

# News of the World

J. Ivers of the Army Medical Corps with the Canadian contingent is dead with pneumonia.

The first batch of enemy aliens to be interned at Petawawa, about 800 altogether, have been sent there and put to work at roadmaking. They are allowed twenty-five cents per day.

The Prince of Wales, Second Lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards, has been promoted to a full Lieutenant. This announcement was made in the list of army promotions issued on the 10th.

The resignation of Hon. J. K. Flemming as Premier having been received, His Honor Lieutenant Governor Wood has called upon Hon. George Clark to form the new government, and he has accepted.

Fire on Wednesday night last, destroyed virtually the entire main plant of the Edison Company at West Orange, N. J., causing damage estimated at nearly \$7,500,000. With insurance it is expected will reduce the loss to \$5,000,000. The plant will be rebuilt.

General Sam Hughes declares that he has got one of the American motor truck companies down to wholesale prices, thereby saving the country \$100,000, and he hopes to save more by keeping up the fight till the other companies come down.

Halifax, Dec. 11—Fears are entertained with regard to the steamer Sharon, which left Sydney Nov. 9 laden with steel and bound for England. She has not yet reached her destination and is now 9 days overdue. The steamer, which was formerly in the Hudson Bay service, was chartered by the Dominion Steel Co. Her master is Captain Corcoran.

Copenhagen, Dec. 11—That the Kaiser's condition is most alarming is believed in official circles. From a diplomatic source it is learned that his condition is serious, though not dangerous. Much depends on whether he will obey the physicians. He cannot keep quiet and take a full rest. The Empress has great difficulty in prevailing on him to stay in bed. He has a very bad attack of influenza. His morning temperature was about 103, higher than yesterday. If he is unwilling to take an absolute rest there may be real danger, as he is weak and his spirits are depressed.

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The proprietors of the Waverly Hotel, Fredericton, were convicted of a second Scott Act offence on Friday and fined \$100 and costs.

The Boston stock exchange was reopened on Thursday last after a suspension of two business days due to the war. All former employees of the exchange resumed their positions.

Leo M. Frank was sentenced in Fulton County Superior Court, Atlanta, Ga., to be hanged on Friday, Jan. 22, for the murder of Mary Phagan, a fourteen year old factory girl, in April, 1913.

The Liberal-Conservatives of Inverness held an enthusiastic meeting there on the 9th during the process of which Mr. Thomas Gallant, barrister, was unanimously nominated a candidate for the Federal House.

Bernard McKenzie, of the first Canadian contingent, son of Donald McKenzie, of Montreal, was recently injured at Salisbury Plain. His horse threw him and his right ankle was broken. He will be invalided home.

D. Roy B. Maxwell, a teamster employed in hauling nails for the Maritime Hall Works, St. John, was run over Thursday afternoon by a large truck loaded with nails and only lived a few hours after being removed to the General Public Hospital.

In Daaville, Penn., two men, in digging fern roots on an island below that town, unearthed an iron box, encrusted with rust, and having every appearance of having laid there for many years. On breaking open the box it was found to contain silver coins worth \$17,000. The coins were of Mexican and Spanish coinage. The find has revived the old traditions of the island having been a hiding place frequented by Captain Kidd.

At least one Canadian to take part in the engagement between the British and German fleets off the Falkland Islands, if it is true that the indefatigable was one of the British vessels. He is engineer Lieut. Stanley N. De Quetteville, of Montreal, who joined the indefatigable in May, 1912, though he is still an officer in the Canadian Navy, which he joined in 1910 as an officer on the Niobe. Lt. De Quetteville was loaned to the British Navy by the Canadian Navy Department.

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### A New Questions and Answers Department of Interest to Shooters

**A WORD ABOUT THE MAN WHO WILL ANSWER THE QUESTIONS**

Most readers of the sporting page of this paper do not need an introduction to Alfred P. Lane, the man who is pointing a revolver straight between your eyes from the head of this column.

Those who follow the shooting sport at all will recall that Mr. Lane, then just bursting out of his teens, made a clean sweep of the pistol and revolver championships for Uncle Sam at the Olympic Games, Stockholm, in 1912. In these competitions, the young American was pitted against the short arms experts of the world and his triumph was heralded as one of the noteworthy achievements of shooting history.

Before going to the Olympic Games, Mr. Lane had made three world's records and had won the indoor pistol championship of the United States. His shooting is kept up to championship standard without a relapse, the latest important training with which he is credited having been the grand aggregate of the revolver ranges at the 1914 Sea Girl tournament.

Starting with a 22 caliber rifle—practicing in his father's cellar as a boy—Mr. Lane has grown up with a natural penchant for firearms of all sorts, being almost equally expert with pistol, revolver, rifle and shotgun. Along with this inclination toward "shooting irons," Mr. Lane has been able to carry an exceptional faculty for concentration and analysis, and a natural talent for things mechanical and scientific. He digs into shooting subjects and goes to the bottom. Not content with claims, he is constantly conducting experiments with arms and ammunition to satisfy not only his own inquiring mind, but to answer intelligently the continual flow of questions that come to him, as an authority, from individuals, publications and many other sources.

There is no doubt that Mr. Lane is peculiarly adapted to handle queries that may come to him from readers of *The Advocate*.

**MR. LANE MAKES HIS BOW**

Interest in shooting in all of its branches has greatly increased of late. More trap shooting, rifle and revolver clubs are being organized, and the public in general is making insistent demands upon authoritative sources for information covering the whole field of the sport.

Because of the number of questions which the Sporting Editor of *The Advocate* has received, he has arranged with me to take care of a department on the subject.

This column is open to queries on any subject concerning the use of firearms for hunting or target work. If space permits, I will also throw the column open to discussions, by readers, of various types of firearms and other things pertaining to the sport.

On questions regarding the abundance or scarcity of game in any particular locality, there will be some delay, as in most cases it will be necessary for me to write to some correspondent living in the section asked about.

Please make your questions as specific and definite as you possibly can. Such questions as "Which is the best revolver?" or "What rifle shall I use for big game hunting?" obviously cannot be answered. Give me all the details, such as the conditions which the arm is to be used and just what you expect to be able to do with it. If your questions are of such a nature that a lengthy answer is necessary, send me a stamped, self-addressed envelope and I will write to you personally. All questions should, of course, be sent to me in care of this paper.

Unsigned communications will receive no attention, but the writer's name will be withheld if he desires.

From my experience with this line of work, I am led to anticipate that many questions will be asked which will be, in substance, identical, and therefore an answer to one such will answer all the rest.

**The Dum Dum Bullet**

There is one question which I know will be among the first, and that is "What is a dum-dum bullet?" so I'm going to answer that one right now.

A dum-dum bullet is, broadly speaking, any bullet designed to expand upon striking soft material such as flesh. The regular hunting cartridge used for big game is a dum-dum because it has a soft lead nose sticking out of the front end of the bullet's metal jacket. When such a bullet strikes flesh, it "mushrooms," i. e. the soft lead nose spreads out

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