

AUSTRALIA PLANS TO HAVE HALF A MILLION MEN READY FOR SERVICE IN EUROPE

Commonwealth Forming a Rifle Reserve that will be Ready for any Emergency--Former Spanish Ambassador says Spain should join Allies at most Opportune Moment--Commander of German Forces in South-West Africa Killed.

GERMANS IMPRISON WIFE OF GREEK CONSUL.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 27.--A despatch from Liege, Belgium, states that the wife of the Greek consul Calwaert charged with aiding Belgians to escape has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

LINERS CELEBRATE KAISER'S NATAL DAY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.--The great fleet of German liners tied up at their docks in Hoboken, N. J., since the beginning of the war blossomed out to-day with German and American flags and red, white and blue bunting in observance of Emperor's birthday.

AUSTRALIA PLANS TO SEND A HALF MILLION MEN.

SYDNEY, Australia, Jan. 27.--The Australian government announced to-day that it was planning for the formation of a rifle reserve of half a million men which may be used in Europe in the event of the war being prolonged.

GERMAN SOUTH AFRICAN COMMANDER KILLED.

CAPETOWN, Jan. 27.--Col. Seyderbrock commanding the German forces in German Southwest Africa has been killed at Windhoek. It is stated he was examining hand grenades when one of them exploded and caused his death.

SPANISH AMBASSADOR'S OMINOUS SPEECH.

MADRID, Jan. 27.--Senor Perez Caballero, former ambassador of Spain in Paris declared to-day the best interests of Spain required a firm policy neutrality for the present time, but with the clear intention of joining the Allies at the most convenient moment. He said it is impossible for Germany to win eventually and that as Germany will not listen to peace proposals until she is defeated, the only way to end the war in a reasonable time is to support the Allies and help them when the moment for decisive action arrives.

GERMAN LOSSES AT LEAST 2,000 IN RECENT ATTACK.

PARIS, Jan. 27.--The official announcement to-day says as follows: "At Nieuport and Ypres there were artillery engagements yesterday. A German aeroplane was brought down inside the Belgian army lines. Statements from prisoners establish the fact that it was not a battalion but a brigade of six thousand which on Jan. 25 attacked the Allies' trenches to the east of Ypres. The enemy lost in this affair what amounted to a battalion and a half of men.

"It has been confirmed to-day that near La Bassee, Givenchy and Guinchy, the Germans yesterday suffered a great check. On the road from La Bassee to Bethune the bodies of six officers and four hundred men of the enemy were found. The losses of the Germans consequently must represent at least two full battalions (2,000).

HYMN OF HATE TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS.

ROME Jan. 27.--In Roman Catholic schools of Germany children are being made to learn by heart Ernest Lissauer's hymn of hate. Nearly all the German Roman Catholic children can now repeat this diatribe against England.

GERMAN CRUISER HIT BY TORPEDOES.

LONDON, Jan. 27.--The German cruiser Gazelle, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company was struck by two torpedoes discharged by Russian submarines and was discovered adrift off Ruegen, in the Baltic Sea, by the Swedish ferry steamer King Gustave, which towed her to Sassnitz. The Gazelle was badly damaged.

A Reuter despatch from Amsterdam quotes a Berlin telegram received there as saying that the Gazelle was attacked near Ruegen by a hostile submarine and sustained slight damages. There were no losses among her crew. The despatch added that the cruiser had entered a German harbor in the Baltic.

HOLLAND STANDS READY FOR PLUNGE INTO WAR.

THE HAGUE, Jan. 27.--"We must maintain under the colors our entire army, for at any moment incidents are possible which may render it necessary for to make an appeal to arms," said P. W. A. van der Linden, Premier of the Netherlands to-day.

The statement was made in the second chamber of the Dutch Parliament when a bill for the extension of the military service was being discussed. The premier added that the government could not disclose the information it possessed concerning the foreign situation, because much of it was based on confidential documents.

CHAS. KETCHESON NEW WARDEN OF COUNTY.

County council opened yesterday afternoon in Shire Hall, Church street when the members had taken their seats. It was announced by County Clerk A. M. Chapman that he was ready to receive nominations for the wardenship.

LETTER WITH A RECORD

Mr. A. Boyd of Wima & Company possesses a letter with a remarkable record. It has been at the bottom of the St. Lawrence and has been twice across the ocean.

WARNING TO MINISTERS WHO MARRY SOLDIERS

Rev. Dr. S. L. Chown has written a letter to the Christian Guardian calling the attention of the Methodist ministers to a pertinent point on the question of marrying soldiers of the Canadian contingent.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LATE CANON JONES

A memorial service for the late Rev Canon Septimus Jones of Toronto at one time rector of Christ Church, Belleville, was held in that church at two o'clock yesterday afternoon.

ACETYLENE GAS PLANT EXPLODES

The acetylene gas plant, which furnished light for the Bathurst hotel, Barry's Bay, exploded about 9.30 Saturday morning, and Bert Billings, a son of the proprietor of the hotel received injuries from which he died the same evening in the hospital at Pembroke. Little or no damage was done to the building.

PLANT EXPLODES

The council in request of Col. W. Ketcheson of the 49th Regt. decided to visit the armouries Wednesday afternoon and see the 49th volunteers of the 3rd contingent.

OFF FOR THIRD CONTINGENT

Three men left town Friday morning reporting for duty at Cobourg, with others of the 40th Regiment, who will join the Third Canadian Contingent at Belleville. Their names are: John D. McEachern, of town; Wm. Goulbra, of Seymour; Ernest Dunn, of town.

GOLBOURNE BOY DIED HERE

Maxwell Robertson, a schoolboy aged 8 years died in the hospital here last evening. He was brought here for treatment from Colborne. He was the son of Dr. W. G. Robertson of that place. The cause of death was severe peritonitis following appendicitis. The remains were this morning shipped to Colborne by Messrs Tickle and Sons Company.

REVIEWED 49TH VOLUNTEERS

At three o'clock this afternoon the warden and members of the County Council visited the Armouries and reviewed the 49th battalion volunteers for the Third Overseas Contingent. These now number seventy-eight. Addresses were delivered by Warden Ketcheson and other members of the County Council and by Mr. W. B. Northrup, K.C., M.P.

IRISH CONCERT AT JOHN STREET

A delightful Irish concert was given last evening in the rooms of John Street Presbyterian Church by Mrs. Charles Connell, choir leader assisted by the John Street choir and other local talent. The program was almost entirely Irish in its composition.

ATTENTION!

See What The People Of Edmonston Are Doing For Their Public School Children. The following article from The Edmonston Journal of recent date shows what remarkable progress that city has been making in the way of extending municipal services.

Drill Ye Terriers Drill!

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Littleness

Dr. Gordon who is drawing tremendous crowds at his lectures at Belleville has expressed his opinion that a true citizen will stand for a united country. A true citizen should wear a crown of prophecy. Nothing annoys a big man like a little man follow God over us from littleness and meanness.

Madoc Fair Officers

The following officers were elected for the year 1915-- Pres--Thos. H. Thompson; 1st Vice Pres--Thos. H. Moore; 2nd Vice Pres--James Kincaid; Secretary--Will J. Hill; Treasurer--James English; Directors--John A. Stewart, Herbert Binkley, Jas. Moore, C. J. Smith, Jas. Caskey, A. H. Watson, W. E. Tommon, Angus Nicholson, F. A. Comberford, Hector Wood, Jr., Anderson--W. E. Connor and Arch. Kincaid.

DISASTROUS FIRE SWEEP AWAY PALACE THEATRE AND CREATED HEAVY LOSSES

Two Buildings Damaged and Contents More or Less Suffered--Fire Was Deceptive--Palace Caught From Shoe Shine Parlor--Statement of Losses.

TOTALLY DESTROYED

Scott's "Palace" Theatre. L. Meropoulos, Shoe Shine Parlor. DAMAGED BY WATER AND SMOKE. W. H. Lanning's Grocery. Bank of Commerce Building. L. Meropoulos' Household Contents. W. B. Riggs' piano and organ stock. Harry McCrodon's Furnishings. Richardson (Mrs. Wilson) Building.

Twenty-five or thirty thousand dollars damage was done in the vicinity of Campbell street by a gas stove which broke out in the central business district. The conflagration was in a very small way when the blaze was first discovered. It broke out in the shoe shine parlor operated by Mr. L. Meropoulos, a Greek. His shop was in the building in a gaugeway between the building at the corner of Campbell and Front street and the "Palace" theatre building.

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Mr. Scott's business loss will be heavy. He was looking for a very large percentage owing to the fact that the Thirty-Ninth Battalion will be mobilized here with 1,200 men, who are good patrons of amusements. The upstairs of the Palace building was not occupied as there was no front store entrance.

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