HOME **EDITION**

"PAT'S PETS" WIN UNDYING FAME FOR CANADA

"Prominent" Conservatives Will Oppose Mr. Gray at Polls

German Soldiers Would Like To Pay This Tribute to the Kaiser.

EVENTS OF IMPORTANCE

Past Few Days Have Supplied More Than Experts Anticipated.

TURKS' CHANCE IS POOR

Af They Attempt Egypt In- the words "Louvain, Dinant, Liege, vasion Will Meet Troops and Warship Fire.

[Canadian Press].

London, Jan. 16—1:05 p.m.—Out of "OUICKSILVER BILL" TO the state of virtual deadlock which for weeks has existed in the east and west there have sprung, during the past few days, military events of more importance than followers of the war expected at this time. They are, briefly: The Russian offensive towards new points on the frontiers of East Prussia and Posen; the fighting at Soissons; the expected Turkish advance on Egypt, and the plans for a renewed attack on Servia by combined Austro-German forces. To the west of Warsaw large German forces are still concentrated, but they are gaining little ground. It is thought likely that the fighting which will develop as a result of the new Russian RATHER SEE GRIT ELECTED novement may for the time being overshadow the previous battle for the

Another Suggestion It is even suggested that Field Marshal von Hindenburg, held in check along the Bzura and Rawka rivers, is about to initiate a f.esh movement of German troops either from Thorn or

munications in agreement on so many important points.

Why Kalser Was There. Military writers, speculating as to the reasons for Emperor William's presence in all probability T. G. Meredith, K.C. at the front during the fighting near city solicitor, will be placed in the field. Solssons, suggest that General von It was said without authority that Mr. Kluck "either requested the Emperor to Meredith would on ready to contest come and inspire enthusiasm among the weary troops, or else felt so sure of his ability to force back the French over the river that he desired to have he Emperor witness the victory."

A third theory advanced is that Emthe Emperor witness the victory." peror William is visiting various points along the western front, feeling out the situation with a view to selecting the most likely spot for an attempt to break

through in the spring. Calais as Birthday Present. Dispatches reaching London today assert that the Germans have not abandoned hope of reaching Calais, and are planning a new offensive in Belgium and Northern France. According to these advices, train after train loaded with troops is moving into Flanders. With the touch so often added heretofore on the occasion of any approaching holiday or anniversary, these dispatches say that the German soldiers hope to present Calais to Emperor William for a birthday present.

Only a small fraction of the British military writers profess to see in the German advance at Soissons any new threat to Paris.

Attack on Egypt. They pay more attention, however, to the cumulative indications that the Turks have determined to attempt an invasion of Egypt. The general feeling is that any such raid could be checked, as the Turks would have to reckon with not only the British troops but with warships, which will be able to share in the work of opposing the

invaders, operating in the Suez Canal off Akabah, Arabia and at other points. Aware of the fact that it is less difficult to cross the desert in winter than n summer, the Turks are said to be massing troops with all possible speed Latest advices relative to the prospect

of an Austro-German attack on Servia say that Bavarians and Prussians are on the way to Budapest to effect a junction with the remnants of the four or five Austrian army corps, which suffored so severely at the hands of the

BRITISH MAIL

The next British mail closes Tuesday, January 19, at 10 a.m.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 34; lowest, 22.
The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 29; lowest, 18.

TOMORROW-RAIN OR SNOW.

Toronto, Jan. 16—8 a.m.
Forecasts.
Fresh to strong easterly winds; rain or snow tonight and part of Sunday.
Temperatures,
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours are views to 8 a.m. today; Cloudy

Weather Notes.

A marked disturbance now centred in Kansas is likely to move directly to the Great Lakes.

The weather is fairly cold in the Western Provinces, and comparatively mild from Ontario eastward.

Cloudy valuable to Western Ontar from a business standpoint.

Want Old Servic At a largely-attended me traveilers held in their reconstruction.

CROSS SENT AS **GENUINE "IRON BOY"**



Advertiser Illustrations The above cross received by Gunner Blackwell from a Belgian is believed to be a satirical imitation of the real thing. In English Gothic print it bears Ghent" and other places which were

Declare "War to the Knife"

On Candidate.

Likely That T. G. Meredith.

K. C., Will Be Asked To

Contest By-election.

A Second Convention

the 'prominent' members of the party

is to be called and a second candidate

Lordon with Mr. Tray and that Sir

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THRILLING EXPERIENCES

FLYING OVER TRENCHES

Lieut. Wm. Sharbe Dropped

Arrows On Regiments and

Blew Up Batteries.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Salisbury Plain, Jan. 16,-Looping

the loop over German trenches,

dropping a thousand arrows on

marching regiments and bombs on

howitzer batteries, having the

wings of his biplane punctured six

times by bullets while flying for six

days with the most intrepid aviator

of the French forces were events

which crowded eight days spent at

the front by Lieut. William Sharpe,

He went to France to purchase a

machine, and proceeded to the front

on the invitation of the French Gov-

flank, he flew every day on recon-

naissances, and on sudden raids on

He had a narrow escape when the

machine, on a turn, side-slipped a thousand feet, righted and rose

mid a fusillade of bullets, which

They dropped a bomb on a trench,

and when the smoke blew away

Sharpe is most enthusiastic, and pays a high tribute to the daring

and skill of the French and British

He describes a battlefield seen

from aeroplanes as a vivid spectacle.

flights, when sudden drops to ob-

serve, and rapid ascents were the

only safe methods to pursue, and an

aviator cannot descend lower than

He was under fire during all

ernmert. With Poulet, on the right

Canadian avlator.

German artillery.

riddled the wings.

aviators.

there was no trench.

seven thousand feet.

Another convention to be attended by

HELPED TO TRANSPORT BRINGS GERMAN



GUNNER PERCY ("PETE") BLACK. the scenes of the application of German | WELL, who has been having an excit-"kultur." A cross of the same kind was ing time since landing in England. He recently sent to his relatives by Dr. sent the "Iron Cross," reproduced herewith, to his wife in this city.

as Funeral Passed.

Rev. Father Tobin, of St. Peter's

as the result of the failure of the city

manded by those in authority."

TAKING OF TABRIZ

Plans Had Been Previously

Arranged, American Consul

Giving Assistance.

[Canadian Press.]

place in accordance with plans pre-

viously arranged between the American

All the Russians in Tabriz, including

from the city, in order to avoid a con-

Only 600 Turkish soldiers marched into the Persian city, the Kurds, num-

Government, conveying the above infor

COMMAND APPROVED

Rifles With Higher Rank.

let at some distance outside.

would remain strictly neutral.

Turkish forces.

GET BATTLE FOR SEAT

"Prominent" Conservatives Priest Denounces

PRISONERS OVER

Iron Cross.

Writer and "Jim" Oakley Are Goose For Battalion.

An Iron Cross, obtained from a Belgian soldier and alleged to have been through many hard fights, but which is apparently one of the crosses made in England to show British contempt for the cheapened decoration. as this week been received by Mrs. Blackwell, of this city, from her husband, Gunner Pete Blackwell, Twelfth Battery, Third Bri-

pocket piece which formerly belonged to a prisoner of war. Gunner Blackwell has had many interesting and novel experiences since reaching Salisbury. As a dispatch-

Bloodstain Still Where Boy Was Killed rade. A Kindly Old Admiral. quarters that a family named Mr. and Peter Dempsey met his death.

A great blotch of blood was on the Mrs. Springford, at Devizes, would like

intended to forestall this attempt.

The British press concedes that the Germans were victors in the recent fighting near Soissons, remarking that it is a relief from the customary contradictions to find the official comis responsible was guilty of a certain careless cruelty, and should be reprisuch big fellows, both over six feet, could be sent to represent the brigade. He gave us a motor transport to take us to Devizes, a distance of fourteen miles. Very good of the old scout. We landed there at 11:30 a.m.—46 Long street is the gentleman's home. We were given a royal welcome by the whole family, -father, mother and three daughtersvery fine people. We first went into Mr. Springford's private den and had a smoke. Jim Oakley had a box of cigars in France, and sent to him from London, which he account of itself. opened. We went to dinner, and I can

> Tabriz several days ago was entirely Tabriz several days ago was entirely unopposed by the Persians, and took place in accordance with plans preteen inches deep. It is some place, all right. We have only had four days consul, who co-operated with the deputy governor and the commander of the without rain since coming. This is the truth; the English people don't know how we stand it. This is the first time in the history of Salisbury Plains troops the consul had previously withdrawn have remained under canvas through a English winter. Today, the wind is blowing so hard we have had to tighten the guy ropes. While I have been writ. ing, it has started to rain again. This bering some 25,000 men, having been is about the last place on earth to keen

An official telegram from the Teheran mation, was received in London today. This message adds that Persia was Threatened Life of neither prepared nor willing to oppose either side in this conflict, but that she German Ambassador

American Sentenced To Six Months In Prison For Writing Letters,

Major Leonard Will Command Mounted The appointment of Major E. I. command the Seventh by Federal Judge Cushman, for threat-Regiment Canadian Mounted Rifles, with the temporary rank of lieutenant. olonel, has been approved provision-inited having written two letters to the ambassado at Washington, in

WIN FOR CARRANZA

His Forces Said to Have Recaptured Town of Guadalajara. [Canadlan Press.]

Vera Cruz, Mex., Jan. 16.—According o official information reaching Vera has been recaptured by the Carranza leader, Gen. Dieguez. Guadalajara was taken by the Villa forces in December, the Carranza troops under Dieguez evacuating the position

Sharpe is returning from France. Travellers Protest from the various coops.

On Train Changes

store Old Service on the Grand Trunk.

the Grand Trunk cuts off some of the trains that are not only convenient, but and by the time it reached Owen Sound

valuable to Western Ontario travellers three valuable hours would be lost,

Ontario Loan Building today it was de- Hmit for the old service.

Committee Appointed To Re- cided that the following committees, composed of President Rennie and Messrs. Adams, Firth, Hannah, Cowley, and Sherwood, wait upon the Dominion Railway Commission, with a view to remoted in secontingent have been prostoring the old service on the Grand

The Ontario Commercial Travellers' It was stated by several prominent travellers that the train leaving here for Stratford at 6 o'clock would in future wait at Stratford for the Toronto traini.

Many Protests. Protests from all over Western On- and Sergt. Alex. Ewen. At a largely-attended meeting of the tario have been received, and the Travellers held in their rooms in the ellers' Association intends to fight to the in the military police corps at Bustard Avezzano, the centre of the disturbance, and the greatest sufferer, to other and

Gunner "Pete" Blackwell Also Sends His Wife an

GUESTS OF OLD ADMIRAL

Chosen To Eat Turkey and

reproduced gade, Salisbury. With the cross came a Spanish coin

bearer, errands have carried him far and wide, and during the early months of the Canadian encampment there, he was called upon from time to time to go to France to escort back German prisoners. "Jim" Oakley, formerly of the local police force, is his tent mate, and in a letter written to his wife on December Careless Cruelty 26, Blackwell gives a most interesting description of a "surprise" hristmas enjoyed by himself and strapping com-

"This is the day after Christmas," he writes, "and I'm busy picking the goose Cathedral, was indignant this morning and turkey out of my teeth. The hope as the result of the failure of the city of having a Christmas dinner looked as authorities to remove the sanguinary stain that marked the spot where little road as the funeral of the boy passed to have two Canadians come to their along Dufferin avenue, his relatives in home to spend Christmas Day. Jim Prominent "anti-Gray" Conservatives the carriages, with the gruesome re- Oakley and Gunner P. Blackwell went

> tell you it tasted good. Crucifix on Chest.
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> "I have had a crucifix of the Savior tattooed on my chest. The artist, who charged me five dollars for doing it, has done a good job. He ought to, as he has done it for the royal family. "Must tell you about our weather here Last night it rained so hard the tents

London, Jan. 16.—The entrance of You can judge for yourself what it is Turkish troops into the Persian city of like when I tell you that around our

[Canadian Press.]
Tacoma, Wash., Jan. 16.—Edwin R.

Scott, of Raymond, Wash., was sentenced to six months in fail vesterday ening the life of the German ambassador, Count von Bernstorff. Scott adwhich he made threats. These, he said,

A CHICKEN CLEAN-UP

Some Soft-Footed Prowlers Cleared South-End Roosts.

One of the most extensive raids on Cruz today, the town of Guadalajara chicken coops ever made in London took place last night and early today in the southern section of the city, and so skilfully did the gang work that the police have no clues. were completely emptied, and many valuable birds were taken. One man stated to The Advertiser this afternoon that about 150 chickens were stolen

FIVE FINE SOLDIERS

Police Training Did It, Says Chief Williams.

police force who are at Salisbury Plains moted in rank.

"Police training was what did it. They were all good men, and I expect that they will be given further promotions, said Chief Williams, of the police de-partment. He keeps in touch with the men who were formerly members of the police force. They are: Corp. James Oakley, Corp. Russell Knight, Corp. William Snell, Sergt. John A. Barnhill,

Camp, Salisbury Plaine.

A SECTION OF THE DASHING PRINCESS PATRICIAS



PRINCESS PAT'S "PETS" MAKE SHORT **WORK OF GERMANS IN ENTRENCHMENTS**

LIEUT. NIVEN WITH THE "PRINCESS PATS"



SCENE OF CANADIANS'

It was at "Dead Men's Lane," in the Lieut. Niven is a son of Dr. Niven, of vicinity of Ypres, that the Princess this city, and his regiment has just been brigaded with the Fourth Brigade Patriclas, in their first great charge, in France, and has given a splendid swept a large German force literally

PRUSSIA MILITARISM CURSE OF MANKIND IS GERMAN VERDICT

Humanity League Says Vienna Is Just "Abject Creature, and Cat's Paw of Berlin Clique"-The Socialists' Cowardice Condemned Before Workers

of the World.

[Canadian Press.] London, Jan. 16 .- In a declaration addressed from Rotterdam to the workers of the world by the commit-tee of the German Humanity League, asserted that the outraged proletariat of the dual monarchy at last realizes that the Government in Vienna has been the "abject creature and cat's paw of the inhuman militarist clique at Berlin, and that millions of innocent women and children suffering in want and anguish in Galicia and Poland are in a plight not less distracting and shameful than that of their Belgian

brethren.' Socialists Cowardly. The declaration proceeds: tria is now seeking to stop the tragedy, and beseeching the aid of the Vatican to obtain for herself terms from the Allies. In Germany it is manifest that the Socialists in the Reichstag have been cowards, with one or two ex-The manful courage of

faint-hearted deputies who, under threats from the police, have thrown n their support with the conspiracy against the world's peace and the workers of the world.

Commend Two Women. "We must, however, acknowledge with profound respect and affection the splendid and untiring efforts of brave women, Rosa Luxemburg and Clara Zetkin, on behalf of in ternational co-operation against the military despots, and we share to the full the hopes of Herman Muller that the present wicked and murderous struggle may speedily be terminated.
"We ask that at the coming conference at Copenhagen, the issue

may not be confused. Let the one clear fact be faced. It is that Prusstan militarism is the curse of mankind. The German people can crush it only by strength of arms, and that power is denied to them by the ty rants who are forcing our brothers into the trenches and ordering them to disgrace our nation by their mur ders and brutality.'

Flood and Famine Add to Italian Disasters

As a result of the raid, many coops Huge Death Roll Shows Little Change—Sora Escaped More Lightly Than Was Reported—Rescue Work Is Delayed by Lack of Transportation.

[Canadian Press.]

cold are adding to the sufferings of the earthquake victims, and slowly in-All of the five members of the London creasing the already huge death roll. Food there is in plenty, but its transportation to many of the towns affected been killed.

structed roads. Rescue work, prosecuted at the beginning with all possible celerity is tional details of the horror come in, all now going ahead feverishly, for each tending to confirm earlier estimates of hour of delay means death by starvation or exhaustion for buried victims. From town after town in the stricken indicate that, next to Avezzano, the section come reports of excavation of towns to suffer the most are Pescina. ruins that was too late to save lives.

and the greatest sufferer, to other and

smaller towns waere an almost equally Rome, Jan. 16 .- Famine and intense large percentage of the population was destroyed. In only one case so far, that of Sora, do late reports show that the effects of the quake were less disas trous than had been expected. Only 36 of Sora's 17,000 persons appear to have

While trainloads of wounded and in

jured continue to arrive in Rome, addi the tremendous loss of life. Reports with 4,500 victims; Paterno, with 1,00 Only 360 Killed in Sora.

Attention gradually is turning from people of 1,600 wiped out. All are en-

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SWEEPING CHARGE Barbed Wire Entanglements Fail To Stop Canadians, Who Clear Germans Out of Treaches at Bayanet's Point.

[Special Cable to The London Advertiser and Montreal Stars by Roland Hill, in France.]

Northern France, Friday night, Jan. 15 .- Via London.-From two wounded British soldiers, one a sergeant in a Welsh regiment and the other a private in the Staffordshires, neither one of whom had come into contact with the other. I learn that the Patricias have again been in a glorious action during the last two days.

They have assisted in repulsing a heavy German attack northeast of Bethune and have played an heroic part in a counter-attack against the main German trenches. which were captured after a splendid bayonet charge and which are now held by them and their brother regiments.

FIRST REALLY SERIOUS ACTIONS. The narratives of the two soldiers, when pieced together, make a circumstantial story of the first really serious action in which the Canadians participated. For several days the Canadians have occupied a village near Bethune which was formerly held by the Indian troops. The latter had been sent south for a rest after strenuous fighting in which, although constant attacks by the Germans

Alies for several weeks. DEAD LEFT UNBURIED.

had been repulsed, no ground had been gained by the

The main trenches, so the sergeant fold me, were slightly over one thousand yards apart and so deadly was the space between that the Germans had never recovered their dead, which lay like frozen hillocks within two hundred yards of the British trenches.

On Wednesday afternoon there was a terrific artillery attack on our line which seemed to forecast that an assault would be made that night, but the weather, although bitterly cold, was exceptionally clear and the Germans apparently abandoned this plan.

DECIDE TO BE AGGRESSORS. The British had prepared for an attack by concentrating several regiments, of which the Patricias was one, and on reports coming in that a drain seemed to have been made on the enemy's line to assist another attack further south, it was decided at least to make a reconnaissance in

Under heavy artillery fire at daybreak, in which one particularly obnoxious German battery was put out of action, the Pats and their support reached a partly-destroyed trench which the Indians had once captured and found themselves unable to hold.

MINE FIELD DESTROYED. The engineers fortunately found a part of a German mine field which they exploded without loss. The attackers were then only about three hundred yards from the advanced German trenches, but between them and their quarry were strong barbed wire entanglements and much marshy ground. Our artillery found excellent range and

with terrific fire made a way through. "FIX BAYONETS AND CHARGE." It was seen that most of the German gerenders had fallen back to main position and order was given to fix bayonets and charge. Although the attack was in command of the senior officer of an English regiment, the place of honor on the right flank was royally given to the Patricias, who managed to get a machine gun into an enfilading position and backed their advantage up with

Their charge carried them actually into the German trench. The other regiments meanwhile had also gained shelter and remaining Germans were either killed or cap-

The total casualties were slight considering the tremendous advantage gained.

The Patricias, according to one of my informants, lost three killed and a score wounded. The latter, according to a high British medical officer whom I questioned. would as a compliment to Canada be sent down to the Canadian hospital at Letoquet. It is impossible to get the names of the killed as arrangements have been made to cable all Canadian casualties direct to Ottawa, where they will be given out officially by the militia department. ROLAND HILL.