

## FOOD CONTROLLER IS NOW DIRECTOR OF A 50 MILLION CONCERN

New Company Will Handle Canadian Business of Imperial Oil.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—The incorporation of "Imperial Oil, Limited," with a capital stock of \$50,000,000, and headquarters in Montreal, will be announced in tomorrow's Canada Gazette. The new company will take over the business of refining and marketing petroleum now carried on in Canada and Newfoundland by the Imperial Oil Company, Limited, the powers granted the company include the right to operate refineries or farms for live stock, and to deal in animal and agricultural products.

## ENEMY RAID REPULSED NORTHEAST OF MESSINES

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The war office communication issued this evening says: "This morning a raid was attempted by the enemy northeast of Messines. It was repulsed by our rifle and machine gun fire. We captured a number of prisoners during the day in patrol encounters on different parts of the front. Apart from hostile artillery activity east of Ypres, there is nothing further of special interest to report."

## Soldiers Turn To Sweets When Liquor Is Out of Reach

Result Is That Consumption of Sugar Has Increased in United States.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Charges that the food administration's plan of handling the sugar situation gave the refiners a chance to combine to fix purchasing and refining prices were made by Chairman Reed of the Senate investigating committee today, and emphatically denied by George M. Rolph, director of the sugar division of the food administration. Prohibition today was added to the causes for the present shortage. Rolph said consumption had been increased in the south by soldiers, who drink more soft drinks, chew more gum and eat more candy than they did when liquor was obtainable.

## APPEAL JUDGES TARGETS FOR ANONYMOUS LETTERS

Threats Are Received by Those Sitting at Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 21.—Judges sitting on appeals under the military service act are receiving anonymous messages and telephone calls almost every day containing threats. Today a letter was received by one of the judges, threatening him in all sorts of ways. The judge said several letters of this nature had been received by him. He said brother judges since the courts began their sittings.

## HUNS' AGENT PLACED BOMB IN HOLD OF BRITISH STEAMSHIP

Accused Appeared in New York Court With Two Others.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—With the arraignment of Franz Rintelen, German agent and former Berlin banker, in the federal court today it was disclosed that a federal grand jury indicted him last month on a charge of placing an incendiary bomb on the British steamship Kirk Oswald at this port before the United States entered the war. He pleaded not guilty today, and trial was set for January 7.

With Rintelen were indicted Karl Schmidt and Chas. von Kietel, the disposition of whose cases today was the same as that of Rintelen. It is alleged the three defendants placed a "metal bomb filled with chemicals" in the hold of the Kirk Oswald. When the vessel was unloaded at a French port the bomb was found intact, according to the indictment.

PARSON PREACHES SEDITION. BRATTLEBORO, Vt., Dec. 21.—Rev. Clarence H. Waldron was arrested today, charged with sedition acts, under an indictment returned against him yesterday by the federal grand jury. He is alleged to have advised young men not to enlist or take part in war activities.

## WARM WELCOME TO CANADIANS ACROSS BORDER

Party of Invalids Reaching Here This Morning, Praise Americans' Kindness.

## HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Establishment of New Clearing Depot in London Permits Early Return to Families.

The first Canadian soldiers to land in the United States after serving overseas arrived in London at 10 o'clock this morning via G. T. R., and were met by a number of their families. The 1st Depot Battalion, W. O. Regiment, by members of the headquarters staff and representatives of the soldiers' aid commission.

Owing to the recent destruction of the docks at Halifax, the men, 51 in all, were landed at New York, where they proceeded to London via Lehigh Valley Railway and Grand Trunk.

The men were the first to come directly to the city for disposition through the newly-established London Clearing Depot at the Princess Avenue School, and instead of going to Quebec they were brought directly to their own district, and were thus enabled to get home for Christmas, as otherwise it would have required a week to handle them through the Quebec depot. They were "boarded" given their pay checks, and left with passes for home.

They could not sufficiently express their gratitude for the reception given them by the Americans.

"Nothing was too good for us in New York or Jersey City," said one, "and if they treat us that way, what will they do to their own men when they begin to return?"

"It was simply wonderful the way we were received in New York," another told The Advertiser, "and they simply couldn't do enough for us. The men spoke enthusiastically of the treatment accorded them by the Lehigh Valley officials, and of the kindness of the latter was overwhelming, according to the words of the men, and will not be forgotten."

Lieut.-Col. Nalanth was in charge of the party after leaving New York, and proceeded through to Windsor today. Capt. Hillier, who was second in command of B Squadron, 13th C. M. R., also accompanied the party.

Brings Home German Ribbon. Among the London men returning with the party today were Pte. G. A. Turner, 224 Waterloo street, who left here with the 7th, and was wounded while at the 18th Battalion, in France. He brought back with him the ribbon of an Iron Cross which he found on a dead Hun.

Other Londoners in the party were: Pte. J. Moody, 224 Waterloo street, 14th Battalion, invalided from France; Pte. E. W. Tudman, 467 Hamilton road, a hard man, invalided from France; Pte. Joe Webster, 144 William street, of the 142nd Battalion, invalided from England; and Pte. J. M. Chute, 14 Wyatt street, West London, a member of the old 6th Battalion, who served under the late Lieut.-Col. Wood Leonard in France.

Pte. E. Hutchinson of Galt went over with the 1st Battalion, and suffered three wounds—at Ypres in April 1915; at Festubert, and at Ploegsteert, before he was forced to return. He has been in Orpington for some time, and was a member of the "Razze-Duize" Concert Company, which is well known in the camps in England.

Pte. J. Davies, a 14th man from Ingersoll, was wounded twice at Ypres, and was finally invalided home with trench fever.

Two Years in France. An original member of the Princess Pats was Pte. G. M. Stratford, formerly who was in France from December 20, 1914, until October, 1916, during which time he was wounded at the second battle of Ypres, and again at the Somme.

Pte. E. W. Ridley of Windsor was a member of the original 1st Battalion, but was transferred to Halifax to the Royal Canadian Regiment. He was invalided home from France, after going through eighteen months unscathed.

Sergeant-Major Lorrimer of Cheltenham, enlisted with the 1st Battalion, M. R., and was transferred in France to the Canadian Light Horse. He was invalided home at Ypres, after serving as room sergeant at the Canadian Cavalry Regimental Depot at Shorncliffe.

Corp. J. H. Hurst of Sarnia, a 34th man, suffered three wounds at Vimy, and again at Lens, and Acting Sergeant-Major G. D. McLaren of Stratford, a member of the Army Service Corps, was invalided home.

Among the members of the party was Lance-Corp. W. H. Bailey, formerly agent for The Advertiser in St. Thomas, who went over with the 51st and was wounded at Vimy.

Twice Wounded at Vimy. Pte. G. F. Lattimer of Kitchener suffered wounds twice at Vimy. He left here with the 24th Battalion. Gunner M. Angelo of Windsor was wounded at Ypres, after enlisting with the 5th battery here.

Others who returned wounded were: Pte. W. T. Collins, 13th Battalion; Pte. C. Foster, Stratford, 1st; Pte. G. Straw, Sandwich, 9th; Corp. J. W. Cunningham, Sarnia, 10th; Corp. W. Moore, 14th; Corp. E. Harding, Chatham, 9th; Pte. R. A. Quigley, Chicago, Ill., 32nd; G. P. Dalley, Alviner, Pte. E. H. Armstrong, St. Thomas, 51st; F. C. Rolfe, Woodstock, one of the original 1st Battalion; Pte. E. H. Miller, Quebec, a member of the 33rd, who was gassed.

Those Invalided Back. Among those who returned invalided were: W. J. Coates, Clinton, 161st; W. Stroth, Kitchener, 1st Divisional Train, A.S.C.; C. Q. M. S. Reddon, Tara, 160th; Sergeant-Major H. Munroe, Detroit, 33rd; Pte. E. H. George, Dayton, Tenn., 33rd; Pte. E. B. George, Dayton, Tenn., 21st; G. Akers, Guelph, 44th; C. E. Bullock, Grand Rapids, 41st; W. H. Tucker, Stratford, 21st; H. J. Ridgway, Chatham, 18th; H. M. Avery, Kingston, 21st; Bandman Sgt. R. E. Powless, Munroe, 1st; Sgt. R. E. Powless, Munroe, 1st; Pte. H. W. Starling, Port Elna, 30th; C. Galscher, Cornwall, 25th; A. G. Everett, Cayuga, 11th; and W. G. Reed, Woodstock, 18th Battalion.

Sergeant G. MacDonald, Edmonton, Alta., a member of the 202nd Battalion, was returned as being over age, and Pte. James Abusa of Uxbridge, a member of the 21st Battalion, was sent back as being under age.

Among those expected to return with the party were: Lance-Corp. C. Borge, Pte. A. Brown, Sarnia, 1st; Pte. W. Canning, E. Carmichael, A. E. Dark, C. Duncan, H. Drummond, H. G. Fitzpatrick, J. Henderson, W. D. Lohman, W. E. Lyons, E. Miller, L. C. Ploogge, G. T. Turner, W. Wood, A. Wolcott and G. Cannon.

MAXIMUM LIQUOR FINE WAS CUT TO MINIMUM. Toronto Peddler Saves a Part of His Gains.

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—While refusing to quash the conviction of G. T. Harris, a peddler, charged with having liquor at a place other than his dwelling-house, Chief Justice Macleod reduced the fine imposed by Magistrate Denison from \$1,000 to \$200. The charge against Harris was tried, and after he had been found guilty, evidence was given to show that he had made \$1,500 profits by the sale of liquor. Upon this, the magistrate, who had been about to fix a fine of \$200, increased it to \$1,000.

## 2,000 SOLDIERS' KIDDIES CHEER SANTA CLAUS WHEN HE ARRIVES FOR GREAT GIFT DISTRIBUTION

Give Old St. Nick Wonderful Demonstration at Armories, Where Treat Arranged by the Great War Veterans' Association Is in Progress.

More than two thousand soldiers' kiddies, who filled the huge Armories to overflowing at 1:30 today, gave Santa Claus who was undoubtedly the greatest welcome ever extended to him in London. He was in the city to officiate at the Christmas tree entertainment tendered to the children by the Great War Veterans' Association, and he had a task which nobody but the good saint could have handled.

Presented by the association, covered the big platform, on which two huge evergreen trees towered toward the ceiling, and as if in opposition plied themselves in pyramids to almost as great a height. It took Santa and several assistants nearly all afternoon to distribute the gifts. In addition to this each child was presented with fruit or candy as he or she left the building with their gifts tucked under their arms.

Santa Claus was met at the Great War Veterans' Association rooms by a delegation from that association and an open hack was obtained for him. It was found that road conditions would make it impossible for the head of the Salvation Army generously offered its services and led the triumphal march through the streets. Scores of returned soldiers accompanied the band bearing flags of the Allies.

The procession was acclaimed all along the route, but not until it had entered the building did the real demonstration commence. Hundreds of kiddies stood up on the benches and waved their hats and cheered until the building rang. Santa Claus made his way immediately to the platform and commenced work.

Lieut.-Col. W. G. Cole, president of the Great War Veterans' Association, commenced the ceremonies by asking the children to sing God Save the King. They responded heartily, and the president then extended the greetings of the season to them. He expressed his thanks to the citizens for the manner in which they had helped. The boys, both those who had returned and those still overseas, would remember.

Mayor Stevenson made one of the shortest speeches of his public career. "Nobody wants to hear me speak," he said, and as nobody challenged the statement, he commenced the biggest number of the program by giving away the first present.

and had placed the razor in his pocket for safe keeping only. Hughes and Daigle were allowed out for three hours yesterday afternoon. The bottle of whiskey Hughes claimed was bought for \$3.50 from a man on the street who approached the soldiers and offered to sell it.

SHIPPING FOOD TO GERMANY FROM U.S. BY WAY OF SWEDEN. Documents Found in Brooklyn Reveal Extensive Traffic.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Important documents said to reveal an extensive food traffic between the United States and Germany, through Sweden, were seized by federal agents in Brooklyn tonight, when they raided the apartments of Gustav A. Meyers, a purchasing agent for certain German firms, and arrested him as an enemy alien.

According to government agents, some of the seized papers showed that Meyers had shipped to Germany foodstuffs valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars, and that he had been in communication with Germany for several months as a week ago. Bank books showing deposits of \$12,000 to his credit also are said to have been found.

HANNA SAYS PRICE OF OLEO IS NOT TOO HIGH. TORONTO, Dec. 21.—Food Controller Hanna doesn't agree with Dr. Hastings, Toronto medical health officer, that the price of oleomargarine at 37c a pound is too high.

If a citizen wants to buy and use oleo and thinks this price is too much, then the food controller's advice to him is to import it himself if he can get it cheaper at Buffalo, Detroit or any other place.

NEGRO SOLDIER ADMITS THAT HE STABBED DOCTOR. Pleads Guilty to Assaulting Victoria Hospital House Surgeon.

COMPANION FINED \$200. Had Bottle of Whiskey in Possession When Physicians Tried to Handle Them.

Higgins Hughes, a colored soldier, a native of South Carolina, pleaded guilty in police court today to assaulting and wounding Dr. A. G. Baisley, house surgeon at Victoria Hospital, on Friday night. He was remanded to jail for a week for sentence.

The maximum penalty provided for the crime is three years imprisonment. Theodore Daigle, another soldier, who was arrested with Higgins, pleaded guilty to two charges, one of disorderly conduct and a second of having an unsealed bottle of liquor in his possession at the hospital, which constituted a violation of Section 41 of the Ontario temperance act. On the latter charge he was fined \$200 and costs, or three months in jail, and was remanded for sentence on the other charge.

"I take the time because it's a cinch," he said. "I decided I would be just as well off in jail as any other place," said Daigle.

Representing the military authorities, said Daigle had a bad record in the army, and as a military authorities would not interest themselves in his behalf.

Hughes, who is a powerfully built man, claimed he stabbed Dr. Schell the latter had struck him three times.

Dr. Schell stated to the court that he had been attacked and been stung by a nurse to the tuberculosis ward because she suspected Hughes and Daigle to be intoxicated.

Daigle has put up a fight when an effort was made to put him in his room. Hughes interfered, and when Dr. Schell attempted to put Hughes in his room, the latter pulled an open jackknife from his belt and cut the doctor on the face several times. The suit worn by Dr. Schell was produced, and was cut in twenty places, where Hughes had drawn the knife across it.

Hughes admitted he was intoxicated and due to this fact Dr. Schell's life was perhaps saved, as the soldier was so drunk he was unable to handle himself. As he was being placed in the patrol a razor dropped from his pocket. Hughes claimed he intended leaving

## Perpetual War of Germs

In every human body there is continual strife between the forces of health and disease, while headaches, nervousness and frequent colds usually forerun sickness.

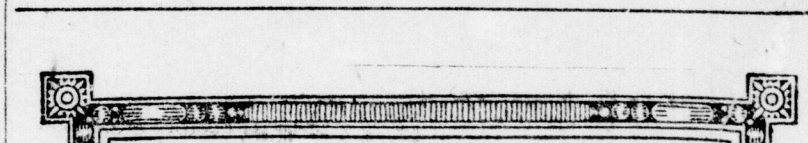
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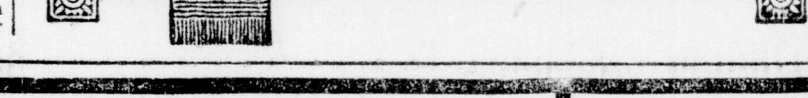
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