

## BRINGING ON FIGHT

Russian Position on Right Bank of Pruth River Not Assailed.

## MUCH SNIPING DONE

Reinforcements Awaited Before General Attack is Begun Across Pruth.

By Martin Donohue, Correspondent of the London Chronicle and Toronto World.

**MAMORITZA, Feb. 27.**—The Russians are occupying fresh positions on the right bank of the Pruth River, on the side nearest the Romanian frontier, and they are confronted by weak forces of Austrians, who so far have made no serious attempt at an offensive movement. The enemy hesitates to attack, and is awaiting the arrival of reinforcements. The frozen Pruth separates the hostile forces. There is intermittent sniping throughout the day along the Pruth. Machine gun lines. On the frontier passes on the summit of the hills pass the time watching the Russians and Austrians going at each other within 200 yards of Romanian territory.

Disarmed by Roumanians. Several Russians yesterday wandered on the wrong side of the frontier and were disarmed by Roumanian soldiers, who are keeping a sharp lookout for belligerent trespassers. Austrian officers without arms visited a local inn last night in search of warmth and good cheer. Amongst them was one whom I had known intimately in Paris. This unexpected meeting in the midst of war between our respective countries was somewhat embarrassing to both of us. We discussed many things and recalled mutual friends of pre-war days, carefully avoiding the subject of hostilities.

## CANADIAN REQUEST TO EXTRADITE VON HORN

Proceedings Will Commence on Wednesday Next Before Federal Commissioner.

**Canberra, Feb. 27.**—The request of the Canadian Government for the extradition of Werner Horn, who tried to blow up the international bridge over the St. Croix River on Feb. 2, asserting that he did it as an act of war, will be heard before a federal commissioner in Boston next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. It was learned today. Fourteen witnesses from this town have been summoned in connection with the case.

## GIFT TO ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Gerard B. Strath of Toronto has donated to No. 2 Casualty Clearing Station of the Army Medical Corps, under command of Lt.-Col. Rennie, a Wolseley automobile ambulance, fully equipped, the same to be delivered to London. This corps expects to leave shortly and is directed to be used as a headquarters. The gift has been accepted by Lt.-Col. Rennie and Major-General Rennie, who have thanked him for it. The value of it is estimated at about \$3000 to \$10,000.

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## THREE OF PATRICIAS KILLED IN ACCIDENT

French Mortar Which They Were Operating Exploded on Second Shot.

## IN NO BIG FIGHT YET

Prince of Wales Frequent Visitor to Regiment and Chums With Men.

Canadian Associated Press Cable.

**LONDON, Feb. 27.**—Private C. H. Craig of Calgary, to whom belongs the distinction of being the first and only Canadian to be received in the newly equipped Canadian military hospital at Clivedon, was invalided back in consequence of badly frost-bitten feet.

In common with about half his company, he said that he occupied a trench waist deep in water and slush almost continually from the first week in January, with the result that when severe frost set in, about the middle of this month, more than a dozen of them succumbed to the cold. Craig has since been at the hospital base in France, where, he says, several of the Princess Pats are still being treated. Some of the men are rather seriously wounded, but on the other hand, he has learned that in the majority of cases the Patricia wounded will soon be able to take their places at the front.

## Prince Visits Soldiers

Members of General French's headquarters staff have paid frequent visits to the Princess Patricia's Light Infantry in France. One of them the Prince of Wales, is getting to be a great favorite with the Canadians. Some days ago he paid a surprise visit to a certain town where the regiment was supposed to be stationed. Arriving there, however, the prince was informed that they had been suddenly billeted in a village some distance nearer the firing line. The prince immediately made for the spot, visited the cottages, and chatted with several of the men individually.

The impression that he has left upon the company is evidently a great one. Not yet in his fifties.

The Princess Pats have not yet had the opportunity of showing the stuff that they are made of. No attacks of any importance, no bayonet charges, have offered themselves so far, and all soldiers to the contrary are purely fictional.

Speaking of the German marksmanship Craig declared that their infantry got "very" never brilliant but of late they appeared to be going from bad to worse, due probably to the fact that raw, untaught recruits have been used. Some of the Canadian wounded who are in the provisional hospitals will be well enough to go to their depots in about ten to fifteen days time.

## Killed By Accident

Sergeant Smith, of Toronto, Ptes. Harding and Leach were in the same trench with Craig when they fell. Their deaths, he says, were due to an accident, not as reported to shell fire. The three men had just completed an extension of one of their trench mortars, and had successfully fired their first shot. When, however, they were on the point of firing their second shot, the mechanism of the mortar went wrong, causing the terrific explosion and killing the two privates outright. Smith died while undergoing an operation for the amputation of an arm. Sergeant Martin was also badly hit in the abdomen.

## ONE GERMAN TRENCH BLOWN UP BY BRITISH

**LONDON, Feb. 27.**—The British bi-weekly report on the progress of the fighting in Flanders was given out today, and reads as follows:

"The enemy continues to show considerable activity. In the neighborhood of Ypres, British attacks and counter-attacks have occurred. At 6 o'clock on the morning of Feb. 21 the enemy exploded an elaborate series of mines, which destroyed one of our trenches. A new line was prepared a short distance in the rear and immediately occupied. Any attempts at further progress have been completely frustrated.

## AUSTRIANS RETIRE TO MEET RUSSIANS

Large Force of the Enemy is Concentrating Near Cernowitz.

**Special Cable to The Toronto World.**

**MAMORITZA, Feb. 27.**—Austrians who have been in position alongside the Romanian frontier retired under the cover of darkness yesterday with artillery. A large force of the enemy is now concentrating in the neighborhood of Cernowitz in anticipation of an attack by Russians on the other side of the Pruth. The bronze field guns which the Austrians have been employing against the Russians, two of which have been firing during the last few days from the shelter of the Romanian frontier, made very poor shooting. The road between here and Cernowitz for a distance of three or four miles is once more free of the enemy. The Austrian tide in Bukovina has reached high water mark and there are indications that the ebb has set in.



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## CANADIAN TRADE DECLINE SMALL

Decrease for Year Was Less Than Had Been Anticipated.

## IMPORTS LESSEMED

Drop in Purchases From Britain Was Most Disturbing Feature.

By a Staff Reporter.

**OTTAWA, Feb. 27.**—A summary of the trade of Canada for the year 1914 issued yesterday, shows much less of a falling off than had been feared. Indeed, the figures are regarded as highly satisfactory. The aggregate trade for the year amounted to \$1,082,118,179, as compared with \$1,147,652,248 in 1913 and \$1,028,641,142 in 1912. The figures are a 240,000,000 greater than in 1911.

The falling off in imports was greater than in exports. The imports for 1914 were \$572,239,579, while in 1913 they were \$614,133,594, and in 1912 they were \$584,133,594.

The figures are still largely in advance of the 1911 imports, which were \$524,850,792. By far the chief decrease was in the imports from Great Britain, the decrease from last year being \$41,000,000, while the imports from the United States remained just about the same.

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## SON WOUNDS FATHER FOR BEATING MOTHER

John Lonkey of Messina Went Home Looking for Trouble and Lad Shot Him.

## Special to The Toronto World.

**CORNWALL, Feb. 27.**—John Lonkey of Messina went home and attacked his wife and son Gerald, 13, Saturday night. The lad went upstairs and took a shotgun and fired a charge of buckshot point blank into his father's back. The wound is serious, but not fatal. The boy was arrested, but was paroled in charge of his mother, to await the outcome of the inquiry to his father.

Alfred Prevost, another resident, also proceeded to "clean house" by driving his wife out, and when a boarder named Foley interfered Prevost struck him over the head with a beer bottle. Foley fell unconscious, and thinking he had killed his wife's protector, Prevost made a quick getaway, and nothing can be learned of his whereabouts.

The milk-receiving station at Rock-River, belonging to the Diamond Creamery Co., was burned to the ground yesterday. The loss is estimated at \$4000, with \$2500 insurance. A new receiving station will be built. The annual meeting of the Cornwall board of trade will be held at the chamber, in the town hall, on Friday evening next, Feb. 26. The board is acting in conjunction with the industrial committee of the council, in devising means of advancing Cornwall's advantages as a manufacturing centre, and every effort is to be made to secure new industries.

## ONTARIO'S EXPENSE DURING PAST YEAR

Over Twenty-Two Million Dollars Was Cost of Running Province.

## EXCEEDED RECEIPTS

Public Service Accounts for Deficit, While Revenue Increased Little.

The public accounts of Ontario were brought into the house yesterday by Hon. T. W. McGarry as the initial act of his new office as provincial treasurer. In summary they show that the expenditure of the financial year which closed on Oct. 31 exceeded the receipts by \$627,928, the deficit being due to the increased cost of public service, while the revenue showed little increase. In spite of the measures taken last year by new taxes, the spending of approximately one million dollars in branches of public service occasioned the shortage at the year's end.

The current account revenue for the year was \$11,122,382, and a large receipt in this came from the consolidated revenue fund as an adjustment of the balance of the T. & N. O. Railway. The revenue coming thru ordinary channels has both been increased by \$400,000, the T. & N. O. contribution last year being \$954,622, and supplementing other sources to roll up a total of \$11,122,382.

**Succession Duties.** The statement this year shows that succession duties and corporation taxes boosted the income, the latter bringing in \$1,336,308, and the former \$1,196,818. Both of these hovered about the million mark last year. Hydro-electric interest charges on loans accounted for \$100,000 more, and in spite of food and financial conditions, public institutions added \$50,000 more to the treasury.

The capital expenditure of the province took a jump from \$5,225,516 to \$6,801,641, and a large drop in revenue occurred in the receipts of the lands, forests and mines department. The 1914 revenue was \$2,240,657, falling \$400,000 below that of 1913. Maintenance of public institutions and increased educational support ex-

## CHOSE C. R. M'KEOWN AS GOVERNMENT WHIP

Chief Outcome of Conservative Caucus Was Not a Surprise.

## The new whip of the Ontario Government will be Charles R. McKeown of Dufferin. This was the chief outcome of the Conservative caucus held at noon yesterday, and was not in the nature of a surprise. Neither the question of liquor legislation nor the chairmanship of the public accounts committee was advanced to any definite stage, although the name of T. Herbert Lennox of North York has been mentioned in connection with the latter position.

Mr. McKeown is one of the well-known figures of the house, having officiated as assistant whip for several years, and last session taking complete charge after the cabinet resignation of Hon. Dr. Preston. According to corridor gossip three men are now in the running for the public accounts chairmanship, Charles McGree of Preston, J. J. Hart of Orillia and Mr. Lennox.

## AUSTRIA CONFISCATES ALL GRAIN AND FLOUR

Fines Will Be Imposed on Those Who Secrete Supplies

**Canadian Press Despatch.** **LONDON, Feb. 25, 2 p.m.**—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Co. from Venice says: "The Austrian Government is confiscating entire stocks of grain and flour in the monarchy. After an approximate estimate is made of the available supply, a per capita apportionment will be announced and a distribution made thru the local authorities."

"Severe fines and other penalties will be inflicted on any person for attempting to secrete supplies of grain and flour."

"The government has issued an order under which 800,000 acres of land, which had been used in the cultivation of the sugar beet, are made available for grain production. It is said that Austria will receive only maize from Hungary."

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