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RUSSIANS ARE DOING VERY WELL

German Victory Has Been Contradicted by Recent Events

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A London cable to the Herald says: "Russia, according to reports from various sources, is proceeding with the investment of Cracow and Przemysl as though no Austrian-German pressure were being applied in Poland. An effort by the Przemyslarrison yesterday and the day before to break through the Russian line was repulsed, and the Austrians were driven back to the fortress with very heavy loss. The advance of the Austrian army through the Carpathian passes has been checked, and Vienna admits that Galicia and South Poland are again well occupied by G and Duke Nicholas' forces. "With regard to the operations on the north bank of the Vistula, Petrograd reported officially last night that the Germans in North Poland have retreated across the East Prussian border in a northwesterly direction. AUSTRIA'S DISCONTENT NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A special cable to the Herald from Paris says: "Discontent with German domination is increasing rapidly in Austria, where the people are saying the Austrians are being exposed to slaughter to save the Germans. Numerous duels have taken place between German and Austrian officers, and the German staff is continually replacing Austrian officers with German non-commissioned officers. Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is quoted as saying: "I will not continue to direct the campaign unless the Archduke remains at least three miles behind the firing line."

ADDED EXPENDITURE OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The enforcement of the new Workmen's Compensation Act, as passed by the Ontario Legislature last session, will mean an added expenditure to R. Booth, the big Ottawa lumberman, and largest employer of labor in the city, of \$22,000, the tax on his payroll which averages annually about 1,000,000, varies from \$1.40 to 2.50 per cent.

BRANTFORD OFFICERS AMONG THOSE TURNED BACK

Many on First Contingent Will Return to Canada and Leave on the Next—Official List at Ottawa.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—An official list of Canadian officers returning from Salisbury, and who are expected to take commissions in the second contingent, comprises the following: Lieut.-Col. C. D. McPherson, Portage La Prairie; Lieut.-Col. J. R. Kirkpatrick, Woodstock, N.B.; Lieut.-Col. C. A. S. Hamilton, reserve of officers; Lieut. Col. C. A. Andrews, Aldershot, N.S.; Lieut.-Col. E. S. Bowes St. Isidore; Lieut.-Col. C. Readman, Ste. Anne de la Parade; Major J. J. Bull, Woodstock, N.B.; Major J. J. Heurteur, Ste. Anne de la Parade; Major Cressey, Sudbury; Major C. M. Wallbridge, Belleville; Major R. C. T. De Cam, algary; Captain J. H. Conure, Nicolette; Captain E. M. Pappineau, Joliette; Captain A. M. Pappineau, Joliette; Captain J. J. Dussault, Montmagny; Captain Bilodeau, Lewis; Captain C. E. LeBlanc, Ste. Anne de la Parade; Captain B. A. Cousins, Winnipeg; Captain A. Savard, QQuebec; Captain L. Turgeon, St. Isidore; Capt. J. O. Merritt, St. Catharines; Captain H. A. Gagnon, Joliette; Captain G. H. Carpentier, Dunas; Captain R. E. Wallace, Whitby; Captain G. C. Lindsay, address not given; Captain T. G. Finn, Portage La Prairie; Captain J. Lowe, Moncton; Captain E. C. Daniels, address not given; Lieut. G. Coderre, Sherbrooke; Lieut. J. H. Loucey, Lewis; Lieut. J. H. Forester, Portage La Prairie; Lieut. E. E. Fancy, Saltmarsh; Lieut. R. G. Lloyd; Lieut. J. W. R. Latimer, Lloydminster; Lieut. C. E. Belzile, Rimouski; Lieut. C. L. Graves, Woodstock, N.B.; Lieut. F. E. Leonard; Lieut. A. W. Proctor, Lieut. T. R. MacKenzie, Sherbrooke; Lieut. G. Porteous, Alberta; Lieut. W. B. Collier, cadet instructor, Toronto; Lieut. T. G. Johnson, Peterboro.

PARIS IS CHEERFUL; ALLIES ADVANCING IN EVERY PART

[By Special Wire to the Courier] PARIS, Dec. 22.—There is very little news from the front to-day, but that little is cheerful reading for civilization—in other words, for the allies. On the frontier of Eastern Prussia the Russians have inflicted a serious defeat on the enemy. As proof of this Lieut. Colonel Rousset, in The Liberte, directs attention to the Miava region and the fact that Field Marshal

CRIST OF WAR NEWS IS GIVEN

London Not Inclined to Believe That Allies Are Advancing.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Dec. 22.—It is only at the northern and southern extremities of the line of battle in the eastern arena of war that any marked change is to be noted to-day; in the western theatre, siege warfare of a most stubborn and laborious kind persists. This briefly sums up the situation, both in the east and the west to-day, so far as has been disclosed by the official statements. The ultimate outcome of the German advance upon Warsaw is still problematical, as a decisive conflict has yet to be fought. Although the Russian centre has retired, it now has been reinforced and it is holding a line on the Bzura, from its junction with the Vistula. North of the Vistula, if the reports from Petrograd may be believed, the Germans have been whipped and pushed back over the frontier until their line now stretches behind Soldau, which is midway between Lauenburg and Niedenburg, in East Prussia. To the south, it is contended in Russian reports that the movement of the Austrians through the Carpathian mountains has been defeated simultaneously with the defeat of the garrison at Przemysl, which was hurried back after attempted sortie from this fortress. The British press comments to-day on General Joffre's order to advance as called to London from Berlin. The papers say that while they are unable to vouch for the authenticity of this document, it certainly seems to indicate a moment of sunshine such as occurred when the lower picture was being taken. The inundation area stretches southeast from Nieuport in front of Peruyse to a little beyond Dixmude, a distance of some ten miles.

THE STRUGGLE IN INUNDATED AREA OF BELGIUM.



BRITISH CAVALRYMEN CLEANING MUD OFF ACCOUTREMENTS DURING A RAINSTORM.



THE METAL SHIELDS USED IN GUARDING THE INUNDATED AREA.

These photographs give a very fair idea of the dreadful and uncomfortable conditions which have been existing in the trenches owing both a melting of the snow and to downpours of rain. Woodwork and tarpaulin shelters have been erected whenever it has been possible to obtain material for such structures. But in spite of all endeavors the conditions have been uncomfortable and the men have gladly welcomed a moment of sunshine such as occurred when the lower picture was being taken. The inundation area stretches southeast from Nieuport in front of Peruyse to a little beyond Dixmude, a distance of some ten miles.

FRENCH WAR OFFICE TELLS OF ADVANCES MADE ALONG FRONT

Its Slow Work but Its Sure--Blowing Up of Trenches--Germans Are Believed to be Demoralized.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] PARIS, Dec. 22.—The French War Office last night made public a report of an eye-witness of events along the battle line from Dec. 7 to Dec. 15. It says: "During the period from the 7th to the 15th of Dec. the ascendancy gained by our infantry has placed us in a position to make in various sections of the front progress which seems to have disturbed the enemy. The German infantry is more cautious and continuous sniping by them denotes a certain note of nervousness. The fact that they are using searchlights and lighting rockets more and more reveals also their fear of attacks. "After the expensive and useless experiments of last month our adversaries seem almost everywhere to be reduced to defensive measures, and it is we who on the whole of the front have assumed the offensive. "Also, in the artillery duels our batteries are showing more and more superiority. HOUSES MINED The report then cites a number of engagements in which the enemy's trenches have been captured, all of which have appeared in the official reports from day to day. In some of the villages taken it was discovered that the houses were mined, the explosives were in place, but the engineers had not had time to fire them. In one instance in the region of Lille, where a German sapping tunnel was blown up with a mine, the French zouaves and sappers sprang immediately into the excavation made by the explosion. Once there, according to the report, they bombarded the German trenches with melinite petards. The same day near Lihons one of the French mines was detonated and blew up and destroyed a German counter mine. The enemy's sappers were thrown into the air in the midst of a cloud of smoke. "It is in the Argonne that the enemy shows the most activity. "The sapping was in mixed with infantry attacks. On the 7th in the forest of La Gurrie were detonated one of our mines and pushed farther one of our trenches. On the 2th we made progress in the forest of Romlande. "To the west of Berthes we exploded three mines and immediately afterwards one of our battalions stormed the first line of German trenches which we captured. "On the 9th the Germans made two attacks toward Bagatelle and another attack in front of St. Hubert. These attacks were repulsed. Twice the enemy made vain and costly attempts to recapture the trenches they had lost to the west of Berthe. "On the 10th we continued, in spite of an attack, toward Bagatelle. A German officer who invited our soldiers to surrender, was shot through the head. At St. Hubert after fierce fighting we succeeded in holding our front, except at one point, where we immediately threw up a back trench. "Toward Courtechausses we advanced by means of sapping and forced the enemy to evacuate a small fortified position. "On the 11th we had to sustain in the forest of La Gurrie and at Belante a bombardment. The enemy by the use of outposts attempted to interfere with our works at Haute Chevauche. They attacked vainly with rifle fire, but succeeded in blowing up one of our trenches, with a mine. On the 12th German mines caused us to lose in the same place some other trenches. HOCKEY SHOES AT COLES A girl cashier and a cook in Child's restaurant, New York, folled a \$2,500 robbery.

HON. HANNA WILL REMAIN ON JOB AND LUCAS SUCCEEDS FOY

Changes in the Ontario Cabinet Are Announced—Ferguson and McGarry are New Members and Both Are Fighters.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] TORONTO, Dec. 22.—Important changes in the Ontario Cabinet were announced at noon to-day after the Lieutenant-Governor had duly sworn in T. W. McGarry, of Renfrew, as Provincial Treasurer, and G. Howard Ferguson as Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines. Hon. W. J. Hanna, who was generally slated as successor of Hon. J. J. Foy as Attorney-General, declined to change his portfolio, and remains Provincial Secretary, while Hon. T. B. Lucas becomes Attorney-General. Hon. Mr. Foy resigns his portfolio on account of ill-health, but remains a member of the Cabinet without portfolio. Dr. David Jamieson, (South Grey), is the Government's choice for the office of Speaker. It is understood that Hon. W. J. Hanna has not been in favor of accepting the Attorney-Generalship. He would have much sooner have remained Provincial Secretary and followed Hon. I. B. Lucas to become Attorney-General. Mr. Hanna was given until Monday night to reach a decision, and he finally decided that he would not take the place left vacant by the resignation of Hon. J. J. Foy. The Hon. I. B. Lucas was quite willing to become either Provincial Secretary or Attorney-General, and it was up to Mr. Hanna to say which portfolio he would take for the future. G. Howard Ferguson and Tom McGarry have been known for many years as the greatest of friends, and one did not desire a portfolio unless the other also received one. These two members have been the siege artillery for the government for many sessions, and in debate, Mr. McGarry generally protected the interests of the party. Mr. Hanna's main reason for not wanting to leave the post of Provincial Secretary was on account of the prison reform measures, which he had instituted. It was suggested that he might transfer this branch of the department to the Attorney-General's department, but he did not think it fair to Mr. Lucas to take away such an important work. Both Mr. Lucas and Mr. Hanna bear reputations of being hard workers, and there is no doubt but that the Cabinet has been strengthened by the changes. The Hon. J. J. Foy will likely retire into private life, although it has been hinted that he might go to the senate. Among those who should know, it is not considered likely that Mr. Foy would care to become a senator. The Hon. William John Hanna, K.C., member for West Lambton, was born October 13, 1862, in Middlesex county. He was first elected to the Ontario Legislature at the general elections in 1892. On being appointed provincial secretary by Sir James Whitney in 1905, he was re-elected by acclamation. The Hon. Isaac Benson Lucas, member for Centre Grey, was born in Lambton county, September 19, 1867, and practiced for many years as a barrister. He was elected to the Ontario legislature in 1898, and in 1909 appointed minister without portfolio. On the death of Hon. A. J. Matheson in 1913, he was given the portfolio of provincial treasurer. George Howard Ferguson, B.A., L.L.B., member for Grenville, is a barrister. He was born at Kemppville, Ont., on June 18, 1860, and passed his life graduated from the University of Toronto and the Osgoode Law School. He was councillor and also generally protected the interests of the party. (Continued on Page Four.)

STRIKING SUCCESS IS ACHIEVED BY ALLIES IN THEIR OFFENSIVE

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A London Daily Express despatch from Northern France to The Herald says: "It can be said with every confidence that the general offensive movement on the part of the allies, which began nearly a week ago, has met with striking success, although they have not gained any sweeping victories. The extraordinary conditions that govern the battle in Flanders preclude any possibility of a quick and decisive victory. Successes here are measured in yards, but develop gradually into miles, and the battle can be decided only on points. On points the advantage is all with the allies. They are driving the Germans from trenches and consolidating positions gained. To the northeast of Ypres the progress is even more marked. One by one the villages, important defensive positions, are being taken, and the Germans are gradually retiring in the direction of Ghent. If the progress is slow, it is deadly sure. The advance is general and is confined to no particular area."

GERMAN ARTILELRY DOES NOT DO VERY GREAT HARM

So Writes James Young, Brother of John Young 233 Dalhousie Street—Interesting Letter From the Front.

The following letter has been received by Mr. Joseph Young, 233 Dalhousie street, from his brother, now in France. Somewhere on the Continent. Dear Brother: I write you these few lines not knowing whether you will ever read them or not, but hoping you will. The first thing I want to tell you is this. We are not allowed to mention any name of towns, villages, rivers, mountains, or even on what part of the continent we are, but I think there is no harm in letting you know that we have taken part in all the big battles that have been fought, with the exception of the retreat from Mons. The battery has done well, and I don't believe we could have a better lot of officers in the Royal Regiment of Artillery. We have done some great shooting, with these long-ranged heavy guns, and hardly any casualties among us. If I were allowed to mention names, I might be able to write you a sensible letter, but as things are at present I can't let you know very much. As regards the Germans, I don't think much of them. Yesterday they sent down a shell over where we are at present, and did practically no damage. They are very extravagant people, and simply waste their ammunition. Their infantry fires from the hip, taking no aim, their weight of numbers getting them few successes. But anyhow, I haven't been hit yet nor don't expect to be, except accidentally. I met Baxter out there several times. He is in the same division as myself. He and I had a night or two together and enjoyed ourselves very much. Are you doing anything in your old regiment or have you finished altogether. What do you think of Albert joining Kitchener's army? He won't have such big pay-days now. Dave is down in Plymouth I don't know what company he is in. We have got bags of clothes and food out here, tobacco and cigarettes an issue of rum and other luxuries which we don't get at home. What about a trip to Europe after the war is over. I should like to see you all. I don't know whether I will re-engage. With best love from your affectionate brother, JAMES.



BELGIAN MACHINE GUN IN ACTION—ACTUAL SCENE IN THE GREAT WAR PICTURES AT THE GRAND, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, DEC. 25 AND 26. MATINEE DAILY.

SANTA CLAUS IS FACING BIG JOB ON WEDNESDAY

One Thousand Children to be Looked After—Every Detail of Arrangement Has Been Looked After by Energetic Committee.

Santa Claus has a big night's work ahead of him to-morrow when, in the local armories, he will distribute from a mammoth Christmas Tree, gifts to approximately 1000 children who might this year have been overlooked had not Santa's appeal to the generous citizens of Brantford met with a ready response. Every detail of the arrangements have been completed, and it promises to be a night long to be remembered not only by the children, who receive gifts, but also by the older people who are privileged to be present and incidentally by all who have contributed to the Kiddies Christmas Tree fund. Invitation cards, which will be used for identification purposes, have been sent to each child whom the investigators have reported favorably and the kiddies are asked to remember to take these cards with them to the armories, as otherwise they will not be entitled to receive gifts from Santa Claus' store. The old fellow will be present in person, but owing to the great amount of work he will have to do, he has asked a number of local ladies and gentlemen to be present and assist him in seeing that none who are entitled to receive a gift is overlooked.

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Social and Personal

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

Miss C. Edmanson, 212 Nelson St. is spending a few days in Toronto.

Harold Brewster has arrived home for the Christmas vacation.

Mr. Jas. H. Edmonson, representative for T. J. Fair Co., is home for Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Gibbons, of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Baker, of Toronto, will spend Xmas in town, the guests of Mrs. J. G. Cookshutt.

Mr. Carl O. Apps of McGill University, Montreal, will spend the Christmas vacation with his parents at Evergreen Lodge.

Mel Brock, the well known sprinter who was picked to represent Canada in the Olympic games, is at present sojourning with his parents in the city.

MR. F. J. BISHOP

Is Elected Director of the Big Coniagas Silver Mine.

ST. CATHARINES, Dec. 22.—The eighth annual meeting of the Coniagas Mines, Ltd., was held here yesterday afternoon. The following board of directors was re-elected: President and General Manager, Major R. W. Leonard, St. Catharines; Vice-Presidents—Alex. Longwell, Toronto; R. P. Rogers, Cobalt; F. J. Bishop, Brantford; and W. D. Woodruff, St. Catharines; Secretary-Treasurer, J. J. McKean, St. Catharines.

On account of the low price of silver and the conditions of the country owing to the war, the operations, while very successful, were not quite so prosperous as in the three previous years. Still, the reports presented was highly satisfactory.

The payment of \$7,000,000 in dividends on the capital stock of 4,000,000 shares in proportion to 1913 was shown in the report presented. Since November 1st last year, when \$560,000 was paid, there have been three dividends of \$960,000 each—in February, May and August—and a quarterly dividend of \$440,000 on November 1st this year. Ore reserves are estimated at 11,904,000 ounces. The total shipments of ore aggregated 20,000,000 ounces. Reductions in earnings was attributed to the low price of silver and the diminishing output of high grade ore stacked at the mine.

Silver shipments for the year totalled 2,973,984 ounces, of concentrates (dry weight). Ore was mined and concentrated at the mine at a net cost of 12,444 cents per ounce, as compared with 8,776 cents per ounce the previous year.

Music and Drama

THE CHOCOLATE SOLDIER

Of all the lighter works of the European composers that have come across the water to amuse and entertain American audiences, none has reaped a success in any degree comparable to that of "The Chocolate Soldier," the exquisite Viennese opera by Oscar Strauss based upon Geo. Bernard Shaw's satiric comedy of burlesque and romance in Bulgaria, Arms and the Man. Its exuberant melody, its radiant with freshness and beauty, lend harmony to a story told amid a score of delightful comic situations, and peopled with the charming contradiction, ludicrous human types that Bernard Shaw draws with nurturing pen.

The coming of "The Chocolate Soldier" to this city is set for Wednesday, Dec. 23, at the Grand Opera House. Mr. Whitney has given a new grace and elegance to the production this season by the construction of new scenery, and by duplicating the costumes throughout, in order to maintain the high standard of excellence which has for years been associated with a Whitney production. In the Whitney Opera Co. the star system is unknown; this eliminates all weakness in the minor roles which is the shortcoming of most light opera companies. The high degree of talent which Mr. Whitney insists upon in his companies is increased by the fact that every member of the company presenting "The Chocolate Soldier" can boast of a grand opera training.

AT THE GRAND. Harry Lauder, the Scotch comedy star, saw the war pictures which come to the Grand Friday and Saturday. His only son, a boy of 20, is a soldier in the British army somewhere along the battle front. "The pictures," he said, "are amazing, in view of modern warfare. They show us the actual embers of Belgium still smoldering. "The films are the result of a piece of enterprise as modern as the

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AT THE GRAND.

Irish wit sparkles like dew on the Kildare hills in Fiske O'Hara's new Irish play, "Jack's Romance," which will be presented for the first time in this city at the Grand next Monday, Dec. 28, "Jack's Romance" takes us back to the days before the Revolutionary war broke out, when all was peace and happiness in the Green Isle, and we get a very vivid glimpse of how love-making was done in those far distant days. It was a good deal simpler than it is now, for there were no taxi-cabs or tangy teas, but they had just as much fun out of it. Fiske O'Hara, who is one of the most popular of all the singing stars, sings his way into the heart of the pretty Lady Constance Butler in a manner that would make the birds come down off the bushes and forget all their notes. A splendid company of players assist him to win his lady love and there is a wealth of handsome scenery and costumes that one rarely sees in a dramatic performance nowadays.

THE APOLLO.

The Apollo opened up last night under new management and with an auspiciously large audience. The evening and its programme were splendid and if the success of the night is to be a criterion of future nights, a successful season is promised for this new venture. Mr. W. Howard Spence, the new manager, is a member of The Canadian Theatres Lim.

ised staff, and comes to the city from the Savoy Theatre, Hamilton, with a reputation already made for the class of his selections and the success of previous ventures to inaugurate his new appointment.

The pictures were steady, clear and of travel and comedy, and the manager will contribute also throughout the week, he being the possessor of a magnificent baritone voice. On Thursday night "the kids" are especially invited, and a Christmas tree is being provided, from which the young people will be presented with gifts.

THE COLONIAL.

With the advent of Christmastide has come an increased programme at the Colonial. The Colonial has for some time past been featuring extensively in the best dramatic company.

films procurable. This week's film play Richelen, starred by two noted movie actors, Miss Pauline Bush and Murdock McQuerrie, is the greatest effort of its kind that we have seen for many a day. It ranks with many of the dramatizations of Shakespearean works, and its scenes have the force of realism alone met in high rate companies.

Fruits and Flowers is another, with a somewhat lighter touch, and has two favorites now recognized all over the continent, Eddie Lyons and Victoria Ford. Two other film productions are laughter raisers, and quite the thing for this joyous season. "In and Out," simply comes in with a shriek and goes out with a breezy howl of laughter. The Blacksmith's Daughter, is a play made rare by the masterly parts of Fred Church and Lillian Christy, and is a fitting conclusion to a splendid film series. had initiated.

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WILL INVESTIGATE. TORONTO, Dec. 22.—The Ontario Government is considering the point of view of the following gentlemen as a committee to investigate the employed situation in Ontario: John Willison, Archbishop McNamee, Rev. H. J. Cody, Rev. Dan Strachan, D.D., Mr. McNaughton, J. Gibbons, Toronto Railway

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TO THE PUBLIC. Notes of the Bank in Deposits not bearing Deposits bearing in to date of statement Balances due to Bank in the United States. Bills Payable under Acceptances under

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H. S. HOL Pres Montreal, 18th Dec

WE REPORT TO THE That we have obtained That in our opinion of the Bank. That we have checked as well as at another time, in the books in regard their branches. That the above Balance returns from the Branches state of the Bank's affairs in the books of the Bank.

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THE SITUATION.

There is very little of direct moment from the front at the time of writing. The Allies continue to report advances, both in Belgium and the north of France, but they are very slight, and must needs be for a considerable period unless there should be a sudden German retirement, which does not seem likely to occur.

It is only natural that the general attention of most countries, and especially of those flying the Union Jack, should be mainly centred on events between German, French and Belgian troops, with all such eyes also more or less on the navy situation.

Don't lose sight of the fact, however, that the Russians, single-handed, have hold of one very big end of the job. They are fighting along two extended fronts against a couple of powers—a large portion of the German army and the Austrian forces in their entirety. Up to date they have done their work in a manner and with an efficiency which has challenged universal admiration.

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Leading makes the assertion that the despatch financial and commercial men of Austria are urging the Government to make peace. This would seem to be quite likely. It is a thing of shreds and patches, as far as the diversity of peoples is concerned, and is known as "Austria-Hungary," for the reason that it is a double state—each country having a representation of its own, out of which is formed a common parliament.

The big efforts which the Kaiser and his associates have made to woo the good opinion of the States have

been as clumsy as they have been ludicrous. Buttressed by manifest falsehoods, they have not succeeded, and now a spirit of resentment is commencing to manifest itself. For instance, in one paper there is the open threat that if Uncle Sam refuses to supply the Fatherland with gasoline while other belligerents can secure it, then the "Reichstag will forbid the importation of American oil into Germany for all time."

LOYD-GEORGE AND THE WAR

The Chancellor of the British Exchequer has made some fine speeches during the war, but none better than one which he recently addressed to the new Welsh Army Corps of which he was really the originator. During the course of his address he pointed out that the United Kingdom had been faced with the task of improvising a Volunteer Army of two millions.

They were now on the way towards the third million and when the machine ordinarily adapted to the enlistment, maintenance and organization of an army of 200,000 or 300,000 had suddenly to adapt itself to an army of these gigantic proportions, there were naturally hindrances and difficulties.

He went on to show with regard to Wales that it had once been a great military nation and for centuries had been the greatest recruiting ground for the British army. It had played the part which Scotland had subsequently done in that respect and then for some reason, historical reasons, had ceased to occupy that post.

Now, once more, there had been a just revival of the militant spirit. It was exactly like one of those great tropical rivers which suddenly go down into the bowels of the earth. It vanishes altogether, but suddenly it comes to the surface with a great roar, and what has been happening in the last few months is simply the reappearance of the torrent of the martial spirit of the men of Wales.

He wanted them not only to fight for Wales, but for the British Empire, for there was once a lady by the name of Elizabeth Tudor, a Welsh lady, and it was she who founded the British Empire. So that Welshmen had a sovereign inheritance, but if they had only the inheritance that every other son of Britain had got, they must remember the fact that it was the best home of human liberty, and, therefore, was an Empire, not only worth fighting for, but worth dying for.

One of the Chancellor's best passages came at the close of his speech: "You are fighting for the destiny of the human race for generations to come. If you can contemplate the possibility of our being beaten, can you reflect on what it means? There are two roads you are looking down. One leads to despotism, tyranny, aggression, the downfall of liberty. It is the dominance of anything that is centered and embodied in the spirit of militarism. Look down that road. You can see no end to it except the abasement and degradation of Europe. More than that; you will put back the clock of human progress generations, and it may be centuries. Look at the other road. That is the road onward to human civilization, to human liberty, to human greatness. That is what you are fighting for, and upon the issue of this war will depend the destiny of the human race for generations to come. I have never pleaded for war before this and I should not be here to-night—I would not have been at Queen's Hall the other day asking my fellow men to risk their lives in this struggle, nor should I be sending my own sons to join them—unless for a deeply righteous cause."

THE LAURIER NAVY FARCE

The Courier is still an admirer of the Borden naval policy, and denounces the Dominion Senate for having prevented its adoption. So far as the present war is concerned, it makes no difference whether that policy was adopted or not, as none of the dreadnoughts to be constructed under it would have been ready in time to be of use. Whether or not the policy of contributing dreadnoughts will be renewed remains to be seen; the experience of the war has still to determine finally what ought to be done. This much, however, has already been made clear, and that is that the Laurier policy of a Canadian navy, consisting of cruisers and destroyers, is not separationist—the performances of the Australian fleet have settled that point—and that such a navy is capable of rendering incalculable aid to the mother country in guarding the coasts of Canada and keeping the trade routes open.—Expositor.

Our cotem, as usual, is begging the question. It started this thing by firing from behind the hedge as the Borden policy with one hand, while busily waving a flag of truce with the other—an eminently characteristic performance on its part.

The situation, and the Expositor knows it right well, and is hereby dared to deny it, was this:—

Public sentiment was overwhelmingly in favor of Canada meeting a long overdue duty in the matter of contributing something towards the shore and trade route defences of this country, hitherto paid entirely out of the pockets of Old Country taxpayers.

The Laurier policy was a half hatched and entirely polyglot scheme first of all with the Rainbow and Niobe for a starter, both in dry dock for repairs within a few months, and later the building of dreadnoughts in the Dominion to be manned by Canadians. The arrant and the screaming farce of that proposal is shown by the fact that no facilities existed for turning out said dreadnoughts, and could not for years, and that man-of-war training has to start in boyhood days.

Premier Borden was pledged, if he attained office, to consult with the British authorities as to the best course to pursue. He did so, and during a visit to the Old Country, was personally informed by Premier Asquith, Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty and other authorities, that the price of three dreadnoughts would prove the most acceptable plan.

In accordance with this understanding, a bill for that amount was put through the House of Commons at Ottawa, with Liberal members sneering at any "emergency" and attempting to block the measure in a most offensive way, backed by Grit papers, and then when the bill did pass, the servile Liberal majority in the Senate, at a nod from Sir Wilfrid put the needed measure under the guillotine.

This left nothing, to Canada's everlasting disgrace, and the Grit Senators and the Grit newspapers stuck their tongues in their cheeks, as if they had done a very smart trick. John Bull took the matter in a dignified way, and decided to go on and build those ships himself.

The course pursued, undoubtedly had some effect in confirming the impression of the Kaiser and his war lords that the overseas dominions were none too anxious to help the old lion.

This paper, and practically the majority of other Conservative publications, from the first, sought to keep this matter out of party comment, but when the Globe, and other lesser lights, like our cotem, attempt to throw mud, then it is high time to hit back.

It is the above indictment on which the Courier has pilloried the Expositor, and seditious as it may, it cannot wriggle off.

By-the-by. This great family journal is still awaiting an explanation from the local Grit organ. It is as to why it said in an editorial (April 14th, 1913) that Senate interference, then rumored as likely, should not take place by "AN IRRESPONSIBLE UPPER HOUSE," and has since held up both hands in justification of the same?

Any answer? If so what? If none, then it stands convicted of rank stultification.

NOTES AND COMMENT. Not many straw hats noticed today.

Instead of "a place in the Sun" the Kaiserites are headed for a large sized and permanent eclipse.

The Kaiser needn't look for anything in his Christmas stocking. At that the Allies have been socking it to him enough for all practical purposes.

Our cotem quotes an isolated article from the London Post to the effect that a separate Canadian navy would have been the advisable thing instead of the price of three dreadnoughts. Does the sapient organ im-

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agine that the editor of the Post knew more than Premier Asquith and the First Lord of the Admiralty? They favored the cash method and said so, Canada at any time to have the vessels back as a navy nucleus.

About the only crop which is at all flourishing in Europe just now is that of the German iron crosses. It is getting to be almost a mark of distinction not to have one.

John Bull made a call of \$750,000 on his war loan and it was met without any disturbance of money rates. The old chap can slap his pocket with the greatest of confidence at all times.

It is still up to the local Grit organ to explain why it said that the Liberal majority in the Senate should not interfere with Borden's naval bill, and saw them give the wallop with approval.

An unofficial statement concerns a re-organization of the Ontario Cabinet. It is that Hon. Mr. Foy at his own request, will retire from the Attorney-Generalship to be succeeded by Hon. Mr. Hanna. That Hon. Mr. Lucas will take the latter's place as Provincial Secretary, and Mr. T. H. Ferguson of Grenville, will

become Provincial Treasurer with Mr. T. W. McGarry of Renfrew, Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, a post now filled by Hon. Mr. Hearst, as well as that of Premier. Messrs. McGarry and Ferguson are new men for the cabinet and both are capable.

HON. HANNA

(Continued from Page 1) reeve of the village of Kempville. His father, Charles P. Ferguson, M.D. represented North Leeds and Grenville in the House of Commons from 1873 to 1896 when he retired. G. Howard Ferguson was first elected to the Ontario House, in 1905 and was re-elected in 1908 and 1911. He is a member of the Church of England.

Thomas William McGarry, K.C., member for Renfrew, is a barrister. He was born in the county of Lanark, August 19, 1871, and educated in the Almonte College, and Toronto law school. He was first elected to the legislature in 1905 and re-elected in 1908 and 1911. He is a Roman Catholic.

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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PREVAILS. EVERY section is sparkling with the spirit of the holiday season. People from all parts of the city, from nearby towns and villages through the store early and late making their selections from the largest stocks of Christmas goods shown in the city. Wisest people are shopping in the mornings—they know the advantage.

Furs! His Majesty King Winter is here, and here to stay for a little while. Consequently Furs will be featured among the gifts on the Xmas tree. We have cut the prices away down. Very handsome Moleoney Set. Reduced to \$39.50. Fine Curl Persian Lamb Muff and Stole. Reduced to \$45.00. Genuine Ermine Cravats, very handsome. From \$18.00 TO \$35.00. Very handsome genuine English Mole, large stole and large Pillow Muff. Reduced to \$69.50.

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"WHEN THEY WAKE" on Christmas Morn. Will there be any toys or gifts to make the little ones glad—those who are too young to understand what strain the whole world is under? Make the little ones happy, and by seeing them happy 'twill bring happiness to you. BRING THE CHILDREN TO TOYLAND and come yourself and listen to their child-like talk. We care not what mood you are in, it will make you think of the days gone by, and your first thought will be for the little ones. All Our Dressed Dolls at Reduced Prices.

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LOCAL GOOD BUSINESS. Local merchants report that Xmas trade on Saturday and Monday was very good indeed. Funds were largely along useful lines, and little demand for expensive goods, however, and that, of course, of the volume of turn-over as compared with last year. ONLY TWO. As previously related in the Courier an order in council of the Dominion Government, prohibits civil servants from serving on Municipal bodies, Aldermen or school trustees, Mr. O'Donoghue and Schuler of the Board are the only ones affected in this city. SAW DISTRIBUTION. Letters received from Mr. P. Salter, the European representative of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, and well known to many, forfides, states that Mr. Salter recently at Flushing, Holland, bundles of clothing and apples, Canada being distributed to the suffering Belgians. RECEIVES CALL. A London despatch says: "Rev. H. Harvey, pastor of Askin Methodist church, this city, has called a unanimous call to the Rev. Mr. Harvey, called to the Dundas three years ago." He was formerly pastor of Brant Avenue in Brantford. CHRISTMAS ADDITIONS. In order to deal with the Christmas rush, four extra helpers were to the general staff of the post yesterday. They were: Frank Harvey, Ryerson, E. Kirby, and Edgewick. Many large Christmas parcels have arrived and a large number of parcels have been received in delivery. SOLDIERS' VISITS. Captain Newman has written and his letter to a great extent dates the statement given out by many soldiers now in training, not be able to get home for the days. Every soldier will get a day, either at Christmas or New Year, but those who obtain one cannot obtain the other. Thus, those who were cast and the lucky had their choice, Christmas or New Year. It is imperative that the strength be on the ground Christmas, and therefore this so to the difficulty was arrived at. SERIOUS ACCIDENT Averted. Two young ladies in a cutter received a close call last night, when a motor car took away one of the wheels and the cross piece of their vehicle. They had been shopping, just six o'clock, and were bound for Mohawk Institute, passing the Market street grade, to the powerful auto pulling up the hill. Their peril was imminent. The accident, the shaft and cross piece, went with a crack and the horse fell down, but the girls were not hurt, and the auto had stepped out of the cutter unhurt. Both were remarkably cool and calmly remarked that they would walk to their destination. The auto stopped, and after talking that the girls were not hurt, and that the fault was not in, proceeded on his way.

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KIDDIES CHRISTMAS TREE REMINDERS

Distribution at Dufferin Rifles Armories Wednesday evening. Doors will be opened at 6.30 o'clock.

Santa Claus will arrive promptly at 7 o'clock.

Kiddies must have invitation cards with them in order to receive presents.

Holders of invitations will be admitted by south entrance.

Public will be admitted through the Dalhousie street or north entrance.

HYDRO LIGHT BROKEN

During the past week one Hydro light was broken and then upon Wellington street, supposedly with a chunk of ice. To this effect Chief Slemin has been notified.

SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Trades and Labor Council is called for to-night in their hall, Colborne street. A full attendance of delegates has been requested.

ANNUAL GIFT

Members of the Fire brigade and the Police Force this morning received, each a can of honey, the gift of the Goid, Shapley and Muir Company, and they express their gratitude and thanks to the beneficent company.

A SPORTING SHOOT

The Civilian Rifle Club is to hold a shoot on Christmas day and a generous list of prizes has been promised from many interested sources.

DUFFS SATURDAY SHOOT

The first prize shoot of the 28th on the indoor ranges was held on Saturday evening, and proved very popular with the members of the regiment who were out in large numbers.

THIRD CONTINGENT

Preparations for the third contingent are now under way in Toronto, and the Queen's Own Rifles last night commenced the medical examination of men who have volunteered for this contingent.

FINE SUCCESS WAS SCORED BY CLEVER PUPILS

Christmas Concert at the Ontario School for the Blind.

As has been the case in former years, the Music Hall of the Ontario School for the Blind was well filled last night, when the pupils gave their Christmas Concert, for which elaborate preparations had been made.

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(Continued from Page 1) supported on the forest and in contact with the army at Verdun, has imposed an invincible barrier.

MUSIC AND DRAMA

AT THE BRANT.

Never in the history of the Brant Theatre has any act caused such a furore as did Eckert and Berg in their Oriental Operetta production there this week.

GENERAL FREEZE-UP

Water was cut off in many Brantford homes this morning, and the general impression was that the Water Commission was responsible.

A Merry Xmas TO ALL

OUR WHIPPING CREAM will make your Xmas dinner complete. Our store will be open until eleven Xmas Eve.

Admiral Fiske, U.A.A. says the U.S. navy is five years behind the other nations.

Three persons are dead in Terre Haute, Ind., from a fire caused by a lantern exploding.

Wm. V. Cleary of New York was found not guilty of murdering his daughter's husband.

Personal Notes

Mr. Bower has left to spend the holidays in Philadelphia.

Mr. J. H. Partinghimer, of Philadelphia, is spending a few days in the city.

Miss Bertie Gardiner leaves to-morrow to spend Christmas in New York.

Mr. Herbert Chrysler of Toronto, has returned home for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Mrs. Lotty Phair has arrived back in the city after visiting friends in Toronto and Hamilton.

Miss Ellison Newman left to-day for New York to spend Christmas with her sister, in that city.

Mrs. Creighton, and Mr. and Mrs. Fittou left to-day to spend Christmas in Montreal.

Mrs. Fair was in Toronto this week spending a few days with her son, Mr. Harry Fair.

Miss Adams, of 77 Murray street, has left to spend the Christmas with friends in Detroit.

Miss Alice Littlefield of Boston, Mass., is spending Christmas at the Kerby House, the guest of her uncle, Mr. W. H. Littlefield.

Mrs. Dan La'Day, who has been spending the week-end with Mrs. F. Merrick, 95 Spring street, returned to her home in Erie, Pennsylvania, yesterday.

Mr. Philip D. Lyons of Ottawa is at present visiting the city in connection with the Lake Erie & Northern arbitration.

HORSES FOR SOLDIERS

A number of horses required for military purposes, were bought at Clancey's stable this morning, on behalf of the Government, by Inspector J. M. Patterson, of Paris. He was well pleased with the class of animals exhibited.

BROKE HIS ARM.

Wilbur Grummett, the four-year-old son of Mr. Grummett, Waterloo St., while going a message for his mother, fell on the slippery walk and broke his arm yesterday.

A woman prisoner in Mincola, L.I., jail tried to hang herself to escape a Christmas in jail.

A full-blooded Indian will sing Christmas carols in full regalia at New York's tree of light.

A woman who poisoned her husband 35 years ago in Connecticut has been pardoned by the Governor.

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WHIRLWIND FINISH GETS DRAW FOR HARRY LENNY

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Knockout Brown earned a draw in a 10-round bout at the Longacre A. C. last night with Harry Lenny of Baltimore. Brown piled up a lead in the first eight rounds, but Lenny's whirlwind finish equalized matters. Joe Bedell defeated Marty Brown in a 10-round bout at the Military A. C. in Brooklyn.

GILMORE IN TORONTO; MCGRAW ON THE TRAIL

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—John J. McGraw, manager of the New York Giants, is here quietly trying to sign infielder Hans Lobert of the Phillies, who has all but put his name to a contract with the St. Louis Federals. McGraw slipped quietly into the city this afternoon and kept his whereabouts unknown, but his arrival and his mission soon became known. Lobert, accompanied by Phil Ball of the St. Louis Feds, came from St. Louis during the morning. They called at Federal League headquarters, only to learn that President Gilmore had suddenly left for parts unknown. The third sacker talked with Joe Tinker and President Weeghman of

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FIRST ROUND DRAW IN THE ENGLISH CUP

London, Dec. 22.—The first round of the competition proper for the Football Association Cup will be played on Saturday, January 9. The draw was made yesterday, and is as follows: F. A. CUP COMPETITION—FIRST ROUND.

- West Ham United v. Newcastle U. Evert v. Barnsley. Burnley v. Huddersfield. Bolton Wanderers v. Notts County. Liverpool v. Stockport County. Hall v. West Bromwich Albion. Birmingham v. Crystal Palace. Sheffield Wed. v. Manchester U. Preston N. E. v. Manchester C. Reading v. Wolverhampton W. Aston Villa v. Exeter City. South Shields v. Fulham. Bury v. Plymouth Argyle. Gouy v. Middlesboro. Blackpool v. Sheffield United. Derby County v. Leeds City. Queen's Park Rangers v. Glossop. Merthyr v. Woolwich Arsenal. Creydon Common v. Oldham Ath. Bristol City v. Cardiff. Darlington v. Bradford City. Bristol Rovers v. Southend U. Bradford v. Portsmouth. Swindon Town v. Chelsea. Grimsby v. Northampton. Swansea v. Blackburn. Rochdale v. Gillingham. Millwall A. v. Clapton Orient. Tottenham Hotspur v. Sunderland. Southampton v. Luton. Brighton and Hove v. Lincoln C. Notts Forest v. Norwich City.

BEN HOUSER COACHES COLBY COLLEGE TEAM

WATERVILLE, Me., Dec. 22.—Benjamin Houser of Litchfield, Me., a former big league baseball player, has been engaged to coach the Colby College baseball team next spring. Houser was graduated from the Stephen Girard College of Philadelphia. He played with the Boston Nationals for one and one half years, and once was with the Athletics. Last year he covered first base for the Buffalo International League team. He served as assistant coach of baseball at the University of Pennsylvania last spring. Baseball practice at Colby will begin April 21, 1915.

CARPENTIER KILLS GERMAN OFFICER

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Georges Carpentier is leading a very hazardous life in the French army, according to dispatches from the war zone. The heavyweight champion of Europe is attached to the aviation corps, and one of his duties is to follow the team in an automobile to keep up communication. He killed a German officer recently in one of his exploits when he encountered the German patrol on his way to Arras.

FRANKIE FLEMING WINS FROM JOE GOODNEY

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—Joe Goodney of New York failed last night to take the Canadian featherweight championship from Frankie Fleming of Toronto. Fleming made the New Yorker quit in the fifth round of the scheduled ten round bout before the Canadian Athletic Club here. The men fought at 125 pounds. Goodney struck Fleming low on five occasions, and Referee Moore wanted to disqualify him in the third round, but let him go on at Fleming's request. In the fourth, Fleming pounded the New Yorker ceaselessly, sending him down at the bell with a right cross to the jaw. After one minute of the fifth, Goodney left the ring.

TWO LONDON TEAMS IN ONTARIO BASKETBALL

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The Western University is to have an intermediate team and the Y. M. C. A. a junior team in the Ontario Basketball Association this winter. The annual meeting is to be held in Hamilton on Saturday next.

PRESTON DEFEATS STRATFORD 5 TO 4

Condition Proves Defeat of the Classic City Seven.

PRESTON, Dec. 22.—Preston O. H. A. intermediates defeated Stratford's Northern League seniors 5 to 4 in the first game of the local season last night. The game started with end to end rushes, and after five minutes of play, Eitherinton scored. Verner of Stratford tied the score in two minutes. The next three goals went to Stratford, being scored by Lowe and two by Bolen, and just before the end of the period I. Bowman and Schlager scored and the period ended with Stratford leading by the score of 4 to 3. The second period was faster, with the locals having the better of the play, with shot after shot on Stratford goal, Schlager finally got one, the only goal scored during the period. The third period was also very fast, with considerable rough play. There were five goals scored in this period it going to Freagman, who scored on a long rush.

Puckerings

Hanover has withdrawn from the Northern League senior series. Basil Frith, the former U. of T. player, is out with the Ottawa Aberdeens. Preston juniors were defeated at home by Galt juniors in an exhibition game by 10 to 5. J. B. McArthur will referee the Victoria-Midland exhibition game at the Toronto Arena to-morrow night. Goalkeeper Jubb, formerly of the Whittby intermediates, has signified his intention of turning out for a trial with the Victorias. Visiting teams at the Boston arena this winter will be required to have all their players numbered for the convenience of the spectators. There are five junior groups in the Northern League instead of four as originally published. Mitchell and Seaforth compose the fifth.

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Three former Canadian players are on the Rochester West High School team. Van Luyen, one of the trio, formerly played with one of the Kingston teams. In the opening game of the Saskatchewan league at Regina, the Allan cup holders defeated Moose Jaw 7 to 5. At half time Moose Jaw led by 4 to 3. Edmund Lamy, the professional speed skater, was unable to show enough ability as a hockey player in his trial with the Ottawa N. H. A. team, and was released by the Senators. Gray Masson, the Ottawa boy, who formerly played with McGill, is at present working in Pembroke, and will probably play with the team of that town in the Upper Ottawa Valley league. In an exhibition game at Moose Jaw, Melville defeated the home team by 5 to 2. The McKenzie brothers, whose removal from Kenora to Melville is the cause of much comment, played for the winners. Laurie Gillies of last winter's London O. H. A. team, has returned to London. He has been taking a military course in Toronto, but is available for the Forest City team again this winter. "Mawk" McKenzie, who was counted upon by Hamilton Tigers as a rover for their O. H. A. intermediate team, has been unable to get out to practice. He was injured in a football game near the end of the season, and since that time has been troubled with a sore knee, which refuses to respond to treatment.

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WORLD PRESS ON THE WAR

WILL RESTORE CONFIDENCE. Springfield Republican.—The effect of the action (off the Falklands) in restoring British confidence in the navy is far from its least important aspect. No matter how superior the British force may have been, it did its work at last. The losses caused by mine and submarine in nearer waters will now seem less ominous than they have hitherto, and will be recognized more in their true light as incidental to the sustained mastery of the sea against an enemy who ventures no attack in force. TWO TO ONE. London Telegraph.—Let us note a fact which will probably not be emphasized in Germany; that after all these weeks and months of bluster about a devastating raid upon England by air, the record of our country is two successful raids into the heart of Germany, while the record of Germany is one raid upon our Channel coast which never took place! Dover was surprised and amused some days ago to hear that a German flight-lieutenant had passed over the town and dropped bombs there without anyone noting the circumstance. The Navy Well Led. Westminster Gazette.—And, what is of vital importance, so far as the war has given opportunities—the leadership of the British squadrons and flotillas has shown a mastery and control equal to the fighting skill and gallantry that have always marked officers and men. The opportunities for leadership have not included any great fleet action, but it is at any rate encouraging to know that each in their field—has shown that the Admiralty as not failed in the leaders it has chosen. In putting them where they are, the Admiralty undoubtedly acted with the support of the best instructed service judgment.

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KELVIN

[From Our Own Correspondent]
The Sunday schools here are preparing for their Christmas entertainments.

Mr. Andrew Slaght spent Thursday afternoon with some of his friends.

A number from this way attended the funeral on Saturday of the late Albert Bartholomew, Vanessa.

We are sorry to report that Mrs. J. N. Ramsay does not improve any from her recent severe illness.

Mrs. Hugh McDougall spent Saturday in the Telephone City.

Mr. John E. Smith, who has been sick for several weeks, does not improve as fast as his many friends would wish for.

Miss Johnson was the guest of her sister in this section on Thursday.

There died at her late residence in this village on Monday morning, Mrs. Great, who had only been sick for a few days with inflammation on the lungs. Deceased had only resided in this place for about 18 months, and was very much respected by all who knew her. The funeral services were conducted on Wednesday at Scotland deceased leaves a sorrowing husband and grown up family to mourn her demise, who will have the sympathy of the whole community in their sad bereavement.

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But Nigel smiled and shook his head. "You have gained what your heart desired, and perchance I have done so also," said he.

An instant later Knolles strode up to him with outstretched hand. "Ask your pardon, Nigel," said he. "I have spoken too hotly in my wrath."

"Nay, fair sir, I was at fault."

"If we stand here now within this castle, it is so you that I owe it. The King shall know of it, and Chandos also. Can I do aught else, Nigel, to prove to you the high esteem in which I hold you?"

The Squire flushed with pleasure. "Do you send a messenger home to England, fair sir, with news of these doings?"

"Sure, I must do so. But do not tell me, Nigel, that you would be the messenger. Ask me some other favor, for indeed I cannot let you go."

"Now God forbid!" cried Nigel. "By Saint Paul! I would not be so crafty and so thrall as to leave you, when some small deed might still be done. But I would fain send a message by your messenger."

"To whom?"

"It is to the Lady Mary, daughter of old Sir John Buttlesworth who dwells near Guildford."

Nigel, such greetings as a cavalier sends to his lady-love should be under seal.

"Nay, he can carry my message by word of mouth."

"Then I shall tell him for he goes this morning. What message, then, shall he say to the lady?"

"I will write the very humble greeting, and he will say to her that for the second time Saint Catharine has been our friend."

CHAPTER XXII.

Sir Robert Knolles and his men passed onward that day, looking back many a time to see the two dark columns of smoke, one thicker and one more slender, which arose from the castle and from the fort of La Brohiniere. There was not an archer nor a marksman who did not bear a great bundle of spoil upon his back, and Knolles frowned darkly as he looked upon them. Gladly would he have thrown it all down by the roadside, but he had tried such matters before, and he knew that it was as safe to tear a half-gnawed bone from a bear as from his blood-volunteer from such men as these. In any case it was but two days' march to Ploermel, where he hoped to bring his journey to an end.

That night they camped at Maunon, where a small English and Breton garrison held the castle. Right glad were the bowmen to see some of their own countrymen once more, and they spent the night over wine and dice, a crowd of Breton girls assisting, so that next morning their bundles were much lighter, and most of the plunder of La Brohiniere was left with the men and women of Maunon. Next day their march lay with a fair sluggish river upon their right, and a rolling forest upon their left, which covered the whole country. At last toward evening the towers of Ploermel rose before them and they saw against a darkening sky the Red Cross of England waving in the wind. So blue was the river Duc which skirted the road, and so green its banks, that they might indeed have been back beside their own homely stream, the Oxford Thames or the Midland Trent, but ever as the darkness deepened there came in wild gusts the howling of wolves from the forest to remind them that they were in a land of war. So busy had men been for many years in hunting one another that the beasts of the chase had grown to a monstrous degree, until the streets of the towns were no longer safe from the wild inroads of the fierce creatures, the wolves and the bears, who swarmed about them.

It was nightfall when the little army entered the outer gate of the Castle of Ploermel and encamped in the broad Bailey yard. Ploermel was at that time the centre of British power in Mid-Brittany, as Hennebont was in the West, and it was held by a garrison of five hundred men under an old soldier, Richard of Bambrø, a rugged Northumbrian, trained in that great school of warriors, the border wars. He who had ridden the marches of the Breton frontier in Europe, and served his time against the Liddesdale and Nithsdale raiders was hardened for a life in the field.

Of late, however, Bambrø had been unable to undertake any enterprise, for his re-enforcements had failed him, and amid his following he had but three English knights and seventy men. The rest were a mixed crew of Bretons, Hainaulters and a few German mercenary soldiers, brave men individually, as those of that stock have ever been, but lacking interest in the cause, and bound together by no common tie of blood or tradition.

On the other hand, the surrounding castles, and especially that of Josselin, were held by strong forces of enthusiastic Bretons, inflamed by a common patriotism, and full of warlike ardor. Robert of Beaumanoir, the fierce house of the house of Rohan, pushed constant forays and excursions against Ploermel so that town and castle were both in daily dread of being surrounded and besieged. Several small parties of the English faction had been cut off and slain to a man, and so straitened were the Bretons that it was difficult for them to gather provisions from the country round.

Such was the state of Bambrø's garrison when on that March evening Knolles and his men streamed into the bailey-yard of his Castle.

In the glare of the torches at the inner gate Bambrø was waiting to receive them, a dry, hard, wizened man, small and fierce, with beady black

eyes and quick furtive ways. Beside him, a stark contrast, stood his Squire, Croquart, a German, whose name and fame as a man-at-arms were widespread, though like Robert Knolles himself he had begun as a humble page. He was a very tall man, with an enormous spread of shoulders, and a pair of huge hands with which he could crack a horse-shoe. He was slow and lethargic, save in moments of excitement, and his calm blond face, his dreamy blue-eyes and his long fair hair gave him a gentle appearance that none save those who had seen him in his berserk mood, raging, an iron giant in the forefront of the battle, could ever guess how terrible a warrior he might be. Little knight and huge squire stood together under the arch of the donjon and gave welcome to the newcomers, whilst a swarm of soldiers crowded round to embrace their comrades and to lead them off where they might feed and make merry together.

Supper had been set in the hall of Ploermel wherein the knights and squires assembled. Bambrø and Croquart were there with Sir Hugh Calverly, an old friend of Knolles and a fellow-lowsman, for both were men of Chester. Sir Hugh was a middle-sized flaxen man, with hard gray eyes and fierce large-nosed face, a sword-cut across with the scar of a sword-cut. There too were Geoffrey D'Ardaire, a young Breton seigneur, Sir Thomas Belford, a burly thick-set Midland Englishman, Sir Thomas Walton, whose success of scarlet martlets showed that he was of the Surrey Waltons, James Marshall and John Russell, young English squires, and the two brothers, Richard and Hugh le Galliard, who were of Gascon blood. Besides these were several squires, unknown to fame, and of the new-comers, Sir Robert Knolles, Sir Thomas Percy, Nigel Loring and two other squires, Allington and Parsons. These were the company who gathered in the torch-light round the table of the Seneschal of Ploermel, and kept high revel with joyous hearts because they thought that much honor and noble deeds lay before them.

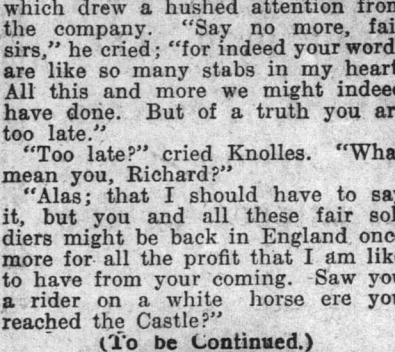
But one sad face there was at the board, and that belonged to him at the head of it. Sir Robert Bambrø sat with his chin leaning upon his hand and his eyes downcast upon the cloth, whilst all round him rose the merry clatter of voices, everyone planning some fresh enterprise which might now be attempted. Sir Robert Knolles was for an immediate advance upon Josselin. Calverly thought that a raid might be made into the South where the main French power lay. Others spoke of an attack upon Vannes.

To all these eager opinions Bambrø listened in a moody silence, which he broke at last by a fierce exclamation which drew a hushed attention from the company. "Say no more, fair sirs," he cried; "for indeed your words are like so many stabs in my heart. All this and more we might indeed have done. But of a truth you are too late."

"Too late?" cried Knolles. "What mean you, Richard?"

"Alas! that I should have to say it, but you and all these fair soldiers might be back in England once more for all the profit that I am like to have from your coming. Saw you a rider on a white horse ere you reached the Castle?"

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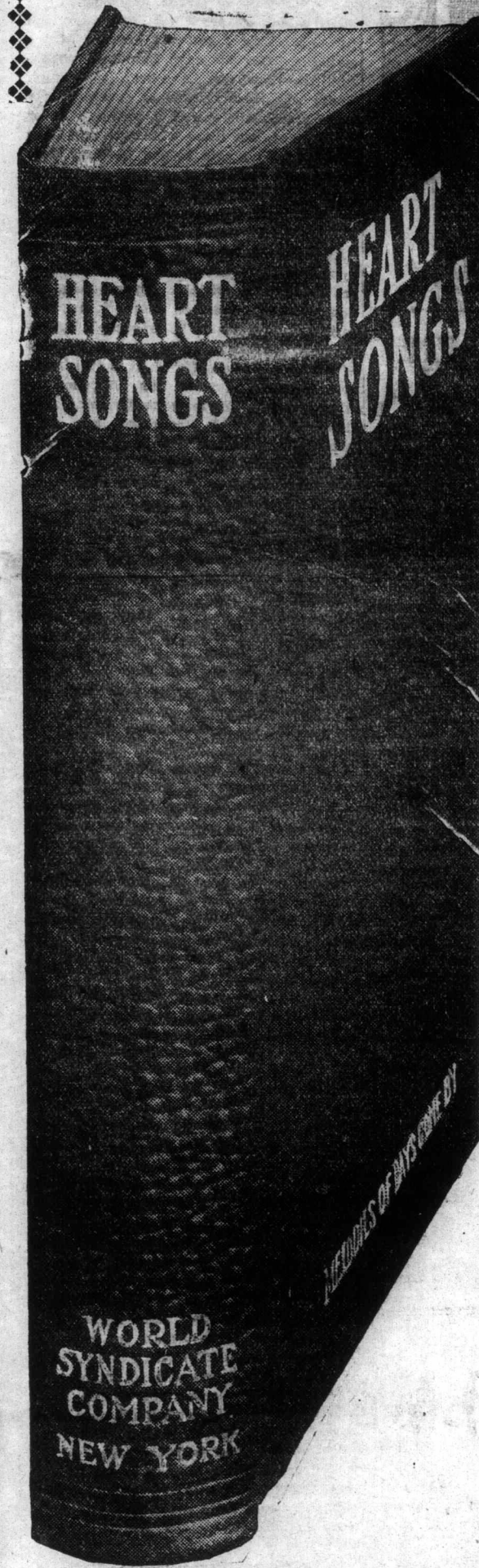
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between England and Russia, two Powers often antagonistic in the past and having no no common interest here the curbing of Germany. The terrible misjudgment of the General Staff hurried Germany headlong into the pit that incompetent diplomacy had prepared. The Empire went to war with three great nations able to meet her with forces more than double her own. ATTEMPTING THE IMPOSSIBLE Then the worth of that iron military discipline and the forty years of ceaseless preparation to which Germany had sacrificed so much of the productive power of her people was put to the test. Again the colossal imperial machine broke down. It was not through incompetence. The German army was magnificent in its strength, in equipment, and in valor. It was over-matched, it had attempted the impossible. That was the fatal blunder. The first rush upon Paris was intended to be irresistible; that was the plan of the General Staff. France crushed, Russia could be sent about her business. It was not through incompetence that it was repulsed. When the invaders were driven back from the Marne, to the Aisne and the Belgian frontier, Germany's ultimate defeat was registered in the book of fate and history. The world watched the first play of mind to the watching world. Germany's battle line has been forced back to where it stood when it first encountered the French. Calais is freed from her menace, Tannenberg was but an the swarmin' of the hardies of Russia. What boots it if she enters Lodz, if she seize Warsaw what even if by some unlooked for turn of fortune she again approach the walls of Paris? Kitchener's new million of trained men will be in France before the snows have melted in the Vosges, and Russia is inexhaustible. GERMANY IS KNOWN NOW There is within the German view an even more sinister portent. The world cannot, will not, let Germany win in this war. With her dominating all Europe peace and security would vanish from the earth. A few months ago the world dimly comprehended Germany. Now it knows her thoroughly. So if England, France and Russia cannot prevail against her, Italy, with her two millions, the sturdy Hollanders, the Swiss, hard men in fight, the Danes, the Greeks and the men of the Balkans will come to their aid and make sure that the work is finished, once for all. For their own peace and safety the nations must demolish the towers of militarism in the centre of Europe that has become the world's danger-spot, its greatest menace. The only possible ending of the war is through the defeat of Germany. Driven back to her Rhine strongholds she will offer a stubborn resistance. Even with the Russians near or actually in Berlin she would fight on. But for what? Why? Because the German people, the very people, are resolved to get themselves all killed before the inevitable day of the enemy's triumph? Not at all. The weary man in the trenches and the distressed people merely obey the orders given by imperial and military authority. For the men in those high quarters defeat would be the end of all. Desperation with some possible admixture of blind confidence, will continue the war. But why should the German people make further sacrifice of blood to save the pride and the shoulder straps of German officialdom? It means a million more battlefield graves. It means a frightful addition to the bill of costs and to the harshness of the terms. Since the more dreadful ending is in plain view why not force the better ending now? BUT NOT LIKELY. But this is revolution. That may be so, call it what you will. Definitions are useful, they are not deterrent. Is there in all history any record of a whole people rising against their rulers in the midst of a great war? Let the historians answer the question. Is it conceivable that the loyal German people, made one by the love of the Fatherland and devoted to the accomplishment of the imperial ideals, could be stirred to revolt while still unconquered? That concerns the prophets. We are concerned neither with precedents nor with prophecy. We have aimed here to make clear the certainty of Germany's defeat, and to show that if she chooses to fight to the bitter end her ultimate and sure overthrow will leave her bled to exhaustion, drained of her resources, and under sentence to penalties of resistance which measure the severity of the light, might take time-measures to avert the calamities that await them. It may well be doubted that they will see the light. AS TO GERMAN-AMERICANS But have not the men of German blood in this country a duty to perform to their beleaguered brethren in the old home? Americans of German birth or of German descent should see and feel the truth about the present position of Germany, the probability of the near, the certainty for the remoter future. At home the Germans cannot permit them to know it. It will be ungrateful and most cruel for German-Americans further to keep the truth from them, or to fail in their plain duty to make known to the imperial and military and militaristic ideal has fallen in the

world's esteem, and to bring them to understand that the enemies they now confront are but the first line of civilization's defences against the menace of the sword that forever rattles in its scabbard. The sword must go, the scabbard too, and the shining armor. If the Germans here have at all the ear of the Germans there, can they not tell them so. They have come here to escape the everlasting din of war's trappings; they have come to find peace and quiet in a land of liberty and law, where government rests on the consent of the governed, where the people by their chosen representatives when there is a question of going into the trenches to be slain, have something to say about it. Have they ever tried to get into the heads of their friends in the Fatherland some idea of the comforts and advantages of being governed in that way. Instead of vainly trying to change the well-matured convictions of the Americans, why not labor for the conversion of their brother Germans. The State is Power, said Treitschke. He would have written Tennyson's line "The individual withers, the State is more and more checked." In the teaching of the State is everything, to the State the individual must sacrifice everything. With us the State is the special organization by which men associate themselves for the free play of individual genius, each man's right in peace and security to work out his individual purpose. If the German-Americans prize the privileges they have enjoyed under our theory of the State, ought they not to tell the Germans at home what it means for the individual to be free from quasi-vasalage. There is no people on earth more worthy to enjoy the blessings of freedom than the Germans. Germany has taken her place in the very front of civilization; freed from the double incubus of imperialism and militarism the German genius would have a marvelous development. It is not in the thought of Germany's foes to crush the German people, the world would not let them be crushed. It has for them the highest esteem. It has the day when it can resume friendly and uninterrupted relations with them. OPINION OF THE WORLD But the headstrong, misguided, and dangerous rulers of Germany are going to be called to stern account, and the reckoning will be paid by the German people in just the proportion that they make common cause with the blindly arrogant ruling class. When representative Americans and men of peace like Dr Eliot and Andrew Carnegie insist that there can be no permanent peace until an end has been made of German militarism, sober-minded Germans, here as well as in Germany, ought not to have a deaf ear to such voices for they speak the opinion of the world. The bill of costs mount frightfully with every month's prolongation of the war, and the toll of human lives is every day ruthlessly taken. It may be a counsel of unattainable perfection to say that the German people ought now to end the war. But for their own happiness, for their own homes, for their interests and their future, it is true. The truth of the counsel is uncorroborable. THE GERMAN AWY. London News and Leader—The Germans know more about psychology and less about men than do any other people in the world. It is all due to a lamentable bookishness, a failure to see that living flesh and blood is extremely rebellious to the yoke of abstractions. In a very wise and pregnant phrase Goethe has emphasized how much easier action is than thought. That, properly understood, is very true; but his countrymen have not understood it. They have applied one particular more of thinking, perfectly appropriate to metaphysics, to all human affairs; and they have treated that kind of thought as one with life and action. 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