NSWICK'S GREETINGS N ON SOLISBURY PLAINS

, Dec. 31—Hon. George J. Clarke, Premier of New Bruns- abled New Year's greetings from the people of the province Brunswick boys encamped on Salisbury Plain awaiting an op- go to the front and fight for the Empire.

. H. F. McLeod, officer commanding the 12th Infantry Battalion, ey the greetings to the New Brunswick boys, the cablegram, as addressed to him, reading as follows:

12 Battalion Canadian Expeditionary Force,
Plantation Camp,
Salisbury Plain, England.

New Brunswick sends greetings to her boys on Salisbury Plain and all od wishes for the New Year.

GEORGE J. CLARKE, Premier.

STANDING FIRM ON THE OLD GERMAN WATCH, BERLIN OFFICIAL REPORT SAYS

London, Jan. 1.—The following official communication from Berlin has been received here by wireless:

"Since the war began, and up till the end of the year, we still stand firm on the old German watch, waiting what the future has in store for us.

"We are still united. No enemy can force us, in spite of rage and hypocricy.

"In the east, as well as the west, may victory ever attend you. Germany over all.

"The whole world learns what we can do when we are attacked, and that German pluck rings throughout the world.

"Main headquarters reports tonight (Thursday) that our troops fighting in Poland have made over 36,000 prisoners in the region of Lodz and Lowicz, and besides have taken many guns.

"The total number of prisoners taken since the 11th of November amounts to 136,000. Over 100 guns and 300 machine guns also have been captured."

NO DISCOURTESY THE FOREIGN OFFICE SAYS

Denies Suggestion of London Times that Previous Statement About Time of Receiving American Note Was for Purpose of Charging Discourtesy.

on, Dec. 31—Speaking for the gn office, the press bureau this evening denied the suggestion published in the London Times that its previous statement on the time the American note was received by the foreign office was issued with the intention of charging the American government with discourtesy in giving the contents of the note to the newspapers before it had been received by the foreign office. The statement of the bureau says this suggestion is "totally unfounded."

Continuing, the announcement says "There has been no discourtesy whatever on the part of the State Department at Washington or the American embassy in London. On the other hand, it must be clearly understood that when this note was sent to the foreign office there was no discourtesy or delay there either on the part of officials or of the Secretary of State."

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 31.—The following official communication was issued tonight:

"Last evening an attack from the enemy, who, after lively firing, endeavored to debouch from the wood of Forges (on the left bank of the Muese) was immediately repulsed.

"The positions which our troops have gained in Steinbach have been kept, and we continue to attack those of the enemy.

"From the other parts of the front we have received no information worth mentioning."

GERMANY

Berlin, Dec. 31.—(By wireless to London.—The official statement given out in Berlin this afternoon reads as follows:

"In the western arena of the war yesterday passed comparatively quiet on the coast. The enemy directed his fire on Westende and destroyed parts of certain houses there, but without causing any military damage.

"An entire French company was annihilated when we blew up their line near the Alger farm.

"South of Rheims strong French attacks north of Camp Chalons were everywhere repulsed.

"In the western Argonne region we gained considerable ground, capturing several trenches situated behind one another and taking 250 prisoners. French attempts to attack in the region of Flirey, north of Toul, failed.

"In Upper Alsace, in the region to the west of Sennheim, all the French attacks broke down under the fire of our artillery.

"The enemy's artillery systematically destroyed house after house in the village of Steinbach (Alsace), which is in our possession. Our losses are slight.

"It is reported from the eastern war arena that the situation in East Prussia and in Poland, to the north of the Vistula river remains unchanged.

"East of the Bzura river the battles continue. In the Rawka district our offensive has made progress. On the eastern bank of the Pilica the situation remains unchanged."

WHY MAIL FOR MEN IN ENGLAND IS DELAYED

Postal Department Replies to Criticisms—War Conditions and Faulty Direction of Letters Chiefly Responsible.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—A statement was issued by the Post Office Department today in reply to criticisms which have been made of the postal service as regards delivery of correspondence to Canadian soldiers on Salisbury Plain. On inquiry being made into a number of complaints the department finds no ground for them beyond the delay incidental to the disorganization of the Atlantic mail service owing to war conditions, or which is due to the incomplete addressing of correspondence by the senders.

When there are no mail boats sailing from a Canadian port, due to these having been requisitioned by the Admiralty, all mail is sent by the New York route, but owing also to the war some weeks there is only one mail boat sailing from New York to the United Kingdom. Then when the letters do get to Salisbury Plain a camp area of seventeen miles has to be covered in their distribution. Many letters, too, contain only the name of the addressee, and his regiment, whereas it is essential that the number of the battalion and brigade be given.

LEAVING WHOLE MATTER WITH FOREIGN OFFICE

British, Russian and French Embassies at Washington Make no Comment on American Protest.

Washington, Dec. 31.—High officials of the Washington government said tonight that no specific cases had been included in the present note because these had been dealt with at considerable length in a voluminous correspondence, covering a period of five months, and that the British foreign office was fully familiar with the detailed position of the United States in each case. It is quite possible, however, that a brief summary of some of the typical cases will be made public in a few days by the State Department.

The note, regarded as by far the most important document despatched by the Washington government to any of the belligerents since the war began, has been for several days almost the sole topic of discussion among diplomats of all countries.

The step has awakened much enthusiasm among South American diplomats, who think it paves the way for a more vigorous interest on the part of the United States in the various proposals looking to an assertion of the rights of neutrals.

At the British, French and Russian embassies no statement of any character was made concerning the note, it being realized that the London Foreign Office would handle the subject for the allies, and after mature deliberation transmit its answer.

Apple and Banada Salad

Slice bananas and roll in lemon juice and sugar; mix with an equal amount of sliced apples. Serve with boiled dressing or with mayonnaise dressing.

KINGS OF THE ALLIES VIEWING THEIR FIGHTERS.

KING GEORGE VISITS THE BRITISH ARMY IN FRANCE
PRINCE OF WALES KING ALBERT KING GEORGE

During the course of his visit to the British troops in France King George reviewed the gallant and war worn Belgian troops. Standing by the King's side in the above picture is the King of the Belgians, while behind the two monarchs are the Prince of Wales, Sir Pertab Singh and the Maharajah of Bikanir. Before leaving army headquarters the King issued the following message to his troops on December 5:—"Officers, non-commissioned officers and men:—I am very glad to have been able to see my army in the field. I much wished to do so in order to gain a slight experience of the life you are leading. I wish I could have spoken to you all to express my admiration of the splendid manner in which you have fought, and are still fighting, against a powerful and relentless enemy. By your discipline, pluck and endurance, inspired by the indomitable regimental spirit, you have not only upheld the traditions of the British army but added fresh lustre to its history. I was particularly impressed by your soldierly, healthy, cheerful appearance. I cannot share in your trials, dangers and successes, but I can assure you of the proud confidence and gratitude of myself and your fellow countrymen. We follow you in our daily thoughts on your certain road to victory. GEORGE, R. I."

AN AUGURY FOR FUTURE, SAYS ROOSEVELT

Of Hundred Years of Peace Between Great Britain and the United States.

New York, Dec. 31.—The belief that the hundred years of peace between the United States and Great Britain are an augury for the future of the people of the world is expressed in a cablegram sent today by Theodore Roosevelt, as honary chairman of the American Peace Centenary Committee, to Earl Grey, President of the British Centenary Committee. Col. Roosevelt's despatch, which was in answer to a recent communication, expressive of good will from the British committee, follows:

"Earl Grey, London:

"On behalf of American Peace centenary Committee, I beg to acknowledge your cable on behalf of British Peace Centenary Committee. We most cordially reciprocate the feeling therein expressed. We believe that the hundred years of peace between the two nations are an augury for the future, not only as far as they are concerned, but for the future as far as the peoples of the world are concerned. It is indeed a happy circumstance that the two nations are able to celebrate in this fashion the one hundredth anniversary of the Treaty of Ghent.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

FOR SOLDIERS AT CAPITAL

Fredericton, Dec. 31.—Tomorrow, New Year's day, will be observed as a holiday by the soldier boys in this city. No drills or military duties except those of utmost necessity will be required of the men and upwards of 300, it is expected, will remain here for the day.

All arrangements for the dinner to be given the boys were completed at a meeting of the ladies held in the City Council chamber yesterday afternoon.

The soldiers at both the Exhibition building and the Infantry Station barracks will be provided with a turkey dinner at midday tomorrow, all the food being prepared by the ladies of Fredericton. Arrangements have been made to have the food brought to the barracks hot and dinner will be served to the men by upwards of fifty young ladies who are to act as waitresses.

Orchestras will provide music at both barracks during the meal hour, the members of one organization having already offered their services for the Exhibition buildings. The mess rooms at both the Exhibition barracks and the Infantry Station baracks will be given over to the ladies at 9.30 o'clock tomorrow morning when the decorations will be arranged and everything put in shape for the dinner.

Dr. Wainwright has been instructed to open a military hospital here and the troops in Fredericton will be under his medical care.

BRIDGE AND DANCE IN K. OF C. ROOMS IN AID OF CANADIAN HOSPITAL

Interesting Entertainment Organized by Mrs. J. V. Anglin and Mrs. Hetherington to Raise Money for Canadian Base Hospital in France.

The bridge and dance party held in the Knights of Columbus rooms last evening was a very interesting society function.

The object of the entertainment, which was organized by Mrs. J. V. Anglin and Mrs. Hetherington matron of the Provincial Hospital, was to raise money to buy anesthetics for the Canadian base hospital in France, which is in charge of Col Shillington, of Toronto, and at which Dr. Margaret Parks, Miss Domville and other Canadian nurses are stationed.

Between 350 and 400 people attended the party, and a very enjoyable time was spent by all. The 62nd band was in atendance and furnished music. A programme of about twenty dances was carried out in the large ball rooms, and there were about 25 tables of bridge in the smaller rooms. Among the prize winners at the bridge games were, Mrs. Hamilton Payson, who won a handsome handbag; Mrs. Geo. Erving, who won a set of brass candlesticks; Miss Fennety, who won a bottle of perfume; R. W. Robertson, who won an inkstand, and H. V. McKinnon, who wom a bronze pipe rack

During the evening a telegram was read from Lieut.-overnorG Wood expressing regret at his inability to attend owing to sickness in his family, and wishing the promoters of the entertainment success in their undertaking.

The organizers of the entertainment wish to thank the Knights of Columbus for the use of their rooms, and the 62nd band for furnishing music. They are also indebted for donations of various kinds; to J. & A. McMillan, Barnes & Co., E. J. Nelson & Co., M. R. A., John LeLecheur, Macaulay Bros, Vanwart Bros., G. E. Barbour Co., E. J. Hamilton, Baird & Peters, Emerson & Fisher, W. H. Hayward & Co, Geo. Reicker, W. H. Thorne & Co., and the Willet Fruit Co.

A. C. Skelton, manager of the B. of B. N. A., treasurer of the Red Cross, has undertaken to send the proceeds of the entertainment to the Canadian base hospital in France.

GREECE READY FOR CALL TO ARMS ANY HOUR

Paris, Dec. 31.—The Havas correspondent at Athens sends the following excerpt from a speech delivered by the Greek Premier, M. Venizelos, during a discussion of the budget in the Greek chamber of deputies:

"All the necessary measures to assure the national defence have been taken since the outbreak of the war. I can again assure the chamber and the country that at the present moment Greece is ready to mobelize at any hour, and on every point of her territory all the contingents of her army."

DARING AVIATOR RESCUED

British Pilot Who Was Supposed to Have Perished in Cuxhaven Raid is Safe.

Amsterdam via London, Dec. 31.—A telegram received here from Muiden Holland, at the mouth of the Vecht, says a steam trawler has landed there Flight Commander Hewlett, of the British navy, who was one of the British airmen taking part in the recent raid at Cuxhaven, and who was supposed to have been lost, his machine having been picked up off Heligoland.

Hewlett was rescued off Heligoland soon after he fell, but rough weather prevented the trawler from making port before today.

LONDON TIMES COMMENT ON U. S. PROTEST

Says Increased Copper Shipments to Neutral Countries in September and October is Significant.

London, Jan. 1—1.45 a.m.—The Times in an editorial welcomes the text of the American note protesting against detention of American commerce by British warships, which it says, displays entire justice and friendliness.

"The President and his colleagues," the Times says, "have been at pains to insist, in several passages of the note, that they do not advance their claims in any spirit of hostility to us, from any lack of appreciation of the momentous nature of the conflict in which we are engaged or from any wish to gain undue commercial advantage at our expense. We accept these assurances fully and gladly. They are what we should have expected from a great and friendly nation."

The Times then refers to the passage in the note which complains that the British policy towards neutral ships exceeds the manifest necessity of belligerents, and which concludes "not justified by the rules of international law, or required under the principle of self-preservation."

"These last words," says the Times, "are significant, and we shall be surprised if the issue is not joined upon them in the British reply. Americans cannot doubt that the war is, in the highest degree, a war for self-preservation upon our part, and we shall doubtless urge that, broadly speaking and with possible exceptions in individual cases, the interference with neutral commerce which we have practiced comes within the terms of this recognized limitation of general neutral rights."

Proceeding to give figures of what it claims is an enormous increase in American shipments of copper to neutral countries in September and October, as compared with the same months last year, the Times asks:

"Does not this fact create a reasonable presumption that much of this copper was at one time being smuggled into Germany and Austria? Is it not a manifest necessity of self-preservation that we should reserve to ourselves the right of scrutinizing closely such exports?"

The Times says it feels confident that the British government will reply promptly to all the grievances and that, since all idea of inducing England radically to change her policy is disclaimed, and the President himself has recognized that the difficulties have arisen largely through false manifests by American shippers and the smuggling of contraband articles hidden in cargoes, the path of diplomacy ought to be fairly smooth.

FLOATING HELMITS STARTED SCARE.

Porthcawl, Wales, Dec. 31, via London.—Considerable excitement was caused at this seaside resort today by the drifting ashore in this vicinity of many helmets, such as are worn by the British troops in Egypt and India. The helmets proved to have been thrown overboard from a recently arrived transport.

REGRET, BUT NO FEELING OF HOSTILITY TO BRITAIN MONTANA SENATOR SAYS

Claims 5½ Million Dollars Worth of Copper For Neutrals Detained.

Feeling Engendered by British Naval Activities Akin to Surprise One Feels at Injury from a Friend.

Washington, Dec. 31—Thirty-one ships, bearing 19,350 tons of American copper, worth $5,500,000, destined to neutral nations, have been detained and their cargoes seized as contraband since the European war began, Senator Walshof Montana, told the Senate today in a speech reviewing interruptions to American commerce and highly endorsing the American government's recent note to Great Britain. Four ships were consigned to Holland, fourteen to Italy and thirteen to Sweden, he said, and at Gibraltar 9,350 tons of American copper "have been piled up."

Senator Walsh said:

"The British government might well avoid a course calculated to make it appear as an offensive act. There is no sentiment of hostility or animosity in the United States towards Great Britain, save in sporadic cases of no consequence, in the sum total of the national disposition.

"God grant that our relations may always remain friendly.

"The feeling engendered by the aggressions complained of is akin to the surprise and regret experienced by one who has been cruelly wronged by a friend, and who remains confident that a personal explanation and candid conference will wipe out all difference, and bring a speedy reparation. It is in this spirit the American people await the result of the well-timed note of the President. What is nteded now is the release of every detained shipment against which a prima facie case of guilt cannot be made out, carrying with it an assurance to the trade that so long as it is honest it is safe."

Popular Hotel Man Dead.

The death took place yesterday morning of Joseph E. Landers, the proprietor of the American House at Fredericton Junction, after an illness of some months. The deceased was about thirty years of age, and was well known to the travelling public, and leaves a wife, one daughter and one son to mourn. The funeral will take place on Monday morning at Fredericton Junction.

BERLIN HEARS OF PROTEST FROM STATES

One Paper Declares Britai Must Grant all Washingto Demands— Claim Russia Success in Galicia not Significant.

Berlin, Dec. 31, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—In the absence of any striking battle news today all the newspapers of Berlin printed in a prominent place, despatches dealing with the note of protest sent by the United States to Great Britain regarding the detention and searching of American ships. The Lokal Anzeiger's report of the incident declares that Great Britain will be obliged to grant all of America's principal demands, since she dare not make of the United States an opponent, who could cut off a part of England's own importations.

Commentators on the situation in the eastern fighting zone unite in attaching little importance to the reports of Russia's gains in Galicia. They declare that the outcome will be decided further to the north, where the German advance, they assert, is proceeding according to plans.

From the German army headquarters comes a denial of this report that the Belgians captured 2,000 Germans in the fighting around Lombaertzyde. The denial says that the Germans in the week's long battles around Lombaertzyde and Nieuport lost altogether in dead, wounded and missing, only about 1,200 men, of which total only a small number is missing.

Who Owns It.

An alphabetical book was found on Charlotte street last evening and it awaits the owner at the central police station.

FOR SALE—An Oliver Typewriter in first class condition. Apply T, Standard Office.

Promises to be Interesting.

That an effort is being made by the local opposition party in the Parish of Lancaster to introduce party politics at the councillors' election in October next is evident by a meeting which took place in Milford on Sunday last, when pressure was brought on a prominent resident to run. The gentleman in question promised consideration and was assured of the support of the organization of the party whose headquarters are in a certain building in the business section of the city. Perhaps the electors of Lancaster may have something to say?

DIED.

ALLINGHAM—At her residence, 113 Guilford Street, West St. John, on December 30, Mrs. John Allingham, in her fifty-fourth year, leaving her husband, three sons and one daughter to mourn.
Funeral will take place on Saturday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

HENNESSEY—In this city, on the 31st inst., Honorah, widow of David Hennessey, in the 80th year of her age, leaving one daughter and two sons to mourn.
Funeral on Sunday at 2.30, from her late residence, 57 Dorchester street. Friends invited to attend.

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