FIRE SWEEPING KRUPP PLANT AT ESSEN

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RUSS PEACE DELEGATES RECALLED?

RIIT RAGE IS NABROWING DRS. STEVENSON AND

Nomination Day Brings Out a **Record Crop of Names** for Public Office.

77 NOMINATIONS ARE IN

Board of Control Represents 12. With 10 More for the Utilities Commission.

WOMEN FOR TRUSTEES?

Two Out of 36 Nominees of Fair Sex, Both Being Named by Mayor Stevenson.

Mayor 13 Board of Control. . 12 Utilities Comm. ... 10 Hospital Trust 6 Bd. of Education. . 36

and the usual crop of candidates was Piccadilly street, gentleman; proposed by placed in nomination. Only those of C. H. Merryfield and A. E. Silverwood. fices to be filled by the votes of the city as a whole appear in the prospective The aldermen will spective wards.

All these

All those present at the nominations the city hall today were charged with the true Christmas spirit, and in consequence many nominations of a more or less complimentary nature were made. Seventy-seven all told were de-posited with City Clerk Baker, who was n charge of the nominations held in the

council chamber.

Thirteen citizens were nominated for mayor and, of course, very few are considering the matter seriously.

His Hat's in Ring.

Mayor Stevenson stated that he must stand by the people and stick to the planks of his platform. He hopes to grace the mayor's chair for a fourth term and can't see how anyone will have the nerve to oppose him. However, the nerve to oppose him. However, Controller Shaw has the nerve, and the ontest will see two medical men on the

Ed. Johnston, F. G. Mitchell and Sam Manness all stated that they had the matter under careful consideration, while Lieut.-Col. Gartshore, who was defeated two years ago on a recount by Mayor Stevenson, was emphatic in his denial that his name would appear H. B. Ashplant stated that the

news of his nomination was a distinct shock. "I will consider the matter very seriously," said Mr. Ashplant with a laugh. "I'm much obliged to you for the news." Controller Moore and his brother, J. Percy Moore, didn't waste any time in giving their decisions. They don't want to butt in on the medical men. Philip Pocock laughed heartily when informed that he was one of the famous thirteen pominated. "Least all works."

thirteen nominated. "I certainly won't run for mayor. If I run for any run for mayor. If I run for any office it will be for the utilities commission," he declared.

Women for Board.

Thirty-six candidates were nominated for the board of education today. There are six vacancies. All the retiring trustees are among the nominees. Never before has there been such a bost of names presented for nomination. The list contains the names of two women. It is some years since two women. It is some years since London has had a woman candidate, Mrs. A. T. Edwards and Miss Bessie

Knight are the two proposed. It is to be noted that Mayor Stevenson's name appears on both their nomination Candidates who wish to stand for the candidates who wish to stand for the board of education must declare themselves by Monday noon. To do this they must appear at the office of the city clerk and make a declaration that they are British subjects. Unless this is done their names will be dropped from the list by Mr. Baker and will not appear or the hallet All other cand.

appear on the ballot. All other candi-dates must qualify before Monday evening at 9 o'clock. Where Aldermen Line Up.
The aldermanic nominations will be between 7 and 8 p.m. this evening. The cominations by wards will be received

1-Simcoe Street School,

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW-GENERALLY FAIR.

Toronto, Dec. 22.

Forecasts.

Today—Fair and cold
Sunday—Some local snow flurries, but
generally fair; stationary or a little
higher temperature.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and The following were the highest

temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. I
Victoria ... 42 Parry Sound 34
Parry Sound 36
Port Stanley 36
Buffalo 44
Toronto 40
Kingston 38
Ottawa 38

ENTRIES FOR 1918 MUNICIPAL RACES

Mayor SAMUEL RICHARD MANNESS, 622

EDWARD HERBERT JOHNSTON 35 Colborne street, barrister; propose by John H. Hambly and H. Stevenson HUGH ALLEN STEVENSON, 391 ROBERT WESLEY SHAW, 287 Kin EDWARD SIDNEY LITTLE, 960 Wel-

PHILIP JAMES POCOCK, 360 Queen's venue, merchant; proposed by T. W. avenue, merchant; proposed by T. W. McFarland and H. A. Stevenson.
HENRY BRINSMEAD ASHPLANT, 807 Waterloo street, accountant; proposed by J. F. Thomson and E. H. Rus-WILLIAM MOIR GARTSHORE, RId-

FREDERICK GEORGE MITCHELL,

JOHN MCKENZIE MOORE, 478 Wat-HUGH ALLEN STEVENSON, 391

Hospital Trust

CHARLES ROSS SOMERVILLE, 336

HENRY WRAY, 96 Elmwood avenu gentleman. Proposed by Wm. Cripps and day, and work a double EDWIN CLARENCE MITCHELL! 6 Mill street, wholesale druggist. coposed by J. P. Moore and Philip ERNEST FITZGERALD, 592 Dufferin JOHN CHARLES FITZGERALD, 585 GEORGE CARNEGIE GUNN, Central avenue, insurance broker. Pro-EDGAR SIDNEY LITTLE, 960 Wel-

entleman. Proposed by F. R. Wat- lost all trace of them. CHARLES HENRY MERRYFIELD, 6 Hayman Court, gentleman. Proposed by John H. Hambly and E. H. John-SAMUEL MANNESS, 622 Waterloo treet, manufacturer. Proposed by Thos. E. Walsh and E. H. Johnston. CHARLES FRANK ADAMS, 409

King street, business manager. Proposed by Thos. E. Walsh and J. P. CHAS. WESLEY McGUIRE. Hellmuth avenue, manager of the Imperial Oil Company. Proposed by T. W. Mc-Farland and John Grierson Arland and John Grierson.
HENRY BRINSMEAD ASHPLANT,
Thrilling Fight Between Sub, 307 Waterloo street, accountant. Nom-mated by J. F. Thomson and F. R. Watkinson JOHN JAMES DYER, 77 Elmwood venue. Nominated by H. F. Rea and

EDGAR SIDNEY LITTLE, 960 Continued on Page Three. ITALIANS MAKE MORE PROGRESS

Around Monte Asolone.

the region of Monte Asolone on the northern Italian front, yesterday made further progress after lively fighting in spite of adverse atmo-spheric conditions, it was officially announced today by the Italian war "In the Monte Asolone region par-ties of our Arditi, despite adverse atmospheric conditions, kept the

GREAT WAR VETERANS TO CONVENE IN MAY

fighting lively and again realized some progress. A hostile counter-attack was immediately repulsed."

Provisional Dominion Executive Elected at Winnipeg.

Winnipeg. Dec 22.—The first steps towards the organization of the army and navy veterans in Canada under the dominion charter secured during the closing hours of the last session of the Federal House, was taken vesterday afternoon when the meeting of the incorporaters was held. Lieut.-Col. G. E. Carruthers was elected dominion president and E. W. Low, dominion secretary-treasurer, provisionally, until the

LITTLE CHANGE BY 16 MONTHS SPENT IN HUN **PRISON CAMP**

London Boy Who Escaped from Dullmen, Germany, Reaches London Today.

RED CROSS IS STANDBY

Parcels Keep Canadians Alive as Prison Fare But Two Bowls of Soup Daily.

After having spent sixteen months in orlson camp K-47 at Dullmen, Germany, from which he escaped into Holland, Pte. Richard ("Dick") Howitt, a London boy, arrived in the city today along with fifty other members of a party of wounded and invalided soldiers "Dick" Howitt looked nor

JOHN HUSE SAUNDERS, 592 Mait- German prison camp. He enlisted with the 33rd Battalion at Windsor, and was transferred to the 4th C. M. R. It was with the latter unit on June 2, 1915, at Zillebeke, that he was captured, along with some other members of his unit, after he had been in France only about a month. He was taken to the working camp at Dullmen, where he worked in the coal mines for nine months, and then was put at shovelling coke for the remainder of his stay there.

> asked.
> "We had to depend on the Red Cross
> parcels," he answered, "for all we were
> given was two bowls of 'soup' a day. given was two bowls of 'soup' a day. The Red Cross parcels are all right, but they don't come regularly."
>
> Last September Pte. Howitt got away while the guard had his back turned, and traveled six nights before he reached Holland, where he was placed in quarantine, and then taken to the British consul, who supplied him with a suit of "civies" and sent him to England.

"How do they feed the men?" he was

ington street, merchant Proposed by Joshua Garrett, Adelaide street, Proposed by Proposed by Proposed by Proposed by F. R. Watsleven Brand a London man named Roberts, but when he was moved to another camp he

FRENCH REPORT **FURIOUS BATTLE** IN IONIAN SEA

Which Sank Transport, and Destroyers.

Chateau Renault, say that the war-ship with several other vessels was attacked by a submarine in the Ionian Sea at 7:15 o'clock on the morning of ent says: "The torpedo struck on the star-ard side in the region of the stoke-ld, which it flooded, and at the same

time bursting steampipes which stop-bed the engines. The captain at once manned the hand-steering gear and tteered so as to utilize the momentum of the ship and approach the shore, which was in sight. Passengers and which was in sight. Passengers and he crew were ordered to their boat tations at the sound of the explosion. Forpedoboat destroyers, which formed a part of the convoy, dashed in the direction from which the torpedo had come and volleyed shells at the spot where it was presumed the U-boat had ubmergel.

Stuck to Posts. Stuck to Posts,
"While the boats were being lowered from the Chateau Renault the
enemy submarine came up on her left.
The cruiser had sunk to her gun ports,
but nourtheless." but nevertheless the gun crews re-mained at their posts and opened a hot fire on the submarine which promptly dived. A second torpedo was fired shortly after and struck the Chateau

are supposed to have been killed

"The torpedoboat destroyers, over-aded with survivors, renewed the attack on the submarine under water and then on the surface, when she appeared for an instant, only to sub-merge again precipitately under fire of the guns of the destroyers. Two

DOCTOR FROM LONDON WHO WAS GIVEN D.S.O. BY LATE GEN. MAUDE



CAPT, THORNLEY BOWMAN, R. A. M. C., son of Prof. J. H. Bowman, now serving in Mesopotamia, who was dec-

PEACE TALK MAY BE OFF?

gates Have Quit Conference.

TERMS ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE

Daily Mail's Man Wires That Brest-Litovsk Confab Is Upset.

London, Dec. 22 .- The report is reiterated today that the Russian delegation to the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk has been recalled because the Germans would not accept the Russian terms. It is the Daily Mail's correspondent in Petrograd who now makes this declaration in a dispatch filed on Thursday and just received.

WHICH BARS IMPORTS OF ALL INTOXICANTS

Only Such As Required For Medicinal Or Sacramental Purposes Can Enter-First Step To Dominion-Wide Prohibition.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

ounced that an order-in-council has been passed by the Government pro-Dominion from any country whatsoever all intoxicating liquors excepting for medicinal or sacramental purposes. The order includes whiskies, wines, etc., and will particularly affect the importation of Scotch and Irish, cham-A Double Purpose.

The order has a double purpose. It is designed first as a step toward total Paris, Dec. 22.—A statement by the prohibition in the Dominion. The manprohibition in the Dominion. The main sistry of marine concerning the king of the old French cruiser ateau Renault, say that the warfrom grains or foodstuffs.

An order-in-council was recently passed by the food controller prohibit-December 14. Continuing, the state- ing the manufacture of potable liquors It is estimated that there is several years supply of liquor still on hand

The second purpose of the order Ottawa, Dec. 22 .- It is officially an- made public today is to prevent the spending of money for other than es- and was not intended for furtherance mans have rejected the peace propos sential purposes outside the Dominion. The Provisions.

"The transportation of liquor into any part of Canada wherein the sale of intoxicating liquor is illegal will be prohibited on and after April 1, "The manufacture of intoxicating

liquor within Canada will be prohibited on and after a date to be determined upon further investigation and consideration of the actual conditions of the industry. The prohibition of importation be-

comes effective on Monday next, December 24. "The regulations to carry into effect the provisions above mentioned

for twelve months after the conclusion of peace."

SMALLPOX OUTBREAK AT HAMILTON CAMP

Barracks Quarantined, But Vaccinated Men Can Go Home.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec 22.—The discovery last night of a severe case of smallpox in the barracks here, where the C. O. R. Battalion, over 2,000 strong, under the command of Lieut.—Col. Belson, is quartered, resulted in an order for quarantine of the entire Renault on the starboard side forward, she sank by the head a few minutes after the captain got aboard a patrol col. Belson, is quartered. resulted in an order for quarantine of the entire camp. Men on their way home for camp. Men on their way home for Christmas leave were taken off trains at various points and returned to Ham-This morning Capt. Roberts, medical health officer, ruled that any men who had been vaccinated could not be quar-antined and issued instructions that any who had not been vaccinated should be treated at once. This re-leases hundreds of men who otherwise

> HONG KONG SENDS 50 THOUSAND TO HALIFAX

could not have gone home for Christ-

dent and E. W Low, dominion president and E. W Low, dominion secretary-treasurer, provisionally, until the holding of the proposed dominion convention. The convention will probably open on Monday, May 13.

The prisoners number 22, among them the captain of the submarine and two officers."

Hong Kong, Dec 22.—Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—The Legislative Council has sent £19,000 to Right Hon. Walter Long, colonial secretary, as Hong Kong's contribution to the Halifax relief fund.

are being prepared and as soon as approved, they will be enacted under the provisions of the war measures "The foregoing provisions will re-main in force during the war, and

S. S. CITY OF NAPLES, REPORTED TORPEDOED, TURNS UP IN SAFETY

An Atlantic Port, Dec. 22.—The Brit-sh steamship City of Naples, reported a ew days ago to have been sunk by a ubmaring torpedo off the British coast while under convoy of destroyers, ar-rived here today. It was learned the vessel was not attacked by a U-boat but struck a mine and, her officers fearing that she was severely damaged put back to a British port. A re-exam-ination of the hull proved the effect of

REPUDIATES AFFIDAVIT. Honolulu, Dec. 22.—H. Keakoha, one of two witnesses who witnessed the purported will of the late Queen Liliuoke-lani, naming "Princess" Theresa Belli-veau as chief leratee today repudiated his affidavit, which was said to have been signed in the presence of the queen, and confessed it had been signed under ssure in the home of the "Princess"

A grand jury investigation into the A grand pury investigation into the purported will was ordered recently, when Sam Kamakaia, whose name was said to have been on the will as a witness, later declared he was not present when the will was signed, but had appended his signature in his home at the request of the "Princess" Belliveau.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

GERMAN-RUSS KRUPP'S GREAT ESSEN WORKS ABLAZE TWENTY-FOUR HOURS IS REPORT FROM THE DUTCH

TO UNITE WITH

Quebec, Dec. 22.—Aid. Eugene Dussault, who took such an ac-tive part in the anti-conscription

tive part in the anti-conscription demonstrations here last summer, gave notice at the meeting of the city council last night of a motion to petition the Quebec Legislature to form a new confederation between the Province of Quebec and the maritime provinces. Mayor Lavigueur, Ald. Collier and Ald. Fiset endeavored to induce the youthful member of the council to withdraw his motion, but he re-

withdraw his motion, but he re-

Threatens to Join the German

People in War on the

Petrograd, Dec. 22.-Leon Trotzki Bolsheviki foreign minister, in addressing the Council of Soldiers and Workmen, declared that if the German emperor offered "offensive" peace terms

the Russians would fight against

"We did not overthrow czarism tneel before the kaiser," he cried. Co inuing, he said: "But if through o exhaustion we had to accept the kaise

erms we would do so to rise with th

German people against German mili-

THE WAR SITUATION

Opposition by the Ukrainians and

als of the Bolshevikl delegates, con

has definitely notified the Bolsheviki

Attack in Alsace.

repulsed, according to the French war

office. The chief of these attacks at

but in the engagement that followed

artillery activity has been intermittent except at Caurieries wood in the Champagne region. Rheims has again

artillery activity, though less intense

Italians on Offensive

the Italians in which they launched seven attacks against the enemy front war.'

west of Monte Asolone, is claimed by the German official communication to

have been without success. In the region of Doiran in the eastern war

theatre artillery activity continues.
In the same war theatre British

troops have carried out a successful

raid in the region of Lake Bulkova, capturing one officer and 54 Bulgar.

Riots at Buenos Ayres.

The publication of the telegrams sent by Count von Luxburg, former German

where crowds of people assembled and

minister, to the Berlin foreign office, has resulted in riots in Buenos Ayres,

demanded a rupture of relations with

Germany. A mob in the Calle Florida was dispersed after a fight with

mounted police. Guards again have been stationed around property owned

by Germans in the city and police are

newspaper for which Count von Lux-

burg obtained a subsidy. Congress is

expected to insist on an explanation by

OF IRELAND'S FUTURE

Dublin, Dec. 21.—In a speech here onight, in which he dealt with the probable results of the Irish convention, Sir Horace Plunkett, chairman of

the Government of the conditions re-

vealed in the von Luxburg telegrams.

PLUNKETT IS HOPEFUL

guarding the office of La Union, the

An offensive movement initiated by

because of fog.

Hartman's Weilerkopf took the Ger-

fused to do so.

MARITIME PROVS.

Reported That Russian Dele- FOUR YEARS AND \$20,000 FINE IS Workmen From Kais-THE PUNSHMENT OF KALTSCHMIDT FOR CONSPIRACY AGAINST CANADA

> Bernstorff's Detroit Gang of Dynamiters and Spies Are Found Guilty.

Detroit, Dec. 22.-Albert Kaltchmidt, who, with four or five others, was convicted in the federal court early this morning on a conspiracy charge, was sentenced a few hours later to four years in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth and to pay a fine of \$20,000. It was the maximum sentence possible under the law for conviction under the three counts

Mrs. Ida Neef, his sister, was sentenced to three years in the loca House of Correction, and fine! \$15,-000; Fritz Neef, her husband, and Carl Schmidt and his wife, Maria, were sentenced to two years at For Leavenworth and fined \$10,000 eac Frank Respa, German, was the on one of the six acquitted on all thr counts. He was held, however, t answer to two other indictments

nding against him. Jury Out 13 Hours. The trial came to an end at 3:30 of court lasting since early Friday forenoon. The jury was out more than thirteen hours, several times ask-

In passing sentence Judge Arthur Tuttle pointed out that the statute under which the defendants were convicted was framed by Congress during peace times, and, therefore, it was not possible to impose heavier penal-

ing additional instructions from the

Kaltschmidt, in addressing the court before sentence was passed, expressed his appreciation of fair treatment accorded him and his co-defendants by the court and jury, but charged that attorneys for the Government had brought up points unwarranted by the evidence. Money he received from of- the followers of Gen. Kaledines to the ficial German sources, he insisted was Bolsheviki movement, together with for a legitimate business transaction, an unconfirmed report that the Ger-

of any conspiracy. The counts on which Kaltschmidt tinue to overshadow military operawas convicted charged the setting on tions in the European war. foot in the United States of a military port that a definite alliance has been enterprise against Canada; a conspirto dynamite the Detroit Screw the Don Cossacks gives credence to Works, and a plot to destroy the St. another rumor that the Ukrainian Rada Clair River tunnel at Port Huron. Carl Schmidt and his wife were con victed on one counrt, and Mrs. Neef

and her husband on two. **LULL CONTINUES ON** THE BRITISH FRONT

German Raids the Only Activities Last Night-All Repulsed.

London, Dec. 22.—The lull on the British front continues. German raids at several points last night are the only activities reported in today's official communication. It follows: "Hostile raiding parties were repulsed during the night in the neighborhood of the Bapaume-Cambrai road, east of Monchy-le-Preux and southeast of Armentieres. There is nothing further of special interest to report."

Sir Wilfrid Needed As Opposition Chief, Says Unionist Organ

Gazette Does Not Think That Lauried Will Be Offered a Place In Government.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—With reference the suggestion that Sir Wilfrid Laurie might be offered a place in the Unio lovernment, and an intimation from Ot tawa that the offer is not likely made, the Gazette says today: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who in site of his wrong policy and his defeat, was an upstanding figure in the past is best in his standing figure in the past is best in his old place as leader of and will not be a negligible figure in the

BIG STEAMER REPORTED ON ROCKS NEAR HALIFAX

ON ROCKS NEAR HALIFAX

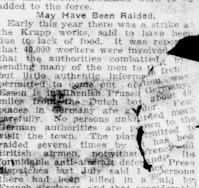
Hon, Sir Horace Plunkeit, chairman of the convention, was hopeful for the future. He said that, while he was unable as yet to promise an unanimous adense fog today a big steamer ran on the rocks off Pennant, M. S., and is so many points that it would certainly hard and fast aground. Steamers have been sent to her assistance.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 22.—During a sole as yet to promise an unanimous report, the convention had agreed on admit that while the soldier vote than it been sent to her assistance.

er's Famed Munitions Plant Tell of Stupendous Conflagration. WANTS QUEBEC TO

Maestrict, Holland, Friday, Dec. 21.-Workmen from Essen, Germany, say that the Krapp plant, the great German munitions establishment, has been ablaze for 24 hours.

The plant at Essen the main estabshment of the Krupps, the largest nanufacturers in Germany of arms and munitions, employed about 30,000 men before the war. It has been expande greatly during the war. Facts relating to its present size and the number workmen are kept secret by the Ger



FORTY MILLIONS OF HUN NATION ARE STARVING

Berlin Socialist Journal Sees Catastrophe and Collapse at Hand.

euter dispatch from Amsterdam, the Vorwaerts of Berlin, in a plain-spoke commissioners that it will not recon- attack on the system of Herr von Walsider its action in aiding the Kaledine dow, the German food controller, de clares that great masses of German people not only are hungry but are lit German attacks in Alsace have been erally starving. The paper adds that agricultural producers and rich residents in towns are living in plenty, as hoardmans into the first line French trenches ing is no longer prohibited. "Every war profiteer and millionaire.

they were driven out with heavy losses. says the paper, "has his kitchen and At other points along the French front cellar full of ham and bacon. The middle class ekes a precarious existence, spending all it possesses on food, bu been shelled by the Germans. In forty millions of the masses are Flanders the Belgian war office reports ing and are unlikely to sit silent. In forty millions of the masses are stary-"We might have within a month an absolute catastrophe in Germany and a collapse even worse than Russia, resulting in a German defeat and loss of the

> ANTIS HAVE LEAD OF **160,000 BALLOTS IN** THE ANZAG VOTING

Some Ministers Expect Later Returns To Turn Scale In Conscription's Favor.

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 22, via Reuter's Ottawa Agency.—The latest referendum figures are: Against conscription, 922,000; for, 749,000. Figures not yet complete.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 22.—Although Premier Hughes of Australia has little Premier Hugnes of Australia has little hope that conscription will carry, a few optimistic ministers expect later returns to turn the scale in favor of national conscription, said a cable to the Vancouver World last night from Sydney, N. S. W.

"With the count on the conscription your still incomplete," the cable said