HAMILTON LOSES TWO BIG STORES

Grafton and Pratt Companies Many Staples Altogether Dis-Suffer Heavy Damages by Spectacular Fire.

BELOW ZERO WEATHER

One Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars is Estimated Loss.

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 15.-With the T. H. Pratt Clothing Company.

The Grafton building, which is situated in the heart of the shopping district, and was of a four-story con-struction, was entirely gutted while the Pratt store had the read complete-ly destroyed by fire and water. The fire was first noticed about nine o'clock and within ten minutes of the general alarm which was turned in, the entire building was a sheet of flames and dreds of feet into the air as if they were being forced from a chimney. All comparatively low for meats. Potatoes the hose lines available, about fifteen in number, were laid and hundreds of in number, were laid and hundreds of of 60 pounds, and bread a little less tons of water were poured into the tran 3 1-2 cents a pound. But the flames, but so intense was the heat that Lotato allowance is insufficient for the first hour or so the flames appeared to be holding their own.

The cold was so intense as fast as the water was poured onto

the face of the building it was frozen with the result that the front of the In a statement to The World re-

that his store carried a stock valued lewed the restaurants and hotels. at \$125,000, while he did not care to make any statement about insurance, able foodstuffs has been the expropria an official of his store stated that it tion for control by the government of would likely be in the neighborhood of all canned vegetables. Owing to the thousands of spectators that crowded in on the firemen, but only two cans on each bread card. the police were forced to establish dead line along James, King William and part of Hughson and King streets. but the dealers are to be compelled to the dealers are to be compelled to shortly after the outbreak of the fire the street cars stopped running and did not again resume service until 11 A once and not hoard it.

Meat Dear in Berlin. efficient wo k of the firemen, which, under Chief Tencyck, practically saved kinds in the greater Berlin muni a great portion of the business sec- cipalities runs from 5 1-4 to 8 1-2 tion of the city, as there was a strong ounces. The cheaper varieties cost

nerve altogether and threw cash regbegan to have effect, and by 11 c'cleck Grafton's store was nothing but an ice shell filled with debris, while the rear of Pratt's was destroyed and thousands of dollars' worth of stock ruined. Many cellars in the vicinity the fire were flooded with water. Rowles Lunch had to conduct its busiress by candle light, as the power was shut off, and a great many of the other business houses in the vicinity were also deprived of their light.

Despite the adverse conditions under which the firemen and police worked, there was not an accident. One of the truck teams broke loose and started up King William street. in every respect, and there is no reahorses when they reached James today. The soldier at home thus notices street. The fire was still going at an the diff rence more keenly than do early hour this morning, but it was

Cedric, With a Big Cargo. Starts Voyage to Liverpool

New York, Feb. 12 .- The Associated Press says that with approximately 18,000 tons of cargo, mostly war sup. olies, and 5,000 bags of United States mail transferred from the American liner St. Louis, but with no passengers. the British steamship Codric of the White Star Line left here today for The mail on the Cedric has been he'd here since February 3, the date on which the St. Louis was to have departed.

BERLIN PRICES GO TO DIZZY HEIGHTS

appear From Market in Germany.

NO FATS CAN BE HAD

Authorities Keep Potatoes a Seventy-Two Cents Per Bushel.

Stockholm, Jan. 20 .- (Correspondence weather below zero the members of of the Associated Press)-Food condithe local fire force last night fought one tions in Germany have changed greatof the most spectactular fires in the ly for the worse in the last five months. history of this city. The fire which broke The correspondent of the Associated out shortly after nine o'clock did approximately \$125,000 damage to the Grafton Clothing Company and to the Grafton Clothing Company and to the weeks in Berlin. He found that many staples of food had altogether disap peared from the markets, others had grown so dear that they are beyond the reach of any but the well-to-do, the daily allowance of potatoes had been reduced to 10 ounces and that either a shortage of flour or a disordered distribution of it among the bakers had resulted in long queues of buyers standing for hours in front, of the bekeries.

prices of the foodstuffs people who have little but bread and potatoes to eat and it has to be eked

that out with turrips.

No Eggs Till February.

It had been hoped to allow one eggs reader. Grafton building looked like a frame Eerlin, but the last one-egg allowance was made some five weeks ago and a nother is not promised until February. presentative, Col. J. J. Grafton stated When the correspondent left Berlin that the stock in his stoge amounted to \$80,000 and insurance \$40,000. He said that the building was worth \$25,000, and insurance about \$15,000. According to Col Grafton the building was worth \$25,000. According to Col Grafton the building was worth \$25,000. ing to Col. Grafton the building and quantities are being imported from property was worth \$100,000. T. H. Holland, but it goes apparently to the Pratt told The World representative front, except for small quantities al-Another serious reduction of avail weeks ago the dealers were permitted to sell a fractional part of their stock, open each can before selling it, so

wind blowing and nothing would have alout 60 cents, the dearest 72 cents, stopped the flames if they had not One of the most serious deprivations been confined to the Grafton and Pratt continues to be the lack of fats and

that the entire block would go, and and margarine together is a little less the owners of the stores and offices that their places of the contents. The inmates of the Victoria Cafe lost their pondent paid \$3.12 for about two-thirds ister, chairs, tables and everything reirying. Goose fat costs \$4.80 per can
movable into a heap in the middle of of 17 3-5 ounces, and is the only fat, the street. The tons of water gradu- except vegetable oils, that can be

ration shows itself in an almost con tinuous feeling of hunger. The correspondent, experiencing this himself in the first days of his visit, remarked on it.
"I feel hungry all the time," said

the person addressed. Extending his investigations, the correspondent heard similar expressions from all sides. The bitterest complaints come from soldiers at home When the writer last visited the front. in July, the men's rations were ample Constable MacMillan stopped the son to believe the same is not true those who have gradually to accustom themselves to one deprivation after

No Real Coffee Left, There is a deadly monotony about the meals in the average household. Breakfast generally consists of rolls, marmalade (often made of pumpkins). and a decoction of roasted acorns, rye chicory and whatnot that goes by the name of coffee. There is no real coffee left. Some ta at high prices is

arink a brew of linden blossoms, raspberry leaves or leaves of other shrubs or trees. For the "second breakfast there is dry bread. Dinner generally consists of boiled potatoes with salt, some kind of boiled vegetable and, on perhaps two days of

* WAR SUMMARY *

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

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midnight. The whole submarine campaign has lost greatly in effect and

in effectiveness in the past three days' reports. These deal with sinkings

three or four days late as a rule, so the spurt in the submarine operations

lasted only two days, and it has since steadily declined. Such a consumma-

tion has as its cause the effective work of the British patrols, aided by other

common sense precautions. German naval officers will have to invent a

Washington's stern rejection of the German attempts at bargaining

more effective weapon, or bring their fleet out to sea, to impress the allies.

to condone submarine frightfulness shows the determination of the United

States to resist lawlessness. The withdrawal of the American Relief Com-

mission from Belgium apparently forecasts preparation for war. Germany

has refused to release American seamen taken on captured passenger

exchanged with the enemy. The Germans act more boldly with the Rus-

sians in these raids than they do with the British and the French.

On the French, Russian and Rumanian fronts raids continue to be

ships, giving to the United States a further cause of war.

still to be had, but the poorer people

the wock, a tiny piece of meat. Fish takes the place of meat on other days, **BRITAIN STANDS** unless one can buy a goode, at \$1.56 a pound (they cost \$2 a pound just before Christmas), a duck, at \$1.44 a pound, a takey at \$1.32 a pound, or a hen at \$1.08 to \$1.20 a pound. Comparatively little game comes on the STRAIN OF WAR

paratively little game comes on the markets. apparently going to the

hotels and restaurants.

Supper is the problem in the average household. Generally there are no potatoes left over from noon, and if

there are there is not fat in which to

fry them. The usual German supper before the war consisted of co d mea s.

sausage, cheese, bread and butter and beer. There is no meat, no cheese and

no sausage, no butter on four or five days of the week, no more bottle beer

and many soloonkeepers refuse to sell beer to be drunk off the premises. The

beer, moreover, is all but undrinkable.

Pepper costs \$6 a pound, and small raisins \$1.08. Saccharine dissolved in

water has taken the place of sugar for swectening coffee, and tea in private

homes as well as restaurants. Milk is ordinarily available in limited quan-

tities only for invalids, the very aged

AND HOW TO GO AT IT

BACK YARD GARDENING

CANADIAN

CASUALTIES

Wounded—F. C. Hunt, Brantford; Freet, England; A. Sinclair, Auburndale, N.S.; J. J. Ryan, Ireland.
Seriously III—A. E. Skilton, Ann Ar-

bor, Mich. Killed in action—J. H. Hay, Revelstoke,

Previously reported missing, now killed in action—A. S. Collingwood, Newmarket, Ont.; N. L. McCleiland, Hawer, Sask.; John McKenzie, Vencouver, B.C. Wounded and missing—Heary Mitchell,

Dangerously III-G. F. Johnston, Castle-

Died of wounds-H. W. Huntley, Eng.

Previously reported dangerously wounded, now died of wounds—E. A. Mongeau,

Seriously III-Henry Doucett, Sydney, N.

Died of pneumonia-Jas. Conley, Wil-

Previously reported m'ssing, now re-ported missing, believed killed—Chas. Carruthers, Carp, Ont. Died of wounds—174958, H. S. Webster,

MOUNTED RIFLES.

Wounded-Lieut. John S. Lindsay, Que-

INFANTRY.

Seriously III—James Huddlestone, Belle-rille, Ont.; V. F. Miller, England; An-lrew Abel, Lucky Strike, Alta. Dangerously III—G. H. Owen. Rossland, 3.C.; John Harrower, Scotland; W. C.

Hasely, Simcoe, Ont.
Wounded—Harry Turner, Winnipeg;
S. Fry, Glenwilliam, Ont.; Lieut. W. I

ARTILLERY.

Dangerously III—Driver F. J. Gisborne, adysmith, Que.

INFANTRY.

Killed in action-R. A. Richmond, W.

Piche, Montreal. Seriously II:—M. H. Hill, Waseca, Sask.

Portland, Ore.; J. S. Bryant, London; Corp. P. M. McNab. Watson, Sask. Wounded—F. E. Good. Westport, Ont.; Leonard Sands, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont.; J. H. Haw, Claraday, Ont.

Previously reported missing, now re-ported wounded—A. Laurin, St. John's,

Ross, England.

Dangerously III-Thomas Wilson, Vic-

and small children.

Milk

(Continued from Page 1). in Perrograd was to discuss how the ullies could help the Russians in the preparations for their offensive this The government, he said, had yet received a report from this

Total Outlay Huge.
Bonar Law said that at the end the current year the national debt would stand between £3.800,000,000 and £3,900 000,000. Advanc s to allies and dominions would be approximate-ly £390,000,000. The number of applications and the amount applied for by the general public for the new loan, the chancellor said, were larger than ever before.

The chancellor pointed out that the total votes of credit for the current financial year would amount to £1,950,000,000. He said that was in excess of the estimate of Reginald McKenna chancellor of the exchequer under the Asquith overnment and that the increase was due to additional exceptions. penditures for munitions and advances to the allies and the dominions.

Sidney Johnstone, specialist in vegetable gardening of the Ontario Agricultural Department, lecturing before a large audience in the assembly hall of the Central Technical School last evening gave a number of details on backyard gardening and also told of the ease with which vegetables could be grown The average expenditure had increased by £1,000,000 daily, as compared with the first sixty-three days of the financial year. There a so had been an increase in experditures for the army, but it was proportionate yard gardening and also told of the ease with which vegetables could be grown for household use by the devotion of a little time and energy. The speaker gave as the reason for so many people being unsuccessful in growing vegetables in their yards that they did not exercise enough care in planting the seed in rich soil. The land, he said, should be well manured and the seed or plant not planted too deep. with the increase in the number of troops, the army being fourteen times as large as when the war began. The amounts asked for Mr. Law said, would enable the government to me t expenses until the end of May. On the last vote of credit there had been an unexpected balance of £76,-

well manured and the seed or plant not planted too deep.
"It is not difficult to grow lettuce," Mr. Johnstone said, "if the seed is planted right. A row of seed planted in a row three feet in length will provide enough lettuce for the average family.

"Head lettuce seed should be sown in rows theles are the art when the "We have a superiority not only in men but in equipment." said Mr. Law. He assarted that the increase in the "Head lettuce seed should be sown in rows twelve inches apart, and when the leaves become two inches in height they should be thinned out.

"Sp'nach seed should be planted in rows from eight to ten inches apart, and when ready to use should be cut off at the surface of the ground. If the seed is planted on July 15 people would have plenty of the vegetable for the table in the fall.

"Green onions are easily obtained if production of munitions was going on all the time, being as marked now as at any previous period. The smallest increase in any kind of shell as compared with the average in the first year of war was 28 times that output.

No Thought of Election.

Mr. McKerna said that never before ad such a large credit been asked the fall.

"Green onions are easily obtained if you purchase 'Dutch sets' or small onions and plant them in the ground. In a few weeks' time this will give you an abundance of onions. Onions left over from the winter are also good to plant, just as long as the onions are buried just a few inches below the surface.

Beats, carrots and parsnips are planted in the spring and harvested in the fall. They should be grown in rows from twelve to fifteen inches apart and planted with care. at the beginning of a session, and that the government must either be intending to prevent parliament from reviewing the expenditures during the coming months, or else the money thus provided should tide the country over a possible parliamentary recess or election. Mr. Law said the question of a general election had never entered his mind.

Can Endure Strain. In giving the progressive increases in the daily expenditure for the five periods of the war, corresponding with the five votes of credit. Mr. Bonar Law explained that the daily expenditure in the last 63 days was £5,790,000. This increase, he said, was not due to recent advances to the allies and Great Britain's dominions, for the dominions were now beginning largely to finance themselves, but to the cost of munitions and the increased cost of food, amounting to £190,000 daily. Announcing that at the end of the current year the national debt would stand at between £3,800,000,000 and £3,900,000,000, and that the advances

One of the stores and not fined to the Grafton and Pratt. For a time it was thought entire block would go, and entire block would go, and margarine together is a little less of the stores and offices of the contents. The inthe Victoria Cafe lost their ogether and threw cash region to a heap in the middle of the Trans and everything reinto a heap in the middle of the Trans and threw cash region to a heap in the middle of the Trans and threw cash region to a heap in the middle of the Trans and threw cash region to a heap in the middle of the Trans and threw cash region to a heap in the middle of the Trans and threw cash region to a heap in the middle of the Trans and threw cash region to a heap in the middle of the Trans and threw cash region to a heap in the middle of the Trans and threw cash region to a heap in the middle of the Trans and threw cash region to a heap in the middle of the Trans and threw cash region that the meaning of the Trans and threw cash region that the meaning of the trans and threw cash region that the meaning of the trans and threw cash region that the meaning of the trans and threw cash region that the meaning of the meaning of the trans and threw cash region that the proposed new to the trans and dominn in connection with the proposed new to the design that the proposed new to the the stand dominn in connection with the proposed new to the design that the stand dominn in connection with the proposed new to the design that the stand dominn in connection with the proposed new to the design that the stand dominn in connection with the proposed new to domin the design that the stand dominn in connection with the proposed new to the design that the stand dominn in connection with the Office and dominn in conn Great Britain wou'd be able to stand the financial strain longer than her enemies, and it would not be on

Dangerously III—G. F. Johnston, Castleford, Ont.; E. C. Frank, winnipeg.
Wounded—R. A. Halcrow, Le Pas,
Man.; Melbourne Sandwich, England; K.
I. Deell, Windsor, Ont.; G. H. Gammon,
Tits Cove, N.S.; J. J. Leask, Selkirk,
Man.; H. C. Dexter, England; LanceSergt. S. C. Gaines, Winnipeg; A. A. Cornell, Goderich, Ont.; W. A. Vandale, Nutana, Sask.; A. E. Lane, England,
Gas-poisoning—Sergt. Wm. Reid, Scotland.

posal for a world peace as the most Killed in action—C. H. Kemp, Moose momentous declaration ever made in aw. Sask.; Thomas Sholto Douglas, the history of nations, terming it a momentous declaration ever made in definite plan which, if followed by the civilied powers, would almost eliminate warfare. If the U. S. intervened in secure a victory for the entente allies. Col. Lynch strongly criticized the conduct of the war and demanded the Died of pneumonia—Jas.

owview, Man.

Wounded—R. J. Jones, Montreal; C. R.

McHeffey, Winnipeg; Thos. Broadfoot,
England; Reginald Elsey, Napinka, Man.;
Corp. J. C. McInnis, Glasgow, Ont.

Killed in action—J. C. Malcolm, Cranrecall of Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, the British commander-in-chief Mr. McKenna's reference to the possibility of a general election provoked much lobby gossip. This was based on the fact that the life of the present parliament expires at the end of April, and the new vote would give the government enough money to carry on the war till after a general election, if it became necessary. The prevalent opinion was, however, that the government would ask for an extension of the

ENGINEERS.

life of the existing parliament.

Died of wounds-Corp. G. A. Keen, St. Mary's, N.B. Wounded-Driver Wm. Arthur, Eng-

INFANTRY.

Killed in action-B. A. Woodcock, Brantford, Ont. Brantford, Ont.

Previously reported missing, now killed in action—8293. Sgt. B. H. Brooks, 86 Prescott avenue, West Toronto: H. H. Fabian, Galt. Ont.; J. J. Ffnan, Ottawa; Alex. MacNicoll, Cloyne, Ont.; J. M. Stephens, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; Russell Stephens, Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.; Seriously III—Frank Dwey, England; H. R. Forrest, Winnipeg. Previously reported misisng, now killed in action—Lance-Corp. Wm. Hall. San-

Seriously ii.—M. H. Hill, Waseca, Sask. Gas-poison ng—139574, Jas. Fitzgerald, 5 ford. Man. Home Place, Toronto, Wounded—11604, Vincent Murphy, 1297 Dundas street, Toronto; Geo. Weils, England:: 201623. Wm. Johnstone, 54 Emmerson avenue, Toronto; J. H. Bingham, Portland, Ore:; J. S. Bryant, London; Previously now died of mark. Previously reported dangerously iii.
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Winnipeg.
Previously reported dangerously iii,
now died of wounds—Wm. Peterson, Denmark. Killed in action-J. A. Melton, Scotland.
Dled of bronchitis-John Milligan, Died of bronchitis—John Milligan, Cumberland, B.C.
Wounded—Lyle Hoarns, Vancouver, B.C.; E. C. Furness, New Westminster, B.C.; Lieut. W. M. Ray, Ireland; M. Jor, H. M. Logan, St. Martins, N.B.; Percy Gillis, St. John, N.B.; C. A. Imerson, Scuth Porcupine, Ont.; J. P. Flynn, Ireland; 170290, J. M. Irvine, 125 Yarmouth 170290, J. M. Irvine, 170290, J. M.

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present time and will remain so in the future, we are in a position to offer exceptional bargains during the Sale for the role reason that we had bought a hig portion of our stock at a time when prices were normal. The following is only a partial list of this week's special bargains, and we have as well a good many other bargains throughout the Store too numerous to mention.

Room Size Rugs and Carpets Suitable for Dining-Rooms and Living-Rooms or Drawing-Rooms ANATOLIAN, blue ground, small Persian design. Size 1.3 x 8.10. Sale price, \$150.00. ANATOLIAN, champagne ground, terra border and medallion, all over designs. Size 10.9 x 8.7. Sale price,

PERSIAN SERAPPI, terra ground and border, blues and ivory corners. Ideal dining-room rug. Size 18.7 x 9.7. Sale price. \$195.00

OUSHAK KIRMAN, green ground, red medallion and border, 13.4 x 10. Sale price, \$125.00. GULISTAN, red ground, blue border, palm leaf design, 13.5 x 10.5. Sale price, \$155.00.

ROYAL KIRMANSHAH, all over design, soft browns, blues, and trus. Size 12.9 x 9.1. Regular price \$350.00. Sale price, \$275.00

ROYAL KIRMANSHAH, all over design, old rose, blues, and greens, 11 x 8. Regular price \$385,00. Sale price. PERSIAN MESHED, red ground, blue border and med allion, 11.8 x 7.5. Sale price, \$135.00.

FINE MELEZ, Chinese design, in yellow and blues, 13.10 x 10. Sale price, \$325.00. ROYAL SAROUK, dark blue ground and border, rose medallion; a very fine specimen. Size 11.6 x 8.3. Regular price \$330.00. Sale price, \$297.50.

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YORK COUNT

AMERICANS TENDER ON IRON PIPE ORDER

ork Township Council Holds Special Meeting to Consider Matters of Importance.

At a special meeting of the York Township Council, held yesterday and presided over by Reeve Griffith with all the members present, 20 tenders in

this city.

R. C. Nelles of Kingsdale, a of the village commission in 1916, which commission is said never to have met, applied to council for reinstatement, the applied to corncil for reinstatement, the right of the commission having apparently lapsed. Assessment Commissioner Clarke pointed out that the municipality of kingsdale was created by a special net of the legislature, and in his opinion the commission would require to again apply to that body for further powers.

ALMIRA COAL SITUATION GROWS SERIOUS IN THE COUNTY

Unionville is Only Village Where Commodity is Not Really Scarce.

The coal situation in the county, instead of improving, is steadily growing worse. Markham Village had no coal last night, and it is said, no prospect of getting any. Unionville is, so far as known, about the only railway point where there is no real scarcity, but even here, owing to the fact that other villages have been supplied, the scarcity is beginning to make itself felt. Alexander Bruce, a member of the firm of Bruce Bruse, of Almira, but owning yards and handling coal at Gornley, a point 25 miles north of Toronto on the Canadian Northern, told The World last night that he had not a pound in the yards and Northern, told The World last night that he had not a pound in the yards and had not had for some days.

"In this connection I find a remarkable condition of affairs existing," said Mr. Bruce, "and one which I am at a loss to understand. I have done my best to secure supplies and quotations from Buffalo, but lately have not been from Buffalo, but lately have not been able to get a single car and yet when I approach a coal broker in Tororto I am told that by paying a premium of 33 a ton I can get all the coal I want. This I refuse to do and the consequence is we are without coal." Mr. Bruce further than the coal of the

The death of Mrs. Levi J. Clarke, 10 The death of Mrs. Levi J. Clarke, 104 Avenue road, took place on Sunday night after a long illnoss. The late Mrs. Clarke was 77 years old and prior to the removal of the family to the city resided at Thornhill, where Mr. Clarke was principal of the Thornhill Public School. Besides her husband she is survived by three sons, Harold, manager Lake Simcoe Ice Company; Robert, in Kansas City, and Charles, in overseas service.

ETOBICOKE PIONEER DIES.

Mrs. J. A. Canning Had 74 Grandchildren and 54 Great-grandchildren.

WOBURN SCARBORO WANTS HYDRO PASSES NEEDED BYLAW sons.

Authorizes Debentures Necessary to Pay for Installing the

Line. The Scarboro Township Council, at the amount of \$18,500, preparatory to beginning the installation of the hydroelectric power and light line in certain sections of the municipality. The matter has been before the township in one form or another for the last two years, yesterday puts the matter beyond all Kirchwey, a dean of

The Ontario Hydro Power Commission are said to be ready to proceed with the work of putting in the poles and string. ing the wires as soon as spring opens The line will run along Danforth avenue from the end of the civic car line, and on up the Kennedy road to Agincourt. Beyond this point no arrangents have yet been made to continue the work. A number of farmers beyond the work of the work of the the work of the w the work. A number of farmers beyond that point are anxious to make connection. The Villages of Unionville and Markham are ready to aid in the further planation and tonight he is threatened planation. extension of the line at the earliest pos- with disbarment from channels of in-

sible moment.

In deference to the wishes of the residents of Chester avenue, the name of that street was yesterday changed to Courcelette road. Six young mer formerly resident there were engaged in the battle of Courcelette, two of whom were killed in action. The change in name is designed to perpetuate their memory. Forty-five acres of gravel land near the Highland Creek have been bought by the township for \$1800, and the division of one large school section into two smaller ones was formally ratified. The auditors' report was adopted and a number of routine matters dealt with. ber of routine matters dealt with.

WESTON Weston Town Council Busy on Tax Collection

The Weston Library Board was last ight granted \$1200 toward the main-The Weston Library Board was last night grantol \$1200 ioward the maintenance of that institution by the town council, and the treasurer on the authority of council was instructed to take prempt steps to collect all arrears of taxes. The statement was made during the discussion on the resolution that in one ward alone more than \$9000 was in arrears, one critical being indebted to the amount of \$1500. In a communication of the amount and manner of assessment on business values. The power and light

am told that by paying a premium of \$3 a ton I can get all the coal I want. This I refuse to do and the consequence is we are without coal." Mr. Bruse further said that the situation was a very serious one and that when the farmers heard of the arrival of a car within a reasonable distance there was a rush for that point.

MRS. LEVI CLARKE DIES.

Was Wife of Former Thornhill Public School Principal.

EARLSCOURT

HOLD ANOTHER MEETING.

Owing to the success of Sunday evening's naval recruiting meeting in the Royal George Theatre, Earlscourt, it is the intention of the naval staff to hold another meeting at an early dute, when it is expected Rev. S. Boal will make another appeal for men.

Among the artists who contributed to the musical piogram on Sunday evening was Miss K. Scrogg, planist and vocalist.

UNITED STATES

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has taken place between this government and other government or per-

Amazing Revelations. The proposal was not before the

American Government for more than 48 hours and only 24 of these hours in writing, before it was flatly rejected by the American Government. yesterday's meeting, passed a bylaw this developed today. One is that a cor-Cologne, Germany, fathered the whole scheme, altho it was suspected he was retiring German ambassador. correspondent sent a long despatch to Germany thru the Sayville wireless but the submission of largely-signed pe- after seeking permission of the navy titions, and the passage of the bylaw department to do so, thru George school and an influence in pro-German

circles. Termed U. S. Divided The despatch was bold in some passages saying that the American people were divided on the subject of war with Germany and that the handling of the situation by the Ger

question relating to the arming of American ships, it developed today. It is expected that he will sanction the plan for the navy department to furnish guns for American merchantm so far as it can do so without drawing upon its own resources. The amazing story told by Ambas ador Gerard and the correspondence with him has aroused deep indignation.

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TWO HUN MUNITION FACTORIES BLOW UP

Hamburger Paper Reports Destruction of Large Ammunition Plants.

Copenhagen, via London, Feb. 13.according to The Hamburger Nach richten, two large ammunition ories at Thorn. East Prussia, and burg, were destroyed by explosi last week. Sixty-three persons killed and the same number woun

STEAMERS SUNK

Aghies Spyndion (Greek), 768 tons. Netherles (British), 4,227 tons. Lycia (British), 2,715 tons,

Voltaire (British), 409 tons, Olivia (British) 242 tons. Ships sunk since Feb. 1, 87; total tonnage, 188,065.

RUNNYMEDE

AUXILIARY SECRETARY HONORED.

Mr. David Proctor was the recipient of a silver mounted silk umbrella from citizens of Rullymede last night in cognition of his services as secretary of the York Townshir War Auxiliary. The presentation was made by Mr. William Slater at Mr. Froctor's residence, 18 of

Que. Killed in action-540529. J. R. Taylor, Russians, however, speedily rally and they make also successful raids in Killed in action—540529. J. R. Taylor, 70 Balsam avenue, Toronto, Missing—453026. Serot. Alfred Flatt, 90 Cambridge avenue, Toronto, Sericusly III—W. J. Roe, Atwood, Ont. Killed in action—B. Kylio, Medicine and 54 Great-grandchildren. One of the earliest pioneers of Etobicoke Township, Mrs. Jennet Anderson Canning, widow of the late Matthew Canning, widow of the late Matthew Canning, died recently at her home. Scarlett road. She was born at York Mils in 1829 and two years later was taken to Etobicoke, where she has lived ever since. Mrs. Canning is survived by eight of twelve children. She had 74 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchild. SPEAKS TO HOMING SOCIAL TO HOM retaliation. A capable judge of armies saw the first Russian divisions of Brusiloff's army march to the relief of the Rumanians about the middle of Sericusly III—W. J. Roe, Atwood, Ont. Killed in action—B. Kyllo, Medicine lat. Alb. Missing, believed killed—Medord Soucy, Induction—4815, Alfred Moore, 203 Mark Induced—A'ex. Leiper, England; Wm. Wounded and missing—A. L. Peck, Variable of the control of the c December. He savs that the Russians have plenty of artillery, both light and heavy, and that their equipment has now equaled the equipment of the Germans. The troops are of first quality, young and well set up. On Montreal. Wounded—A'ex. Leiper, England; Wm. Fattu'lo, Airdrie, Alb.; J. A. Kenny, Wainwright, Alb. the Germans. The Austrians could not hold any of the positions penetrated by them east of Gorizia in the attacks of last week. The Italians speedily ejected them in a counter-attack. Some persons suspect that the MOUNTED RIFLES. Germans plan to attack Italy this spring, both on the Isonzo front and ARTILLERY. Previously reported missing, new kill-ed in action-Wallace Bugley, Amherst, in the Trentino, This move would perhaps forestall any Italian action in Wounded-Gunner S. McNabb, Pene- ed in action-