

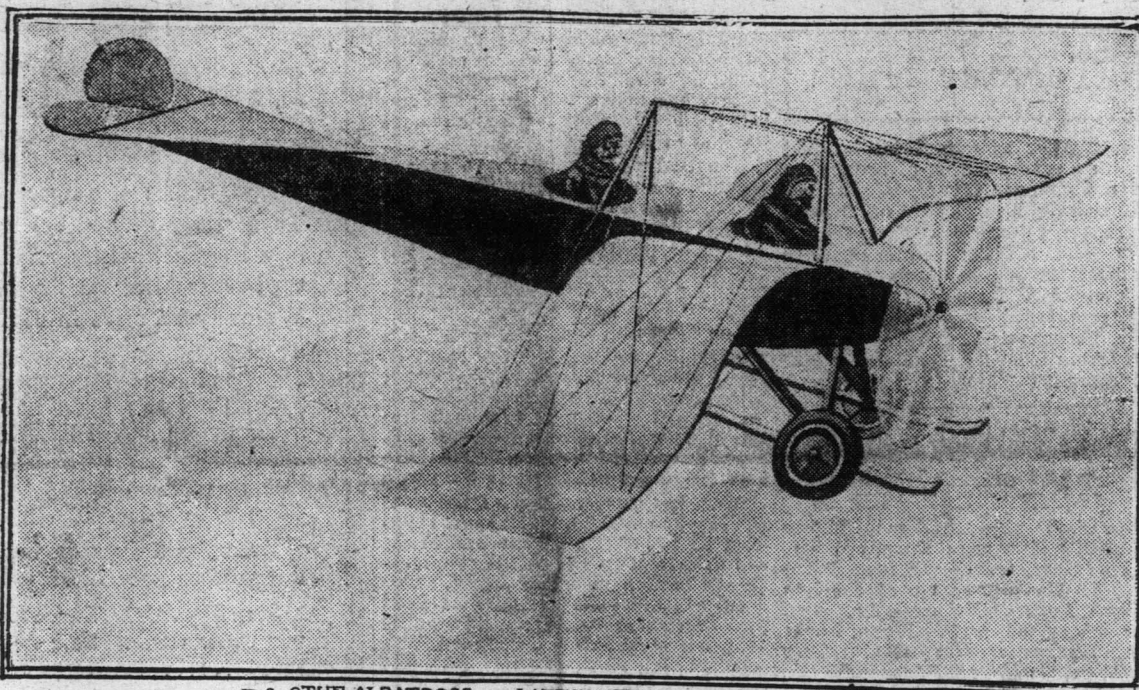
CARDINAL MERCIER, THE PRIMATE OF BELGIUM

Has Arrived in Rome to Visit the Pope — Thinks the War Will Last a Long Time Yet.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Rome, Jan. 15.—Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, arrived in Rome today and was received at the station by the Belgian ministers accredited to the Vatican, by Sir Henry Howard, British minister to the Vatican, Monsiengneur Desampere, papal master of the chamber, and a large number of residents of the Belgian colony. A large crowd of Italians also greeted the cardinal, crying "Viva Mercier, viva Belgium."

vicar-general, Monsiengneur Van Ruy, was healthy, smiling and pleasant in manner. The cardinal intended to remain in Rome for a fortnight, but does not wish to be interviewed or give any communication of any kind to the press, not because he gave an official promise in this regard to the German authorities, but because he considers that he is bound by honor to keep silent. In spite of this he spoke in high praise of the American generosity in helping the destitute Belgians and of the immense debt of gratitude felt by his people toward America, adding: "The Belgians feel very much their humiliating position, but they need to accept charity."

GERMANY HAS NEW AEROPLANE WITH GREAT SPEED



THE ALBATROSS—LATEST GERMAN SCOUTING AEROPLANE. The German government has now in operation a new type of scouting aeroplane. It is known as the Albatross. Experts in aviation declare this new model to be far superior in matter of speed to any other flying machine.

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT MAKES REPLY IN THE BARALONG CASE

By Special Wire to the Courier. Berlin, Jan. 15 (by wireless to Sayville)—The German government has made the following reply in the Baralong case: "The British Government answered the German memorandum in the Baralong case by expressing doubts, on the one hand of the correctness of the facts communicated by the German Government and by making accusation, on the other, against German military and naval forces of having deliberately committed countless crimes against international law and the humanity, which had been unpunished and compared with which the alleged offence of the captain and crew of the Baralong fades into insignificance. The British government has contented itself with mentioning, without any evidence three incidents in connection with naval warfare in which German officers are alleged to have committed atrocities in violation of international law."

"The German Government protests most sharply against the unprecedented and unprovoked accusations of the British Government in regard to the German army and navy and the imputation that the German authorities have not dealt with any such crimes as have come to their attention. The German army and navy in this war observe the principles of international law and humanity and the higher authorities insist that in the event offences are committed they shall be investigated most clearly and punished sternly."

"The three cases mentioned by the British Government were investigated thoroughly at the time by competent German authorities. "First in the case of the sinking of the Fenian Raid of 1865, retiring from the attack of a German destroyer upon a British submarine—occurred in this manner: A fight developed in those waters between two warships, in which the submarine defended itself by gun fire. The British government can have little ground for advancing the charge that Danish neutrality was violated by the German attack in view of the fact that British naval forces in a series of cases attacked German ships in neutral waters."

SOME DISCLOSURES REGARDING VON PAPEN

Was Paymaster in States For Those Engaged in Hun Atrocities—Some of the Cheques Issued by Huns.

London, Jan. 15.—Copies of correspondence seized from Captain Frank Von Papen, recalled German military attaché at Washington, when he reached Falmouth on his way to Germany, have been turned over to the American embassy for transmission to the state department. They show that Captain Von Papen made frequent payments to persons charged with the responsibility of blowing up munitions works and bridges in the United States. One entry shows that Capt. Von Papen gave \$700 to Werner Horn, arrested in connection with blowing up a Canadian Pacific Railway bridge at St. Croix, Me. The day before this cheque was issued the German embassy paid \$2,000 into Capt. Von Papen's account.

Bernstorff, German ambassador at Washington. Most of these were for salaries or bonuses. A number of entries showed payments made by the ambassador to the military attaché for "war intelligence office." One of the payments of this account, made in October, 1914, was for \$2,300. TO SEATTLE CONSUL. Another check stub shows that about two weeks before the explosion in Seattle on May 30, 1915, Capt. Von Papen sent \$500 to the German consulate at Seattle. In February of 1915 he sent \$3,300 to the German consulate in that city. Among the letters taken from Capt. Von Papen there is little interest, with the exception of a letter from the German consul at New Orleans, condoling him on his recall from Washington and criticizing severely the attitude of the American Government. In January, 1915, Capt. Von Papen gave a cheque payable to Amick & Co., New York, but with the name of E. Kupferle in brackets on the stub. This is believed to have reference to the man named Kupferle, who after being arrested in England on a charge of espionage, committed suicide, leaving a written confession in his cell. As an example of the size of the captain's financial operations, his bank book shows that in January of 1915 he received approximately \$6,400 and paid out \$5,000.

MONTENEGRO KING SIGNS AN ARMISTICE

Aged Monarch Wept as He Did So—Some Montenegrins May Still Resist in the Mountains.

The population of Montenegro is about 400,000. Her army numbered not more than 40,000 at the start of the war. Rome, Jan. 15.—Austrian artillery was trained on Cetinje and Austrian gunners were awaiting the signal to lay the Montenegrin capital in ruins, when King Nicholas signed an armistice that virtually eliminates the little mountain country from the war. The aged Montenegrin ruler wept as he agreed to the truce that probably means Montenegro's surrender, according to despatches received here today. He called his military commanders about him first and expressed a willingness to take to the mountains and fight the Austrians invaders to the end. They persuaded him that continuation of the struggle without outside aid meant greater misery to his people than was suffered by the Serbians or Belgians.

time in history Cetinje, the capital of Montenegro, is in the hands of an invading army. Its capture by Austrian troops was announced in an official statement issued in Vienna yesterday. King Nicholas of Montenegro, is in flight to Scutari, Albania. It is expected that a campaign to completely clear Albania of Italian troops and thoroughly subdue the country next will be attempted. A wireless despatch from Rome reiterates the report that an armistice has been agreed upon by Austria and Montenegro. It adds that it was Austria which proposed cessation of hostilities with the purpose of negotiating a separate peace.

KAISER WANTS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATED WITH QUIET THOUGHTS OF PRAYER

Berlin, Jan. 15.—(By wireless to Sayville)—Emperor William has issued a public pronouncement requesting his subjects to observe quietly his coming birthday, January 27, on which date he enters the fifty eighth year of his age, with only quiet thoughts and prayer. Whoever wishes to give special expression to his feelings is urged by the Emperor to do so in the form of gifts in order that wounds inflicted by the war may be healed, and in order that soldiers' families may be better cared for, the Emperor further says: "It is still necessary that the heart

thoughts and strength of the German nation, both in the field and at home, be directed to the one great aim of gaining a decisive victory and winning a peace which as far as the human mind can conjecture, shall permanently safeguard the country against a repetition of hostile attacks."

PRINCE HENRY THE DEATH

Said to Have Been Summoned to the Bedside of the Emperor.

Is Recorded of Mr. J. K. Osborne, a Former Well-known Brantfordite.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Jan. 15.—Prince Henry of Prussia has been summoned to Berlin, according to a Central News despatch from Berne. It is also announced says the despatch, that Emperor William's birthday festivities for January 27, have been cancelled. Prince Henry of Prussia is a brother of the German Emperor and the inference probably intended in the news agency despatch is that he is summoned to Berlin in connection with the illness of Emperor William. What appeared to be an authoritative announcement that the emperor's illness was not serious was contained in a Berlin despatch earlier in the week.

Mr. Osborne had lived in Toronto since 1892 and during that time had occupied many important positions, having been president of the Verity Plow Company and a director of the Imperial North American Life Assurance Company, Western Assurance Company, and the Canadian Landed and National Investment Company. He was also for some years a director of the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation Company. Mr. Osborne was twice married. His first wife was a daughter of the late Mr. J. S. Henry, of Beamsville. There were four sons of this marriage one of whom died in infancy. His eldest son, John Woodburn, graduated from the Royal Military College in 1885, received a commission in the Scottish Rifles, went with his regiment to South Africa, and was killed in action on January 24th, 1900, in the assault on Spion Kop. His second son is Lieut. Col. Henry C. Osborne, who is on the headquarters staff of the second division. The remaining son is Major J. Ewart Osborne, 48th Highlanders, and 15th overseas battalion, who was wounded and taken prisoner at the Battle of St. Julien. In 1888 Mr. Osborne married Miss Isabel Blanche Killmaster, youngest daughter of the late B. Killmaster, of Port Rowan. There are two children of this marriage, one daughter, Isabel

WOMEN'S HOSPITAL AID HELD ANNUAL MEETING

Interesting Reports With Reference to the Work of This Splendid Institution — Mrs. J. E. Waterous Retires as President Amid General Regret.

The annual meeting of the Women's Hospital Aid took place yesterday afternoon in the Free Library building. There was a very large attendance, including county representatives. Mrs. Julius Waterous occupied the chair, and in her annual address, hoped for her successor the same loyal support as had been accorded to herself for so many years.

ROSE DAY. Our Rose Day in June was successful beyond expectation and in both city and county, the response was most generous and once again our thanks are tendered to all who contributed either help or money.

WORK AT HOSPITAL. Our regular work at the Hospital has been carried on systematically and well, as has the collection of membership fees—the latter a work in itself, which, as new districts are opened up is ever increasing. We have been happy to add one more name to our list membership list, Mrs. James Cocksall's Rose Day donation having entitled her to that honor.

BIG FLOOD

Cause Much Damage in Northern Holland.

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Jan. 15.—The damage caused by the flood in Northern Holland is said by Reuters' Amsterdam correspondent to be greater than was believed at first. The great dikes along the Zuider Zee collapsed at several places. Peasants, with their cattle, fled precipitately before the rising waters. Near Muiden, the dike broke at several points before the people realized the danger. The waters of the Zuider Zee rushed through the gaps with such force as to wash away large sections of the road which runs along the dike.

Generous Response in Funds. The only appeal this year for money was made on our annual Hospital day in June, the response being so generous that with membership fees, rummage sale and donations from friends of the W.H.A. including the proceeds of several Afternoon Teas in city and county, there has been ample for our requirements and a better balance remains than that of last year. In this connection we wish to express the appreciation of the W.H.A. to Mrs. Peter Wood, Mrs. Bates, Miss Evelyn Johnson and the young ladies of Mrs. Fry's Bible class for their kindness in furnishing private wards at the Hospital, and to Mrs. Philip Secord for furnishing a guest-room at the Nurses Home. While some of these were not presented through the medium of the W.H.A., all donors with one exception, are among our members, and as such, entitled to a special vote of thanks. In reviewing the work of the past year, the County must be given first place.

TURNED BACK

Members of Ford Party Stopped at German Frontier.

The Hague, via London, Jan. 15.—Telegrams reached the Peace headquarters here from Oldenzaal stating that a number of Danish and Swedish members of the expedition, while en route to their home countries, were stopped at the German frontier, by German authorities, who refused them passage through German territory. The Scandinavians are returning to The Hague.

Next morning, by request we again visited the Council Chambers to submit figures and give other necessary information to the Board of Health. The final result is shown in the equipped County of Brant Ward, of which we are so proud, as of this

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