

### Invents a Gas Which Beats the Germans

Truro Man Has Invented Powerful Gas Which He Claims Will Finish Germans.—Trials Have Proven Satisfactory.

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 31.—A real rival for the German's chlorine gas has been discovered by a Canadian soldier now in England, according to word brought by members of the party of returned convalescent soldiers, says the Toronto News. The inventor of the new destructive agent is Sergeant Percy H. Lawrence, of Truro, a member of the 17th Battalion, and he has been working on the development of the substance for four or five months, it is declared. Soldiers who returned say that experiments were carried out by the Nova Scotian in the presence of representatives of the British war office, who now hold the secret formula. Asked as to whether the British authorities intended to use the new gas, several of the returned men stated that, according to their belief, the British might employ the substance in order to compel the Huns to forego the use of their chlorine vapors.

According to the returned soldiers the gas invented by the Canadian will be so terrible that the enemy will never want to use their gas. It is a combination of chemicals from which it is impossible to escape, it is declared, because of the fact that it explodes when it comes into contact with certain materials. In a recent experiment in which a cat was used as a victim, the animal was killed instantly, although only a small quantity was released. They say that Sergeant Lawrence has been working so hard in the perfection of the gaseous substance that he has become broken down, but the combustible is now ready for practical usage in the field. Sergeant Lawrence is the son of a Nova Scotia newspaperman and was formerly a member of the 76th Regiment of the Canadian Militia.

### KAISER AND SON SEND GREETINGS.

BERLIN, Jan. 2, via London, Jan. 1.—Emperor William is sending new year greetings to friends at the front in the form of an artistic reproduction of a postal portrait of himself bearing the words "Christmas and New Year 1915-1916" and his autograph signature. Crown Prince Frederick is sending a colored picture of himself in the trenches in the forest of the Argonne, with the legend: "Good luck for the New Year."

### Higher Pay Granted to U.S. Workmen

Two Hundred Thousand New York Workers to Share in Raise.—Also Boston's Longshoremen get Increase.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Wages of 200,000 employees in various trades in this city will be increased beginning Jan. 1, it was estimated to-day. The increases are expected to aggregate millions of dollars. Thousands of workers on street, subway and elevated railroads are included among those who will profit by the advances. The United Board of Business Agents for the Building Trade Unions announces that the wages of more than 5,000 machinists, tile layers and lathers already have been increased by from 20 cents to \$1.40 a day. Increases by many other unions, and range from 25 cents to 50 cents a day. Increases in pay have been granted to 12,000 girls in the millinery trade, 3,000 waiters and to 1,200 mechanics in the New York Navy Yards. Employers say they do not remember a time when more labor organizations asked larger pay than at present not when so many were obtaining it.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—Increases in wages ranging from two to five cents an hour for longshoremen working at this port will go into effect the first of the year as a result of an agreement signed yesterday by representatives of the Longshoremen's Union and the Trans-Atlantic Steamship Conference. The men had asked a somewhat large advance.

### PEACE ONLY AFTER VICTORY.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—At the afternoon session of the Socialist National Congress, which opened here yesterday, the chief speaker was Deputy Compe-Morel, whose address was vigorously applauded by a great majority of the three hundred delegates in attendance. His address may be summed up as follows. No renewal of relations with the German Socialists; no peace at the present juncture; war to the knife, as the allies are sure of victory, and peace only after victory.

In the course of his remarks the speaker pointed out as important, where is one of exhaustion, that the population of the Entente countries amounted to 711,000,000 as against Central Powers' population of 160,000,000, and that the economic forces with respect to agriculture and finance gave the allies a situation of preponderance.

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### London to Cape Town by Tunnel

LONDON, Dec. 29.—In an address before the Royal Geographical Society, Sir Charles Metcalfe, an eminent engineer, described as a possibility of the not far distant future a trip by rail from London to Cape Town. Sir Charles pointed out that when one or two lines now under construction are completed and a new 100-mile line is built, communication by rail or steamer will be effected from Cape Town to Alexandria and Port Said. A short connection between Port Said and Jerusalem would link up Asia Minor.

It was almost certain, he said, that a railway would be made from Stanleyville to Lake Chad, and French surveys to Lake Chad from Algeria had already been made (across the Sahara). With a tunnel from Ceuta to the Spanish coast, this would give an overland connection with Europe. Sir Charles did not mention the subject of a channel tunnel, but if a tunnel from Ceuta under the much greater distance of the Mediterranean were possible, as he foreshadowed, it requires only a little reasonable imagination to link up Charing Cross and Cape Town. Then in the piping times of peace passengers may jump on the Cape Town through express at the London terminus and reach their destination with perhaps one stop at Lake Tanganyika for rest and refreshments and to admire the view.

### Nobody Could Beat Him

In the family of one of his favorite constituents, Congressman Eugene E. Reed of New Hampshire, relates there is a bright and ambitious little boy named Willie. One day he came home from school with a downcast air, and his mother naturally was solicitous as to the cause.

"I didn't study my spelling lesson," the boy explained, "and I missed 13 words."  
"Oh, well, you'll do better next time; don't worry," the mother comforted him, and then, in an effort to cheer, added: "I probably would have missed more than that myself."  
"You couldn't do it, mamma," the boy replied, because that was all the spelling I was given to learn."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Acting on instructions from the State Department, the War Department has notified Major-Gen. Frederick H. Funston, commanding the American border forces, that Gen. Francisco Villa, who has abandoned his rebellion in Mexico, is to be accorded full protection if he crosses the American border as a refugee.

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 (Editor Mail and Advocate)  
 Dear Sir,—It affords me great pleasure to inform you that on the 16th of December we held our Road Board Election and we elected seven Union men, which reads as follows:—William Tucker, Samson Trask, John Porter, R. J. Crew, Harthar Hobbs, Ronald Porter, Wm. M. Baker. This will show our enemies that we determined to go forward to swim with W. F. Coaker until the Union flag is flying all over Newfoundland.  
 Yours truly  
 A MEMBER.  
 Elliston, Jan. 6th., 1916.

**CHARLOTTETOWN LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS FOR 1916**  
 (Editor Mail and Advocate)  
 Dear Sir,—We recently had our annual meeting and elected the following officers for the coming year:  
 Chairman—William Ford, re-elected.  
 Deputy Chairman—Alan Chauk, re-elected.  
 Secretary—Lockyer Spracklin, elected.  
 Treasurer—Bert Chauk, elected.  
 Inside Door Guard—Hector W. Ford, re-elected.  
 Outside Door Guard—James Simmonds, elected.  
 Wishing you and the Union every success.  
 F. P. U. COUNCIL.  
 Charlottetown.  
 Dec. 22nd., 1915.

**BUNYAN'S COVE ELECT OFFICERS FOR 1916.**  
 Chairman—John Burt, re-elected.  
 Deputy Chairman—Wm. Churchill, re-elected.  
 Secretary—Elias Oldford, elected.  
 Treasurer—John Chauk, elected.  
 Outside Guard—H. Penney.  
 Inside Guard—Job Tucker.  
 Go ahead Mr. Coaker you are sure to come out on top. The Union is growing stronger and the day will come when the non-union man will have to agree with the Union and say that Coaker is a mystery.  
 May God spare your life Mr. Coaker, to see the F. P. U., the Publishing Co., the Trading Co. and the Export Company in its full swing is the prayer of Bunyan's Cove local council of the F. P. U.  
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 Bunyan's Cove, Jan. 1, 1916.

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W. F. COAKER,  
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"Raffery" said Mr. Dolan, "are you wan of those people that never know when they're whipped?"  
 "I am not. But I take nobody's word for it except the doctor's after I come to."—Washington Star.