ers Being Drafted to Version 250,000 Miles of Railways Into One Great Continental System for Winning War.

Washington, Dec. 29.—As the first racilcal step in the government's op-ration of rationals throughout the

drafted the Railroad War Board to the government service to work ut plans for unified operation and upmit them to him for approval.

The following five railroad execu-ives, each a leader in the business of ransportation. will work out the transportation, will work out the plans for welding 250,000 miles of railroad into one great continental system for winning the war: Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway; Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the board of the Southern Padific; Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania system; Hale Holden, president of the Burlington; Howard Elliott of the New Haven.

There appeared some doubt as to whether the railroad executives dedied to continue the Railroad War Board. Fairfax Harrison, chairman, and it was purely a voluntary organization coaling the roads \$800,-100 a year to maintain.

t would be the practi-

Boston, Dec. 29.—Small dealers have been squeezed out of competition by the powerful grasn of the big packers of the United States upon the meat, rendering soap and fertilizer industries of the country accordant the remainder "bully beef"; thirds.

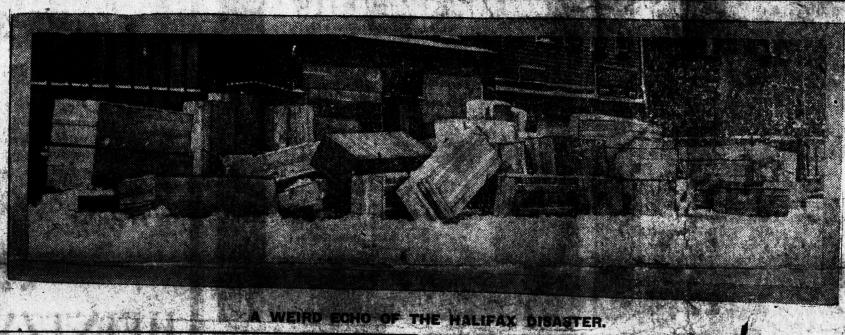
which were trust-controlled, maintained a fund to pay bonuses for the trade of retailers at points where in-dependent rendering companies tried

to compete. Not only the rendering business. but also the corner store trade in meats was sought, by the packers, witnesses said. Large markers, they said, were established in strategic positions in various large cities where packers named the price at which meats could be sold at retail. These prices were said to be below those at which the small retailer could sell. As a result. it was said, the neighborhood butchers were closing up their shops in ever increasing numbers because customers were drawn to the

larger stores Many of the witnesses gave their version of being driven out of business by what they termed "the trust" or of getting into the combine in order to live. Two of the witnesses en-livened the session by voicing their defiance to the sackers.

At a special meeting of the Ladyamith School Board Friday evening, McCullough and carrying six studin Palestine repulsed a Turkish atin camp over just what the order held in this church today, the Rev.

Mr. E. A. Waugh, of Victoria, was ent aviators, which left here at midtack north and northwest of Jerumeans. Officers who were expecting J. K. Unsworth will preach both morn appointed to the position of assistant night on Thursday is missing. An salem and made an advance of about a furlough to spend New Year's Day ing and evening. in the High School, recently made va- other balloon which left at the same two miles and a half on a front of in Paris were merely told that leave. At the evening service one of the eant by the resignation of Mr. Drae- time, commanded by Capt. Cole, and der, who has joined the teaching also carrying six students, landed 80 flank, according to a report from place being substituted for Paris.



48 WELL FED

"Somewhere in France" to his moth, er Mrs. F. S. Martin, Northfield, a lengthy letter descriptive of the conditions surrounding the soldier in France. He writes:

My Dear Mother,—The first thing is said to have instead Marking as it does, the most appropriate and impressive Christmas and Esster music, it has been a standard work for choral societies the world over for years. Great and many have been the influences of "The Messiah," the hearing of which is to tell you, is that we do not have write his famous oratorio

happen that it is a month between baths. but thank goodness we are not always attacking.

Rations are good, in fact I don't now how they do it. I'd bet all the dollars I ever had that we are the best fed army in the world, bar none. You can work this out for yourself. Rations for sixty men in our section one two pound loaf to three men with biscuits, ten pounds of butter every other day, twelve pounds of jam every day, ten to fifteen pounds of cheese every day, one pound of meat per man, twenty-five to fifty fresh and the country according to testimony given by witnesses before the Federal Trade Commissioner here.

Witnesses invaged in the rendering business asserted that the packers stifled competition for the sale of waste producia by bidding up prices beyond the reach of the independent dealers, by resorting to the scheme of giving short weight for refuse, by giving bonuses to refailers to hreak.

Dayton, Ohio, in the planning and construction of aircraft for the Unitivy pounds potatoes and the same of another feeling to the same of another day, when feesh of the mage of the company. Wallace & Whittaker the traffic manager of the company identified the correspondence file, to see the unitive of the traffic manager of the company. Returning Officer Peto and the secret minutes of the acroplane company's strate, board outlining war outside day yesterday opening all ballot boxes in connection with the recent election in this riding and compiling the traffic manager of the company.

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> row From your loving son, FRANK.

London, Dec. 29.-Three British orpedo boat destroyers, were sunk through being struck by torpedoes or hitting mines off the Dutch coast on the night of December 22, with the loss of thirteen officers and 180 men, the Admiralty announced to-

AN AMERICAN ARMY BALLOON MISSING

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 29.-An army balloon commanded by Capt.

HANDELS" MESSIAH" WHITE BUSSIA

public Has beauty is Pro-at Minsk—Trotage is Pro-

yesterday of charges of failure to re-port for the selective draft and vio-

lation of the Espionage Act against Paul H. Billhuber, until recently an

aero engineer employed by the Day-

ton Wright Aeroplane Company, of

Government agents have been care

fully investigating Billhuber's move-

with special attention to his connec-

Commander of American Forces in

and cancelling the future leaves at

There was considerable speculation

ready granted.

FURLOUGHS-TO

Soldier Writes Home Tell- Handel's greatest oratoria, "The Legislative Body for B ing of Conditions Under Which the Messiah" will be rendered by a com-British Are Called Upon to Fight, bined choir in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, commencing at 8:30. Private F. S. Hansen writes from Furnishing, as it does, the most ap-My Dear Mother,—The first thing is said to have inspired Haydn

Wagstaff, J. B. Hodgins, Heintzman & Co., A. J. Smith, Union Brewing Co., J. S. Knarston, Vancouver Milling Co., D. Spencer, C. Piper, J. Wallace, Model Furniture Co., P. Burns. W. W. Gray, Malpass & Wilson, J.H. Mainess, Toon Woo, Frank Beban, T. H. Weeks, W. Hoggan, Quennell, C. Manifold, A. Wilkinson, H. Lung.

The figures for Ladysmith are: ments during the last three years,

McIntosh, 320; Stewart, 93; Taylor. 206. Rejected or spoiled, 2.

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McIntosh, 7.062: Stewart TER—The final official figures tion with other aeroplane concerns McIntosh, 7.062; Stewart, 1, He claims American citizenship. .854; Taylor, 1,287. Spoiled or rejected, 99. Total votes cast 10,302.

MRS. SMITH A CANDIDATE Vancouver, Dec. 29 .- Mrs. Smith. idow of the Hon. Ralph Smith, forner Minister of Finance in the Brewster government, today announced herself as an independent candidate for the Legislature in the Vancouver bye-election, made necessary by her husband's death

London, Dec. 29.—British troops

30, 1917.

San Salvador, Republic of Salva-or, Dec. 29.—Meagre advices telling mage done by the earth-

Chicago, Dec. 29.—At a hearing esterday of charges of failure to re-

Dayton, Ohio, in the planning and London, Dec. 29.- A zeppelin and a seaplane accompanying it, have been wrecked in the North Sea, ac-

Music at Wallace St. Church.
The inusical service of the Wallace
Street Choir on Sunday evening willinclude the following:

Anthem, "I Will set His Dominfon" (Parker). Solo, "Recessional" (Kipling), Music by De Koven. Mrs. L. Jones. Double Quartette, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," (Sullivan). Anthem, "Save Us O Lord" (Bair-

Grand Choeur, (Guilmant) Organ. A grand dance in aid of the Halifax Relief Fund will be held in Young's Hall Thursday, Jan. 3rd, from 9 p.m., to 2 a.m. Hughes or-

chestra. Tickets \$1.00, lady included. Refreshments served. Significant Order Has Been Issued by SOUTH WELLINGTON DRAWING The winning numbers in the South Wellington Band Prize Drawing in or der of merit, are as follows: 673, 150 With the American Army in 109, \$105, 6, 970, 824, 803, 63, 227 France, Dec. 28, via London, Dec. 29, 122, 412, 459, 169, 24, 474, 4, 953, —Gen. Pershing, the American commander in France, today issued an order-suspending further Paris leaves of the commander of the common order-suspending further Paris leaves of the common order and many common order and common

of absence for both officers and men feited. ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

nine miles along the Turkish right was cancelled without any other soloists engaged in the performance of "The Messiah" will be soloist.
"The Messiah" will be rendered at staff of the Cumberland school. Mr. miles from Fort McIntosh late yester-day afternoon. The Messiah will be soloist.

Waugh taught school formerly in the Northwestern Provinces, and comes officials believe, have have been forelighly recommended to Ladysmith.

In Messiah will be soloist.

General Allenby, commander of the British army in the Holy Land, made public by the War Office here last night.

The usual New Year's goose and 8:30 p.m.. and a collection will be fightly recommended to Ladysmith. erset Hotel on New Year's Day. 2 lief Fund.

Pte. Donald Clarke Has Had Three Italians Struck at the Austro-Years' Experience Overseas-Expects to Meet His Brother Charlie.

Mrs. Ida Clarke is in receipt of a ong letter from her son Donald who as previously reported in the Herald, was badly gassed in a recent Canadian attack. He is now recovering in a hospital at Epsom, and as his let-ter will show, writes in cheery spir zone have reduced military activity

its. He says:

Dear Mother Your letter, containing twenty-five frances has just reached me. I can easily get the france changed into English money. I hope that before this you have regetting on splendidly and hope to be out and have my sick leave by Xmas and well as ever. You must have forgotten to put in all your letter as I only got four lines, but they did me more good than any medicine could. I was feeling a little blue when your letter arrived, but now I am feeling quite happy. It is absolutely the first letter I have had Jusands of Persons Rendered from you for over six months, nearly Friday night in which the city of Padua, rich in art and treasures, was good to be in England after being attacked. None of the city's noted out there. The weather is splendid, so I can scarce be but happy. I only wish Charlie was here. He deserves to be. Still he expects his leave any day. I think I will go to Scotland on

my pass, right to Glasgow. I have always wanted to see Scotland. We can go any piace in England, Ireland or Scotland, free ticket. Yesterday I voted for the Union Government as did all the boys. The only way to

At this evening's service at St. And late John Weiler, lour ew's Presbyterian Church. Mrs. known furniture hose drew's Presbyterian Church, H. Roberts will sing Beyond H. Roberts will sing "Beyond the The death occurred at the residence Dawn" (Sanderson), and Mr. John of Charles Weller, 922 Blanchard S Graham will sing "Glory to Thee My, God This Night" (Gounod).

Regular meeting of Light Infantry had been daily expecting the end. Chapter. I. O. D. E., will be held in Richard's Hall, Wednesday afternoon 2.30, Jan. 2nd.

BIJOU THEATRE

cording to a dispatch from Copenhagen, duoting advices received there and New Year's Day, Stuart Holmes, of the making of the British Empire, from West Jutland. The zeppelin is the best of screen villains in a come-including scenes in England, India, said to have fallen in flames into the success. "The Broadway Sport," in and Egypt. Owing to the comments

With this will be screened one of ly, but we know that you will ap those acreaming funny Fox two-reel clate our efforts to get the best for comedities entitled "Film Snoilers." you.

German Line Near Monte Tomba and Berlin Reports the Attack Falled-Enemy Airmen Busy.

London, Dec. 29.—Cold weather on the battle front. The Italia ceived some of my letters, in which took the initiative, delivering a blow I told you I was in England. I am at the Austro-German line near Mont Tomba, on the mountain front just west of the Piave. The German War Office reports this engagement, declaring that the Italian attack was

broken up by defensive fire. The principal aerial activity is also reported from the Italian front, Aus trian airmen recently beaten off from Trevise, with a loss of eleven seroplanes, carried out a bombing raid monuments were harmed, but eight bombs dropped in the most densely populated part of the town, and killed 13 persons and injured 60 others. Bombs dropped on Treviso and two other towns closer to the fighting lines than Padua, which is some 35 miles from the front, caused no damage or casualties.

Mrs. Weiler was ninety-one years and ten months of age, and the members of the family still residing in Victoria DOMINION THEATRE

"The Life of Lord Kitchener" which is offered at the Dominion for tomorrow and New Year's Day, represents the culmination of motion pie which he has made a tremendous hit rental charged by the owners, we are compelled to raise our prices slight-

VICTORY BE LOAN



Payments due on January the 2nd may be made at any time to and including January the 11th. Scrip Certificates will be delivered in exchange for payments then due. Payments due January the 2nd must be made at the Bank branch mentioned in the application.

The extension of time to January the 11th is given for the convenience of subscribers and Banks so that subscribers will not be unduly detained waiting their turn at a Receiving Teller's wicket, as would most likely be the case if all payments had to be made on one day only. Subscribers should not wait until January the 11th, or a day or so before, and thus create the situation sought to be avoided. In every case, interest at the rate of five and one half per cent per annum from January the 2nd must be paid if payment is not made on or before the 11th.

For the convenience of substributs, by arrangement of the Canadian Bankers' Association, Banks will remain open on the evenings of Thursday and Friday, January 3rd and 4th, and on the afternoon of Saturday, January the 5th. Evening hours 7.30 to 9.30. Saturday afternoon from 2 until 6 o'clock.

It has been brought to the attention of the Finance Department that a considerable number of subscribers, who have deposits with Banks, are under the impression that their Banks will take care of their January payments by automatically debiting their accounts with the necessary payments. This is incorrect. Each and every subscriber must personally arrange for these payments. T. C. BOVILLE.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, Ottawa, Dec. 24th, 1917,

Deputy Minister of Finance