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REICHSTAG VOTES BIG WAR CREDIT

Only One Dissenting Vote Against the Huge Budget of One Thousand Million Dollars Presented

Berlin, Dec. 2.—The Reichstag today voted war credit to the amount of \$1,000,000,000.

The President of the Chamber at the opening sitting dwelt on the unity and patriotism of the German people.

In the course of his exposition of the progress of the war, the president said—"Japan joined our enemies from a desire to seize as booty a monument to German culture in the Far East."

"On the other hand, we have found an ally in Turkey, as all Moslem peoples wish to throw off the British yoke and shatter the foundations of Britain's colonial power."

The Imperial Chancellor, Dr. von Bethmann Hollweg, attended the session dressed in a gray service uniform of a general.

Trainloads Of German Wounded

One Hundred Thousand German Injured Passed Through Ghent in One Day

London, Dec. 1.—People arriving at Folkestone able to give reliable accounts tell remarkable stories with regard to the numbers of German wounded.

A gentleman in business in Ghent as a nurseman who arrived at Folkestone by the Flushing boat on Saturday night gave a circumstantial account.

He said there was an endless procession of trains filled with wounded Germans from the firing line through Ghent—which was already full of sick and maimed invaders—on their way to Brussels.

He counted five trains a day for ten days, and some of the trains consisted of as many as forty carriages.

Will Define The Attitude Of Italians

Premier of Italy to Make an Important Pronouncement When Parliament Opens Today.

Rome, Dec. 3.—The Italian Parliament reassembles today and its deliberations are awaited with anxiety, as this is considered the gravest moment for Italy since its unification.

Premier Salandra in presenting the new cabinet policy and an especially interesting passage will deal with the attitude of Italy with reference to the present European War.

The s.s. Stephano left New York at 3 p.m. yesterday.

WEDNESDAY RATHER UNEVENTFUL SAYS FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORT

All German Attacks in the West Repulsed—Russian Offensive is Successful—Servians Claim a Victory Over the Servians

French Official Bulletin.—Paris, Dec. 2.—In the district south of Ypres at Saint Eloi, a German attack directed against a trench captured by our troops during the day was repulsed.

Our artillery damaged a group of three heavy calibre batteries at Vermelles. The Castle and Park with two houses of the village and several trenches were brilliantly taken by our troops.

Sharp Cannonading. Rather sharp cannonading is reported in the neighbourhood of Fay to the south-west of Peronne.

In Vendresse, Craonne region, a violent bombardment occurred, to which our artillery replied successfully, destroying a battery.

In Argonne a German attack against Fontaine Madame has been repulsed, and we have gained the following advantages: the capture of a trench in Courtes Chaussees Woods and some small defence works at St. Hubert.

On the Meuse heights and in the Vosges there is nothing to report.

Dislodged the Turks. Petrograd.—The Caucasian army operating on the 27th in the Euphrates Valley against a Turkish column, succeeded in dislodging the latter from their position, put them to flight, and captured a number of prisoners and two cannons.

On the left bank of the Vistula in the Lowitz district, action continues to develop, the enemy's attacks bearing especially on the Bieleza-Sobotka front.

North of Lowitz our offensive has been quite successful. In Lodz district a violent artillery duel is in progress.

Important Concentration. To the left wing, scouting reports an important concentration. From Kalisz towards Sieradz the enemy assumed the offensive on the 30th from Sieradz, and our advance guards are now engaged.

We have taken possession of Szczerzow, after an engagement during which a brigade of Prussian Guards and five batteries were dislodged.

No change on remainder of front. Nish.—On the Maljen-Lug-Lazarevatz front the enemy has violently attacked, but every one of their attacks failed, with heavy losses for them. During the 27th, 1500 soldiers and 20 officers were taken prisoners.

Irish Police Raid The Office Of Disloyal Paper

Monthly Publication Was Opposing Enlistment and Expressing Pro-German Sentiments.

Dublin, Dec. 3.—The police have raided the office of the Irish Freedom, a monthly newspaper, which has been opposing enlistment and expressing pro-German sentiments.

The police have also prevented the distribution of another newspaper of similar tendencies.

German Prisoners Fail to Make Escape At Detention Camps

Lancaster, Eng., Dec. 3.—An attempt to escape, made last night by a thousand prisoners in the Concentration Camp here, was thwarted by the guards who charged with fixed bayonets, wounding several.

U.S. Representation Secures the Release Of a British Officer

Washington, Dec. 3.—On personal representations from President Wilson through Ambassador Gerard, Germany has released Admiral Neard, retired, of the British navy, and his wife, who were held military prisoners at a German health resort.

DUTCH STEAMER WAS RUN ASHORE AFTER COLLISION

Deal, Dec. 3.—During one of the fiercest gales on record, the Dutch steamer Batjam, from Java, went ashore last night on Goodwin Sands after a collision with an unidentified steamer. The crew was rescued.

The Capt. believes that the colliding steamer sank with all on board.

Germans Claim Army Strength Of 4,000,000

Berlin Says There Are 98 Army Corps of the Kaiser's in the Field Mostly in the West

London, Nov. 30.—The official Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung publishes a list of army corps and military sections, which shows the strength of the German armies now in the fields of battle.

Apart from the railway service, the marines and garrisons in Belgium, there are 98 army corps. If 40,000 men are taken as a fair average for a German army corps, this gives a total strength of nearly 4,000,000 in arms.

According to a French bulletin, 50 army corps are fighting against the allies in Belgium and France. This would leave 48 army corps for the eastern theatre.

Germany has more than 2,000,000 men in the West and about the same number in the local Landsturm in East Prussia and Poland.

Change Color Of The French Army Uniform

Conspicuous Red Trousers and Blue Tunic Abandoned For Blue-Grey Materials.

Calais, Nov. 30.—Trains have been coming through Calais full of soldiers in an unfamiliar uniform of light blue-grey color. This is the new French field service uniform which is beginning to make its appearance. It is being issued to the class of 1914 and some of the older troops who are being re-equipped.

To make up for the blow to the sensibilities of French patriots which the disappearance of the old red trousers and blue tunic will naturally cause, red and white threads are woven into the blue, and the cloth is called tricolor. The blue-grey is an excellent shade for escaping notice, and will blend particularly well with the grey winter landscapes in which the troops are now fighting.

Irish Grandmaster Of The L.O.A. is Dead

London, Dec. 3.—Sir John Henry Crichton, Fourth Earl of Erne and Grand Master of the Orangemen in Ireland, died today.

Alsace Towns Taken By Allies

Enemy Violently Bombards Belgian Town—Blows Up Salient Points in Argonne Region

French Official Bulletin.—Paris, Dec. 2.—In Belgium a violent bombardment of Lampernisse to the west of Dixmude has taken place.

In the Argonne region the enemy has blown up by mines the salient points to the north-west of the forest of La Gurie.

In Alsace our troops have taken the towns of Aspach Le Hant, and Aspach Le Bas. On the rest of the front there is nothing to report.

Herring Plentiful

Messages were received from Bay of Islands to-day that herring are plentiful in North Arm.

GENERAL DEWET BOER REBEL LEADER IS TAKEN PRISONER.

London, Dec. 2.—General Christian DeWet, leader of the rebellion in the Union of South Africa, has been captured, according to a Pretoria official despatch to Reuter's Telegram Co.

European War Will Add \$50,000,000 To Trade of the U.S.

Washington, Dec. 3.—That one year of war in Europe will add \$50,000,000 to the foreign commerce of the United States is estimated by Ed. E. Pratt, Chief of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce.

The increase would be chiefly in machine, tools and other manufactured products.

ARRESTED SPIES ARMED WITH POISON

London, Ont., Nov. 30.—Sensational reports say that bottles, said by the owners to contain poison, really containing poison, as labelled, that further arrests have been made by the military police, and that a plot to destroy the 18th Battalion has been foiled.

The only statement given out at the barracks is that the men arrested are on remand, and nothing could be said of the possible developments in the case.

Males in Britain Of Military Age Total 3,500,000

London, Dec. 3.—The total male population of England and Wales available for military purposes is estimated at 3,500,000 in the annual report of the Registrar-General of births, deaths and marriages.

BRING PRISONERS TO RUSSIAN TOWN

Kiev, Dec. 3.—One hundred and twenty German and Austrian officials have been brought here as prisoners. Among them are two Generals, six Colonels and 13 Majors.

Fresh Attack Was Repulsed

Paris, Dec. 2.—The French war office gave out an official announcement this afternoon as follows: In the region to the South of Ypres and St. Cloy an attack of the enemy against an entrenchment taken by our troops during the day was repulsed by us.

Our artillery inflicted damage on a group of three batteries of heavy artillery of the enemy at Vermelles Chateau and the Park surrounding it. Two houses in the village and some trenches were brilliantly occupied by our forces.

There has been a spirited artillery exchange in the vicinity of Fay to the Southeast of Peronne.

In the region between Vandresse Craonne there has been a violent bombardment to which French artillery replied with success, accomplishing the destruction of a battery.

In the Argonne a German attack against Fontaine Madame was repulsed and we made some progress in the occupation of a trench in the Forest of Curtes Chaussees.

The Fogota left Musgrave at 7.30 a.m.

AUSTRIAN ARMY OCCUPIES BELGRADE SERBIA'S CAPITAL

Vienna, Dec. 2.—Austrian troops today occupied Belgrade.

AUSTRIAN DEFENDERS OF CRACOW ARE DEFEATED BY THE RUSSIANS

Russians Effectively Check All Attempts of Germans at Any Forward Movement—German Guard Suffers Serious Defeat

Petrograd, Dec. 2.—The Army Messenger in its review of the fighting during the period from Nov. 28th to the 30th, says: "On the Russo-Prussian frontier the Germans have maintained their fortified positions, and have been making attacks of little importance. These operations were without success, and our army corps have kept their positions."

The German offensive in the region of Lowicz was repulsed by the advance guard and cavalry, who inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. The same fate befell the German offensive at Dombrovo and Schutsoff on the Thorn-Cracow front. The German Guard which attempted an offensive, suffered a serious defeat.

In Trzbitz and Hogomiloff district our troops have taken a large number of prisoners, since they assumed the offensive and captured several important points. Counter attacks of the enemy were repulsed.

The Austrian troops defending the approaches to Cracow have been defeated and are falling back in disorder. On the Galician front we are advancing with even increasing success.

Bishop to Preach

His Lordship Bishop Jones will preach at St. Michael's Mission Church on Sunday evening at 6.30.

Prussian Guard Again Dislodged From Their Lines

Famous German Regiment With Five Batteries is Driven Back in Disorderly Rout.

London, Dec. 2.—In France and Belgium the enemy showed activity to the north of Arras, and endeavor, without success, to come out of the trenches south of Bixchoete.

Between Bethune and Lens the French carried the Chateau and part of Vermelles by assault, after a somewhat hot encounter.

Russian official reports state that the Russian offensive has been successful north of Lowicz.

German reinforcements from Kalisz have been engaged near Lasha, where desperate fighting took place.

In the south a brigade of infantry of the Prussian Guard, with five batteries, were dislodged and forced back in disorderly flight.

German Trick Was Detected

Uruguay Prevents German Steamer From Taking Out Supplies To Enemy's Warships.

Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 2.—The port authorities to-day prevented the German steamship Mera from taking on coal, beyond the capacity of her bunkers.

The restriction is placed upon the vessel's coal supply, because it is alleged by Montevideo officials that the Mera's crew attempted to smuggle coal through the bunkers into the ship's hold.

The Mera is one of the three German vessels coaling and provisioning at this port, and the presence of the steamers is generally believed to be connected with the reported arrival of the German Pacific squadron in the Southern Atlantic.

6 MEN KILLED IN EXPLOSION OF LYDDITE

Bradford, England, Dec. 2.—A large stock of lyddite exploded with a roar to-day in the chemical works near this city. Six men were killed and many injured.

Hundreds of windows in Bradford and nearby villages were broken. The people were in great alarm, some believing the noise was the roar of the guns of an invading German army.

Colonials Change Their Camp Location

Rearrangement of Quarters on Salisbury Plain—Some Diversions of Overseas Forces

Salisbury Plain, Nov. 23.—The Newfoundlanders and the 17th (Nova Scotia) battalion have removed to the quarters formerly occupied by the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry which has gone to Winchester to join the brigade of which they are to form part.

The second battalion of the Canadian Expeditionary Force has, under the editorship of Signaller Charles Ocean, published a highly attractive bulletin commemorative of the voyage across the Atlantic. The bulletin contains some lively items, including poetry after the Kipling style—a long time after, as the writers would doubtless readily admit. Here's a sample:

"Onward, Royal Canadians, marching to the range; Nothing for your breakfast—this is nothing strange; Onward Royal Canadians, wash your dirty clothes; Where the soap is comin' from, the ordly sergeant knows."

Since leave began to be granted pretty freely, the number of telegrams arriving in camp informing members that their relatives are sick in various parts of England is perfectly amazing.

End of the War Speculations

Lloyds Taking Odds Against War Being Over By March—Rates On Property Go Up.

London, Nov. 24.—Brisk business has been done at Lloyds in "end of the war speculations," that the war would be over by March. There is a certain volume of opinion there that thinks the chances good. Enquiries in the city show that while 75 guineas per cent was quoted for a policy under which the total loss would be paid in the event of the war not being over by the end of next March, the rate has fallen to 60 guineas.

On the other hand there has been an increase of 5s to 7s 6d and even 10s in the full war risk rates of insurance of private house property on the east coast. For big works such as the Tyne yards the rate has advanced from 10s to £1.

What is in the minds of a few underwriters who are speculating on the duration of war is a secret, but the question of Germany's supplies is being much talked about in the city.

None Missing

The rumor that some of the Newfoundland soldiers on Salisbury Plain were missing is not correct.

A cablegram was received Tuesday night that the boys are safe in camp.

Schr. Nellie Louise, Capt. Burke, sailed yesterday for Pernambuco with a cargo of codfish from Bowring Bros.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Showery today. Friday—Fresh to strong N. W. to W. winds and becoming colder.

KING GEORGE GETS OVATION AT THE FRONT

His Majesty Spent a Whole Day With the British Troops—Met French President and Premier

Paris, Dec. 2.—President Poincare accompanied by Premier Viviani and General Joffre, met King George yesterday morning at the British Headquarters. After long conversation the King and President departed in an open auto for a tour of inspection behind the British lines.

They received a great ovation, being cheered enthusiastically by the troops and inhabitants of the villages through which they passed. The day was passed with the British troops.

In the evening King George gave a dinner at the Headquarters of the President, the Premier, General French, the Prince of Wales, General Duparge and Cois. Hughuet and Pine-ton.

General Joffre was compelled to return to his headquarters before dinner.

Not at the Front

It is currently reported that the 1st Nfld. Contingent has been sent to the front. This is not correct as they were at Salisbury Plain on Tuesday.

Berlin Kept In Ignorance Of Situation

Military Authorities Hold Back News of Reverses to the Kaiser's Armies

London, Nov. 30.—W. M. Dickworth, the Daily News correspondent telegraph from Copenhagen: "The great German general staff, with the Kaiser's connivance, is exploiting past victories in East Prussia to allay the fast growing depression in Berlin, by adroitly mixing up official reports. The General Staff is able, for the moment, to make Berlin believe the Russians are being prevented from marching towards German territory."

"And now news comes that Field Marshal von Hindenburg has issued a new army order containing another encouraging telegram from the Kaiser but the exact events over which the people are now rejoicing happened more than a week ago."

"They have no knowledge of the Russian victories that have happened since."

Vagrant Arrested

The young man Saunders of Tilling was arrested again last evening for larceny, the fourth time in a week.

Fresh Troops Being Rushed 'Cross Channel

Steady Stream of Transports From England to Havre, France—Two Hundred Ships in One Flotilla.

Havre, France, Nov. 22.—Directly following Lord Kitchener's speech at the lord mayor's banquet in London, in which he said he had 1,250,000 men ready to land in France, there has been a steady stream of transports from England to Havre.

As many as two hundred ships of various sizes have been lying outside the harbor at one time. Men are being landed as fast as the ships can find berths.

The troops are mostly Territorials, but well seasoned. After a march from the docks through the streets of Havre, cheering, and being cheered, they disappeared.



## Anderson's Removal Sale

Will Commence

Saturday, Dec. 5th, 8.30 a.m.

YOU know, it is three years since we had our regular December Clearing Sale—partly due to the fact, that the rush of general business during the month of December, of the years of 1911—, 12—, and 13,—did not allow us to devote the necessary time to prepare for our regular systematic Style of reducing, and remarking the prices on the various articles, in such a vast stock as ours.

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## THE TASKMASTER

By Charles Kingston

THE deputation twirled their caps awkwardly as they stood in the presence of Ephraim Ellis. At first the three men sent to place the grievances of their fellow workers before the old cotton master had maintained a spirit of dogged hostility, but Ellis soon showed by his manner that he knew how to deal with the class room which he had himself sprang.

"I've little to say, men," he began, in a deep voice, "but that little will be to the point. I'm one of yourselves—I worked in a mill for years and I know what it is. You ask for a ten per cent increase. I refuse it." "But our wages were reduced twenty per cent, sir," put in the boldest of the three; "that was a year ago, and you said that if trade improved you would give it back."

"Trade has not improved," snapped Ephraim.

"Give us back half, sir," pleaded another. "We cannot live on the present wage."

A sudden anger took possession of the cotton master, and he strode over to the fireplace, where he touched a bell.

"You refuse, then?" said Dunne, one of the deputation; a small man notorious for large ideas.

"I do."

"Then you'll not have a worker in your mill to-morrow."

"I can do without you," said Ephraim, with emphasis. Perhaps you'll find it difficult to do without me."

"We'll try at any rate," retorted Dunne, before the servant arrived to escort them to the door.

"It's goin' to be a fight to the death, mates," he whispered, as they descended, "but we must never give in."

The cotton workers of Great Deedbury were true to the words of their leaders, and within twenty-four hours a great strike was proclaimed.

Had any of the thousands of starving men, women and children in Great Deedbury known the story of Ephraim Ellis' life the strike could have been ended immediately. The cotton master had had an extraordinarily adventurous career, containing several episodes that frightened him whenever he recalled them. His father had been a rag and bone dealer, and Ephraim succeeded to the business, married at thirty, and then became the father of one child, a girl.

That was thirty-five years before, and he had not seen his daughter for twenty-eight years. The reason was simple enough. Ephraim, whose real name was John Fox, had tried the profession of receiver of stolen goods, and when the inevitable discovery came a stern judge sent him to penal servitude for seven years.

While in prison his wife died, and his daughter had disappeared—at any rate, when he came out of prison she was nowhere to be found, and he was not over-anxious to find her. Changing his name, Ephraim began speculating in a small way, obtained some money by false pretences, was not discovered, made more money with it, and finally bought a mill, to which he added as prosperity permitted him.

For years, whatever he touched turned to gold, and at sixty-five he was a millionaire and the employer of ten thousand persons. If he had been a man of greater imagination his prosperity would have frightened him, but he took it as a matter of course, and firmly believed that he had lived down his past.

Lately he had endeavored to trace his daughter, but it seemed a hopeless task after all these years. A private detective had drawn some hundreds of pounds from him on account of expenses, but no daughter had as yet come to light.

The crisis came with terrible suddenness. For a week Ephraim had remained indoors, and the change from the solitude of his house to the fury of the mob was terrifying.

"Your lives in danger, sir," cried his butler, dashing into the millionaire's study, "the strikers are coming."

Ephraim rose with a grim smile and walked to the window, but what he saw chilled him to the heart, and in that moment he realized the awfulness of hate. Through the great carriage drive, a motley mob of several thousand men and women were advancing carrying burning torches. They were coming to burn him out.

"Quick—telephone for the police," cried Ephraim.

"The police can't save us groaned the butler. "Look, sir."

He pointed to the onward rush of the infuriated strikers as they swept away the small band of detectives which had been living on the premises, and immediately the house was surrounded. It was lighted at a dozen different points, and soon the mansion was blazing. Ephraim escaped, owing to the insane fury of the mob, which did not recognize him in his servant's livery, and in was in his refuge at a neighboring town that he learned the reason for the desperate act. Two women once his employees, had died of starvation. That had roused the madness of the mob, and they would have burned Ephraim alive had they found him.

Two women had starved to death while nine mills were lying idle. It was a terrible blotch on our civilization. Elizabeth Crowther and Mary Fish had died the most terrible of deaths, and Elizabeth Crowther was Ephraim's daughter. He would not believe it when his detective brought him the news, but his proof was overwhelming.

"I came to tell you, sir, the day they burnt your house," said the man. "I only found her an hour before she died. For ten years she was employed by you, but, of course, her married name hid her. What had luck! Died of starvation, and she could have had a million for the asking."

Ephraim groaned in his agony.

## RUSSIANS BEAT DOWN OPPONENTS

Even With Ordinary Strategic Ability Czar's Forces Are Able to Overwhelm the Kaiser's Armies by Sheer Weight of Numbers

New York, Nov. 28.—The military critic of the New York "Sun" summing up the situation in the east says:

"Accepting the situation in the east at precisely the valuation placed on it by official Petrograd, it seems plain that Russia has for the third time checked a considerable German offensive, and temporarily, at least, transformed it into a retreat. In a similar way in October the German thrust at the Niemen was repulsed, and in November, that at Warsaw.

Were Outnumbered.

Looking at the story of these three invasions it seems clear that they have all failed because after considerable success and real progress, the Germans were unable to retain the advantage of superior numbers at decisive points. As their armies proceeded in eastern Prussia and Russian territory, Russian armies before them regularly increased until no advantage in equipment, in generalship, in training, could counter-balance the ponderous bulk of the Slav, whose armies presently became expurgable in front, and began to overflow on the flanks.

As to Napoleon.

Now Bernhardt, who is quotable on all occasions, and frequently invaluable, says in his book on German war making that Napoleon, after having long and brilliantly defeated superior with inferior armies, endeavored to enforce local victories when his numbers had begun to be inadequate for the purpose. This caused the ruin of his 1814 campaign.

Looking at the eastern campaign it is difficult to avoid feeling that slowly but steadily the growing volume of Russian numbers is making all incidental German victories insignificant in their relation to the campaign. As far back as September 1, Gen. von Hindenburg, won at Tannenberg the most complete victory Europe has seen since Waterloo. A quarter of a million Russians were captured or killed, about twice the number Napoleon took to Belgium in 1815, but hardly a month later new Russian masses came back to east Prussia.

All Eyes on Russia.

More and more Russia holds the attention of the world in this great conflict and rightly so. In the west the relative narrowness of the battle front, together with topographical circumstances, the mountains and the rough country, have contributed to produce a deadlock. From Switzerland to the North Sea between four and five million men are facing each other in lines long held, and apparently only to be broken by siege.

Thanks to the impetus of the original thrusts, too, Germany still stands far within the territory of her opponents, and an invasion of the Rhineland from France or Belgium still remains the remote dream of optimistic, patriotic journals. For many months, it is reasonable to believe, Belgium will remain in German hands, and it is even conceivable that Germany may still make slight progress towards the west.

The Moral Effect.

The moral effect of a Russian conquest of east Prussia upon Berlin, upon Germany, would be difficult to exaggerate. In August the Kaiser risked his Marne campaign to win among the Mazurian lakes. A long series of allied victories in the west would not necessarily bring French or British troops to German soil. Russian troops are now on German soil, and a decisive repulse in Poland might cost the Kaiser East Prussia for all time.

If the German armies have not yet reached their maximum, it is hardly to be questioned that they have nearly reached that point. Many observers have already begun to believe that they have passed it. In such a situation, failure in Poland, retreat in East Prussia, and a deadlock in the west, with the additional circumstance that neither in the east nor west have the allies touched their maximum—these are circumstances grave enough to suggest that at least a German recoil in the east and west may be at hand.

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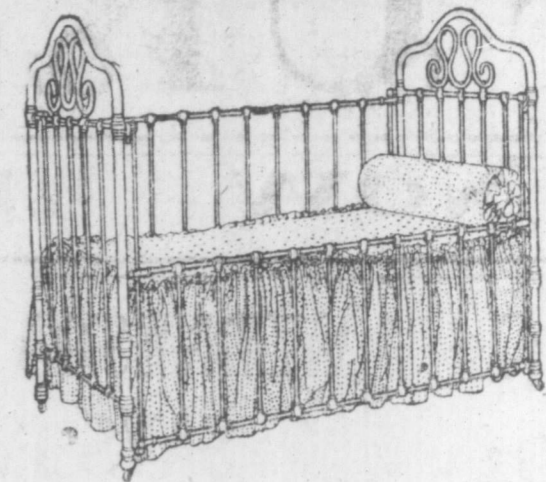
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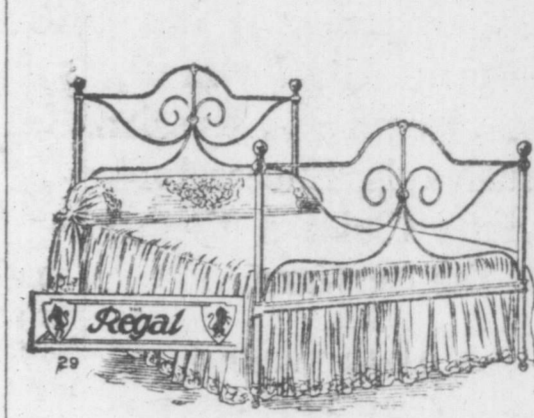
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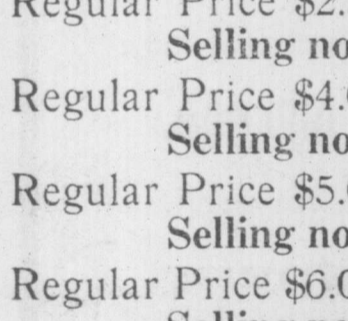
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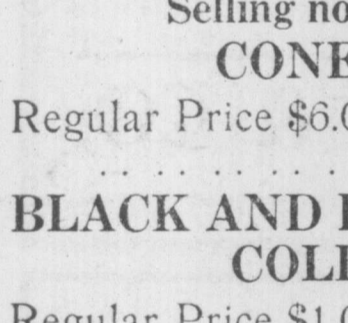
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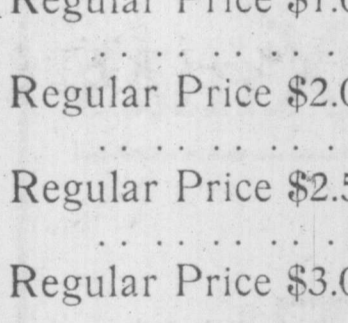
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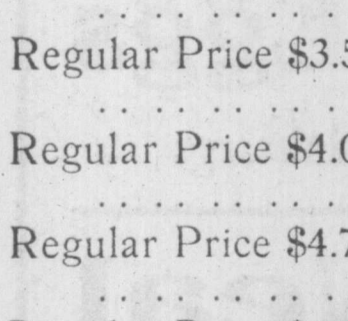
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Are Facing a Blank Outlook Patriotically and With All the Stern Courage of Despair

SHORTAGE LIKELY IN SOME SUPPLIES

Not Enough Gunpowder or Shells and no Materials Available for Their Manufacture

London, Wednesday, Nov. 29.—The Daily Telegraph publishes a long article by an American, just returned from Germany, which gives an interesting picture of that country and the attitude of the population toward the war. He says:

"Let me say at once that the patriotism and determination of the Germans is not one whit behind that of the Allies. At no time have the Emperor and the Crown Prince been more popular than at the present. At no time has the personal ascendancy of the Emperor been greater. Those who expect to see a sudden outburst of Socialism, which will force the Government to make peace, are living in a fool's paradise.

### Fight To A Finish.

"I am fully convinced that the German people intend to fight to a finish. At the present moment the Germans have sixty-eight corps, fully mobilized, each of an average strength of 43,000 men of all arms. This, you will see, makes nearly 3,000,000 men fully mobilized and in the field.

"The military authorities have created ten fresh corps out of the surplus of the Landwehr, and from the vast numbers of volunteers who have come forward. They claim that they have applications from no fewer than 2,000,000 volunteers, but, this, I think is an exaggeration. To my certain knowledge very large numbers of the Landwehr have not yet been called up, and comparatively few of this class have been sent to the front.

### No Shortage of Food.

"There is absolutely no shortage of food supplies in the country. Of wheat, rye and meat there is plenty.

"Where Germany will fail is in those articles essential to war, which require raw material that she cannot produce herself.

"I have seen great hopes placed on the failure of her supply of petrol. These hopes are ill-founded. Officials assure me that there is still enough petrol in the country to last for another year and a half. My own personal investigations bears out this statement.

"On the other hand, every one admits that there is a terrible scarcity of rubber.

"More serious still is the shortage of copper, which is essential for the manufacture of shells and ammunition.

### Gunpowder Supply Falling.

"I have every reason to believe that the supply of gunpowder is causing the General Staff the gravest anxiety.

"They lack the saltpetre and nitrates necessary for its manufacture. They carefully avoid giving direct answers to all questions on this subject, and prefer to turn them away with some

feeble excuse. When asked why they are using old ammunition they say, 'We wish to get rid of it.'

"I do not mean to imply that there are not still immense reserves of ammunition in the country, but from my inquiries I am convinced that, even on a scale vastly below that of the present time, they will, for this reason alone, be unable to carry on the war after next June.

### Realise They Are Beaten.

Summing up the writer says: "In their inner hearts the Germans official classes realise quite well that there can be only one result to the present struggle. They know that they are beaten. They realise that the odds against them are too great. They are fighting now to obtain the best terms possible.

"They are determined to fight to the bitter end rather than yield, and are equally determined to hold on to Belgium and preserve their fleet, as they are the only two weapons left with which they can obtain favorable terms.

"They hope by prolonging the war to exhaust the patience and endurance of the Allies. They hope to offer such strenuous resistance on both frontiers that rather than continue the war the Allies will meet them half way.

### Expect Losses.

"I have spoken with those who frankly admit that they expect to lose Alsace and part of Lorraine. On their eastern frontier they expect to lose part of East Prussia, so that Russia can straighten out her frontier. They expect Austria to lose Galicia for a like reason. All they hope is to preserve the unity of Germany and to save what remains of the empire.

"The official classes, society—in fact all those who know—keep up smiling faces. At heart they are in despair because they know that, however long they continue their resistance, before a year is out the lack of certain essentials in the destruction of mankind will bring them up against a stone wall in which there is no exit except by the acknowledgement of their defeat."

## The Rhodes' Scholarship, 1915

The Qualifying Examination for the Rhodes' Scholarship of 1915 will be held on March 1st and 2nd next.

The examination will, this year, be conducted by the Oxford Local Examinations Board and the syllabus of work will be that for Senior Candidates.

Copies of the syllabus can be seen at any time at the office of the Council of Higher Education, Colonial Building, St. John's.

Those who wish to qualify as candidates for the Scholarship must send in their names to the undersigned not later than the last day of December next, and candidates must state in their applications whether they wish to be examined in Geometry or Algebra.

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## DURATION OF THE WAR

(London Daily Mail)

WE are able to state that a high French military authority has given private expression to the following views as to the probable duration of the war:

His estimate is based on the belief that the Germans will commit no great tactical error.

He divides the war into six periods—two past, one present, and three to come.

The first period was the advance through Belgium into France. The second period was the Battle of the Marne and the German retreat to the Aisne.

The third period is that of the fighting on the Aisne, continuing and developing into the battle for Calais.

The fourth period will be a German retreat and a battle on the Meuse.

The fifth period will be a further retreat and a battle on the Rhine.

The sixth period will be the march to Berlin.

He estimates that the battle for Calais will not completely end before the beginning of December.

He assigns a period of five months to the battle of the Meuse—the end of April or the beginning of May, 1915.

The campaign on the Rhine should last nearly twice as long—that is to say, until February, 1916.

The final march to Berlin and negotiations for peace should bring the war to an end with the final withdrawal of the Allied armies of occupation in 1917.

This estimate gives a total period of rather less than three years to the war. It is presumed by the same high military authority that the Russian advance will occupy a similar period, and that only the steady combined pressure of the Allies can bring matters to a conclusion within the period suggested. He assumes that the German forces will withdraw steadily, and that there will be no sudden collapse of either front.

## WAR ODDITIES

London—Dr. Doyen, noted Paris surgeon, recently performed 130 critical operations in 36 hours. Eighty per cent. of the patients will live.

London—There is a big boom in the beer bottle trade here, the factories receiving large orders formerly filled by German and Austrian concerns.

London—Yorkshire mill owners are completely ignoring orders for civilian clothing, so great is the army's demand.

The Hague—For the benefit of the two thousand British marines interned in Holland, the Groninger Courant is printing daily a column in English.

Paris—Mme. Millerand, wife of the Minister of War, has become head of the "Blue Cross Society," the duties of which are to remove wounded horses from the battlefield.

London—Army recruiting orators estimate the entire German army engaged, standing shoulder to shoulder in double rank would stretch 1,100 miles, whereas the present British force would reach only twenty miles.

Berlin—The municipal council of Braunsberg appeals to townfolk to kill superfluous cats and send their hides to manufacturers, who will turn them into body-belts for soldiers. The skins are believed to act as a preventive against rheumatism.

London—Seven hundred Irish soldiers have made their wills in the little form attached to their prayer books, bequeathing all their possessions to John Redmond, Home Rule champion.

Paris—Rejected for Kitchener's army because of small stature, despite his ability in marksmanship and riding, a Liverpool lawyer joined the French cavalry. He has twice been mentioned for bravery.

London—The prophecy of the Occult Messenger, the Occult Club's official organ, has gone wrong this time. The paper said that between November 15th and 28th "Germany game will be lost, and the Kaiser will be in a mad house."

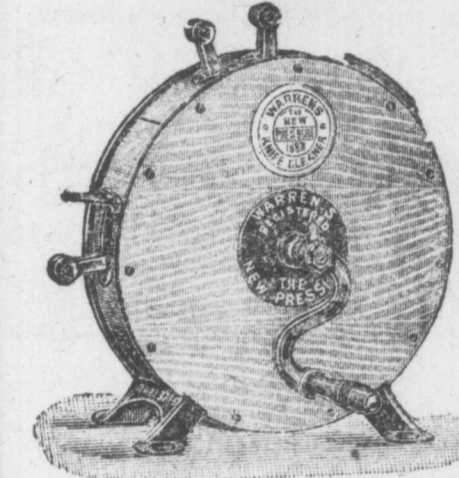
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**OUR POINT OF VIEW**

**What About It?**

THE proudest man in the Colony to-day ought to be President Coaker for his estimate of the catch of fish and opinions as to conditions which would prevail in the latter part of the season have been fully borne out by facts and conditions to a marvellous degree.

The price of dry talqual shore fish to-day here is \$7.20 and the price will probably go to \$7.50, while the price of cod oil is \$80 per ton.

The stock of fish carried here is the smallest known to the trade for at least fifty years.

President Coaker estimated the shore catch to be 250,000 qtls. less than an average year, and to-day no one doubts his estimate. He stated during August and September that fish would advance to a high figure in the fall, but every buyer ridiculed his statement and fishermen even hastened to dispose of their fish at prices lower than those fixed from day to day.

The President's proposals to the Government were solid and well founded, and had the Government purchased thirty or forty thousand quintals of fish at \$6 and \$4 at the time the buyers endeavoured to slump prices in October, the Colony to-day would be able to sell the fish to local buyers at a profit of \$1.00 to \$1.50 per qtl, and Mr. Cashin would have had \$50,000 to add to the revenue, while the fishermen would be in pocket the \$200,000 lost through the slump in prices under \$6 and \$4.

The Government were frightened, when President Coaker proposed that they should buy fish and store it, and claimed that if they started buying they would have to handle 1,000,000 quintals.

They ridiculed Mr. Coaker's statement that only 30 per cent. of the shore fish was then held by the fishermen. Some of them began to reckon some 80,000 qtls. of fish still in the hands of the fishermen in St. Barbe District, while Mr. Coaker claimed that 80,000 qtls. was as much as remained to be sold in the whole North.

Some merchants were so impressed by the action of the Government in refusing to support the F.P.U. proposals as to become fully convinced that there would be a slump in prices right through the fall and sold thousands of quintals of shore fish in advance upon which they are to-day losing one dollar per quintal.

It was bad enough to have a Government of lawyers and Legislative Council Dummy Ministers, talking low prices, but that practical fish exporters should be so ill-informed as to sell thousands of quintals of shore fish that they had to purchase, at slump prices, is beyond the imagination of reasonable men.

The one remarkable feature of the slump in October was the action of two members of the Executive who refused to buy a fish's tail at \$6 but purchased all they could lay hands on when they could buy at \$5.75. Had those two men started buying when the price was \$6, there would have been no slump, and shore fish would not have fallen below \$6.

They bought about 30,000 qtls. and on the bulk of it they can to-day clear \$1.50 per qtl.

The fishermen can never forgive Sir E. P. Morris for his cowardly neglect to take measures to prevent a slump in prices in October, for he was plainly told that the crisis would be over, if arrangements were made to assist the fishermen, during the two weeks in October, when the great bulk of fish would be offering here.

Many a fisherman is sorry to-day that he did not heed the advice of President Coaker, for if Councils of the F.P.U. will look over the President's circulars sent out since the war opened they will realize that just what the President stated as his opinion is what has taken place.

The fishermen may safely say that they have lost a half million dollars by not heeding more closely President Coaker's advice.

The "great impossible" has become possible. A miracle has taken place, for not one merchant in the Country believed in August, September or Oc-

tober that the voyage was so short or that in spite of the war \$7 per qtl. would be paid for talqual shore fish.

We know of fish buyers, in August, who stated at the Board of Trade meeting of fish buyers that \$4 should be paid for dry fish and no more and, what is more, that opinion was backed by the buyers in a body. Subsequently the F.P.U. began buying at \$6 and the Council of the Board of Trade asked the Government to guarantee the buyers against loss if \$5.25 were paid.

President Coaker offered fish at \$6 in September and October and those buyers refused to purchase, stating they would buy all they wanted later at \$5.25 and \$5. One of the greatest crimes ever committed by a Government against the people is that in respect to the fish business this fall in Newfoundland and the Sinner-in-Chief is the Premier of Newfoundland to-day.

Lloyd George by his fearless stand to protect the finances of the Empire and the world since the war opened has earned a reputation that will stamp him as the greatest financial genius that ever lived and probably that ever will live, and the whole world is blessing him hourly.

Here in Newfoundland the Premier had an opportunity to utilize all the real constructive ability he possessed and he did no more to help the Country through the awful crisis than a man at the North Pole. He listened entirely to Water Street fish merchants and he absolutely refused to listen to anything proposed by the only man in the Country who knew the real conditions and whose sole aim was to help the whole Country.

The Premier lost the opportunity of his life when he turned down the proposals made and advocated by the President of the F.P.U.

The crisis in October and September called for fearless action, and such action could only be taken by a fearless man ready to consider nothing but the question of protecting the people and country.

That there has not been a revolution in the country is due to the action of this paper and President Coaker who refrained from no action that tended to keep the fish buyers alive and who fearlessly advocated measures that the great majority of men would refuse to consider.

Fancy, you Sons of Toil what would be your state to-day had you been forced to sell your shore fish at \$4 and Labrador at \$2. Those prices were actually decided upon, and had things been as they were in 1908, those prices would have been paid on this year.

Remember 1908, when you sold Labrador soft at \$1.80 for truck and \$2.40 for shore. There was no war, no nine great nations at war, no 20,000,000 soldiers facing each other on battlefields—yet this year while Armageddon is being fought and 3,000,000 soldiers are laid low by death, or illness, occasioned by war in Europe, you sold your fish at prices that gave you from 100 to 200 per cent. higher prices than prevailed in the year before the Union started and when European trade conditions were normal.

**Mob Rule**

ON Tuesday night, about 40 men, headed by Mr. Canning, of the firm of the G. M. Barr, boarded the schooner J. S. Munn, at Smith & Co.'s Wharf and took possession of her. No Sheriff was present and no writ had been issued by the Court.

Two of the schooner's crew were on board, but were overpowered. The Captain arrived on the scene, just as the lines were being slipped from Smith Co.'s Wharf and he was told that G. M. Barr's men were there to take charge of G. M. Barr's property. They, of course, overpowered the Captain, who is Edwin Kean, the fish-killer of Brookfield.

The schooner had about 1000 qtls. of fish, which belong to the Captain and men on board.

The capture was made about 9 p.m. while eight of the crew were ashore. Barr's men had motor boats to tow away the vessel and they placed her high and dry in Barr's dock.

The trouble seems to be that the schooner was registered in Barr's name and he held a Bill of Sale for her. He sold her to a man named Nash, belonging to the West Coast. Nash paid some money on her and did business with Barr, but having fallen out a year or two ago over charges in his account, he left Barr and did business with Smith & Co.

Last fall he sold the schooner to Smith & Co., who in turn sold to Captain Edwin Kean.

Barr claims Nash owes him \$1700—Nash claims Barr owes him \$1000. Barr, because he holds the register and made no legal transfer, set to work on Tuesday, when Capt. Kean arrived, to capture the schooner and did so in the manner outlined.

Had Captain Kean's crew been on board it is likely some one would have been killed or shot. Then half a dozen trials would have to take place in the Supreme Court, and the country have to find \$10,000 to punish criminal

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**TRUTH DAWNING ON GERMANY**

London Times:—The conclusion we draw from evasions and omissions in the German Press is that the truth is beginning to dawn upon the German nation, and that neither the Government nor the newspapers can much longer prevent the Germans from realizing that they cannot now hope to win their war. Every day makes it plainer that the handful of men who control German policy are not now fighting to win, but aim only at establishing a position which will secure for them the best terms possible when the time comes to talk peace.

**THE FULL EAR AND THE THIN**

London News and Leader:—It is needless to say there has never been a year at all like this in the Canadian wheat markets. What it means to Canada, remains to be seen. What it means to this country may be dimly realized by comparison with the present state of Hungary, where the Government, in spite of stringent legal limitation of the amount of wheat to be used in bread, has already been reduced to commandeering forcibly bread supplies for the army, so extravagant are the prices demanded.

**PAYING DEARLY FOR "ECONOMY"**

London Express:—You cannot have it both ways. You must either provide in peace time for adequate protection in time of war or you must suffer accordingly. The price of half-a-dozen extra battleships which was "saved" in the House of Commons was a mere bagatelle compared to the price we have since had to pay; and though at a time like the present we dislike to refer to controversial questions, it is undoubtedly true that the present Government and its Radical supporters are alone responsible for the fact that cruisers are to-day so many German cruisers at sea, interfering with commerce and able to destroy weaker British warships.

**UNEMPLOYMENT IN ENGLAND**

Westminster Gazette:—The figures as to employment in this country still continue to improve. In the insured trades the figures of unemployment is now 3.92, as compared with 4.16 a week ago, 4.80 a month ago, and 3.69 a year ago. At the beginning of September the percentage was as high as 6.3. As to uninsured trades, the Labor Exchange Registers also show a slight improvement. We are well aware that the war has brought loss of work to a great many people who are not dealt with in any of these figures, but it may with certainty be stated that industrial employment is being maintained at a far higher level than would have been thought possible if before war came an attempt had been made to estimate its results.

wrong occasioned by the action of Barr in taking charge of this schooner in the manner stated.

The crew are furious over the taking away of their 1000 qtls. of fish, which they claim was as good as stolen, as they were not aware of any trouble. They wanted to have Barr arrested yesterday for taking their fish, but wiser counsels prevailed.

What Captain Kean should have done on Tuesday night when he got his crew on board, was to send for half a dozen crews of Bonavista Bay schooners and taken the vessel from Barr's Wharf, even if he had broken a dozen heads in so doing, which would have taught a lesson to all business men who endeavor to settle their troubles by the aid of mob rule.

"Might is Right," says him of the German mailed fist—and "Might is Right" says Mr. G. M. Barr, "for if I can't get the schooner back by fair means, I will by the mob rule of Might, and Might conquers, while Right would have had to wait for weeks in order to allow the Court to decide."

This is a serious matter for the fishermen and unless stopped the planters will often look for their schooners after their evening's "ruise in Water Street, where they led them on during the day, but will find them, fish and all, in the possession of some business man who had a dispute over an account with the man the planter bought his schooner from and have to hire a dozen lawyers to get his own fish back and the good money he paid for the schooner he thought was his own.

We presume Barr will now sue Captain Kean for the hire of the schooner the past summer. Why not do so, Mr. Barr, and cover yourself with the glory and the curses of 40,000 fishermen of your adopted country?

**Nothing Done Yet**

ON Monday last we made reference in these columns to the plight of two poor women on Bannerman Street, and said if something were not done very soon, that we should take her matter up again.

Up to last night nothing had been done. We did not expect that there would, but when we went there last night, we confess to a shock on beholding the poor creatures in exactly the same condition of neglect.

We want the public to pay attention to what we are about to say, and then ask themselves if it is not about time that officialdom in this town got a rude awakening. We gave all concerned in the continuance of this crime of official indifference a chance to do something to save their faces and they have been too supine or lazy or indifferent to make a move. Well, perhaps, we can move them, and move them much farther than they may regard as comfortable. On the fifth of October last a gentleman residing in the neighbourhood of the hotel referred to, moved by the suffering of those two poor human beings, addressed a letter to Inspector-General Sullivan, calling his attention to the sad case, and asking that something be done.

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## RUSSIA'S MILITARY FORCE GREATLY EXCEEDS STRENGTH OF AUSTRIANS AND GERMANS

Czar's Armies in the Field Include at Least Four Million Men—Strength Telling all Along the Line

### UNHAPPY LOT OF THE POLES

Their Country Over-Run and Devastated by the Opposing Armies—Many Cases of German Cruelty Alleged

(By John F. Bass.)  
Petrograd, Russia, Nov. 19 (By Mail)—Russia has in the field covering the German-Austrian frontiers, including Galicia, at least 4,000,000 men. This is a force vastly superior to the combined German and Austrian armies on the Russian frontier and in Poland, and this predominance of strength is telling all along the line.

I have had a long conversation with an officer who has been in the battles that have taken place west and south of Warsaw. He told me many things of interest concerning the war. He was especially impressed with the extreme mobility of the German forces and the ease with which they shifted their troops from one point to another.

Poles Between Two Fires.  
He also explained to me the unfor-



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fortunate situation in which the population of Poland finds itself. At the beginning of the war Poland was rich in provisions; meat, butter, milk and bread were abundant. The first troops to take the field in Poland were the Austrian volunteers; these in turn were driven out by the first Russian forces. Then came the regular Austrian troops, which at first successfully invaded Poland, but were again driven out by the increasing Russian army. Now the Germans have come.

Each army in turn levied its tribute of provisions from the country folk. When the Germans arrived they counted on finding plenty of provisions and on living off the country; they were greatly disappointed, therefore, when they discovered that supplies were almost exhausted. Consequently they employ every method to squeeze the peasants and force them to bring what food remains. They pay for these provisions, and pay well, consequently the peasants, who are not accustomed to get such high prices, have parted with everything they have and are in danger of starvation.

**Unable to Move Away.**  
In more thickly populated countries like France, Belgium, and Austria, where railroads are naturally more numerous and closer together, it is possible for the greater part of the population to move away from the field of active battle; but in Poland the villages are so far apart and the railroads and highways so few, the people cannot get away in large numbers, and really have no place to go. They stay in their villages ignorant of what is going on. Suddenly shells begin to burst over a village and the battle may pass through it. The peasants, stupefied at this sudden eruption of war, can only fall on their knees, pray, and cross themselves.

"These peasants," said the officer, "are the greatest sufferers of the war. We enter a village. The Germans shell us. The unfortunate peasants kneel and cross themselves and seek shelter behind walls, trees, and stones."  
**No Cellars in Which to Hide.**  
"We in turn are obliged to withdraw. We cannot help the poor peasants by taking them with us, for a fighting force cannot take along in a battle women and children. The Germans enter the village, and we in turn shell them. The poor villagers again suffer. Their houses have no cellars and they are almost

as much exposed to the dangers of battle as are the soldiers. The population—men, women, and children—are constantly under the fire of both combatants.

"When we invaded East Prussia we found that the bulk of the population had fled. In Poland it is different. Involuntarily those who remain do us considerable harm. Although they have the best intentions in the world, when they are subjected to the cross-examination of German officers they cannot help giving information concerning our numbers and our whereabouts.

**Do Much Harm.**  
"I believe the newspapers which are circulated in both the German and the Russian armies do much harm in exciting both sides to acts of retaliation. These papers contain accounts of atrocities, true or false. The stories naturally inflame the soldiers to acts of unnecessary violence and cruelty."  
"In our army, where there are fewer newspapers circulated, the feeling is not so artificially stirred as it is in the German army, where newspapers give credence to the most improbable stories of atrocities on the part of Russians, French, and British. Consequently the German soldiers come into war in a state of mind which leads itself to the most wanton acts of brutality."

**Volunteer Forces Not Successful.**  
"In Russia the volunteers are for the most part of the upper and educated classes; they are comparatively few in number at present because we have not needed them. On the German and Austrian sides, however, there are many volunteers from the uneducated classes."  
"On the whole, these volunteer forces have not proved a success in the war. In the first place they lack the machine-like precision of the regular troops and are not nearly as effective in mobility or in actual fighting. Their lack of discipline

"Austria's field gun is mechanically perfect, but the gun crews lack technical training and show great nervousness. This weakness is proved by the small proportion of shells that reach the mark."  
**Austrians Desert Trenches.**  
"The Austrians and Germans build equally good trenches, but here again the Germans show superior steadiness and never leave the trenches until ordered to do so by their officers. The Austrians, on the other hand, show nervousness, and when hard pressed are liable to desert their trenches against the orders of their officers. When the German and Austrian forces unite the latter submit entirely to German control."

"The German policy of always assuming the aggressive has cost the Germans dearly in Russia, because it leads them to advance so rapidly that, because of continuous rains and bad roads, they cannot reinforce their columns with sufficient speed. For the same reason the advance guards find it unable to retreat rapidly. The Germans are good at defensive fighting, but they do not like, nor do they stand well, the bayonet charge."  
"Under German influence the Austrians have attempted to assume offensive tactics. When they are not successful the Austrians troops are liable to retreat in a panic and fail to stop at the entrenched positions which have been prepared. If, however, the Austrians are once stationed in a defensive position they fight well and hold their ground."

**Never Used.**  
"The much-vaunted German 42-centimetre guns have not been in use in Russia because of the impossibility of transporting them; nor, for the same reason, have the Germans been able to make effective use of their seven and eight-inch mortars. The moral effect of the stories that have been circulated concerning these guns is considerable and adds to the effectiveness of the German field artillery. I do not, however, consider the German field gun more destructive than our field gun nor is the aim of the German gunner any better."

**Seldom See the Germans.**  
"The most remarkable difference between fighting the Austrians and fighting the Germans is that you see the former in battle and you don't see the latter. Against the Germans one gets the impression that the whole battle is being fought by the artillery."  
"So effectively do the Germans concentrate their gunfire that every engagement of any magnitude opens with a perfect hail of shells. This devilish artillery fire is continued for a long time; indeed, it seems to cover the entire period of the German advance."  
"The advance of the infantry, long delayed, is absolutely covered by this avalanche of shells. No opportunity is given to see the infantry, which advances nearer to our positions and entrenches itself. This in turn gives the German artillery the opportunity to move up and sweep the countryside with its masses of steel and lead. There is a great deal of talk about the German cavalry and infantry, but you see little of them."

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## General News Of The World

Culled From Many Sources For Readers of The Mail and Advocate

The new super-dreadnought California, to be built for the American navy, will be driven by electric motors.

The new York subway has a great record. In ten years it carried 2,429,777,435 passengers, and it has had just one killed in a train wreck.

The Sheephead Bay race track in Brooklyn, N.Y., was sold for \$2,500,000. The purchasers plan to turn the track into a motordrome for automobile races.

Col. George W. Goethals, Governor of the Panama Canal Zone, issued an order providing that all employees on the canal with marine licenses must abstain absolutely from liquor.

Chicago is to have ice cold mail permission to install an icebox having been requested by the postmaster to help the "farm to consumer" movement.

A man found intoxicated in Denmark is turned over to the care of a doctor, and the bill is sent to the proprietor of the last saloon visited by the man.

An Exchange telegram says a lance corporal and a private of the Hants Regiment stationed at Salisbury, Eng-

land, have been proved German spies and will be dealt with by military authorities.

Of the 11,317,424 families in France before the war, forty-five had eighteen or more children, and thirty-seven families had seventeen children each. But 2,661,987 families or 23.5 per cent. had only two children each, while 1,805,744 families, or 15.9 per cent., had no children.

This fall, Eben Allen, aged 87, of Ellsworth, Me., has dug one hundred bushels of potatoes, gathered one hundred bushels of vegetables, threshed a bushel of beans, gathered forty bushels of apples and has sawed two and a half cords of wood, besides doing numerous other duties about the house.

Bombay is going to make use of road mirrors at dangerous turns or junctions of streets and roads where traffic is considerable. It is expected those mirrors will enable motorists, when they approach such junctions, to determine whether or not otherwise blind streets are free from traffic. One of these mirrors, measuring five by ten feet, is said to be the largest of its kind in the world.

In Kenosha, Wis., the street car company, suspicious that the receipts were not what they should be, discharged its eighteen conductors and is now experimenting with an "honor" system. A coin box is placed at the rear of each car, in which the passenger is supposed to drop his fare. So far the results have been satisfactory.

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St. John's, N.F., March 15th, 1914.

Dear Sir,—I have much pleasure in informing you that I am perfectly cured of my stomach trouble after having used two bottles of your medicine. I feel as well as ever. I was fifteen years suffering. Doctors said they could do me no good and told me I would never be cured. I gave up hopes of getting better till a friend advised me to try your medicine, and after using two bottles I am well.

You are free to make any use of this that you think proper. I feel that I am completely cured and I trust that other sufferers will find the blessing of health again by using your medicine.

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## VOLUNTEER LIST TOTALS OVER 400

Last Night's Recruits Numbered Ninety-eight--Grand Total 433 in Three Nights

Recruiting continued at the C.L.B. Armoury, and while the number of volunteers was not as large as on the previous evenings, still 98 young men went forward, making a grand total of 433 for three nights.

The recruiting officers were not up to their eyes in business last night, and at periods there was a lull.

Several have been refused because they are under age.

All who have volunteered will not pass the medical tests, so there is still room for more recruits.

It is hoped the young men will come forward, and even if a thousand volunteer there would not be too many.

### The Volunteers.

Those who volunteered last night were:—

Wilfred Pippy, George Gordon, Phillips, Cyril O'Keefe, John A. Walsh, Samuel Bearns, Thomas Kelly, William Maddox, Cecil Jas. Meadus;

Patrick Cleary, Peter Joseph Mitchell, Daniel Costello, George Chesley Abbott, William Bartlett Taylor, Alfred Reid;

Ronald Maunder, Erastus Moores (Tilt Cove), Leander Frew, Walter Tucker, Charles Reid, Stanley Cornick, Thos. Walsh;

Stewart Dawe, Charles Nurse, Ron. Sullivan Walter Lidstone, Francis Gallagher, Stan, Reardon, William Bransfield;

Robert Collins, John Garland, Herb Taylor, Frank Joseph Dooley, Thomas Croke, Roderick Purcell, Edward Fleming, Fred Sullivan;

Patk. Jos. English, William A. Bastow, William McDonald, Robert S. Bremner, George Hearne, Harold King Samuel Clayton Percy;

Sylvester Fitzgerald, Edward Walsh, Jacchim Murphy, Thomas Connors, Rd. Volsey, Charles Nelson, Samuel Ryan, Peter Manning;

Dan Connors, Harry Chaplin, Ed. Joseph Martin, George Lush, Thomas Cullen, Ernest Martin, James Adams, Richard Walsh;

William Thomas Harvey, William Noseworthy, Isaac Richards, Clarence Leslie (Nova Scotia), Selby Taylor, Frank Tuff;

Edward Kennedy, Michael Downey, John Humby, Ronald Simpson, Cyril Hy. Tressie, George L. Tressie, Michael Tobin;

Thomas Walsh, Rex Field, Ronald Curtis, William George Tucker, Nutting F. Ellis, Fred Bryne, John Aspell James Milley;

Jos. Snelgrove, Henry Dewling, Hiram Porter, George Lambert, Reginald Sheppard, Walter H. Cranford (New Hr. T.B.), Thomas Dooley, Nath Gooby;

John Field McBay, Hubert V. Gullage, Ed. Collingswood, Robt. H. Martin, Jas. Morrissey, Walter Bussey, William Shawner, Dan. Ferguson, John Molloy.

## Suggested Inundation Of Belgium

And Nieuport Lock-Keeper Will be Decorated for His Brilliant and Strategic Idea

Dunkirk, France, Nov. 30.—The man who planned the flood of the German troops on the Yser has been decorated with the Order of King Leopold, and is likely to receive some similar recognition from the Allies governments. This man, whose name has not been made public is the keeper of the great Nieuport sluices, which control the water in the canal and dykes. His position gave him an unrivalled knowledge of the possibilities of inundating the country, and he pointed out to the Belgian General Staff that by using the railway embankment as a dyke, and by breaking the canal bank in certain places, they could inundate most of the region occupied by the German troops and advanced gun positions.

His plan was adopted. The culverts in the railway embankment were filled with sand and gravel, and then the fire of the heavy guns was concentrated on points in the canal bank until it burst, and the water spread out over the fields.

### Note of Thanks

The Christian Brothers beg to thank their many subscribers for their generous donations towards last Sunday's collection. Amount received to date, \$4210.

## TAUGHT TOWN OF AUSTRIANS STERN LESSON

Russian General Ordered People to Raise a Big Levy and Then, After Giving Them Deserved Homily, Handed Back their Money

London, Sunday, November 29.—The Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Milan quotes from La Stampa of Turin a description of the Russian entry into Crenowitz on September second, sent by its correspondent there. On his arrival at the town hall, General Arintinoff addressed the city fathers, declaring Bukovina incorporated into the Russian Empire and stated that the Russian soldiers would neither sack houses nor attack persons.

### Austrian Example.

"But," he went on, "following the example of the Austrians, I am about to demand what their general, Daun, exacted when he took possession of Kamez Podolski. In other words I impose upon this city a levy of 600,000 roubles, to be consigned to me in gold or silver not later than five o'clock to-morrow afternoon. Should this sum not be forthcoming, I shall have the big guns trained on the city, and Czernowitz will be levelled to the ground."

### Were Terror-Stricken.

The populace was terror-stricken, being well aware that such an exorbitant sum was unprocureable. The burgomaster, assessors and priests began pressing the general for an abatement, urging that all the wealthiest citizens had already fled with their valuables but the Russian general only appeared to wax angrier, and he brought down his ponderous fist on the table, exclaiming: "Nay, no compromise! That was the Austrian system. Why, at Kamez Podolski my own daughter had to sacrifice every one of her jewels to save the city."

### Lowered the Levy.

Finally, however, the burgomaster and the aged archbishop prevailed on the general to lower the levy to 300,000 kronen.

The burgomaster lost no time in publishing a proclamation, exhorting the population to pour in their cash without delay, lest worse things befall them.

Throughout the night, the local authorities, civil and ecclesiastical were busy collecting and from early morning a ceaseless pilgrimage of the poorer folk passed through the town hall, depositing amid tears their scanty peace and trinkets.

### Sacrificed Everything.

Humble Hebrews sacrificed even their ritual candelabra. A young woman of the middleclass shed all her jewellery and the archbishop himself mustered 80,000 crowns worth of silver ornaments from his sanctuary. Noon-tide sped by, and the deficit was still considerable.

The city magistrates held a hasty consultation, and forth went the order that a few courteous calls should be made on the usurers who might unwillingly have missed their grand opportunity. It was further resolved to force open the establishments of the various goldsmiths and silversmiths who had sealed their premises, and made their exodus before the privilege of contributing had presented itself to them.

### Raised It In Time.

Five o'clock sounded. The war indemnity had been realized and the careworn councillors, with the burgomaster, were ushered into the presence of the general.

"You are looking fagged," said the General.

"Aye, aye," said the ransom-bringers, mopping their brows, "But Heaven be thanked, we've just managed to scrape together the 300,000 kronen.

Amid palpitating silence, the Cosack chieftain looked them up and down, and a grim smile overspread his visage.

"Enough," he said at last. "I have no intention of taking this money. Take it back and redistribute it among your own people. I wanted you all to experience something of the heart burnings that befell our Russian townfolk at the taking of Kamez Podolski."

## CHINK CHARGED WITH LARCENY

Henry Lee, a 25-year-old Chinaman, was arrested by Consts. O'Neil and Tobin, yesterday, charged with stealing \$16 cash and an agreement from Ouong Lee.

Henry Lee was charged with stealing from Ouong some time ago, and signed an agreement to pay back the money.

He is now accused of having stolen the agreement and \$16 beside.

His case will be dealt with by Judge Knight this afternoon.

## ARRANGE TO TRAIN RECRUITS

Reserve Force Committee Holds Meeting and Make Important Arrangements--Patriotic Meetings While on Circuit

A meeting of the Reserve Force Committee was held last night, and in view of the large number of volunteers offering for foreign service and the necessity of their being in England at the earliest possible moment, considerable discussion took place as to the matter of their training.

The Chairman, Sir Joseph Outerbridge, and Secretary W. J. Higgins were appointed to lay before the Government today some proposals in connection with the matter, a decision on which is expected quickly, and by which the further action of the Committee will be governed.

The different sub-committees reported as to progress made in their departments, showing that the internal machinery is now in full swing as regards the carrying out of work in connection with the second contingent.

Captain Outerbridge was authorised to proceed with certain work in his department, such as the fitting up of a room in the C.L.B. Armoury as a Quartermaster's store.

It was announced that a number of enquiries had been received from outport centres regarding the training of recruits, and arrangements will be made immediately to deal with this matter.

Offers, for service to the committee in any direction desired in forwarding the work, were made by Messrs. N. A. Outerbridge and J. J. Fenelon, and accepted with thanks.

Mr. J. A. Chft, K.C., presented a communication from Deputy Sheriff W. J. Carroll, giving an account of the Patriotic Meetings held during the session of the Circuit Court, under Mr. Justice Johnson. The report of Mr. Carroll evoked much praise.

The meeting closed at 11 o'clock after some other matters of minor importance had been dealt with.

## White Glove Band At Nickel Theatre

The great French detective story, "The White Glove Band" attracted large audiences at the Nickel Theatre yesterday, the hall being filled both for afternoon and evening performances.

It is three reels and is one of the most interesting detective stories ever seen here.

Madam Claire Simonet, the brilliant French actress who played 'Fair Nina' is a very clever woman and her acting was favorably commented on.

It will be repeated this evening and those who were unable to attend yesterday should not fail to see it.

The crowd intending going to the Nickel to-day; the show continues until 10.45 and there is every opportunity to see it. If you miss this marvelous film you will be sorry; your friends are all going. Mr Huskins will be heard in a new song.

## Herring Cargoes

Schr. Judeque left Wood's Island yesterday for Eastport with 13000 bris. herring for the Holmes Co.

The schrs. J. J. Flaherty, with 125 barrels of herring; the Flirt with 125,000 pounds of salt bulk codfish; and W. C. McKay taking 1437 barrels of herring for the Gorton Pew Co. of Gloucester, left Wood's Island yesterday.



## 1st Nfld. Regiment Recruiting.

Recruiting Office will be open at C.L.B. Armoury on Monday evening from 8 to 10 p.m. and every evening thereafter (Saturday excepted).

Volunteers will be enrolled under the regulations laid down by the Reserve Force Committee which regulations can be seen at the Recruiting Office.

Classes of instruction in drill and shooting will be held at the various armories on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

As more trained men are needed as quickly as possible to reinforce our First Contingent now in England, recruits for active service are specially required.

What are YOU going to do about it?

## HEROIC BRITON FOUGHT TO END

Refused to Surrender, Holding the Foe at Bay as Long as Possible

London, Nov. 12 (by mail).—From a German prisoner comes this story of the heroism of a private of the A detachment of the famous "Fighting Fifth," had been surrounded and wiped out by 200 Germans, and the man, the last survivor, had been called upon to surrender. He refused, and lying on the ground he kept firing away until his last cartridge had gone.

His bayonet having been broken he could do no more, but he stood up with folded arms while they shot him down.

The gallant fellow was simply riddled with bullets, but he killed 12 and wounded over 30 of his foes before the end came.

### At Rest

The remains of the late Mrs. (Hon.) M. P. Gibbs were interred at Belvedere Cemetery.

The casket, furnished by Undertaker Martin, was covered with wreaths.

Among the mourners were Rt. Hon. the Premier, Hon. Sir Wm. Horwood, Chief Justice; the President of the Legislative Council, Hon. John Harris; Members of the Legislature, Members of the House of Assembly, Mayor Gosling and City Commissioners, and many members of the Bar.

Rev. Fr. Nangle read the prayers at the Cathedral.

### For Hospital

Mrs. Ann McGrath of Avondale arrived by to-day's train, for treatment at the hospital.

## TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Butler Replies To Critic "No Bluff"

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—I have nothing to do with the Agricultural Society's advertising Feeds, mentioned by "No Bluff" in yesterday's Mail. He is misinformed, because I have just been informed by the Agricultural Society, St. John's that they have not even imported or advertised any Feeds since the great Famine of 1912, when I happened to be secretary, and when they imported over thirty thousand dollars worth of Feeds that saved thousands of horses and cattle from starvation. That was not last year, either—error number two.

Thirdly, my friend, Mr. "No Bluff" says that I should attend to my school. Well, I should like him to visit my school during school hours, when he would find every desk filled by pupils, and a record of success in school studies, reports, examinations, fees, testimonials, business positions, patriotism and citizenship, to be proud of, and I have been forced to refuse over fifty pupils already this year for want of space, all evidences that my school is keeping me busy enough, and that my work is appreciated by someone, at least.

P. G. BUTLER.  
St. John's, Dec. 3, 1914.

## Expresses Sympathy

(Editor Mail and Advocate)

Dear Sir,—The members of the District Council of Twillingate wish to offer a word of condolence for the many sad accidents by drowning during the past year, and extend their deepest sympathy to all the bereaved friends.

(Signed) D. A. PARSONS,  
District Secretary.  
On behalf of the Members of Council.

Little Bay Isle,  
Nov. 29, 1914.

## RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY.

The following Resolutions were passed by the Twillingate District Council of the F.P.U. in annual session convened at Catalina, Nov. 20th, 1914.

WHEREAS, during the past fishing season the schooner Pendragon, Captain Henry Evans, with a total crew of nineteen souls was mysteriously lost with all hands.

AND WHEREAS, we, as a District Council have to mourn the loss of many loyal friends from different sections of the District, who met their death by drowning.

AND WHEREAS, much sorrow, anguish and distress have been caused thereby to the widows and orphans bereft of their loved ones.

RESOLVED that we, the members of Twillingate District Council of the F.P.U. in session convened, tender our sincere sympathy to the mothers, widows and orphans left behind to mourn their sad loss.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these Resolutions be sent to The Mail and Advocate for publication



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## CAPT. OF ST. ELMO MISSED BIG SUM FROM HIS CABIN

It was reported yesterday that at tea hour, Tuesday, the sum of \$225.00 was stolen from the schr. St. Elmo, Capt. Dominy, at Bishop & Sons wharf.

The captain is said to have been in the captain's chest in the cabin and was stolen while the captain was having his meal in the forecastle.

A noise was heard as if some stranger was on board but no one investigated as only the captain knew that the money was there.

The cash had been on board for some time as the captain had it for the owner of the vessel who was not in town when he called at the man's office to pay it over.

Captain Dominy was paid over \$100 at Bishop's office on Tuesday but he had this amount in his pocket.

The captain is positive the money was taken but he has no suspicion as to who the thief might be.

## Express Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fifield take this opportunity of expressing their gratitude to the many kind friends here and at St. John's and other places for their many acts of kindness tendered our dear boy during his illness, and for the messages of sympathy we have received since his death.

Bonavista, Dec. 1st., 1914.

## Card Tournay

The C.C.C. Reserves are having a card tournay to-night. The proceeds will go towards buying 'Xmas presents for those of the Reserves now on Salisbury Plains.

The s.s. Halifax arrived at 1.30 p.m. yesterday.

The s.s. Cape Breton left Bay of Islands this morning for Sydney.

We regret to say that Mrs. R. G. Rendell shows very little sign of improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rendell, of Talville, arrived in the city last night. They return home this evening.

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## Smoker Concert At The Casino Great Success

Attracted a Large Number of Our Citizens—Governor Davidson Also Present.

The smoking concert at the Casino Theatre last evening in aid of the city orphanages attracted a large audience.

His Excellency the Governor and many prominent citizens were present. The members of the City Club attended in a body.

Those taking part were Messrs. King, Slattery, McCarthy A. Bulley, McIntosh, Ruggles, Huskins, Courtenay and the Rev. C. H. Thomas, while the C. L. B. Band was present and rendered several choice selections.

A troupe from Rossley's Theatre gave a sketch entitled "Oh I'm a Soldier," which was well received. To Mr. and Mrs. King much credit is due. Messrs. Somerville and Dewling with the woman the idea originated are to be congratulated.

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## FOUND PLATOON SYSTEM USELESS ON BATTLEFIELD

Salisbury Plain, Nov. 20.—The platoon system has been discarded, and the Canadians have returned to the old double company formation, which was worked in Canada, on the advice of the War Office. This means that many hours spent in training troops have been practically wasted.

The reversion is the result of experience in this line. The platoon system in use by the French and Germans was adopted by the Imperial army, but it now found that huge companies of 250 men are unwieldy.

Scores of officers who were left without a place under the platoon formation will be reinstated.

Timothy F. Cronin, thirty-three, lay dead in a gully on the outskirts of the city while Miss Amelia Schultz, his bride-to-be, and the remainder of the bridal party waited in vain at St. Joseph's Cathedral, Manchester, N.H. For several hours they waited and then dispersed. Miss Schultz was distracted. She is at her home and refuses to be consoled. The body was identified by the brother. Cronin had been frozen to death in the opinion of the medical examiner.

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1st—The names and population of the different settlements in your locality.

2nd—The mileage of road in those settlements, both Local and Main Line, distinguishing between the two.

W. B. JENNINGS, D.C.  
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