

# NOTHING LEFT OF YPRES BUT DUST AND STONES

HISTORIC CITY 600 YEARS  
OLD DESTROYED BY GERMANS

Huns Subjected Ypres to Bombardment Three Times During Present War and Many Lives Lost Each Time—City Was Famous as Flemish Trading Centre and Was Once Enormously Wealthy.

Behind the British Lines in France, Dec. 30. (Correspondence of The Associated Press).—There is literally nothing left of the once lovely city of Ypres except heaps of dust and broken stones. Although still within the range of German artillery, the city may be visited in comparative safety as it is too far behind the lines to offer a certain target for continuous bombardment.

Ypres is 600 years old, and carried with it before the war, the impress of an honorable past. In the middle ages when the Flemish merchants were the great traders of Europe, the city was fabulously wealthy, being for many years the centre of the wool trade. After its prosperity passed, it would have become obscure, but for the Cathedral and Cloth Hall, where the wool merchants once had met. These two monuments were remarkable examples of the architecture of their time, and for a hundred years had made Ypres known and visited by the world.

**Hun Desolation.**

It remained for the German to turn to ashes what had been a place of beauty for 600 years. The first bombardment of Ypres came on November 1, 1914. The town was then full of wounded soldiers and peasant refugees from the surrounding country. They crowded principally in the Cathedral and the Cloth Hall, St. Nicholas, in the vain belief that these sanctuaries at least would be spared by the invader.

The battle on the hills around Ypres ended seventeen days later. The Germans failed to break through the British line, but the bombardment of the town, instead of waning,

**QUEBEC WILL AID IN WAR**

Lieut.-Gov. LeBlanc Sends New Year's Message to His Majesty the King.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—The Governor-General has forwarded to the King the following message received from Hon. P. E. LeBlanc, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec:

Quebec, Dec. 31, 1917.

Sir:—"I have the honor to respectfully request Your Excellency to convey to His Majesty the King, on behalf of myself, of my cabinet ministers, and of all the inhabitants of the province of Quebec, the expression of our devoted attachment and loyalty to His Majesty's person and throne, and our earnest wishes for a happy New Year for Their Majesty the King and Queen and members of the royal family, and all His Majesty's subjects. On this fourth recurrence during the war of New Year's Day, I pledge our province once more to continued and determined participation in the struggle for that decisive victory which will insure to the world the blessing of a righteous and abiding peace.

"For this we fight and pray, humbly

## Save Food

If you cut down your food by one fifth, how can you still obtain the same amount of nourishment as before? The problem looks impossible, but it is not so in fact, for if you get more nourishment from the food you do eat you will solve it.

Take an instance. If there are 5 units of nourishment in bread when you eat it, you expect to get 5 units when you eat it. As a matter of fact you do not get that, because a good deal of the nourishment is lost, for it is not absorbed by the body.

There is a simple way to reduce this loss, a way tested and approved by the highest scientific authorities. It is to take Bovril.

The "Medical Times" says:

"The addition of a small teaspoonful of Bovril to the diet as a potent tonic before meals leads to more thorough digestion and assimilation and thus saves food."

"The diet may be then cut down from 5 to 4 and the body still be adequately nourished."

This above is an extract from the review by the "Medical Times" of the investigations on Food Economy conducted by Dr. J. Campbell, late Food Expert to the Metropolitan (London, England) Campaign for Food Economy.

Save the Nation's food and keep yourself well fed by taking a cup of Bovril as soup before meals, or by using a little Bovril in your cooking.

COAL FAMINE  
SERIOUS ON  
MIRAMICHI

Several Industrial Establishments May Be Compelled to Close Unless Supply is Forthcoming—One Hotel Uses Wood.

Special to The Standard.

Chatham, Jan. 2.—This town is threatened with a coal famine. The large consumers have been borrowing from one another until the supply has got so low that no more can be obtained by this method, and unless coal arrives by rail very shortly one or two of the industrial establishments will have to close. "The situation is serious," one of the foundry men said today. The trouble is the railway has been commandeering the coal that should be coming to Chatham.

The Snowball Co., which usually carries a large supply of coal for their own use and for the trade, is selling in barrel lots only to oblige householders. One of the hotels has gone back to the primitive method of heating with wood only, not being able to get any coal.

**A Severe Test.**

The Dominion Pulp Co., which has been supplying its employees for years with coal at a reduced rate, has served notice that it can no longer take orders. The continued cold weather has been a severe test on the coal bins and woodpiles and is causing considerable anxiety to householders, many of whom could not obtain all the wood they required from the mills last summer—wood being as extensively used as coal or more so.

In years past there was generally a surplus of firewood at the end of the saving season, but this year any surplus that remained was shipped out of town for use in other parts of the province. Country wood is not coming in in large quantities as formerly. This is due to the fact that farmers have to go farther for their supply, and the desire on their part to conserve their holdings for their own use.

**FEARED AURORA HAS BEEN LOST**

Antarctic Relief Ship Left Wellington, N. Z., Last June with Crew of 22.

London, Jan. 2.—The Daily Mail says it is feared that the Antarctic relief ship Aurora, which took part in the Shackleton expedition, has been lost with all hands while returning to England. It is understood the vessel sailed from Wellington, N. Z., in June with a crew of about twenty-two, and nothing has been heard from it since. The vessel was sent out to search for the Aurora and some wreckage. Lloyd's recently posted the Aurora as being considerably overdue.

The Aurora, formerly a Newfoundland sealing steamer, carried Mawson Antarctic expedition to Adelle Land in 1913 and rescued the expedition later in the same year.

**N. B. SPENT ABOUT \$2,000,000**

Total of Ordinary Revenue Amounted to \$1,572,818.

Fredericton, Jan. 2.—The Royal Gazette today contains the financial statement for the year ended October 31, 1917. The total ordinary revenue is given as \$1,572,818.25, and the total ordinary expenditure as \$1,892,277.84. In addition to this expenditure the sum of \$178,941.89 on contracts during 1917, and should therefore be added to the total expenditure. The amount expended on permanent roads under the act of last session was \$234,066.65. The expenditure on permanent bridges was \$428,678.66. The total financial transactions for the year amounted to \$3,065,288.80. The balance on hand is given as \$352,072.26.

**MONTREAL ARENA IS DESTROYED BY FIRE**

Loss May Stop Professional Hockey in the N. H. L. League.

Montreal, Jan. 3.—The Montreal Arena, the biggest rink in Eastern Canada, caught fire this morning.

One side of the building was quickly destroyed when an ammonia plant used for making artificial ice exploded and blew down a wall. The fire started about 11:30 and in less than an hour the whole building was destroyed. The flames leaped across Wood street and set fire to six houses.

The fire started in one of the dressing rooms of a professional hockey team. It is believed the fire will stop professional hockey in the N. H. L. indefinitely.

## Sound Advice

THE best information obtainable at present indicates plentiful supplies of raw sugar for the year 1918, and, PROVIDED THAT SHIPS ARE AVAILABLE to transport the raw sugar, everybody should be able to obtain a reasonable supply.

This is a great big "IF" however, to overcome, and therefore it would be safer for consumers and dealers to make plans only for eighty to ninety per cent of last year's consumption.

It will be well on in February before any large supplies of raw sugar reach Canada, and in the meantime the supply will be limited owing to the small stocks on hand.

During 1917 this Company has operated its Refinery continuously, the only interruption being two days at Christmas time. We believe this record has not been equalled by any refinery in the United States or Canada.

During the whole year it has been our constant aim to keep the Canadian public supplied with "LANTIC PURE CANE SUGAR" at reasonable prices.

In order to accomplish this extraordinary feat in view of the actual sugar shortage that occurred, we were obliged at different periods, to purchase raw sugar at highest prices when such action was most unprofitable.

During 1918 we will continue our Advertising Campaign of our celebrated "LANTIC SUGAR" and, in addition, will make a feature of our Old-Fashioned Brown Sugars, known to the trade as soft or yellow sugars.

These sugars are available in three different grades, under the names of

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Light Yellow  
Brilliant Yellow  
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Such sugars as these have a pronounced flavour all their own that adds richness to everything for which they are used.

Try "LANTIC OLD FASHIONED BROWN SUGAR" for Cooking and Cereals and on homemade bread for the kiddies. Its rich deliciousness and melting goodness will induce you to USE IT DAILY.

For sale by all first class grocery stores in any quantity. The Red Ball Trade Mark appears on each 100 lb. bag and your

grocer will be very glad to show you that the sugar you are getting is out of a "LANTIC" bag.

We thank our friends, the people of Canada, for their generous approval of the quality of our Products and the liberal share of their patronage given us during the three years of our existence.

We assure them that in the future the same high standard of quality will be maintained so that our Red Ball Trade Mark will always be recognized as the "SEAL OF PURITY".

ATLANTIC SUGAR REFINERIES LIMITED.

Montreal, Que.

St. John, N. B.

**FIVE STEAMERS CAUGHT IN ICE**

Car Ferry Prince Edward Island Sent to Their Assistance.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of railways has received word that five large steamers, which left the upper lakes for ocean navigation, are fast in the ice in the Lower St. Lawrence. The steamers were caught in the vicinity of Cape Chatte. Orders were immediately issued to the new car ferry, Prince Edward Island, running between Cape Chatte and Port Borden, to proceed to the rescue of the imprisoned vessels. While the Prince Edward Island is giving assistance near Cape Chatte, the steamer Stanley will be placed on the Pictou-Charlottetown route.

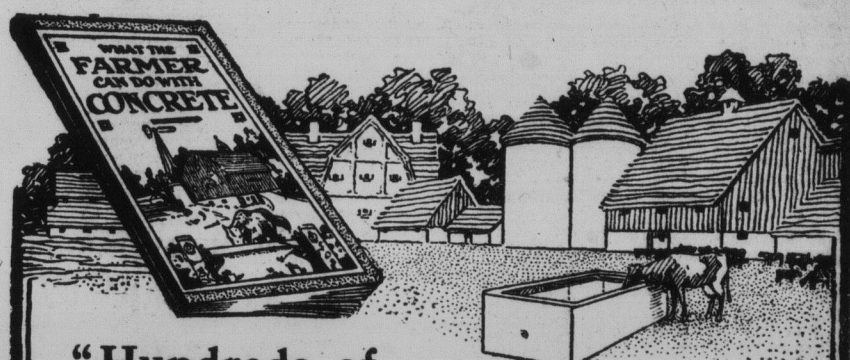
**CHURCH BURNED IN QUEBEC CITY**

Edifice Was a Temporary Chapel to Take Place of Church Burned Last Winter.

Quebec, Jan. 2.—A fire, starting from unknown origin this morning, destroyed the temporary church of Limboui parish in this city. Nothing could be saved; even the Holy Host was consumed. This was a temporary chapel, being used for worship, the parochial church having been burned to the ground last winter.

ARCHIBALD BASKIN.

Sussex, Jan. 2.—Archibald Baskin, a much respected resident of Sussex, passed away at his home this morning after an illness of three months. Mr. Baskin, who was sixty years of age, was well known by lumbermen throughout the province, having been a life long employee of J. S. Prescott & Sons, of Goose Creek. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. H. K. Baskin, and two brothers, John and William. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon.



## "Hundreds of Dollars In Actual Profit"

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