

RUSSIA IS HOLDING GERMANS STRONGLY AND WIN ADVANTAGE

Heavy Losses Have Been Inflicted in Recent Fighting.

Emperor Nicholas Joins the Forces at the Battle Front.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Times' correspondent telegraphs from Petrograd: "Operations of the Germans on the front at Sochaczew Rawa, on Christmas Day, slackened at all points except on the right. This looks as if they were seriously alarmed for the safety of their flank."

"Heavy guns, including 11-inch howitzers, have been brought up by the Germans near Sochaczew and Rawa. Russian critics consider this attempt at intimidation, a very risky one. "Describing the action near Bolimow, on the Rawa, the Novoye Vremya correspondent writes that when the Germans left the trenches in order to carry out a night attack, the fire of a Russian battery and machine guns mounted on automobiles, ignited a forest and the German lines slipped and slanted against the flames, and were reduced during the last ten days to frontal attacks which caused them alarming losses."

"The question that is being discussed eagerly to-day is: 'Have the Germans changed their plans. Both of their flanking operations, the one in east Prussia and the other in the Carpathians having failed, they have been reduced during the last ten days to frontal attacks which caused them alarming losses. "The next few days probably will show whether Field Marshal Von Hindenburg has anything up his sleeve."

EMPEROR THERE NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A cable from London to The Herald, says: "Emperor Nicholas has joined Grand Duke Nicholas at the Russian field headquarters at the front, signaling his entry to the field of operations by withdrawing their infantry along the Bzura and Rawa Rivers into their protective works and launching a violent artillery attack against the opposing positions. The spectacular features of the battle in Poland are thus transferred to the line of the Pilica, further south where Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is directing an offensive in force, and where both sides say they have inflicted heavy losses."

While extremely severe, the weather along the Pilica has not been sufficiently cold to cover the river with ice thick enough for transport, and the occasional days of comparative warmth have left the country in a condition, which almost prevents all heavy baggage movement. The result has been a handicap for both armies, and the opposing commanders are hoping for the early appearance of the normal Polish winter, with its deep freezing. Solid ice over the rivers and streams, reports from the arena of fighting say, will eliminate a cause for further casualties since thousands of men have been either drowned or sent to hospitals suffering from pneumonia contracted by sudden immersion in the icy waters. The Russians apparently have again gained ascendancy over the Austrians in South Poland and Galicia. The Austrians themselves admit the loss of towns of Kaslo and Krosno, on the South Galician railway, which their army took across the Carpathians captured a week or more ago. The Russian report last night is the record of a series of victories from Mid-

LESSON TAUGHT IN THE UNIQUE NAVAL BATTLE

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The expedition to Heligoland and Schilling road is largely commented on this morning. The Daily Express says: "It will not greatly encourage the Germans or lend them added confidence in their Zeppelins and submarines, so frequently advertised as a means of destroying England utterly."

The Daily Telegraph considers the exploits "the most remarkable yet recorded in the history of aeronautics. As an extension of sea power there is," it adds, "an attractive suggestion of novelty in underwater craft bringing to safety the pilots of aircraft." The Times says: "The combination of air craft, surface craft and underwater craft attack and of Zeppelins, seaplanes and submarines in defence, the refusal of German surface ships to come out and the success of British arms within some thirty miles of the Kiel canal gives to the Christmas Day battle an interest and significance of its own."

The Daily Graphic says: "Not the least interesting points are the apparently contemptuous ease with which the much-vaunted Zeppelins were put to flight by the British." The Morning Post says: "The account seems to show that the Zeppelins can be driven away by ship's guns, that it is not easy to drop bombs from Zeppelins to hit moving ships, and that against a ship's movement submarines may be unable to discharge torpedoes with effect."

Submarine B 11 Again At Work in Dardanelles

ATHENS, Dec. 28.—It is reported that a British submarine entered the Dardanelles yesterday and destroyed three of the five series of mines which had been laid in the channel. The submarine was not seen by the gunners at the forts and escaped undamaged. On December 14, the British submarine B11, commanded by Lieut. Holbrook, dived under five lines of mines in the Dardanelles and torpedoed the Turkish battleship Mesudiyeh, which sank shortly afterwards. The B11 escaped. For this brilliant exploit Lieut. Holbrook received the Victoria Cross.

MANY WOUNDED

Were Brought From the Lines on Flanders Christmas Day.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A London Daily Express despatch dated on the Belgian frontier, Sunday to The New York Herald, says: "After its Christmas festivities the German army in Flanders again went to the front in a desperate effort to prevent the allies from gaining fresh ground and to retake the trenches already lost. Men wounded by shrapnel on Christmas Day, were arriving at hospitals in Brussels yesterday. The army is being sent to Germany. Judging by the sound of unusually heavy artillery fire, which was heard at several points on the western front yesterday, many more ambulance trains will soon be on the way back from the trenches."

FOUR ARRESTS. REGINA, Sask., Dec. 28.—Four arrests have been made in connection with the theft of \$871 from government paymasters Cameron and Campbell, while at Gull Lake Hotel. It is stated sensational developments are expected.

Belgians Succeeded In Taking 3,000 German Prisoners

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Dec. 20.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail in Northern France says: "The Belgian army has won a success that is the more valuable for being a revenge for the reverse endured on the same ground early in November. As a result of five days' continuous work, not so much in the way of fighting as in sapping and crawling toward the enemy, they made between two and three thousand German prisoners."

"This considerable success was won near Lombaertzyde, just north of Nieupoort. The Germans were holding a line of entrenchments, one wing of which was somewhat exposed and unsupported by other troops. The Belgian commander realized that this wing was left in the air and gave him a chance. While part of his force kept up a vigorous attack on the enemy's front, another was detailed to work against the exposed flank."

WILL DESTROY FLEET WHICH WON'T COME OUT--BRITISH PLAN

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A cable to the Herald from Amsterdam says: "Telegrams received by the newspapers from the British serial said on Cuxhaven, but they all describe the amazement and confusion produced by the sudden and unexpected blow administered by the navy. Despite the fact that the official report, the only one available states that the British attempt was absolutely futile and had no military or naval significance, it is easy to read between the lines of the communique that the British bombs were most destructive. What surprises the Germans, is the daring of the British cruiser, Force, which succeeded in coming through the mine field to the mouth of the Elbe."

IN EVERY WARD, THE FIELD OF ALDERMANIC CANDIDATES IS A VERY POTENTIAL AFFAIR

The following are the aldermanic candidates nominated to-day. In every ward, apparently, there will be a contest. In Ward Two the Courier, on Saturday failed to mention the name of Ald. J. W. English as a candidate this year. The omission was unintentional. Mr. English, who has made an excellent representative, is again standing this year, his friends will be glad to know. The nominations are as follows:

- For Alderman Ward One SAMUEL SUDDABY—33 Oxford St., grocer and butcher.—Nominated by C. L. Brown and Reginald Welsh. GRANT JARVIS—Colborne St., furniture dealer.—Nominated by C. L. Brown and W. J. Mallaney. REGINALD WELSH—50 Brant St., grocer and butcher.—Nominated by F. Jarvis and Wm. Mallaney. GEORGE HAVILAND—James Fraser. FRANK J. CALBECK—4 Jarvis St., Merchant tailor.—Nominated by M. B. Cutcliffe and James Fraser. PHILIP H. SCORD—115 Dufferin Ave., Contractor.—Nominated by M. B. Cutcliffe and F. J. Calbeck. JAMES HURLEY—Lorne Crescent, printer.—Nominated by A. G. Montgomery and Thomas Quinlan. ERNEST R. KEID—14 Dufferin Ave., barrister.—Nominated by L. E. Percy and Jas. H. Hurley. FREDERICK E. MORRISON—117-119 Oxford St., druggist.—Nominated by Grant Jarvis and Chas. L. Browne. JOHN WILDEIS Brant St., Supt. Packing House.—Nominated by Arthur O. Secord and L. E. Percy. Ward Two STEPHEN PETTIT FITCHER, real estate agent, 111 William Street.—Nominated by R. E. Ryerson and Irwin S. Armstrong. JOSEPH HENRY MINSHALL, builder, 107 William Street.—Nominated by Edward S. Orr, and seconded by Chas. H. Read. JOHN WILLIAM ENGLISH, contractor, 13 Princess St.—Nominated by A. Scruton, and seconded by J. H. Minshall. GEO. HERMAN MCCANN, grocer, 15 Marlborough St.—Nominated by Geo. Woolams, and seconded by Irwin S. Armstrong. GEO. ALFRED WOOLAMS, painter, 45 Palace Street.—Nominated by Jos. D. Lowe, and seconded by W. T. Adams. ARTHUR ALVIN LISTER, druggist, 73 William Street.—Nominated by J. H. Minshall, and seconded by Irwin S. Armstrong. NATHANIEL D. NEIL, gentleman, 10 Brant Avenue.—Nominated by S. P. Fitcher, and J. H. Minshall. JOHN MCGRAW, contractor, 30 Ada

Street, was left in the air and gave him a chance. While part of his force kept up a vigorous attack on the enemy's front, another was detailed to work against the exposed flank. "Sapping here, and taking advantage of a natural ditch or a rise in the ground, the Belgians at last reached a position from which a sudden surprise attack could be launched. At last the moment came. The Belgians sprang out simultaneously from the intrenchments in front and from their cover on the flank, charged toward the enemy's trenches and took them by surprise. "There was a moment of indecision and suddenly the Germans surrendered as the triumphant Belgians converging from two sides stopped with their bayonets at their very chests."

of the British cruiser, Force, which succeeded in coming through the mine field to the mouth of the Elbe. The general feeling now is that England has decided to wait no longer for the German fleet to come out, a proceeding which has hitherto been prudently postponed for obvious reasons but intends attacking decisively. There is a foreboding that Admiral Von Tirpitz's childish scheme of forcing England to make peace without having risked Germany's best ships, already is shattered in pieces. The Cuxhaven has been useful as a forerunner of the coming inevitable destruction of the German fleet in German waters.

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- Ward Three WILLIAM MATTHEW CHARLTON, barrister-at-law.—Nominated by E. Cutmore, seconded by J. T. Burrows. THOS. E. RYERSON, merchant, 63 Brant Avenue.—Nominated by W. M. Charlton, seconded by Thos. S. Wade. JOHN S. DOWLING, insurance broker, 157 St. Paul's Avenue.—Nominated by T. E. Ryerson, and seconded by J. L. Anford. ARTHUR OLIVER SECORD, insurance broker, 12 Nelson Street.—Nominated by Rev. G. A. Heyd, seconded by W. J. Hollinrake. W. J. HOLLINRAKE, barrister, 44 Wellington Street.—Nominated by Edward G. Dunn, seconded by Edward Cutmore. MORRISON MCBRIDE, printer, 122 Alfred Street.—Nominated by F. J. Calbeck, seconded by W. A. Hollinrake. FRED C. HARP, grocer, Lorne Crescent.—Nominated by E. Cutmore, seconded by F. H. Gort. Ward Four W. H. FREEBORN, 128 Elgin St., manager.—Nominated by John W. English and seconded by Samuel Reynolds. JOHN WEDGEWOOD BOWLEY, 33 Dalhousie St.—Nominated by J. Walter and seconded by Robert Smith. —Nominated by J. J. Walter and seconded by Robert Smith. JOSEPH BRODABENT, 191 Murray St., merchant.—Nominated by Thomas Digby, seconded by Thos. Poulton. WALTER J. BRAGG, 178 Park Ave., auctioneer.—Nominated by George MacDonald and seconded by Robert Hunter. DAVID LYLE, 233 Drummond St., superintendent.—Nominated by H. W. Sterne and seconded by Leon Reynolds. GEORGE MACDONALD, 53 Peel St., merchant.—Nominated by John T. Walters and seconded by J. W. Bowley. MORRISON M. MACBRIDE, 122 Thos. Digby, seconded by James Humble. ANDREW LESLIE BAIRD, 218 Nelson St.—Nominated by Thomas Poulton and seconded by Jesse Bertie. WILLIAM J. ELLEN, corner of Brock and Chatham, grocer.—Nominated by Frank Waller and seconded by J. W. Edwards. ALBERT BURNS, 191 Drummond St., grocer.—Nominated by J. W. Edwards, and seconded by J. W. Bowley. Ward Five CHRISTOPHER GRESS, butcher,

MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES ARE LINED UP TO-DAY FOR ANNUAL SCRAP AT THE POLLS, JAN. 4



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TOWNSHIP FIGHT WILL BE A VERY WARM AFFAIR

With the exception of one position on the Brantford Township the result will be a fight this year for every office. An acclamation was accorded Mr. Rupert Greenwood for second deputy-reeve. The fight promises to be a hot one. Nominations were as follows: FOR REEVE, JAMES YOUNG.—Nominated by Fred Luck and D. Franklin. HUDSON JENNINGS.—Nominated by Thos. Clark and J. R. Alexander. MORGAN ERNEST HARRIS.—Nominated by Alex. McEwen and C. Edmondson. FOR FIRST DEPUTY REEVE, UZZIEL KENDRICK.—Nominated by W. J. Wood and F. Luck. ARTHUR MCCANN.—Nominated by J. W. Clark and John H. H. Day. FOR SECOND DEPUTY REEVE, RUPERT GREENWOOD.—Nominated by Chas. Thomas and O. Fawcett, by acclamation. FOR COUNCILLORS, R. W. HENRY.—Nominated by J. R. Alexander and T. M. Hargreaves.

Mayor Spence Receives Acclamation for Second Year Term.

Many Candidates Lined Up For Board of Education.

The quietest nomination for municipal honors in years was held this morning at the city hall. Although there was quite a gathering present, there was no stir in any part of the proceedings, and the result was that Mayor Spence received an acclamation for a second term. Geo. Wedlake was elected for two years to the Hydro Electric Board, two candidates were nominated for the Water Commission and a plethora of front runners were named for the nine seats on the Board of Education. A. G. Montgomery and Samuel Burnley were the nominees for Water Commissioners, the chairman, John Fair, holding his seat for another year, but the papers for Mr. Burnley were not handed in. Consequently, Mr. Montgomery was elected by acclamation. Nine members of the Board of Education are to be elected, the leading five to hold office for two years and the remaining four for one year. That there will be withdrawals from the field is assured, but it looks very much as if an election will be held, as double the number of candidates required to be lined up for election must withdraw by 5 o'clock to-morrow night, otherwise their names will go on the ballot paper. In the matter of aldermanic and other offices, qualification papers must be presented to the city clerk before 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Contrary to precedent, the City Clerk did not preside this morning over an after-meeting. Short addresses were, however, delivered by Mayor Spence, whose acclamation was popularly received by all present. The Mayor returned thanks for the honor, and believed, after it had been accorded him in such a way, that the majority of the ratepayers felt that he had arisen conscientiously to fulfill the duties of the office. At any rate he would continue to do the best he could to merit approval. The tenor of Mr. A. G. Montgomery's remarks was that he liked the job of being water commissioner, and appreciated its responsibility. He admitted that ill-health had kept him out of the city months at a time, but was sure that his friends were pleased that he was present at his old self again. He would, if elected, give the best that was in him. Mr. Montgomery spoke strongly in support of the waterworks by-law. Chairman John Fair was called upon, and spoke strongly for the by-law to raise \$100,000 for the waterworks. Necessary work had to be done, he declared, to meet necessary demands. The expenditure could not have been curtailed, as it would have impaired the efficiency of the plant. Where the work is completed there will be a duplicate system, the capacity of the galleries being more than doubled. Mr. Fair trusted that there would be no adverse vote to the by-law. The proceedings then closed, and many present went off to the different wards to look after aldermanic nominations.

For Mayor

J. H. SPENCE, manufacturer, Park Avenue.—Nominated by R. E. Ryerson and Thomas Hendry. (For one year, by acclamation.)

Hydro Commission

GEORGE WEDLAKE, manufacturer.—Nominated by P. B. Ballachey and T. Hendry (Acclamation for two years.)

Water Commission

A. G. MONTGOMERY, gentleman, 37 Dufferin Avenue.—Nominated by C. B. Heyd and E. R. Read. SAMUEL BURNLEY, gentleman, Marlborough street.—Nominated by I. Armstrong and J. H. Clement. (One to be elected for two years, as Mr. Burnley's papers were not presented. Mr. Montgomery was, therefore, elected by acclamation.)

Board of Education

IRWIN S. ARMSTRONG, blacksmith, 83 Dundas street.—Nominated by W. F. Eastman and S. E. Fisher. ROBERT E. RYERSON, merchant, 31 William street.—Nominated by T. Hendry and C. H. Hartman. M. E. B. CUTCLIFFE, merchant, 93 Dufferin Avenue.—Nominated by R. E. Ryerson and P. F. Ballachey.

BUSINESS GOOD

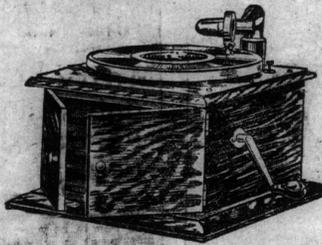
WINNIPEG, Dec. 28.—The indication has not been during the Fall and early Winter so far below normal, is found in the fact that the Winnipeg Electric Railway is to-day writing cheques for shareholders to the amount of \$270,000. This is a quarterly distribution 3 per cent on common stock, amounting to \$9,000,000.

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Nuptial Notes

Flick-Durham.
A very quiet and pretty wedding was solemnized on Saturday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Durham, 80 Superior street, when their eldest daughter, Stella M., was united

in the bonds of holy matrimony to Walter Elmer Flick, of Cainsville, by the Rev. D. E. Maddox, of Wesley Methodist Church. After a bridal visit to Buffalo, Mr. and Mrs. Flick will take up their residence in Echo Place.
A bomb crushed the legs of a preacher and killed the bomb-thrower in a San Francisco church.

ARTHUR STRATFORD HAS EXCITING TIME WITH OLD WAR HORSE WHEN A JACK JOHNSON FELL NEAR HIM

Lieut. Arthur Stratford, son of Mrs. Joseph Stratford, an experience of two weeks fighting at the front, in trenches waist deep in water, was given, with other survivors, a let up, only to have a close call while on less onerous duty. Under date of Dec. 12th, in an epistle endorsed by the censor, he thus writes of the matter:
"So far, over here, we have had some snow, familiarly called slush in Canada. The weather here is very damp and raw, but the men are standing it finely. After being in the trenches for the past a relatively easy time for the past couple of weeks. Everything is so very different that it makes one interested. I had a funny thing happen the other day. We were in billets, and we had sentries posted on the roads for some miles around. I happened to be orderly officer, and had to see everything was in order. I borrowed an old war horse and on the way out, had to pass a rusty plow on the road. My horse wouldn't pass it, and reared and bucked and carried on. However, I got him past at last. As I was visiting our sentries at the end of the road, the Germans were shelling our batteries, near these sentries, and as I rode up, a "Jack Johnson" burst about fifty yards away with deafening report, covering me with mud and dirt. My war horse, that had been so frightened at a plow, never flicked an ear, never even winked. Believe me, I ducked."

LIEUT. ARTHUR BISHOP WRITES IN INTERESTING VEIN FROM BATTLE LINE

The following letter has been received from Lieutenant Arthur Bishop, now at the front with the Middlesex Regiment:
Lt. A. L. Bishop, 2nd Mdx. Regt., 23 Inf. Bde., 8th Divn., B. E. F.
November 29th, 1914.
(Received Dec. 21, 1914.)
Received your letter of the 8th November last night. You mention having very few of my letters. Well I assure you I write every possible opportunity, but we are a long way from the railroad, and being in the trenches so much the mail collection is very irregular. However, they are bound to turn up in due time.
The last two days "C" Company, in which I am, has been in the reserve trenches, and they are very comfortable. Lots of straw, and completely covered, so we get lots of sleep, and there is a farm a few hundred yards away where we purchase milk, butter, bread and eggs, and they are highly appreciated, although we pay ridiculously high prices. Live well while you can in our motto, because in the advanced trenches it is bully beef and biscuits with no variation, and very little water. The difficulty now is to get supplies up to them from headquarters with the reserve trenches. We lose men every night at this game, and it falls to the reserve company to do it. It is so cold, we take coke and charcoal with us, and a man with a sack of this on his back makes a fine target in a trench to a sniper, which the country is infested. These snipers are apparently civilians, and they get a bounty from the Huns and especially for officers. When we catch them we simply shoot on sight. I had rather had an amusing time, I had charge of a relief of 60 men for digging trenches for communication with an advanced trench. Starting out after having gone 500 yards in the reserve one man was hit. I went back to bind him up and was sniped at from a haystack 400 yards away. I seat two men to nail the brute and went on. We dug for a couple of hours in the pouring rain, and could hear the Germans talking in their trenches. The rain stopped and the moon came out from a cloud, and there we were digging in a light almost like day. They soon stopped us, and for a few minutes it was quite lively. The land is all turnip fields, and it is surprising the cover that one turnip will give one. I never realized it till last night. Their machine guns are the very devil, and their artillery has a habit of dropping shells promiscuously on cross-roads and houses for no reason at all at odd times during the day and night, so that one gets very canny of such things.
The snow is all gone, but the mud is awful. Haven't had my feet dry now for two weeks, but two pair of socks are invaluable. We have had about 15 casualties, but many have been sent back for sore feet and tummy ache. The boots that the men have are rotten, and many have only one pair of socks. But even with it all there is very little mousing.
I had an awful experience the other night on leaving the advanced trenches. It was on Nov. 24. I was visiting the W. Yorks in as we were leaving. We had gone some 1500 to

my platoon, and when two ranks of men with their packs on are in a trench, imagine the jam. Coming back I couldn't get past, and all the time my platoon was moving away. Finally I got up to the head of it and found my Sergt. absolutely roaring drunk, having charge of the rum bottle, and all my other N.C.O.'s were in hospital.
Finally I managed to get them all out safely, but I left him behind. Everyday the aeroplanes are over us, and we see some exciting duels, and hear their maxims potting one another. The German aeroplanes don't seem to do much damage, but it looks pretty to see a plane tearing along with little cotton wads popping up all around it. Our heavy howitzers gave the Huns an awful pounding last night. They were bursting on the trenches just in front of us.
If it takes three weeks as it does for a letter to you, you will get this about Christmas time, so I wish you all a very merry Christmas, and hope that next year I will be with you at the family dinner.
I wouldn't worry a bit about not being here if I were you. I think we will be here for some time, and there isn't much fun in sitting tight in a trench in this weather. The recent Russian victory may change things, but we shall see soon. I heard from an airman that the Huns are massing around—and going to make another shot for the coast, but we are also massing here. I wish you could see us, simply covered in mud, have not had a shave for a week, and out of our clothes for about a week. My best to all.
Yours,
ARTHUR.

Social and Personal

The Courier is always pleased to use items of personal interest. Phone 276.

Mr. Bert Vollick was a week-end visitor in the Ambitious City.

Mr. Reginald Robbins was a week-end visitor in Hamilton.

Rev. A. I. Snyder was the guest of Dr. Garfield Snyder, New York.

Miss Kathleen Wright, of William street, is confined to her home.

Miss Gregory, of Toronto, was the Christmas guest of Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Ashton.

Mr. Melvin Leffer, of Toronto, is spending a few days at the parental home.

Rev. Albert Trembert was a visitor in Woodstock yesterday, returning to the city this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Garrett, who were the guests of Miss Christie, have returned to Toronto.

Mr. VanWestrum, of Winnipeg, spent the holidays with his brother, Mr. Anton Van Westrum, Dufferin Avenue.

Mr. Melville Misner and Mr. C. Hoese returned to Toronto after spending Christmas as the guests of Mr. Will Colquhoun.

Master Earl Tuttle to-day left for Toronto accompanied by Master Lloyd Colquhoun who will be his guest for two weeks.

Lieut. George T. Cockshutt returned to Toronto camp last evening, after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., and Mrs. Cockshutt.

Mrs. J. Brett of St. Catharines spent Christmas with her sister-in-law, Mrs. F. Brett, 233 Brant Avenue, and Mrs. F. Brett and children returned with Mrs. J. Brett to St. Catharines until after New Year's.

Graham and George Stratford, Toronto; Miss Maiden Stratford, Toronto; Harold from Kansas; Reggie from Guelph and Mr. and Mrs. Thompson, and son, Toronto, were holiday guests of Mrs. Joseph Stratford.

Invitations have been issued for a dance at the Conservatory of Music on Thursday night, Dec. 31st, on behalf of the Belgian relief fund. The patronesses are Mrs. Ashton, Mrs. Aird, Mrs. Flitton, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. W. B. Preston, Mrs. C. A. Watrous, Mrs. L. Waterous, Mrs. W. H. Webber and Mrs. Whitehead.

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Mrs. E. Sweet gave a fancy dress Christmas party.

Mr. Geo. A. Sigman is leaving to-day for Clarnaut to attend the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. W. Coates.

Mrs. Lee Woodland of Toronto, spent Sunday in the city and assisted the choir of Zion church. The congregation was highly favored in having this eminent soprano sing for them. Mrs. Woodland possesses a voice of rare power and sweetness; her articulation was so clear and phrasing so good as to accentuate the art of which she is mistress.

Music and Drama

AT THE GRAND.
"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." The original "Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" is not quite as sunny a soul as she was before Anne Hoggan Rice discovered her to the world in her stories, and since Anne Crawford Flexner dramatized her. Fame has made uneasy the head that once lay down so easily in the "Cabbage Patch" of the Louisville suburb, and insistent visitors eager for a bit of first hand philosophy oftentimes receive, and to say a first class scolding, indeed the impetuous prototype of Mrs Wiggs, not long since doused an excellent society lady with water, and was summoned to police court where she was honorably discharged. "I won't trouble nobody; if nobody troubles me, they kind a put me in books and in stage plays until they're sick of it, but you all have got to steer clear of me in person," remarked the "Mrs Wiggs" of Louisville, to a reporter recently. Meanwhile the sale of "Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" and "Lovely Mary" has gone into the hundreds of thousands and in their dramatized form the characters of the book are still more effective and entertaining. New York never took more kindly to anyone than to Mrs Wiggs, and for one hundred and fifty performances the Savoy Theatre was crowded by folk seeking a surcease from boredom. Right in line with the excellence of books and play is the cast portraying the numerous exacting roles; Grace Leith Hodgkins (Mrs Wiggs); Helen Alexander (Miss Hazy); Miss Eileen Cosgriff (Lovely Mary); Howard Teachout (Mr Stubbing); and a score of others have added new and living stage pictures to the gallery of the American drama. All the Cabbage folk will be seen here at the Grand Thursday, Dec. 31st. The play will be presented here under the management of the United Play Company.

Will You Help The Hospital for Sick Children, the Great Provincial Charity?

Dear Mr. Editor:—
Thanks for the privilege of appealing through your columns on behalf of the Hospital for Sick Children. The Hospital takes care of sick and deformed children, not only in Toronto, but in the Province, outside the city. This coming year, of all the years in the Hospital's history, has a more serious outlook, as regards funds for maintenance, than any year that has passed its calendar.
So many calls are being made on the purses of the generous people of Toronto and Ontario, to help the soldiers of the Empire, that as I make my daily rounds through the wards of the Hospital, and see the suffering children in our cots and beds, the thought strikes me as to whether the people will as of old, with all the demands made upon them, answer our appeal and help to maintain the institution that is fighting in the never-ending battle with disease and death, in its endeavor to save the stricken little ones in the child-life of Ontario.
Last year there were 394 in-patients from 270 places outside of Toronto, and in the past twenty years there have been 7,000 from places in the Province other than Toronto.
It costs us \$2.24 per patient per day for maintenance. The municipalities pay for patients \$1 per patient per day; the Government allows 20 cents per patient per day; so, deducting \$1.20 from \$3.24, it leaves the Hospital with \$1.14 to pay out of subscriptions it receives from the people of Toronto and the Province. The shortage last year ran to \$18,000.
Since 1880 about 1,000 cases of club feet, bow legs and knock knees have been treated, and of these 900 had perfect correction. Nearly all these were from different parts of the Province outside of the city of Toronto.
Remember that every year is a war with the Hospital; every day is a day of battle; every minute the Hospital needs money, not for its own sake, but for the children's sake. The Hospital is the battle-ground where the Armies of Life have grappled with the Hosts of Death, and the life or death of thousands of little children is the issue that is settled in that war. Will you let the Hospital be driven from the field of its battle to save the lives of little children for the lack of money you can give and never miss?
Every dollar may prove itself a dreadnought in the battle against death, a flagship in the fleet that fights for the lives of little children.
Remember that the door of the Hospital's mercy is the door of hope, and your dollar, kind reader, may be the key that opens the door for somebody's child.
Will you send a dollar, or more if you can, to Douglas Davidson, Secretary-Treasurer, or
J. ROSS ROBERTSON,
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SHELL CURE FOR 'COLD FEET'

Corporal W. E. Rouse, 1st Battalion, King's Royal Rifles, writes to his chum:
Well, old man, we are out of the firing line for a day or two. I have had a really good time—washed, shaved, good bed (blanket, covers and a shawl), and managed to get hold of fresh butter, milk, chocolate, soap, candles, and as many cakes as I could pay for. Never had such a time since I have been out at the war. But I am afraid I have over-eaten—the temptation was too great. Fancy cakes in war-time!
A RAG GAME OF FOOTBALL BEHIND THE TRENCHES.
(A captain in the Royal Irish Fusiliers writes):
Nov. 1—Another good wash, but yesterday's only appeared to remove two coatings, for two more must have come off to-day. In the afternoon at about 3 o'clock, we played a rag game of football only some 1,500 yards away from the German trenches. It was pretty good cheek and rather exciting, for we never knew when a shell would not come along. All during the game bullets whistled about.

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Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.
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Chrlies Mahoney, seven years was drowned in a wreck on his farm in andwich East.

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GRAPHIC INCIDENTS OF THE WAR, TOLD IN SOLDIERS' LETTERS AND BY WOUNDED MEN FROM THE FRONT.

An officer of the 1st Battalion Devonshire Regiment, in a letter to a friend in England, dated November 5, gives a graphic description of the work of the Devons, of how they held a position against the Germans incessantly for a considerable period, displaying remarkable powers of endurance and fine fighting qualities, in the face of tremendous odds. He says: "On the night of October 22, we advanced a bit and dug ourselves more or less in by dawn, and soon after night we saw great masses of German infantry emerge from woods and hedges some 1,000 yards to our front and advance to attack us. We opened fire on them and killed dozens. This was answered by the Germans with a tremendous shell fire from their heavy guns. The Devons were perfectly wonderful; not a man left his trench. All day long the battle raged, and you never saw such an inferno. By night the place was a mass of fire, smoke, dead and dying. All night they attacked us. Some times they got right up to our trenches, only to be hurled back by the Devons' bayonets. Dawn broke on the 24th with the same struggle still going on, and it continued all day and night, and all through the 25th. We never slept a wink, and by night we were absolutely done. No humans could have done more. The men were perfectly splendid, and repulsed every attack with great loss to the enemy. We were relieved at one a.m. on October 26, and as we marched back a mile into billets all the troops cheered us frantically." Gen. Smith-Dorrien sent a wire congratulating us on our splendid fight. We heard officially from Divisional Headquarters that there were 1,000 dead Germans in front of our trenches. The whole place was littered with their dead. We lost four officers killed, four wounded, and 150 men killed and wounded. One shell pitched in my company's trench, killing and wounding two officers and twenty men.

OXFORDSHIRE YEOMANRY IN FIGHTING LINE.

Q. M. S. Wright, Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars, the first Yeomanry regiment to serve in the fighting line, writes home: "Our fellows who were in the trenches for thirty-nine hours at a stretch the first time, and have been in since and gone in again to-night, are no cowards, but it is almost too much to ask any human being to stand such an inferno. How we did not have more casualties, goodness only knows. They were in the thick of it, and came through well. The letters to the troops from the Brigadier-General, were full of praise. Our fellows are keeping very fit. They are very quiet and you would not meet a determined lot of men. I do not think the people of England can realize that they should be the civilian population here! It is terrible. One cannot explain on paper. The most vivid descriptions of war correspondents do not give the full amount of misery and heart-rending scenes that are daily being enacted out here. * * *

GHURKAS IN A CHARGE

Lieut. J. A. Gendre-Chardoux, now attached to the Army Service Corps in the North of France, and before the war French coach to officers, writes to his mother at Wellington Staff College, Aldershot, writes to a friend in East Kent respecting the daring fighting of the Indian troops and of the pathetic plight of the Germans. "The Germans are well equipped and fight well. They are very brave; they advance in thick formation, spurring death. If they lose a position they try to recapture it regardless of casualties. They are very fast. We took lots of prisoners. They all say they are glad to be taken. Yesterday I saw and spoke to two German boys of 15 and 16 years—more than crying. They said the Germans have sent to the front all their male population from 15 years up to 55 years old. The explosion of the German shells is terrible. The noise made during the flight is like that of a diamond cutting glass—or molten lava. "Last week I was with the Indian troops, and they were worth seeing. Practically all the tribes of India are represented. They are a fine body of men, chiefly the Bengal Lance's. They only eat goat meat, and they have an enormous herd of goats. They are very generous. One of them came to me with a cup of rum, and after saluting me, he begged me to drink of the rum and accept some nuts and dried raisins. I did, and he saluted again, and went away, showing a string of beautiful white teeth. "The Ghurkas are born fighters. They are very small men, well knit, with a Japanese face. They are a nimble set. "In the North Sea A stoker in H.M.S. Falconer, whose parents live at Dawson Colliery, County Durham, writes home: "Just a few lines to let you know I am still all right, and to tell you what we have been doing since we left port. We left on Monday, and did some gunnery practice in the morning. After dinner time we set off for the coast and fired a challenge while we stood back, but no German appeared. We came into port on the Sunday and cooled, and went out on the Monday with the same lot of ships, and about 7.15 that night the Badger ran into the submarine. We put our searchlight on her, and the Badger fired two shots. The Badger, with her bows twisted, proceeded to Sheerness. We were off the coast when we ran into a very thick fog. Nothing happened until the last time we were out, and we had some terrible weather. All the basins and plates fell for the cupboards. The tables and stools were all broken with the tossing of the ship and you could not stand. We had to bale the water of the mess deck with buckets. "SINKING THE CAP TRAFALGAR A graphic account of how the armed Carmania sank the German armed cruiser Cap Trafalgar is given in the following letter received from Gibraltar by Mr. T. Ratsey of Cowes, from Richard Richards, who is serving on the Cunarder, and was formerly employed on Mr. Ratsey's yacht: "When we left Liverpool we steered away in the direction of Canada, then

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EXCITING GUNNERY WORK

A gunner in the Royal Field Artillery writing to his parents, residing in the Mile-end-road, on November 3, says: "We are at present in the thick of it, having pushed our guns to the Aisne and gone further north, where we had rather a quiet time until three days ago, when two French batteries came into action in the next field, and since then we have it rather warm. The Germans have been dropping shells all about us, trying to find those batteries, and the batteries are keeping up a constant fire. It is very exciting. Still, apart from the morning firing, when there are no shells about, a couple of us go out and milk a cow."

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THE SITUATION.

News from the front continues to be slow with reference to anything of a decisive nature.

In Poland the Austrians have admittedly met with severe reverses at the hands of the Russians. In the northern portion of that region the troops of the Kaiser continue to advance, but generally speaking, the Grand Duke appears to continue to handle his forces in excellent fashion, and Warsaw is apparently in no more danger than Paris has been for some time.

In Belgium the plucky troops of King Albert have again attained a notable success, and in France a steady pressure is maintained against the invaders, who within a few weeks now should be crowded back.

The British navy gave a notable demonstration when six seaplanes attacked German vessels at the mouth of the Elbe. Nothing definite would seem to have resulted, but there is the outstanding fact that during the sortie an escorting squadron of cruisers and destroyers remained in the open exposed to the attacks of Zeppelins and submarines without damage. Quick handling of the vessels did the trick.

A German Zeppelin having dropped a dozen bombs on Nancy, an unfortified place, French airmen returned the compliment by similar work at German posts. A British aviator also destroyed a German dirigible shed at Brussels.

Clarence W. Barrow, President of the Wall Street Journal and manager of the Boston and Philadelphia news bureaus, has just returned from Great Britain and the continent on a trip which he took to study the financial aspects of hostilities. He says that the struggle will end as soon as Germany is exhausted and surrenders, and that John Bull is on the job to a finish. The Kaiser, he thinks, cannot hold out for many more months.

Germany is paying the biggest cost in humanity, and England is paying the biggest cost financially. Germany has everything to lose, and Great Britain has everything to save and to gain; and she is entitled to it all, because she is fighting the battle of the Western civilization.

She is willing to add five thousand million dollars, or five times U.S. national debt, to her present indebtedness, to see this war through to a finish; and it is not King George who is at war. It is the whole of England and the people of the British Empire who are willing to put their all in the fire of war for the defence of English civilization.

"It is worth a trip across the ocean to see the united, determined spirit of the English people. There is no limit to the sacrifices they will make, and they do not look for a short war. They welcome a long one. They have a contempt for compromise in this matter, and sneer at arbitration.

"They are determined to use up everything that is necessary in life and treasure to insure that their children and their children's children shall be free from the menace of the German war-making machine.

There will be no end until German militarism and the spirit that invokes it are dead beyond resurrection.

"England is not looking for any financial indemnity from Germany. She thinks that it will take all that Germany can give to repair the damage in Belgium, and the British Lion is determined that Germany shall repair that damage to the last penny, as far as money can repair it.

"The English people are not shouting, are not boasting, are not talking. They are simply in a state of grim determination—a determination of which Germany has no conception, or she would never have attempted to invade France by way of Liege and Louvain.

AN IMPARTIAL SUMMARY OF THE SITUATION.

The "Round Table" is one of the foremost quarterly reviews in the Old Land, and it deals with current events in a most impartial manner. In its latest issue it devotes a special article to "After Four Months of the War," and points out that the course of the struggle thus far has revealed the strategic objective of the rulers of Germany and the political plan for gaining the hegemony of Europe. Belgium is still the cockpit of this struggle, and the history of Europe and the world for the next century will de-

pend on who retains control of it at the end of the war. To this question all others are subordinate—a fact of which the German General Staff have shown full appreciation. So did Lord Kitchener when, on November 9, he said:

"The British Empire is now fighting for its existence. I want every citizen to understand this cardinal fact, for only from a clear conception of the vast importance of the issue at stake can come the great national moral impulse without which Governments, War Ministers, and even navies and armies, can do but little."

The result of the war up to the present has been that Germany, though foiled in her first plan, has still won a marked success. She holds, and holds firmly, the very strategic position it has been the chief end of her rulers to retain. If peace were made now on the terms that each party should keep what it occupied, Germany would have won the war. Such a peace, of course, is inconceivable. None of the Allies could consider any terms until their paramount objective, the expulsion of the German forces from northern France and Belgium, had been achieved.

For the British Empire the position is one of especial significance. Not only have we to consider our own safety, we have also pledged ourselves without reserve to our allies. Speaking at the Lord Mayor's banquet on November 9, Mr. Asquith said:

"We shall never sheath the sword, which we have not lightly drawn, until Belgium recovers in full measure all and more than all that she has sacrificed, until France is adequately secured against the menace of aggression, until the rights of the smaller nationalities of Europe are placed upon an unassailable foundation, and until the military domination of Prussia is wholly and finally destroyed.

There is as solemn an undertaking as was ever given by one great nation to another. The plain truth is that, in this terrible struggle for the safety of the Empire and the freedom of Europe, we have to organize the whole forces of the nation so as to bring our strength most effectively to bear upon the decisive point.

The success of the voluntary system up to the present has been a surprise even to its own most enthusiastic advocates. Within a few weeks, of the outbreak of war a peace strength of about six hundred thousand Regulars and Territorials has expanded, without panic and without dislocation of the national life, to a war strength of nearly two million men under arms in the United Kingdom and with the Expeditionary Force at the front. That is an achievement of which the nation may well be proud. But we have to look beyond the present. The hard fact is that the Government has already asked for another million men over and above those already in training, and that even this further million may not be sufficient to bring Prussian militarism to its knees and free our allies from the invader's grasp.

Germany believes that free democracies have not the imagination or the public spirit to face a supreme emergency and do whatever victory may demand. For our freedom and for our peace we must prove that they have.

BY ACCLAMATION.

Mayor Spence has been accorded a second term by acclamation. This is as it should be, not only in recognition of the time-honored custom of relieving the occupant of the post from another turmoil, but also for the reason that he has made a thoroughly good and efficient magistrate—none better.

Mr. Spence has taken a prominent and successful part in the matters of Hydro-Electric service, a municipal street railway and the gas works, which it is to be yet hoped he and those helping him will turn into a municipal service. In addition to these things, he has attended, both faithfully and well, to a multifarious list of other duties which more and more attach to the office.

In addition to daily attendance at the City Hall, often for lengthy periods, the first magistrate is, among other things, also a member by virtue of his office of all standing committees, a governor of the Hospital, a member of the Board of Health, a Police Commissioner, a governor of the House of Refuge, a Waterworks Commissioner, a member of the Hydro-Electric Board, a member of the Gas Company board, and so on.

To all of these demands the present Mayor has given his constant and unremitting attention, with marked advantage to the municipality. That during the ensuing period he will give equally satisfactory and painstaking service does not admit of any doubt.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children In Use For Over 30 Years Always bears the Signature of J. C. Watson

NOTES AND COMMENT.

Up to date those Zeppelins haven't put any remarkable zip into their work.

That man Church who is running for Mayor in Toronto evidently thinks to himself, "Aisle do."

The Commercial Travellers of Canada, at their annual meeting, voted \$10,000 to patriotic funds. Good for the knights of the grip.

Killing babies and schoolboys is an exemplification of kultur which would cause all decent nations to hang their heads in shame.

More and more John Bull is sticking to his present task with the grim purpose which is so characteristic of him when once aroused.

In Berlin it is alleged that the Kaiser looks ten years younger. If that is the case, he must relish the nearby prospect of relief from his job.

They are having a red-hot municipal fight in the Queen City, and certain candidates are putting each other in the Ananias class. Some German papers had better look to their laurels.

In Belleville five women are running for positions on the Public School Board. As to that, mightly few of the fair sex can look attractive in canvas.

One more Brantford boy at the front tells of a close call from a "Jack Johnson." The lads from this city are proving themselves to be just as brave as those who went from here to help in the struggle with the Boers.

An American writes to the New York World: "In the bombardment of Hartlepool the Germans killed fifteen schoolboys with one shell. This was doubtless because the Germans were not satisfied with the kind of culture that was being put into the boys by their English schoolmaster. It was not German culture that they were getting, but they finally got it. How long, O Lord, how long, under the dispensation of the New Freedom, are we going to be constrained to be strictly neutral?"

BRITISH AVIATOR DROPS BOMBS ON ZEPPELIN SHEDS

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Official Press Bureau gave out the following statement last night:

"On Thursday last Squadron Commander Richard E. Davies of the naval air service visited Brussels in a Farman biplane for the purpose of dropping twelve bombs at an airship shed reported to contain a German Parseval. Eight of these bombs, of which six are believed to have hit were discharged at the first attack, the remaining four on the return flight. Owing to the clouds of smoke which arose from the shed the effect could not be distinguished."

RUSSIA IS HOLDING.

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Poland to the foothills of the Carpathians. The day's report alone reports the capture of 13,500 prisoners and numerous guns, and unless some prisoners have been counted more than once, the Russians, according to their own accounts, have taken 30,000 Austrian prisoners since they resumed the offensive.

The Government has expressed its satisfaction and that of the British government as to the export of Canadian nickel.

Col. T. D. R. Hemming commanding the third divisional area, has received orders to begin recruiting for the third contingent.

Third Annual Brant County Free Course in Agriculture

To be Held in Brantford Y. M. C. A., Jan. 12th to Feb. 19th, 1915. Conducted by the Brant County Branch of the Dept. of Agriculture

This Course of Lectures and Practical Work is arranged by the Department of Agriculture to specially meet the needs of the younger men engaged in farming, who have not the time to attend a full Course at the Agricultural College.

Agriculture is fast changing and is becoming more commercial and professional. The young men who keep abreast of the times and take their place among men of other callings are of necessity obliged to fit themselves for their calling.

Education is the first essential in the life of every man if he is to enjoy the most in life. The object of this course is not to teach how to farm, but instead to point out the why of things, or to discuss in a practical way the sciences which underlie the principles of Agriculture.

The lectures will be supplemented as much as possible by a demonstration and experiments and will embrace the following subjects: LAY STOCK, FEEDS AND FEEDING, FIELD CROPS, DAIRYING, POLTRY, AGRICULTURAL BOTANY, INSECTS AND FUNGUS DISEASES AMONG MEN OF OTHER CALLINGS, FRUIT GROWING, BACTERIOLOGY, FARM BOOK-KEEPING, APICULTURE, PUBLIC SPEAKING, ETC.

SPECIAL LECTURES Special Lectures will be given by outside men one day each on HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP, SWINE, POLTRY, FRUIT GROWING, MARKETING AND CO-OPERATION.

ACRE PROFIT COMPETITION All young men attending the class are eligible for the Acre Profit Competition the prize being free transportation and living expenses while attending the Two Weeks Stock and Seed Judging at Guelph in January.

No tuition fees. No text books required. Will be held during the school hours of the school days of each week. For detailed calendar write Dept. of Agriculture, Paris, Ont.

WORLD PRESS ON THE WAR

HE OUGHT TO BE THERE AT THE FINISH.

Springfield Republican: The German Emperor's improvement in health is most gratifying. There will be a certain fitness in his seeing the thing through.

FRUITS FOR REPENTANCE

Hamilton Herald: The gawkwar of Baroda, the wealthiest of India's princes, got into disgrace at the Imperial durbar near Delhi by what seemed to be a studied-slight to the king-emperor. The same gawkwar of Baroda, since the war began, has contributed more money than any other Indian prince to the British cause. His latest gift to the Empire is the C. P. R. Inier, Empress of India, which he has purchased and will turn over to the Imperial authorities for use as a hospital ship. This sort of thing can be classed as "fruits meet for repentance."

PASSED BY THE CENSOR

London Punch:—A censored letter from a correspondent at the front tells us that the most popular song with our troops is the following: It's a long way to —, It's a long way to —, It's a long way to —, To the sweetest — I know. It's a long, long way to —, But my heart's right —, It will be interesting to hear further details as soon as they can be divulged without giving the position away to the enemy.

WHAT SEA POWER BRINGS

London Telegraph:—In the opening months of the new year we shall possess a larger army and a better equipped army than we have ever had before—owing to the sea power. Our resources of men still available, must be seriously handicapped in fitting them for the field, because they have lost their maritime communications, and it is from overseas that the Kaiser and they have earned for him the excretion of all decent men and women.

TOO SOON FOR OFFENSIVE.

Westminster Gazette: There is no reason why the Allies should transfer the balance of losses to their side by the premature offensive, when the natural course of events promises them relief without excessive sacrifices. It is of capital importance to the Germans that they should break through the Allied lines, even though a dearly-bought success should give them only a mile of country and compel them to renew their attacks against a new set of trenches, as formidable as those which have just been taken.

A PATCHED-UP TRUCE.

London Express:—Germany would be glad enough to accept a patched-up truce at the suggestion of some professedly disinterested Power. Such an arrangement would give her time to make new preparations, to start new plots, and to try again, and this is exactly what Europe will never give her the chance to do until all the statements of France and Great Britain lose their senses.

CENSORSHIP VINDICATED

New York Telegram:—It looks as if the encounter (off the Falklands) is a vindication of the much criticized British system of censorship. That Vice-Admiral Sir Frederick Charles Doveton Sturdee was in command of the British squadron was a surprise even to England. The Admiral, on July 14, was appointed Chief of the War Staff in London and was generally supposed to be directing the affairs from a swivel chair instead of being on the quarter deck. The ancient order of space writers and novelists, who, by abusing confidence, rendered the time honored post of war correspondent obsolete, might ponder this.

THE GREATEST SEA BATTLE OF WAR.

New York Tribune:—The hundred words put forth by the British admiralty told the tale of what must have been the greatest sea battle thus far fought in the war. The strength of the victorious British fleet is not stated, but it must have been an exceedingly powerful array of ships. The victory is doubly welcome to the British nation. The victory removes

all save the Karlsruhe and a few other isolated cruisers from the list of German naval ships at large. When these few last rovers are run down the German flag will have been swept from the high seas. That is a good deal in itself, but the victory also brings fresh confidence to British arms.

PART OF GERMAN PROGRAM.

London Express:—In all wars there have been certain outrages. Soldiers get out of hand, and the peaceful inhabitants of occupied countries have always suffered at their hands. Hitherto such offences have been sternly dealt with. The Duke of Wellington hanged every soldier who was caught looting, and this severity is a tradition in our Army. In Belgium, for the first time in the history of a civilized nation, soldiers have been ordered to terrorise non-combatants by perpetrating any devilry that occurred to their debased minds. The burnings, the ravagings, the maiming, and the murders were part of the plan of campaign devised by the German General Staff, with the knowledge of the Kaiser, and they have earned for him the excretion of all decent men and women.

"WENT ON SHOOTING."

Private R. G. Tipper of the Coldstream Guards says: There was a man in the trenches with us who had not got a clean sheet; he always seemed to be getting into trouble for one thing and another.

He got hit in the left arm. He crawled back out of the trenches to the nearest field ambulance and had his wound dressed.

We advised him to go to the rear, but he refused and with difficulty made his way back to the firing line. There, despite his wounded arm, he steadily went on firing at the enemy.

Some time passed and he was shot in the right arm. Again he made the difficult and painful journey to the field hospital, and again, with both arms injured, he stubbornly insisted on crawling back to the trench.

This time it took him longer, but at last he got back, and with difficulty handling his rifle with his maimed limbs, he grimly went on shooting.

A French warship was trapped by a steel net and sunk by Austrian guns at Pola.

White phosphorus matches will not be allowed to be made in or imported into Canada after January 1.

OLD-TIME REMEDY MAKES PURE BLOOD

Hood's Sarsaparilla has been and still is the people's medicine because of its reliable character and its wonderful success in purifying, enriching and revitalizing the blood and relieving the common diseases and ailments—scrofula, catarrh, rheumatism, dyspepsia, loss of appetite, that tired feeling, general debility.

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MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES

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DR. J. B. GAMBLE, physician, Colborne street, nominated by A. E. Day and W. E. Lochead.

J. R. CORNELIUS, organist, 543 Colborne St.—Nominated by W. A. Hollinrake and Arthur Coulbeck.

ARTHUR COULBECK, grocer, 1 Terrace Hill street—Nominated by W. A. Hollinrake and G. H. Batty.

WILLIAM B. SCACE, accountant, 29 Victoria Street—Nominated by M. E. B. Cutcliffe and P. P. Ballachy.

ROY E. SECORD, contractor, 13 Chestnut avenue—Nominated by P. P. Ballachy and M. E. B. Cutcliffe.

J. H. CLEMENT, foreman, 66 Northumberland Street—Nominated by W. A. Hollinrake and R. E. Ryerson.

R. H. PALMER, physician, 17 Church street, nominated by M. E. B. Cutcliffe and P. P. Ballachy.

WILLIAM BENTHAM, bookkeeper, 20 Richmond street—Nominated by P. P. Ballachy and M. E. B. Cutcliffe.

E. C. ASHTON, physician, Darling Street—Nominated by P. P. Ballachy and M. E. B. Cutcliffe.

W. N. ANDREWS, musician, Nelson Street—Nominated by N. D. Neill and C. H. Hartman.

H. R. FRANK, physician, Park avenue—Nominated by J. H. Spence and R. E. Ryerson.

E. HART, dentist, William Street—Nominated by W. R. Turnbull and M. E. B. Cutcliffe.

WILLIAM H. LANE, mechanic, 353 Dalhousie Street—Nominated by T. Poultin and J. H. Clement.

P. P. BALLACHY, dentist, Brant Avenue—Nominated by T. E. Ryerson and I. H. Spence.

E. R. READ, harrister—Nominated by Jos. Broadbent and W. E. Lochead.

E. SWEET, barrister—Nominated by E. R. Read and W. E. Lochead.

F. H. GOTT, merchant—Nominated by T. Hendry and E. Cutmore.

D. J. WATEROUS, manufacturer, Park Avenue—Nominated by P. P. Ballachy and T. E. Ryerson.

J. C. COLES, carpenter, 280 Chatham Street—Nominated by G. Stern and W. A. Hollinrake.

C. S. TAPSCOTT, barrister—Nominated by T. S. Wade and E. R. Read.

(Nine to be elected, highest five for two years, remainder for one year.)

NO STORIES.

The Story Hour at the Public Library will not be held this week, owing to the holiday season.

OLD BRANTFORD BOY.

An old Brantford boy, in the person of Henry Watt, passed away in Buffalo, on Sunday. He was a son of the late Robert Watt, and brother of Robert E. Watt, 31 Durham St. city, and up till the time he left for that city, had resided here.

FOR RE-ELECTION.

In Saturday's issue the name of Ald. J. W. English, was inadvertently omitted among those given as again offering for the City Council. He has made an excellent representative not only for the residents of Ward 2, but in the interests of the city generally.

WON FIRST RACE.

Peter Clay, a clever Brant County trotter, trained at Cedar Valley Farm and owned by Mr. W. H. Whitefield, won the 2.14 trot at the Toronto Ice track on Saturday. The horse, which was under the entry of Mr. Fred Westbrook, and driven by Nat Ray, showed a most promising performance.

LEAVING THE SERVICE.

Daniel Tyson, for some years past a Grand Valley conductor and a well-known veteran of the Boer war, is leaving the city, and with his wife, will return to England. "Dan" was one of the popular fellows of the line and it would not be surprising, if merely in an instructor's capacity, to hear of him soon joining Kitchener's army.

WARNING TO MOTORISTS.

Motorists in the city have, of late, been exceeding the local speed limits, and have been running in front of the street cars which is a dangerous practice. Owing to these facts, Chief Slemin desires to call attention to the Blue Book regulations as he desires to maintain and facilitate a good state of regulation on the city streets. Drivers of heavy teams are also asked to note the regulations and keep close to the curb, in order thus to comply with the orders of the city. To wander into the centre as they have been doing, constitutes a contravention of regulations. The chief desires the co-operation of all road and street users in the proper maintenance of traffic regulations and to this effect he gives due notice.

IN EVERY WARD

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corner Colborne and Alfred Streets—Nominated by John H. Spence and George Jennings.

ALBERT WEDLAKE, contractor, corner Port St. and Rose Ave.—Nominated by G. A. Ward and Daniel Reeve.

THOMAS BROUND, moulder, 114 Murray street—Nominated by Harry Baytree and Thompson Smith.

HARRY C. CUFF, 499 Colborne street, pattern maker—Nominated by James A. Virtue and Daniel Smith.

GEORGE BENNETT, 2 Ontario St., contractor—Nominated by George A. Ward and Daniel Reeve.

JOHN H. SYMOND, Cayuga St., moulder—Nominated by Edward J. Lavery and Thomas Bround.

JOHN MCHUTCHON, Colborne St., baker—Nominated by Fred Eastman and H. J. Clement.

PHILIP M. SENN, 37 Peel Street, traveller—Nominated by George J. Jennings and H. J. Clement.

JOHN CAMELL, 49 Port Street, butcher—Nominated by Robt. H. Long and seconded by James A. Virtue.

GEORGE A. WARD, 65 Cayuga St., printer and publisher—Nominated by B. Batchelor and R. H. Long.

HARRY L. WOOD, Ontario Street, plasterer—Nominated by Thos. H. Money and G. A. Ward.

GEORGE K. JENNINGS, 19 Eagle avenue, tailor—Nominated by Fred Eastman, seconded by John H. Spence.

DANIEL REEVE, 75 Ormsby Street, laborer—Nominated by Andrew B. Crandell and James Zimmerman.

WATERWORKS IS IN GOOD SHAPE

Report Submitted Gives Outline of Necessary Construction to be Done.

The Board of Water Commissioners to-day handed out an interesting statement relative to the position of this civic owned utility. The statement follows.

In the fall of 1888, the city took over from a private company, the old Water Works, and paid them for same the sum of \$69,720. During the winter and spring following, \$120,000 additional was expended upon galleries, wells, pumping station, pipes, and large mains, 18 inch and 10 inch, from the city pumping station, up to the existing mains of the old company, and further extensions through the principal business portions of the city.

At the time the Works were taken over from this private company, there were 174 private consumers on the books, and 8 1/2 miles of mains, present time we have 6,888 consumers with 60 miles, 4000 ft. of pipe, with 325 hydrants.

The amount of water pumped the first year or two after the city took over the Works, did not exceed 250,000 gallons a day. We are now pumping 4,253,203, or 17 times as much.

MEMORANDUM OF PRESENT POSITION OF WORKS

Earnings, \$1,015,007.00; coal, salaries, and all operating expenses, \$308,039.15; interest and sinking fund, \$488,433.95. Total, after deducting earnings, \$208,543.90.

Surplus after paying all expenses, interest and sinking fund, which means that the works will be paid for at the maturity of the Bonds, and handed the city, \$208,543.90, less reserve of \$44,000.00, and the city have on hand \$252,543.90 accumulated sinking fund.

The total cost of Works to date, \$701,474.16; and we have Liquid Assets, material on hand and accounts due works, \$18,000; sinking fund, accumulated, \$252,543.90; Net cost \$433,054.90.

The plant and lands owned by the Commissioners, are worth to-day on the open market one million dollars.

If the Commissioners had maintained the same tariff as submitted by Moffatt, Hodgkins and Clarke Company at the time the city took over for now, and we would have paid to the good.

A lengthy list, showing the cost of all the extensions is also submitted, showing that \$283,358.81, has been expended, of which \$180,000 was voted. The sum of \$113,358.81 is needed to complete the work.

City Treasurer Patterson reports that one-fifth of 1914 Toronto taxes are still unpaid.

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Blanket Coats, navy, brown, wine, plaids, stylish seven-eighths length, raglan sleeves, belted back. Reg. \$12.50. \$6.50

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Men's Mocha Gloves, one dome fastener, lined through out with a knitted wool lining, tan, brown and grey shades. At, per pair— \$1.00 and \$1.50

Men's Real Mocha Gloves, fur lined, dome fasteners. At, per pair— \$2.50 and \$3.00

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—Centre Aisle.

"INTERNAL COMBUSTION" AT THE FIRE-HALL

Chief Lewis and Men Are Recipients of Many Christmas Gifts.

Following the time-honored custom which calls for remembrance of those civic officials upon whose vigilance public well-being and safety depends, the Mayor and some prominent and thoughtful citizens have this year given the fire department an expression of their gratitude and good feeling.

Chief Lewis is justly proud of these thoughtful expressions, and his men are equally grateful that their efforts should be remembered. The first expression of good-will came from the Mayor, who writes for the citizens of Brantford. The letter is as follows:

Mr. D. J. Lewis, Chief Fire Department, City:

Dear Sir,—I desire on behalf of the citizens of Brantford to extend to you and through you, to the members of fire department, their best wishes for a merry Christmas. Wishing you the compliments of the season, as well as all the members of the department, I have the honor to remain, Yours very truly, JOHN H. SPENCE, Mayor.

Local firms, who have always been more or less to the front at a time such as Christmas, also made the firemen recipients of presents, and the precincts of the fire hall to-day smelt like the Ontario club when the Senators hold a session in the smoking room. The persons to whom the firemen feel indebted are Goold, Shapley & Muir Co., honey; Schultz Bros. Ltd., old country coaching scenes; Mrs. John Mann, crate of oranges; H. S. Pierce, cigars and calendars; C. H. Hartman, cigars; H. Johnson, cigars; T. E. Ryerson, cigars. "Every good wish to them," the Chief says, and between the puffs, the staff replies, "Amen."

The second Canadian contingent will form a complete army division, the six extra battalions now at Salisbury being utilized differently from the way previously arranged.

COUPON

Monday, December 28, 1914

Heart Songs

Church Notes

ALEXANDRA PRESBYTERIAN

The congregation present at Alexandra Church last evening were privileged to listen to a most helpful and timely address given by the Rev. Dr. Bryce of Winnipeg. The theme of Dr. Bryce was founded on the text "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

SYDENHAM STREET.

The Rev. Mr. Woltz of Springfield, Mo. was the preacher for the day at Sydenham street Methodist church yesterday, the pastor being absent in New York on a holiday trip. Mr. Woltz is a young man, with considerable talent as a preacher, and his two sermons, both of a Christmas nature, were listened to with great appreciation by good congregations.

BALFOUR ST.

The three services at Balfour street Presbyterian Church yesterday were much enjoyed by all present. In the afternoon there was an open session of the Sabbath school, and a number of the parents and friends were present to hear the scholars sing their Christmas choruses. There was also a short review of the lesson of the last quarter. In the evening a special Christmas service was held. The pastor, Rev. J. M. Whitley, preached to a large and appreciative audience from the text, "Come over into Macedonia and help us," taking as his subject "Helping Stars." The service of song used was, "The Star of the King." The girl's choir rendered a pleasing selection, and at the close of the service, the pastor presented some twenty-two boys and girls of the Christmas attendance league, with certificates of regular attendance. Such events as this make lasting impressions on scholars and parents. The service closed with the singing of the doxology and the benediction.

CALVARY CHURCH.

The services of the Calvary Baptist church Sunday were of a Christmas character. Rev. W. E. Bowyer, the pastor, preached in the morning from the text, "And the word was made flesh and dwelt among us." "It is true," said Mr. Bowyer, "that nature speaks of God. It was necessary, however, that more should be done ere men could know God as He really is. Words express thoughts. The Word was made flesh; that is, God became incarnate. Thus in Christ, God was revealed in (1) his subjective reality, (2) His infinite love, (3) His redemptive power. Through Christ, therefore, God expressed these thoughts of Himself to mankind."

WEEK OF PRAYER.

A meeting of the local branch of the Ministerial Alliance took place in the Y. M. C. A. this morning, which was well attended. The business dealt with the holding of a week of prayer, which is to be observed next week.

SACRED CONCERT.

The Brant theatre was packed to the uttermost last night when a programme of sacred music was given by the Colborne Street Methodist church choir under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Long before the time of starting not a seat was to be found and the programme was every whit worthy of the excellent attendance. The choir conducted by Mr. G. C. White gave a number of fine choruses from "The Messiah," a sacred composition admirably adapted to the special occasion. The evening was a great success, of that there can be little doubt, and goes to prove both the popularity of the Colborne Street choir and the excellent name which the Y. M. C. A. has obtained through these special Sunday evening efforts. Manager Moulde graciously gave the use of the theatre for the event.

Dorothy Clarke, aged 16, was accidentally shot in the hip by her brother at 141 Howard avenue, Toronto.

French aviators seriously bombarded a railway station at Metz.

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BREAK SMITH'S NOSE AND KNOCK OUT HIS TEETH

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—Showing superior condition and combination play, the champion Toronto won their first match of the N. H. A. season, when they beat Canadiens on Saturday night by 4 to 3, after a grueling contest. The quality of hockey served up by the champions and runners-up of a year ago was surprisingly good for the first of the season and did not drag at any time. The players cut out a killing pace in the early stages, and the Flying Frenchmen had to make frequent changes in an

effort to keep a fresh team on the ice at all stages. This was where the winners had the edge on the locals, as they were enabled to send in more experienced and finished players as substitutes. The new-comers on the Frenchmen's line-up were Didier Pitre, who played last season at the coast, and Beliveau, who a year ago played with the Crescents of Halifax, in the Maritime League. The new man on the Toronto team was Carpenter, who was secured from Port Arthur. During a mix-up in the opening period Donald Smith had his nose broken, while in the second session he had three of his teeth knocked out through a blow from a stick in a scrimmage in front of the Toronto nets. This forced his retirement from the game.

OTTAWA TAKE OPENER FROM QUEBEC'S TEAM

QUEBEC, Dec. 27.—There was nothing fluky about Ottawa's victory over Quebec in the N. H. A. opening Saturday night. The locals were clearly out of condition, the Senators literally checking them off their feet. It was Ottawa's first win on Quebec ice since 1911, and it was a well merited success. The score was 4 to 1, a pretty fair indication of the play. Ottawa has a splendidly balanced sextette, the forwards showing good combination, while Benedict's performance in the nets equaled Lesieur's best efforts. Crawford was easily Quebec's best on the evening's play, while Ritchie of Grand Mere, who made his N. H. A. debut, greatly pleased the fans and had the honor of securing Quebec's solitary tally on the finest individual effort of the match. A crowd of about 4,000, a large percentage being "boys in khaki," witnessed the game, which could hardly be called a first-class exhibition. The teams:—
Ottawa—Goal, Benedict; point, Merrill; cover-point, Shore; forwards, Gerard, Darragh, Broadbent.
Quebec—Goal, Moran; point, Mum-

ONLY GOAL OF GAME IS AGAINST KINGSTON

CLEVELAND, Dec. 28.—Trumble of Cleveland went in late in the second half Saturday night and shot the only goal of the game against Kingston Frontenacs. The play was fast and somewhat rough throughout, and the Frontenacs were in better form than on Friday. Their attack was a little better, but their defence had improved greatly. The line-up:—
Cleveland—Goal, Odmack, right defence, Jamieson; left defence, Irving; rover, Sullivan; centre, Struthers; right wing, Debernart; left wing, McCormick.
Kingston—Goal, A. Cook; right defence, C. Stewart; left defence, Stanton; rover, J. Stewart; centre, R. Millan; right wing, Reid; left wing, Derry.

THE O. H. A. SEASON TO OPEN TO-NIGHT

The championship season of the O. H. A. will begin to-night with two immediate games, at Belleville and Peterboro', respectively. The game at Peterboro' was originally scheduled for Tuesday night, but was set a day ahead by mutual consent of the clubs. Lou E. Marsh of Toronto will referee. The list of games for the week is as follows:—

- MONDAY
 - Intermediate.
 - Picton at Belleville.
 - Bowmanville at Peterboro'.
- TUESDAY
 - Oshawa at Whitby.
- WEDNESDAY
 - Intermediate.
 - Stratford at St. Mary's.
 - Junior.
 - Bowmanville at Oshawa.
- THURSDAY
 - Intermediate.
 - Belleville at Picton.
 - Whitby at Bowmanville.
 - Junior.
 - Midland at Waubashehene.
 - Coldwater at Victoria Harbor.
- FRIDAY
 - Intermediate.
 - Broadview at Hamilton.
 - Paris at Woodstock.
 - Brantford at Ingersoll.
 - Junior.
 - K. C. I. at Belleville.
 - Lindsay at Port Hope.
 - Collingwood at Meaford.
 - Barrie at Stayner.
- SATURDAY
 - Junior.
 - Aura Lee at Newmarket.
 - Simcoes at T.A. and A.A. (after-noon).

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

N. H. A.
Wanderers 11, Ontarios 6.
Torontos 4, Canadiens 3.
Ottawa 4, Quebec 1.

EXHIBITION.
Cleveland 1, Kingston 0.
Ottawa College 8, Boston A.A. 2.
St. Nicholas, N.Y., 7, U. of T. 6.
Ottawa Aberdeens 11, Hull 1.
Sarnia, 9, Detroit 1.

N. H. A. RECORD

Teams	Won	Lost	For	Agst
Torontos	1	0	4	3
Wanderers	1	0	11	6
Ottawa	1	0	6	11
Ontarios	0	1	6	11
Canadiens	0	1	3	4
Quebec	0	1	1	4

Games Wednesday—Wanderers at Torontos, Ontarios at Ottawa, Quebec at Canadiens.

Puckerings

Ottawa College won from Boston Athletic Association on Saturday night by 9 to 2.
Harry Boettger, the speedy rover of the Berlin O.H.A., intermediate champions, has been elected captain of the team for this season.
Melville Times:—Melville breathes life into hockey, and Melville will substantiate her claim—a "little town with hockey pretensions."
University of Toronto and Oshawa junior teams will play an exhibition game at Oshawa on New Year's night. These teams were runners-up and winners, respectively, for the O.H.A. junior title last season.

SAGE TEA PUTS LIFE AND COLOR IN HAIR

Don't Stay Gray!—It Darkens so Naturally That Nobody Can Tell.

You can turn gray, faded hair beautiful and lustrous almost overnight if you'll get a 50-cent bottle of "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound" at any drug store. Millions of bottles of this old, famous Sage Tea Recipe are sold annually, says a well known druggist here, because it darkens the hair so naturally and evenly that no one can tell it has been applied.
Those whose hair is turning gray, becoming faded, dry, scraggly and thin have a surprise awaiting them because after one or two applications the gray hair vanishes and your locks become luxuriantly dark and beautiful—all dandruff goes, scalp itching and falling hair stops.
This is the age of youth. Gray haired unattractive folks aren't wanted around, so get busy with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur tea to-night and you'll be delighted with your dark, handsome hair and your youthful appearance within a few days.

BRILLIANT RAID BY BRITISH CRUISERS AND SEAPLANES ON CUXHAVEN NAVAL BASE

Six of the Seaplane Fighters Returned—One is Missing, Lieut. Hewlett.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Assisted by light cruisers, destroyers and submarines seven British naval airmen, pilot, seaplanes, made a daring attack Christmas Day on the German naval base at Cuxhaven, at the mouth of the Elbe. Six of the airmen returned safely, but the seventh, Commander Hewlett, is feared, has been lost, as his machine was found off Heligoland, wrecked.
What damage was done by the bombs thrown by the attacking party could not be ascertained, but the German report of the affair says that the raid was fruitless.

A DAYLIGHT ATTACK
The Official Press Bureau gave out the following statement to-day regarding the British raid on the German coast:—
"On Friday, December 25, the German warships lying off Schilling Roads, off Cuxhaven, were attacked by seven naval seaplanes piloted by Flight Commanders Oliver Hewlett, Boss and Kilner, Flight Lieutenants Miley and Edwards and sub-Lieut. Blackburn.
"The attack was delivered in daylight, starting from a point in the vicinity of Heligoland. The seaplanes were escorted by a light cruiser and destroyer force, together with submarines. As these ships were seen by the Germans from Heligoland, two Zeppelins and three or four hostile seaplanes and several hostile submarines attacked them.
"ZEPPELINS PUT TO FLIGHT
"It was necessary for the British ships to remain in the neighborhood to pick up the returning airmen, and a novel combat ensued between the most modern cruisers and the enemy's aircraft and submarines. By swift maneuvering the enemy's submarines were avoided and the two Zeppelins were easily put to flight by the guns of the Undaunted and Aetna.
"The enemy's seaplanes succeeded in dropping their bombs near our ships, but without hitting any of them. The British ships remained for three hours off the enemy's coast without being molested by any surface vessel. One of the returning airmen, Lieut. Hewlett, was picked up by British submarines, which were standing by. Their machines were then sunk.
"MACHINE WRECKED
"Six out of the seven pilots returned safely. Flight Commander Hewlett is missing. His machine was seen in a wrecked condition about eight miles from Heligoland, and the fate of the daring and skillful pilot is at present unknown.
"The extent of the damage by the British airmen's bombs cannot be estimated, but all were discharged at points of military significance.
"THE GERMAN ACCOUNT
"BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The German Admiralty made the following announcement Saturday:
"On Dec. 25, eight British ships made a dash into a German bay. Hydro-aeroplanes, conveyed by them, made an advance against the houbins of German rivers and dropped bombs on ships lying at anchor and a gas tank near Cuxhaven, without hitting them or doing damage.
"The hydro-aeroplanes were fired at, and withdrew in a westerly direction. German airships and aeroplanes reconnoitered against the British forces, and succeeded in hitting with bombs two British destroyers and one other vessel of the convoy. On the latter fire broke out.
"From the reference to a continuation of the fighting.
"From the evencement it would seem that the German river indicated but not named were the Elbe and Cuxhaven is a fortified seaport of Germany, 58 miles west-

AN AMERICAN TRIBUTE.

(Wall Street Journal)
It has been said before in these columns that our foreign commerce depends upon Great Britain ruling the waves. She accomplished an enormous and largely unappreciated triumph in bottling up the German fleet from the outset. She is cleaning up the sporadic German cruisers which, with great gallantry, intelligence and skill, have made some avenues of maritime trade unsafe.

northwest of Hamburg. It is at the Avenge East Coast Raid
Among the items given out by the Berlin Press Bureau to-day were the following:
"Commenting on the British visit to a German bay, Count Reventlow, the eminent naval authority, says it undoubtedly was an answer to the German bombardment of the British coast, dictated by the British Admiralty's desire to influence public opinion at home."
"RAID LASTED AN HOUR
"HARWICH, Dec. 28.—According to reports received here to-night, the British raid on Cuxhaven lasted for about an hour, but the atmosphere was so thick that it was difficult for the airmen to achieve their purpose, despite the excellent organization of the operation.
"It is stated on authority that neither British nor Germans suffered any casualties or serious damage, except the loss of the British commander, Hewlett, and four seaplanes.
"ACTION OF SINGLE SPOONFUL SURPRISES MANY
"Brantford people who bought the simple mixture of buckhorn bark, glycerine, etc., known as Alder-ika, are surprised at the INSTANT effect of a SINGLE SPOONFUL. This remedy is so complete a bowel cleanser that it is used successfully in appendicitis. Alder-ika acts on BOTH upper and lower bowel and ONE SPOONFUL relieves almost ANY CASE of constipation, sour or gassy stomach. ONE MINUTE after you take it the gases rumble and pass out. M. H. Robertson, Ltd., druggist, General Kelly-Kenny, who served in South Africa, died in Britain.

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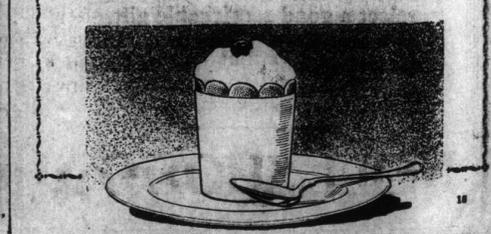
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As far back as culinary history goes, the Charlotte Russe has been a feature of dinners, banquets and feasts of all kinds.
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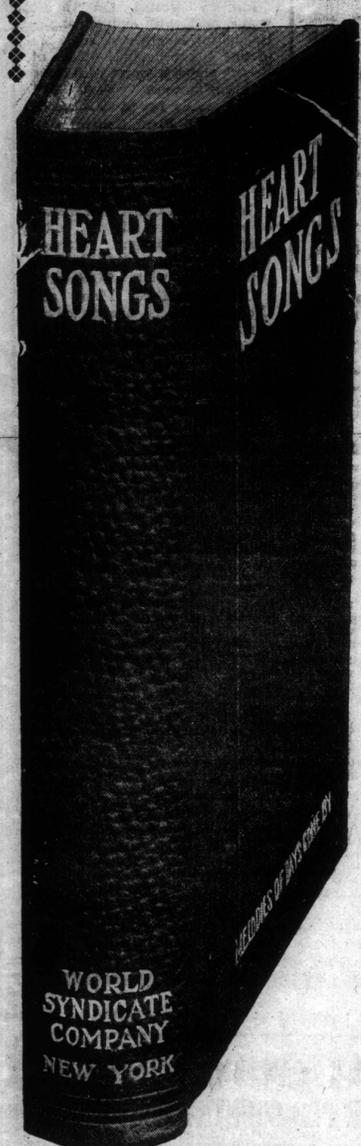
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GOLD WEATHER MEANS DEFINITE POLISH BATTLE

Something Will Crack Soon Between the Russians and Germans.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] PETROGRAD, via London, Dec. 28.—The belated cold spell reported in Poland is expected to precipitate a definite result in the German Polish campaign which is now practically at a standstill.

Thus thwarted by mild weather the activities around Mlava have reached a complete lull and after unsuccessful attempts to cross the Bzura river, the Germans are still resting on the left bank of the River Sochaczew.

The Austrian activity in the Kielce region and along the rivers Ida, Donajec and both sides of the Upper Vistula continues.

But now the combat had lasted half an hour without stint or rest, until the warriors were so exhausted with the sweat of their brows and the loss of blood, the shock of blows, and their own furious exertions, that they could scarce totter or raise their weapons.

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But Nigel was not long unavenged. The huge iron club of Belford struck the dwarf Ragueneau to the ground, while Belford in turn was felled by a sweeping blow from Beaumanoir.

Some, however, were beyond all aid. Croquart had cut at a Breton knight named Jean Rousselot and had shorn away his shoulder-piece, exposing his neck and the upper part of his arm. Vainly he tried to cover this vulnerable surface with his shield.

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For a time it seemed as if nothing would break it, but as the minutes of the manor was general as well as a warrior. Whilst his weary, bleeding, hard-breathing men still flung themselves upon the front of the line, he himself with Ragueneau, Penance, Alain de Karanais, and Dubois rushed round the flank and attacked the English with fury from behind.

It was strange to see them as they staggered with many a lurch and stumble toward each other once again, for they moved like drunken men, and the scales of their neck-armor and joints were as red as fishes' gills when they raised them.

But the opening of this second phase of the combat brought one great misfortune and disappointment to the English. Bambo like the others, had undone his visor, but with his mind full of many cares he had neglected to make it fast again.

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