.

### New Appointment

COUNSELLOR OF JAPANESE EMBASSY AT WASHINGTON NAMED.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Tokyo, Feb. 19.—Tokishi Tanaka has been appointed counsellor of the Japanese embassy at Washington. M. Tanaka has been filling the position of the chief of a section of the commercial bureau at the foreign office in Tokyo. Previously he had been Japanese consul at Seattle and had filled a similar position at Singapore and at Hong Kong.

### OFFICER AND MEN WHO FOUGHT IN THE CAMEROONS



CREW OF RIVER FIGHTING LAUNCH

FIFTY LONDON TAXICABS OPERATING ABOUT ONE HUNDRED MILES FROM THE EQUATOR AND ARMED LAUNCHES CARRYING MAXIM RIFLES PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE CAMEROON COUNTRY ON THE WEST COAST OF AFRICA, ACCORDING TO MR. JOHN H. HOWELL, SUB-LIEUTENANT OF H. M. S. ASTRAEA, WHO TOOK PART IN PRACTICALLY ALL OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE GERMANS THERE. THIS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED ONLY AFTER A YEAR OF HARD FIGHTING, MR. HOWELL SAID, IN WHICH INDIVIDUAL SACRIFICE AND COURAGE SUCH AS IS RIVALLED ONLY BY THE FEATS OF THE ALLIED ARMIES IN FRANCE AND FLANDERS HAVE BEEN DISPLAYED. MR. HOWELL WAS SEVERELY WOUNDED IN THE FIGHTING AROUND YAUNDE, WHERE THE GERMANS MADE THEIR LAST STAND, AND WAS BEING INVALIDED HOME ON BOARD THE STEAMSHIP APPAM WHEN THE VESSEL WAS CAPTURED BY A GERMAN COMMERCE RAIDER.



SUB-LIEUTENANT J. H. HOWELL H. M. S. ASTRAEA

### Still Massing Troops in West and Central Belgium

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Amsterdam, Feb. 18.—Via London, Feb. 19.—In the course of the last six days, great German troop movements have occurred in south and central Belgium, says a despatch from the frontier to the Telegraaf. Long trains with artillery and infantry were running along the railroads to the west and south and some small detachments were transported by way of Louvain, Wavren and Glemoux to the south-east. Louvain, the despatch adds, still is a strong point of support of German strategy and many conferences of high military officers are held there.

### GERMANY TAKES FURTHER STEPS WITH REFERENCE TO FOOD SUPPLY

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Berlin, Feb. 19.—Steps to assure Germany's economic independence and the continuance of the food supply have been taken in different parts of the empire. The municipal authorities of greater Berlin yesterday decided unanimously to introduce butter cards beginning on March 1, until which time the necessary ration will be guaranteed. The Charlottenberg authorities have decided on the introduction of meat cards, which will be issued Saturday, which will entitle the poorer classes, for whose benefit alone they are issued, to three pounds of pork weekly at a very moderate price at municipal shops. The papers to-day announce that no scarcity of munitions need be feared, as the allied press has been predicting. Imports of manganese iron ceased some time ago. Not only is there plenty of manganese ore on hand but at last German science has succeeded in finding a substitute for it, which makes this country independent, so far as importations are concerned, for all future times. The war committee on German paper supplies, appeals to the people to no longer destroy their accumulated paper waste, but to save it until it is called for. There is no dearth of paper, but many practical uses for old paper have been discovered.

### Huns Sank Ship and Crew Was Marooned for Months

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Jacksonville, Ill., Feb. 19.—A letter mailed at Honolulu, February 3, was received here to-day from Homer T. Madison of Whitehall, Ill., relating how, with a number of others he was marooned for nearly a year and a half on an island off the west coast of South America, after leaving the Bash steamer Bella Donna, which was sunk by a German cruiser in September 1914. The letter, which was received by his grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Madison, said: "For the last year and a half I have been on a little island in the south sea, where no ships ever stop. "I was on the English ship Bella Donna, when a year ago last September, we were stopped off the west coast of South America by a German cruiser. They forced us to go in our small boat and then sank our ship and were blown away south. We brought up on a small island where a group of several. There were a few friendly natives there and one white man. We were there until about 40 days ago, when a small sailing vessel put in for water, having been blown off her course. We then came here. "We had a nice comfortable time while marooned, but of course we were glad to get away."

### COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



"Young (dictating letter to be sent to his wife). 'THE NURSES HERE ARE A VERY PLAIN LOT.' "Nurse. 'OH, COME! I SAY! THAT'S NOT VERY POLITE TO US.' "Young. 'NEVER MIND, NURSE, PUT IT DOWN. IT'LL PLEASE THEM!'"

### NATIONALITY BEFORE RELIGION

So Therefore German Catholic Bishops Ignore Belgian Bishops.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Berlin, Feb. 19.—(Via London).—The Koelnische Volks Zeitung says it can state authoritatively that the German Catholic bishops will not make a reply to the joint letter of the bishops of Belgium, which recited instances of atrocities alleged to have been committed in Belgium, and recounted the grievances of the people of Belgium, and proposed an investigation on the subject by the German prelates. The Volks Zeitung adds: "We are convinced that the refusal on the part of the German episcopate, is to be attributed primarily to the desire of Pope Benedict that controversy of this kind between bishops of different nationalities be avoided. The refusal is also quite comprehensible, since the letter only tends to increase the present political excitement among the Belgian people." A despatch from Paris on February 15 said that, according to Rome, the cardinals and bishops of Germany and Austria were preparing a collective statement in answer to the letter of the Belgian bishops. This letter, dated November 24th, 1915, and signed by Cardinal Mercier and by the other members of the Belgian Catholic Episcopate, was addressed to the cardinals and bishops of Germany, Bavaria and Austria-Hungary, and contained an appeal, in the name of their common religion for justice for the clergy and faithful of Belgium.

### Ship Ashore.

London, Feb. 19.—The British steamship Comrie Castle is ashore on a reef off Bombasa, British East Africa. Her passengers have been landed. The Comrie Castle was last reported at Marseilles on January 19. She is a 5,173 ton vessel owned by the Union Castle Mail Steamship company of London. She was built in 1903 at Glasgow.

Billy Sunday addressed a gathering of 28,000 in Brooklyn on the question of temperance.

### CHURCH PARADE TO-MORROW FOR BRANT BATTALION

Rev. Paterson-Smyth, Assisted by Chaplain Lavell, Will Preach.

Campaign Will Close With Big Meeting To-morrow Night.

Yesterday at noon hour the Battalion divided into squads and visited all the factories distributing recruiting literature and dodgers to the employees. To-day a big parade was held at noon hour through the centre of the city. Captain Jordan who has charge of the Merchants' and Banks' committee in connection with the campaign, has received reports through his sub-committees, on all eligible men from the local business institutions. This record is being carefully considered by Captain Jordan and his assistants and a further attempt will be made to enlist those who seem to be on the verge of deciding to join.

### PARADE TO-MORROW.

To-morrow afternoon the Battalion will parade at 3.30 p.m. and proceed through the heart of the city to Grace church where divine service will be held at 4.15. Rev. Paterson-Smyth will preach, assisted by Capt. Rev. A. E. Lavell, the 125th chaplain. The route of march will be Dalhousie St. to Park avenue, to Colborne St. to Brant Avenue, to Church Street, to Grace church.

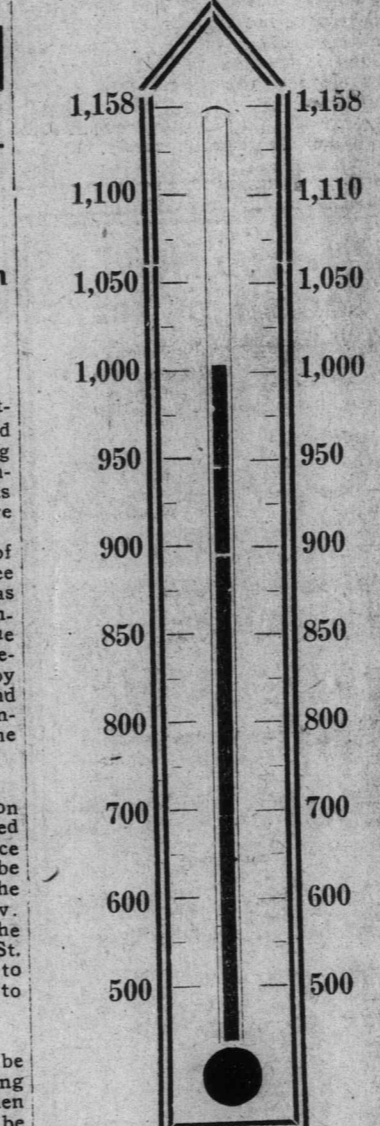
### THE BRANT MEETING.

The week's campaign will be brought to a close by the big meeting to-morrow night at the Brant when it is expected that the muster will be brought up to 1000, which will be within 100 of the total required strength. This number will enable the officers of the Battalion to proceed with the final organization leaving the base details yet to be formed.

### THE RECORDS.

JAMES RENNIE, Scotch, 38, wagon builder, married, 11 Able Ave.

### WATCH THE MERCURY CLIMB FOR THE BRANT BATTALION!



ELLWOOD G. FOSTER, Canadian, 18, trucker, single, 24 Foster St.  
EDWARD STEELE, Canadian, 38, Spinner, married, three years 38th, D.R.C. Band, Paris, Ont.  
HARRY WILLIAM GRANT, English, grinder, married, 31 Brighton Row.

### UNITED STATES PROTESTS ABOUT TURK MASSACRES

Extermination of Armenians Brings Objections From America.

GUILTY SHOULD BE PUNISHED

Serious Economic Situation Develops in European Turkey.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
New York, Feb. 19.—A despatch to the Tribune from Washington says: Arthur Sears Henning, correspondent of the Chicago Tribune, sends this despatch: "The United States Government today dispatched a formal protest to Turkey against a continuance of atrocities against the Armenians. "Acting on information that approximately 1,000,000 Armenians have been massacred or starved to death, Secretary Lansing at the direction of President Wilson, cabled instructions to the American embassy in Constantinople, to present a protest, which is in effect a warning to the Ottoman government. In effect the protest to Turkey states: "The American people have been deeply stirred by the fate of the Christians ruthlessly slaughtered in Armenia. The government of the United States having received precise official information of the occurrences, no longer can doubt that authorities of the Turkish Government are responsible for hitherto unparalleled atrocities, which have shocked the civilized world."

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### SWITZERLAND FACES NO CRISIS FROM THE INSIDE

Swiss Patriotism Too Strong to be Absorbed by Neighbors.

FEDERAL COUNCIL MEETS SOON

Two Colonels Who Were Hun Spies Caused All the Trouble.

By Special Wire to the Courier.  
Paris, Feb. 18.—Camilla de Coppet, president of the Swiss Federation says that there is no crisis in Switzerland involving the political unity of the country, according to the Berne correspondent of the Journal, the agitation aroused in Switzerland by the disclosures made during investigation of the case against the two Swiss colonels, arrested on charges of communicating military secrets. "Switzerland to-morrow will be the same Switzerland of yesterday," said the president. "The sympathies entertained by the Swiss for foreign causes simply show that they are using fully their constitutional liberty to think as they like. Should a movement of assimilation take place on our borders, it would be a movement of endosmosis, as we say in physics rather than of exosmosis. In other words our neighbors are far more likely to become Swiss than are the Swiss to enter into the life of neighboring nations. All this popular effervescence will quiet down when the federal council meets. Everything will be cleared up and Swiss patriotism will be restored."

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ements. In no country in the world are the to defer courtships so abnormally long as in Bohemia, where engagements usually ends are last from fifteen to twenty years. the re. There died recently in Reichenberg, ment is at the age of ninety-one, an old man in the who had been courting for 75 years, beyond a and who at last was married on his death bed.