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Several of these officers were previously
appointed as far back as Novem-
ber 8 and have been doing duty ever
since. There are also some of the class
who were recently formed and instructed
by the officers of the 62nd.

The 26th Battalion will now go ahead
with the work of getting the recruits
to efficiency. Already a good start
has been made and the men are show-
ing a remarkable readiness to take the
instruction which is so marked a feature
of any first class voluntary army. A
march out was arranged yesterday and
at with physical drill will form the
beginning of the new year or so.

Notification of the officers for No.
3 section of the ammunition column
commanded by Major W. H. Harrison
is also received from Halifax. The
officers are: To be captain, George
Gambell, of the No. 3 company
(Portland) and New Brunswick Regi-
ment; to be lieutenant, W. Yule (of
a corps reserve), and S. K. L. McDon-
ald, No. 1 company.

None of the officers in the city
have any special drill yesterday but
the Army Service Corps had a march out.

was, was completely destitute of food.
The population of the town in mass,
suffering the Germans; thousands pro-
ceeded on foot.

Points of the fighting between Loda
and How, show that the Germans at-
tacked in close formation in the twilight
and a fog, hoping to catch the Russians
unawares. The Russians, however, were
re-armed, and allowed the Germans to
advance close, then swept the Germans
with a hundred searchlights.

Dead and by the place, the Germans in
case columns offered an easy target to
machine gun and rifle fire. They lost
seriously and finally retired.

A WARNING TO SUBSCRIBERS.
The Telegraph on Oct. 3 last pub-
lished the following warning:
A correspondent in Westernland
county writes that a young man, has
been going about in Shediac district
attempting to get money from people
on the pretence that an edition
of The Telegraph is to be printed
in French and circulated in that
county. The correspondent sends us
a receipt of \$2.00 which he paid
this man. The receipt is signed by
J. G. Fraser.

The Telegraph does not know this
man, and has no authority to take sub-
scriptions. Any money so taken is
money obtained under false pre-
text and would subject the collector
to imprisonment.

The Telegraph desires to warn
everybody in New Brunswick against
any such scheme. Persons collecting
money for The Telegraph or Times
will, if required, show proper author-
ity from The Telegraph or Times
Company.

The Telegraph is asking the
French newspapers of New Brun-
swick to issue warning covering this
case.

A resident of Elgin, Albert county,
now writes to The Telegraph that this
same man, or one giving the same name,
appeared there a few weeks ago and col-
lected \$2.50 from him under false pre-
textes, just as was done in Shediac. All
subscribers, and all intending subscribers
to The Telegraph and The Times, are
once more warned that agents for The
Telegraph carry credentials to show that
they are authorized to act for these
newspapers. Some subscribers complain
that money they have sent to The
Telegraph or The Times has been lost in
the mails. IT IS ABSOLUTELY
NECESSARY TO REGISTER LET-
TERS CONTAINING MONEY OR
TO SEND BY POST OFFICE OR-
DER. OTHERWISE THERE IS
DANGER THAT MONEY MAY BE
LOST. TAKE NO RISKS.

In 1918 there were 11,287 vessels of
over 100 tons each flying the British flag,
9,214 were registered in the United King-
dom, and 2,073 in other parts of the em-
pire.

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SERVIANS SWEEP FORWARD AND REGAIN BELGRADE; ALLEES CONTINUE ADVANCE ALONG YPRES CANAL

**Austrian Armies Practically Withdrawn From Serbia Before Victorious Advance of Seasoned Troops
--Russians and Teutonic Allies in Conflict Along Extended Line--Violent Fighting Once More in
Belgium and French Advance in Alsace--Naval Activity.**

London, Dec. 14.—The most striking feature of the day's official news is the candid admission by the Austrian government of the defeat of the Austrian army in Serbia, and apparently of the abandonment of its third attempt at the invasion of the territory of its small Slav neighbor.

While attributing the failure to the enemy's superior force, the Austrian war office announces plainly an extended retirement and many losses.

"New measures will consequently be taken to repel the enemy," says the Austrian statement. Apparently that means that the Austrian army directed against Servia will assume a defensive line. Against its repulse Austria balances the occupation of Belgrade as an asset to the good.

An unofficial despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company, from Nish, Serbia, however, reports that "the Servians, after a fierce battle, have re-occupied Belgrade."

The progress of the war in Northern Hungary is less definite. Sunday's German wireless report, with candor equal to that of the Austrian Bulletin, spoke of the "severe resistance," which the German and Austrian armies are encountering in South Poland and in Galicia, and added that it was evident that the Austrian forces in the Carpathians are not numerically strong enough to clear the Russians out of Hungarian territory. But the Austrians claim that they are driving down the northern slopes of the Carpathians the Russian invaders, who were last week in occupation of several towns south of that mountain range.

POLAND SUFFERS AS DID BELGIUM.
Poland is fast becoming another Belgium in point of suffering, while the opposing armies drive each other back and forth, occupying and re-occupying cities and villages, and inflicting upon the inhabitants bombardments similar to those that have been inflicted upon the people of Belgium and Northern France.

More than five hundred Polish towns have been ruined, according to various accounts from the correspondents. Both armies accuse the other of foot-
ing and cruelty. The flight of the civilians from Loda was one of the most tragic episodes of the war, while war correspondent plumes the (the) of the line as a repetition of Loda, with the slaughter of four hundred civilians and the sacking of the city.

A distressing feature of the fighting in Poland is the blood-lustred pit-
ted against each other. There are several hundred thousand Poles in the Rus-
sian ranks, and several hundred thousand more in the ranks of the Germans
and Austrians.

The Germans claim a distinct gain in their position in Northern Poland,
although they are not believed to be as near to Warsaw as the report last week
indicated.

On the other hand, the Russians announce a strategic realignment of their
forces in that field which strengthens their position.

In a late report tonight the Austrians announced that they have re-
occupied the important point of Dukla, to the north of the Carpathians, on a
line south of Przemyel and Cracow, but nearer to the former, with the cap-
ture of 9,000 prisoners.

The main issue in the eastern theatre of the war—whether the German
and Austrian armies by the German operations in Northern and Central Poland
and the Austrian advance across the Carpathians, will shake the Russian grip
from Przemyel and Cracow fortresses—remains unchanged.

MUD AND DAMP DISCOURAGE TROOPS.
The day has shown no important development in the western theatre. The
French war office reports artillery engagements in which they had the better
of the Germans and small advances at various points, particularly in the
neighborhood of Verdun and St. Mihiel, in accordance with General Joffre's
scheme of "slibbing at them."

But the German bulletins deny these claims.

The troops in France and Belgium are suffering a plague of mud and damp,
which causes them greater discomfort than did the cold wave at the end of
November, with its positive hardships of frozen feet and hands, and differently
revels any movement on a big scale. Life in the trenches of the Allies is easier
than before, since they have been reinforced; so that they do not have to
spend more than two days on the firing lines, whereas, last month, they were
without rest or an opportunity to remove their clothing for a week or more at
a time.

The Turkish army has not yet asserted itself, nor has it engaged in any
great battle. Enver Pasha has taken command of the Caucasian army, and
Talaat Bey has succeeded him as minister of war. A report comes from Tur-
key of growing hostilities to both foreign and native Christians in that coun-
try, which may lead to attacks upon them.

A Berlin wireless despatch says via Austrian newspapers declare that
when peace negotiations begin the United States will have a right to act as
intermediary.

**ALLIED ATTACKS
WINNING GROUND.**
Paris, Dec. 14, 10.42 p. m.—The
following official communication was
issued by the war office tonight:
"In Belgium several attacks by the
French troops have resulted in progress
along the Ypres canal and to the west
of Hullebeke. Several violent counter-
attacks have all been repulsed by our
troops."

"The railway station of Commercy
(Department of Meuse) was bombarded
yesterday by batteries firing from a very
great distance, but insignificant damage
was done."

"In Alsace an offensive movement re-
sented by the enemy to the northwest of
Cernay, has been repulsed."

"On the rest of the front there is noth-
ing to report."

**REPORT BAVARIAN
MUTINY IN ANTWERP.**
Amsterdam, Dec. 14, via London, 4.30
p. m.—A despatch to the Handelsblad
from Antwerp says reports are current
in Antwerp of a mutiny on the part of
the Bavarian troops garrisoning the city.

While the story is not confirmed, it is
a fact that the Bavarian barracks have
been closed to outsiders.

**HEAVY FIGHTING
IN UPPER ALSACE.**
Berlin, via The Hague to London, Dec.
14, 9.30 p. m.—Despatches from the
southwestern war zone report that a
violent artillery duel was in progress
Sunday in Upper Alsace, arising appar-
ently from an attempt by the French to
advance in the direction of Altkirch.

The firing lasted from 11 o'clock in
the morning until late in the afternoon.
The result of the fighting has not been
reported.

The correspondent of the Zeitung Am
Mittag with the Austrian general head-
quarters telegraphs that the battle in
Poland, following the capture of Loda,
now is waging along a stationary front
in that region. In West Galicia, the
correspondent says, there have been
tangible results to the Austro-German
offensive, their success being shown in
the withdrawal of Russian columns
from the Carpathians to serve as re-
forcements where they are most needed.
The correspondent adds that the indi-
cation is that the next decisive step is
due to take place in the Vitulna plains.

**ESCAPED OFFICERS
BACK TO CAPTIVITY.**
Zeevaan, Holland, via London, Dec.
14, 9.30 p. m.—Two German officers who
had been war prisoners here, and who
had violated their parole by escaping
across the border into Germany, return-
ed here today, under orders of their
government to do so.

The officers reported to the command-
ing officer at the internment camp at
Bergen, where they will be interned un-
till the end of the war. Before the vi-
olation of their parole they had the priv-
ilege of free movement.

**NO HEADLINES ON
OFFICIAL STATEMENTS.**
Paris, Dec. 14.—The censor has for-
bidden any headlines on the official com-
munications in the French press, on ac-
count of the abuse of playing up trivial
incidents mentioned in recent dull
statements.

DRESDEN DAMAGED, AT CHILEAN PORT

Allowed Time Only for Repairs
or Must Be Interned

BRITISH IN WAIT

German Armed Merchantman Cap-
tured in Indian Ocean and Con-
verted Cruiser Driven Into Guam—City
in Baden United by Hostile Aviators

Washington, Dec. 14.—American con-
sul Latham, at Punta Arenas, late to-
day called the State Department that
the German cruiser Dresden had reached
that port safely and uninjured.

**ALLOWED ONLY TO
REPAIR DAMAGES.**
Santiago, Chile, Dec. 14.—It is official-
ly announced that the German cruiser
Dresden, now at Punta Arenas is dam-
aged. She will be allowed to make re-
pairs but will be compelled to sail be-
fore the end of the month, as the Chile-
an fleet off the coast of South America.

**SHIPS EIGHT BRITISH
SAVES IN BATTLE.**
Washington, Dec. 14.—The German
embassy here issued the following state-
ment today: "The German armed mer-
chantman Dresden has been captured by
the British and German fleets off the
coast of South America."

"According to official information
eight English cruisers, among them two
of the invincible type, took part in the
battle off Falkland Islands. The Dres-
den, which arrived undamaged at Punta
Arenas, inflicted a serious damage. Two other
ships were sunk, and that the
Lepanto was burning. Nothing definite
was known about the Nürnberg."

**TWO ON TRAIL
OF THE DRESDEN.**
Buenos Aires, Dec. 14.—The minister
of marine has been informed that two
British warships have entered the Straits
of Magellan in pursuit of the German
cruiser Dresden which has taken refuge
at Punta Arenas.

**ONE CAUGHT AND
ANOTHER INTERNED.**
Tokio, Dec. 14, 10.30 a. m.—It is re-
ported here that the German armed
merchantman Dresden has been captured
by the British in the Indian Ocean, and
that the German converted cruiser Cor-
ona has entered the harbor of Guam,
in the Ladrones Archipelago.

**HOSTILE AVIATORS
RAID FREIBURG.**
Berlin, Dec. 14, via London, 2.12 p. m.—
The Zeitung Am Mittag publishes a
despatch saying that hostile aviators
have raided the city of Freiburg, in the
Grand Duchy of Baden, at 8 p. m. of
December 13, throwing bombs from their
machines. One bomb hit a house and
did considerable damage. Two others
fell in Columbia Park among a crowd
of promenaders, and two girls were in-
jured.

**AVIATORS PICKED
UP IN NORTH SEA.**
London, Dec. 14, 2.12 p. m.—A tele-
gram to Reuters' Telegram Company
from Flushing says that the Dutch
steamer Ormel Nassau has picked up
two aviators in the north sea.

The aviators proved to be a British
officer and his mechanic, who had been
compelled to descend upon the sea, on
account of the machine of their plane
becoming disabled.

At first they refused to leave their
craft until they were assured they would
not be interned in Holland, whether the
vessel was bound.

It was reported that the aviators had
been flying over Belgium, where they
dropped five bombs.

**MUTINY BREAKS OUT
IN TURKISH NAVY.**
London, Dec. 13.—The Athens cor-
respondent of the Morning Post cables this
to his paper:

"A mutiny broke out among the crews
of the Turkish fleet at Constantinople
owing to the brutal conduct of German
officers. At the same time, owing to a
similar cause, there was a revolt in the
barracks at Salonika in which two Ger-
man officers were killed."

**HOLLAND PURCHASES
LARGE QUANTITY OF
AMERICAN FLOUR.**
Kansas City, Dec. 14.—Announcement
of the sale of 2,000,000 pounds of flour
to the government of Holland was made
here today by the sales agent here for
mills in Kansas.

All Parties United in Great Britain

Bonar Law Tells Unionists He Does Not Wish to
Hamper Government as Did Opposition in
Famous Wars—Germany's Complete Failure—
"Man in Overalls" Factor in War.

London, Dec. 14, 7.45 p. m.—A letter sent by A. Bonar Law and the Mar-
quis of Lansdowne, Unionist leaders in the house of commons and the house
of lords, respectively, to Prime Minister Asquith, on Sunday, August 2, when
the decision of the government whether to participate in the war or not was
doubtful, was read by Bonar Law at a meeting of the Unionist chairman and
agents today. The letter was as follows:

"Lord Lansdowne and I feel it our duty to inform you that in our opinion,
as well as in that of all our colleagues whom we have been able to consult,
that it would be fatal to the honor and the security of the United Kingdom
to hesitate in supporting France and Russia at the present juncture, and we
offer our unhesitating support to the government in any measures they may
consider necessary for that object."

After reading the contents of the letter Bonar Law, in a speech, said:
"Before the war party positions were inflamed to such an extent that I
saw no possible outlet which would not be disastrous to the country. In a
moment the whole situation was changed."

"In our country there is no single instance since parliamentary government
was introduced where the government engaged in conducting a war has not been
hampered and harassed by the action of the opposition. That was true in the
war of Marlborough; it was still more emphatically true in the struggle
against Napoleon, and it was true in the last war in which this country was en-
gaged."

"I think it is quite possible that we have made the mistake, not of criti-
cizing the government too much, but of criticizing it too little, but if a mis-
take had to be made I prefer that it was made in that direction."

Bonar Law said that after four months, since the beginning of the war,
he could look forward to the future with hope and complete confidence.

"Germany," he said, "has failed. They have not crushed France. They
cannot crush France, and already the Russian armies are on their frontiers. We
have a terrible struggle in front of us, but the final result is not in doubt. The
greatest honor which can come upon us as a party will be that when the war
is over we can truthfully say that we 'nothing common did, or mean, upon
that memorable scene.'"

"MEN IN OVERALLS" DOING PART.
Newcastle, Eng., via London, Dec. 14, 10.35 p. m.—"The men in overalls,
just as much as those who go forth to fight for their country in khaki or
blue, stand between this land and a group of savage, relentless and ruthless
militarists," said the Right Hon. Thomas James MacNamara, financial sec-
retary to the admiralty, in addressing tonight the first of a series of meetings at
which he has been delegated to express the thanks of the admiralty to the
shipping and engineering works employees engaged on government contracts.

"Without your work," Mr. MacNamara added, "the value of the soldiers
would avail nothing."

By their patriotic response to the heavy and continuous strain imposed up-
on them since the war, Mr. MacNamara declared the workmen had assisted
materially in increasing the strength and the readiness of the fleet. He ex-
horted them to continue their efforts in the assurance that in so doing they
were best serving their country.

German Vessels From Antwerp Held by Holland

London, Dec. 14, 8.30 a. m.—The Daily
Chronicle's Amsterdam, a corre-
spondent of the Central News says
that sixteen vessels containing grain
which the Germans sent from Antwerp
have been detained by the Dutch at
Hansweert, Holland, at the mouth of the
River Scheldt.

Kaiser Feverish, Operation Waits

London, Dec. 14, 6.28 p. m.—"Telegraph-
ing from Bern, Switzerland, a corre-
spondent of the Central News says:
"A telegram received here from Mu-
nich states it has been decided to operate
on Emperor William's throat, but the
operation is being deferred owing to the
feverish condition of the emperor."

Loss of British Officers, 3,466

London, Dec. 8.—(Correspondence
of the Associated Press).—The official
casualty list for the week end
Nov. 30, was made public today. It
shows that in these seven days the Brit-
ish forces on the continent lost 78 offi-
cers killed, and 141 wounded, and that
38 were reported missing. This gives a
total of 297 for the week.

Added to the previous totals, the last
report shows that since the outbreak of
hostilities Great Britain has had 968 of-
ficers killed, and 1,918 wounded, while
983 have been reported missing. The
total of casualties of officers up to date
is therefore 3,466 men.

SCANDINAVIAN RULERS MEET TO DISCUSS AFFAIRS

Copenhagen, via London, Dec. 15, 1.59
a. m.—By invitation of King Gustaf of
Sweden, King Haakon of Norway and
King Frederick of Denmark will visit
Malmo, southern Sweden, next Friday
and Saturday.

The three kings will be accompanied
by their ministers of foreign affairs and
secretaries, and will discuss affairs of
common interest which have arisen as a
result of the war, and also measures for
helping the economic situation in Scan-
dinavia.

London, Dec. 15, 1.26 a. m.—A Petro-
grad despatch to the Daily News says
that the systematic attempt on the part
of Germany to force Sweden into the
German camp has led the Stockholm
cabinet to consult with Denmark in time
for the earlier date.

Several Danish papers doubt whether
the conference will be held, as there
have been protests that the holding of
the gathering might develop matters not
consistent with Denmark's attitude of
strict neutrality.

BELGRADE AGAIN IN HANDS OF SERVIANS

Austrians Unable to Stem Tide of Advance of
Plucky Servian Veterans

Vienna Admits "New Plan of Defence" Is Now Necessary
—Russians Satisfied With Situation With No Engage-
ments of Importance to Report—On Other Hand Teu-
tonic Allies Tell of Activity.

London, Dec. 15, 1.25 a. m.—The Servians, after a fierce battle,
have re-occupied Belgrade, according to a Nish despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company.

The Austrians occupied Belgrade December 2, after having be-
sieged it since July 29, bombarding from batteries near Semlin and
from monitors on the Danube. A large portion of the city was said
to have been destroyed by the fire of the Austrians.

When war was declared the Servian government moved from
Belgrade to Kraguyevatz, and later went farther south to Nish, where
it remains at present.

RUSSIANS PLAN TURNING OF GERMAN FLANK.
London, Dec. 15, 3.19 a. m.—A Petrograd despatch to the Times
says:

"The German invasion reached its high water mark last Satur-
day. Having failed to undermine and overthrow the Russian wall,
the invasion has now ceased to present a further threat in Poland,
and interest is stimulated in the next move of the Russian staff, which
a few days ago intimated that the Russian armies were ready to re-
tire to more favorable positions behind Warsaw."

"Now that the Russian army has splendidly responded to the
situation, this will not be necessary, and the next move will be a
manoeuvre to the German flank."

**AUSTRIANS ADMIT
CRUSHING DEFEAT.**
London, Dec. 15, 9.10 p. m.—Reuters'
Amsterdam correspondent says the Aus-
trians admit defeat at the hands of the
Servians in an official communication
issued at Vienna today. This communi-
cation follows:

"Our offensive movement, directed in
a southeasterly direction from the River
Drina, encountered southeast of Valjevo
a greatly superior force of the enemy."

"Our advance had not merely to be
stopped, but we were compelled also to
make more extended retreats of our
troops, which, for many weeks, have
fought obstinately and bravely, but
with many losses."

"Against this we may place the occu-
pation of Belgrade. New measures will
consequently be taken which will serve
to repel the enemy."

**GERMANS RETREATING
IN MALWA REGION.**
Petrograd, Dec. 14.—The general staff
of the Russian army has given out the
following communication under date of
Sunday, Dec. 13:

"There has been no engagement of
importance on any of the fronts. In the
region of Malwa we continue to force
back the German troops, who are in re-
treat."

"On the left wing of the River Vitu-
lva there has been no change."

"The enemy's retreat in the direction of
Dukla (in Galicia) is again in
our possession. Our columns, advancing
through the Carpathians, captured
on Saturday, 9,000 prisoners and ten
machine guns."

"The situation in front of Reibrot, to
the east of Cracow, and in Southern Pol-
and, is unchanged. North of Lodz
our allies are pressing against the lower
part of the Bzura river."

**GERMAN REVIEW OF
EASTERN SITUATION.**
Berlin, Dec. 14.—By wireless to Say-
ville, N. Y.—The official press bureau
gives out the following:

"The week-end finds no change of im-
portance recorded in the west, and in
the east only the occupation of Loda by
the Russians, although there is reason to
believe that the German attack has been
gaining ground."

"Southward of Cracow the Austrians
are still repulsing all attacks, and fur-
ther to the south have succeeded in clearing
a number of the Carpathian passes of
the enemy."

"The position of the German allies in
Poland is generally considered favorable,
on a possibly favorable point being the
fact that the Russians appear to have
assumed the defensive everywhere, with-
out the power or energy to assume an
aggressive advance in any section."

"There have been no developments, so
far as advice is disclosed, in the Servian
operations."

"The German and Austrian bulletins
are of strict neutrality."

issued Sunday combine to show that
both armies are making progress. The
Russians. While the German state-
ment omits to say whether the capture
of 11,000 prisoners and forty machine
guns, previously reported, occurred in
the region of Loda or Lodz, or north
of the Vitulva, by the army which last
week took Przasnys, the Austrian state-
ment renders it practically certain that
it was north of Lodz, where successful
attacks continued upon the strongly for-
tified Russian position.

"Austria further reports the defeat of
the Russian southern wing on Saturday
at Limanova and the advance of Aus-
trian forces over the Carpathian passes."

"Special correspondents with the Aus-
trian armies attribute the rapid with-
drawal of the Russians from the Car-
pathians to the increasing pressure."

**KEEP BALKANS CLEAR
OF WAR, GREEK HOPE.**
Rome, Dec. 13.—The Giornale de Italia
publishes an interview with E. Venes-
elos, the Greek premier, who is reported
to have said that relations between
Greece and Turkey are tranquil, and
only wish with regard to the present
war was that it should not spread to the
Balkan peninsula.

"The recent Greco-Bulgarian incidents
on the frontier had no consequence, ac-
cording to some newspapers."

"The Vienna correspondent describes a
diminutive Hungarian enthusiasm for
war and considers the position of Hun-
gary critical."

**KAISER CALLS ON
1915 RESERVE.**
Bern, Dec. 14.—Germany is calling
out her 1915 class of reserve; that is
those born in 1895, and also those liable
to military service born earlier.

They must report by Dec. 15.

**DEMAND CONFISCATION
OF THE SAGAN ESTATE.**
Breslau, via Berlin, to London, Dec.
15, 12.45 a. m.—The Breslau Zeitung
demands the confiscation of the prin-
cipality of Sagan, which stands in the
name of Prince Hovrat of Sagan, son
of

FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

ROTHESAY

Rothsay, Dec. 10.—Great success attended the bazaar sale last week, not only from a financial point but also as a very pleasant social affair. It was open on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, and on Saturday afternoon, and largely attended. Great credit is due the promoters, Miss Mary and Miss Robert, Miss Puddington and Miss Purdy, all of whom worked hard from beginning to end. The articles offered at bargain prices were almost endless in variety, and being artistically arranged, made the handsome room very attractive. Miss Denham, Miss Anna MacKeen, Mrs. H. F. Puddington, Mrs. J. M. Robinson and Miss Thomson assisted at the tables.

A warm welcome is extended to our former residents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Longley and Master George, of Prince Albert (Sask.), who are spending a week here with Mrs. and Mrs. C. O. Foss. They are going to Windsor (N.S.). Miss Wilkinson, of Springfield, paid a short visit to Rothsay, stopping at the Kennedy House, where on Tuesday she entertained two guests her sister, Miss Mary Wilkinson, and Miss Laura Birch, who are attending Northwood. Many friends here will be interested in the marriage of Miss Ellen Taylor and Mr. Guy Blanchard, which will take place today at Ottawa. Miss Taylor has visited her several times and the groom is a brother of Mr. Paul Blanchard.

Mrs. Daniel is laid up with an attack of grippe.

Mr. Moffet Bell came home from Kings College on Monday and hopes to go to the front with the second contingent.

On Saturday evening the Junior of Northwood gave a delightful entertainment of which will go to the patriotic relief fund. Among those attending from St. John were Mrs. T. E. G. Armstrong, Mrs. M. B. Edwards, Mrs. Kenney, Miss Celia Armstrong, Mrs. Lebrun, Mrs. Leonard, Miss Tilley, Miss Alice and Margaret Tilley, Miss Tread, and others.

Mrs. Murray MacLennan, of St. John, was among Rothsay friends on Wednesday. Miss Mary Robertson, Miss Puddington, Miss Purdy and Miss Madge Robertson to name a few, were present. The proceeds of the sale, \$130, were handed over to the Rothsay Red Cross Society and the money will be immediately sent forward to Europe for hospital supplies.

Miss Edith Hegan, of St. John, lunched with Miss Madge Robertson on Monday and was with her on Tuesday. Miss Hegan is going as a nurse with the second contingent.

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Lieutenant Dobble was on Tuesday a visitor from St. John at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Steele.

Mrs. Andrew Blair entertained informally on Tuesday for Miss Alice MacKeen.

On skating on the creek is being greatly enjoyed. After a visit to the river on Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Allison, Mrs. John M. Robinson, Mrs. and Mrs. Harry Price, Miss Puddington, Miss Allison, and Mrs. Purdy were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Blanchard.

Netherwood will close with its usual Christmas supper on the 18th inst. Many graduates are expected to be present.

Many friends of Mrs. E. S. Carter are expected to know she is confined to her room with rheumatism.

Mr. F. Bryden, of Winnipeg, spent a day or two here at the Kennedy House.

Tomorrow afternoon a few of Mrs. R. E. Puddington's friends are invited to have a birthday tea with her.

Mrs. J. Morris Robinson, of St. John, is expected this week-end to visit at the home of her son, Mr. John M. Robinson.

Mrs. Dorothy Hooper, who has been guest of her aunt, Miss Hooper, left on Friday for her home at Kingston (Ont.).

Friday and Saturday were spent by Mrs. George McArthur at Sussex, with Mr. McArthur, who is there on business.

The Monday evening club which has been studying Hamlet, under Miss Eleanor Robinson's leadership, is to hold its closing meeting at the home of the Misses Gilbert on Monday evening.

Mr. John Williams, of the 26th battalion, was here from St. John last evening at dinner guest of his aunt, Mrs. W. J. Davidson.

BORDER TOWNS

St. Stephen, Dec. 9.—This week the Neighborhood Club were entertained on Monday afternoon by Miss Mildred Todd.

George J. Clarke has returned from a brief visit to St. John with friends.

Mrs. W. P. Todd most pleasantly entertained the Saturday Evening Club.

Mrs. Simon, of Philadelphia (Pa.), is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Vincent Sullivan.

Mrs. David W. Brown and her daughter, Miss Carol Brown, and Master David A. Brown, are guests this week of her sister, Mrs. Alice Abbott.

Mrs. Brown leaves the last of the week for her new home in Gordon (Me.).

Miss Morrison, who has been the guest of her friend, Mr. L. W. Douglas, has gone to her home in Halifax.

Mrs. Daniel Morris is a patient at the Chippman Memorial Hospital, much to the sorrow of her friends.

Mrs. V. A. Waterbury, who is now visiting in St. Andrews, is expected to spend some time with friends here at an early date.

Miss Louise Pierce, of Oak Bay, has been the guest this week of Mr. W. J. Inche.

Mrs. Thomas R. Kent, of St. George, arrived today to spend a week with her friend, Mrs. Gladys Blair.

Mrs. Percy Gunn, of Sussex, has been a recent visitor to St. John friends.

Cards announcing the marriage of Miss Beattie MacKeen to Mr. Clarence Carpenter Puddington, and Miss Louise MacKeen to Mr. Leo Connelley Stedley, which took place in St. Paul's cathedral in Los Angeles (Cal.),

On Nov. 28, were received here last week by a number of their friends, who were greatly surprised to learn of the very happy event. The Misses MacKeen have been spending the past summer and autumn in California with relatives. A few weeks ago Mr. Puddington left St. Stephen for Los Angeles to deliver his bride and will make his future home in that city, while Mr. and Mrs. Stedley will reside in Riverside. Miss Puddington and Mr. Stedley are both favorites among their St. Stephen friends, who wish them every happiness for the future.

Miss Maude Marks most pleasantly entertained a family party at dinner on Tuesday.

Miss Gladys Blair entertained several ladies informally this afternoon at her home.

A delightful social evening was enjoyed in Elder Memorial Hall on Tuesday evening. The younger members of the club were the entertainers. There was a splendid musical and literary program, and the evening was most social and informal. Misses Mildred Todd and Elsie Lawson were the hostesses during the evening, and a bevy of young ladies served refreshments.

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Walter Long, a member of parliament, has advised that all foodstuffs stored in large quantities in east coast towns should be moved inland, where they can be guarded against seizure.

BOY SCOUTS ARE HELPING.

General Baden-Powell says the 15,000 older Boy Scouts of England are doing much to their power to assist in the great struggle.

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SIR WILFRID LOYAL TO POLITICAL TRUCE

liberal Chieftain at Montreal Banquet Declares He Would Retire to Private Life Rather Than Embarrass the Government in Any Effort to Provide for Empire's Defence—Sees No Issue to Bring on an Election Now.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier was entertained at a banquet by the Montreal Reform Club in the club rooms last night, and he gave an address, dealing chiefly with the war.

"The moment Great Britain is at war Canada also is at war," Sir Wilfrid declared, and throughout his address he emphasized this point. He expressed entire accord with Premier Asquith's war policy, and while he professed not the slightest fear of a German invasion, he thought there might be some danger on the frontier. However, he took it that the government at Ottawa was alive to any danger.

On the question of supporting the dominion government during the war, Sir Wilfrid said he would prefer to retire from public life rather than embarrass the government at the present time. "So long as the war lasts," he said, "I will not be a member of the Liberal party."

AGRICULTURE

Two Big Poultry Expenses—Feed and Labor Constitute by Far the Greatest Part of Industry's Cost—Saving Methods Sought.

(By Prof. Frederic H. Stoneburn in N. B.)

When considering cost systems as applied to the business of poultry keeping one is struck by the size of two items, feed and labor. The interest on the investment in enough land and buildings to comfortably accommodate a large number of fowls is not a great sum, but feed bills pile up day by day and the cost of the necessary labor to care for the birds is a charge which sometimes seems to be out of all proportion to the returns.

This is why the business poultryman today is constantly seeking for labor saving appliances and methods. It explains why the birds are made larger, from 100 to 200 chicks in a brood, instead of the ten to fifteen which was the customary number on "up to date" plans a few years since. Also the reason for the general adoption of automatic feeders and hoppers, incubators of large capacity with labor saving features, self-regulating colony brooders which care for 800 to 1,000 chicks in one brood. Everywhere we see evidence of a determined effort to cut down this great labor cost to the end that profits may be increased.

Use Labor Saving Appliances. The use of labor saving appliances and methods presents another angle which is worth considering. In many cases it enables the manager to become independent of expensive help, and he is able to personally look after the more important matters requiring skill and judgment and delegate the rest of the work to willing laborers.

Now this question naturally arises: Will the individual fowl or growing youngster do as well when handled in this wholesale manner as when he is the recipient of the most painstaking methods? This point may be open to debate. But admitting it for the purpose of argument, there is this to be said: The best policy is that which secures the greatest net returns from the business as a whole, not merely from the individual productive unit.

It is not infrequently happens that unusually heavy eggs or rapid growth of chicks are secured at an additional expenditure of labor which more than offsets the value of the extra product. Considered from the strictly business standpoint, the poultryman best conducts his affairs when he uses the method which brings him the largest net returns from his flock.

One of the best examples of the use of simplified methods on an egg farm is to be found in Connecticut. The traveler from Hartford to Boston on the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad will observe the plant near the Vernon station. In fact, there are two plants, one on either side of the railroad, though operated by the same man. Here the labor item, as well as the initial investment, is reduced to the minimum. The Leghorn race is the newer and represents the owner's latest ideas, and this will be described.

A tract of sixty-five acres is enclosed with a six foot fence. No other fencing is used, the birds being permitted to range at will over the whole field. The land is light in character, rough and rolling as to surface, has many patches of brush upon it and is well watered by a spring fed stream which winds through it.

Cheap, Simple Poultry Houses. The buildings are all alike; cheap structures, about 10x20 feet in size. They have low side walls, and even span roofs, which slope to the north and south. A full size door is in the east end and three single sash windows are placed in the south wall near the east end.

These houses are constructed of cypress lumber, one inch in thickness tongued and grooved. They are not painted, neither are they covered with roofing paper. The roof boards run from peak to eaves. During the hot weather of midsummer they are made to serve the double purpose of foundation and walls, the side boards being nailed to the outer edges of the ties. Earth is then filled in to the level of the top of the ties thus forming a dry dirt floor. In all cases the houses are located on well drained knolls, so no water ever settles beneath them.

Inexpensive Furnishings. The furnishings are all of the simplest and most inexpensive character, roosts across the protected west end of the building, a few small store boxes for nests, large feed hoppers made from sheet metal, a "breaking up" coop for broody hens, merely a small box with a wire netting floor. Each house accommodates from fifty to one hundred birds and the whole poultry population ranges together.

The owner never has to worry over the possibility of flocks becoming mixed through doors or gates being carelessly left open. He keeps but one brood on this plant, so he is satisfied to let the birds go on an unhindered range.

The methods of management are in keeping with the simplicity of the plant. When the birds are thirsty they go to the stream and drink. If this is frozen over they eat snow. No fountains to fill, no worry over frozen drinking water.

All feed is given in hoppers which are large enough to hold a supply sufficient to last several days. At certain intervals these are added, provided the birds make the round of the plant. The staple feeds are selected grades of wheat screenings and best scraps. Occasionally other grains, as oats and corn, are added, provided they are attractive. But beef and wheat form the standard ration. To this the birds help themselves at will.

Grown fowls are seldom if ever given. During a large part of the year this is found on the range. At other times it is dispensed with.

J. B. DAGGETT TO SHOW BRITONS HOW TO FARM

New Brunswick Official Promises to Give Demonstrations of His Methods—May Take London Job Himself—Sails for Home.

London, Dec. 15.—Among those who have called at the New Brunswick office here recently was the proprietor of a large country estate who sought the opinion of J. B. Daggett, minister of agriculture for the province, upon English farming methods. Mr. Daggett's reply was not flattering. He said that his superficial survey of the country while travelling to Salisbury in Britain had shown the land to be both poor and carelessly cultivated.

In discussing the handling of potatoes and manure, it transpired that many impediments to the methods in common use in Canada were unknown here. The visitor, indeed, confessed that the war had been dragging on with old-fashioned ideas long ago superseded in other countries. He made Mr. Daggett promise to visit his estate and give demonstrations to the tenant farmers.

The deputy minister of agriculture sailed on the Gremlin to report to the provincial government on the question of retaining the London office, which was in charge of Mr. Bowdler, who died recently. It is more than probable that Mr. Daggett will return to take the position himself.

TEN YEARS FOR ABRAM BELVEA

Dorchester, N. B., Dec. 15.—In the case of the King's Arms Brewery, an ex-provincial constable, charged with inflicting grievous bodily harm on one William McMahon, of Moncton, and who had been sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary for the same offence, a judge of the Supreme Court for the past two days, came to a conclusion tonight, the jury finding the accused guilty.

Mr. Justice Crockett sentenced the one to ten years in Dorchester penitentiary.

New Brunswick Apples in London.

In the window of the New Brunswick consular office in Southampton street there was recently a very handsome display of apples, a sample of the consignment which was taken over by Mr. Daggett, the provincial secretary for agriculture, as a gift to be distributed at the discretion of the local government board. The display included such well-known varieties as Macintosh, Red Fameuse, Ben Davis, and Belle Fleur, for the production of which New Brunswick is famous.

Sir Charles Cayer, a former member of parliament for Barrow-in-Furness, and head of the firm of Cayer, Irvine & Co., of Glasgow, owner of the Glen Elgin, has five members of his family residing in the forces.

keep 10,000 layers on this sixty-five acre plant, and I could care for them with the aid of a cheap laborer and a team. From this number of birds I could count upon making \$10,000 a year clear money.

The writer has often visited this plant, both in summer and winter, and has attempted to preserve the facts regarding it without coloring them. He personally could not be contented to manage laying fowls in this way, but this secure a larger income, even though the profit on each unit is smaller, the plan is worthy of consideration.

PLYMOUTH ROCK OWNS GREATEST POPULARITY.

White Variety Is Satisfactory for Either Utility or the Fancy.

(Louis Paul Graham, in N. Y. Sun.)

The most popular of all American breeds of poultry, both in the United States and foreign, is the Plymouth Rock. This breed as first originated was of the barred variety, and this is yet the most popular of all the colors. It is the most popular of all the colors. It is the most popular of all the colors.

As a rule the females will become broody, sit, hatch and rear chicks, although there are some strains from which broodiness has been almost bred out and the average production of eggs greatly increased.

The chicks are vigorous, strong and active and grow exceptionally fast, reaching maturity at from five to six months old. They are readily adapted for the highest grade of market poultry at all ages from brood size (7 to 8 weeks old) to full maturity, and are very popular in some sections for production of the finest capons for certain markets.

When full grown the males weigh from 8 to 11 pounds and females 7 to 10 pounds, and are probably the largest of all the Plymouth Rock family. Their plumage should be pure white, legs and beak deep rich yellow, comb small, single and fine. Such a fowl not only dresses to the best advantage, but commands best prices, but is also very attractive in large flocks.

Fanciers have done very much to improve the breed, and popularize this breed, at present it is regarded as the most typical in shape of all the Plymouth Rocks. They are always salable at good prices, and they usually are shown in goodly numbers at the country exhibitions.

Soldier Who Would Prepare England For German Raid

General Sir Robert Baden-Powell.

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The box in which the officer was found was among the luggage of a number of elderly aliens who were being sent from the camp at Dorchester to Germany, on arriving at Tilbury from Dorchester, they were transferred to a ferryboat for Gravesend, where they boarded the steamship Batavia, bound for Rotterdam.

The baggage found beneath the pile of packages was a huge packing case on which were stencilled the words Non-Poisonous Safety Matches.

How He Was Discovered.

The case was so heavy that the porters had to roll it over and over on the dock tender to the rails separating it from the Batavia. The bumping of the box apparently stunned the occupant, and forced the lid of the case partly open, causing an attempt to protrude. This was noticed by a Dutch seaman, who called the attention of the ferryboat skipper to it. An armed guard in charge of those being deported was called, and found the man in the box in a semi-conscious state.

It is believed, concludes the despatch, that the alien in the Dorchester camp when they learned that a number of men over military age were to be sent to Germany, plotted to hide Koehn in a packing case which contained Swedish matches. Although Koehn, who was taken to a police station, declared that nobody assisted him, elaborate preparations had been made for his possible arrest, an air cushion, a bottle of cocaine, and bananas were among the things provided for him.

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In addition, many German ships have been recently destroyed.

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OFFICIAL WAR NEWS FROM THE FRONT

Near Lodz, according to the Russian statement, the Russians permitted the Germans to approach very near to their trenches, and then put them to flight with a galling fire.

CRUSHING DEFEAT TO AUSTRIANS.

The Serbians continue to assert that they have administered a crushing defeat to the Austrians, and taken large numbers of prisoners and great quantities of war material. On their side the Austrians say no new material events have occurred in Serbia, and that the re-organization of the Austrian forces is progressing without heavy battles resulting.

Fighting continues in France and Belgium at various points, and claims of advantages secured are made by both of the combatants. After having admitted the loss of the trenches in the region of Ypres, the latest French report declares these again have been re-occupied by the Allies with the return of the French government to Paris from Bordeaux, a squadron of aeroplanes is doing scout duty over the capital, to ward off possible attacks by hostile aircraft.

FRENCH YOUTH GETTING READY.

Unofficial advices say that Emperor William's condition continues to improve. His temperature is normal, and he is set up for a few hours.

RUSSIANS SHOWING GREAT SPIRIT.

London, Dec. 15, 9:35 p. m.—Of the five Austro-German columns which for some days appeared to be making steady progress in their invasion of Poland, three have suffered checks, according to tonight's official report from Russian headquarters.

The column which was making a downward stroke from Mlaw, on the East Prussian frontier, and which was reported in one despatch from Petrograd today to be within fifteen miles of Warsaw, after an energetic offensive, was repulsed, and under counter-attacks from the Russians, was compelled to retire at some points.

The attacks of the main German column, which had its front on the line between Lodz and Lodz, and which came down diagonally from Thorn, were delivered with great force, but were according to the Russian account, repulsed with heavy losses to the invaders. The Germans laid great store to the success of their attack here is shown by the fact that during the two days they faced the Russian trenches seven times, and were driven back by an effective fire.

The other column which has suffered is that composed of German and Austrian troops, which has been trying to outflank the Russian left south of Czacow. In this case it was the Russians who assumed the offensive, and they claim that after a tenacious resistance they defeated the Germans, taking several guns and 2,000 prisoners.

Of the German column operating in the region of Piotrkow and that advancing from Czenstochowa there is no news, except the Russian statement that "on other parts of the front there have been no substantial changes."

A check or repulse of any one of the columns must, however, in the opinion of military critics, affect the whole German plan which was a formidable conversion movement that had for its objectives the capture of Warsaw and the relief of Czacow. For this, large reinforcements were sent from the west and operations were pushed with great resolution against a determined opposition. It will probably take some days to determine, however, whether the checks have upset this plan. The Germans place the utmost importance, it is said, in securing a decisive result in the east before the Russians are able to make their numbers, which military men believe must be superior, into overwhelming force. The better means of transportation held by the Germans will be discontinued. But the Russians are confident, too.

THE SERVIAN VICTORY.

The Servian victory over the Austrians is fully confirmed by the occupation of Uzbica and Valjevo. The Servians have regained most of their territory toward the Bosnian frontier, and they also have defeated the Austrians advancing from the north.

Up to December 8 the Servians had captured some 25,000 prisoners, 115 guns of all kinds and great quantities of war material. The Servians claim that the victory was entirely due to brilliant leadership and the morale of their troops, the majority of which were veterans fighting in their third war. These qualities, they say, overcame the greater numbers which the Austrians had at their side.

IN THE WEST.

In the West both the French and the Germans claim that they have made progress in the Argonne region and in Flanders. It is evident that the Germans, with a view to stopping the advance of the Allies are making in Flanders, attempted an offensive in the vicinity of Ypres, and succeeded in taking one trench from the French. The latest French official communication says that this trench was recaptured. Elsewhere along the front there have been artillery duels, with occasional infantry attacks, but nothing of a decisive character.

Vice Admiral Sturdee reports to the admiralty that the British suffered a remarkably small loss in the naval engagement off the Falkland Islands, in fact, that only seven men were killed and four wounded. This indicates, officials believe, that the Germans were completely outwitted, and that possibly not more than one shot reached the British ships.

Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, replying to a cablegram of congratulations regarding the naval victory from Japan, shows that Japanese and Australian ships are co-operating in the Pacific, and declares that the defeat of Admiral Von Spee completes the expulsion of the Germans from the east.

London, Dec. 13, 9:45 p. m.—Both the French and the German official reports refer to Saturday as a quiet day. They contain evidence, however, that the Allied offensive movement in the Argonne region is being continued, and is meeting with stubborn resistance from the German troops who have been left to hold the western line while their comrades are battling with the Russians in the east.

The French have been particularly active in the Woivre district, where they have been trying to cut off the German force, which projects like an arrow-head to St. Mihiel on the Meuse.

The German report shows that General Joffre's men have reached a point midway between St. Mihiel and Pont-A-Mousson, so that they must have got across the German line of communication, but according to the Germans they lost 600 men in prisoners and a large number killed and wounded.

In the same region the French claim to have made substantial progress. There also has been more fighting around Ypres—that bone of contention in Flanders.

SAV GERMANS HAVE EXTENSIVE PLANS FOR A FIGHTING RETREAT

(Special Cable to Telegraph and Montreal Gazette.)

Holland, Belgium Frontier, Dec. 9.—Hints from half a dozen sources leave little doubt that the main movements of the German troops both in and into Belgium, about which so much has been heard lately, are now concentrated in the German army.

Every straggler over the border enlarges on the extraordinary preparations that are being made for a fighting retreat. It is not forgotten that preparations even of this magnitude in a life and death struggle are only part of the game. Because plans are laid for a retreat it does not follow that a retreat is contemplated immediately.

From what I am able to gather, I believe a German retreat through Belgium will offer the Allies one of the toughest problems in history. They must be ready for a series of terribly costly field sieges, so costly in life it may be judged by recent experience of this kind of fighting, that the Allies may ultimately be forced to regard three-quarters of the

Blankenberge, in all of which they say "the situation is so grave that if in the near future food does not arrive they will be plunged into blackest famine."

The plight of these places is particularly desperate because they are cut off from all communication with the rest of Belgium—even with Bruges, capital of the province in which they are situated.

Blankenberge, the appeal says, has received no contributions of money or supplies from any source up to the present, yet has contrived to feed 1,800 persons daily, but now the funds of the community are completely exhausted.

The best remedy for bleeding at the nose is in the vigorous motion of the jaws, as if in the act of chewing. In the case of a child a pad of paper should be inserted, to chew it hard. It is help on behalf of Hagar, Wendine and motion of the jaws that stops the flow of blood.

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Extracts from letter recently received from last year student:

"I intend finishing my course at your college at the first opportunity."

"I may say that since the first of the year I have had \$100 per month salary, so I have no hard feelings toward you or your college."

Students can enter at any time.

LOCKHART-BEATTY—At the residence of the officiating minister, Rev. J. H. Anderson, B. D., St. John (N. B.), Dec. 9, 1914, George, son of Myrtle E. Beatty, both of Upland, Kings Co. (N. B.).

DODGE-WHITEHEAD—At 414 Partridge Row, on Dec. 9, by Rev. B. H. Nobles, Miss Eleanor E. Whitehead and William C. Dodge, both of this city.

MANSON—In this city, on the 10th inst., William Wm. Manson, leaving a mother and two brothers to mourn.

IN MEMORIAM

WARD—In tender and ever loving memory of Mrs. Jas. T. Ward, who passed away Dec. 11, 1906.

A devoted wife and mother. Fresh in our hearts, they memory lives.

Yet still our grief is sore. Each passing year but nearer brings. The day we'll meet once more.

MILLER—In loving remembrance of A. Irvine Miller, who died Dec. 14, 1914, aged 71 years.

One year has gone, and still we miss him.

Friends may think the wound is healed.

But they little know the sorrow That lies within our hearts concealed.

PARENTS AND FAMILY.

FOOTWEAR

for Country Wear and the Lumber Woods

Men's Oil Grain Felt Pull On Long Leg Boots, all sizes, \$4.50

Men's Tip Top Sole Long Leg Boots, all sizes, \$5.00

Lumbermen's Rubbers from \$1.50 to \$3.50.

Socks from 50c. to \$1.15.

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Everything you need in reliable Shoes for Winter Wear at lowest Cash Prices.

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Blakenberghe, in all of which they say the situation is so grave that if in the near future food does not arrive they will be plunged into blackest famine.

The night of these places is particularly desperate because they are cut off from all communication with the rest of Belgium—even with Bruges, capital of the province in which they are situated.

Blakenberghe, the appeal says, has received no contributions of money, and supplies from any source up to the present, yet has contrived to feed 1,600 persons daily, but now the funds of the community are completely exhausted.

The best remedy for bleeding at the nose is in the vigorous motion of the jaws, as in the act of chewing. In the case of a child a wad of paper should be inserted, to chew it hard. It is the motion of the jaws that stops the flow of blood.

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R. M. S. S. Hesperian, 7,014, Main, Liverpool, Wm. Thomson Co., pass and cargo.

Str. Manchester, 2,766, Musgrave, Manchester, Wm. Thomson Co., cargo.

Str. North Star, 2,888, Mitchell, Boston, C. P. R., pass and cargo.

R. M. S. S. Misamis, 7,360, Evans, Liverpool, C. P. R., pass and cargo.

S. S. North Point, 8,300, Forbes, London, Wm. Thomson Co., pass and cargo.

S. S. Eastington, 865, Stevenson, Parramatta, Star, coal.

Saturday, Dec. 12.

R. M. S. S. Scandinavia, 7,700, Rith, Liverpool via Halifax, Wm. Thomson Co., pass and cargo.

S. S. Prius (Russ), 1,412, Wren, Harbord, J. T. Knight Co., bal.

Sailed.

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Str. Manchester, Citizen, Robertson, Manchester.

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Bark Valdivia, Anderson, West Coast, S. S. North Star, Mitchell, Boston via Maine ports.

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Halifax, Dec. 9—Sld, str. Alvin Thelma, Brazil.

Adriatic, Dec. 11—Sld, str. Ramore Head, St. John.

Dover, Dec. 9—Passed str. Nancy Lee, White, Chicomit, for —.

Dublin, Dec. 7—Arr, str. Howth Head, Moore, New Orleans via Belfast.

Kinsale, Dec. 9—Passed str. East Point, Lizard, Dec. 9—Passed str. Start Point, Pinkham, Halifax for London.

Liverpool, Dec. 12—Arr, str. Arabella, Halifax, Lusitania, New York.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Boston, Dec. 6—Arr, str. Bohemian, Liverpool, Sydnor (N.D.), Sydney (C.D.).

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Cla Dec 8—Sch. Dora, Wolfville.

Sid Dec 8—Strs. Eonian, Liverpool; Wagonway (Nor), Loughlin.

Boothbay Harbor, Dec. 8—Sld, str. William H. Davenport, New York; Blue Nose, Vineyard Haven.

Delaware Breakwater, Dec. 8—Passed, str. South Point, Philadelphia for London; Manchester, Mariner, do for Manchester; San Silvestre, do for Birkenhead and Manchester; Bertha L. Do for Rotterdam via Falmouth (for orders).

Naples, Dec. 4—Arr, str. Finland, New York.

Havre, Dec. 8—Arr, str. Chicago, New York.

Naples, Dec. 8—Sld, str. St. Paulina, New York.

Portland, Dec. 8—Arr, str. Fremont, Cardiff; str. Eva C. Bridgewater (N.S.); Carrie O. Ware, Bangor.

Vineyard Haven, Dec. 8—Sld, str. M. W. Case, Jessie Ashley, G. McGowan, Rosalie Belleau.

New York, Dec. 8—Arr, str. Meganic, Liverpool.

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One of the details of the German plan was to seize this book and use it to exact indemnity, as if sequestered, the government and also private finance, would be thrown into confusion.

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