

RUSSIANS DISMISS GERMAN CLAIM AS OF SMALL IMPORTANCE

Both in Galicia and Near Warsaw Operations Have Not Resulted in a Decision—Quiet in Flanders and France.

LONDON, Dec. 18, 12.18 p.m.—In the western arena there have been no events of great importance; at least none has been reported.

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GERMANS CLAIM THAT RUSSIAN DEFEAT IS THE END OF PRESENT WAR

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—(Via London)—The Lokal Anzeiger, commenting on the news of a German victory in Poland, says:

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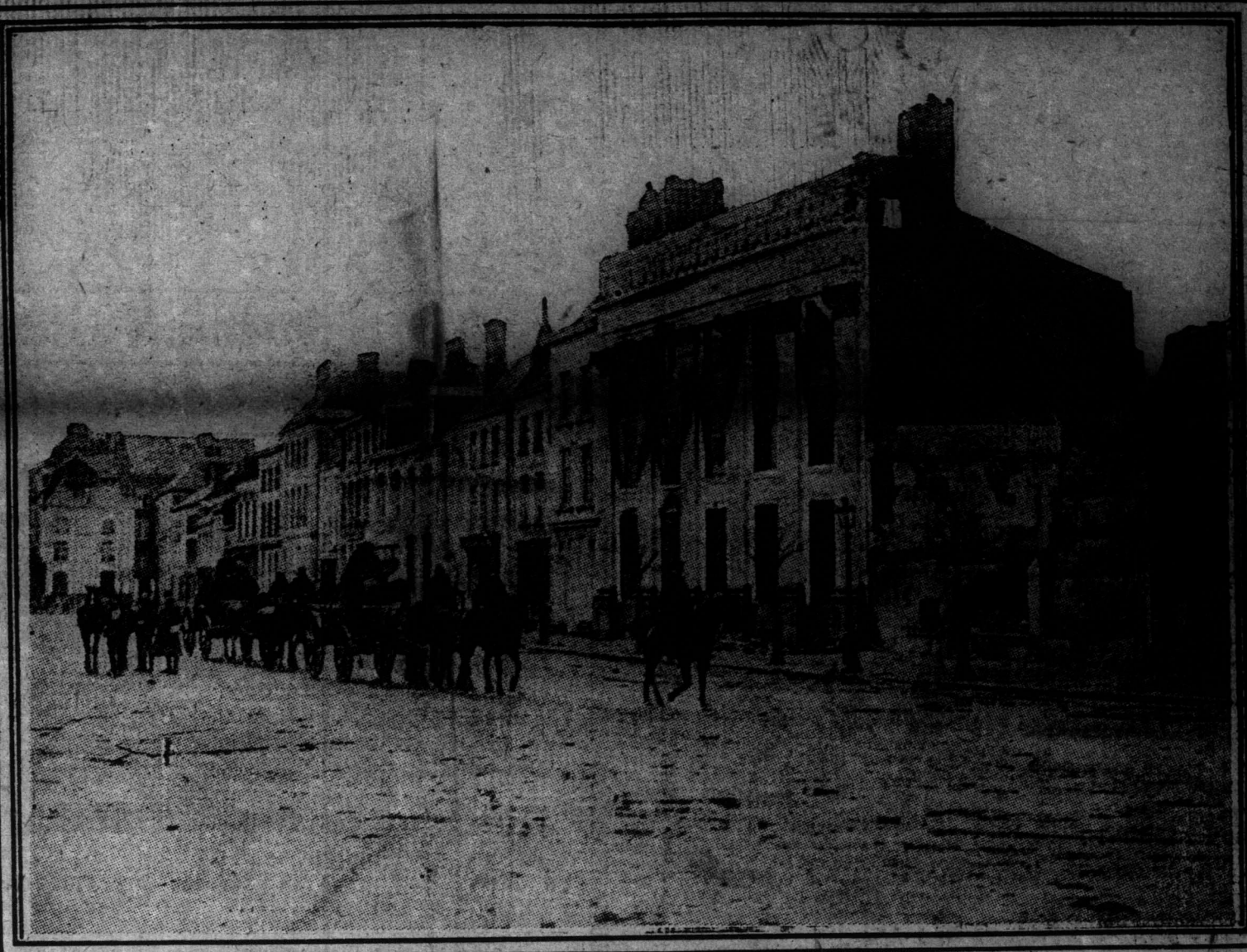
SLAYING OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN COMES STRICTLY AS GERMAN

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Daily Chronicle in an editorial on the German raid on the east coast of England says:

States or any other nation thought it a part of a neutral's duty to stand up at least diplomatically for the public law of the world, one might have supposed that here was its opportunity.

ONLY 5 MORE SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS GRANDMA SEZ The spirit of Christmas is in town and it's the style to wear a smile of welcome even if you ain't rich 'nuff to hev mo'n a speakin' acquaintance with the feller.

A STREET SCENE IN YPRES AFTER THE TOWN HAD BEEN BOMBARDED.



BRITISH PATROL PASSING THROUGH BATTERED STREET OF YPRES.

The unhappy position of Ypres, which for some weeks now has been the centre of heavy fighting, is well summarized by a writer who recently gave the following interesting facts:—"The town of Ypres is added to the list of other Belgian towns like those in which I have seen the ruin of a nation exists no longer as a place of ancient beauty in which men and women made their homes, trustful of fate.

BRANTFORD GALT AND PARIS JOIN HANDS IN INITIATION OF THE NEW STREET CAR SERVICE

New Cars Were Put Into Commission on Thursday—Complete in Every Detail—Congratulatory Speeches Made at Luncheon at Car Barns—General Public is Pleased.

The Union Jack gaily floating yesterday afternoon from the greatly improved street railway barns on Brant Avenue, was one of the heralds of the inauguration of the new city service under municipal ownership.

DESCRIPTION OF CARS The new cars, at present six in number, bear the numerals 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, and 127. They are of very handsome appearance, both from an exterior and interior aspect.

They are "Pay-as-you-enter" cars, and these words appear on the end of each one with the additional notice, "Fares ready, please." The system was first introduced in Montreal, and is still in use there, and in a large number of other centres with marked satisfaction.

ALLIES MAKE REAL ADVANCE

French Official Statements of Verdun indicate a Trend.

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The French war office this afternoon gave out an official communication as follows:—"The day of December 17th was marked, as we said yesterday, by an advance on our part in Belgium, where every counter attack undertaken by the enemy failed.

BOURASSA IS ON WARPATH ONCE AGAIN

He Didn't Like the Treatment He Received at Ottawa.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—Labelling the treatment of French-Canadians in Ontario by the English majority as a species of "Prussian culture," Henri Bourassa referred indirectly to his experiences at Ottawa on Wednesday night, when a hostile crowd broke up a meeting he was addressing in the Monument National.

Further Details of Naval Victory

BUENOS AYRES, Argentine, Dec. 18.—The commandant of the Argentine cruiser San Martin, which has just come into port, relates that in the Golfo Nuevo he met the British cruiser Carnarvon and exchanged visits with her commanding officer.

Enemy's Ships Sold Under the Hammer

LONDON, Dec. 6 (Correspondence of the Associated Press)—Four German schooners, Elise, Gerhard, Theodore and Bolivar, captured as prizes have been sold by order of the marshal of the admiralty. These London since the Crimean war, and the hammer used by the auctioneer is the same one used in the year 1855, when the last batch of prize ships were disposed of.

IMPRESSIVE FUNERAL AT TORONTO WAS HELD THIS AFTERNOON.

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—The funeral of the late Senator Jaffray took place at 2.30 this afternoon from his late residence, Surrey Lodge, Grenville St. to Mount Pleasant cemetery.

AMSTERDAM VIA LONDON, DEC. 18, 2.02 P.M.—EFFORTS OF GENERAL VON BISSING, THE NEW GOVERNOR OF BELGIUM, TO INDUCE THE LEADING NEWSPAPERS OF BRUSSELS AND ANTWERP TO RESUME PUBLICATION HAVE PROVED TO BE FRUITLESS.

THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT APPOINTED A COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW BY THE GERMANS.

The British government appointed a committee to investigate alleged violations of international law by the Germans.

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RECRUITS LINE UP IN ENGLAND AFTER THE GERMAN RAID... The Herald from London this morning says: The latest details of the raid on the northeast coast of England show that the German cruisers had a narrow escape from pursuing British warships.

BATTERY MAN WRITES HOME TO THE COLONEL... Lieut. Col. Ashton has received the following interesting letter from the Old Land: "Wythenhurst", Bagally St., Hereford.

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BRANTFORD GALT AND PARIS JOIN

(Continued from Page 1) would be hearty co-operation from all three places on behalf of making the enterprise a success.

MR. BUNNELL, another of the commissioners, read letters of regret, because of inability to be present, from Mr. E. Henry, ex-M.P. (Windsor), County Attorney Wilkes and Mr. S. G. Read, ex-Mayor. All three episodes breathed hearty congratulations, and best wishes. The speaker said that for a long time, even the very mention of the street railway had been a sore subject in Brantford, as also had been the matter of the Grand Valley Railway to Paris and Galt. Instead of civic pride both roads were the subject of civic humiliation. All three places were unitedly interested in bettered conditions and in this respect, he was pleased to state that they were taking some Hydro Electric power from Paris, and would later do so from Galt. He felt, and he knew they felt, that an improved service would be in the real and permanent interests of all the places named, and those of the intervening communities. The day had passed when radial roads were regarded as robbers of certain sections, and there was general recognition of all round benefit. The presence there of so many representative men from Paris and Galt was an evidence that they had the good will of these two centres, even as Brantford had to them. It was going to take both time and money to bring things up to top notch efficiency, but a start had been made. They had started a new station and freight shed in Paris, and it was not long, he hoped, before a similar move transpired in Galt. They hoped to have a fast freight and express service between all three communities. The City of Brantford had in a sense had this railway problem forced on their hands, but the commissioners felt sure they could make good with the backing of the people. Brantford had possessed municipal control of her Waterworks for some years, with fine results, both from a service and monetary standpoint, and he was betraying no secret when he announced that the Hydro Electric Municipal scheme would show a profit in its very first year. He firmly believed that in time the municipally owned Street Railway could do a like thing, and be a great benefit in the matter of the extension of trade and commerce.

MAYOR BUCHANAN of Galt, expressed his appreciation of the cordial reception of himself and associates, and sincere congratulations upon the already much improved rail-

way system as demonstrated to them that afternoon. It was very manifest that marked ability and energy had been at work. Formerly, he had regarded the whole thing as little more than a bunch of junk. With clean and well kept streets and fine cars, Brantford, next to Galt, would be the best place in this section of Ontario. He firmly believed that municipal ownership of public utilities was the proper plan, providing three such men could be secured, such as the Street Railway manifestly had on their Board of Commissioners. He always felt that competent heads could be secured by municipalities, just as well as by private companies. Why not? He felt that the improved road would make them better friends and neighbors than in the past, and he hoped that one of the first things would be to stop having citizens at their end of the line, walk over a mile on the Sabbath day. In conclusion, he heartily congratulated Brantfordites upon having established so many public recreation spots. The people of Galt would certainly under the new conditions, feel more like entering into highway negotiations than previously.

MR. COCKSHUTT, M.P., said it was very manifest that they were already at the inauguration of a better system. He was pleased with the remarks of the Mayor of Galt, with reference to municipal ownership and although such a system might increase taxes for a while, time was when returns helped to lessen the same under proper administration. He was pleased to know that the Grand Valley cars were next to be improved. There was no more beautiful trip anywhere than through the Grand River valley, and industrial possibilities were also very large. As a manufacturing region the whole area was hard to equal. He had spent the last two years of his educational course in Galt and greatly appreciated the sturdy Scotch characteristics there. An improved connecting link between Brantford, that place and Paris was mutually most desirable. He must warmly congratulate the commissioners on their notable work, although only in office a few months.

MAYOR SPENCE was delighted to welcome these present in the name of the city. If misery liked company, then he and the Mayors of Paris and Galt ought to be fast friends for heaven knew what they had all gone through with regard to the Tilbury gas trouble. He firmly believed that the municipal council of the City of Brantford had done a very wise thing when they had pursued the street railway company through the courts and secured the franchise. Every credit was also due to the three commissioners who had turned a poor service and an eyesore into what they had seen that day. Under their auspices, and backed, as he knew they would be, by the residents of all places concerned, there was no doubt about the fact that the Brantford Street Railway and the Grand Valley Railway would ultimately be as good as any road to be found anywhere.

MR. FISHER, M.P., indulged in good humored raillery with regard to the Grand Valley road under old auspices. It reminded him

of the story of a slow-going train which ran into a cow. After the animal had been got off the track, they went along for a while, when there was another stop. "What's the matter now," asked someone. "Oh," replied another, "we have caught up with the same old cow again." He had often felt in boarding a Grand Valley car, he should perhaps have led a better life. On one occasion he had been stalled between Paris and Galt at Glenmorris, and anyone who knew the political feeling of that spot would realize what a close call he had. Seriously speaking he must unfeignedly congratulate the commissioners on what they had already done, and what he felt they would achieve. He knew they would look after the Grand Valley line, and Paris greatly appreciated the new station. He was one who had at first thought the road would be something of a detriment to the town, which he was proud to call his home, but that feeling had mainly disappeared and he believed in the friendliest, personal and commercial relations between the two places.

MAYOR PATTERSON of Paris, said he was delighted with the great improvement already shown in the railway. He further expressed appreciation of the fact that taking Hydro power from Paris, was a help to that system in his community. He regretted that the names of Paris and Galt were not on improved cars, but felt that would soon be remedied and all round benefit. The presence there of so many representative men from Paris and Galt was an evidence that they had the good will of these two centres, even as Brantford had to them. It was going to take both time and money to bring things up to top notch efficiency, but a start had been made. They had started a new station and freight shed in Paris, and it was not long, he hoped, before a similar move transpired in Galt. They hoped to have a fast freight and express service between all three communities. The City of Brantford had in a sense had this railway problem forced on their hands, but the commissioners felt sure they could make good with the backing of the people. Brantford had possessed municipal control of her Waterworks for some years, with fine results, both from a service and monetary standpoint, and he was betraying no secret when he announced that the Hydro Electric Municipal scheme would show a profit in its very first year. He firmly believed that in time the municipally owned Street Railway could do a like thing, and be a great benefit in the matter of the extension of trade and commerce.

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lose. With the business management which he expected, the railway project should be all right.

Mr. W. G. Raymond made a short speech, and the Warden, when called on, was absent.

Mr. Turnbull, (commissioner), and who also had the bulk of the arrangements of the successful afternoon in hand, said that with any decent show which he knew they would get, the commissioners felt they could carry the enterprise through to good success. This though could only be accomplished, by hearty co-operation and the help of all the citizens along the line, who were directly concerned. For the rest, all they desired was to be judged by results.

Proceedings closed with the singing of God Save the King.

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Emden's crew rounded up in Tokyo, Japan, Dec. 18, to 2 p.m. Certain British warships have cap-

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GUELPH MAY GET ERIE FRANCHISE

Ottawa Stands Steady to Buy Shortstop Mitchell From Indianapolis

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Though there is very little prospect for an early termination of hostilities between the warring nations, the Canadian Baseball League is proceeding with its preparations for next summer just as if nothing had happened. President Fitzgerald is working upon a scheme to transfer the Erie franchise to Guelph, and it is authentically stated that all the other clubs will continue. Brantford, Peterboro, St. Thomas and Hamilton lost heavily last season, but the directors think they will take another fling at the game in the hope of redeeming some of their losses, though it is a certainty that the clubs will be lucky to finish at the season if the war continues next year. Meanwhile the schedule will be drafted and everything left in readiness. Several of the Ottawa players have written the local directors, enquiring as to the possibility of a continuation, and in each case they

have been informed that the slogan will be "baseball as usual." All the Canadian league players are anxiously seeking news as to what will be done. One thing is certain, all the clubs will reduce their squads to the very limit, and many a good player will be without baseball engagements next Summer, unless the war suddenly comes to a conclusion. Managers for the clubs now in need of pilots will be named within a few weeks.

Charlie Hamilton will likely lead the Hamilton club, and it would not be surprising to see Doc Reisinger back at London. "Midge" Craven will continue at St. Thomas, and George Ort may be given full charge of the Toronto Beavers. Louie Cook, Geo. Hill and "Lefty" Rogers, all Ottawa graduates, seek managerial berths, but will not likely land them. Peterboro is uncertain about "Curley" Blount, though he and his whole team were placed on the market a short time ago.

Among the economical departures planned by the Canadian League are the reduction of salaries to \$7,500 per month, inclusive of the managers; the cutting of squads to fourteen players; the elimination of useless training trips through a district where they are always sure to encounter rain, snow, hail and frost in the months of April and May; also the postponement of the opening of the pennant race until May 19th. Several of the clubs paid International salaries last year, but they learned their lesson, and realize that a continuation would

drive the whole league into bankruptcy. "Dusty" Bullock has written Manager Frank Shaughnessy, stating that he does not wish to be sold or traded to St. Thomas. In fact, he intimates that he would refuse to play in the railroad centre. Bullock wishes to return to Ottawa. He was of little use to the Senators last season, on account of his injuries.

The Ottawas are endeavoring to arrange for the return of Jack Mitchell next spring. Though Indianapolis drafted Mitchell for \$500, the Ottawas are willing to give them that amount any day in the week. Jack is willing to return to Ottawa, and the Senators will likely get him unless Indianapolis should use him regularly. Mitchell would be a big drawing card.

Taking into consideration what the Ottawas had to cough up for losses of the Gerco, Robinson, Marshall, Paige type, Jack Mitchell was worth about ten thousand any day. At that, the Ottawas were the only club in about five hundred that agreed to Adrian's terms of \$5,000 cash.

MORE O.N.A. SCHEDULES

Jan. 6.—Brantford at Woodstock College; Paris at Hamilton.
 8.—Paris at Woodstock College.
 11.—Hamilton at Brantford.
 13.—Woodstock College at Paris.
 18.—Hamilton at Paris.
 20.—Paris at Brantford; Woodstock College at Hamilton.
 25.—Hamilton at Woodstock College.
 27.—Brantford at Hamilton.
 29.—Woodstock College at Brantford.
 Feb. 3.—Brantford at Paris.

LONDON GETS EVEN WITH DETROIT TEAM

DETROIT, Dec. 18.—The London intermediate team of the Ontario hockey association played the Detroit septette to a standstill here last night in the second game of their series, winning 5 to 1. The Canadians outclassed Detroit at every style of play.

CANADIAN LEAGUE CITY FOR CENTRAL LEAGUE

WORTH WAPNE, Ind., Dec. 18.—If the Central League should be in the Chicago club of the National League, W. Va. will be the cities added, according to Louis Heilbroner, President, who returned home from the east yesterday.

OFFERS SIX PLAYERS FOR SECOND BASEMAN

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Waivers have been asked on eighteen members of the Chicago club of the National League, according to announcement by Roger Bresnahan, manager of the club. Bresnahan said that seventeen players on the club's reserve list would be retained. He said that some of the men on whom waivers had been asked, represented trading material, and that he was prepared to trade six of them for a certain second baseman.

OBSCURE MANAGER IS SIGNED FOR WHITE SOX

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Clarence Rowland, last-year manager of the Peoria Three-I League Club, yesterday signed as manager of the Chicago American for a term of one year. He succeeds Jimmy Callahan, who was manager of the White Sox for the last three seasons. Callahan, it was announced, will be retained by the club in connection with the business department.

Rowland's experience in baseball has been confined to the minor leagues, but he has built up a reputation as a discoverer and developer of young ball players. Among those whose careers began on his recommendation is Larry Doyle, captain of the New York Giants. The new manager is 33 years old.

Rowland's selection came as a sur-

MAJOR LEAGUES DECIDE NOT TO CURTAIL SEASON

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Play in the American and National Leagues next season will start on April 24, it was said by B. Johnson, president of the former organization, before departing for French Lick, Ind., to attend the schedule meetings of the two leagues.

The 1915 schedules, it was said, will call for 145 games, as in former years, and the season will close on about the same date as the last season in order to get the world's series started in good weather.

SIGN OF LIFE BY ORGANIZED BALL

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—The National League intends making a raid on the Federals. That much came to light when Fred Clarke, manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, talked for three hours with First Baseman Konetchy former Pirate, who has signed a contract with the Pittsburgh Federal League club.

The Pirate manager made Konetchy a desiring proposition, a proposition said to have been better than any ever before presented to the big first baseman.

"Konetchy" listened attentively and is said to have considered for a while, but later turned it down. He announced last night that he would remain with the Federal League.

Puckerings

Montreal Star.—Sir H. Montagu Allan has consented to face the puck for the charity match at the Arena next Saturday evening.

Beatty, who last season played with the Midland O. H. A. senior team, turned out with Ontario for the first time yesterday morning.

Bert Hunt, one of the candidates for a place on the Ontario, has returned to his home, Kingston, where his brother died on Wednesday.

Arguin, who played goal for Sherbrooke last season, is one of the candidates trying out for the goal position on the Wanderer N.H.A. team.

The Stratford Northern league senior team have arranged to play an exhibition game on Monday night next at Preston with the intermediate team of the latter town.

Detroit Free Press.—Two players who are welcome additions to the roster of the new Detroit team are Shaw, who hails from Alvinston, and Williams, a Preston lad. Shaw is a wing player, Williams is a centre man.

Crane, the former Stratford rover, who has been showing good form with Argonauts in the recent practices, did not turn out with the Scullers last night. He will be in the exhibition game on Saturday against the University of Toronto at the Area.

Tommy Smith, who led the N. H. A. goal-getters last season, left for his home in Ottawa yesterday. Smith has been loath to come to terms with the Ontario and has also been absent from several practices. As a consequence some trouble has taken place between the player and the manage-

MADE BAD MISTAKE BY LETTING JOHNSON AWAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The bars are up again, even though no official statement to that effect was handed out at the recent National League meeting. It was tipped off during the week before the meeting that all repentant Federals, barring actual contract-jumpers, could climb back into the band-wagon if they returned during the period ending last Saturday.

Even Ban Johnson, with his hostility to anything savoring of a peace negotiation, had been induced to accept this temporary truce, and quite a rash of returning prodigals was anticipated.

But now it is all off with them. The sudden attack by the Federals, resulting in the jump of Walter Johnson and Marquard, upset the whole idea.

Those happenings especially the Johnson case, stopped the return-wave as effectively as if a concrete wall had been set in the way.

Instead of some thirty penitents asking for readmission, the recorded total, according to the frank statement of a major league official, fell to exactly three, two of them fellows who thought the Feds would fire them anyhow. All of which goes to show what a mistake organized ball made in letting Walter Johnson get away.

A HUMANE IMPULSE

Philadelphia Public Ledger.—The Pope's desire for a truce over Christmas is creditable to his humane impulses. Perhaps if all the warring nations could be sure that faith would be kept by all they might agree to it. But might not a treaty to this effect be regarded as a scrap of paper?

SALISBURY NEWS

A letter was received from Salisbury by the Courier to-day, in which the writer tells of the care and solicitude exercised by both company officers and general for the men. In bad days they will be in huts, but meanwhile they have been issued extra suits of underclothing all round, and a jack knife, with a marling spike, a can opener and a blade like a razor, good for anything from sheep killing to trench digging. He states that the company have all gained weight, and that his own pack won't meet on his chest by four inches. He notes the fact that the "Terrible Turks" were removed from Brantford under escort and sees visions of the medals about to be issued, and "regrets he had to go to Europe when he might have stood a chance for a decoration nearer home." The winds have been high of late, several tents have been blown down. The climate isn't as good as over here, of that he's convinced; he'd rather have the dry, cold sunshine.

He closes with Christmas wishes, and hopes to eat sausage in Berlin by next Christmas, and he signs himself
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JOKES AND SHOTS INTERMINGLE IN OPPOSING LINES

Strange Friendliness Grows Up Between Opponents in the Trenches.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—There is an impersonality about this war of 1914 that makes one shudder. Men seem to be killing each other in perfect good nature—almost in fellowship. The only evidence of hatred one discovers on either side is in safe civility. Some one told the other day of a Scots sergeant commanding the guard over a detachment of German prisoners. One prisoner had the toothache. "Poor mannie," said the big Scot, sympathetically. "I'll ha' a bit of wire here. Open yer mouth and I'll soon ha' it out for you." Thereby displaying a bit of Christian charity, of a certainty.

But the same Scot had half a dozen or more notches on the butt of his gun. He explained that, like so many of the better shots, he was keeping a wee tab on the Germans he had killed. Lately his shooting had fallen off. He thought his rifle was out of kilter. He had missed two men lately, at less than 100 yards—fair standing shots.

On one part of the Calais battle-line the German and British trenches have been worked by traverses within fifty yards of each other. The head

that protrudes over either embankment is very apt to be drilled. Therefore the men had to get along on cold snacks. It was impossible for the cooks to get near them with their buckets of hot stew.

"Let's call it off for the dinner hour," the British called over the intervening space to the Germans. The enemy agreed heartily. No Englishman can get hungrier than a German. A daily armistice was agreed to, to begin at a given hour and end at a given hour. A signal for the beginning and end of the daily truce was arranged. So that at 5 and 6 o'clock each day the firing stopped, and the men crawled out of the wet nasty trenches and sat about in the sun and ate and shouted military jokes across the way to each other. When the hour was over they returned to their burrows and began popping away at each other's heads.

Both sides are musically inclined. The Germans have the better bands and more of them. Reports from a score of places have told of the evening concert, in which the Germans furnish the melodies and the British a large share of the applause. These do not happen every evening. But some days the British find themselves absolutely starved for music. By various devices they make their needs known to the enemy.

"Let's have a sing-song, what?" is the British way of putting it. That evening, after firing has stopped, for a part of this factory efficiency with which war is carried on nowadays prescribes that rifle firing is of little value after dusk—the German band parades to a point between the lines. There they play until they are tired. German airs for the most part, but invariably mixing in a few of the favorites of their hostile hosts. An especially good band is certain of enthusiastic applause. Sometimes the Germans have only phonographs and no band. The difference is one of degree only. The canned music hour is amicably enjoyed by both sides.

"We are singing Tipperary all along the line," they told me in Berlin. It's a catchy little air is "Tipperary," and the simple words are easily learned. So many of the Germans

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know English that weeks ago they had picked it up from hearing the fellows in the other trenches sing. They usually sing it better too, for music is recognized as an aid to the warlike spirit in Germany. The Briton is a singularly toneless bird, but because he likes music he makes an excellent audience. Almost every night, after the day's work is done, these model soldiers refer to fighting as work—some one in the German lines is certain to begin singing the simple little ditties of the Fatherland.

On at least one occasion, the artillery was to be shouted over: "Won't you sing 'Tipperary' next." **BIG GUNS ARE STOPPED.**

And so they sing the army song of Britain, and tired British soldiers sit in the darkness and listen. Sometimes, though not often, they join. On at least one occasion, the artillery duel was called off in order that the singing might not be interfered with. In any event, the big gun work always slackens with the darkness. It is said that there is no record of either side firing upon the other side's concert. Shells, have, of course, dropped among the singers. But, then, they came from a distance, and the artillerymen were not held responsible. They didn't know.

It often happens that the opposing trenches have been pushed so near each other that neither side dares attempt rifle fire. In that case a stalemate is reached. The men sit about in the bottom of their trenches, out of danger from everything except exploding shrapnel. They have nothing to do but sit. Days become impossibly long and dull. Then they arrange target matches. Each side puts up a proper target. The best rifle man on either side takes turns in firing. The other men keep themselves hidden, but watch the score. Each side signals the result of each shot. There is a story of an angry rifle-

man who threw down his gun and started single-handed to storm the German trenches.

"The—!" he roared at his prostrate comrades. "They signalled my bull a magpie."

FOOD IS EXCHANGED.

The British are particularly well supplied with "bully beef" in tins. The Germans all have sausage. As soon as a wounded German begins to convalesce he is placed on what can't vary his sausage with beef. So that some hungry man runs up a little individual flag.

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TUNNEL-BORING RECORDS BROKEN.

World's records for tunnel-boring have been established by Messrs. Foley Bros., Welch and Stewart, contractors, on the C. P. R., Rofers Pass tunnel scheme. Last month, states Mr. A. C. Dennis, superintendent of construction for the contractors, 877 feet of the "pioneer" heading—the preliminary shaft running parallel to the main passage, from which operation began (and 8900 ft) headings are directed at several points—was excavated. The American record for a month's tunnel boring was 810 feet, and this feat was accomplished in 23 days, while others were only 30 days last month.

The maximum amount of excavation on a tunnel heading for a day was formerly 36 feet, this projecting being accomplished on the Simplon tunnel through the Alps. This record was eclipsed one day last month on the tunnel through the Selkirks, when 37 feet were excavated. The world's record was beaten also for a week, 22 feet of rock being bored.

As a result of the rapid progress now being made with the tunneling operations, the contractors are now confident that they will put the Rogers' tunnel through several months earlier than their contract with the C. P. R. calls for. The five-mile, double-tracked passage through the base of Mount Macdonald is to be ready according to the terms of the firm's agreement by the end of 1916.

At the present rate of projection it is estimated that the tunnel will be completed in the summer of 1916.

There remains 10,000 feet of the "pioneer" shaft yet to be driven, 10,600 feet having already been bored. At the west end of construction, 817 feet of the preliminary shaft and 545 feet of the main passage was excavated last month. From the eastern portal 527 feet of the former and 598 feet of the latter was projected.

Although the work has been well advanced, the hardest part of the actual boring has yet to be done. Mr. Dennis states that the next two miles through the heart of the mountain will have to be dug out of a particularly hard kind of rock.

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Perhaps the finest feature of the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris is the Sainte-Chapelle, built by Louis IX in 1245, for the reception of the various relics which he brought from the Holy Land. This chapel is, perhaps, the greatest existing masterpiece of Gothic art, and at a cost of \$250,000 by Napoleon III, it was restored to its original splendor.

Amiens Cathedral is another of France's thirteenth-century churches, to which the world pays annual visits. This was the church which sent Ruskin into raptures, and which he and other people have described as "the other people's medieval structure." Its incomparable facade, galleries filled with the statues of kings, its superb windows and tapestries, and above all its beautiful choir-stalls and chapels, make the Amiens Cathedral incomparable in many respects.

Of special historical interest to British people is the cathedral of Rouen, for it was there that the heart of Richard Cœur de Lion was buried prior to its being removed to the extensive Museum of Antiquities.

Another interesting fact regarding the Rouen Cathedral is that the notable south tower was built at the end of the fifteenth century with what was termed "indulgences" money, reserved by the church for permission to eat butter during Lent. The splendors of the south transept, its rose windows and wonderful sculpture, have excited the admiration of all lovers of the beautiful.

Neither should one forget the glorious cathedral of Chartres, built chiefly between 1194 and 1269. It is noted for its solidity as well as beauty. One of its spires—there are two—being generally regarded as the most beautiful on the continent. Like most other famous French cathedrals, it boasts some magnificent rose windows. Over 160 of the latter retain their thirteenth-century glass, forming a display of jeweled color unequalled elsewhere.

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Sir Nigel
By A. Conan Doyle
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"You have some plan in your mind, Simon? I had wished to tell Sir Robert, but he is preparing the assault for to-morrow and will not be turned from his purpose. I have indeed a plan, but whether it is good or not I cannot say until I have tried it. But first I will tell you what put it into my thoughts. Know then that this morning when I was in your ditch I marked one of their men upon the wall. He was a big man with a white face, red hair and a touch of Saint Anthony's fire upon the cheek."

"But what has this to do with Aylward?"

"I will show you. This evening after the assault I chanced to walk with some of my fellows, round your small fort upon the knoll to see if we could spy a weak spot."

"Some of them came to the wall to curse us, and among them whom should I see but a big man with a white face, red hair and a touch of Anthony's fire upon his cheek? What make you of that, Squire Nigel?"

"That this man had crossed from the castle to the fort."

"In good sooth, it must indeed be so. There are not two such keen-sighted men in the world. But if he crossed from the castle to the fort, it was not above the ground, for our own people were between."

"By Saint Paul! I see your meaning, Squire Nigel. It is your mind that there is a passage under the earth from one to the other."

"I am well sure of it."

"Then if we should take the small fore we may pass down this tunnel, and so carry the great castle also."

"Such a thing might happen," said Squire Nigel, "and yet it is dangerous also, for surely those in the castle would bear our assaults upon the fort and so would be warned of our passage against us, and to slay the prisoners before we could come."

"What then is your rode?"

"Could we find where the tunnel lay, Squire Nigel, I know not what is to prevent us from digging down upon it and breaking into it so that both fort and castle are at our mercy before either knows that we are there."

Nigel clapped his hands with joy. "Fore God!" he cried. "It is a most noble plan! But alas! Simon; I see not how we can tell the course of the passage or where we should dig."

"I have peasants yonder with spades," said Simon. "There are two of my friends, Harding of Barnstable and Westcountry John who are waiting for us with their gear. If you will come to lead us, Squire Nigel, we are ready to venture our bodies in the attempt."

"What would Knolles say in case they failed?" asked Squire Nigel. "The Bessie had seen through Nigel's mind, but another came swiftly behind it. He would not venture further unless he found hopes of success. And if he did venture further, he would put his life every doubt banished from his mind, for all errors. And if on the other hand success crowned their efforts, then Knolles would forgive his failure at the gate way. A minute later, every doubt banished from his mind, he was making his way through the darkness under the guidance of Black Simon.

"Outside the camp the two other peasants were waiting for them, and the four advanced together. Presently a little group of figures loomed up in the darkness. It was a cloudy night, and a thin rain was falling, obscured both the castle and the fort; but a stone had been placed by Simon in the daytime which assured that they were between the two.

"Is blind Andreas there?" asked Simon.

"Yes, kind sir, I am here," said a voice.

"This man," said Simon, "was once rich and of good repute, but who was beggared by this robber lord, who afterwards put his eyes so that he has lived for many years in darkness at the charity of others."

"How can he help us in our enterprise if he be indeed blind?" said Nigel.

"It is for that very reason, fair lord, that he can be of greater service than any other man." Simon answered; "for it often happens that when a man has lost a sense the good God will strengthen those that remain. Hence it is that Andreas has such ears that he can hear the sap in the trees or the cheep of the mouse in its burrow. He has come to help us to find the tunnel."

"And I have found it," said the blind man proudly. "Here I have placed my staff upon the line of it. Twice as I lay there with my ear to the ground I have heard footsteps pass beneath me."

"I trust you make no mistake, old man," said Nigel.

For answer the blind man raised his staff and smote twice upon the ground, once to the right and once to the left. The one gave a dull thud, the other a hollow boom.

"Can you not hear that?" he asked. "Will you ask me now if I make a mistake?"

"Indeed, we are much beholden to you," cried Nigel. "Let the peasants dig then, and as silently as they may. Do you keep your ear upon the ground, Andreas, so that if any pass beneath us we shall be warned."

So, amid the driving rain, the little group toiled in the darkness. The blind man lay silent, flat upon his face, and twice he heard his warning hiss and stopped their work whilst some one passed beneath. In an hour they had dug down to a stone arch which was clearly the outer side of the tunnel roof. Here was a sad obstacle for it might take long to hoveen a stone and if their work was not done by the break of day then their enterprise was indeed hopeless. They loosened the mortar with

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JUST LIKE MANOEUVRES

We have had a glorious "scrap" Our brigade got among the Germans with the bayonet yesterday. Their trenches will not require much filling in. Our chaps were delighted with the victory and their capture. It was funny to see them bringing in great numbers—one of our nine Germans in some cases; over 1,500 from what I can gather, besides those left on the field, which must have been very heavy. One of our officers said it was just like manoeuvres the way our boys went at them; nothing could stop them, Somehow, I fancy, we won't be very long in clearing them out; a few days like the 23rd and Christmas and the wife and kiddies will loom very largely. We are all very hopeful, and you know what a victory like that means to our boys; it will make them irresistible.—From a N. C. O. of the First Loyal N. Lancashire Regiment.

THE MALTA CUP.

A story told of Lord Fisher and Lord Charles Beresford, when both stationed in the Mediterranean, will bear repeating at this time. A competition had been held at Malta for a prize which is annually presented by

Lord Fisher. It is known as the Malta Cup, and having so far always having been won by a crew belonging to the Admiral's flagship, it was fully expected by Lord Fisher that this record would be maintained. On this particular occasion, however, a crew of the Ramillies (commanded by Lord Charles Beresford) carried it off instead. A day or two later the fleet was practicing manoeuvres, and Admiral Fisher—whose reputation as a stern disciplinarian is well known—was dissatisfied with the performance of the Ramillies. He signalled accordingly to his commander the message: "Explain your reason for being late in executing manoeuvre." Without a moment's delay, the answer came, "We are towing the Malta Cup."

REFUGEES LIKE WOLVES.

I am getting on much better with the Flemish than with the French, as there is something of English, French and Dutch in it. I spoke in five tongues to a lady, but only a vacant stare greeted me for some time. Then she said, "Will you give me a glass of beer?" in pukka English. Leg-pulling, if you like. I felt about a foot six inches. Still the road to victory is by tortuous paths. We are all in the seventh heaven. We have given the Germans an awful slap, and have them going all along the line. Our troops got among them with the bayonet, and nothing could withstand their individual stodge, and heroism must be passed over, but it would do you good to hear some of them. The morale of our men is excellent, and it won't be long before you hear of this part of the country clear of the enemy. The poor refugees come around us like wolves, kiddies crying for food and we can't refuse them. An empty stomach is a very delicate organism, which in a woman's won't fight as easily. Result: light pack, light stomach, but an easy conscience.—From a North Lancashire sergeant.

HISTORY OF LON.

DON SCOTTISH.
The London Scottish is the First Territorial Battalion at the front, the Second Battalion is eagerly awaiting the call, and a Third Battalion is being formed. The corps was formed in July, 1898, as a result of a threatened invasion by the French, and the Earl of Wemyss, whose death occurred a few months ago, was the first colonel. From the earliest days of its organization the corps has been entirely composed of Scotsmen resident in London, the Highland Society fostering the scheme. In 1899 the strength was 600. To-day the First Battalion is at the front at full strength. There are 1,145 men in the Second Battalion, and 1,780 have been sent to join the Highland Brigade of Bedford. Few Territorial Corps can show a record such as this.

LORD FISHER.

Though Lord Fisher's methods are stern and his manner brusque, he is much respected in the navy. "Tell," he said, referring to one of his captains who pleaded that it was impossible to get to a certain place on a certain date, "that if he is not ready to leave for—on the day named, 'I'll have him towed there.'" And yet he can display the qualities of a born courtier. When Queen Victoria asked him to be "very nice" to French Admiral Gervais, who was visiting Portsmouth, Lord Fisher answered: "Madam, I'll kiss him if your majesty wishes," and he would have done it too. But with all his stern insistence on discipline, there is no more simple, charming man than "Jackie," as the tars used to call him, in his moods of relaxing; and he has shown a thousand times what a good heart beats under a rough exterior.

FUNERAL AS A RUSE.

One of the most remarkable stories of a German ruse in war was told by F. T. Jane in the Evening Standard last night. "I know that it actually did occur," he said. "A trencher approached a British trench at—. In front a priest reading prayers from a book, then the coffin with a pall on it, and behind some weeping mourners. The British officer in the trench being a man of sentiment, and no shell fire being on at the moment, ordered his men to stand at salute as the coffin passed. They did so. The priest saluted back. Then he pulled off the pall, and the coffin, which was a Maxim, killed or wounded every British soldier in that trench."

Could Not Help Being Pro-Belgian

In the present war non-combatant citizens of the United States have decided advantages over similarly non-combatant citizens of other countries, says the London Times, and no American, perhaps, has turned the advantages to better account than Mr. E. Alexander Powell, who acted as special correspondent of the New World in Belgium. Mr. Powell, as a neutral, was able to pass in many places in German occupation where a British correspondent would have been summarily shot. Mr. Powell saw many things in Belgium which were screened from others, and as he writes entertainingly, "Fighting in Flanders" (Heinemann, 6s.) is altogether readable and interesting book. In spite of the rather particular

pains which General von Boehn and the officers of his staff took to convert the American correspondent to the German view, Mr. Powell, who went to Belgium, he says, "with an open mind," left the country strongly anti-German and in sympathy with the Allies. "I am pro-Belgian," he should be ashamed to be anything else," he writes. It was what he saw of the horrors at Aerschot and Louvain—"the orgy of blood and lust and destruction"—which convinced him; and any one who yet has doubt about the truth of many of the stories of German atrocities has only to read this book.

Here, for instance, is an account of conversation with General von Boehn:—"Three days ago," said I, "I was in Aerschot. The whole town is now but a ghastly, blackened ruin." "When we entered Aerschot," was the reply, "the son of the burgomaster came into the room where our officers were dining and assassinated the Chief of Staff. What followed was retribution. The townspeople got only what they deserved."

"But why wreck your vengeance on women and children?" I asked. "None have been killed," the general asserted positively. "I am sorry to contradict you, general, but I have myself seen their bodies."

"Of course," replied General Boehn, "there is always danger of women and children being killed in street fighting if they insist on coming into the streets. It is unfortunate but it is war." "But how about a woman's body I saw with the hands and feet cut off? How about the white-haired man and his son whom I helped to bury outside of Sempt, who had been killed merely because a retreating Belgian soldier had shot a German soldier outside their house? There were 22 bayonet wounds in the old man's face. I counted them. How about the little girl, two years old, who was shot while in her mother's arms by a Uhlán and whose funeral I attended at Heyst-on-den-Berg? How about the old man near Vilvorde who was hung by his hands from the rafters of his house and roasted to death by a bonfire being built under him." The general seemed taken aback by the exactness of my information.

ANOTHER INSIDE VIEW OF GERMANY.

Dr. Gibbons used to be professor of History at a college in Constantinople, and he has long been a recognized student in various countries of European affairs. He has just issued a book entitled, "The new map of Europe." He declares that the world political idea held for many years by Germany, "is the most vital and burning problem in the world to-day," and that it has been largely responsible for the unrest which has culminated in the present war. He demonstrates that the Fatherland as part of her program for making German influence a vital factor throughout the globe has adopted as a political principle the proposition, "once a German always a German."

With reference to this fact he records a hitherto unknown incident that on January 1st last the Reichstag and the Bundesrat—the two German houses—with practical unanimity passed a law giving Germany naturalized in other countries permission to still retain their citizenship.

Article XXV, Section 2, of the new citizenship law provides, says the author, that:—"Citizenship is not lost by one who before acquiring foreign citizenship has secured on application the written consent of the competent authorities of his home state to retain his citizenship."

Dr. Gibbons points out that this simply means that:—"Germans, who have emigrated to other countries, secure the amazing opportunity to acquire foreign citizenship without losing their German citizenship."

Dr. Gibbons says that this German idea of a divine pre-eminence has in recent years brought Germany "into conflict with Great Britain and France outside of Europe, and with Russia in Europe." As far as her colonial aspirations are concerned, the author thinks it natural enough that Germany should desire over-sea possessions, when she views the vast holdings of rival powers, but the difficulty has been that Germany began her movements for colonies too late, at a time when most of the desirable land open to European occupation had already been seized by England, France and Russia. Nevertheless, Germany has sought to make its influence vitally felt in both hemispheres trying to do, and in many cases succeeding in doing, indirectly what she could not do directly—through German bankers and merchants and settlers and ships getting a grip on countries over which it was not possible to raise the German flag.

"The creation of a strong navy has had the inevitable result of bringing Germany into conflict with Great Britain, and has done so 'because the navy is the safeguard of commerce.' The author declares, as other writers have declared in somewhat similar language, that 'the belief of the German people in the superiority of their race and its world-civilizing mission is a sober fact,' and he states that the belief is one of the chief causes leading to the present trouble. He insists that the movement represents the views of the German people as a whole, and that this war 'is the war of the people, intelligently and deliberately willed by them.'"

An investigation has been ordered by the Militia Department into the conduct of soldiers at the Bourassa meeting in Ottawa.

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WILL RETURN TO THE FRONT.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 18.—3.55 a.m.—According to The Telegraf, Emperor William, who has been detained in Berlin for some time because of illness, will return to the front this week.

CROWN OF FRANCE'S EFFORTS.

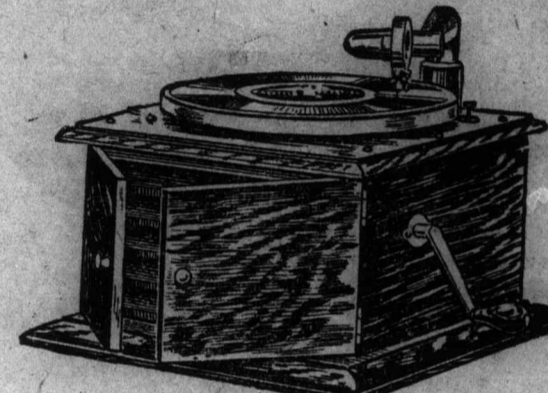
London Chronicle—Britain has done on land more than she was expected to do in the first instance, and main strength on land is one of the things that cannot be exerted till next year. Let us hope that in conjunction with the mighty efforts of Russia it will then crown the long labors of France who has indeed upon the land borne the burden and heat of the day.

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Some Say The War Has Made Him Ten Year Younger.

[By Special Wire to the Courier.]
NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—A London cable to The Herald says:

The description that different correspondents have given of the Kaiser has aroused an interest—one might almost say a curiosity—in the present condition of the man who is reported to have been seriously ill.

He has been described as a broad old man. His hair has grown white with anxiety. He has dyed it; he has turned grey by the hair; both versions are current. His aspect is regarded, almost maniacal. His eyes are those of an insomniac. He is reported to have shaved off his hair, his mustache, and his sideburns, but found too little credence to be severe. This may be described as the triple entente view of the German Emperor.

A very different Kaiser is pictured by German and Austrian and even Italian writers. Baron Von Skoda, a name made almost as famous as Krippy by the effect of his famous howlers—recently made a trip to the German headquarters and described his impressions to the News-Peace of Vienna. He said he found Kaiser in the best of health, looking extremely fit. The rumor of his ill health and of his hair being turned grey is dismissed as an invention. "Every day the Kaiser was occupied with exhausting work, and he executed it with surprising elasticity and energy."

An Italian journalist bore similar witness in the Giornale D'Italia. "I saw the Kaiser several times at the start of the war. He wrote as follows: 'Each time he was struck by a hard, flinty tragic look on his face in which not a nerve quivered even the most enthusiastic ovation which did not evince even the shadow of a smile. It was the Kaiser of former years. The Kaiser, whom British and French papers describe as an elderly broken down man, makes, on the contrary, the impression of having grown ten years younger.'"

Baron Von Skoda's trip to write Kaiser was not simply to write a pen picture for the Vienna press. The baron is head of one of the greatest armament factories in the world—the Skodawerke pistol—and armament makers never lose an opportunity of making hay while the sun shines. It would be surprising if Baron Von Skoda's trip to German headquarters was unconnected with provision of guns. Certainly he writes like an enthusiastic commercial traveler.

In Berlin twenty-five hospitals have been improvised with accommodation for about 20,000 wounded, the British medical journals say. Buildings as they are erected for Olympic games have been converted into hospitals to cope with the thousands of wounded. Factories, museums, picture galleries and theatres have been transformed into hospitals. Among these is a high school of sculpture and paintings where had to give place to the wounded.

The severely wounded are conveyed singly from the station to the hospitals in motor ambulances, constant stream of which is to be seen daily in and about Berlin. Many of utter weariness and collapse after the long railway journey. Many cases they had not taken their clothes off for several weeks, they left on the mind an impression of utter weariness and gun and wool is already imminent.

AERO RAID.
BERLIN, Dec. 19.—(Via London)—Two of the allied aeroplanes over Saarburg, Lorraine, at midday Thursday and dropped ten bombs which killed a Uhlán corporal and severely wounded cavalryman and severely wounded another girl. The material damage done in the town was considerable. The aviators also threw two bombs at the railroad station at Rieding, two bombs at the village of Heer.

The expenditure of the Department of Works in Toronto during the year amounted to \$19,966,183. The Workmen's Compensation Board have notified manufacturers of assessment rates to be charged up the new compensation act.