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THE WAR NEWS.

The armies in the field have now to reckon with the storms of winter, and we are told that a violent snowstorm yesterday greatly interfered with operations in Belgium and France.

A Washington letter says:—"Creation of a naval reserve from among honorably discharged enlisted men of the navy is proposed in the draft of an amendment to the forthcoming naval appropriation bill which Secretary Daniels has sent to the Senate and House Naval committees, with a strong recommendation that it be adopted."

The report in today's Times of the address of Supt. D. R. Clarke of the Bank of Montreal at the Amherst Conference is of special interest because while admitting that prudence and economy are necessary, he declares that business conditions in these provinces are sound and there is no cause for gloom.

Whatever may be the American point of view with regard to contraband or conditional contraband, Britain and France must pursue a watchful policy. However friendly the American government may be, there are always individuals who would disregard all laws if by so doing they could get supplies into Germany and reap a large profit therefrom.

The Halifax Echo says:—"The Arethusa and the Undaunted, which conveyed the British air craft in their intrepid attack on the German naval base and fought off the 'rightful' Zeppelins, are two of the newest light cruisers in the navy. Both had already distinguished themselves, the Arethusa in the battle in the Bight of Heligoland, and the Undaunted in the engagement off the Dutch coast, when single handed she sank four German destroyers. The usefulness of light cruisers is being amply demonstrated from day to day in the progress of the war at sea."

The Montreal Herald says:—"The Canadian Department of the Naval Service has just issued its annual report. Here is a statement which appears on the second page: 'Owing to the decision of the government not to continue H. M. C. ships Niobe and Rainbow in full commission, the course of exercise and training for these ships has been discontinued, and they are at present manned by nucleus crews.' This report is dated July 1, 1914. Who would have thought that the government which announced in July that these ships had been thrown out of commission, would have rushed them back into commission and have had them chasing Germans in August? Times do change—and likewise the opinions of some governments."

RUSSIAN AMAZON WOUNDED. Pretty Girl Served by Impersonating Dead Brother. Petrograd, Dec. 28.—"Lyubov Ougitiski, a 21-year-old girl from Smolensk, is lying in hospital at Novgorod and confidently expecting a visit from the Stylian Lyubov—whose name means 'Love'—has taken part in four big battles, all the time disguised as a man; had not sickness intervened she would now be fighting on the Vistula. She is described in the Viedmosti as 'pretty, with expressive, gaseous eyes, but somewhat too strongly built.' When war was declared she made for Smolensk town and personated her re-servant brother, who died a few days before. She was enrolled in the 7th Army Corps, and finally found herself in General Rennenkampf's army. When Rennenkampf first inspected his men he spoke, among others, to Lyubov, asked the name of 'his' village, and said 'Well, you're a fine lad.' The 'Augustov Amazon's' first fight was Gumbinnen. 'I was terribly afraid of having to kill a man. To shoot I did not mind, I may have shot several men, but the idea of using my bayonet overwhelmed and horrified me. I realized that if I now killed a man in this way I should know it, and I should remember it to my last day. I prayed that I might myself be shot.' Mlle. Ougitiski fought at Augustov in September; also in a desperate struggle on the Niemen. After the last fight she thought of deserting, but feared she would be captured and shot. She kept the secret of her sex by pretending to be particularly rough and callous. 'At times my heart bled with compassion which I could not express.' The 'Augustov Amazon's' military career was ended by a slight wound from a shell splinter. The wound was neglected and fever ensued. 'There are at least a score of women fighting on our side,' she says. 'A woman who posed as 'Private Roman Nefedoff' was killed outside Suwalki. On the day before her death she made a forced march with the battalion, of forty-two versts (about 26 miles).'

A Diplomatic Tip. At a time when it was thought that Germany wanted to get a foothold in Holland, Bismarck and the Dutch ambassador stood watching a review of the German army. As a well set-up body of men marched past the ambassador said: 'Fine soldiers, but too short.' Then came the Grenadiers, between six and seven feet tall; nevertheless the ambassador's comment was the same as before: 'Fine soldiers, but too short.' 'What does your excellency mean?' asked Bismarck. 'I mean that we can flood Holland eight feet deep,' replied the ambassador.

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