

ENGINE STRUCK
EXPRESS TRUCK

Three Canadian Express Men Were Injured—E. James, L. Callaghan and P. Burnett.

From Thursday's Daily.
On Christmas morning at the G. T. R. station three Canadian Express Co's employees were injured while engaged in moving baggage and express, a light engine off No. 13 backed down and struck the truck with which the men were engaged and knocked the expressmen down. Edward James had his right arm fractured; Percy Burnett was bruised about the head and face and complained of pains in the back, and Leo Callaghan suffered injuries to his right hip. The exact nature of his injury is not yet known; at first it was feared that it was fractured. The men were attended by physicians who soon reached the scene. Edward James was taken to the city hospital for treatment.

Mr. Fred Wootton of Winnipeg is in the city.

Harry Hopkins of the Artillery at Kingston, is in the city.

Mr. Russell Woodley is home from Peterboro Normal School.

Mr. Kenneth Prentice of Bowmanville is visiting in town.

Mr. Wendell Osborne now of Osgoode Hall is in the city.

Mr. Wm. J. Embury of Queen's University, Kingston is in the city.

La. Eric Keeler of the 207th Battalion, Ottawa, is in the city on Xmas leave.

The police force are grateful to Mr. Henry Sneyd of the Merchants Bank for a handsome cheque.

Mr. Egbert Demorest and daughters of Northam, Ont. are visiting on College Hill with friends.

Mrs. Warde Johnston of New York City is the guest of Miss Eva Panter, Murney street.

Mrs. A. E. Johnston (nee Bessie Demorest) of Rosebush, Mich. is visiting her mother on College Hill.

Miss Helen Palen of Toronto, is spending the holidays with her sister, Miss Palen, Bridge street.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Robb, Montreal, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Spalding, Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Roughton, of Kingston with their children are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. Burrows, Bridge street.

Miss Helen B. Hunt from Toronto and Lieut. Harry K. Hunt from Calgary have arrived in Belleville to spend the Christmas vacation at home with their parents. Lieut. Hunt is rapidly recovering from his recent severe illness and expects to report for duty about the end of January.

CITY'S DONATION ACKNOWLEDGED.

Parliament Buildings
Toronto, Dec. 18th, 1916.
David Price, Esq.,
Treasurer,
Belleville, Ont.

Dear Sir,
I have pleasure in enclosing herewith my receipt to cover remittance of \$3,237.86, forwarded by you recently, in aid of the British Red Cross Society, and the Order of St. John.

His Honour, the Lieutenant-Governor, and the other members of the committee, desire to thank you and all those associated with you in the work of raising this contribution. Also, accept my personal thanks in this connection.

Yours very truly,
(Sgd.) M. M. McGarry.
Treas. British Red Cross Fund, Prov. of Ontario.

YOUNG GIRLS IN THE TOILS

The police last night raided a house and took in tow four young girls. One of them Mrs. Ruby Moore was charged in police court this morning with keeping a disorderly house. She pleaded guilty. Teresa Soltych and Mary Gordon pleaded guilty to the charge of being inmates. Another girl of tender years will be given a chance to redeem herself and will be allowed to go under her parents' control. The other three were remanded until Dec. 30th for judgment and sentence.

G. T. R. CASE POSTPONED

The cases in the alleged thefts from the G.T.R. have been postponed until Thursday, Jan. 4th.

TRENTON

Mr. J. D. Evans and Miss Annie Evans expect to spend Christmas in Belleville with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Evans.

A very pretty but quiet wedding was solemnized at St. George's Rectory by the Rev. Canon Armstrong at 9.30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20th, 1916. The bride was Miss Marjorie E. Smith, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ryerson Smith, of Trenton, the groom, Mr. James E. Hill, of Ottawa. The bride was married in her travelling suit of navy blue cheviot, dainty pink silk blouse and black velvet hat with white plume. She wore a bouquet of white carnations and ferns. The bride was assisted by Miss Pearl Rusk and her bride's brother, Clinton, acted as best man. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome diamond ring, to the bridesmaid a beautiful gold necklace and to the best man a set of initialed cuff links. The happy couple left on C.P.R. train No. 20 for Ottawa, where they will spend their honeymoon with Mr. Hill's parents. On their return they will reside in Trenton. Their many friends wish them a long and happy married life. —The Courier

CAMPBELLFORD.

In the action of Doxsee vs. Montgomery before the Peterboro County Sessions, the jury returned a verdict of \$212.39 for the plaintiff, Mrs. Doxsee of town, on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Mrs. Doxsee had entered action against Mr. Montgomery for damages to her car resulting from a collision with the car of the defendant.

A gloom was cast over the entire community on Tuesday when word was received that Donald Waters of Montreal, eldest son of the late Geo. W. A. Waters and Mrs. Margaret Waters of town, had succumbed to an attack of pneumonia.

He was taken ill on Wednesday last with what was considered a heavy cold but which developed into pleurisy and then into double pneumonia, and his death resulted very suddenly as a consequence. After Donald was taken sick, his sister, who is a trained nurse in New York, immediately proceeded to Montreal and was with her brother during his last hours, and she accompanied the body from Montreal on Tuesday night.

The deceased was a young man of 25 years and was well and favorably known in Campbellford, where he spent his boyhood days. After graduating from the local High School, he entered the service of the Bank of British North America and after a few years here was transferred to the Halifax branch and then to Weston.

For the past three years he has been a member of the head office staff of the bank in Montreal. While in the local branch, Mr. Waters' courteous manner and unassuming nature won the respect of all his acquaintances. Besides his mother, the deceased is survived by two sisters, Jean, of New York, and Margaret, at home, and one brother, Signaller Allan Waters of the 33rd battery, who is at the present time on active service in France.—The Herald.

As was forecasted in Saturday's issue there has materialized a lively contest for the reeveship and deputy reeveship of Thurlow. For the first time in many years an election will take place. Mr. Nathaniel Vermilyea, the dean of the county council, and one of the best known municipal parliamentarians in Ontario will have as his opponent, Mr. Dan Poucher, of Thrasher's Corners, a leading citizen of the township and a severe critic of the county's expenditure on the O'Brien's bridge repairs.

Mr. J. G. Sills, who has been deputy-reeve for some years past, is being opposed by Mr. Alex. Moore, of Plainfield.

The councillors elected are as follows—W. B. Tufts, R. J. Garbutt and Dan Macdonald.

QUARREL IN RESTAURANT
Some soldiers went into the Boston Cafe on Saturday at 12.10 and refused to pay for their meal. Before the police arrived the men had made themselves scarce.

M. DOOLITTLE DEAD
Marenius Doolittle died on Sunday evening at the age of 69 years at his residence of his son, Benjamin Doolittle, Sinclair street. He was born in Huller, Prince Edward and lived the greater part of his life in Belleville. Mourning his death are two sons, Benjamin and Beecher, both of Belleville. Burial will be at Burr's cemetery.

The worms that infest children from their birth are of two kinds, each and those that are found in the intestines. The latter are the most destructive, as they cling to the walls of the intestines and if not interfered with work havoc there. Miller's Worm Powders dislodge both kinds and while expelling them from the system serve to repair the dam-

MISSING SON
IS NOW FOUND

Pte. H. Watkins Was Wounded In Action Over Five Weeks Ago.

On Sunday afternoon, Mr. Delos Watkin, 17 Queen Street, got a most pleasant surprise when he received a telegram regarding his long missing son, Harry and relating how he was wounded. The message was dated Dec. 23rd and read:—
"Cable received today states No. 410430 Pte. Harry Thomas Watkin, Infantry, previously reported missing, now officially reported wounded Nov. 18th, 1916. Will send further particulars when received."
"Officer in charge of records."

MARRIED

In Emmanuel Church, Dec. 23rd, by Rev. A.M. Ruby, Harold Renell and Minnie Green, all of Belleville.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE AT WEST BELLEVILLE CHURCH.

The evening service at West Belleville Methodist church on Sunday partook of the Christmas character and was very interesting and impressive. The special music by the augmented choir was both pleasing and well rendered. The two anthems—"Unto Us a Child is Born" and "Holy Night" were given with fine expression, as was also the octave, "Holy Night." Mr. Pimlott's solo, "No Room in the Inn," was one of the best features of the service.

Rev. Mr. Clarry chose for his text, Luke 2: 10-11. "For behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people, for unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

BLACK PRECEPTORY INSTALLS OFFICERS

The following officers have been installed for the coming year by the Royal Black Preceptory No. 853, Belleville, by Past Preceptor D. Farrell.

S. G. Kerr, W. P. E. Bell, J. P. F. Bell, Chaplain, F. M. Clarke, Registrar, L. Soules, Treasurer, S. D. Lewson, 1st Lecturer, C. Reid, 2nd Lecturer, C. B. Boniclae, 1st Censor, Charles Boyle, 2nd Censor, Jos. Alexander, 1st Standard Bearer, H. Brown, 2nd Standard Bearer, E. Guss Porter, Pursuivant, W. C. Mikel, 1st Committeeman, R. A. Rutan, 2nd Committeeman, L. Vanallen, 4th Committeeman, W. C. Reid, 5th Committeeman, G. P. Rutan, 6th Committeeman, R. A. Adams, 7th Committeeman.

MADOC'S REEVE ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.

The expected contest for the reeveship in Madoc village will not take place. Reeve E. C. Tufts has retired thus leaving ex-Reeve Thomas H. Thompson elected by acclamation. There will however be an election for the position of councillor, a large ticket for this post of honor being in the field.

SUPERIOR OF HOTEL DIEU IS DEAD.

A Loveable Character Has Been Removed from Community

Shortly after seven o'clock Saturday morning, Rev. S. Power, superior of the Hotel Dieu passed away. Deceased was one of the best known of the community and won the respect and admiration of all by her truly Christian life and her devotedness to the sick and suffering. Her influence in the community and her executive ability were such as to single her out for the highest post in the Hotel Dieu on two occasions. Twice was Sister Power raised to the position of superior, and her faithful discharge of the duties has done much to place the institution in its high place. For many friends in the city and district Sister Power will be mourned and by her sisters in religion her splendid ability and powerful example will be missed. Deceased was from the Trenton district and she is survived by two nieces, both graduate nurses.

TYENDINAGA'S COUNCIL

Tyendinaga's council for 1917 is as follows:
Reeve—P. McLaren.
Deputy Reeve—J. V. Walsh.
Councillors—Chas. Osborne, John Campbell, James Eaton.
Mr. Orwell Ashley, councillor for some years retired, leaving the place to Mr. Eaton.

CHRISTMAS WEDDING

On Christmas day, a few minutes before high noon, Mr. William Hodge of Tyendinaga and Miss Ethel Maude Yorke of Thurlow were united in the bonds of holy matrimony at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson Yorke of the fifth line Thurlow. While the wedding which was played by Mrs. Nellis Yorke, the bride looking very charming and beautiful in a gown of shadow lace over charmeuse trimmed with seed pearls, and leaning on the arm of her father presently took her place, which had been arranged beneath a tasteful arch of evergreens. The brief and impressive marriage ceremony was immediately conducted by the Rev. Mr. Wilson of Cannifton. After congratulations and the customary signing of the marriage register, which was done while Miss Ethel Prindle sang a beautiful solo selection with impressive sweetness. The bridal party then entered the dining room for refreshments, and within a brief hour afterward, amid showers of confetti were conveyed to Belleville, where they took the train for points in Eastern Ontario for their honeymoon. The young couple are well and favorably known in the Glead community, as was evidenced in the numerous beautiful and costly presents received by the bride. Among them was a necklace of pearls, the gift of the groom. The bride will be very much missed at Glead where she has been a most interested worker in the church life of the community, particularly in the choir and Sunday school. Hosts of friends wish the happy couple bon voyage as they face together the joys or cares of a future.

Away with Depression and Melancholy—These two evils are the accompaniment of a disordered stomach and torpid liver and mean wretchedness to all whom they visit. The surest and speediest way to combat them is with Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, which will restore the healthy action of the stomach and bring relief. They have proved their usefulness in thousands of cases and will continue to give relief to the suffering by its low price.

FOXBORO.

We certainly had plenty of snow for Christmas.

We were very sorry that the evening of the Methodist Xmas Tree was so stormy. A very good crowd was present in spite of all. A well practised programme was given.

Mrs. Davis and Mr. Bird also Burton of Madoc Jct. spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. Neil Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Rose, Morris and Flossie spent Christmas with relatives in Belleville.

Mr. Kenneth Prentice of Bowmanville is visiting in our village.

Miss Peters of Muskoka Hospital, former teacher of our public school is visiting Mrs. John Gowsell, sr.

A good crowd attended the Presbyterian Christmas tree on Monday night.

Mrs. Walter Wickett and Merle and Alfred spent a few days with relatives at Madoc.

Mrs. Leslie Ashley and Douglas spent over Sunday with her sister, Mrs. Stillman Gay.

Mr. Clarence Lang of Toronto is spending the holidays with relatives here.

Miss Ruth Metcalf of Michigan, left for her home on Tuesday after spending several weeks with her grandmother, Mrs. Chas. Holgate.

Miss Agnes Marner and brother Fred spent Xmas with friends here.

OBSEQUIES LATE MRS. PERCY MITCHELL

The funeral of the late Mrs. Percy Mitchell held on Saturday afternoon was very largely attended. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. E. C. Currie. There were many beautiful floral tributes. Interment took place at Foxboro cemetery. The bearers were Messrs. Earl Sills, Leslie Ashley, Geo. Raynor, T. O'Hara, Ted Austin and Harry Moorman.

PAT BOLAND CABLES

Mrs. John Boland on Christmas Day received the following cable from her son Pat:

London, Dec. 24th, 1916.
Mrs. John Boland,
129 Dundas St.
Belleville, Ont.
"On furlough, London, A Merry Xmas."
Pat Boland."

254th NOTES.

Capt. H. L. Hyman reports recruiting brisk at Stirling for the 254th. Most of the men of this battalion was on leave over the holidays.

The 254th received a Xmas greeting from His Majesty King George and Brigadier-General Hemming.

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CAN WAS FATAL

Howard Clarke Died Before Doctor Arrived.

Howard Clarke, the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clarke, 498 Park street, Peterborough, died Friday night at the family home after being ill only a short time. S. J. Clarke, of Corbyville, the lad's grandfather, who was called to the city Saturday morning, told a reporter that early Friday evening the boy was given some canned tomatoes to eat and he was seized with pains in his stomach. The mother gave him hot cocoa, and the lad vomited and appeared to be very sick. The father went in search of a doctor, but before Dr. M. J. McCulloch and Dr. Greer arrived the little sufferer passed away.

A search for the empty can, which apparently had been thrown away by the deceased was made but no trace of it could be found. The parents are heartbroken over the death of their son, who was their only child.

A funeral service was held at the family home Sunday night at 8.30 and the remains were sent to Corbyville for interment on Monday. Saturday morning at Belleghem's undertaking rooms, Dr. Greer opened an inquest. The body was viewed by the jury and the inquest was adjourned to Monday, January 8th, in the city council chamber.

The personnel of the jury is: W. J. Stacey, foreman, J. E. Firth, H. Beal, Wm. Menzies, A. Brown, S. Houlihan, T. Borland, R. Sutherland, W. H. Lytle, A. Guerin, J. Malane, and E. White.

The remains were brought to Belleville yesterday and taken by Messrs. "Ticke" and Sons' company to Elmwood cemetery, Corbyville, where Rev. Mr. Pimlott conducted the burial service.

DIED AT GREAT AGE

Lucius Hyland Root, died late Saturday night at the home of his daughter at Rednersville. Death was due to old age, for having been born in 1825, he was 91 years and eight months of age. A native of the United States he was brought to Canada as an infant. Mrs. Root preceded him to the tomb about five years ago. He was a Methodist in religion and a lifelong Liberal in politics. He leaves five sons, Wilmet of Minnesota, John of Sophsburg, Prince Edward, Erasmus of Pictou, Stillman of Rossmore, and John, of Rossmore, and six daughters—Mrs. Leslie Parliament, Rednersville, Mrs. James Garrison, of Belleville; Mrs. Ridley Wood, of Sophsburg; Mrs. Robert Symons, of Belleville; Mrs. Philip Tice, Frankford and Mrs. John Carter, Pictou.

MRS. EMMA J. CANNIFF

Mrs. Emma Jane Canniff, died on Saturday at midnight at the age of 67 years. Her husband passed away 32 years ago. She was a highly esteemed lady whose death is deeply mourned. She was born in Cannifton but had lived the most of her life in Belleville. Mourning her loss are two sons and three daughters—Lisle Vioman Canniff, John Edgar Canniff, of Belleville; Mrs. J. Stortta, of this city, Mrs. H. Leavens, Toronto and Mrs. L. O. Frost. The funeral is being held this afternoon.

DIED AT GREAT AGE

Miss Bella Macdonald, sister of Mr. Archie Macdonald of Belleville died last week in Toronto after a short illness at the age of 89 years. She was born in Belleville and brought up here but went to live in Toronto with Mrs. John McKinnon, some 15 years ago. Mr. Wm. Macdonald of this city is a nephew of the deceased.

DEATH OF MISS M. J. PITMAN

Miss Martha Jane Pitman died this morning at the residence of her brother-in-law, Mr. R. Gibson, 7th of Tyendinaga. She was born Nov. 6th, 1862. Mourning her loss are one brother, John of Thurlow, and two sisters, Mrs. J. A. Miller, Latta, Mrs. R. Gibson of Tyendinaga. She was a Methodist. She had been ill for many years, death being due to heart failure.

FRANK MACDONALD RETURNING.

Trooper Frank MacDonald who left here with the Mounted Rifles, and has been in hospital since summer, is returning to Canada and is expected almost any day. He is a son of Mr. William Macdonald. His brother Harry is a prisoner of war in Germany.

RAWDON'S REEVE AND DEPUTY ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION.

In Rawdon township Thomas Montgomery and Chas. W. Thompson were elected by acclamation to deputy-reeve offices of reeve and deputy-reeve.

The following captains of the I. S. of I. have completed the Field Officers' course: J. H. Edwards, 240th, S. H. Powell, 240th; J. G. McLachlan, 207th, E. C. Plant, 207th, F. H. Stewart, 235th; J. Kingston, 56th; M. E. Branscombe, 16th; J. Belton, 247th.

XMAS MUSIC
AT BRIDGE ST.

Choral Programs on Sunday Morning and Evening.

From Thursday's Daily.
Bridge Street Methodist Church on Sunday celebrated Christmas with a suitable musical program besides impressive sermons on the meaning of Christmas—"A Christmas Message," and "No Room in the Inn." The music of the day was as follows:—

Morning
Organ Voluntary—"Morning"—Greig
Hymn—"Angels from the realms of glory."

Evening
Hymn—"It came upon the midnight clear"—Sullivan.

Miss Mayrel Stork and choir.
Glória Patri, choir and congregation.
Carol—"A Legend"—Tschakowsky.
Organ, offertory—"The Holy Night"—Dudley Buck.

Hymn—"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus."
Solo—"The First Christmas Morn"—Ernest Newton.

Miss Theima Flemming.
Hymn—"To Us a Child of Royal Birth."
Benediction and Two-Fold Amen.

Organ Postlude—"Marche Posthale"—Tombelle.

Evening
Organ Prelude—"Largo" (from the New World Symphony)—Dvorak.
National Anthem and Invocation.

Hymn—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing."
Prayer, concluding with The Lord's Prayer.

Carol—"Holy Night, Silent Night."
Christmas Music—Selected from Handel's Messiah.

Recitative—"Comfort Ye My People"
Aria—"Every Valley Shall be Exalted"—Mr. Staples.

Chorus—"And the Glory of the Lord"
Recitative—"Behold! a Virgin Shall Conceive."

Air—"O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings to Zion"—Miss Gertrude Price.

Chorus—"O Thou that Tellest Good Tidings."
Organ Solo—"Pastoral Symphony."

Recitatives (a)—"There were shepherds abiding in the field; (b) and lo! the Angel of the Lord came upon them; (c) and the angel said, unto them, fear not. (d) And suddenly there was with the angel."

Miss Mayrel Stork.
Chorus—"Glory to God in the Highest."

Hymn—"Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices."
Solo and Semi-Chorus—"O Holy Night"—Miss Mayrel Stork and choir.

Hymn—"As with gladness men of old."
Benediction and Vesper.

Organ Postlude—"O Sanctissima."
Lux.

SUDDEN DEATH
MRS. ARMITAGE

Husband Is Now Overseas With the 155th Battalion at Bramshott.

From Thursday's Daily.
Mrs. Florence M. Armitage died suddenly on Sunday morning at her home 34 Great St. James Street, after a few days' illness. She was the wife of Sergeant W. E. Armitage of the 155th Battalion, Bramshott Camp. Born in Islington, London, England and a daughter of the late Eugene Henry Coeurat, she came to Belleville about six years ago. She was a Presbyterian in religion and a member of John St. Presbyterian church. Besides her husband, she leaves an infant two years old, one brother in England, and two sisters, Mrs. Edgar Stapley and Miss Lena Coeurat of this city.

The Khaki Club was a bright spot on Christmas night, for the boys in khaki who spent the holiday in town. The house was beautifully decorated. Everything possible was done to make the boys happy. This very bright programme was given by Mrs. Wilmet assisted by Miss Joy Higgs, Mrs. Wagner and the Misses Wilmet, Corp. Raglan, Pte. Cunningham, Pte. O'Callaghan and Pte. Smith sang exceedingly well during the evening. The canteen was looked after by Mrs. Spence Clarke, candy, pie, fruit and cigarettes were given the boys in addition to the usual refreshment.

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More U. S. Publications Barred.
OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—A further list of United States publications which are anti-British in policy have been prohibited entry into Canada. They are: Dis Abendach, a fortnightly German magazine published at St. Louis, Mo.; Bels Boy, a Polish weekly printed at Chicago; Sonagh Winca, a German Sunday newspaper printed at Winona, Minn.; Westlicher Herald, a Winona, Minn. weekly, and Der Wanderer, a German weekly of St. Paul, Minn.; Narodina Wola, a Ruthenian tri-weekly at Scranton, Pa.; Freeman's Journal of New York, an Irish weekly; Cincinnati Freie Presse, a German daily newspaper published at Cincinnati, and the Cincinnati Press, a German daily newspaper also published at Cincinnati.

Sunk in Collision in North Sea.
LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Admiralty announces that the two destroyers were sunk in a collision in the North Sea on Dec. 21, during very bad weather. Six officers and forty-nine men were lost.

German U-Boat Is Sunk.
PARIS, Dec. 26.—The German submarine U-45 has been sunk by destroyers, according to a Nantes despatch. The U-45 recently sank the steamers of St. Nazaire.

Sink Turk Gunboats.
PETROGRAD, Dec. 26.—It is announced that the Russian warships in the Black Sea have sunk five Turkish motor-gunboats.

TOOK 1,100 PRISONERS.

British Follow Up Victory Scored at El Arish.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Following up their victory against the Turks at the capture of El Arish, 80 miles east of the Suez canal, the British forces in Egypt have captured a strong Turkish position at Magdhabah, 20 miles to the south-east of El Arish, taking some 1,100 prisoners, two guns, and quantities of war material, the War Office announced Christmas day. The official statement reads:

"On Friday afternoon British mounted troops carried a strong enemy position at Magdhabah, 20 miles south, south-east of El Arish, after an engagement beginning at 9 o'clock in the morning. Five hundred prisoners were taken. Artillery co-operated, attacking with bombs and machine gunfire from a low altitude."

A later official statement says: A full report from Magdhabah is not yet at hand. The total captures are now 1,130 prisoners, at least two guns, and a large quantity of arms and war material. The enemy's casualties were considerable. Our airplanes continue to harass the enemy.

DEADLY HAND GRENADES.

Were Used to Repulse Surprise Attack of Germans.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The War Office Christmas day issued the following statement regarding military operations on the French front.

On the Aves, a surprise attack on one of our small posts north-east of Canzy was repulsed by hand grenades.

In the region of Roye, one of our detachments penetrated, near the Amiens road, a trench of the enemy the occupants of which died after suffering some losses. On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front), the activity of the artillery was maintained at a rather lively rate in the region of Louvemont and Les Chambrées.

The night was calm on the remainder of the front.

TWO TOWNS EVACUATED.

Ground Yielded by Russians—Main Attacks by Enemy Repulsed.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 26.—(British Admiralty, per wireless via London.)—Revered heavy fighting is in progress in eastern Wallachia. The Rumanians were forced to yield ground at some points, and the Russians lost a height north of the Buzen-Rimnik road, but repulsed all other attacks.

The evacuation of Tulchik and Isakchik, in Dobruja, is announced. Attempts by Austro-German troops to recapture heights occupied by the Russians at the end of the Unal Valley were repulsed sanguinarily. The Russians capturing two guns and more than 200 prisoners.

Amstcr Nov. Secession.
PARIS, Dec. 26.—The eagerness of the German Emperor and his advisers for peace, according to the best advice to hand here, is undoubtedly inspired to a very considerable degree by the likelihood of a weak, which is becoming increasingly threatening, with Austria. Throughout the Dual Empire there is a clamor that the war be brought to a conclusion, which is no effort on the part of the Government can restrain, and which can no longer be concealed from the world. Austria in fact is close to secession, owing to economic distress, no less than to the national resentment at Germanophil policy, which has been pursued during the past year by the Vienna authorities.

Xanthi Station Raided From Air.
LONDON, Dec. 26.—The official British statement on operations on the Macedonian front issued under Sunday's date is as follows:

"On Saturday we raided an enemy position north-west of Zere on the Struma front. Our aircraft successfully bombed Xanthi station and an enemy transport column there. One enemy airplane was destroyed and a second brought down by our airplanes."

Sunday's official statement on the Macedonian operations reads: