

GERMANY MAKING GUNS IN SECRET

Hun Is Dodging Disarmament and Plotting for Speedy Revenge.

HOODWINKING ALLIES
Ex-Minister of War of France Makes Sensational Accusations.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Ex-War Minister Lefevre is going to appeal to the court of public opinion to decide between himself and the Cabinet, from which he resigned a few weeks ago, because it would not accept his view that the German danger was so great as to prevent a reduction of the term of French military service.

"I have communicated fact after fact," he says, "to my colleagues in the Government, but they turn a deaf ear. No, I will publish the facts broadcast, and if my late colleagues do not like it they can always impeach me before the High Court."

"I intend to speak out without fear or favor."
"I will say that I know the Krupp are steadily manufacturing in the greatest secrecy new cannon, some of which are really formidable weapons."

"I will say that I know Germany still has more than 40,000 machine-guns dating from before 1920."

"I will say that I know that since the beginning of this year the German Government has set going the construction of a new series of machine-guns in tens of thousands."

"All this I know. How I know that is my business. Doubtless, our Control Commissions have learned about part of this construction, but the secret is so well kept that they have never been able to lay hands on a single model of the new series, whereas I have plans of the new weapon before my eyes. Still more, there was offered to me, as French Minister of War, through a neutral intermediary, 5,000 of the new German machine-guns, 1920 model, to be delivered at Oberbourg, camouflaged in soap boxes."

"The relatively slow rate of progress of the machine industry in Germany is reflected in the fact that the looms were deliberately destroyed and it is taking some time to replace the delicate machinery. These 4,324 establishments employed 778,315 persons in 1914; in November, 1920, they employed 355,852 or 45.7 of their 1914 personnel."

While the factories have for the most part been re-built much as they were in 1914, the houses which shelter the workers are mere wooden huts, although brick shanties are springing up in the districts where bricklaying is practicable.

Thus the proportion of resumption of activity bears no relation to the recovery of the towns and villages, which it will be impossible to rebuild as formerly.

"These are two examples among many," continued the ex-Minister. "I will bring forward scores of others with chapter and verse to support them, in my speech before Parliament."

To Bridge Gap in Effectives.
Explaining his opposition to the reduction of military service to eighteen months, the ex-Minister stated that he was thinking less of the immediate requirements of the army—troops for the Rhine, for Upper Silesia, for Morocco, for Syria and the Near East—great as they were, than of the situation a year or two hence, when it will be necessary to bridge the awkward gap in France's effectives caused by demobilization of the classes now with the colors eighteen months earlier than had been expected. Pointing to a map of Central Europe, he said:

"Even now the conditions over there (he waved his hand across the map from Vienna to Vilna) are alarming enough. Do you know that last summer, when the Reds were at the gates of Warsaw, Germany had 66,000 troops well armed and ready massed on the Polish frontier? French strength on the Rhine, the French threat to Germany's richest districts, cowed them into inactivity. But had we been weak they would have crashed Poland from the rear."

"Two years hence who knows what may happen. The Bolshevik menace grows greater every day. No spirit of loyalty to my late colleagues can overcome my duty to my country. I would be neglecting that duty if I failed to utter a most urgent and solemn warning of the dangers before us."

Arthur Labb, a Gogama merchant was fined \$200 for having ten muskrat pelts illegally in his possession.

Norwood "Register" Going For 50 Years

The Norwood Register just now is celebrating its "golden" anniversary. This paper has a fifty-year record of continuous publication under the one name. The Norwood Register was published for the first time in 1870 by its editor, Thomas Burke.

Capt. Burke who established the Register was an Irishman, a Methodist in religion and came from Peterboro. Mr. John A. Harper of "The Peterboro Examiner" succeeded Mr. Burke. Mr. Adair succeeded Mr. Harper as editor. The paper was then sold to Mr. R. L. McCally, of Norwich, Ont. Mr. J. G. Keller then took over the paper in 1893 and is still the owner and editor of "The Norwood Register."

The field and people served by the Register is one that any newspaper would be proud to possess.

WAR-TORN LAND IS RE-BUILDING

Manufacturing Plants Rapidly Being Refitted in Northern France.

LOOMS ARE DESTROYED.

Textile Plants Slowest to Resume Operations As Hun Broke Machinery.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—Manufacturing industries are rapidly resuming operations in the devastated district. This is shown by a report of the Office of Industrial Reconstruction, which has been investigating the restoration of factories and workshops which, before the war, employed more than 20 workmen.

Of the 4,324 establishments in which inquiries have been made, 3,392 have resumed work in whole or in part.

A classification of the various trades concerned shows that 88.4 percent of metal works are active; 81.5 of the potteries, stone and brick works; 86.4 percent of the chemical industries and 70.8 for the textile industries.

Mr. J. M. Reid, president of the Ritchie Company Limited, is recognized as one of the most successful men in the retail business world of Ontario. He is possessed of great force of character, reliable judgment, resourcefulness and diplomacy. His business experience and capacity for public service will prove valuable acquisitions to the propelling power in Belleville's community leadership.

In last year's election there were no retail merchants elected to the directorate of the Chamber of Commerce, although the retail interest, by far the largest single class in the membership. This year the retailers have two members—Mr. Reid and Mr. D. V. Sinclair. Mr. Sinclair, like Mr. Reid, is strong and aggressive. And he has, in addition, a superabundance of enthusiasm for any cause that has an appeal to him. Not only is his own business a model of successful management and one of the largest in its class in the smaller cities of the Dominion but he, himself, though until recently the whole head and centre of his establishment, has found time for an amazing variety of activities outside his mercantile interest. In particular, he has been a tower of strength to the Y.M.C.A. movement in Belleville and this splendid local institution owes far more to Mr. Sinclair than to any other individual. He will be the directorate of the Chamber of Commerce a most welcome and forceful addition.

Appeal to Canada to Help Chinese
(By Canadian Press)
OTTAWA, Dec. 27.—The widespread ravages of famine now being experienced in China, and the terrible suffering that is following in its wake is reflected in an appeal made to Canada through the Governor-General in a cable just received from the heads of the Anglican and Presbyterian missions in China. The cable says: "China is helpless. Appalling famine. Entreat Canadian people's help."

Peace Talk Ends Abruptly at Riga
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 27.—Russo-Polish peace negotiations at Riga have been definitely broken off, says a despatch from Warsaw today. Adolphus Joffe, head of the soviet delegation declared Russia's international situation was so good that it was unnecessary to treat further with the Poles.

AT ST. MICHAEL'S
On Christmas Eve St. Michael's church was crowded for the midnight mass. Father Killeen officiated at the mass and was assisted by Father Gorman of Prescott.

GAVE 32 PRESENTS.
Mrs. W. N. Badgley, fifth concession of Thurlow, entertained her Sunday School class on Christmas Eve. She gave a total of 32 presents. Afterwards everyone had something to eat.

FOUR POPULAR CITIZENS NAMED

Four Well-Known Belleville Men Elected to Responsible Post.

BIG YEAR IS AHEAD
All are Gentlemen Capable of Giving City Service for 1920.

The annual election on Friday resulted in the return of four of Belleville's most prominent, energetic and capable citizens for the position of director of the Chamber of Commerce for the ensuing two years. They are—W. B. Deacon, H. F. Ketcheson, C. M. Reid and D. V. Sinclair.

Mr. Deacon was re-elected, Messrs Ketcheson, Reid and Sinclair are new members of the board.

All eight candidates polled heavy votes. Two or three of those who called to be elected announced to their friends that they were not free this coming year to accept the honor, even if elected, because of the exceedingly heavy demands a directorship makes upon one's time.

Otherwise their vote would have been much greater. Col. Marsh even took the precaution to publish an announcement in the press that he was not a candidate. But in spite of that precaution, Col. Marsh polled a surprisingly large vote and came near to being elected in spite of himself.

Notwithstanding the busy season of the year, there was a large total of votes cast—nearly fifty per cent greater, in fact, than in the primary elections of a week ago, thus betokening a very desirable and wholesome augmentation of interest.

All three of the new directors are too well known to require any introduction to our readers. Mr. Ketcheson has been a leading figure in Belleville's public life the past 25 years. He has been twice Mayor of Belleville and was one of the few men who passed through that fiery furnace with added lustre to his name. He has the largest fire insurance business in the city or district and has that spirit of progressiveness that means everything to the Chamber of Commerce and to our City.

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Slavery Is Charged Against Portuguese
LONDON, Dec. 27.—Charges that there has been a recrudescence of slave trading practices over wide areas in Angola, a Portuguese possession in West Africa, had been presented to the Assembly of the League of Nations, by the Anti-Slavery and Aborigines Protection Society. These charges are contained in the copy of a memorial previously sent to the British government including evidence from Portuguese and other sources concerning alleged slave trading.

The Society appealed to the League of Nations to take cognizance of these charges and, if possible, secure an exhaustive inquiry into the whole system of Portuguese labor in West Africa.

An automobile crank was picked up on the street and handed to the police.

WEDDING BELLS

JOHNSTON—MCDOWELL.

At the marriage of Eida Lucanda, youngest daughter of the late R. J. McDowell and of Mrs. McDowell, of Toronto to Keith Pruyn Johnston of the staff of the Science Department of Queen's University, which took place recently at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. L. McFarland, in North Rosedale, two little nieces of the bride, Miss Eida McFarland and Miss Eida Robertson, daughter of Dr. J. Robertson of Belleville, in pretty pink satin dresses, held ribbons to form an aisle, through which the bride, leaning on the arm of her brother, Dr. John Lester McDowell, past to the spot in the drawing-room where the ceremony was conducted.

Two other small nieces, Miss Mary McFarland and Miss Catherine Robertson of Belleville, both frocked in blue satin and tulle, were the flower girls, Dr. Robertson, of this city, was one of the guests.

MacQUEEN—STRATTAN.
On Wednesday, Dec. 15th, at the parsonage, Shannonville, by Rev. W. W. Jones, B.D., Mr. Nell A. MacQueen, of Plaster, Minn., U.S., was united in marriage to Miss Cora Strattan, Shannonville. After a couple of weeks with friends here they will leave for their home in Detroit, Mich. The best wishes of all go with them.

FROST—MORAN.
The home of Mr. and Mrs. William Moran, of Murray, was the scene of a very happy event when their eldest daughter, Grace Claire, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to William Leslie, only son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Frost, also of Murray. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. M. Patterson, of Stockdale.

At the hour appointed for the wedding, the bride, leaning on the arm of her father, entered the beautifully decorated drawing room and took her place beside the groom beneath an alcove of evergreens. Their only attendant was little Miss Laura Moran, cousin of the bride, who was very becomingly acted the part of flower girl, while the bride's sister, Vivian, officiated at the piano and very efficiently rendered "Lohengrin's Wedding March."

The bride was very becomingly attired in white silk with swastika of Georgette trimmed with pearls, and carried in her hand a bouquet of chrysanthemums and maiden hair fern. Her popularity was eloquently attested by the many useful and costly gifts of which she was the recipient. On the Friday evening previous to her wedding about sixty of her friends surprised her and presented her with an address and beautiful rocker upholstered in leather. The trustees and friends of Zion's Church presented her with a copy of the music edition of the New Methodist Hymn book as a slight token of appreciation of her faithful and efficient services as organist in church and Sunday School. The groom's gift to the bride was a necklace of pearls; to the pianist and flower girl each a ring.

The wedding took place on the 24th anniversary of the marriage of the bride's father and mother and in the same house where they were united. After an extended honeymoon to Detroit and other western cities Mr. and Mrs. Frost will take up their residence on their in Murray.

COUNTRYMAN—TAYLOR.
On Tuesday evening at Tweed, the Rev. A. E. Smart united in the bonds of holy matrimony Howard Cecil Countryman and Helena Blanche Taylor, daughter of Frank Taylor of Madoc. They were attended by Cecil Sherry and Alice Jean Countryman. The happy couple will reside in Tweed.

We are not called to do things which the world will admire; but we are all called to make use of daily opportunities of service.
"Do a kindness; never mind;
What you lose the angels find.
Do a kindness, small or great;
'Twill come back in double weight
Do a kindness; never fret;
No good deed has been lost yet."
Dora Farncomb.

REST.
Rest is not quitting.
The busy career;
Rest is the fitting
Of self to its sphere.
'Tis loving and serving
The highest and best;
'Tis onwards, unwavering,
And that is true rest.

TRYING NEW PLOWS.
The snow plows, recently purchased the public work department, were put on the streets today. This is the first opportunity that the department has had of using them. They seem to do their work well.

MITTEL EUROPA PRUSSIAN DREAM

German Forces Prepare to Attack Poland in Co-operation With Russia.

KAISER MAY COME BACK.
Crown Prince's Wearies of Dutch Castle and Heavy Feet.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A special despatch from Berlin, Germany says: The pan-German movement has taken strength from the return of King Constantine to the Throne of Greece. Pan-German leaders are again planning a great central European Empire under the hegemony of Prussia. They frankly boast that preceded the Greek plebiscite. Now they are financing a campaign in Austria looking to annexation by Germany.

German forces in Lithuania are being prepared for an early spring offensive against Poland, which is to be attacked at the same time, possibly earlier, by Soviet armies. The latter are also expected to invade Bessarabia, and out of the confusion Germany expects to erect the Mittel Europa, which she was planning before the war. It may even be that new Germany will recall the Kaiser to leadership. The German Republic is suffering from lack of Republicans. The army and the great bulk of the civil population and the official officials are Monarchists, and the people are inclined to blame the Government for the present poverty. Strong influences in Germany want the Kaiser. They are looking back on the Kaiser before the war. Maybe they seek to prepare the way for his return or that of one of his sons. The former German Crown Prince is openly angling for permission to come back.

The Prince is Weary.
"The best Christmas present the German people could make me," he writes, "would be the chance to get away from this country (Holland), with all its cows, and its people whose feet make a noise like a bad piano."

The letter was intercepted by the German censors at the frontier, where it was being carried by one of his large band of couriers, by whom all his correspondence is carried. None of his correspondence is entrusted to the mails. In it he says he would like to return to shoot chamois in the Bavarian highlands. This is regarded here, in view of the fact that many expect Bavaria to be the first German State to recall its exiled Royal dynasty, as an indication that the return of Prince Rupprecht to Bavaria might be the opportunity for the return of the Hohenzollerns into Germany, first as hunting guests of Rapprecht. But once in Germany the Prince would be a frebrand.

Toronto Has Many Men Seeking Work
(By Canadian Press.)
TORONTO, Dec. 27.—The general unemployment situation appears to be as bad as ever.

Applicants for relief meal tickets crowded municipal unemployment headquarters this morning and attendants reported an increasing number of married men applying. As heretofore no cash relief is being granted. The city, provincial and Federal governments are beginning to co-operate in the matter of relief and today a conference between civic and provincial heads resulted in plans being made for the issuance of certificates for relief, good for one week.

The heavy snow fall of last night provided work for several hundred men, but effectively stopped the proposed work, in part, which it was expected would provide employment for two hundred men for some considerable time.

THEY DANCED.
There was a big attendance on Christmas Eve at the dance at the Johnstone Academy of Dancing.

IN POLICE COURT.
In police court this morning, Mr. T. P. Aman, Iverlyman, charged with driving an automobile on Friday morning recklessly was fined by Magistrate Mason ten dollars. The case arose out of an accident at the corner of Bridge and Coleman Sts.


Mr. Daniel Gerow, of Peterboro is spending the holidays in Belleville.

SINCLAIR'S

COATS

at HALF PRICE

and the Coldest Part of the Winter Ahead



This selling will make it possible for every woman to have a distinctive new coat, as it offers a host of desirable garments at One Half Regular Prices. All our Cloth Coats are included. The fabrics are good looking and long wearing and there is a wide range of colorings and styles to select from at the following prices:

Reg.	For
\$25.00	\$12.75
\$27.50	\$13.75
\$32.50	\$16.25
\$35.00	\$17.50
\$37.50	\$18.75
\$42.50	\$21.25
\$45.00	\$22.50
\$47.50	\$23.75
\$50.00	\$25.00
\$62.50	\$31.25
\$67.50	\$33.75
\$75.00	\$37.50
\$98.50	\$49.25
\$125.00	\$62.50
\$135.00	\$67.50

Every Ladies' and Misses Cloth Coat is Included in this Half Price Sale.

All Wool Dress Goods

\$1.25 yard

We have a counter full of these good All Wool Dress Goods which are regular \$2.00 to \$2.50 values, in every color and in a great variety of fabrics. Widths from 44 to 50 inches. Prices, yd. \$1.25

Corduroy for Dressing Gowns

Getting up on a cold winter morning will not seem a hardship to the person who has a robe made from one of these Corduroys. They are 27 inches wide and are obtainable in a full range of becoming shades. Regularly priced from \$1.25 to \$1.65 yard. Specially priced at, yard 89c

Evening Frocks

The holidays bringing a round of gaieties make an Evening Dress a necessity for the girl who dances. Here are some stunning styles in beautiful soft colors, made fluffy with lace and tulle. Moderately priced from \$27.50 up.

Feather fans that give a distinguishing touch of personality to even the most beautiful gown are shown in rich colorings, priced \$14.50

Pleated Skirts

—for outdoor enthusiasts, a Pleated Skirt is quite a necessity. These are of All Wool Fabrics and many have a plaid band inserted in them. Prices from \$9.00 to \$23.50

Saturday Early Closing

In accordance with our custom of the past four years this store will close Saturdays at 6.30 p.m. during the winter months. Please help us in this forward step, by shopping early Saturdays.

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