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Kiel Raiders Bombard Four British Ports TWO GERMAN CRUISERS PAY PENALTY FOR RASH ATTACK

GERMAN RAIDERS SUNK IS REPORT FROM TWO PLACES

British Destroyer Flotilla Immediatly Goes Into Action
and Newspapers Claim Enemy's Cruisers
Were Destroyed.

(Canadian Press.)
London, Dec. 16.—12:35 p.m.—Reports are current in London that two German cruisers have been sunk in the North Sea.

London, Dec. 16.—3:12 p.m.—The Yorkshire Evening News reports that two German cruisers were sunk in today's engagement, and that the British flotilla was damaged.

DESTROYERS RUSHED TO ATTACK.
(Canadian Press.)
London, Dec. 16.—2:30 p.m.—The Newcastle Evening Chronicle places the number of German cruisers which bombarded Hartlepool at three. It says that these cruisers were attacked almost immediately by four British destroyers.

Several entire rows of houses at Hartlepool were destroyed, and the gas works was seriously damaged, this newspaper says. It is believed several persons were killed or wounded.

THOUGHT IT PRACTICE.
(Canadian Press.)

Hull, Dec. 16.—Via London, 1:45 p.m.—James Harvey Scott, of Scarborough, who arrived here after the bombardment of the seaside resort by the Germans said:

"I could not believe it was a real attack; I thought the battleships were practicing. Then I saw a shell fall on the roof of a house, which caught fire,

NIGHT COVERS WARSHIPS FOR NAVAL SORTIE

British Flotilla Is Now Engaging
Cruisers of the
Enemy.

FIFTY SHELLS THROWN

The Panic-Stricken Residents
Spread Alarmist Stories
of Raid.

HEARD 20 MILES INLAND

Bombardment Stirred Resi-
dents Along 200 Miles of
Seacoast.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Dec. 16.—For the first time in modern history, English towns have suffered from the attack of a foreign enemy.

A German squadron, the size of which is not yet known, crept upon the northeast coast of England during the darkness of a misty night. When the fog cleared between 7 and 9 o'clock this morning, the vessels of this squadron opened fire on the towns of Scarborough, Whitby and Hartlepool. A distance of about forty miles separates the first-named port from the last-mentioned. This stretch of coast is something like 200 miles.

ENEMY NOW ENGAGED

BY BRITISH FLEET.
Several flotillas are engaging these invaders of British waters, and the fortress of West Hartlepool, off the mouth of the Tees River, fired upon the enemy.

The official reports do not set forth the number of the attacking force, nor do they say whether the seacoast towns were fired upon simultaneously or one after another. The unofficial reports reaching London by telephone were confused and probably exaggerated.

An eye-witness at the seaside resort of Scarborough estimates that 50 shells were thrown into the town, enveloped in smoke, and destroyed the Balmoral Hotel, a number of houses and the railroad station.

CHURCH IS TARGET

FOR GERMAN BIG GUNS.

One of the objectives of the attack was St. Martin's Church, which was damaged. A woman behind the counter of a shop was killed, and her husband was wounded. Messages from Hartlepool say the local works and the lumber yards were set afire by the shells of the German ships. The estimate of the casualties at Hartlepool, nine people killed, probably is guess work and probably is greatly exaggerated.

(Canadian Press.)

Two German warships threw 50 shells into Whitby and wrecked several houses, according to a message from this place, and one civilian resident of Whitby died of a wound sustained during the bombardment. The sound of the German guns was heard at towns as far inland as 20 miles according to some reports.

PANIC-STRICKEN PEOPLE

CARRY ALARMIST STORIES.

People from Scarborough, accused from their sleep by the German shells, hurried in droves to the railroad stations and crowded the first train out of the town.

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MAIL FOR BRITAIN.

The next British mail closes on Friday, Dec. 18, at 10 a.m.

THE WEATHER

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 13; lowest, 1; average, 7.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 10; lowest, 5; average, 7.

TOMORROW—FAIR AND COLD.

Toronto, Dec. 16.—3 a.m.

Forecast:

Fresh westerly wind; a few local snowfalls or flurries, but mostly fair and decidedly cold today and on Thursday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations. High. Low. Weather.

Victoria 40 32 Clear

Calgary 10 2 Clear

Winnipeg 8 -14 Clear

Port Arthur 6 -2 Cloudy

Parry Sound 6 -2 Cloudy

Toronto 13 10 Cloudy

Ottawa 10 -4 Cloudy

Montreal 10 2 Cloudy

Quebec 10 -2 Cloudy

Father Point 14 12 Cloudy

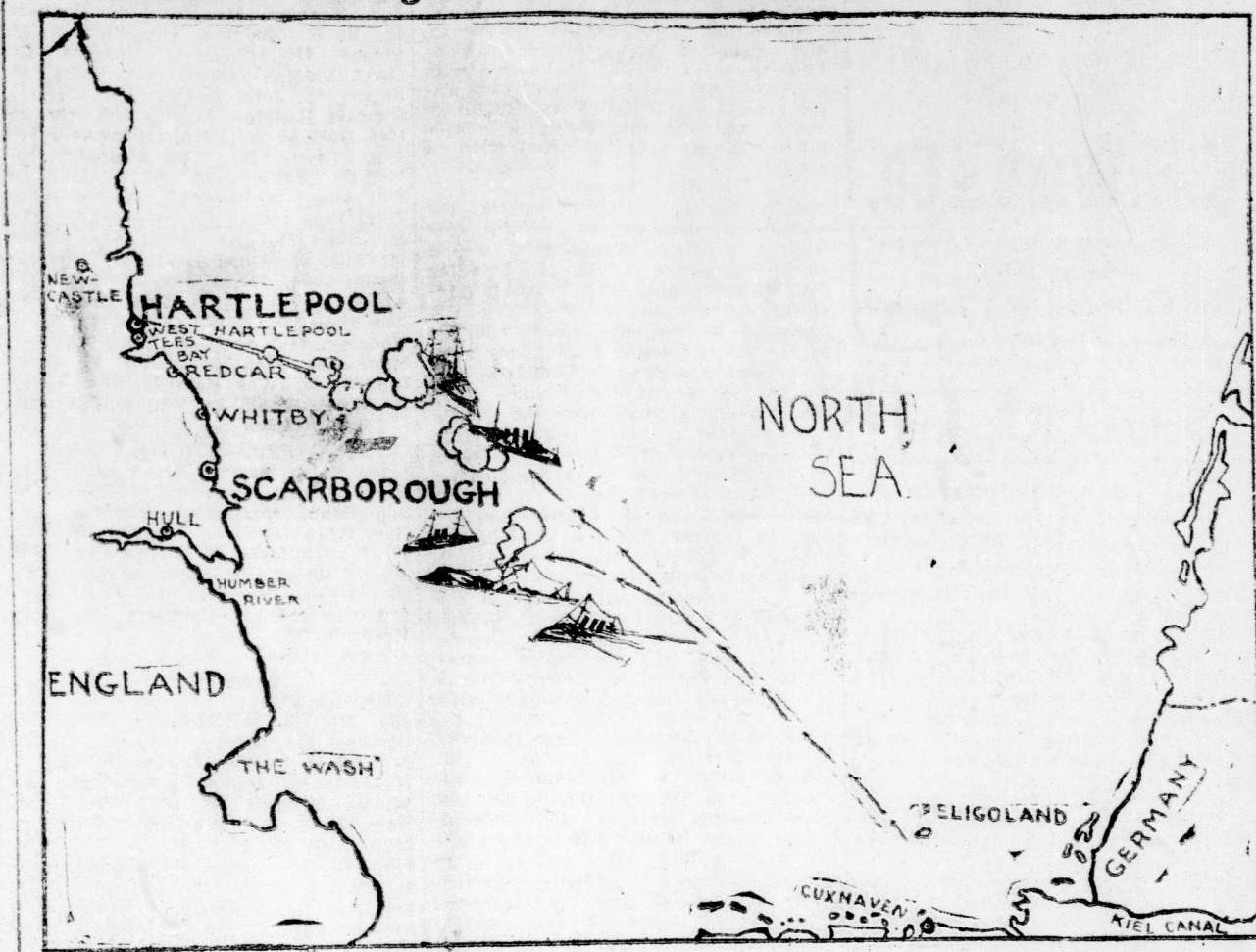
Minus (-) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

Fair, cold weather prevails throughout the Dominion, except that local snow has occurred in the Lake Region, the fall amounting to seven inches at Parry Sound.

FOUR BRITISH SEAPORTS SHELLED BY GERMAN CRUISERS IN NORTH SEA

Scene of Daring German Naval Raid on British Ports



This map shows the ports bombarded by German cruisers this morning. The distance from Heligoland is about 342 miles, and from the entrance to the Kiel Canal about 359 miles.

News Reached Canada In One Hour

Official announcements from the British official information bureau came through with unusual celerity. Some of these dispatches were passed by the censor and transmitted to Canada in about an hour, as compared with delays of two to four hours, which are not unusual in the forwarding of war news from London.

TWO PORTS IN YORK SHELLED WHITBY AND REDCAR TARGETS

Forms of Three Cruisers Discerned Through Mist, and Guns
Open Heavy Fire Upon Towns—Cannonading
Continues Half An Hour.

(Canadian Press.)

Redcar, York, Eng., Dec. 16.—Via London, 1:27 p.m.—Heavy firing was heard off the coast here between 8:00 and 8:20 a.m. today.

The forms of three cruisers could be discerned looming out of the haze, and the flashes of artillery fire could be easily observed from the Redcar promenade.

The people of Redcar sought the waterfront, but they were driven back from the promenade by the military authorities to a point beyond the zone of danger.

It appeared from here as if the hostile warships were attacking the forts on Tees Bay.

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FIRST TIME THAT ENGLISH COAST HAS BEEN ATTACKED

The bombardment of cities on the east coast succumbed to the vigilance of the British.

Scene at Lloyd's.
Great excitement prevailed in Lloyd's underwriting room when the announcement of the German naval raid was posted on the bulletin boards. The members crowded around and eagerly read the notice. Insurance rates, so far as the North Sea is concerned, have been practically suspended, pending the receipt of definite news of the result of the engagement.

Patrol Maintained.
Immediately upon the outbreak of hostilities the British fleet, or at least a considerable portion of it, supposedly took up positions on the eastern side of the North Sea, by which the German warships were held in check or in close to their naval base at Wilhelmshaven, the mouth of the Elbe and elsewhere on the western coast of Germany. This patrol has been maintained since early in August. It has from time to time been penetrated by German submarines, but so far as is known the instances when German cruisers or battleships have broken the British line have been few and far between.

Preparations Known.
Dispatches from Germany for as much as a month past have indicated in one way or another that the Germans were making preparations at their sea base for naval activity. Very little detail of what was going on has come out, nevertheless these messages led to the belief that the German ships might soon attempt some manoeuvre.

German Can Hide.
The Kiel Canal, running from the North Sea to the Baltic makes it possible for Germany to concentrate her entire fleet in either one water or the other. By bringing through the canal the beginning of the war in the Baltic, Germany could concentrate in the North Sea virtually her entire naval strength, excepting being made of course, of her fast cruisers, which since the opening of hostilities have operated in the Pacific Ocean and in the Southern Atlantic.

These vessels all told do not exceed nine or ten, and several of them already have

Few Deaths Reported and Considerable Damage Done at Hartlepool and Scarborough, Where Bombardment Was Heavy— Whitby and Redcar Also Attacked.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Dec. 16.—11:52 a.m.—A German fleet made a sudden dash into the North Sea today, shelled Scarborough and Hartlepool, English coast towns on the North Sea, and engaged certain units of the British fleet.

Four German cruisers appeared off Scarborough at an early hour and began to bombard the town. It is apparent that they had no difficulty in dropping shells into the city. Panic seized the people, and many of them fled from their homes.

Roused by Shots.

The residents of Hartlepool were aroused from their sleep by the sound of heavy gun-firing. They flocked to the streets, and thence made their way to the beach to learn what was going on. In a few moments shells from German cruisers began dropping into Hartlepool, whereupon the crowd along the shore broke for shelter.

Panic also showed itself at this point. Fear took possession of the people, and many of them abandoned their homes and fled inland.

Wild Excitement.

The news of this naval raid was announced by the British admiralty shortly before 11:30 o'clock this morning, and it threw London into the greatest state of excitement that has prevailed since the outbreak of the war.

The preliminary announcement of the admiralty made no mention of the damage to Scarborough, which is a fashionable sea resort on the North Sea, 37 miles northeast of York and a little over 200 miles from London, or to Hartlepool, an important shipping centre, about 40 miles northwest of Scarborough.

Situation Developing.

British flotillas have been engaged with the enemy at several points, however, and at noon the situation was described by the admiralty as "developing."

It could not be ascertained at first whether this German attack was designed merely to spread panic among the British people, or whether its purpose was to engage the British fleet in a general action or to act as an escort in an attempt to land troops on the British coast.

Neither Fortified.
Neither Scarborough nor Hartlepool is fortified. Scarborough has a population of 40,000 people, and during the summer months the seaside hotels are crowded. At this time of the year, however, the hotels are comparatively deserted. Hartlepool, together with West Hartlepool, has a population of about 90,000.

HEAVY BOMBARDMENT.

Hull, England, via London, Dec. 16.—Fugitives reaching here from Scarborough say the German bombardment of that port was heavy and that great damage was done to property in Scarborough.

BUILDINGS DAMAGED.

Scarborough, Dec. 16, via London, 12:59 p.m.—The shelling of Scarborough by the four German cruisers which took part in the operation began shortly before 8 o'clock this morning.

Several buildings have been damaged by shell fire from the German vessels.

Official Report

Hints at Battle

London, Dec. 16.—11:20 a.m.—The official bureau announces that German movements of importance are taking place in the North Sea, and that the Germans are shelling Scarborough and Hartlepool.

The official announcement regarding this important development follows: German movements of some importance are taking place this morning in the North Sea. Scarborough and Hartlepool have been shelled, and our flotillas have at various points been engaged. The situation is developing.

Fortress Drives

Warships Away

London, Dec. 16.—1:46 p.m.—A statement given out by the official information bureau says that the German warships which have been bombarding the eastern coast of England have been driven off by the West Hartlepool fortress.

FIFTY SHELLS FIRED.

(Canadian Press.)

Hull, England, Dec. 16, via London, 10:17 p.m.—A man, who has arrived here from Scarborough, estimates that the German cruisers fired a total of about fifty shells into Scarborough. He declares he saw only three chimneys shattered. He believes, however, that the damage nearer shore will prove to be more serious than this.

The bombardment of Hartlepool lasted for 25 minutes. The hostile vessels which took part in the operation are estimated from two to six, but never once were they clearly visible from the shore.

The forts on the River Tees replied to the fire of the German vessels. Pieces of shell have been found all over Hartlepool. The damage inflicted on the town is said to be considerable. One of the shells hit a gas tank and set it afire.

Citizens In Panic

As Shells Fall

(Canadian Press.)

Scarborough, Dec. 16, via London, 1 p.m.—When the G. shells began falling into Scarborough shortly before 8 o'clock this morning the people rushed out of their houses in a great excitement.

The crowds ran hurriedly to the railway station, where they could board the train that was just leaving.

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BRITAIN READY FOR ASSAULTS

Said To Have Received Warn-
ing That Bombardment
Was Coming.

DEFENCES ALL PREPARED

Infantry and Artillery Were In
Trenches and at Their
Stations.

(Canadian Press.)

Hull, England, via London, Dec. 16.—Another eyewitness from Scarborough said that a large amount of debris was scattered about the square near the railway station by the shell-fire. Roofs of houses were torn away, windows were broken and holes were bored entirely through some houses. The huge chimney at the brickworks was knocked down.

Several shells were fired at the wireless station, with what result is unknown.

It is reported here that word had been received that an attack by the Germans was contemplated, and that consequently the authorities were in readiness to meet it. The coast defences had been thoroughly prepared, and all the units of infantry and artillery were in their stations and in the trenches.

Up to 3 o'clock this afternoon no reliable estimates of the casualties were available.

REBEL'S TREATY

WITH THE ENEMY

Arrangements Between Mar-
itz and Germans Is Made
Public in New York.

TERRITORY DISPOSED OF

Kaiser Was To Have Walish
Bay and the Nearby
Islands.

(Canadian Press.)

New York, Dec. 16.—A copy of a treaty of alliance signed between Gen. Maritz, the rebel leader in British South Africa, and the Government of German Southwest Africa has been received in New York.

The treaty has the following clauses:

"1. Gen. Maritz has declared the independence of South Africa. War with England has commenced.

"2. The governor of German Southwest Africa recognizes all African forces which operate against England as belligerents.

"3. If British South Africa should declare her independence, the imperial government is to take all feasible measures to the effect that the state or states will be recognized as such by the German Empire as soon as possible, and are to be included in the general treaty of peace.

"4. In view of such support, the newly-formed state or states will have no objection to the German Government seizing Walish Bay and the islands which lie opposite German Southwest Africa.

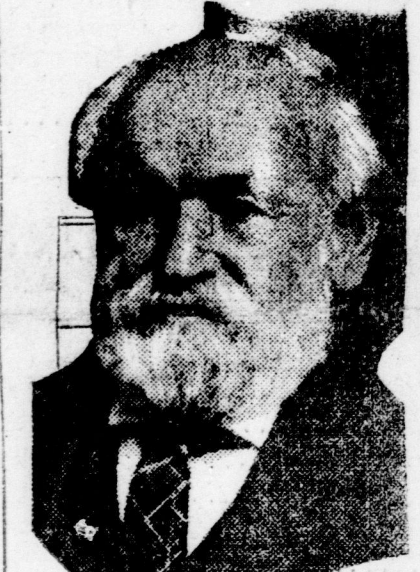
Boundary Settled.
"5. The valley course of the Orange River will henceforth form the boundary between Cape Province and German Southwest Africa.

"6. The German Empire will raise no objection to the above-named states taking possession of Delagoa Bay.

"7. Should the rebellion be successful, the rebels who cross over to German territory will be recognized and treated as German subjects."

The text of the treaty in the foregoing is a translation of the original made by the German information service.

LIBERAL SENATOR WHO DIED TODAY AT TORONTO HOME



SENATOR ROBERT JAFFRAY.

SENATOR JAFFRAY DIES AT TORONTO

Was Very Prominent in Many
Canadian Commercial
Undertakings.

IN EIGHTY-THIRD YEAR

Immediate Cause of Death

Was Bursting of Blood

Vessel.

(Canadian Press.)

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Senator Jaffray died at 4:30 o'clock this morning. He had been confined to the house under the care of his physician since Friday last.

The immediate cause of death was the bursting of a blood vessel in the abdomen. His two daughters, Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. Cameron, and his son, W. G. Jaffray, were at his bedside.

Sen. Robert Jaffray was born near Bannockburn, Scotland, January 23, 1839, and came to Canada in early life, engaging in the grocery business. He continued in that trade until 1882, since when he has been occupied with various financial and commercial undertakings. He was a director of the Canadian Foundry Company, the Canada Life Assurance Company, the Canadian General Electric Company, the Central Canada Loan and Savings Company, the Dominion Securities Corporation, the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company and the Toronto General Trust Corporation.

He was for long identified with the Toronto Globe Publishing Company, and had been for many years its president, and upon the death of D. E. Wilkie, a few weeks ago, he was elected president of the Imperial Press.

He was called to the Senate in 1906. The late Senator Jaffray is survived by two daughters, the widow of late Christopher Eaton, of Owen Sound, and Mrs. Wellington A. Cameron, of Toronto, and two sons, William G. Jaffray, of Jaffray, Cassels & Biggar, members of the Toronto Stock Exchange, and Robert A. Jaffray, a missionary in South China. Mrs. Jaffray, who was the daughter of the late John Bugg, for fourteen years an alderman of Toronto, died in 1906.

PROTECTING WARSAW

200,000 Seasoned Troops Arriving From
Interior Points.

(Canadian Press.)

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Dec. 16.—Via London, 4 p.m.—Further extensive preparations have been made to protect Warsaw against possible German attacks. Reinforcements amounting to five army corps or about 200,000 men, are arriving here from interior points. Many of these are first-line troops, with a full contingent of artillery.

GERMAN CRUISER PREFERS SHELTER

Alleged Commerce Destroyer
Interns in Pacific
Ocean Port.

TROUBLE IS AVERTED

Twenty-Two Officers and
355 More Men Lost
to Enemy.

[Canadian Press.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Voluntary internment today of the German converted cruiser *Cormorant*, and her 22 officers and 355 men at Chignik, an American Pacific Ocean port, brought what promises to be a troublesome question involving the observance of American neutrality in this case to a speedy and final adjustment. As soon as it was learned at the Navy Department that the *Cormorant* had put into Chignik, short of coal, food and water, there was immediate discussion of the extent to which the warship could replenish her supplies in an American port.

In view of Chignik's remoteness from any German port, the decision to intern was expected, but in the meantime Captain Maxwell, governor of the far-away naval station, was instructed to observe strict neutrality in all his dealings with the German commander.

A Commerce Destroyer.
Little is known of the *Cormorant* here except that she is a converted cruiser of 5,000 tons displacement, acquired by Germany from Russia. Information as to how Germany acquired the vessel from her present owner is not obtainable. It is supposed the ship has been employed by the Germans as a destroyer of commerce in the Pacific.

At first this vessel was believed here to be the unprotected cruiser *Cormorant*, a vessel of only 1,000 tons displacement, but Captain Maxwell's later message announcing its decision of the draft to intern, corrected that impression. This is the second German warship to intern in American waters since the outbreak of the war. The other, the *Intern*, interned at Honolulu some time ago. The officers and men of the vessels will have to remain interned until the close of the war unless the Allies consent to their parole.

RUSHING STATES' TROOPS TO BORDER

Firing Over Line Must Stop,
Or Reprisals Will Be
Taken.

[Canadian Press.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Further demonstrations were made by the United States Government today of its determination not to tolerate continued firing by the Mexican factions at Naco, Sonora, into American territory. President Wilson, after a brief discussion with his cabinet, instructed Secretary Garrison to comply with the request of Brig.-Gen. Tasker H. Bliss at Naco, Ariz., for reinforcements to handle a possible emergency situation. Three regiments of infantry and three batteries of artillery were ordered to Naco.

The general understanding tonight in administration quarters is that as soon as the additional American forces were placed in position on the international line, the U. S. would return any rifle or artillery fire, which might come from the Mexican territory. As it will require three days for the troops to reach Naco, the Mexican factions have virtually that period within which to comply with the American demands or be shelled out of their positions.

Reinforcements ordered today will bring the total force of the American army at Naco to about 5,000 men.

TO SEND WARSHIPS TO THE CANAL ZONE

United States Government Will Protect
Neutrality.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—President Wilson and his cabinet decided today to send American warships to the canal zone to guard against violation of neutrality there by belligerent ships.

Just how many ships, and whether destroyers, cruisers or battleships shall be dispatched, will be determined after a full report has been received from Gen. Goethals, military governor of the canal zone, and Captain Rodman, naval officer at the canal. If the canal zone is being used as a base of supplies for the belligerents, the United States will be instructed to use his land forces to prevent such action. Should it develop that the wireless is being used between these territorial waters the navy department will ask for an explanation from its naval officer.

"Whatever is necessary to be done," said Secretary Daniels tonight, "to carry out the executive order of the President will be done. A telegram from the radio office at the canal zone shows that he is watching things closely. He says: 'For communication with British cruiser from west coast I have dismantled radio of one British collier at Balboa, canal zone.'"

At the British embassy it was stated that Great Britain has no objection whatever to the wireless regulations which the latter has proclaimed and has been in sympathy with the censorship laws from the beginning of the war.

GERMAN NOBLEMAN BANISHED TO SIBERIA

COPENHAGEN (Via Berlin, The Hague and London), Dec. 15.—11:23 p.m.—Baron Carl von Manteuffel, who owns a fine estate at Kirdangen, near Lübeck, and the most prominent German nobleman in the Russian Baltic provinces, has been banished by the military chief of his district to Dvinsk near Touisk, Siberia. The excitement of the Baltic nobility because of this incident is reported to be great.

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CANADIAN BOAT LOST ON OCEAN

Believed To Have Struck
Mine Off North of
Ireland.

ON THE WAY TO WALES

Intended For Govt. Work
On the Hudson Bay
Route.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—The Government steamer *Sharon* has been lost somewhere on the Atlantic with all on board, and it is believed that it struck a mine off the north coast of Ireland.

The *Sharon* left Sydney for Newport, Wales, with a cargo of coal. She was heard from by wireless after leaving Newfoundland, but the steamer is now a month overdue, and all hope of her safety has been abandoned. The steamer had a crew of some thirty men, all from the Maritime Provinces.

The *Sharon* was purchased a year ago by the Government in England for work on the Hudson Bay route. She was a new boat and cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000.

NORTH SYDNEY MEN ON LOST BOAT.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 15.—It is 37 days since the steamship *Sharon* left Sydney for Liverpool with a cargo of steel products. The last heard from her were two private wireless messages received at North Sydney, on Nov. 11, off Newfoundland.

The steamship was commanded by Capt. Cochran. Nearly all her officers and engineer hands were Englishmen. The majority of the crew belonged to North Sydney or were shipped there.

Following are the names of the North Sydney men: James Cameron, native of Scotland, leaves a wife and six children; Abraham Jones, second mate, married; Wm. Bonner, fireman, wife and seven children; George Penland, wife and two children; Walter Field, married; Wm. F. Walsh, wife and three children; John Bryden, single; John McInnes, single; Thomas McLean, single; James Spencer, single; Henry Cassell, wife and family; Wm. Stirling, wife and four children; Thos. Stacey, wife and two children; Thos. Buffett, three children; George Tobin, wife and family; Charles Dowe, married; Leo Frank, married; Ted Holmness, wireless operator.

Field and Walsh were former police men of North Sydney. Bryden was a well-known local hockey player.

SAY GERMAN CONSUL PAID FOR THE CARGO

American Government Agents
Report He Bought Goods
For Ships.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Agents of the Department of Justice, working here, informed the attorney-general that the German consul, Baron E. H. von Schack, supplied the funds with which a cargo of groceries, clothing and ship chandler's supplies were bought for shipment to Valparaiso, aboard the American steamship *Olson* and *Mahoney*. Clearance for the vessel was refused, and the cargo unloaded.

Baron von Schack positively denied that he had any connection with the purchase of the cargo of the *Olson* and *Mahoney*. The alleged evidence offered by the Government agent, consists, it was said, of conclusions reached by tracing checks. It was found, according to the Department of Justice representatives, that Baron von Schack drew against his account for sums which subsequently were said to have been placed to the credit of the agents who paid for the cargo. These agents are said to be now on the way to Chile.

William Haas, senior member of the grocery firm from which the portion of the cargo was bought, refused to tell the federal grand jury who was the purchaser, and the jury voted a presentment against him, charging contempt of court.

The *Olson* and *Mahoney* is the third vessel suspected of carrying supplies to the German Pacific fleet. One of these vessels has disappeared, and the other, the American steamship *Sacramento*, is in the hands of the Chilean authorities.

LIBERAL MERCHANTS WERE TURNED DOWN

Patronage Committee Alleged To Have
Struck Names Off.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
GUELPH, Dec. 15.—The shipping of a company of infantry and some artillery being recruited here in the winter fair building has caused the patronage committee of the South Wellington Association to be more than usually active.

The secretary received a wire from Ottawa a few days ago asking what Guelph firms should receive orders in connection with the supplying of the necessary equipment for housing the men during their stay here.

A meeting of local Conservatives was called and convened in the Borden Club Rooms and the list of merchants was prepared, and it is understood that the names of firms with Liberal leanings were crossed off as being ineligible to have dealings with the fitting out of the King's fighters.

The greatest secrecy marked the whole proceeding, and for a few days nothing leaked out. However, the censorship was not of the Kitchenier type, and now the proceedings of the meeting of the patronage committee are common street talk, and much indignation is expressed.

Some of the Liberal merchants have been among the heaviest contributors to all the Red Cross and patriotic funds collected in Guelph.

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And Men's House Coats

Many women are buying these and ordering them delivered before Santa Claus gets around Christmas Eve. Our stock is all new, from the best Canadian, British and American makers. Coats of Velour, Velvet or Silk, in shades of grey, brown, fawn, navy, green or black velvet. Sizes 35 to 48. Prices \$5, \$6.50, \$8.50, \$10.00 to \$15.00
Richmond Street Section.

NOTICE TO MEN---Sale of Fur Coats, \$12.95 and \$49.00 Continues This Week

Same coats as those sold last Saturday, in all sizes up to 48 and 50.

COON COATS, worth up to \$75.00. Sale price \$49.00

BLACK CALF and DOGSKIN COATS, worth up to \$25.00. Sale price \$12.95

A warehouse clearance, and these prices are below any regular quotations we can get from manufacturers. Get yours early. Every coat guaranteed.

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Personal Christmas and New Year greeting cards.
50 designs to choose from. Order now.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM

Afternoon Tea 34 to 5:30. French Pastries, Ice Cream and Cup of Chocolate, Tea or Coffee, 15.

Dainty Blouses, Prettily Boxed for Christmas Gifts

Many beautiful styles in Fancy Blouses are shown for the holiday season, in Silk Crepe de Chine, Messaline, Chiffon, Ninon veiled with Shadow Lace and Georgette Crepes. A few pretty models shown in the new combination of Shadow Lace sleeves, with either silk, crepe de chene or Dresden chiffon back and front of blouse. Handsome blouse of White Georgette Crepe, beautifully embroidered with chenille figure; vestee of white chiffon; shadow lace collar; 3/4 sleeve. Colors white with rose design; or white with copenhagen designs \$13.75

Very dressy blouse of Black Chiffon, figured with white; 3/4 sleeve; low neck; white chiffon vestee. Also Black Allover Shadow Lace over white ninon, long sleeves, high turn-down collar of soft black silk, fastened in front. Price \$5.00
Dainty Soft Silk Crepe de Chine Blouses in the new delicate shades, showing the contrasting vestee effect with belt, to be worn outside skirt. Also charming styles with hemstitching, long sleeves and low neck. In colors brown, tan, navy, grey, rose, pink, maize and copenhagen, also black and white. Prices range from \$3.50 to \$10.00
Pretty styles in Messaline Blouses, showing high or low neck, long or 3/4 sleeve. In brown, tan, navy, copenhagen or grey, also black and white. Prices range from \$3.25 to \$6.00
—Second Floor—



Had You Thought of Corsets?

What would be more acceptable than a pair of good Corsets, nicely packed in a Christmas box? Same may be fitted after the holiday season.

Gossard Corsets (they lace in front). Prices \$2.50 to \$12.50
Artist's Model \$5.50
Bon-Ton, from \$4.00 to \$10.50
Royal Worcester \$1.25 to \$2.50
Nemo Self Reducing \$3.50 and \$5.50
American Lady Corsets, from \$1.25 to \$10.50
"Madame Lyra" \$4.00, \$6.00 and \$10.50
C-C la Grace Corsets, from \$1.25 to \$4.00
Other good makes and styles. Best values to be had from 50c up
Special in Brassieres.—De Bevoise Brassiere, hooked in front, trimmed with Cluny lace (boxed). Special 75c
Also other styles of Brassieres from 50c to \$2.00



Another Useful Gift---A BATH OR LOUNGING ROBE

Here are three specials, picked from an endless variety of Christmas Novelty Robes, \$1.75, \$4.00 and \$8.50.

A most comfortable Lounging Robe of reversible velour, in beautifully blended tones of mahogany, green or rose. Neck, cuffs and down front trimmed with band of wide quilted satin. Finished at waist with silk cord and tassels. Sizes 34 to 46. Price \$8.50
A splendid robe of Imported Blanket Cloth, in soft warm shades of copenhagen, purple or cardinal. The long rolling collar, turnback cuffs and pockets are trimmed with band of wide Duchess ribbon. Cut-away front, fastening low on left side with fancy button. Sizes 34 to 46. Price \$4.00
An attractive Kimono Gown of warm, soft flannel-ette, in pretty floral patterns, with border. Daintily trimmed around neck and at cuffs with satin ribbon to harmonize with garment. Colors, navy, also black. Sizes 34 to 46. Price \$1.75



AT JEWELRY CIRCLE

This section is sparkling with pretty gift things. Hundreds of exquisite examples of the jeweler's art will be found in this inexpensive jewelry stock, at prices from 50c up to \$8.50.

JEWEL BOXES.—Our Christmas stock of Jewel Boxes has arrived. Ormolu gold, Parisian ivory or the Butler silver finish. This is a gold-washed jewel box, and will not tarnish. Three very pretty designs in Burnished Brass, silk lined and padded. Special 25c
Extra large size in Burnished Brass, with pink or blue linings. Special 50c
Many pretty styles and shapes in Parisian ivory, Butler finish or Ormolu gold. At 75c each
A choice lot of extra large Jewel Boxes in silver, gold or Parisian ivory, pretty styles and shapes, all silk lined in pink or blue. From \$1.80 to \$3.00 each
A nice line of fine Polish Silver Jewel Boxes, with velvet lining and partitions. Also lock and key. In three sizes. Prices \$4.50, \$5.50 and \$6.00

PRIESTLEY'S BLACK DRESS GOODS A LADIES' CHRISTMAS GIFT.

A beautiful assortment of blacks, in all-wool and silk and wool dress fabrics, embracing a great variety of weaves and weights for all purposes. Popular prices. Per yard \$1.00 to \$2.00

"THE DESIGNER."
30c year. Subscribe now before list closes when price will be 75c a year. At pattern counter.

SMALLMAN & INGRAM

BRITAIN WOULD FOREGO SEARCHING OF SHIPS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British Ambassador, advised the State Department today that his Government was willing to

forego the exercise of the right of search of vessels carrying cargo from American ports, if the ship masters would confer with the British consuls at the ports of departure and satisfy them as to the neutral character of their cargoes.

The ambassador and Secretary Bryan discussed this subject at length. There is no authority to require an American ship captain to apply to a foreign consul in this country for permission to take away cargo, but on the other hand, the State Department, recognizing that the British Government is entirely within its rights in exercising the right of

search, has listened favorably to the suggestion.

The department today received a note from the French Government stating France was prepared to give the same assurances as had been given by the British Government in regard to the

non-contraband character of American cotton.

SON RESIDES IN LONDON

[Special to The Advertiser.]
OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—The funeral of Henry T. Egle, held from the family

residence at Frogmore, to Ottawa Cemetery yesterday, was largely attended. He was 64 years old. Besides his wife he leaves three daughters and two sons, Mrs. H. H. McCurdy, Vienna, Mrs. H. S. Frances, Culloden and Mrs. George Houghton, Stratfordville, and Hyman, of London and Soton at home.

NOT AN AUSTRIAN ON SERBIAN SOIL

King Peter and Sons Enter
Belgrade At Head of a
Victorious Army.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Dec. 15.—(12:14 p.m.)—King Peter and Crown Prince Alexander, who have entered Belgrade at the head of the victorious Serbian army, according to a dispatch received by Reuters' Telegram Company from Nish.

Not a single Austrian statement by the Serbian general staff says, now remains on Serbian soil.

BODY UNCLAIMED

Remains of Accident Victim Still Being
Kept at Undertakers.

Though the body of young James Smith has been lying in Ferguson's undertaking parlour since shortly after the death of the lad in Victoria Hospital, following the accident at the Egerton street level crossing on Monday night, no claim has as yet been made for the remains.

It is understood the father is in the city and living on Trafalgar street, and it is said the relatives are very poor. At the same time, no appeal has been made by them to the city for burial.

TWO MORE CASES

Smallpox Still on Increase in London
Township District.

Two more cases of smallpox have developed in London Township since Monday and M. H. O. MacNeill is most anxious to enforce the regulations regarding isolation of the cases. Further, he is, as far as possible, insisting upon vaccination, though some are refusing to submit to the operation.

The majority of the "Gore" pupils of the school closed until the new year are being vaccinated either by Dr. MacNeill or their family physicians.

DROPS DEAD IN OFFICE

Customs Officer Alcock, of Sarnia,
Dies Very Suddenly.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Sarnia, Dec. 15.—James Alcock, 50, thirty years a customs officer at this port, dropped dead in the custom office here this morning, while getting up from a desk where he had been working. He was born in 1864, and was well known in Sarnia. He formerly worked at Point Edward, where he was stationed at the Grand Trunk wharf when the cars were ferried over at that point.

WHEAT OFFERS

[Reported by Local Press.]
Wheat, Dec. 15.—Wheat—Close, 81 1/2; 1914, 81 1/2; 1915, 81 1/2; 1916, 81 1/2; 1917, 81 1/2; 1918, 81 1/2; 1919, 81 1/2; 1920, 81 1/2; 1921, 81 1/2; 1922, 81 1/2; 1923, 81 1/2; 1924, 81 1/2; 1925, 81 1/2; 1926, 81 1/2; 1927, 81 1/2; 1928, 81 1/2; 1929, 81 1/2; 1930, 81 1/2; 1931, 81 1/2; 1932, 81 1/2; 1933, 81 1/2; 1934, 81 1/2; 1935, 81 1/2; 1936, 81 1/2; 1937, 81 1/2; 1938, 81 1/2; 1939, 81 1/2; 1940, 81 1/2; 1941, 81 1/2; 1942, 81 1/2; 1943, 81 1/2; 1944, 81 1/2; 1945, 81 1/2; 1946, 81 1/2; 1947, 81 1/2; 1948, 81 1/2; 1949, 81 1/2; 1950, 81 1/2; 1951, 81 1/2; 1952, 81 1/2; 1953, 81 1/2; 1954, 81 1/2; 1955, 81 1/2; 1956, 81 1/2; 1957, 81 1/2; 1958, 81 1/2; 1959, 81 1/2; 1960, 81 1/2; 1961, 81 1/2; 1962, 81 1/2; 1963, 81 1/2; 1964, 81 1/2; 1965, 81 1/2; 1966, 81 1/2; 1967, 81 1/2; 1968, 81 1/2; 1969, 81 1/2; 1970, 81 1/2; 1971, 81 1/2; 1972, 81 1/2; 1973, 81 1/2; 1974, 81 1/2; 1975, 81 1/2; 1976, 81 1/2; 1977, 81 1/2; 1978, 81 1/2; 1979, 81 1/2; 1980, 81 1/2; 1981, 81 1/2; 1982, 81 1/2; 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GRAT LITTLE FELLOWS.

FREIGHT minded and non-partisan historians of the war are certain to give great credit to Belgium and Serbia for the part they have played in checking the Prussian world-meat. As has been frequently pointed out, the brave Belgians, by their heroic and unexpected facing of the Kaiser's hordes, slowed up the German war machine enough to prevent the Allies being swept off their feet. It is not safe to conjecture what would have happened had the Germans got to Paris, or the French Channel cities. But while the war would have undoubtedly gone on even in the face of such serious reverses, the difficulties would have been immeasurably increased. With the French end of the channel controlled by the enemy, there would have been no short cut to the battle ground for Kitchener. His transports would have had to swing far to the south, with great loss of precious time. Many weeks would have been lost in getting under way, while Germany meanwhile would have been able to dash into Russia and break up the Russian advance before it acquired impetus. This we now know was unable to do largely because of Belgium's resistance. The Belgians by their heroism made a cemetery of Flanders, but the biggest burial there was Prussia's hope of world dominion.

Equally important has been Serbia's part. The Serb until this war was not rated high as a fighting man. In their first war with Bulgaria the Serbians made a sorry showing, while in last year's Balkan campaign they were too well supported by other powers to be properly tested. But from the moment Austria started to climb a them from the map, the Serbians have shown themselves brave, tenacious and resourceful. Single handed, they held the invaders at bay until the Czar could swing his legions into Galicia, and after a masterly retreat that drew a vast army well into the country, have turned on and routed the enemy much as did Joffe and French in France. There is little doubt but Germany and Austria figured on an easy and rapid conquest of the Serb. Had they succeeded they could have dominated the situation in the Balkans to a large extent, as Bulgaria, Turkey and possibly Rumania would have cast in their lot with the Teutonic combination. Serbia, like Belgium, fighting for her very life, has in no small degree helped shatter the Kaiser's ambition to saddle the world with Prussian "kultur."

THE BRITISH SUBMARINE.

TOWARD the end of November, when to some minds Britain's supremacy of the sea seemed a trifle doubtful, the First Lord of the Admiralty issued a reassuring statement. In the first place, he pointed out the perils which confronted the navy at the beginning of the war, mentioning its unpreparedness, the danger of German commerce destroyers abroad, and of mines and submarines, both practically unknown factors. He then showed that Britain was building warships much more rapidly than the enemy, could lose one super-dreadnought per month for a year and be in a better position than at the beginning of the war, adding that "in the matter of submarines Great Britain's power is much greater than that of the enemy." Previously, Winston Churchill expressed the opinion that the navy would win the war.

Recent events have tended to show that the First Lord of the Admiralty "spoke by the book." The commerce destroyers which disposed of a much smaller percentage of merchant vessels than was anticipated have been practically driven off the seas. Four of the five German warships which composed the squadron at Tsing Tau have been accounted for, and the other is being pursued.

Now the British submarine which has had so little opportunity to prove itself has vindicated Churchill's attitude by performing the most daring naval feat of the war to date. The German submarine dared to attack British boats in the North Sea and even close to French and English ports, but it was a British submarine which dared to dive under five separate chains of mines in a treacherous current, surrounded by the enemy's destroyers and fort guns, and send a Turkish battleship to the bottom of the Dardanelles.

Perhaps Churchill's statement that it might be necessary to dig the German fleet out of the Kiel canal like rats was more significant than appeared. At any rate, the Empire is now more ready than ever to believe that the British navy can accomplish the seemingly impossible.

GERMAN BLUFF.

IT HAS been said that the world will be a long time placing trust again in Germany after the scrap-of-paper episode. But those in the know, the diplomats of leading nations, have been on their guard for some time. Otherwise Great Britain might have been bluffed in remaining neutral in this war.

Germany has for years followed a plan of saying pleasant things and giving soporific assurances in an official or semi-official or personal way, while officially hedging or keeping silence. German ambassadors assured Belgium of her security and immunity under the treaty, while the German Government arranged its strategy against the British frontier. Similarly, last July, a German Chancellor tried to bluff Sir Edward Grey by personal chatter of his ambassador in London. Grey, himself an expert angler, was also too wary a fish to rise to such common bait. He saw his man.

Further, evading the British question as to Germany's intentions respecting Belgium, Chancelor Holweg proposed vaguely "a general neutrality agreement between England and Germany, though, of course it was at the present moment too early to discuss details; an assurance of British neutrality in the conflict which the present crisis might produce would enable him to look forward to the realization of his desire." But Grey had read, as a schoolboy, how Bismarck worked this same sort of cheat on Napoleon III. at Biarritz in 1870, on the eve of the Austro-Prussian struggle for the mastery of Germany. Stuffed with vague promises, the French Emperor stayed in to his cost.

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ONE WAY TO MAKE WORK.

A NUMBER of unemployed in London need work in order to get money. A number, perhaps a large number, of people in London who have means have also sidewalks which need cleaning this winter and which, during the first fall of snow at least, have not known the touch of a shovel.

Here is a perfectly legitimate way for the city and the unemployed to come to an understanding. If the property owners do not clear their sidewalks promptly the city authorities would be justified in having it done at the expense of the owners. This would serve a two-fold purpose: it would work to those needing it and it would also save pedestrians from running an extreme risk of breaking their necks on icy walks. Besides, it would give the negligent property owners an appearance of regard for themselves and their fellow-men.

THE KAISER'S THROAT.

WHETHER or not the throat affection of the German Emperor is serious, it is interesting to recall that throat trouble caused the death of his father nearly thirty years ago.

His illness was the cause of one of the most heated medical controversies on record, brought about by the strife of two opposing factions, with Bismarck leading one and the Crown Prince's leading friends the other. The court physicians, it is said, declared Frederick was suffering from cancer, and that an immediate operation was necessary. The prince's friends opposed an operation, fearing he might die; his father was old and feeble, and they were anxious to see him at the head of affairs if only for a short time. Frederick, himself, was convinced that his ailment was incurable and formally relinquished all claim to the succession.

The controversy became so warm that Dr. Morrell Mackenzie, the English throat specialist, was called in. He declared the crown prince was not suffering from cancer, but whatever the ailment was, he seemingly found no cure for it. The old emperor died, and Frederick constantly growing weaker and despite his reconciliation, took his father's place. His rule was ended three months later by death, and just a year after the throat affection first appeared.

WHAT OF THE KARLSRUHE.

SOME surprise has been expressed that the German cruiser Karlsruhe should have succeeded in evading capture so long. Despite the fast and undoubtedly large fleet of the British in south Atlantic waters for several weeks back, the German cruiser is still at large. It should be remembered, however, that the vast expanse of the south Atlantic is a long stretch of water. Merchantmen are few as compared to the numbers farther north even in normal times, while under war conditions few would take the chances of running into the German commerce destroyer. Thus the only reports that have reached the British fleet are probably those of captured crews who have been landed many days after the capture.

It is apparent, too, that the German cruisers have had little trouble in coal-lining and provisioning. Here, the wireless has no doubt played a big part. Cruisers running from neutral ports of South America have been able to reach the cruiser in lonely places whenever required. Now, however, playing a lone hand, with the British scouring the waters for her and gradually cutting down her wireless connections, she can, in time, be starved off the seas, if not sunk or captured.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

By entering the conflict Turkey has made a goose of herself.

Joffre hints at a fine Christmas present for France. We guess that it's Alsace-Lorraine.

Austria's experience with Serbia will make her keenly appreciative of the feelings of the man who fooled with a buzz-saw.

One report says that the Dresden is headed for the Antarctic. If she goes far enough she will hit an iceberg and go the way of the Nurnberg.

Germany has given Belgium until next June to pay that war tax. Perhaps no Kaiser hopes to get hold of that \$50,000,000 bonus given King Albert by England.

Baden-Powell says there is a danger of 90,000 Germans invading the British Isles by way of Scotland. Well, the Land of the Thistle is a good place to get "stung."

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JEFF DOESN'T BELIEVE IN TAKING CHANCES

BY "BUD" FISHER



Local O.H.A. Season Opens January 4th.

Schedules Are Drawn Up at Meeting Held in Woodstock Yesterday—Woodstock Intermediate Open Local Season.

Schedules for intermediate group No. 8 and junior group No. 5, of the O. H. A., both of which contain London teams, were drawn up in Woodstock yesterday afternoon, representatives from all the clubs being present. The opening games in the intermediate series will be played on New Year's night in Woodstock and Ingersoll, weather permitting. The junior series does not open until Jan. 4, when Woodstock plays in Oshawa.

The Local Games.
The opening game in the O. H. A. season in London will be played on Jan. 4, when Woodstock comes here. This will be an intermediate game. The other intermediate games will be played in London on Jan. 18, 27 and 29. The first junior game here will be played on Jan. 12, when Ingersoll juniors are the attraction.

The Referees.
The following referees have been named by the different clubs: Ed Gould, Roy Brown, Brantford; S. J. Harkin, Tommy Murray, London; Jas. Gunn, Reg. Stone, Woodstock; G. Mason, W. Woolson, Ingersoll; Lorne Fraser, Paris.

The Representatives.
The following representatives were present at the meeting: Dr. Krupp, convenor; Frank Hyde, B. Childs and W. G. Clark, Woodstock; Geo. Mason, Ingersoll; Ed Gould, Brantford; Lorne Fraser, Paris; W. Haddon and W. H. Rhodes, London.

Hockey

Local players who played with London juniors for two or three seasons, is turning out with the Toronto Victoria senior O. H. A. team.

Russell Sandercock, of the Woodstock juniors, has been selected to play in the Christmas holidays in Woodstock, and turning out to practice with the team there.

Dr. Jerry LaFrampe has been elected captain of St. Michaels this season.

Jaie Gildner, the Winton player, is turning out with the Ontario's Toronto Gliners team in the practices with the N. H. A. team.

Louie Imbeau, the Renfrew lad who was with St. Michaels last season, has received an offer from the Canadiens, and will likely accept.

Miers, the former Winton player, is also turning out with the Ontario's Toronto Gliners team in the practices with the N. H. A. team.

O. H. A. INTERMEDIATE GROUP NO. 8 SCHEDULE

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ST. MICHAEL'S, Dec. 15. With representatives present from all the places but Goderich, group 8, of the O. H. A. series, last evening adopted the following schedule:

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INGERSOLL PLAYERS HELD ICE PRACTICE

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CARL MORRIS GIVEN DECISION ON A FOUL

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 15.—Carl Morris, heavyweight of Oklahoma, tonight won a fight from "Sailor" Carroll, of San Francisco, in the third round of a scheduled ten-round bout. Carroll had the advantage as far as the fight went.

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WOODSTOCK TEAMS PRACTICING ON ICE

Industrial City Septettes Worked Out at Arena.

WILL PLAY IN DETROIT

Dec. 15 Is Earliest Date the Players Have Got on Ice in Some Years.

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WOODSTOCK, Dec. 15.—There is joy in the camp of the local hockey players today, because of the announcement made that active training for the coming season would commence tonight at the local arena. With the cold weather of the last few days and with the real frosty snap of today, the management of the arena have lost no time in making ice, and the result has been that today the arena is ready for the players. Owing to the kindness of the rink management, the hockey club has been able to arrange a series of practice for this evening, and there promises to be a lively time when the candidates for the two O. H. A. teams take the ice. Dec. 15 must be added to the calendar for many a year, as which local hockey players have been able to begin regular practice work inside.

The club is anxious to get down to hard work, especially so as they have received a tempting offer from the Detroit Arena management for a series of three games to be played during Christmas week. It has not been decided yet definitely whether the Woodstock players will take the trip or not.

WHAT THE MAGS ACCOMPLISHED AT THEIR MEETING

Declared the Federals would prove an utter failure.

Decided to take legal steps to look the stable door and a few other matters.

Doubted the receipts of the Waldorf-Astoria buffet for 600 days.

Made Amnias look like George Washington by comparison.

Increased the price of bromosel.

Made it easier for the Feds to grab the stable door and a few other matters.

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Only it broke up without ever discussing the matter which the guy who put the team together.

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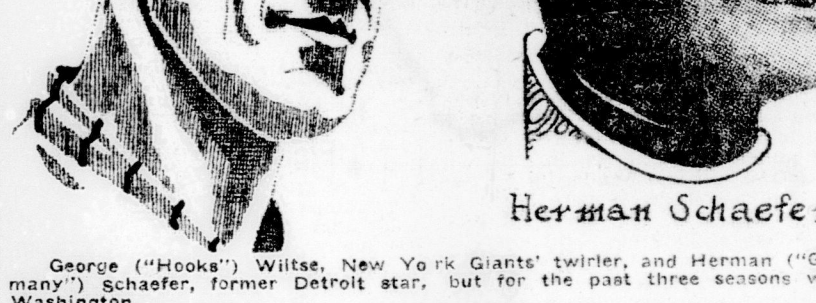
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EASIEST THING IN THE WORLD TO FIND FIRST-BASEMAN AND OUTFIELDER OF COLLINS' CALIBRE

The Associated Press sent out the following information from Chicago this morning:

"Comiskey is still searching for an outfielder and a first baseman of Collins' calibre, and from these three players will be selected to succeed Calahan, who is needed in another capacity."

It is true that Comiskey intends to find two more of Collins' calibre, and pick a manager from this trio, Chicago "haint going to have no manager."

Grandstand at Brantford Is To Be Rebuilt

President Nelson of Ball Club Says New Structure Will Be Put Up.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
BRANTFORD, Dec. 15.—"Of course we will rebuild," declared President T. J. Nelson, to The Advertiser today in answer to a query as to whether the grandstand at the baseball park would be reconstructed. He, however, was only speaking for the baseball club, and the parks board will have a great deal to do with the matter.

As it is the loss to the baseball club in paraphernalia is only \$200, while the parks board of the city it is some \$2,000. The damage is covered by insurance. The grandstand will be rebuilt for the spring season.

SARNIA TEAMS WERE ON ICE LAST NIGHT

(Special to The Advertiser.)
SARNIA, Dec. 15.—The Sarnia hockey team will start tonight practicing on the local rink which now has a good coat of ice. The team this year will be a strong one, and local fans expect a good season of this sport.

GERMAN STEAMER IS CANADA'S PRIZE

First Canadian Prize Court, So Declares.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—For the first time in the history of the Dominion of Canada a prize court, an imperial tribunal, exercising jurisdiction in time of war, was convened in Ottawa today with Mr. Justice Gieseler, of the Exchequer Court, sitting as president.

The case before the court was one involving the seizure of the steamship "Bellus," by His Majesty's customs officers in the port of Quebec, after the declaration of war between Germany and Great Britain. The ship's papers declared that she was a German ship constructed of iron and of the net capacity of 851 tons. Her home port was Hamburg. The registered owners are J. Wimmer & Company.

E. L. Newcomb recently issued a writ declaring the condemnation of the ship and the goods laden therein as a good and lawful prize and as goods of the Admiralty.

After evidence had been given by the customs collector at Quebec, Eugene N. Clinch, Conrad Bollen, master of the ship, was called on behalf of the Portuguese claimant, and stated that the vessel had been sold thirty days before the outbreak of the war. However, it was brought out that the transfer of the ship had not been completed before the seizure, and the claim he dismissed, deciding that the Bellus and cargo be detained during the duration of the war.

AUSTRIANS POURING ACROSS CARPATHIANS

LONDON, Dec. 15.—4:10 a.m.—Telegraphing from Petrograd, the Times correspondent says:

"Austrian columns are pouring over the Dukla passes (Carpathian mountains) into Galicia. Grand Duke Nicholas records this fact without the slightest comment, and the consensus of military opinion here is that the attitude of complete equality."

MOTHER HELD DEAD CHILD

(Special to The Advertiser.)
HAMILTON, Dec. 15.—One of the most distressing cases of poverty discovered by charity workers came to light today when a woman, lying ill on a bundle of straw, was found clutching her dead babe to her breast. The child had died of starvation. The woman had nothing to eat for days and there was no fuel in the house, from which the furniture had been moved.

FIRE AT DRESDEN.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
DRESDEN, Dec. 15.—Mr. Edward Unsworth's residence, Dawn Valley, was completely destroyed by fire last night. Part of the contents were saved. There was no insurance. The house belonged to Messrs. Laird Bros.

FEDS STILL TRYING TO ENTER NEW YORK

President Gilmore Has Not Yet Given Up Hope.

RUPPERT IS INTERESTED

Deal For American League Club Has Not Yet Been Completed.

(Special to The Advertiser.)

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 15.—The Federal League plans ultimately to get into New York, and has not given up hope of interesting Jacob Ruppert, of that city, in backing a team there, according to President Gilmore, of the out-of-control, who returned from French Lake, Ind., where he presented the Federal League side of the baseball war to Ruppert.

Gilmore declared the deal by which Ruppert was to purchase the New York Americans was not complete, and said the easterner later this week expected to discuss further with him the Federal proposition. There was no intention of interesting Louisianese in the league, according to Gilmore.

President Gilmore of the American League declined to discuss details of the proposed sale of the Yankees, and said he planned no visit to French Lake until Ruppert had taken over the matter with Capt. T. L. Hunt.

New York, who was expected to reach the Indiana resort tomorrow. At Johnson's office it was said no visit from Frank Farrell, of the New York American, was expected.

Get Down Early, Men!

If you're in any doubt as to the lay of the land in the heavy-weight night championship situation, get aboard Old Man Dope's special. Here is the unofficial special. We don't recommend that you play the odds on this.

The following are the odds against:

Sam McVey.....1 to 2
Jesse Willard.....2 to 1
Sam Langford.....2 to 1
Jack Johnson.....4 to 1
John L. Sullivan.....5 to 1
Father Time.....10 to 1

It is not what you call a fat book for the better, but Old Man Dope's special is to play Father Time against the field.

Louis Bierbauer May Be Trainer of Hockey Teams

Local Ball Player, Drafted by Lincoln, Is in the City.

Louis Bierbauer is a visitor in London today. Louis arrived last night. He has been spending the last two or three months at his home in Erie, Pa., but he will likely spend the winter in this city.

Louis is looking fine, and says he is pleased with the result of the draft which sends him to the Lincoln club in the Western League next spring. "I think I can make good out there," he said. "I hear it is a fine town. I spent four seasons in London, and I think that is just about long enough with one club. However, I have one regret in leaving London. I certainly liked it here, and only hope that I will find the fans out in Lincoln as good as those here in London."

Louis may be appointed trainer of the local hockey team. He has been negotiating with the local club for the position.

WIRELESS PLANT SEIZED AT WINDSOR.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
WINDSOR, Dec. 15.—Acting on information that a high-powered wireless plant was being operated from a house at No. 96 Gladstone avenue, police this evening entered the place and confiscated the outfit. Sydney Field and his brother, Bert, the latter a jeweler employed in Detroit, owners of the plant, told the police the station was an experimental one, and that while they were able to receive from as great a distance as 100 miles, the wireless apparatus was not sufficiently powerful to transmit a message more than 150 or 200 miles.

The brothers are English, having been in this country less than two years. The wireless outfit was ordered dismantled, under the Government order, which prohibits the operation of any private stations during the war.

CHOLERA BELTS WILL BE SENT.

(Special to The Advertiser.)
ST. THOMAS, Dec. 15.—The members of the Women's Historical Society through their president, Mrs. J. H. Wilson, widow of the late Senator Wilson, have purchased 200 cholera belts, 100 were forwarded to the St. Thomas hospital at Salisbury Plain and the remainder were sent to London for the local men in camp with the Eighteenth Battalion of the second overseas contingent.

Local Puck Chasers Off For Michigan City Today

Good Workout Was Held in Simcoe Street Rink Last Night. About 15 Players Being Present—All Hall Turns Out.

[BY BERT PERRY.]

A good workout on the ice was indulged in by about fifteen local hockey players at the Simcoe street rink last night, it being the second ice practice the boys have had in preparation for the games in Detroit, the first of which will be played tonight. The ice was in good shape, and the players practiced seven at a time, with a goalkeeper at each end in the net.

Those who were present were: Ritchie, Kenny McKay, Hagerman, Moore, E. H. Chapman, Wright, Edwards, Martin and McAvoy. The boys are on the ice for an hour, and Dr. Stephens kept them working at a steady clip throughout.

A Wingham Player.
McLean is a Wingham boy, who has been in the city for several months. He is a heavy youngster, but a little too old for junior hockey. He is promising, and will give someone a battle for a position on one of the teams. All Hall, of last year's O. H. A. intermediates, was out. Hall is no heavier than he was this year, and he believes he can get into condition and play a little better game this season than last. Ritchie shows a lot of spirit, as does

Practice at Arena Tonight.
At the Jubilee rink tonight all the players who do not go to Detroit will have a practice. A good sheet of ice is ready at the arena, and one of the practices of the season should result.

Freddie Welsh Is Keeping the Wolf From Door

Has Not Fought For Fourteen Days, But Has Filled Some Exhibition Dates.

Freddie Welsh hasn't fought for the last thirteen days. It's the longest period of time the little English lightweight fighter has observed since he started knocking Americans and being knocked by Americans some seven weeks back.

Freddie was due for a rest. He was overworked and ailing. He showed this when Duffly outpointed him in Buffalo and he showed it more when Young Joe Sengman put the Jersey kibosh on him at the Madison Square Garden on December 2.

Although he hasn't worked at his regular trade for two weeks, Freddie has been able to keep the wolf out of the door by taking in divers and sundry stunts or farthings by two "exhibition" dates as he called them, at Wilkesbarre, December 10 and 11.

Over 100 MEXICAN OFFICIALS EXECUTED

Report to American Government Does Not Name One Responsible.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Between 100 and 150 Mexican officials have been secretly executed in Mexico City within the last few days, according to an official report, which reached the U. S. Government today from one of its agents there.

Just who ordered the executions has not yet been disclosed, nor has any of the names of those put to death been made known.

Except for these executions, which are understood, according to the report to be happening daily, conditions in the city itself are quiet, and Provisional President Gonzalez, with the allied Villa and Zapata forces, is maintaining order. No foreigners have been injured or intimidated and business conditions are described as improving in the capital.

ROBERT BURNS CIGAR.

Oye ken, mon, there's sic a smog as our Bobbie would na' written a bit verse about? Awel, that's because ye've nae lit up a bonnie mild weed like this one. Do so, be ye, Made in London by Vallens & Co.

INJECTION BROW CATARRH OF THE BLADDER

The Seal 182 Dundas St. West

Send-ready Tailoring

Ind an Motorcycles---1915 Announcement

We have taken over this agency for the County of Middlesex, and we are now booking orders for the new models.

It is our aim to give you the same reliable services with INDIAN MOTORCYCLES as we have done with other lines we handle.

Our stock of repair parts is complete. We carry the largest stock of motorcycles and their accessories in Western Ontario.

We offer special inducements for early orders on 1915 INDIAN MOTORCYCLES. Let us show you.

Bicycle and Motor Sales Co.
377 CLARENCE STREET.
Send for Catalogue.

BARGAINS IN USED CARS

OVERLAND, 1913, 30 H.P. \$775
STUDEBAKER \$450
OVERLAND \$850

All fully equipped with extra tires. A full line of accessories just in, at new garage.

J. C. BEEMER
131-3 QUEEN'S AVENUE.

EX-PRESIDENT OF FRANCE
LOSES SON AT THE FRONT

PARIS, Dec. 15.—A son of former President Barthou has died from wounds received at Thann. Although

only eighteen years old young Barthou volunteered during the first days of the war. He declined to accept an official place on the war staff and requested to be sent to the firing line, where he won the highest praise for courage from his chiefs.

Justice of Peace Praises
Dr. Chase's Ointment

After Nine Years of Agony He Escaped an Operation by Using This Great Healing Agent.

As a means of healing sores and wounds that defy ordinary treatment Dr. Chase's Ointment has long stood supreme. It is known far and wide as a positive cure for eczema and piles. Whatever uncertainty there may be about the results obtained by the use of medicines taken internally there can be no question of the healing of the skin when Dr. Chase's Ointment is applied. You can actually see with your own eyes just what takes place. The sore parts are cleansed, and gradually the new skin is formed and the sore becomes smaller and smaller, until it finally disappears. It is often wonderful results which are accomplished in a single night by the use of this great healing ointment.



Mr. N. A. Heath, J.P., Fitch Bay, Que., writes: "Nine years ago I was taken with an abscess, and cannot begin to describe what I have suffered as a result. I was examined by two doctors, both of whom said I would have to undergo an operation to be cured. Thanks to Dr. Chase's Ointment, it has rendered an operation unnecessary, and has completely cured me. I cannot say enough in praise of this wonderful ointment which cured me after nine years of agony."

Dr. Chase's Ointment, 60c a box, all dealers, or Edmondson, Bates & Co., Limited, Toronto.

REORGANIZATION OF
UNIVERSITY ASKED

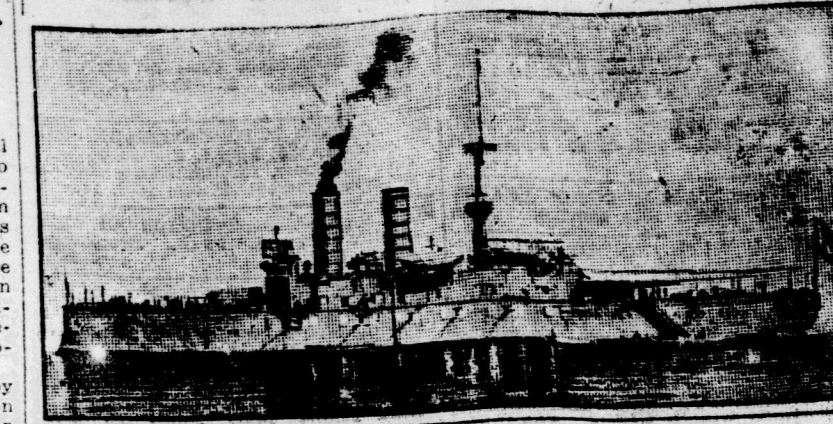
Deputation Waits On Premier
Hearst With Strong
Complaints.

(Canadian Press.)
TORONTO, Dec. 15.—The Provincial Government will immediately take into consideration all the circumstances surrounding the impeding of the University of Toronto leave of absence of conduct and management of the subject, "all matters pertaining to the subject" will be fully investigated.

Such were the promises made by Premier Hearst to the large deputation which thronged the legislative reception room and crowded the adjoining hall tonight. The deputation was headed by the following members of the Legislature: W. D. McPherson, E. W. Owens, W. S. Price and Thomas Hook.

Turkish Battleship Sunk.

Measudieh, sent to bottom of Dardanelles by the British Submarine B-11.

GERMANS ADMIT RETREAT
OF ARMY TO EAST PRUSSIA

Forced Back From Warsaw By "Numerical Superiority of the Enemy"—Statement of German Army Headquarters.

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 15.—A retreat of the German forces which attempted to strike at Warsaw from the north was acknowledged in an official communication given out today at army headquarters. The statement follows: "The German column which had advanced from Soldau, East Prussia, in the direction of Chechanow, has had to occupy its old position. In the direction of Chechanow nothing of material importance has happened. Unfavorable weather is influencing our operations."

"In East Prussia there is nothing new."

RUSSIANS TAKE
MANY PRISONERS.

PETROGRAD (Via London), Dec. 15.—German frontal attacks on the Russian line to the west of Warsaw, under cover of night, were successfully repulsed by the Russians, according to trustworthy information reaching Petrograd from the front today. At many points along the front the Russians succeeded in capturing isolated German positions. German attacks were answered by Russian counter-attacks, in which it is said that several hundred prisoners and one field battery were captured by the Russians. During the last three days of fighting, eight machine guns, two batteries of field guns, and 4,000 prisoners have been taken.

Except for the night attack of the Germans, there has been little heavy fighting in Poland during the last 24 hours. Movements were confined principally to counter-maneuvres, demonstrations and attempts at flanking operations by small bodies of German troops.

According to the Army Messenger, the German attacks along the east Prussian front, which were conducted simultaneously with their offensive in Poland, failed on account of formidable fortifications which the Russians constructed in fields and forests, paralleling the German lines.

The correspondent of the Bourse Gazette in Tiflis, states that Gen. Sanders Pasha, the Turkish military officer in command of Turkish troops, on arriving at Erzerum, ordered the German engineers to blow up all railroads and mountain passes leading from Hassan Kala to Erzerum.

Hassan Kala lies on the direct line of the Russian movement against Erzerum. It is eighteen miles east of that city and twelve miles west of the main Russian position at Kepru Kel.

The Army Messenger states that the Austrian army in Galicia expects that a division of Turkish troops will be sent to its assistance.

On the Mlava region our action continues, and the success gained by our troops has been maintained.

"On the left bank of the Vistula, the Victoria and the left bank of the Bzura, and both sides have been alternately on the offensive and defensive. Our troops, however, having been able to make some progress."

"The fighting in the other regions along the whole stretch of the front has been less intense. A marked weakening of the enemy between Czestochowa and Cracow is reported, and in that region, the Germans are completing their movements by railway towards the passes on the Carpathians."

In Western Galicia the battle is developing."

WARSAW IS CONFIDENT.

WARSAW, Russian Poland, Dec. 15. (Via London, 5:10 p.m.)—Notwithstanding the proximity of Warsaw to the battlefield, the business of the city is proceeding as in times of peace. Although the sound of cannonading may be heard, Christmas crowds throng the streets. Shops and cafes are decorated gaily, and a holiday spirit has dispensed the gloom of war.

Among every rank and class of society there is supreme confidence that Warsaw cannot be taken by the Germans.

SLATIN PACHA RENOUNCES ENGLISH APPOINTMENTS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 15 (Via London, Dec. 15, 11:20 p.m.)—The Voetse Zeitung of Berlin says that Baron Rudolf Carl Slatin Pacha, who has been a privy councillor to the Austrian Emperor, has renounced his English appointments and decorations.

Slatin Pacha was born in Austria in 1857, and in 1878 went to the Sudan, where he was appointed by Gen. Gordon as governor of Darfur. Later he became British inspector-general of the Sudan. A Berlin dispatch last August said he had resigned his post in consequence of Great Britain's declaration of war against Austria. He was an honorary major-general in the British army and a lieutenant-general in the Egyptian army. In great Britain he has received numerous decorations, including those of knight commander of St. Michael and St. George, the grand cross of the Royal Victorian Order, and a companion of the Bath.

Slatin Pacha was created a baron of the Austrian Empire in 1908.

munication was issued here today: "Our offensive in Western Galicia has compelled the enemy to retreat and caused his front in South Poland to waver. Our troops, advancing independently from the south yesterday, reached Jaslo and Rajbrod. In this advance and in the last battle we took 31,000 Russian prisoners. "Today news is at hand that the enemy is retreating along the entire front of Rajbrod, Niepolowice, Wolbrom, Radomsko and Piotrkow."

Carpathians measures have been taken to meet the enemy's forces advancing in Latorczal."

RUSSIANS OUT OF HUNGARY?

By LIN, Dec. 15 (Via London, Dec. 15)—2:10 a.m.—A dispatch received here from Vienna says that Ensign Nicholas De Sverbeev, son of the last Russian ambassador to Germany, has fallen in battle in Poland.

The Tagblatt's correspondent with the Austrian headquarters reports that

the Austrians in the Carpathian Mountains are pressing forward by forced marches, despite ice and snow, in pursuit of the retreating Russians. The correspondent adds that Hungary may be regarded as cleared completely of Russian troops. The success of the Austrians in Hungary and West Galicia, he says, was due to the fact that the Russians weakened their forces in the Carpathians to strengthen their lines in Galicia against the Austro-German assault. The reinforcements were too late, however, to prevent an Austrian victory at Limanova.

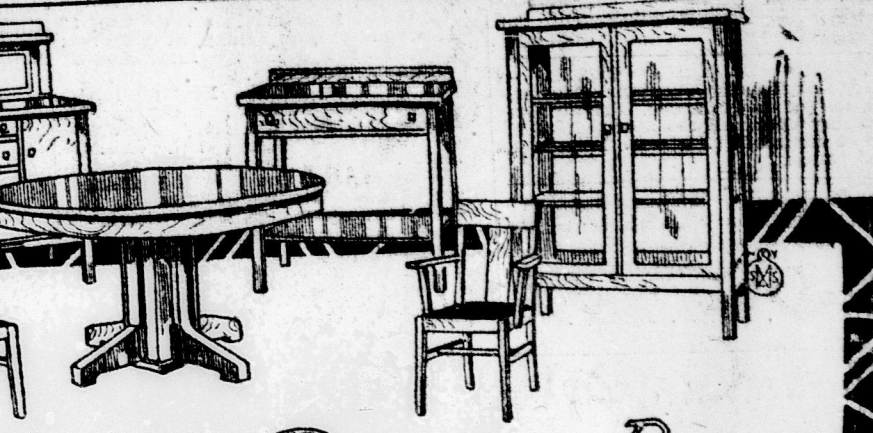
Both Sides Entrenched.

The battle on Gen. Dankl's lines and to the northward, according to the correspondent, is now at a standstill. Both sides are well entrenched, and by mutual agreement neither fires upon the men of the other carrying straw to make their winter quarters comfortable. There were many frostbites and frozen limbs during the first part of the winter, but the soldiers have now learned to take precautions. The

health of the Austrian army is better than in times of peace. Cholera is practically extinct. Berlin is preparing for Christmas, but the celebration this year apparently will be on a more modest scale than formerly. The city squares are filled with Christmas trees, but the vendors say the demand for expensive gifts is weak. Much Christmas money is going for charitable purposes. The American kitchen is preparing for an extensive distribution of practical gifts among Berlin's poor. The American residents are participating generously in the many collections that are being taken up for the soldiers in the field. Large quantities of presents already are going to the front.

STRUCK FINE GAS WELL.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
ATLANTA, Dec. 15.—The Medina Gas Company has struck a well on the farm of H. Hutchinson, near Vienna, capacity about 200,000 feet per day. This makes 24 wells inside the corporation, all producing gas.



Quality Furniture for the Dining Room

This High-Grade Dining-Room Suite

Made of solid oak, finished golden oak, fumed oak, or early English. Has sold regularly for \$88.00. During this Dissolution Sale it is

On Sale for \$59.65. Complete

with Buffet, Table, Five Chairs and an Arm Chair, and a China Cabinet.

All other Dining-room Furniture at a sacrifice of 30 to 40 per cent off the regular prices.

The Choicest Bedroom Furniture

for the least money ever offered. High-grade Dressers, in white enamel, oak, mahogany, gum, walnut, etc., for less than the price of the cheap class.

\$ 9.00 Dressers	\$ 5.95
\$12.00 Dressers	\$ 9.65
\$15.00 Dressers	\$10.95
\$18.00 Dressers	\$11.25
\$20.00 Dressers	\$12.75
\$25.00 Dressers	\$14.90
\$33.00 Dressers	\$19.75
\$45.00 Dressers	\$27.75

Dressing Tables

\$13.00, in quarter-cut oak, for	\$ 9.75
\$20.00, in quarter-cut oak, for	\$13.75
\$15.00, in white enamel, for	\$11.75
\$12.00, in mahogany, for	\$ 7.75
\$15.00, in mahogany, for	\$11.25
\$22.00, in mahogany, three glasses, like illustrated, for	\$15.95

Wooden Beds

Eight only, in genuine mahogany, solid quarter-cut oak or white enamel. Regular \$15.00 to \$20.00. Sale price, your choice for each

\$9.95

Some Startling Prices In Christmas Presents

Your choice of \$3.00 Solid Oak or Mahogany Jardiniere Stands for

\$1.39

Your choice of \$3.50 Genuine Axminster Rugs, 2' 6" x 5' 6" for

\$1.95

Your choice of any \$12 to \$15 Morris Chair or Morris Rocker for

\$7.50

Your choice of five different 5-Piece Parlor Suites, regular \$30 to \$35, for

\$19.95

Your choice of three different Solid Oak Pedestal Extension Tables, regular \$18, for

\$12.95

Your choice of any Picture that sells for \$2 to \$3, for, each

95c

Large Rockers : Small Rockers

Every kind in the greatest assortment ever shown in London. All on sale at less than it cost to make them.

Children's Rockers, each

59c

Nurse Rockers, each

95c

Arm Rockers, each

\$1.79

Large, Easy Rockers, similar to one illustrated, worth \$10.00, sale price

\$4.95

Monster Large Turkish Chairs or Rockers, regular price \$15 to \$20, your choice for

\$10.95

Heavy, Solid Fumed Oak Rockers, genuine leather seats and backs, regular price \$10.75, on sale for

\$7.95

Music Cabinets

Only twelve designs left. All On Sale at One-Third Off

Par or Cabinets and Writing Desks

While they last on sale, some at Half Price, balance One-Third Off.

Great Dissolution Sale

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OPEN EVERY EVENING. AGENTS FOR OSTERMOOR MATTRESSES.

R. J. YOUNG & CO.

Fancy Christmas Linen

We have a very complete range of Linen Towels, Fancy Runners, Tray Cloths and Dollies, in very artistic designs and at prices within the reach of all.

6-inch Fancy Doilies, with dainty lace edge, at, each..... 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c
8-inch, in the same range of designs, at..... 20c, 25c, 35c
12-inch at..... 50c, 60c, 75c
18-inch at..... 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50
Fancy Oval Shape at..... 60c, \$1.00, \$1.50
Very handsome All-Linen Tray Cloths, in damask, also plain linen, embroidered, with hemstitched ends, at..... 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00
Lunch Sets, plain centre with lace edge; 13 pieces to set; at \$2.90, \$3.00, \$3.25
Hemstitched and Scalloped Linen Huck Guest Towels, only, each..... 25c
15, 18, 20, 22-inch Huck Toweling, plain and fancy, special quality, at..... 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c

Christmas Furs

Japan Bear Sets. Muffs are pillow style. Satin-lined; shirred ends, with a good sized stole to match. Only, per set..... \$15.00
Northern Sable Sets, pillow-style muffs, satin-lined, shirred ends; large shroud piece to match. Only, set, \$20.00
Mink Marmot Sets, pillow style muffs and stole to match, at, per set..... \$18.00, \$20.00 and \$25.00
Russian Fitch Sets, satin-lined; shirred ends; satin rings on muff, pillow style. Stoles to match. Per set, \$50.00

Special Bargain

1 only Hudson Seal Coat, lined with rich blue ottoman silk; shawl collar. This season's style. Regular \$175.00. Snap..... \$119.00

Christmas Lace Collars

Although we have sold more Collars this year, so far, than any previous season, we are glad to be able to announce a fresh large shipment of the most up-to-date styles and fabrics. Make your selection early, as they are sure to be snapped up soon. Prices from 25c up

Gloves

are one of the most welcome of gifts. Our stock was bought right, so you can depend on what you buy here.

Dent's French Kid Gloves, two fasteners, in black, white, grey and tan. Only, per pair..... \$1.25

Perrin's Famous Gloves, special range at..... \$1.00 and \$1.25

Special Mocha Lined Gloves, all sizes, only..... \$1.00

Fur-Lined Gloves, only..... \$1.98

Handkerchiefs

Fancy Boxes of half dozen Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, only..... \$1.50

Young's Special Lawn Embroidered Handkerchiefs..... 2 for 25c

Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, bebe Irish edge, at..... 50c, 62 1/2c and 75c

Christmas Umbrellas

Silk and wool top, with sterling silver mounts, or gilt. Splendid values for..... \$1.98 and \$2.50

Close-roll silk top, nicely mounted, at..... \$4.50

Silk

36-inch Black Duchess. Lovely, rich, soft finish Silk. Regular \$1.50. Special..... \$1.19

Only two pieces in stock.

GAS APPLIANCES MAKE
USEFUL PRESENTS

For real practical Christmas Gifts we can think of nothing better than gas appliances. Space does not permit us to do justice to the hundred and one gas appliances that are available at the present time for use in the home. The rapid development of gas appliances during the past few years has provided us with a number of useful, economical and practical gifts, that in style, taste and serviceability cannot be surpassed. Among the number of things that make appreciated gifts might be mentioned the following:

- PORTABLE TABLE LAMPS,
- GAS CHANDELIERS,
- SEMI-INDIRECT BOWLS,
- GAS FIRES AND GRATES,
- PORTABLE HEATERS,
- GAS IRONS, CURLING IRONS
- GAS STOVE LIGHTERS, GAS HALL LANTERNS,
- COFFEE PERCOLATORS, LEADED GLASS DOMES,
- TEA MAKERS, KITCHEN PENDANTS,
- CHAFING DISHES, THE "ONE-PULL" LAMP,
- TOASTERS, SELF-LIGHTING
- CAKE GRIDDLES, BRACKET LIGHTS,
- WAFFLE IRONS, ETC.

You are invited to our sales room, 213 Dundas street, where useful appliances suitable for Christmas gifts are to be seen on every side. It will be only a matter of a few moments to select just exactly what you need. Our stock will be found sufficiently extensive that no matter in what direction your taste lies or no matter what the extent of your purse may be, you will find something that will go far towards beautifying the interior of the home.

CITY GAS COMPANY



TEXAS NURSE INDICTED
ON MURDER CHARGE

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 15.—Miss Hilda Burmeister, a trained nurse, was today indicted on the charge of murdering Otto Koehler, millionaire president of the San Antonio Brewing Association here on November 21 last.

Koehler was shot while in Miss Burmeister's home. Miss Burmeister was found kneeling beside him, hysterical and bleeding from a gash in her left wrist. She said she fired in self-defense.

Bylaw No. 4861

To provide for taking the votes of the electors upon the following question: "Are you in favor of married women having the same right to vote under the provisions of the Municipal Act as unmarried women?"

Whereas, it is considered desirable and expedient to obtain the opinion of the electors of the City of London, as follows:—

"Are you in favor of married women having the same right to vote under the provisions of the Municipal Act as unmarried women?" and to pass this bylaw for the purpose of calling the electors to vote on the said question.

Be it therefore enacted by the municipal council of the Corporation of the City of London, as follows:—

1. That the votes of the duly-qualified electors of the Corporation of the City of London shall be taken on the said question at the same time and at the same place as the next annual election of the municipal council, and the deputy returning officers appointed to hold the said election shall take the vote.

2. On Monday, the 25th day of December, A.D. 1914, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, the mayor shall attend at his office in the city hall, in the said City of London, for the purpose of appointing, and if requested so to do, shall appoint, by writing signed by him, two persons to attend at the final summing up of the votes by the clerk, and one person to attend at each polling place on behalf of the electors in the affirmative and negative on the said question.

3. On Monday, the 4th day of January, A.D. 1915, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, at the office of the city clerk, in the city hall, in the said City of London, the clerk of the said municipality shall attend and sum up the votes given in the affirmative and negative on the said question.

Passed in open council this 15th day of January, A.D. 1915.

S. BAKER, C. M. R. GRAHAM, Mayor, Clerk.

Notice.

Take notice that the foregoing is a true copy of the bylaw containing the question to be submitted to the votes of the electors of the said municipality at the same place, as the annual election for the municipal council, and the deputy returning officers appointed to hold the said election shall take the vote.

And that Monday, the 25th day of December, A.D. 1914, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon, at the mayor's office in the city hall, in the said City of London, the clerk of the said municipality shall attend and sum up the votes given in the affirmative and negative on the said question.

Dated at London this 5th day of December, A.D. 1914.

S. BAKER, City Clerk.

Take Notice

A meeting of the electors will be held for the nomination of candidates for city council, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of December, A.D. 1914, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, at the hall of the said municipality, in the said City of London.

Further, a meeting of the electors will be held for the nomination of candidates for aldermen and members of the board of education at the hall of the said municipality on Thursday, the 24th day of December, A.D. 1914, at noon.

And further, a vote of the said electors will be taken on Friday, the 1st day of January, A.D. 1915, at the hour of 9 o'clock in the forenoon, continuing until the hour of 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

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AUSTRIANS DAZED
BY THE DISASTERSLoss of Belgrade Marks the
Most Severe Reverse
Of All.

GOBBLED SERVIAN BAIT

Thinking That Conquest of
Invaded Kingdom Was
Almost Complete.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Dec. 15.—A cable from London to the Herald this morning says: "With loss of Belgrade by the Austrians, forced to evacuate cities, the Austrians have reached high tide. Austrian military authorities are dazed by the suddenness of the reverse."

"The Servians, harried by the invaders and believed to be beaten, withdrew suddenly upon their heels and in fierce fighting the veteran Serbs drove them to the west and north back toward the Servian frontier."

"Austria holds now only two towns in Servian territory, Shabatz and Losnitsa, in the extreme northwestern corner of the little kingdom."

"Montenegrins Help."

"Cutting off part of the right wing of the Austrians, which had been given substantial aid to the Serbs, a dispatch from Cetinje tells of this successful maneuver."

"Back in their capital, the Servians explain that lack of ammunition caused the retrograde movements which defeated the Austrians into the belief that the conquest of the invaded kingdom was almost complete. The ammunition captured from the invaders replenished the Servian supply, and made possible the routing of Emperor Francis Joseph's army."

"Retirement of the right wing, says the Austrian headquarters in Vienna, made the abandonment of Belgrade a serious matter. The withdrawal, it is declared, was made without a battle."

MOST CRUSHING OF ALL.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, Dec. 15.—Léon-Claude Houssier, in the Liberte, says: "Even the history of Austria, so rich in defeats, contains no disaster more crushing than the one the Servian army has just inflicted on the Austro-Hungarian forces, which, cut in two, are fleeing to the north and west, leaving in the hands of the victors 25,000 prisoners and vast war stores, while the Hapsburgs appeal vainly for help from their ally, who is fully occupied in Poland trying to withstand the Russian advance."

Doom is Sealed.

Lieut.-Col. Roussier is convinced that the German efforts are doomed to failure.

"The interchanges are difficult to carry," he says, "but armies that place their sole strength in trenchments may gain a little time, but they never can gain battles, and the moment arrives sooner or later when they are smoked out like a badger from a hole."

GERMANY'S LOSSES,
MILLION AND QUARTER

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 15.—The hundredth casualty list, containing only 2,484 additions, brings the total Prussian killed, wounded and missing to 717,319. In addition there are 71,500 Saxons, 70 Wurtembergers and 118 Bavarians lists.

The total Prussian and Bavarian casualties hitherto published are about 1,000,000. Saxons and Wurtembergers lists give an additional 200,000.

Heavy losses of the Bavarians led some Germans to describe them as food for British cannon.

One Blind and
the Other DeafSuch is One Citizen's Idea of Crossing
Watchman's Proper Qualification.

In despair, Londoners asked this morning why gates could not be placed on the railway crossings of London that are known to be dangerous. Citizens have not much hope of securing greater safeguards, but public opinion is unanimous for taking some decisive action.

That two watchmen should be stationed at Euston street was argued, as the tracks at this point are widely separated.

"One citizen remarked that the watchmen at the tracks in the city were too blind," he said, "one should be blind and the other deaf."

Voice of the People

Wants It Continued.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: As to your inquiry re "Mutt and Jeff," I see nothing disgusting about it, and would like to see it continued.

Yours truly, GEORGE G. CUMMINGS, Ridgeway, Dec. 14.

The Proposed Pension System.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: Seeing your valuable paper that the utilities commission is about to adopt a pension system for its employees, I am writing to you.

Also that no one would be considered who had not been three years in the service. That period would, of course, cover the time that General Manager Glauz has served the city.

But how about the old faithful employees, who have served the city for twenty-two years, who never failed in their duty?

It is customary for all soldiers who have faithfully served their country to be taken care of.

But then we have as though Mayor Graham would rather tax the property owners of the Forest City to pay a German man to take care of our subjects, who have so faithfully served our city.

A RAYFAYER WHO OBJECTS TO
SERVING GERMANS IN POSITIONS
IN THIS CITY.

London, Dec. 15, 1914.

Wants Them More Often.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

By all means let us have "Jeff and Mutt," and let us have them often. I don't take much space, and the "young subscribers" enjoy a little fun, even if the old claps do get calloused.

YOUTH.

Wants Artistic Comics.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

If to be artistic is to be "crank," as so many of your readers call those who do not go into esthetics over him and Jeff, then I am down as a "crank."

The Mutt and Jeff outrages have not one thing to recommend them—neither humor, nor art, nor anything. Like a number of the "imported" American humor (sic) they depend for a laugh upon portraying in abominably bad drawing, somebody getting hurt or being ejected from a bar-room, or reciting his promiscuous amours.

This is stuff we don't want our children to read, and we become accustomed to accept as "funny." (That the youngsters like them, or laugh at them has nothing to do with it. They will laugh just as much at better stuff.)

Give us humor, give us pictures, but give us the former wholesome and the latter better. I am sure that it shouldn't be impossible to do it, and in any case it isn't impossible to "snuff out" Mutt and Jeff and similar decadent stuff.

Hoping you will improve the tone of The Advertiser to that extent, I am, sincerely yours, FUNLOVER.

Praises Head of Mission.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Some good means of making men temperate by license reduction, but a great many can testify to the good work of the City Mission in this respect. Mr. "Billy" Matthews (ex-pugilist and athlete) and his good wife actually take the "buff" man by the horns and do a lot of good, where the churches fail, and give the support of all good citizens and churchmen. His work is quick and lasting, and no institution in London is more worthy of support.

SPECTATOR.

But None Are Made-in-Canada.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Jeff cartoons are so active in their behalf, it behooves the artist to record their opinions.

It may be a small thing, but in these days of frantic "Made-in-Canada" appeals, the one who says "Jeff" is a Canadian, and many others appearing in otherwise worthy newspapers, should be sufficient to bar them in favor of better stuff—Canadian-made. How many of the smug Canadian journals now publishing these boiler-plate monstrosities would pay a Canadian artist for drawing such badly done?

Unless a man is wrongly constructed he enjoys humor, and lots of it, but it must be humor of the right kind, that leaves no unpleasant taste in the mouth. If you say people don't care what grade humor is served up daily, then it is you who are duty-bound to every other Canadian editor, to raise the level of taste by inserting better stuff. On that basis Mutt and Jeff rank about zero, or a little below. What hope is there of any improvement of Canadian ideals and Canadian tastes while such fustian can find a place in Canadian newspapers?

It is in spite of commendations of vulgarities as speedily as possible. Yours for better cartoons.

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ALLIES PLAN TO SWEEP
BELGIUM CLEAR BY SPRINGGenerals Joffre and French Will Prosecute the Stupendous
Move Earlier Than Intended as Result of Feeling
Out Enemy, It Is Said.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—All along the battle line from Flanders to the Vosges the Allies began today to move forward with the immediate object of driving the Germans out of Belgium.

The present onslaught against the German intrenchments is heavier than any offensive assumed by the French, British and Belgian forces since General Von Kluck's retreat to the Aisne.

It is the result of a complete change of plan by Generals Joffre and French, and means that the campaign which was to have been begun in the spring is now under way.

Gain Twenty Miles in Three Weeks.

According to information from a highly-placed personage in touch with the war office, the second troops, if this new movement be successful, should be thrown back on their heels in a distance of twenty miles, within three weeks.

No word of this movement has been spoken in official communications, and in the announcement issued this evening by the London press bureau the only hint of the magnitude of the operations just begun.

The authority for the information conveyed in this morning's dispatches is fully borne out by the fact that the British and Belgian forces have been ordered to move forward with the immediate object of driving the Germans out of Belgium.

From the Swiss frontier the allied troops have been sounding out the German line, and the result of this process has been highly satisfactory.

The commanders in the field figure that by their present strategy either Belgium may be freed of the invader by spring, or the Germans be forced to withdraw from the eastern theatre of war that pressure on the Russians will be relieved to such extent that their advance into Germany will be advanced.

It is believed, according to the latest news, that the German line is still in the hands of the Allies.

PUBLIC HORSES
RUSSIAN POLICYEx-Minister Explains Why
Places Were Abandoned
to the Enemy.

[Canadian Press.]

Petrograd, Dec. 15.—A cable from London to the Herald this morning says: "The Russian government has decided to abandon the public horses in the hands of the enemy."

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ITALIAN DEPUTIES
VOTE CONFIDENCEAlmost Unanimous Indorse-
ment of Government—
Reiterates Neutrality.

[Canadian Press.]

Rome, Dec. 14.—A vote of confidence in the Government and its policies was adopted almost unanimously yesterday by the Chamber of Deputies.

Previous to the vote, Premier Salandra delivered a speech to the deputies in which he reaffirmed his statement made in a previous address that Italy's position was one of watchful neutrality.

He said that nothing had happened to warrant any change in that position.

"What I can guarantee," he declared, "is that the Government will follow a purely Italian policy, and in saying this I do not mean that we will disregard the grouping of the powers or the supremacy of the world. Italy is satisfied in protecting her nobility."

The Premier refused to make any predictions, as some members urged him to do. He said that the Government would be sincere, and that if it made mistakes those would be paid for by the country.

Regarding what was already past, he declared that Italy had a right to proclaim her neutrality, and that if she had bargained for a peace which would have been a disaster, she would have paid for it.

"Now is the time to be silent and to act," he concluded.

Has Finished Inspection of His Forces in That Region.

CZAR LEAVES CAUCASUS

[Canadian Press.]

Petrograd, Dec. 15.—Official announcement is made that Emperor Nicholas, having finished his tour of inspection of the Russian army forces in the Caucasus, left that region on December 15.

A communication from the staff of the army in the Caucasus, dated December 13, says that recent engagements of the Russian forces have been insignificant.

OFF TO ROME

Prince Von Buelow Leaves To Take Up
New Post.

[Canadian Press.]

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 15.—A Berlin telegram announces that Prince Bernhard von Buelow, the former German ambassador to Italy, left for Rome on Tuesday.

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