this is a total loss it will be severe

Fall Wheat Hit Hard.

Traffic Interfered With.

F. S. Livingstone, traffic manager, re-

**ORANGEVILLE BOYS** 

**COULD NOT EXPLAIN** 

Bicycles on Reaching

WILL BE SENT HOME

Devised Means of Making

Journey.

Roy Stinson and Guy Martin, two

constable of that town today.

Lacrosse Rowdy Fined.

The aftermath of the riot on Satur-

of the row, was fined \$5 and costs.

Penitentiary Sentence.

patriotic intercession at 11. At this

"The Dead March in Saul" in memory

of the soldiers who have fallen.

tiary for two years.

MILITARY TATTOO IN PARK

POSTPONED UNTIL MONDAY

Event Impossible, But Anniversary of Declaration

of War Will Be Observed in Churches.

some days before they are dry enough be hely communion at 7 this morning.

This decision was reached by the service Rev. Canon Plumptre will

officials, city, military and otherwise, preach. The anthem will be Kipafter a conference last night. In- ling's Recessional. Dr. Ham will play

Toronto.

ported the cars running on schedule



West.

WASHED RAGS LAN 760

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results.

No. 25 EU 26th

# RECRUITING KEPT BACK BY THE RAIN

Sergeants Did Not Have So Profitable a Day During Storm.

## STARTED FOR NIAGARA

Men of Body Guards Did Not Force Advance Against Waves.

Recruiting was somewhat retarded yesterday on account of the wet weather, but all the stations reported a fair amount of enlistments.

During the absence of Col. Stewart. who leaves for Niagara Monday with the 84th Battalion, of which he is in command, Major Dinnick will be in command of the 109th and Major Horsfall will be second in command. Fifteen officers from the 109th leave for Niagara today to take the officers' infantry course.

Lieut. Warren of the 12th York Rangers will leave with 11 brother of-ficers for Niagara to take the officers'

nfantry course.
The 160 men from the Body Guards who were to have gone to Niagara yesterday, marched to the wharf, but they were compelled to return, as the storm on the lake prevented any boats

from crossing. Col. Stewart was asked to send eight lieutenants, eight sergeants, eight corporals and two buglers and 283 men to Niagara immediately to proceed for overseas service. Col. Stewart was unable to do so, he stated

ast night.
Short tan leather leggings were neted out to the men of the 109th Regiment last night. This is the first regiment in Toronto to get this equip-

It has not been officially reported that there is to be a fourth University Company, but the men who have been recruiting for the third company are receiving sufficient applications for the formation of a fourth company being Anyone desiring to enlist with such

a company is asked to leave his name at the chemistry and mining building of the university.

When Lance-Corp. John R. Cartwright, son of the late J. S. Cartwright, K.C., of Toronto, returns to

# OF ATTACK ON TRENCH

Constantinople War Office Also Asserts Minor Repulse of Russians in Caucasus.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Aug. 3, 6.45 p.m.—The Turkish war department today gave out the following official "An attempt made by the enemy to

capture our trench near Avi Burni on July 31 was repulsed with heavy "In the Caucasus on July 30 our right wing drove the enemy from his fortified and well organized position in the neighborhood of Tastak, on the frontier. We made 100 prisoners and took a quantity of rifles and ammu-nition and equipment."

# **ASKS ACCEPTANCE** OF BLOCKADE FIAT

Morning Post Urges U.S. to Tolerate Orders in Council.

## **DUTY OWED TO ALLIES**

Not to Weigh Humanity Against Money, Americans

LONDON, Aug. 4.—In an article addressed to America, The Morning Post \*We have been compelled as an inci

We have been compelled as an incident of war, in that struggle for national existence which we are now waging, to interfere with the commerce of America, in common with that of all neutrals, so as to prevent our enemy from obtaining from neutrals those articles necessary to the prosecution of the war.

"This duty has been peculiarly imposed on England because of her predominant naval strength. We should have betrayed our allies, we should have been guilty of treachery to them had we not exerted our full power against Germany. In performing our duty, we brought certain performing our duty, we brought certain financial losses to America and it is only natural that Americans should feel irri-

that Americans should feel irritated, that they at times even question the justice of our actions.

Asks Justice by U. S.

Tet, we must ask them not to look at the matter entirely thru their own eyes, even from the standpoint of their own material interests, but tolerantly, senerously institute our understand our new treatment of their own material interests. generously, justly, to understand our po

The Post refers to the blockade against the south during the American civil war, which brought disaster to the English cotton industry, and the fallure of England to declare cotton contraband in the present war, which the writer terms a "mistaken kindness" out of consideration of the U. S. and its people. "Surely the U. S. will not add to our burdens," continues the article, "or weigh humanity against money; nor have we that fear. Americans have given too that fear. Americans have given too repeatedly made sacrifices to sustain their principles, that they will not, we are sure, in this great crisis allow materials." The Post refers to the blockade agains ir principles, that they will not, we sure, in this great crisis allow ma terial considerations of passing magnitude to individuals, but no more than a grain of sand in the scale of civilization, to imperil the world's future."

# REJECTED HORSE SENT TO VALCARTIER CAMP

mission at Moncton, N.B., Sitting.

MONCTON, N.B., Aug. 3.—The David MONCTON, N.B., Aug. 3.—The Davidson war contracts commission, which arrived from Charlottetown, P.E.I., this afternoon, probed the horse purchases made by Major Anderson for the 19th Battery. Evidence submitted showed that one horse was allowed to go to Valcartier which Dr. Doyle, the veterinary, had refused to pass on account of its height, and that Major Anderson paid J. McD. Cooke for it with a cheque that was at first refused by the department at Ottawa because it was not counterwas at first refused by the department at Ottawa because it was not countersigned by the veterinary, and five months afterwards was paid on order from Halifax. This cheque is missing, and efforts will be made to trace it.

In contrast to the good deals Prince Edward Island horse sellers put thru, three local men sold their horses at less than the animals cost them, while another thought his profit too small.

Records showed that 196 horses were shipped from Moncton to Valcartier by Major Anderson.

## **COTTON CAMPAIGN WAGED WITH VIGOR**

British Newspapers Want I Made Absolute Contraband of War.

## MAKES AMMUNITION

American Doctrine in Civil War Cited as Argument.

LONDON, Aug. 3.—Day after day the newspapers tell the story of the "cotton scandal." Cotton, the people are informed, means shells. More than half of every propelling explosive, whether for rifle bullet or gun shell, is just cotton chemically treated. Germany and Austria are said to be firing 5000 bales of cotton a day. They are getting these bales thru neutral ports, as Great Britain has not declared cotton contraband of war.

wright, son of the late J. S. Cartwright, K.C., of Toronto, returns to the front from England, he will go as a commissioned officer. Cartwright was in action at St. Julien. He is a law student and an Upper Canada College old boy.

The 75th Battalion left for Niagara yesterday morning, under command of Lt.-Col. S. G. Becker. They were about the college of the colle

To convert cotton into an explosive it is dipped in nitric acid, washed and dried. The resultant is gun cotton. The British powder, cordite, is two-thirds gun cotton. The German and Austrian powders are much the same. Without cotton the German guns would be silenced.

Consumption Prodigious. The consumption of gun cotton in the The consumption of gun cotton in the present war is prodigious. A bale of cotton weighing 400 pounds is needed to make the powder for one shot from one of the Queen Elizabeth's guns, or from one of the German 17-inch howitzers. The lowest calculation places the quantity of cotton daily fired by Germany and Austria at 300 tons; the highest at symathing over 1000 tons.

Something over 1000 tons.

Every ounce that Germany fires away in killing or maining the troops of the allies has to reach her by sea. In October the announcement was made by the British authorities that there was no interest. British authorities that there was no in-tention of putting cotton on the list of contraband. On Feb. 5 Sir Edward Grey stated that the proportion of cotton im-ports used in the manufacture of ex-plosives was very small, and the require-ments could be supplied from stocks of goods in Germany at the outbreak of the

war.

"The advantage of treating cotton as contraband of war is consequently not apparent," he explained.

By March 11, however, under the order-in-council instituting the blockade of the German ports cotton became "conditional contraband." On April 27 the net was drawn a little tighter and by an order prohibiting the re-exportation of cotton from Great Britain to European ports, with certain

exceptions.

By June 10 the government confessed that evidence made it plain that cotton By June 10 the government confessed that evidence made it plain that cotton going to neutral countries was leaking thru to Germany.

In the house of lords Lord Crewe insisted that the strangle hold of the British navy upon Germany's trade was as effective as it could possibly be in preventing cotton from reaching Germany. At the same time he gave the assurance that the government would keep an open mind on the whole question in case military considerations were held to be paramount in dictating stronger measures.

Lord Robert Cecil admitted that the problem was of enormous importance, raising very difficult international questions. It was not only Great Britain and Germany which have to be considered, he said, but also the great producing countries like America and neutral consuming countries like Sweden, Norway and Denmark.

Case for Contraband.

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Case for Contraband.

The case for those who are convinced that it is imperative that cotton should be declared contraband may be summed up as follows:

(1) The government has utterly failed to appreciate the importance of cotton on the assumption that Germany could utilize substitutes like wood puip.

(2) The government has assumed that because nitric acid was essential for the manufacture of gun cotton and because the trade in nitrates between Chile and Germany was being stopped that the manufacture of gun cotton was thus automatically stopped.

(3) The government lamentably failed to appreciate the fact that Germany can make nitric acid from the air. This is being done in enemy countries today. It is a recognized technical operation.

(4) The government assumed that Germany had ample supplies of raw cotton; and anyhow that she was not using much of it.

(5) Finally, the government's policy

much of it.

(5) Finally, the government's policy has been largely influenced by Sir Edward Grey's announcement in October last that cotton would not be made contraband. raband.

By declaring cotton contraband the British Government, it is argued, is only following America's doctrine. Mr. Bryan's declaration stands on record; "The United States itself in the civif war placed all ingredients from which ammunition the manufactured on its contraband list." is manufactured on its contraband list."
Why then, it will be asked, does not the government instantly proclaim cotton contraband? That is a secret known

## only to the respective governments of Great Britain and presumably the Unit-ed States. INDIAN'S FALL FATAL

SARNIA, Aug. 3.—Philip Oliver, an Indian employed at the Imperial Oil Company, fell from a plank this morning, a distance of forty feet, cement floor, crushing his skull.

# CROPS OF YORK COUNTY SUFFER SEVERE DAMAGE

Story Told War Contracts Com- Fall Wheat Which Has in Many Sections Been Flattened by Storm Will Be Particularly Heavy Loss.

this.

Yesterday's storm of wind and tor- much of it, however, is in a damaged ential rain, which swept over the city condition. and county with irresistible force, left that the alsike crop, one of the most important, is lying exposed with little Out in the county, where the full force hope of saving, as the repeated storms of the blow was more keenly felt, the prior to yesterday's deluge, had greatof the blow was more keenly felt, the oldest inhabitant was free to confess that, |considering the season of the ly year and the damage inflicted, the storm was the most serious in its nature experienced in the last twenty-five

years. While a great deal of damage has been done in a general way to the highways and bridges thruout the nignways and bridges thruout the county, the rivers and streams being greatly swollen by yesterday's sweeping storm, the damage to the fields of wheat, oats and barley is believed to be almost incalculable. Practically all the Ontario fall wheat crop is cut and transfer in the stock available. standing in the stock awaiting favor-able weather for drying before being garnered into the barn. The great bulk of it has been cut for a fortnight and less than ten per cent. of it

Stooks Thrown Down.

roller. The corn crop, from four to six feet high, has shared the same fate, being leveled to the ground. Hundreds of acres of hay are still

uncut in some of the midland counties awaiting dry weather. This will be awaiting dry weather. This will be time. Several minor washouts oc-practically ruined, but the damage to curred in different parts of the county, the hay crop is small by comparison the hay crop is small by comparison but no serious accidents due to as 90 per cent of it has been secured, storm were reported.

WERE NOT SCARCE

red on Gerrard Street at

Carlaw Avenue.

ANOTHER ON LANGELY

Cellars Being Dampened

So great was the volume of water run-

ning down Carlaw avenue and west and

east on Gerrard street to where Carlaw

butts into Gerrard, that a veritable pool

accumulated during the heaviest part of

At one time the water overflowed the

curb and ran up to the sidewalks. The civic yard at this point, on the south side

of Gerrard street, was completely flooded

Street cars were stopped some little

distance from the regular stopping place

in order that passengers might escape

the water. A roadmaster of 'the company was in charge. A great deal of

surface sand was washed down; besides

cinders and other material. Cellars in

the locality were flooded, but not to any

the locality were flooded, but not to any great extent.

On Langley avenue, in the hollow between Logan and Carlaw avenues, the water stayed for a considerable period, finally draining away in the sewers. Several cave-ins occurred in this locality and men in the employ of the city were kept busy hanging lanterns to warn the nedestrians.

edestrians.
A report was circulated that a number

of passengers going west on king street were marooned in the King street sub-way. It was stated that they were

way. It was stated that they were obliged to stand upon the seats in order to avoid getting wet and that they stayed there quite a while. However, it was impossible to get any details last night as the railway company refused to be interested.

to permit of the event.

spection of the park revealed the fact

that it was more of a pond at present

than anything else. "Water, water

The splendid program that was ar-

entirety Monday evening, commenc-

ing at 7.30. The program is given in

Service in Churches.

This does not interfere in any way,

nowever, with the church services.

The first anniversary of the declara- by the

tion of war will be observed as plan- service.

everywhere," was the report.

detail in another column.

and the office suffered as well.

yesterday's storm.

in Locality.

**POOLS OF WATER** 

# PATRIOTIC FUND **EXCEEDS MILLION**

Highly Gratifying Statement Presented at Meeting Held Yesterday.

## APPEALS INCREASING

More Than Three Hundred Thousand Dollars Paid reduced its value for seed purposes.

The regular monthly meeting of the council of the Toronto and York County Patriotic Fund Association was held at 26 East King street yesterday afternoon. The big concern is felt with respect to the fall wheat, the downpour coming at a time when the whole crop was ready for garnering, and the great length of straw rendering the work of curing it doubly difficult. A telephone message from Dr. Dales of Stouffville last night stated that all cver the district surrounding where the crop was exceptionally heavy and the area large the outlook was most discouraging. The storm there was unusually severe, battering everything into the ground, and the work of saving the standing grain has been rengal and the standing standard and seconded by Hume Blake, and upon motion was adopted. into the ground, and the work of sav-ing the standing grain has been ren-dered doubly difficult. Reports from other parts of the county corroborate

seconded by Hume Blake, and upon motion was adopted.

Passed Resolution.

The following resolution, moved by Sir William Mulock, seconded by Lieut.-Col. A. E. Gooderham, was unanimously pass.

Stocks Thrown Down.
Yesterday's storm, from reports obtained from points all over the county and beyond, show that the stocks have been thrown down by the force of the wind, leaving them exposed to the downpour. Fears are expressed that sprouting may follow, and the greatest anxiety is felt among the farming community as to the outcome. Practically all the oats, barley and spring wheat, thousands of acres of it, and one of the heaviest crops ever grown, are beaten into the ground by the force of the wind and rain as completely as the passed over by a heavy roller. The corn crop, from four to six feet high, has shared the same fate, Traffic conditions on the suburban lines running out into the county were prompt action obvieted any long de-lays to traffic. At 6 o'clock last night

Financial Statement. nterest on revenue account. Bank overdraft

.\$1,010,360 4 Balance due on subscriptions. Amount still to credit of To-ronto branch with Canadian Patriotic Fund, Ottawa... Office furniture and fixtures.

neral expenses to date.

Considerable Flooding Occur- Charged With Theft of Two

Appeals For Meller.

The report of the relief committee gave, among others, the following facts:

The work of the relief committee has the increased on account of the great

number of enlistments during the past couple of weeks.

During the last week of July no less than 2455 persons, including men, women and children, called at the offices of the association at 59 Yonge street.

The words, "British Expeditionary Force," should be added it a man is known definitely to be in France or Flanders, and "Mediterranean Expeditionary Force," if he is known to be at the Dardanelles. Not Uncommon to Hear of Roy Stinson and Guy Martin and children, called at the offices of the association at 59 Yonge street.

During the month 2979 cheques were issued to dependents on the fund.

The total amount paid for relief, including transportation to England, hospital maintenance, nurses, housekeepers and funeral expenses, was \$49,753.90, or an increase of \$6000 over the previous month. Orangeville youths, desired to pay a visit to Toronto, and not having the

wherewithal, purloined two bicycles, so the police state, which belonged to month. Increase of Dependents. so the police state, which belonged to Fred Dougherty, and used them as a means of transportation.

When they reached the city they came under the suspicious eye of Detective J. McConnell, and not being able to give a satisfactory explanation of how they came to possess the machines, were placed under arrest.

Increase of Dependents.

The following table will show the steady increase of dependents being cared for by the fund, and how the disbursements for relief are steadily growing, which would indicate that in the not very distant future it will be necessary to hold another campaign for raising funds for this worthly cause:

machines, were placed under arrest.

The general store of Dougherty was broken into some time ago and the police believe they can connect the two boys with the crime. They will be November.

Number of Total Month. Families, Am't Paid. September 900 \$21,567 40 22,823 47 boys with the crime They will be November ......taken back to Orangeville by the chief December ...... The aftermath of the riot on Saturday afternoon at the lacrosse game between the Maitlands and the Riverdales at Cettinghem Street Park was

#### dales at Cottingham Street Park was witnessed yesterday in the police court, when W. J. Simpson was fined \$20 and costs for disorderly conduct. .\$323,080 90 Simpson bared his breast to show marks alleged to have been made by the constables, but P. C. Croft said that when Simpson was taken to the FOR WOUNDED SOLDIER station there wasn't a scratch on him. William Brown, who, it was alleged, kicked a constable's horse in the midst

For the theft of two coats Joseph H. Sergt. Wolstonholme Will Find Nice House Ready for Him When He Returns.

Work is being proceeded with on the home on Robina avenue, Oakwood, for Sergt. Wolstonholme, who was wounded in action and is now convalseding in the south of England.

Secretary Edward Vincent reports hat a sum amounting to about \$250 has been subscribed and a similar amount in building material has been Heavy Rain Has Flooded Riverdale Grounds, Making given by the local merchants, and a number of voluntary workers are en gaged in the erection of the building, which is now nearing the roof. "It is thought by some," said Mr. Vincent, "that the gift of a home to the wounded man will form a precedent for others who may be dis There will not be a military tattoo ned by services in most of the in the war, but there may be no others from this district and there may in Riverdale Park tonight. It has churches in Toronto. Today is a day be several, but each case will be lookbeen postponed until Monday. Yesbeen postponed until Monday. Yesterday's heavy downpour simply
terday's heavy downpour s flooded the grounds, and it will be At St. James' Cathedral there will

STEAMER ARRIVALS.

### Hesperian ... Liverpool ... Montreal Cymric ... Liverpool ... New York La Touraine ... Bordeaux ... New York LITTLE DAMAGE AT FALLS. NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Aug. 3.-

Services will begin at 8 o'clock a A heavy wind and rainstorm swept the Niagara frontier today and to-St. Alban's Cathedral. Holy communion will be observed at 10, and an address will be given by the Lord Eishop of Toronto. Prayer and intercession will continue from 10.30 the Nagara frontier today and to-night. Little damage was done in the locality. A few telephone and telegraphs wires are down, but crops suffered little damage. The storm spent its fury along the northern shore of Lake Ortania and the content of the conten ranged, however, will be given in its an address will be given by the Lord this morning until 6 o'clock this even-ing. At 8 tonight Rev. Canon Mac-nab will preach. War hymns and nab will preach. War hymns and patriotic music will be sung. The being compelled to stay at the Falls, hymn "One Year of War," composed Lewiston or Niagara tonight, because bishop, will be sung at this no steamers were in operation after this morning.

## **CANADIAN CASUALTIES**

Midnight List

Second Battalion.

Wounded—Harry Dennis, England;
John Ford, Scotland (July 16).

Fifth Battalion.

Previously reported wounded, now officially reported prisoner—George B. Lois (formerly 11th). Truro, N.S.

Seventh Battalion.

Missing since April 24—Fred Macdonald, Scotland.

Prisoner at Oberhausen—John Cairn-

ald, Scotland.
Prisoner at Oberhausen—John Cairn
duff, Scotland.
Eighth Battailon.
Wounded—Alex. B. Robertson, Scot

Tenth Battalion.

Wounded, dangerously—George Alfred Goodwin, British West Indies.

Thirteenth Battalian.

Previously missing, now reported prisoner—Arthur Fleury. Westmount. Fifteenth Battalion.

Fifteenth Battalion.

Prisoner—Alfred Lacey, 65 Ravensden avenue, Toronto; Robert Coats, Campbell's Cross, Ont.; John Sharpe, 72 Henry street, Toronto; Sergt. Ernest Albert Pay, Fairbank, Ont.; Horace V. Sinclair, 97 McGill street, Toronto.

Royal Canadian Dragoons.

Died—Fred Charles Vockins. England.

Lord Strathcona's Horse.

Wounded—Norman C. Roberts, Portage la Prairie, Man.

Prairie, Man.
No. 3 Canadian Field Ambulance.

## **HOW TO ADDRESS SOLDIERS' LETTERS**

Red Cross Outlines Correct Method to Prevent Them Going Astray.

# ERRORS ARE FREQUENT

Close Attention to Instructions Will Insure Delivery at Front.

The information department of the Canadian Red Cross in London has had its work greatly hampered owing to errors in addressing letters to Canadian soldiers. Lady Drummond, who is in charge of the information department, has sent the Red Cross headquarters in Toronto a letter urging particular attention to this matter. The correct mode of addressing letters is to give first the regimenta number, the soldier's rank and name, the number of his battalion and the number of the Canadian division to which he i attached. The following, for instance, i

a sample of the correct official mode o

Private J. D. Smith,
1st Battalion, Canadians,
1st Canadian Division.

To Prisoners.

In addressing letters to sick or wounded Canadians, after the individual's number, rank, name and number of his battalion, the words "C-O mformation Dept., Canadian Red Cross, 14 Cockspur St., London, S.W., England," should be added, or else, "P. O. Dept., Canadian Record Office, Westminster House, London, S.W., England."

It should be noticed that letters should

It should be noticed that letters should be sent in care of the Red Cross or the Canadian Record Office, only when the soldier is sick, wounded or a prisoner. When he is serving actively, letters to him should be addressed in the way indicated above.

(1)—Men serving with Canadian expeditionary force:

ditionary force: Number Rank and name

Number of battalion
Number of Canadian division.
Add the words "British expeditionary force" if the soldier is known to be in France or Flanders.
Add the words "Mediterranean force" if the soldier is known to be at the Dardanelles (2)-Sick or wounded Canadians:

Number
Rank—name
No. battalion, Canadians
care of Red Cross information dept.
14 Cockspur street, London, S.W..
England,

No. battalion, Canadians
P.O. department
Canadian Record Office
Westminster House
7 Millbank
London, S.W., England.

# GARDENS AND ROADS

Addition.

At a meeting of the Weston Town Council held last night, the tax rate was struck at 29½ mills on the dollar, one mill higher than last year, including the war tax.

## **COTTON PROBLEM MOST VEXATIOUS**

When Britain Comes to Decision, Wili Notify Washington.

### MAY BE CONTRABAND

Notes on Blockade Expected to Clear Situation-Willing to Arbitrate.

LONDON, Aug. 3.-The recent dipomatic correspondence between Lonion and Washington concerning delays to American commerce and Great Britain's order-in-council will be published here tomorrow morning. The foreign office explains that all phases of the controversy between the United . States and Great Britain, except with regard to cotton, are covered in the British notes, and that when a decision is arrived at on the cotton situation it is probable that a note on this subject will be sent to Washington.

Cotton Vexatious. No question at the present time is giving the government here more vexatious moments than cotton. The government already has indicated that its decision not to treat the staple as contraband is not irrevocable, but

posed alternatives might not cause more trouble and friction than the present system of detaining cotton which is suspected of having an enemy country for its destination.

Consignments Released.

The correspondence concerning the seizure of the American steamer Neches, while bound from Rotterdam to the United States with a cargo of Belgian and German goods already Belgian and German goods already has been followed by positive results, as several of the consignments origin-ating in Belgium, which were aboard the steamer, have been released and handed over to the American claim-

Official circles here are not optimistic that the British replies will end the shipping controversy, but it is felt that the negotiations will not come to an impasse, as the government has expressed its willingness to submit the differences between it and the United States to arbitration if an agreement is found to be impossible

# RUSSIA'S NEW RAILWAY

Three Men Arrive in United States for Line.

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—Three men who will buy railway supplies and war equipment for Russia reached ship Cameronia from Glasgow and Liverpool. They are Major-General Edward Hermonius of the artillery branch of the Russian army; Prince Andrew Gagarin and Stafford G. Tal-lot an Englishman who has lived bot, an Englishman who has lived

long in Petrograd.

The railway supplies are needed to complete a new line from Petrograd to Kola, which is 335 miles northwest of Archangel. Most of the material to construct the line will be bought in the United States. An American engineer named Sharp set a record for fact construction on the new relieve fast construction on this new railway and did it partly by beginning at both ends. The road is double-tracked and passes thru Petrozavodsk and along the shore of Lake Ladoga. A 40-foot channel is being dredged at Kola and the provided the construction of the constru the port is expected to become as important as Archangel.

# **ALLIES PREPARE FOR** THREE YEARS' WAR

One Chiefly of Chemistry and Mechanics, Asserts Former U.S. Steel President.

SUFFER IN SUBURBS

NEW YORK, Aug. 3.—William Ellis Corey, formerly president of the United States Steel Corporation, was a passenger on board the steamship Espagne, of the French line, which arrived yesterday from Bordeaux. He has been for four months at his home, the Villa Genise, twelve miles southeast of Paris. Mr. Corey has turned his villa over to the French army for use as a convalescent hospital.

Ways Became Full of Mud.

Owing to the excessive rain yesterday the roads in the southern parts of the Township of York, in Silverthorn, Fair
Township of York owing to the excessive rain yesterday the roads in the southern parts of the Township of York, in Silverthorn, Fairbank and Barlscourt districts were turned into a sea of mud and much discomfort was experienced by foot passengers and vehicular traffic. Several farmers in the northern part of the section complained of their crops being beaten down flat by the deluge and numerous gardens in the residential districts presented a forlorn appearance.

Business towards evening in the stores was practically at a standstill and the telephone service was disconnected with the centre of the city owing to the electric storm which commenced about 11 p.m. and lasted until near midnight.

WESTON'S TAX RATE

AHEAD OF LAST YEAR

New Figure is Twenty-Nine and a Half Mills, Including War Addition.

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LONDON, Aug. 3.—The Danish steamship Huida Maersk, which sailed from Savannah July 10 and Nor-folk July 13 for Malmo, Sweden, with W. J. McKittrick was appointed tax a cargo of cottonsced, is being detaincollector at \$250 a year, succeeding ed in a port of the United Kingdom C. W. Mallaby, the former collector. by the British authorities.