

WINNINGS IN THE WORLD OF SPORT

York American League Club Has Been Sold to Colonel Jacob Ruppert

CLIPPING SCHEDULE OUT

of Commerce Bowling Team took three the Evening News team in a friendly... The Belmonte Alley last night... were as follows:—

of the Midland amateur hockeyist is... managed his mind about joining the pro...

holders, holder of the Lord Lansdale belt... at in the ninth round by Sergeant Bass...

York American League Club has been sold... Ruppert. The price is about \$450,000... will not acquire any interest in the Fed...

pro champions are reported to be fast... shape. Frank Foystone, Jack Walker...

clubs of the city have arranged a six... for the coming season, with seven club...

from the first prize, a Montreal univer... sity bridge of the International Amateur...

Donald Smith and Veale were the... from the initial practice of the Cham...

about has been arranged by Manage... of the Canadian Athletic Club, les...

WEATHER MAP. Generally clear. Temperature 4 to 22.

Generally clear. No precipitation. Temperature 6 below to 15.

West—Partly cloudy. Light scatter... erature 9 to 15 below.

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THE BUSINESS MAN'S DAILY ONE CENT

THE MOLSONS BANK Incorporated 1852 Capital Paid Up \$4,000,000 Reserve Fund \$4,800,000

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SENATOR JAFFRAY, AFTER VERY ACTIVE LIFE, DIES AT TORONTO

Best Known as President of the Globe Printing Company, He Was Recently Elected to Similar Position in Imperial Bank. The Honorable Robert Jaffray, who died this morning in Toronto...

THE FRENCH STATEMENT.

Paris, December 16.—The official 3 p.m. communique follows: "In Belgium, Westende, northeast of Louvain, has been violently bombarded by the British fleet..."

FIFTY SHELLS HAD FALLEN.

Hull, December 16.—One refugee gave the following account of the cannonade:— "More than 50 shells had fallen in Scarborough up to the time I left and part of the city was burning..."

GERMAN CRUISERS WERE DRIVEN OFF

Six of Them Took Part in the Bombardment of Three Ports in England

TOWNSPEOPLE IN A PANIC Great Excitement Prevailed Throughout London and at Lloyds When the Announcement of the Naval Raid Was Made to the Public. (Special to The Journal of Commerce.)

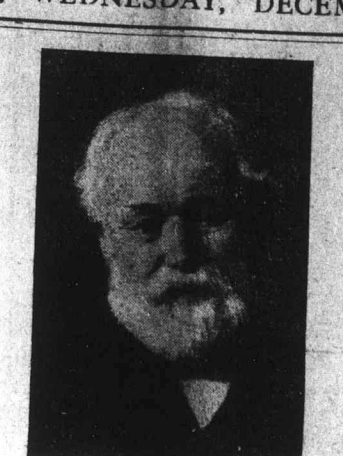
London, December 16.—Four German cruisers early this morning threw shells into the towns of Scarborough and Hartlepool, on the North Sea, killing a woman, causing a panic among the people and doing considerable damage. The cruisers were driven off by the gun-fire of the West Hartlepool forts.

Unconfirmed rumors were current early that two of the German cruisers were sunk in a subsequent action in the North Sea. The German cruisers had no difficulty in dropping shells in the city. Panic seized the people, and many of them fled from their homes.

The residents of Hartlepool were aroused from their sleep by the sound of heavy gun firing. They flocked to the streets and thence made their way to the beach, to learn what was going on. In a few moments shells from German cruisers began dropping into Hartlepool, whereupon the crowd along the shore broke for shelter.

Whatever the disposition of the British warships outside of British waters may be to-day, there has been from the beginning reliable evidence that she has concentrated in the North Sea a very large proportion of her naval strength.

It is admitted to-day, but without comment by Grand Duke Nicholas, that Austrian columns are pouring over the Dukla Passes in the Carpathian Mountains into Galicia. There is no suggestion in the Grand Duke's report to indicate the significance of the Austrian movement, but military critics here are inclined to believe that the advance is being permitted as a part of the Grand Duke's strategy.



HON. ROBERT JAFFRAY, Who died this morning in Toronto.

Germany, December 16.—The German warships that bombarded the British ports of Hartlepool, Whitby and Scarborough are reported to have bombarded English forts at the mouth of River Tees also. Shortly after 8 o'clock residents of Redcar were aroused by heavy firing at sea and three warships could be seen in action.

GERMANS FIRED SLOWLY, TAKING CAREFUL AIM.

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THE GERMAN STATEMENT.

Berlin, December 16.—The 2 p.m. official report follows: "In the western theatre of war the enemy made a new attempt to advance at Newport, supported by the action of ships at sea. Two ships kept up a cannonade but it was without effect and the enemy's attack was repulsed with a loss of 450 French prisoners."

KAISER'S CONDITION SERIOUS.

Berlin, December 16.—The condition of the Kaiser is again reported to be serious. The Crown Prince will remain here for the present.

Men in the Day's News

Sir John Jellicoe, who commands the British Fleet in the North Sea is fifty-five years of age. He has had a lengthy experience in every department of the navy, and is regarded as the greatest naval commander since the days of Nelson.

Sir Richard McBride, Premier of British Columbia, was forty-four years old yesterday. He was born in the city of Westminster and educated in the schools of the province, and at Dalhousie University.

A. S. Goodve, member of the Railway Commission, Ottawa, who has just celebrated his fifty-fifth birthday, is of English origin, although born at Guelph, Ont.

General W. C. G. Heneker, the latest officer to be gazetted General, is a Canadian by birth, having been born at Sherbrooke, Que. where his father was President of the Eastern Townships Bank.

Chief Justice Hunter, who is actively identified with the winding up proceedings of the Dominion Trust Company, Vancouver, and also the Vancouver World, was born at Beamsville, Ontario, in 1863, educated at Brantford Collegiate Institute and Toronto University.

FINANCIAL SKIES ARE CLEARING UP QUICKLY

Britain and United States Abandon Conferences Initiated in October NO LONGER NECESSARY

Settlement of United States Indebtedness to Britain Will Be Left to the Parties Directly Concerned and to Operation of National Agencies.

(Exclusive Leased Wire to Journal of Commerce.) Washington, D.C., December 16.—Further impressive evidences that the financial skies are clearing is found in the fact that Great Britain and the United States have, by mutual consent, called off the financial conferences which were initiated in October with the arrival of Sir George Paish and Basil B. Blackett in Washington.

The conferences resulted in the United States Treasury officials suggesting certain artificial means of meeting and safeguarding the financial situation between the two countries. The representatives of both governments have now reached the conclusion that such measures are unnecessary and that it will be best to leave the settlement of the United States indebtedness to Great Britain to the parties directly concerned and to the operation of natural agencies.

The trade balance has been swinging steadily in the direction of the United States since a few weeks after the outbreak of the European war, and already there has been a very considerable decrease in the indebtedness of the United States to Great Britain, which last September was estimated at \$200,000,000 or \$300,000,000.

The result of these decisions will be that Sir George Paish will not be sent back to the United States by his government for further discussion of the plan formulated in Washington establishing a credit of \$100,000,000 in London with Canada, which could be used in meeting American obligations.

SCHOONER DRIVEN ASHORE.

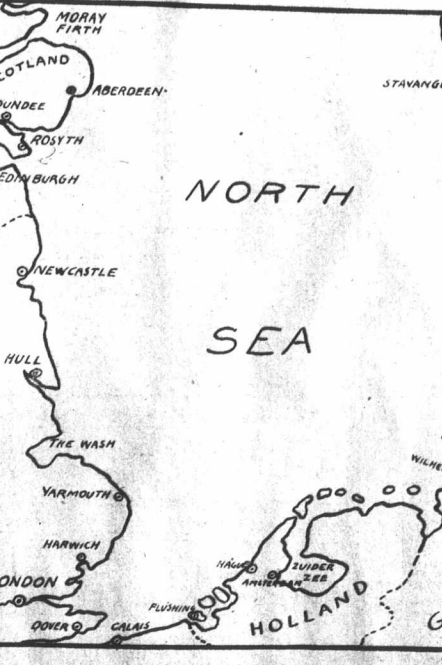
Yarmouth, N.S., December 16th.—The tern schooner G. M. Cochrane (Captain Hartley) from New York for Yarmouth, is ashore just inside the entrance of the harbor. There has been no communication with her yet, so the extent of her damage is not known.

FORTY-SEVEN PERSONS KILLED.

Hartlepool, December 16.—Forty-seven persons were killed and many injured by the German bombardment to-day.

TRENCHES ON BRITISH COAST ARE NOW FULLY MANNED.

London, December 16.—All infantry and artillery units in England have been called out at coast stations. Trenches on the coast are fully manned. Several towns have been notified to cut off all gas in anticipation of attack. Inhabitants of Tynemouth were ordered to remain indoors.



The cities of Whitby, Scarborough and Hartlepool, which were in their raid, are located on the East Coast of England, between Hull and Newcastle. These cities are about 400 miles from the mouth of the Elbe or the Kiel Canal. The German boats made their escape from Kiel under cover of fog.

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ARMY MESSENGER STATEMENT.

Petrograd, December 16.—The Army Messenger to-day published the following review of the latest operations: "The Russian cavalry in attacking the enemy bravely near Zoromin, seven miles from the East Prussian frontier on December 12th, disorganized him and inflicted heavy losses."

"On the Lowicz front the violent German attacks met no success, all being repulsed by our troops with heavy loss. On December 12th and 13th the enemy south of Cracow tried to break down our offensive by reinforcing his lines. On December 13th the enemy debouching in considerable force through the Dukla Pass, endeavored to come down from the northern slopes of the Carpathians on the Munkacs side (southern slope) but our troops, after a desperate resistance, gained possession of the neighborhood of Vereczke, repulsing the enemy's attacks."