

Local and Other Items.

The resolution extending the term of the Dominion Parliament for one year, passed the House of Commons yesterday unanimously.

It is reported at Paris that several Swiss factories which have been supplying munitions to the Allies have been threatened with destruction.

An Austrian army factory, the Skoa Works at Pilsen, Bohemia, has been partly destroyed as the result of an explosion, according to a despatch from Bucharest, Roumania.

The steamer Onward Ho is missing in Northern British Columbia waters with a crew of thirty-seven men. Storms still prevail in the Province and a foot of snow fell at Vancouver on the 4th.

What is believed to be an attempt to wreck Victoria Bridge guards was frustrated by a man seen where he had no right to be was fired on, but escaped.

R. A. Pringle and Judge McTavish, Ottawa, have been selected as commissioners to investigate the Parliamentary fire. They were chosen by the Premier and the Leader of the Opposition and will make their own arrangements for opening the hearing.

King George on Saturday made his first public appearance since he suffered injury from an accident while reviewing the British troops in France last October. His Majesty attended a solemn requiem service in honor of the soldiers who have fallen in the war.

It is predicted at Ottawa that the Parliamentary session will be over within six weeks or two months. The original session programme will be followed but the fire seems to have taken any rancorous spirit out of the members and smooth sailing is expected.

Messrs. J. P. Morgan and Company of New York, having subscribed twenty thousand dollars to the Canadian Patriotic Fund the Minister of Finance, honorary treasurer of the fund, has written Messrs. Morgan and Company expressing the warm appreciation of the fund for their generous donation.

The Sam Brown, a Pittsburg steambot, sank within a few minutes after her boilers exploded in the Ohio River opposite Huntington West Virginia. A great majority of the members of the crew, approximately thirty, are believed to have perished. Not more than six survivors reached the Ohio side of the river following the explosion. Debris from the boat landed on both sides of the river. The boat was blown to pieces and sank immediately.

The annual statement of unclaimed bank balances has been presented to the Dominion parliament and shows that no less than \$61,518 is held by the banks under his head. There is a further amount of \$913,944 accounted for in unpaid checks. The largest balances are those of the Montreal City and District Savings Bank, \$113,794; the Bank of Montreal, \$103,409; Bank of British North America, \$91,934; Union Bank \$85,778; Bank of Commerce, \$78,560; Royal Bank, \$54,345; Bank of Hamilton, \$47,701.

The anthracite coal operators rejected in New York on the 8rd. the demands of their miners for a twenty per cent. increase in wages, complete recognition of the United Mine Workers of America, a year working agreement, an eight hour day and changes in the methods of fixing wages. The operators propose that if the differences cannot be settled by the "interested parties" themselves, they be submitted to the Board of Conciliation provided for in the award of the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission of 1902. The miners' demands were formulated last September at Wilkesbarre, Pa. and were ratified last week by United Mine Workers' Convention at Indianapolis.

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Two are dead and two missing after a fire which destroyed the Overbrook Hotel at Atlantic city N. J. on the 4th.

Another fire suspected to have been originated by the German plotters, destroyed the clothing manufactory of Grant, Holden and Graham Ottawa on the 4th. The firm has extensive contracts with the Militia Department for clothing, tents and haversacks. The building was gutted, entailing a loss of \$225,000. The stock and plant were valued at about \$175,000 and are partly insured.

The death occurred in the Charlottetown Hospital Monday of Private William Beaton son of Mr. James A. Beaton, East Point, and a member of "B" Company 105th Battalion, who was taken ill a week previously. The deceased who was a general favorite with his comrades was removed to the Charlottetown Hospital suffering from a heavy cold, from which pneumonia developed. The remains were taken home for interment. The funeral cortege left the Hospital for the railway station yesterday afternoon. It was a military funeral, his comrades of the 105th Battalion attending. R. I. P.

Progress of The War

London, Feb. 1.—Successes for both the British and French forces campaigning in the Kameruns, the German colony in Western Equatorial Africa, are announced in an official statement given out today as follows: "Further information from West Africa states that the French column under Lieut.-Col. Faucon occupied Eholowa (Southwestern Kamerun) on the 18th of January, after meeting very slight resistance, while the British column under Major Coles engaged the enemy at Elaba, 20 miles to the northeast, driving back the enemy and taking thirteen German prisoners. No British casualties were reported. Lieut.-Col. Haywood, arriving at Eholowa on the 24th immediately took up the pursuit of the enemy, capturing Mafub, 17 miles to the south. He reports that he had 22 casualties, and was advancing on Nkan. On the same day the enemy was driven from Ngat by the French, who had fourteen casualties. General Dobell, telegraphing on January 25, stated that he had received information that the Kamerun coast line itself was cleared of the enemy. A report from Bata, on the Spanish Muni on the coast, states that there were over 700 German Europeans on the Spanish frontier. Many deserters from the enemy are surrendering to the Allies.

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an attack by the Teutons and their allies is soon to be made on Saloniki. In Albania the Austro-Hungarians are reported to be continuing their progress unopposed. A despatch from Athens says a portion of the Montenegrin army has effected a junction with the Serbian troops and fallen back on Durazzo. Albania's chief seaport, which is now the main objective of the Austro-Hungarians, Greece and Roumania have signed a dual neutrality compact, according to a Rome despatch. The British in East and West Africa are keeping up their gains against the Germans in the capture of towns and military positions, according to official reports from that region. In West Africa a British column has formed a junction with the French troops at Ambam.

German Raider.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 1.—Given up for lost days ago, the British passenger liner Appam, in the West African trade sailed like an apparition into Hampton Roads today, flying the German naval ensign, and with her ship's company under guard of a German prize crew. She brought word of a mysterious German commerce raider, the Mowe, which now roams the seas, and had on board the crews of seven British merchantmen and Admiralty transports captured by the Mowe before she seized the Appam and started her across the Atlantic for an American port, with Lieut. Berge, of the German naval reserve, and twenty-two men in charge. According to the story told, with great reserve, by Lieut. Berge to Collector of the Port Hamilton, when he formally reported his presence in American territorial waters later today, the Mowe captured the Appam, bound from Dakar, French West Africa, for Liverpool, after a brief show of resistance on Jan. 16, sixty miles north of the Canary Islands. On board the Mowe there were the crews of five vessels, previously captured, all of whom were transferred to the Appam. From all reports the raider is a converted German merchantman, with a false canvas forecastle concealing a battery of guns of fairly large calibre. On Jan 17 she engaged in battle an armed Australian trader, the Clan MacTavish, which she sank, after an exciting combat, with a loss of fifteen men killed on the Clan MacTavish. The Appam, which was ten miles away at the time, in charge of a prize crew, steamed hurriedly back to the scene and rescued four members of the crew of the sinking Clan MacTavish, struggling in the water.

Steamers Collide.

Boston, Mass. Feb. 1.—Wireless messages indicating a collision at sea between two steamers at a point near Cape Race, Nfld., were picked up by several stations on the New England coast late tonight. The identity of the vessels was not disclosed. One was said to be sinking. The other ship stating she was badly smashed, sent word she would stand by. The vessel which reported itself sinking signed the message "J. T. D." according to wireless authorities this signature should belong to a Japanese vessel, other signs of the same group being identical with ships of the same Mercantile Company. The messages from the second vessel were signed "W. I. A." which were not contained in available registry books. The position of the steamers was given as latitude 43 46, longitude 48 57, a point in the vicinity of Cape Race, Nfld. It was to the wireless station at that place that the messages from the "W. I. A." were directed. The messages which are very fragmentary, indicated that the "W. I. A." was sending lifeboats to the other ship. Soon after there came to the listening stations on this coast a low-powered succession of signals, which spelled out "I am sinking. Come and save me." This call was signed "J. T. D." No response was heard, but somewhat later "W. I. A." sent a message ashore which said the second vessel was out of sight. Whether this was intended to record its sinking was not indicated. The steamer signing "W. I. A." believed to be the Silver Shell, 3,422 tons, in command of Captain Gibson, late tonight reported "we are not dangerously damaged. "J. T. D." sent out a message saying

Prisoner on Enemy

London, Feb. 1, 5.15 p. m.—A graphic story of his experience is given in a letter to his sister by Captain Arthur Stanley Wilson, a member of parliament, who with Colonel H. D. Napier, formerly British military attaché at Sofia, was taken off a Greek steamer in the Mediterranean in December by an Austrian submarine. Captain Wilson says he spent 48 hours on board the submarine, during which time the vessel fought an action with an Entente Allied patrol boat. The feelings of the prisoners on board the underwater boat are described as having been mixed between a desire for the success of the patrol boat and anxiety over its taken in Athens to mean that

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