says that less mileage was built in the Juited States in 1915 than in any year since 1864, and that there was never a year, except 1893, when more mileage went into the hands of receivers. If the United States were at war, Mr. Elliott thinks, the railways would be unable to handle all the men and material necessary for military purposes.

La Press, the leading French journal of Canada, publishes an editorial eulogy of Brigadier-General H. H. McLean, evidently remembering that he stood up for the French-Canadian regiments at Valcartier last year.

The Moneton Transcript charges "scandalous wastefulness and corruption connected with housing troops at mherst," and challenges the Dominion overnment to hold a sworn inquiry. The Transcript's charges are too serious to be ignored by Parliament.

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The British military authorities have

found it necessary to punish a Canadian officer "for parading at Salisbury in a uniform of higher rank and wearing a Victoria Cross without authority." That man is not likely to make much of a name for himself at the front-if he ever gets there.

It has been decided to raise another rack battalion at Ottawa to show the Huns that it is a great mistake to send rooks and murderers to blow up Canaian public buildings and munition plants and murder Canadian men and women. How do the young men of New Brunswick feel about it?

The Zeppelins, says Berlin, destroyed British cruiser and two destroyers.
While the Berlin story is false, the Britsh authorities denying it emphatically, it is good reading for the deluded German people. Some day these people will learn the whole truth, and that will not be a happy day for the Kaiser and his

Those who have seen the marine wharf at St. John will understand the importince of Mr. Carvell's remarks in Parliament regarding it. They will also await with interest further details with respect to the larger and more costly wharf to which Mr. Carvell briefly referred.

Why does the Standard keep on shricking against a parliamentary inother purchases of war supplies? Now that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has formally demanded a free and above board inquiry under oath the Standard becomes hysterical. What have its friends to onceal? Why is an investigation under oath, with witnesses, papers and documents, so dreaded? Why the anxiety to keep the lid on?"

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What will our men at the front—and

their friends and relatives at home—say about the employment of Germans in the soldiers be satisfied with the state-ment that these Germans are naturalized and that Mr. Hazen and others say they sre all right?-after eighteen months of desperate war?

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Coronto Star observes, would not be so trusting. Just why is it considered essary, or prudent, to have Geri aturalized or otherwise, in such posiions? The Ottawa Journal asks these

"Should the Chief Intelligence Officer of the War Department of Canada be a German, with brothers in the German

"Should there be other Germans in the government service here? A number "Is Canada at war with Germany or playing marbles?" \* \* \*

There was nothing in the bald report from the War Office regarding the recent victory of the Anglo-French troops in West Africa to indicate the kind of fighting that has been going on there. A statement just given out by Lieutenant J. H. Howell of H. M. S. Astrea, who was wounded while he was with the British force in the Cameroons, is therefore of special interest. It shows that the Germans in Africa are just as savage and brutal as the Germans in Belgium. Here are Lieutenant Howell's words:

"The Germans had armed the natives for the most part with elephant guns and had supplied them with explosive shells. It was the most brutal kind of warfare. Dum-dum bullets were used by the millions by the Germans and some of the natives used poisoned arrows. The German advance pickets were almost always fortified by trenches or deep holes. It meant sure death to fall into one of these holes, for spikes similar to those used on harrows were on the bottom. Each of these spikes was tipped with a poison. "The Germans had armed the nativ these spikes was tipped with a poison, which meant sudden and sure death to those who were impregnated by it."

## Will the German Fleet Give Battle (Montreal Gazette).

Rumors are again prevalent that the German fleet is preparing to make a dash into the open sea to give battle to the watching British navy: As the watchers are the stronger by a large margin, it would seem unlikely that the bedged-in navy would risk destruction by ventur-ing out just for the glory of the thing. Defeat would endanger German territory also, which is not what the Germans eventually, but when they do it will be with the hope of gaining some definite advantage. Navies cost too much to be thrown needlessly away. thrown needlessly away.

> Local Looting Talent. (Montreal Gazette).

There is real doubt as to whether the fire in the Parliament buildings at Ot-tawa was the work of an enemy agent. The foc has emissaries capable of incen-The foc has emissarics capable of incendiarism, as has been proved on many occasions. He cannot be accused, however, of being responsible for the loating which began before the stones were cool. The wines and cigars and other goods were stolen, and the desks were broken open and rifled of their contents by local tale. and rifled of their contents, by local tal-

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Little Girl is Fatally Burned at Middle Sackville

Sackville, Feb. 18—The six-year-old daughter of Gerald Hebert, Middle Sackville, was fatally burned yesterday afternoon. The child, in attempting to start the kitchen fire, ignited her clothes, which were completely burned off her. She is still living, but her death is expected soon.

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