

LANGFORD

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
 Rev. Mr. Plylie had charge of the service and gave a very interesting sermon.
 Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Watson, and son, Harry and Mrs. A. Cornwall, ate their Christmas turkey at Blue Lake the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Cornwell.
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ireland entertained their children and grandchildren with other friends for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Vanderlip and family, and Miss Cole spent Christmas in the city with relatives.
 Mr. and Mrs. Ed Langs spent their Christmas holidays in Hamilton.
 Mr. and Mrs. Blacker, city, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Madden on Christmas.
 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wilson and daughter, and Mrs. Cornwell, spent the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Madison Wilson.
 Mrs. Harold Watson, Toronto, and Mrs. M. E. Rutherford, are spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tyson.
 Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Langs and family spent Christmas in the city, with Mrs. Langs' parents.
 Mr. Lorne Stuart is home from Montreal for over the holidays.
 Mr. and Mrs. John F. Lampkin entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Lampkin, Mr. and Mrs. Fraser Lampkin, Mr. and

Mrs. Fritts, Napanee, and Mrs. M. E. Vanderlip on Christmas.
 Mr. and Mrs. H. Cornwell and family spent the holiday at Boston.
 Mr. and Mrs. John Sager entertained Mr. and Mrs. Harvey, Toronto, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Westbrook for Christmas.
 Miss Dolly Westbrook was home over the holiday.
 Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hunter, Cainsville, spent Christmas at the parental home.
 Miss Gladys Mulligan spent over Sunday in the city with friends.
 Mr. Trueman Westbrook assisted in the city a couple of days last week.
 Mrs. A. Ludlow and family is spending part of the week at Plattsville.
 Mr. Frank Hanks had quite a bad accident when starting his gasoline engine, was burnt quite bad about the face, but is better at time of writing.
 The Christmas entertainment was well attended, the proceeds amounting to over forty dollars. Rev. Mr. Plylie was in attendance, and Sheriff Westbrook occupied the chair, with the Misses and Mr. Hyde from the city, and Miss Daisy Westbrook gave several readings, with all the home talent made a very pleasant evening, all doing their parts well.

A number of decisions have been handed down by the Supreme Court, four appeals being allowed.

RANELAGH

(From our own correspondent.)
 It is clear and cold, with snow for sleighing, makes it like Xmas time.
 The Xmas Tree of Little Lake was a great success. A full house and a good program.
 Those spending Christmas out of the neighborhood were Mr. and Mrs. R. Wood and family, with Mr. and Mrs. Leamon Wood, at Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. James Hoggard and family, at Norwich, with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henningway; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Cooper and family, at Norwich, with Mr. and Mrs. W. Cooper; Mr. and Mrs. Russ Cooper and family, at Burch, with Mr. and Mrs. James E. Minshall.
 Mr. and Mrs. John Jull and Mrs. George Jull, and Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Jull, had family dinners.
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Exelby had their grandchildren from Brantford with them for a Christmas dinner.
 Mr. and Mrs. William Walker were invited to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. James Hoggard, Sr.
 Mr. and Mrs. T. Wood spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Summers Cooper.
 Mr. Frank Young of Beaton, and Mr. Willie Young, of Winnipeg, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wood, on Thursday.

Whitby had its first community Christmas tree.

GATHERING WAR NEWS

How the American Papers Are Supplied—Only One Man at Front

The Boston News Bureau says that the Euro-american war will increase the expansion of foreign news gathering to an unprecedented figure, and in an ordinary year it costs the Associated Press the quite respectable sum of about \$2,800,000 to supply its 896 customers in the United States and Cuba.
 The war news reaches the United States chiefly through the medium of special correspondents of the London newspapers with whom arrangements have been made by New York dailies. This is supplemented by official statements from both the British and French War Offices.
 In New York city all the general morning dailies take The Associated Press except The Sun, which operates its own news service and supplies the New York Commercial and several of the town papers. In order to get a more complete service, however, several of the New York dailies have arranged with the London papers for their service from special field correspondents. The New York papers in turn syndicate this special service to other papers throughout the country.

The only American correspondent to witness the movement of German troops has been Richard Harding Davis, who was one of the few newspaper men to see the invading army enter Brussels.

A most signal honor was given Frederick Palmer, as he is the only American correspondent to accompany the British army. He represents all of the American newspapers, his despatches being given without favor to the Associated Press, United Press, International News Service and New York Sun Service. It required the services of the State Department at Washington to arrange with the British War Office for the presence of an American press representative, and Palmer was chosen by a conference of the association chiefs.

That war correspondents get fabulous salaries seems the general opinion. An old timer expresses the belief that Palmer will get at least \$20,000 for his services in addition to unlimited expenses.

THE CAVALRY HORSE

Thoroughbred Type Proved Its Value on Battlefields of Europe

Writing to The Farmers' Advocate from London, England, Mr. G. T. Burrows says:

"The excellent work of the British cavalry has earned for our officers and men unstinted praise from all quarters. When the dreaded Uhlans were charged by the English cavalry they received the shock of their lives. In the aggregate, our horses have presented an appearance that has commanded the praise of every nation. And that such should be the case is but a just reward to the valiant efforts that the Board of Agriculture has made these last ten to fifteen years, to 'breed up' to standardization horses that would be eminently suited for the work that lay before them, and withstand, for some months, the strains and rigors of a European war. The hunter-bred horse has gone forth from England to the continent in thousands. The value of the thoroughbred blood is thus borne home again to us. The type of horse necessary for the cavalry of the line is a deep, short-legged, short-backed, good-barrelled horse of the hunter stamp, with substance and not a little quality, true action, and he must move without brushing the joints. Light, active, well-bred horses, moving truly and well in their paces, well ribbed up, with plenty of bone and short backs, may thus be said to best represent the cavalry type."

"British mounted infantry regiments are to-day mounted on animals of the polo-bred type and upon cobs. The ride-and-drive horse is still with us, and all the motor traction in the world cannot kill him at 'war time.' We have excelled ourselves on this occasion by providing our army with suitable horses. A hundred hunted and a time have been yielded up from our leading hunt establishments, and those are the horses which have made French and Belgian officers stand and stare open-mouthed at their beautiful quality."

FINDING THE RANGE

Scientific Problem Necessary Before Naval Guns Open Fire

Probably the most important of the instruments employed in naval gunnery is the telemeter or range finder. The accuracy of the shooting depends wholly upon the accuracy of judging the distance, for in long range shooting the shell does not travel in a straight line, but in a curve. It drops upon the target. Not only is it absolutely essential to get the proper range, but it is of vital importance to get it before the enemy. The range is found by triangulation, and is a mathematical problem worked out rapidly by the experts. The length of the telemeter, which is precisely determined, forms the base of the triangle, of which the point whose distance is to be measured is the apex. An optical arrangement serves to measure the angle at this apex, and a simple formula then gives the distance sought. This optical arrangement is rather a complicated affair, and important parts of it are two mirrors, but its operations are rather too technical to be described. However, it may be said that the length of the base employed is an important element and that the longer it is the less is the chance of error. A six-foot base is the most commonly employed. In the British navy "batteries" of several telemeters are used so connected that the operation of one moves the others and a single reading gives the mean distance.

The French minister of marine confirms the loss of the submarine Curie in the Adriatic.

BRITISH ARMY AIRMAN ATTACKING GERMAN MONOPLANE.



DRIVEN BY CHRISTOPHER CLARK

SINCE General French stated almost from the very beginning of the war that British airmen had established an ascendancy over the German aviators reports have been coming in with gratifying frequency of the victories achieved by British airmen over the enemy. On the occasion, for instance, a German machine of a type not quite so fast as ours, however, in view, a British officer, at once started in pursuit. He knew that to reach the position of the propeller on the hostile machine he could not be fired at when astern of his opponent. At sixty yards' range he fired one time without apparent result, then, as his gun was carrying him ahead of his quarry, he turned round and, again coming to about the same distance behind, emptied his magazine at the German. The latter began at once to descend, as if either he or his machine were hit. Shutting off his engine and volplaning to free his hands the pursuer recharged his magazine. Unfortunately it jammed, but he managed to insert four cartridges and to fire them at his descending opponent, who disappeared into a bank of cloud with dramatic suddenness. When the British officer emerged below the clouds he could see no sign of the other. He therefore climbed to an altitude of some seven thousand feet, and came to the conclusion that the German must have come to earth in the French lines. Members of the Royal Flying Corps, when engaged in scouting, reconnaissance and aerial duels prefer to use, instead of other arms, an ordinary service rifle, with which they make very good play. It will be noticed that the pilot is seated behind his observer in the army biplane shown above. The observer, seated in the front, is, of course, the person who repels attack and fires on the enemy and makes observations of the enemy's position.

HELD UP BANK DESPITE BROKEN FIRING PIECE

Robber Secured \$18,000 but Was Caught After a Stern Chase.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 30.—The most daring hold-up in the criminal history of Utah occurred last evening when Bert Heston walked into the Bingham State Bank at Bingham and, at the point of a revolver, which it was found later would not shoot, held up Earl Randall, cashier; Geo. Dobson, assistant cashier; Henry Oddie, chief clerk, and two other clerks, and got away with \$19,000 in gold and currency.
 Heston carried the money for three miles through the one street of Bingham, mingled with the crowd which was in pursuit of the bank robber, and then when he saw the cashier of the bank approaching in an automobile threw the money down an open culvert and started for the mountains. The money was recovered late last night, and Heston is in the Salt Lake county jail here.

The robbery took place at 8 o'clock last night. Just as the bank closed its doors, Heston stepped into the banking room and leveled his damaged pistol at the head of Mr. Randall and called upon all employees to lie on the floor under penalty of death. The five men in the bank lay down with their faces on the floor, and Heston securely bound the hands and feet of every employee excepting Randall. The cashier told him to enter the vault and open the safety deposit vault in which the currency and gold was kept. A large money bag was produced, and Randall was forced to place the gold and bills of large denominations in the sack. Heston then tied up Randall in the same manner as the others, and started to walk to the railway station, a distance of three miles.

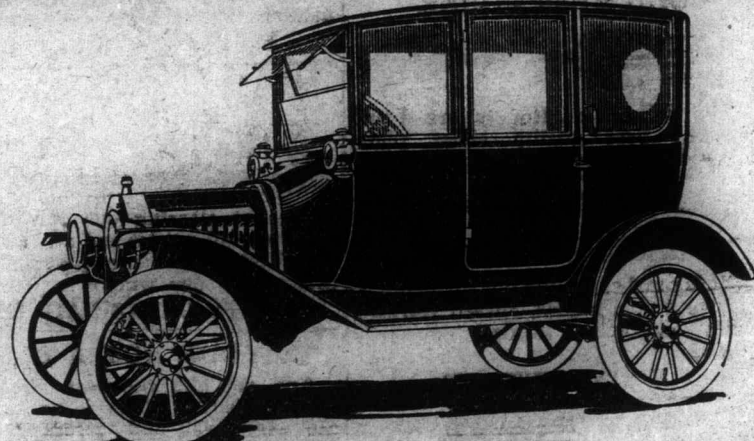
Bingham is built in a canyon and is seven miles long and only one street. Henry Oddie managed to re-

lease himself and cut the bonds of the other four men. Posses were quickly organized. The one street of Bingham was filled with men armed with shotguns, rifles and revolvers. Among the thousand men who were looking for him walked Bert Heston carrying the bag with the \$18,000.

VIENNA AGITATED

VENICE, via London, Dec. 30.—Italy's expedition in Avlona, which she occupied several days ago, appears to have produced considerable irritation at Vienna, according to advices from the Austrian capital. It is

thought there that possibly he suddenness of the Italian move may have disturbed plans attributed to Prince Von Buelow's mission at Rome, which is said to have included an offer of Southern Albania to Italy upon her agreeing to certain conditions.



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