

Italy and Roumania May Join Allies

A QUIET ELECTION POSSIBLE

Nominations To Take Place on Monday Morning Next.

Mayor Spence is Likely to Get an Acclamation.

Monday is nomination day for the annual municipal elections, and at present time of writing there seems few signs of activity.



Mayor Spence, who will probably be accorded an acclamation for a second term.

The amount of work which has fallen on the Mayor's shoulders during the year, and all his duties have been conscientiously performed.

The election of a Board of Education this year adds a new feature to the situation, and it is said a big field may be seen in this contest.

It is also reported that there may be an election for Water Commissioner, Mr. A. G. Montgomery's term being up.

In Ward Two Ald. Pitcher will again stand, and possibly Ald. Woolmans, although the latter has intimated to his friends a desire to retire.

In Ward Three there is a possibility of an acclamation. In Ward Four Ald. Broadbent is the only old member for re-election, while Messrs. Jesse Bartle and Freeborn will be in the field, with others, too.

In Ward Five Ald. Ward, Ald. Wood, Mr. Phil Senn and Mr. H. Symons are mentioned.

THE CAPTURE OF A GERMAN FORCE BY CAMERON HIGHLANDERS IN FIGHTING AROUND YPRES



The above incident has been personally recounted to Mr. F. Matania by A. H. Beard, a private, who was wounded in the engagement described and pictured above.

GERMAN AVIATORS MADE SECOND DASH TO ENGLISH COAST

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The South-east correspondent of The Daily Chronicle, telegraphed last night as follows:

"Following their raid over Dover on Thursday, German aviators have made another dash for the English coast. This afternoon, at about 1.30 o'clock, just when most of the people of Southend were sitting down to their Christmas dinner, the droning hum of an aeroplane was heard high up in the air.

"There was a rush for the streets, and then it was seen that two airmen were flying over the town at a very great height. They were coming from the direction of Chatham, near Sheerness and were flying to the northeast. Although it was impossible to make out their nationality without glasses,

HOW CHRISTMAS WAS SPENT IN THE INSTITUTIONS

Christmas was generally fittingly and quietly observed in the city public institutions yesterday. The menu was somewhat elaborated and bore signs of the genial time being celebrated in many of the more noted of Brantford's asylums.

Although many good things had been sent to the hospital for the Christmas dinner, it was not deemed advisable to allow all inmates to participate, for to have done so would have been against their own interests.

There were also some visitors to the hospital, and these were observed. The Y. M. C. A. manifested the spirit of the times, and put forth a special Jay for the occasion, amongst which athletic events featured, there being three good basketball games played during the evening.

GERMAN ATTACKS ALL WERE MET

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The French war office this afternoon gave out an official announcement as follows:

"There have been moderate artillery exchanges on the front from the sea to the Lys itself. On the Lys itself heavy fog has made operations impossible.

"Between the Lys and the Oise we have repulsed several counter attacks of the enemy. Notably at Noullettes, to the east of Lens; at Boissele, northeast of Albert; and at Lihons, to the west of Chaules, where a trench captured from the enemy was lost, and then recaptured by us after a spirited engagement.

"In the region of Perthes, our artillery silenced the batteries of the enemy, which were bombarding the trenches recently occupied by our troops. Two strong German counter attacks were repulsed during the night of December 24-25.

"Yesterday, Dec. 25, a further counter-attack of particular severity delivered on a front of 1,500 yards with important bodies of troops was completely checked.

"In the Argonne and between the Meuse and the Moselle there is nothing to report.

"Russia: The Germans who succeeded in forcing their way across the Buzza river to the south of Sofel suffered considerable losses. All the German attacks on Bolimow resulted in failure. In the region of Inzowetz, on the Pilica River, and to the south of this locality stubborn fighting continues. Along the entire course of the Nida River and to the south of the Vistula, the fighting is going on under conditions favorable to the Russians.

In several cities and towns the soldiers in training and on duty were entertained at Christmas dinners.

PLEASING SENTIMENTS TOWARDS CANADA BY NEIGHBOR UNCLE SAM

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The Tribune says editorially:

"There is grim irony in the fate of Ghent at the present hour. Our century of peace with Great Britain, was begun by treaty signed in that excellent town; and to-day, when we should be celebrating that great achievement, its birth-place lies in ruins, the victim of the most terrible of wars. No wonder that the celebration stands postponed until a happier time.

GERMANS BID LILLE STARVE OR BEG FOOD FROM THE SWISS

Prussian Commander Tells Mayor Lack of Food in City is Solely the Fault of the British

PARIS, Dec. 25.—To the many other horrors which the German invasion has brought to the inhabitants of Lille is now to be added that of famine. The citizens of the northern fortress town, which has been in the hands of the Germans for some months, are now destitute of food and fuel. The city has already paid an enormous war tax to the invader, and its textile industries have been ruined, and 1,200 of its houses destroyed.

M. Charles Delesalle, the heroic Mayor of Lille, who has remained at his post throughout the war, in an eloquent letter recently addressed to General von Heindrich, the German commander pleaded for relief for his starving fellow-citizens. In his reply, which was characteristically Prussian, and worthy of the Imperial Chancellor himself, von Heindrich set out to show that if the Lille women and children lacked bread, England, and not Germany, was to blame. Germany herself, added the commander of Lille, possessed sufficient resources for her army and her civilian population, and England in attempting to prevent the arrival of overseas provisions, was but inflicting suffering upon the inhabitants of the occupied towns of France and Belgium.

The starving population, he added, would have to put up with the consequences, for the German Government could not undertake the feeding of French and Belgian civilians under its jurisdiction as long as England closed the seas to the importation of foodstuffs.

Having delivered himself thus, Gen. von Heindrich told the Mayor of Lille that he had better apply for assistance to the Swiss Government, promising that the German Government would support the request to the utmost of its power, and that if the Mayor refused to seek help from the Swiss government, then, as far as the German command of Lille was concerned, the people of that city were free to starve.

ITALY TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM

Roumania May Also Join Cause of the Allies.

Important Developments are Now Expected in Situation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A cable to The Herald from London this morning says:

"The landing of Italian sailors at Avlona to protect the lives of Europeans and peaceful inhabitants as a result of the widespread union which has broken out in Albania may end in adding Italy definitely to the ranks of the allies. The opinion here is that the intervention holds possibilities of far-reaching consequences.

Turkey, it is believed, cannot look on the incident without taking action, and the cumulative effect of this and recent causes of diplomatic exchanges notably the seizure and detention by the Turks of Italian consulate Hodie, is expected to bring about an armed end to the strained relations between the two countries.

Albania's revolution is directed against Essad Pasha, established by the Ottoman Government in the new state as ruler, when Turkey cast her lot with the Germanic allies. Massacres are reported, and Essad Pasha's palace at Tirana has been pillaged and burned.

Italian warships landed sailors at Avlona yesterday, in an effort to afford protection to the foreigners endangered by the rapidly rising tide of revolt. This makes the second appearance of the Italian sailors in Albania's principal port since the European war began. The first occasion was a few days after the abdication of Prince William of Weid, placed over the autonomous state by a European agreement.

ROUMANIA TOO.

PARIS, Dec. 26.—6.15 a.m.—The only obstacle to Roumania joining the forces of the triple entente, according to the Figaro, was the lack of guarantees from Bulgaria regarding that country's neutrality. The Figaro learns from a good source, it says today, that these guarantees have now been obtained as a result of the joint action of the triple entente powers at Sofia with the further undertaking that in the event of Bulgaria deciding to intervene in the war, it would act against the enemies of the entente.

Merchants Were Well Satisfied With Shopping

Merchants of the city, without exception, agree that in spite of the war, in spite of the supposed great lack of funds, Christmas Eve shopping was every whit as generous, and spontaneous as it has been in the past. In every case, they were well satisfied. The Christmas flow has been as good as customary. Generally, it began at the beginning of the week and kept up steadily until it reached its zenith on the Natal Eve, only to be pronounced, once again, in volume, larger than that of the preceding year.

Trade has, under the extraordinary conditions, kept up remarkably well, and the local city merchants will testify to this fact. The tendency was more for useful gifts this year, than ever before, and many of the luxuries were discussed for the more desired necessities. The buyer was much more practical this year than ever before, and in this was denoted the only strain of economy to be detected in the Yuletide shopping of the city.

TURKS MAY MOVE CAPITAL.

ATHENS, Dec. 26.—Travellers arriving here from Constantinople say that Turkish recruits are removing the state archives to an inland place of safety.

This despatch is significant, following, as it does, reports of the business in official circles in Constantinople regarding bombardment of the Dardanelles forts and the sinking of the battleship Messudieh by a British submarine. Twenty Turks and ten Germans were tried by court martial in connection with the loss of the battleship, three being sentenced to death.

SUNDAY IN THE LOCAL CHURCHES

Guide to Places of Public Worship - Bright Helpful Services--Special Musical Numbers

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GRACE CHURCH-- Albion, opp. Church St. Ven. Archdeacon G. C. Mackenzie, D.C.L., Rector.

ST. JUDE'S CHURCH--

Dalhousie and Peel Sts. Rev. C. E. Jenkins, Rector. Dec. 27th--The Sunday after Christmas day. 11 a.m. Morning prayer and sermon. "The Incarnation" 3 p.m., Children's Christmas service in the church. 7 p.m., Christmas Carol Service with short address. Special anthems and carols will be sung by the choir. The rector will officiate at all services. Strangers cordially welcome.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH--

150 Oxford St. Rev. C. W. Saunders, Rector.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH--

Dublin St. cor. Grand. Rev. E. Soffley, Rector.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH--

West Mill St. Rev. H. C. Light, B.A., Rector.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH--

Corner Elgin and Brock Sts. Rev. C. V. Lester, B.A., Incumbent.

TRINITY CHURCH--

Cor. Cayuga and Huron. Rev. G. W. Latimer, Rector.

ECHO PLACE MISSION--

Mohawk Villa, Hamilton Road. Rev. C. W. Lester, Incumbent.

BAPTIST

FIRST BAPTIST--

104 West St. Rev. Llewellyn Brown, pastor.

The pastor, Rev. Llewellyn Brown, will be in charge of all the services of the day. Worship, 11 a.m.; Bible School, 3 p.m.; Evensong, 7 p.m. Subject: "1915--A Success or a Failure, Which?" Music: A.M. Organ (a) "Dialogue" (Klein); (b) "Excerpt from Offertoire in D"; offertory, "Eventide" (Frynsinger); anthem, "The Anthem--Celestial" (Adams); Mrs. A. Secord, solo; "Night of Nights" (Vandevort); Miss Elsie Senn; postlude, "Triumphal March" (Buck). P.M. (a) "Arcadian Idyll" (Lemard); (b) "March Funebre et Chant Seraphique" (Guilmant); (c) "In Moonlight" (Kunder); solo, "The Star of Bethlehem" (Adams); Mr. J. A. Harold; offertory, "Meditation" (Frynsinger); anthem, "Nazareth" (W. Byers, soloist); solo, "Gloria" (Buzzi-Pecoli); Mrs. A. O. Secord; postlude, "Jubilant Deo" (Silver).

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH--

Dalhousie St., opp. Alexandra Park. Rev. W. E. Bowyer, Pastor.

Christmas services all day. Morning subject, "The Incarnate Word." Sunday school and adult classes at 2:45 p.m. Evening subject, "Crowded Out." Special music by the choir and soloist. Evening song service. All welcome to "The Home-like Church." Sunday school supper and Christmas tree on Tuesday evening, December 29th.

IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH--

Cor. Erie Ave and Port. Rev. C. J. Loney, Pastor.

PARK BAPTIST CHURCH--

George St., cor. Darling. Opp. Victoria Park. Rev. E. Hooper, Supply Pastor.

Supply Pastor Dr. E. Hooper will preach. Morning subject, "The Great Problem of Peace"; evening, "A Song For Us All." Mr. J. R. Cornelius, Organist. Special Christmas music. Bible School and Bible Classes at 3 p.m. Visitors and strangers in the city always cordially welcomed.

SHEENSTONE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH--

Cor. St. George and Grand. Rev. James Chapman, Pastor.

RIVERDALE BAPTIST CHURCH--

West Mill St. Rev. T. C. Richards, Pastor.

GOSPEL TABERNACLE--

Cor. Edward and Walter Sts. Rev. G. H. North, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL

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Cor. George and Wellington Sts. Pastor, Rev. M. Kelly.

Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The evening subject will be "What the Year 1915 Needs." P. S. A. Brotherhood, Sunday school and Bible classes at 3 p.m. The public invited.

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LUTHERAN CHURCH--

Cor. Wellington and Queen Sts. Student Schreckenbergh in charge.

METHODIST

WELLINGTON ST. CHURCH--

55 Wellington St. Rev. R. D. Hamilton, Pastor.

Special Christmas services, 10 a.m. Brotherhood, speaker, Mr. John Paul; class and junior league meetings, 11 a.m., public service. Sermon by the pastor, Rev. R. D. Hamilton, "Christmas Memories." 2:45 p.m., Sunday school. Interesting program. 7 p.m., public service. Sermon by the pastor, "The War and the Song of Bethlehem." Come and worship. Strangers especially welcome. Music, Morning: Carol-anthem, "In a Stable Lowly"; (King); duet, "O Divine Redeemer" (Gounod); Miss Limburg and Mr. C.

Darwen; anthem, "Nazareth" (Gounod). Evening: Selections from Handel's "The Messiah" as follows: Overture. Recit. "Comfort, Ye, My People." Chorus, "And the Glory of the Lord." Air, "But who may Abide." Chorus, "And He shall Purify." Recit. "Behold! a Virgin shall conceive." Air and Chorus, "O thou that tellest good tidings." Recit. "For behold, darkness." Air, "The people that walked in darkness." Chorus, "For unto us a Child is born." Pastoral Symphony. Chorus, "Glory to God in the highest." Recit. "Then shall the eyes of the blind." Air, "He shall feed his flock." Chorus, "Hallelujah." The following are the soloists: Misses A. Bloxham, C. Chave, M. Limburg, Messrs. J. W. Stubbs and Charles Darwen. Thomas Darwen, A.T.C.M., organist and choirmaster.

BRANT AVENUE CHURCH--

Alfred E. Lavelle, Pastor.

To-morrow's services: 10 a.m. the Brotherhoods. 11 a.m., church service. An opportunity will be given to all who desire to unite with the church by letter or on profession of faith. 2:45 p.m., Sunday school. 7 p.m., "The Alternative."

Music: Evening: Opening voluntary: Elyric (Ernst); anthem, "Lift Up Your Head" (Coolidge-Taylor); offertory, "Pizzicato" (Gillet); concluding voluntary, Chant Triumphant (Grey); solo, "I come to Thee" (Rosen); Miss Vera Schmidt. Evenings: Opening voluntary, Vorspiel (Lobengrin) (Wagner); anthem, "In heavenly love abiding" (Brown); offertory, Ramonce (Elgar); anthem, "Lift Up Your Head" (Handel); concluding voluntary, Fanfare (Lemmens). Mr. Clifford Higgin at the organ.

COLBORNE ST. METHODIST--

Rev. T. E. Holling, Pastor.

10 a.m.--Brotherhood. Mr. John Mann's Class, Young Ladies' Class. 11 a.m.--Public worship; subject of sermon, "The Holy Family." 2:45 p.m.--Open session of Sabbath School. Illustrated lantern lecture on the life of Christ; also illustrated solos. 7 p.m.--Public worship; subject of sermon, "Life's Back Numbers." Music for the day is as follows: Christmas carols at each service and solo by Mrs. Leeming at the morning service. Geo. C. White, Organist and Choirmaster. All are cordially invited to the services and meetings of this church.

WESLEY METHODIST--

Rev. D. E. Martin B.A., pastor.

11 a.m. subject, "The third Commandment." Sabbath school, 2 p.m.; 7 p.m., subject, "Christmas Sermon." Special music by the choir. A cordial welcome.

SYDENHAM ST. CHURCH--

Rev. A. I. Snyder, Pastor.

OXFORD ST. CHURCH--

Oxford Street, West Brant. Rev. A. E. Marshall, B.A., Pastor.

MARLBORO ST. CHURCH--

Corner of Marlboro and Rawdon Streets.

ELM AVE. CHURCH--

Echo Place.

FREE METHODIST CHURCH--

178 Market St. Rev. H. G. Kent, Pastor.

B. M. E. CHURCH--

Murray Street. Rev. J. M. Lawson, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN

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Cor. James and Brant Ave. Rev. J. W. Gordon, Pastor.

Rev. J. W. Gordon, B.D., minister subjects: 11 a.m., "The Patience of God"; 7 p.m., "Dishonest Contractors. Special Christmas Music. Morning, anthem, "Sing, O Sing this Blessed Morn'" (Leslie); solo, "The Star of Bethlehem" (Adams); Mr. W. B. Burrill; carol, "The First Nowell." Evening: Anthem, "Arise, Shine" (Maked); solo, "Nazareth" (Gounod); Mr. J. Anderson; anthem, "Break Fourth into Joy."

ALEXANDRA CHURCH--

Peel St., cor. Colborne. Rev. D. T. McClintock, Pastor.

ZION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH--

Darling St., opp. Victoria Park. Rev. G. A. Woodside, M.A., Minister.

Christmas Services. Special music. Lee Woodland, eminent soprano, of Toronto, will sing. 11 a.m., subject, Christmas to a Worrying World. 3 p.m., Sunday school and Bible classes. 7 p.m., subject, "The New Star." Mr. Woodside will preach.

BALFOUR ST. CHURCH--

Cor. Grant St.

NONDENOMINATIONAL

CHRISTADELPHIAN--

C. O. F. Hall. Subject for Sunday, 7 p.m., "Does it matter what we believe?" Speaker, H. W. Styles, in C. O. F. hall, opposite the Old Post Office, entrance, 136 Dalhousie-street. All Welcome. Seats free. No collection.

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IN WAR ZONE

Former Brantford Lady Was

in the Midst of

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"Early in the summer Zeppelins began sailing through the air with a grating sound. They passed over the house where we lived and sometimes descended so low that we could see the occupants," said Mrs. Agnes Copeland, of 100 Spadina road, Toronto, and formerly of Brantford, last night, describing to a reporter her experiences in Dresden, Germany, just before the war. Mrs. Copeland was in Germany as late as October 5. "Everything was so enchanting and peaceful, and as the summer was gliding away the alarm of war burst like a thunder-clap in a clear sky.

On the memorable day of July 31 Dresden suddenly became a changed city. All the foreigners, especially the Russians, sought to escape. The American Consul advised us not to attempt to leave before the troops had mobilized. Many wealthy Russians attempting to leave were retained and roughly handled and imprisoned. At one station the husbands were torn from their wives and children and made prisoners, but after much pleading were released. One Russian lady of high position was compelled, with her young child, to walk for miles in front of a German regiment. A sudden head sprung up against the Russians, and two men suspected of an attempt to blow up a bridge were shot.

HATRED AFTER WAR BEGAN

"When a few days later Britain declared war a more intense hatred arose against the British. All foreigners soon felt like caged birds. After the first excitement, placards were posted about the city announcing that German citizens were to treat all foreigners kindly. Next followed the injunction not to speak English in the streets, and the people not to discuss the war news aloud, all of which produced a melancholy effect."

Mrs. Copeland and her daughter, were one evening crossing a bridge, when a great cavalry regiment approached them. "For a moment," she said, "we thought to run toward the end, on second thought we stood still. On they came, tramp! tramp! tramp! four or six abreast, on fine chargers, and commanding-looking soldiers. Our situation became intensely impressive both to ourselves and the passing cavaliers, who seemed deeply touched that two solitary ladies should linger in the twilight to admire them on their outward journey. Many of the proud soldiers turned about in passing and gallantly waved their hands, calling 'Aufwiederschen' (until we meet again); we waved our handkerchiefs in return.

NOTING GERMAN "VICTORIES"

"During the first few weeks," continued Mrs. Copeland, "there was much exulting over victories, when little German flags were pinned upon maps showing the advance of the German army. At one time the flag was pinned on Paris, but was quickly removed. Early in September began a sudden reverse, which was evident from the mysterious silence of three long weeks. The little flags disappeared from the maps. The faces of the people were changed, and the streets were shadowed by the garb of mourning. Nothing could be heard but the click of the knitting needles; everybody was knitting down to the schoolboys."

Mrs. Copeland spoke very highly of the Saxon people, who bore the sacrifice of their loved ones with great submission and fortitude. With the

aid of the American Consul, Mrs. Copeland and her daughter were able to get away in October, via Holland, to London.

BELGIANS FLED OF GRIEF

On the boat coming to New York was an old Belgian couple making their way to relatives in the United States. They had lost all in Antwerp; their two sons were shot in cold blood by the Germans. The old man lost his reason during the voyage, and died three days before landing. The woman also became demented after this complete domestic disaster.

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## QUEER BRITISH EMPIRE AS SEEN ACROSS LINE

Under the heading, "That Queer British Empire," the "Chicago Herald" commented on the rally of the Dominion to the aid of the Mother Country.

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"Which is why we say that the British Empire is a queer, queer institution!"

## FAMOUS DESPATCHES OF PAST CAMPAIGNS

Reports from Nelson, Wellington and Lord Roberts Carefully Kept in British Museum

The despatches of Wellington from the Peninsula are classics of their kind, so concentrated and masterly are they, but possibly the most notable despatch which ever reached Britain's shores lies under a glass case in the British Museum.

It is the despatch announcing the Battle of Trafalgar and the death of Nelson. It is one of the great thrilling messages of the world, a message which meant, although perhaps not even English statesmen realized it at the time, that command of the sea and that immunity of British colonies from the shores of her great colonies from the shores of attack which go with a supreme navy.

The despatch is simple and unadorned. It was written by Nelson's second in command, the noble "Culling" it runs, "of Vice-Admiral Lord Viscount Nelson, who, in the late conflict with the enemy, fell in the hour of the great high, concluding with a generous note of praise for the gallant fight put up by the foe, and finishing with the words, 'It pleased the Almighty Disposer of all events to grant His Majesty's arms a complete and glorious victory.'"

Perhaps the most famous despatch of modern times was the one from Lord Roberts announcing the relief of Mafeking. It concludes, "The flying column under the command of Colonel D. Mahon, which relieved Mafeking, marched at the rate of fifteen miles a day for fourteen consecutive days, and successfully accomplished its object despite the determined opposition of the enemy." Simple and direct, like the man who wrote it.

Havelock's despatch concerning the relief of Lucknow is one of the most cheering of the courts of the palace," he writes, "responsive to the bugle sound, and on they rushed to nowhere without them. In a few minutes the whole of the buildings were in our possession."

In the British Museum are stored many volumes of "Wellington's" despatches, the most interesting and one of the longest-being that which concerns the Battle of Waterloo. He first describes the action in some detail and the immensity of the result, and concludes, "Such a desperate action could not be fought and such advantages gained without great loss, and I am sorry to add that ours have been immense. The army has never upon any occasion conducted itself better. The Division of Guards set an example which was followed by all, and there is no officer or description of troops that did not behave well. I should not do justice to my own feelings, or to Marshal Blücher and the Prussian army, if I did not attribute the successful result of this arduous day to the arrival and timely assistance I received from them."

Boxed the Kaiser's Ears There is at least one British woman who has boxed the ears of Germany's self-styled War Lord: That lady is the widow of Sir Hugh Macdonnell, the great diplomatist.

The incident is described in her book of reminiscences by Lady Macdonnell. It took place when she was living in Berlin, and when the Crown Prince—now the Kaiser—was a frequent visitor at her house.

"He liked our English teas," writes Lady Macdonnell, "and afterwards used to claim me for a game of draughts. In the salon there was a big window with a deep seat that he especially favored. To this a small table was drawn up, and fine battles ensued over the board. I shall never forget one occasion when he accused me of

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To Sir Andrew Noble the Navy owes some remarkable inventions. The chronoscope, which measures the speed of a shot at different parts of the bore of a gun, is his. An ingenious arrangement causes the shot automatically to make a record in an instrument worked by an electric current which the shot in passing releases. Along with Professor Abel, he prepared a table which provided the means of determining the total work performed by any charge in any gun.

Holland's Neutrality Little Country Pays Dearly For Its Geographical Position

Holland is learning in this war time the disadvantages of being a neutral country, says a London correspondent in Holland.

Perhaps the advantages are as embarrassing as the disadvantages. With war all around her, she has become a place of refuge, a clearing-house for telegrams and letters that cannot pass direct from England to Germany, a common platform on which men whose countries are in bitter enmity may meet on the terms of old friendships.

Her neutrality has made the arrival within her southern frontier of German or Belgian soldiers, flying from their respective enemies, a rather trying form of enforced hospitality.

A concentration camp at Alkmaar has its nucleus of men from both armies, and there is the constant fear that this involuntary hospitality may lead to international complications.

No wonder that the Netherlands are massing her troops to drive back the soldiers who, in the heat of flight from Holland, seek to be her guests.

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## PRICES ON THE LOCAL MARKET

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Eggs remained at 50 cents a dozen and show no signs of a decline. Butcher ruled two cents higher than last week and sold at 30 and 32 cents a pound. Pork changed over at 13, 14 and 15 cents, and beef from 10 to 18 cents a pound. Nice looking chickens were to be had at 60 cents and 70 cents and ducks were obtained for 75 and 80 cents. Turkeys proved a varying luxury, prices ranging from 18 to 25 cents a pound. There was very little green stuff on the market. A few bags of potatoes went at 70 cents, but this side of the market was a dead letter to-day.

## Gloomy Day in Berlin For Christmas 1914

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A cable to the Herald from Amsterdam says: "The saddest Christmas for centuries," expresses the conclusion of all the messages received from Berlin. Like every other town in Germany, the capital is plunged in a gloom which contrasts painfully with the hope freely circulated by the general staff that the nation would be presented with a Christmas gift in the shape of a crushing German victory in Flanders, a hope which has been completely shattered.

Berlin shopkeepers complain of doing a poor business, and the people are beginning to grow weary of the war, and are eager for peace.

## Three Plans For a Retreat From Flanders

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A London Daily Express despatch from Amsterdam to the New York Herald says:

"My correspondents in Belgium states, on the authority of first hand information, that the Germans have now three plans for their coming retreat from Flanders. They are now concentrating 200,000 landsturm troops in fortified positions in and around Antwerp in order that they may be able to make a firm stand there when the allies hurt them back."

"A German lieutenant in Antwerp said: 'If we are repulsed in Flanders we shall retreat at once on Antwerp, not even attempting to defend Ghent, but our defence of Antwerp will be desperate, and it will take years to drive us out, as I expect we will have five army corps there.'"

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In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section along-side his homestead. Price \$3.00 per acre.

Duties—Six months' residence in each of three years after earning homestead patent; also 50 acres extra cultivated. Pre-emption patent may be obtained as soon as the homestead patent, on certain conditions.

A settler who has exhausted his homestead right may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate 50 acres and erect a house worth \$500.

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THE SITUATION

The Christmas season has witnessed a continuance of the severe fighting at the front. There can be no let-up with regard to the crushing of Germany, and there won't be. The Allies still continue to press the enemy, both in Flanders and Belgium, and in Poland and the Russians still continue to successfully repel mighty onslaughts by the Germans. The troops of the Czar are manifestly well handled and splendidly entrenched.

An incident of more than passing significance is that Italian marines have occupied Avlona. This is a port on the Adriatic coast, situated in the Kingdom of Albania, a southwest portion of European Turkey. There has been a good deal of internecine trouble, and the ostensible purpose is to help to restore order, but the incident might quite easily bring the land of Garibaldi into the active zone of hostilities.

For the first time in history an aerial duel has taken place over Great Britain. A German craft, evidently headed for London at high speed, was successfully chased to retreat and apparently sustained some damage. Hitherto in this war these modern machines have exhibited their great value as scouts, but as offensive implements have not amounted to a very great deal. However, in this respect also they may yet prove to be the possessors of far-reaching aggressiveness.

The latest monstrous action upon the part of the exemplars of Kultur is to tell the inhabitants of Lille, a fortress occupied by Germans, and whose inhabitants are starving, that they can continue to do so as far as the Fatherland is concerned. Said Fatherland has already squeezed the inhabitants white, but their excuse is that Great Britain is stopping supplies to Germany, and that the residents of Lille and other places will have to do the suffering.

CHRISTMAS TRADE

Speaking generally, Brantford merchants report a very good holiday trade, better in fact than many of them expected. The tendency, of course, was to buy fewer articles of a less expensive nature, and to substitute those of a useful character, but the all round kindly feeling was none the less, and practical wants fitted to a more sensible extent.

It can be safely affirmed that in the stores of this city there can be found just as excellently selected goods, at reasonable prices, as anywhere, and residents are more and more commencing to realize this fact. There is even yet much money that goes out of the community which might just as well be spent here.

Let this coming year see a continuance of buying Made in Canada goods, through the local men. Both the benefit and satisfaction in these regards will prove of all round benefit.

MIKADO'S REPLY

TO THE KAISER. Mr. Balfour, in his speech at the Guildhall banquet, made mention of a vigorous Japanese reply to one of the most impudent messages ever addressed by one monarch to another. "Everywhere," says the London Chronicle Paris correspondent, "people have been asking what these enigmatical words might mean, and trying to guess in vain what monarch they referred to."

"The enigma is explained by the newspaper Retch, of Petrograd. This newspaper says it has information that on the eve of the fall of Tsing Tau the Emperor William II. sent the Mikado a message in which he proposed to conclude peace with Japan on whatever terms the Mikado would like to fix."

"In return William II. stipulated for only one thing—that Japan should attack Russia. German diplomacy supposed Japan capable of concluding peace separately if Germany assured her of advantageous conditions, and the Kaiser's message was addressed to the Mikado."

Not merely did the latter decline the proposals of William II. in the most categorical fashion, but he declared in his reply: "That the day when the last base of German culture in the Far East fell would be one of the most glorious in Japanese history."

The Mikado moreover, declared that William II. who violated the Belgian treaty of neutrality, signed by

PRUSSIA HERSELF, WAS GROSSLY DECEIVED

if he thought that Japan was capable of committing a like crime. As to the Kaiser's message, the Mikado had it handed over to the English ambassador at Tokyo."

FITTING REBUKE FOR ROWELL

The Montreal Standard is a paper which expresses non-political views, and the following editorial from its columns is well worthy of reproduction: "Speaking at Hamilton the other day, Mr. N. W. Rowell, leader of the Opposition in the Ontario Legislature, gave his approval to Britain's stand in the present war. Germany was wrong and her spirit of militarism must be crushed. Having admitted that, he proceeded to ease his tender conscience by admonishing Canadians not to become too military."

"In this truly patriotic and noble service," said Mr. Rowell, "upon which our nation and empire have entered, let us never forget that militarism when carried to its logical conclusion as it is in Germany, would be just as hateful and barbarous a thing as enthroned in the life of the British people. Let us make sure that in our effort to destroy the hateful thing in Germany, we do not exalt it in our own land."

"It was this sort of unctuous twaddle that the British Admiralty had to contend with in its efforts to keep the navy up to the standard required for the protection of the Empire, and that succeeded in preventing Britain having ready such a land force that would have made Germany afraid to violate the neutrality of Belgium."

"It is all very well for Mr. Rowell, safe and snug in Hamilton, thanks to Britain's naval and military power, to turn fine sounding sentences against the danger of the British people becoming too military, but it is not the sort of talk that is being addressed to the British people by Mr. Asquith, Mr. Churchill and those other men upon whose shoulders rests the tremendous responsibility of seeing the British Empire through this life and death struggle. They are going up and down the United Kingdom exhorting its manhood to become military, to take up arms and stake their lives in defence of their country, in defence of this country, and in defence of democratic institutions the world over. They do not feel called upon to warn the manhood of the United Kingdom of the danger of being too military."

"Where does Mr. Rowell see signs of the danger of militarism fastening itself upon Canada—in our two third or fourth rate cruisers; in the thirty odd thousand men that we have sent across the Atlantic, but who are still in training, although the fifth month of the war is drawing to a close? If these are signs of the danger of militarism then the only way to avoid the danger would be to do nothing and let Germany do to us all as she has done to Belgium."

NOTES AND COMMENT

There's heroes at the front, and he jabs there's zeros each day in these parts.

European Turkey was not alone yesterday in the matter of a breaking out of the stuffing.

A man named Church is running for Mayor in Toronto. In the natural course he hopes to take up a collection—of votes.

If the square thing is done, Mayor Spence will again be Mayor on Monday by acclamation. He has fully earned that honor.

The Kaiser and his staff are now quartered at Cologne. It will take far more than the famous scents of that place to wipe out the odoriferous smell of their deeds.

The German Crown Prince, in a Christmas message to his troops, speaks of these as Germany's "most glorious days." Daze is the way in which he should have spelled the latter word.

It appears that Von Bernstorff, German ambassador at Washington, in a recent oration, "The Development of Germany as a World Power," stole most of his stuff from an English writer, and then twisted it to suit his own ends. He ought to get the iron cross by next mail.

COLD AT WATERTOWN

WATERTOWN, N.Y., Dec. 25.—Northern New York is experiencing to-day the coldest weather of the winter. The official thermometer registered 24 below zero during the night in this city. Temperatures of 30 below have been reported from various points in Jefferson county.

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KING DECORATES BELGIAN BOY SCOUT

Joseph Leysin is Now Youngest Chevalier of Belgian Order of Leopold

NORTHERN FRANCE, Dec. 25.—The youngest Chevalier of the Belgian Order of Leopold and the first Boy Scout to be decorated for gallantry on the field of battle is Joseph Leysin, who has been frequently mentioned in despatches. King Albert recently pinned the cross on his breast in the presence of his Ministers and military staff, and in giving him the accolade said: "I have the honor to decorate you with the Order of Leopold. You are the youngest Belgian here. I congratulate you and all the Scouts who have done service to their country."

Joseph, eighteen years old, was working in a show at Brussels when the war broke out. Already an enthusiastic member of the Baden-Powell Belgian Boy Scouts, he at once volunteered for any duties the military authorities liked to assign to him, and was soon in the thick of things. In the words of the officer under whom he served, he became "l'enfant du regiment."

COULD NOT DELUDE ISCOUT

Posing as a priest, it is difficult to get him to talk of his experiences, but one of his earliest feats was tracking down and arresting two spies, and of this he gives the following account: "One afternoon I saw a crowd of people, and found that they had gathered around two men who had been arrested by our outpost. They claimed to be priests, but I noticed that they did not wear the usual white collar and black cravat. Getting permission of the officer who made the arrests, I questioned them, but they replied, 'You had better run away and play instead of insulting to honest men. We are priests on our way to a convent at Liege.' They were searched and released, as nothing incriminating was found on them, but I was convinced that two spies were being allowed to escape and so I got permission of the Lieutenant to follow them to Liege. Jumping on my bicycle I overtook the two men near Benori. As soon as they saw me, they ran into the wood, but I went after them and called out: 'In the name of the law come out of that wood and follow the road or I will fire on you.'

LANGERS GIVE AID

"They at once returned to the road. Just at that moment two Lancers rushed up in a motor car. The two priests at once tried to make off, but I called them and with the help of the Lancers made them get into the car. Then we drove to Liege, and handed over our captives to the authorities."

"Taken again before the authorities, the false priests at last confessed that one of them was a German and the other an Austrian. On searching them carefully, there were found in their boots various sorts of trench-cases. The authorities thereupon gave me a written declaration that I had arrested two spies and I returned to my regiment."

NOT LIKE THE BOER WAR

One Was "Marching," Other Is "Fighting" all the Time

"The difference between the South African war and this is that one was marching and the other was fighting," said a corporal of the Coldstream Guards, who, having been in both, is now in West Ham Hospital.

"I saw more fighting in two weeks this time," he added, "than I did in two years in South Africa, and when I went to join my regiment there scores of dead lying by the roadside. 'A terrible scene,' added the corporal, "was when after a battle we collected the wounded—German and our own—and put them in a big farm house. The German guns shelled the place and we got our wounded out first. The place caught fire, and it was awful to hear the cries of the German wounded and the screaming of the cattle close by."

WORLD PRESS ON THE WAR

Manitoba Free Press.—Note must be made of a triumph of German culture in the raid upon the Yorkshire coast. A well-placed shell killed 12 schoolboys outright. If this is not rewarded by the gift of the Iron Cross, the Kaiser will be open to the charge of gross discrimination.

OVERPRAISE OF A FOE

Sydney, Australia, Bulletin.—It is time someone arose in shining armor and said that the fuss and applause which are being heaped on the captain and officers of the Emden for their valor, gentlemanly conduct, politeness, skill, heroism, etc., are being overdone. As regards the valor, this is the Emden's record: It torpedoed two very small and ancient war craft by sneaking up to them under the Japanese flag. That apparently constituted it a mere pirate. It captured a lot of totally unarmed merchant craft; and it went down in a heap in its first real battle. As regards the matter of skill: It was protected and kept informed by an immense number of spies who ran private wireless stations. As these stations were uprooted one by one, the supply of inside information diminished, and the Emden walked into a trap in open daylight. It proved a very poor shot, both in its engagement with the Sylvania and when it slew three niggers and a tank at Madras. To come to the matter of courtesy and gentlemanly behavior: The officers of the Emden must be known that they were doomed to capture. There was no back track to Germany for them. If they had acted in the regulation German fashion they were liable to be hanged. So they organized themselves into a hollow square of a brilliant exception and conducted themselves in the fashion best calculated to secure them good board and lodgings when the inevitable happened. That is to say they were almost as decent, with a most powerful motive of self interest, as any set of British or French officers would be with such a motive. They shone by comparison with other Germans, but they didn't shine by comparison with anybody else.

A FIGHTING PARSON

Creates a Precedent by Getting Leave of Absence to go to War

For the first time on record in over 150 years an ordained Scottish minister has given "leave of absence" to serve in the fighting-line in defence of his country. Application was made to the United Free Church Presbytery of Galashiels by the Rev. Mr. Nalmsmith, minister of St. Boswells, for "leave of absence from his pastoral duties during the period of the war." Mr. Nalmsmith was only introduced to his new congregation at St. Boswells the day before war was declared. Within the week he was summoned by telegraph to join his unit as an artillery officer at Glasgow. In a letter to the Presbytery Mr. Nalmsmith stated that he joined the Special Reserve for a period of four years, his intention at that time being to apply for an army chaplaincy. His service with the reserve would have expired in three days. The Presbytery clerk said he knew of no precedent for leave of absence for such a time or such a purpose. There was not a precedent in the United Presbytery and the only case he knew of in the Free Church was that in which Ebenezer Erskine went out to the defence of Stirling against the Pretender's rebellion of 1745. The Presbytery could only see its common sense in the matter and decide that Mr. Nalmsmith was doing the right, the noble, and the manly thing, in serving his country in this way, and their earnest prayer was that he would come back safe and sound.

USED FISTS ON GERMANS

Gallant Sergeant Refused to Surrender—Fought Till Killed

A glowing tribute to his comrades of the battlefront was paid by Private William Court, of the 2nd Battalion Royal Scots, to a correspondent of a London paper. He had just arrived from the front, wounded, and he told stirring stories of British pluck displayed against great odds. He declared that the impressions of one incident, which occurred prior to a great battle, would never pass from his mind. "We were digging trenches," he said, "and totally unprepared for an attack. One of the Middlesex companies was not at that moment equipped in any way, when the Germans bore down upon them in huge numbers. Then I witnessed what a real Britisher is made of. "One of the sergeants of the Middlesex, instead of holding up hands and begging for mercy, as I have known so many of the Germans do since, raised his fists and fought like fury, downed two of the enemy with successive blows, stunning each of them. Then I saw this gallant fellow bayoneted from chest to cheek, and, as he fell to the ground, he was 'put out.' Other members of the Middlesex followed their sergeant's example, and several suffered a similar fate."

NOT LIKE THE BOER WAR

One Was "Marching," Other Is "Fighting" all the Time

"The difference between the South African war and this is that one was marching and the other was fighting," said a corporal of the Coldstream Guards, who, having been in both, is now in West Ham Hospital. "I saw more fighting in two weeks this time," he added, "than I did in two years in South Africa, and when I went to join my regiment there scores of dead lying by the roadside. 'A terrible scene,' added the corporal, "was when after a battle we collected the wounded—German and our own—and put them in a big farm house. The German guns shelled the place and we got our wounded out first. The place caught fire, and it was awful to hear the cries of the German wounded and the screaming of the cattle close by."

THE LOYALTY OF CANADA

There is nothing perfunctory in Canada's manifestation of loyalty to the British fatherland. The British Canadians have a lively sense of their privileges and duties as citizens of the British Empire, and the large measure of self-government which they enjoy intensifies rather than weakens their sentimental attachment. The first Canadian army had scarcely left Quebec when the Government announced its intention of raising another army.

An interesting feature of the Canadian military activities is the complete harmony which prevails. The French and British elements, usually somewhat discordant, are vying in their demonstrations of patriotism. The two fatherlands are struggling for the same cause, and the old rancor, which has sometimes been thinly disguised, seems to be lost.

The war map, in this manner, be of indirect benefit to Canada. It makes the Canadians a definitely united people the sacrifices of the Canadian soldiers will not have been wholly in vain, no matter how the war may result.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Belgium Honors a Wooden Leg

One mystery for foreigners who witness the celebrations of Belgian independence is the part which a wooden leg plays in the procession. Thereby hangs a tale. During the barricade fighting in Brussels in 1830 the Dutch troops were harassed unmercifully by a wooden-legged patriot named Charlier, of Liege, who in spite of his infirmity, stumped behind his huge gun wherever there was need of him. "Jambe de Bois" ("Wooden Leg") as he was known, became one of the popular idols of those strenuous days, and ever since the symbol of a wooden stump has been calculated to excite the wildest enthusiasm amongst the Belgian populace. The Maharajah of Sikkim, in the eastern region of India, passed away.

A National Policy N.P.SOAP was named after the national policy which has built up Canada and is now expressed in the Made in Canada idea. N.P.SOAP is also expressive of the present national policy of economy. One bar of N.P.SOAP at 15¢ gives you more and better soap than 25¢ worth of cake soaps

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Is your Table Linen ready for New Year's Day? Your Tableclothes--your Table Napkins, Doilies, Tray Clothes, Sideboard Cloths--will they be ready for New Year's Dinner? Yesterday was a "White" Christmas--but there are few homes where the linen was not soiled. Make your New Year's table perfect--send your soiled table linen to Brantford's "White" Laundry--the Laundry where Canadian Laundry Workers will give it a clean, white, smooth, velvety, Domestic Finish. Clear, filtered and softened water--very latest ironing machinery--expert workmanship, assure you of this. A hand laundryman cannot give such an excellent finish. Use the Telephone---274 Telephone to-day and a White Wagon will call at your home, relieve you of all the work and worry, fuss and muss in preparing your linen for New Year's, and deliver finished work that you will be proud to display on your table. Brantford Laundry, Ltd.

GRANDMA USED SAGE TEA TO DARKEN HAIR She Mixed Sulphur With It to Restore Color, Gloss, Thickness. Common garden sage brewed into a heavy tea with sulphur and alcohol added, will turn gray, streaked and faded hair beautifully dark and luxuriant, remove every bit of dandruff, stop scalp itching and falling hair. Just a few applications will prove a revelation if your hair is fading, gray or dry, scraggly and thin. Mixing the Sage Tea and Sulphur recipe at home, though, is troublesome. An easier way is to get the ready-to-use tonic, costing about 50 cents a large bottle at drug stores, known as "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," thus avoiding a lot of muss. White, wispy, gray, faded hair is not sinful, we all desire to retain our youthful appearance and attractiveness. By darkening your hair with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it does it so naturally, so evenly. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time, by morning all gray hairs have disappeared, and, after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, glossy, soft and luxuriant.

LOCAL THE FIRM THANKS THE EMPLOYEES OF E. & COMPANY wish to thank for their annual Christmas bonus and good wishes. ANOTHER ORDER The Adams Wagon Company recently received an order from the Canadian for wagons for the front. COURIER GETS THEM There is a farmer who for a helpmate, matrimonial sires to make acquaintances the columns of this far. The Courier ads. get them and see? SOLDIERS HAPPY. Brantford soldiers, home leave, expressed great satisfaction at Christmas. Choiced sent to them through the Children's Choir. It great surprise and many venies were brought home left in the care of wives. P. C. FROM COBDEN Mr. Chas. Coulson of a this morning received an order from Constable Cobden, stated that he had been for the last three weeks raising better. He had been a and a half hour trucker. Coupled with regards to his wish that he will see again among them. CHRISTMAS LEAVE The celebration of Christmas on furlough, from the of Infantry and O. M. I. v. able for Christmas. Choiced self-respect shown by the men had evidently taken mandant's advice to hear would be difficult to find a better behaved soldierly who returned for Christmas.

ACKNOWLEDGED. Christmas Day was celebrated at the House of B. superintendent heartily following for timely gifts. Cocksbut, oranges, candied raisins, Frank Cocksbut, key, I. O. F. turkey, plum pudding; May oranges and candies; Whiteing Co. Christmas cake; key, candies and handkerchiefs; Mrs. J. G. Cocksbut and candies; Miss Leinster chiefs for the women.

A SAD ACCIDENT A Simcoe despatch says attempting to jump to safety cutter, L. C. Mitchell, a you of this town, was instantly killed. Burwell freight train Union street crossing early morning. Deceased, with young men, drove in front train, which was being shunted. He remained seated, but escaped unhurt, like his co. He was popular in the dis was known by the sobriquet among his friends. He was been married to-day. Dr. coroner, empaneled a jury, formal evidence was heard, enquiry was adjourned until next. The young man was of the Misses Wright, Will and was well known in Brant.

Your Money can purchase genuine ba -IN- Chinaware -AT- VANSTONE CHINA HALL. Thousands of pieces of year's importations will offered in this great sale. Open Evenings, 19 George

After Shopping If you have whom you at Xmas to New Year select a good as a Suit Co. Shoes, Ho other lines. THE COURIER "USE COURIER" WANT ADS. NEILL

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

THE FIRM THANKED

The employees of E. B. Crompton & Company wish to thank the firm for their annual Christmas remembrance and good wishes.

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COURIER GETS THERE

There is a farmer who is looking for a helpmate, matrimonially, and desires to make acquaintance through the columns of this family journal. The Courier ads. get there! Watch and see?

SOLDIERS HAPPY

Brantford soldiers, home for Christmas leave, expressed great satisfaction at Christmas Chocolate Box presented to them through the efforts of the Children's Choir. It came as a great surprise and many of the souvenirs were brought home and will be left in the care of wives and families.

P. C. FROM COBDEN

Mr. Chas. Coulson of 26 Market St. this morning received a post card from Constable Cobden, on which he stated that he had been in London for the last three weeks and was feeling better. He had been up for two and a half hours and felt happier. Coupled with regards to his friends is his wish that he will soon be back again among them.

CHRISTMAS LEAVE

The celebration of Christmas by the men on furlough, from Toronto, both of Infantry and O. M. I. was remarkable for the behaviour and soldierly self-respect shown by the men. They had evidently taken their commanders' advice to heart, and it would be difficult to find in any city a better behaved soldierly than those who returned for Christmas.

ACKNOWLEDGED

Christmas Day was happily celebrated at the House of Refuge. The superintendent heartily thanks the following for timely gifts: W. F. Cocksbutt, oranges, candies, nuts and raisins; Frank Cocksbutt, large turkey; I. O. O. F. turkey and material for plum pudding; Mayor Spence, oranges and candies; Whitaker Baking Co., Christmas cake; Miss Lapsley, candies and handkerchiefs for the men; Mrs. J. G. Cocksbutt, oranges and candies; Miss Leinster, handkerchiefs for the women.

A SAD ACCIDENT

A Simcoe despatch says: "While attempting to jump to safety from a cutter, L. C. Mitchell, a young farmer of this town, was instantly killed by a Port Burwell freight train at the Union street crossing early Christmas morning. Deceased, with two other young men, drove in front of the train, which was being shunted, and had he remained seated, would have escaped unhurt, like his companions. He was popular in the district and was known by the sobriquet of 'Tony' next." The young man was a cousin of the Misses Wright, William St. and was well known in Brantford.

Your Money

can purchase genuine bargains

Chinaware

—AT—

VANSTONE'S

CHINA HALL

Thousands of pieces of this year's importations will be offered in this great clearance sale.

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After Xmas

Shopping

If you have forgotten a friend, whom you intended remembering at Xmas time, why not make it a New Years Gift. Come in and select a good serviceable gift, such as a Suit Case, Club Bag, Hockey Shoes, Hockey Skates and many other lines.

NEILL SHOE CO.

BLANCHARD IS NOT CASUALTY AS REPORTED

Friends of Brantford Policeman Have Received a Letter From Him.

Police Constable Blanchard, or as he is now, Private J. Blanchard of the Coldstream Guards, is alive and well, fighting in the lines. There is no truth in the reports which have been current that he was killed in action, for a relative in the city has just been informed by his wife that he had written to her just two weeks ago. This disproves absolutely the statements that he was shot or disabled. At the time of writing he was in the firing line at an ungiven point. He sent the best of Christmas wishes to his wife and hoped soon to see the end of hostilities.

P. C. Blanchard is apparently a man of action, too busy for words, for he says nothing of the scenes through which he has passed, and Mrs. Blanchard only passed on the word of his activities, because she had heard rumors from Brantford that her husband was dead. She has been informed since he left for the front, to Wiltshire, from which place she writes. Her letter confirms the opinion expressed in the Courier some little time ago that, inasmuch as Blanchard was not officially posted as killed in a list of Coldstream casualties, it was probable he had escaped from the enemy, although cut off, in action from the main body of his regiment. Under the circumstances, it is probable that Blanchard to-day lies in the trenches opposed to the German lines.

THEATRES ALL HAD GOOD DAY ON CHRISTMAS

All Kinds of Patriotic and Enjoyable Bills were Presented.

Theaterdom in Brantford yesterday was packed in every house in the city to the doors. Never before were such Christmas audiences so evenly distributed; every theatre had reason to congratulate himself and perhaps the seasonable weather with its bitter winds accounted for the crowds.

People coming into the city from the suburbs would after their walk be tempted to make for the nearest and most comfortable shelter offered and if from New or s they had an immediate choice. The variety of entertainments remarkable; from war and battle scenes to comedy, and the Colonial children's day, the citizens were catered to with a lavish hand and much thought during Christmas tide.

THE GRAND. The Belgian war pictures of which there still remains an opportunity at both matinee and evening performance to witness to-day, were superb inspiring and are the real scenes of the awful days of Belgium's martyrdom in September. Both houses were crowded.

Taken during September and October by Edwin F. Weigle staff photographer of the Chicago Tribune, with the authority and co-operation of the Belgian government, whose Red Cross will receive 50 per cent. of the profits.

Consequently these are the only authentic motion pictures of the war in Belgium that ever have been or ever can be taken. Four sensational reels, portraying the burning of Antwerp, the Battle of Alost, the Destruction of Termonde, the Battle of Aerschot, the Flooding of Lierre, the Battle of Malines.

The pictures are being shown this afternoon and to-night.

THE BRANT. "The biggest laugh of the season," is the comment heard on the Brant's Ar-kan-saw fiddler act in which Dixon, Bowers and Dixon with Miss Annie Burt make joy rings exude from the foot lights to the souls of the sitters.

Salome Parke and Company is one of those roaring sketches which make laughter a national basis of human life, and not an adjunct to its painful way. They are a trio of clever people who amuse with a distinct trend hard to surpass.

"The Gentleman from Mississippi," is a feature film ploy which has been a take all over and bids fair to rank as a big "draw" wherever it is advertised. The houses at the Brant were well filled and overflowing. The question heard asked yesterday, certainly presented a paradox—"What did Brantford do before the Brant opened?" That takes some answering.

Manager Moule was the recipient of many good wishes at the congratulatory showers upon him and his programme were justly earned. At no time was Brantford better served for amusement than since Manager Moule began the Brant.

THE COLONIAL

The Colonial yesterday had bumps; houses, and the well selected and increased film entertainment was much applauded. Manager Symons is making a success, which is rare in provincial circles, out of the all picture show. It takes much thought and careful study of the world of picture-dom, if from week to week, an audience of satisfied movie critics is to

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Continuing the Half Priced Sale of Women's and Misses' Coats



Now that the rush of Christmas is over one can pause, take a sigh of relief—even though inaudible—and turn once more to the consideration of more serious matters.

First for your consideration we ask you to take note of the sale of stylish wearing apparel commencing to-morrow. Styles are just as you would have them, and prices were never so low.

For instance:

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

Ladies' and Misses' Black Caracul Coats, raglan sleeves, full mannish back, excellent style. Regular \$14. For \$7.75

Cape Coats, ladies' and misses', detachable cape with military collars, nicely trimmed with black velvet pipings and buttons, sizes 16, 18, 36, 38. Regular \$15. For \$8.50

Very Smart Redingote, with raglan or the new butterfly set-in sleeves, trimmed with velvet piping. The season's most attractive style. Colors are black, blue and grey. \$15.50 value. For \$8.50

Heavy Soft Mixed Tweed Coats, full length, slightly cutaway, deep belt, tailored set-in sleeves, satin lined throughout. Regular \$15. For \$9.50

Smart Redingote, Copenhagen, Curled Cloth Coats, with black velvet trimmings, deep belt at waist, new flare skirt. Reg. \$16.50. For \$9.75

Ladies' Coats, outside sizes, in fine mixed tweeds, greys and fawns, set-in or raglan sleeves, self trimmings. Regular \$15. For \$11.50

VISIT THE LUNCH ROOM—SECOND FLOOR

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Have You Forgotten Some Friend? If So—A Gift of Gloves Will Please

Choose from these special lots—and you'll save considerably on the nicest grades and most stylish kinds.

Women's Fine French Kid Gloves, 2 dome fasteners, heavy silk braid points on back, all shades. At, pair \$1.25

Women's Fine French Kid Gloves, pique and over-sewn seams, heavy silk embroidered back, black, white, tan, brown and grey, and modes shades. At, per pair \$1.50

Perrin's Best Suede Gloves, silk embroidered back, shades black, tan, brown and grey shades. At, per pair—\$1.25 and \$1.50

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

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

Annex, Queen & Colborne.

Inexpensive Jewelry Fancies

Sterling Silver Necklets. Reg. \$2.50. Special 75c  
Sterling Silver Bar and Beauty Pins to match, plain or chased. Reg. \$1.50. For 75c  
Bangle Bracelet, sterling or gold, plain or chased. \$1.25  
Each  
—Right Main Aisle.

Dainty Military Bouquets

Violets, Roses, Lillies-of-the-Valley, Daisies, Orchids—these are some of the blossoms, and they look very real indeed.  
25c, 50c, 65c  
—Centre Aisle.

Soft Lacey Neck Fixtures More and More the Vogue

Crompton's offer wide, choice selections.  
Military Vestee, the latest vogue, made with high stock collar and full length vest, some are of fine silk bengaline, others of French pique, trimmed with brass or black buttons. Boxed 75c to \$1.25  
High and Flare Collars, with full length Vestees, in fine organdie or pique, some with cuffs to match, very smart \$2.50  
Smart High Collar and Vestee of very fine Brussels net, collar daintily embroidered, finished with picot edge and white hemstitching, white. \$2.25  
Organdie, Lace, Pique and Crepe Collars, also fine tucked organdie collar and vestee, large assortment, for... 25c  
—Centre Aisle.

FIFTY YEARS SINCE CHRISTMAS WAS SO COLD

Jack Frost Hit Brantford Hard—Mercury Took Drop.

Brantford, in common with many other Ontario cities, yesterday experienced the coldest Christmas Day for years. Early in the morning it was to be seen that the thermometer was registering some five degrees below zero, and here it remained until about noon, when it began to drop. Gradually it continued on its downward path until it was thirteen degrees below the ancient Greek nothing, and here it made a fairly lengthy stay. It only eased up a point towards morning, and a raw nip was experienced by all out-of-door unfortunates. This temperature has not been exceeded on a Christmas Day for coldness for fifty years, it being so degrees below on Christmas morning, 1855. Since then, the colder periods have not set in until January was commenced. Different thermometers registered 50 below last night. The cold wave was extensive, and much more severe in some points than at Brantford. Toronto varied by 7 to 12 degrees below, and Hamilton was from 5 to 12. The White River experienced 45 below, and Prince Albert 40, while Quebec came in for 22 degrees. The pros show that a prolonged cold spell may be expected.

Only Six Were On Drunk List

It is but natural at this cordial time and season that some good souls drink the red, red wine to their hearts content, but unfortunately this same red wine, not infrequently leads to incarceration and durance vile in the local harmonious abode of indiscreet imbibers.

Thus it was that the local police were called upon to look after the welfare of six citizens on Christmas eve who had, unfortunately, deprived themselves of their ability to do so. However, all's well that ends well, and so quiet, resting the noses up, on being liberated when the wit had returned where the wine had ruled. One drunk was the only offender brought before Magistrate Livingston to-day, he having been caught out in the cold last night, quite oblivious to its harmful effects.

BRITISH TRAWLER SUNK; EIGHT MEN DROWNED

GRIMSBY, Eng., Dec. 26.—The trawler Oca was sunk by a mine yesterday. Eight men were drowned, only the second engineer being saved. TO THE ENEMY I BRING

COUPON

Saturday, December 26, 1914

Heart Songs

CABLES FLASHED BEST GREETINGS

"On behalf of the men, wish you, and all, Merry Christmas."

The above was the Christmas greeting received by Mayor Spence from Fighting Mac Calquhoun, now at Salisbury Plains. The Mayor sent the following reply:

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to yourself and men, and the wish for a speedy and safe return, is Brantford's best greeting."

The cable carried both messages.

THE BELGIANS OF THE SOUTH

From the New York Times.—What a wonderful record is that of this little people (the Servians) in not only encountering, but routing the army of a great empire, and this when they have not yet recovered from two wars that ended only last year! Burke did not know how to frame an indictment against a whole people; but after seeing Servia we know how to frame an eulogy of a whole

JEANNE D'ARC

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Among officers mentioned in dispatches from the front is Major Haldal de Lys, a descendant of the family to which Joan of Arc belonged, who commanded a battalion of the 102nd Infantry Regiment with the greatest bravery and utter disdain of danger from October 10 to November 9. He is recorded in the Official Journal as an officer of the greatest value.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

You can't beat 'em—You can't beat 'em—Nowhere, Nohow, No, Sir!

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MALE HELP WANTED
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FEMALE HELP WANTED
WANTED - YOUNG GIRL TO do light housework for two. Apply after five, 181 Market St. 143

WANTED - A MAID FOR GENERAL housework. Good references required. Apply 29 Chestnut Ave. 131

WANTED - A POSITION AS working housekeeper. An elderly couple or invalid preferred. Address Box 26, Courier. 127

WANTED AT ONCE - SALES ladies and several cashiers for next week, principally those having had experience. Apply to E. B. Crompton & Co. 135

MISCELLANEOUS WANTS
WANTED - 300 PAIR OF SKATES to sharpen by our new method. Doeringer Electric & Repair Co., 120 Dalhousie St. mw57

WANTED - ONE SECOND-hand cutter and one set of team sleighs; state price. Apply Box 30, Courier office. mw51

WANTED - FRESH MILK cow, Durham grade. Apply John Milton, Bodega Tavern. mw29

WANTED - ALL KINDS OF high-class shoe repairing at Shepard's, 73 Colborne St. G. Sutton, manager, late of Temple Shoe Store. 1-106mar2615

WANTED - ENGAGEMENTS, Smith and Bagelman; now open to entertain for dancing and card parties. For information apply to W. B. Barber, Shop 14 1/2 Dalhousie St., Brantford. Phone 199 Bell. mw39

WANTED - ONE THOUSAND Boys and Girls to buy their hockey skates and shoes at Hawthorne's, and have them fitted free. Skates ground, 10 cents per pair, best in the city. Open evenings. 73 Dalhousie St. Phone 646. mw391

WANTED - REAL ESTATE FROM SIXTY TO EIGHTY FEET frontage, centrally located; state size, price, terms and location. Box 29, Courier. c

BUSINESS CARDS
LEE & SHARMAN - PAINTERS, Paperhangers, 280 Marlboro St. Best workmanship guaranteed. Estimates given. c

WANTED - MEN AND BOYS TO buy bicycles from \$10 up; best in the city. F. H. Gott, 100 Dalhousie St. c

GIVE US A TRIAL FOR GENERAL carting and baggage transfer. J. A. Mathewson, 29 Queen St. Auto. phone 657, Bell phone 2113. c-apt6-13

WATCH WORK OUR WATCH word Bronco Jeweller, Cartwright, 118 Market St. c

CONCRETES AND EXCAVATING of all kinds - sidewalks, cisterns, etc. E. Sage, 183 Elgin St. Bell 2095. c

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DON'T MARRY A GERMAN, but don't let the Germans stop you getting married. It is an unquestionable fact that many happy marriages have been brought about by "The Matrimonial Circle," containing hundreds of genuine advertisements. A large number of clients, particularly ladies, willing to go to Canada. Editor, 18 Hogarth Road, Earl's Court, London, England. p17

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LOST - BLACK FOX TAIL OFF of muff, on Tuesday. Reward \$1. 233 Sheridan St. 151

LOST - A REGIMENTAL CUFF link on Saturday. Kindly leave at Courier office. 143

FOUND - THE BEST STOCK OF Hockey Shoes and Skates in the city; when purchased here fitted free. Phone 646. W. G. Hawthorne, 73 Dalhousie St. 151

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TO LET - IN CAINSVILLE, Dawley House. Address David Stuart, Cainsville. 129

TO RENT - CHEAP FOR WINTER, nice frame cottage, 9 Park Ave.; one month's rent free to good tenant. Apply 148 George. 135

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TO LET - 96 WELLINGTON, also 61 Darling, \$13. Apply 100 Wellington St. 133

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TO LET - RED BRICK COTTAGE, East Ward, gas, \$8.00. Apply 30 Market St. 161f

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FOR SALE - ONE SET HEAVY Manitoba bob sleighs; one two-seated cutter. Apply Montgomery Mineral Water Co. a35

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THE JOHN HILL GRANITE & Marble Co. - Importers of all foreign granites and marble; lettering a specialty; building work, etc. Alex. Markle, representative. 59 Colborne St., Brantford. Phone 1553 or 1554. c

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I HAVE SEVERAL "BRANTFORD" Trucks used as Demonstrators for sale cheap. R. O. Cumback, 31 Jarvis Street. c

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DR. HART HAS GONE BACK TO his old stand over the Bank of Hamilton; entrance on Colborne St. d-mar26-15

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COMING EVENTS

CHRISTADELPHIAN Lectures - See Church Notices. SUNDAY NIGHT, 8:30, Brant Theatre. Handel's Messiah, by Colborne street Methodist choir, auspices Y.M.C.A. Admission adults free. c

THE AMUSING MUSICAL COMEDY, "The New Minister," will be requested by the Congregational church choir, Tuesday, 9:30, in lecture room, 295

AN EXHIBITION GAME MONDAY night, at 8:15, Preston Intermediate versus the Brantford 1st. Immediate team. Admission 25 cents, reserved seats to cents extra. c

Local News

TORONTO, Dec. 26 - Very cold weather everywhere prevails with light snow falling in many portions of the western provinces.

Fair and very cold Sunday; Light snow falls in many localities.

CRISIS IS NOW REACHED ON EASTERN FRONT

Russian Success Has Brought Issue to Decisive Point.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Dec. 26 - The Daily Chronicle's correspondent telegraphs from Petrograd:

"Serious importance is attached by military authorities to the last official report on the success of the Russian arms on the Bzura and its tributary, the Rasinia.

The Russian disposition on the Bzura is now considered no longer threatened, in consequence of a serious breach made in the enemy's forces gathered on the Pilica.

The position is also influenced by the progress of the Russians in the region of Opoczno, east of the Pilica, and Tomaszow, on the Pilica, near Piotrkow.

"The success reported in East Prussia is confirmed by the general flight of the population into the interior of Germany.

"By extraordinary efforts the Germans are drawing together upward of 1,000,000 men from the Russian front, and this movement may be influenced by a desire to take Warsaw."

Merry Christmas Was the Echo From Cannon

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Dec. 26 - The correspondent of the Daily Mail in northern France telegraphs that "Christmas was heralded at Ypres and Nieuport by a prolonged period of the liveliest cannonading, during which the French artillery distinguished itself. The allied fleet shared in the great concert. The results, although not yet apparent in full, are known to be solid and important."

MEDICAL

DR. R. J. TETER, WATERLOO, Ont., makes a specialty of Chronic Rheumatism. Phone 44, Norfolk Rural. c

RESTAURANTS

CAMPBELL'S CAFE, 44 MARKET St. - Meals at all hours, ice cream, a nice cold drink and home-made pies, cigars, cigarettes and tobacco. Open 6:30 to 12 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. till 2, 5 p.m. till 12. Phone 1226. res-mar28-15

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T. A. CUSICK, PRACTICAL AND experienced piano tuner; also orchestra music furnished for church entertainments, etc. Address Churwell, Ont. c

CLIFFORD HIGGIN, ORGANIST Brant Avenue Methodist Church, is now teaching voice production, pianoforte and organ. Voice culture and art of accompanying a specialty. Studio, 35 Richmond St. Bell phone 1023. c

OSTEOPATHIC PHYSICIANS

DR. CHRISTINE IRWIN - Graduate of American School of Osteopathy, is now at 46 Nelson St. Office hours: 9 to 12 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m. Bell telephone 1380. c

DR. C. H. SAUDER - GRADUATE of American School of Osteopathy, Kirksville, Mo. Office, Suite 6, Temple Building, Dalhousie St. Office hours: 9-12 a.m., 2-5 p.m.; evenings by appointment. Bell phone 1544. Residence, Room 61, Y.M.C.A. c

ELOCUTION AND ORATORY

M. E. SQUIRE, M. O., HONOR graduate of Neff College, and of the National School of Elocution and Oratory, Philadelphia. Pupils taken in Elocution, Oratory, Literature, Psychology, and Dramatic Art. Special attention paid to defective speech. Persons wishing to graduate from Neff College may take the first year's work with Miss Squire. Studio 12 Reel St. c

LATEST PICTURE OF THE GERMAN EMPEROR



Above is a picture of Emperor William taken on one of his recent visits to the front. It shows German's ruler with his mustache clipped and wearing one of the new field uniforms. Dark colored cloth covers the helmet. The Iron Cross sent him by the Imperial Chancellor shows below his other decorations.

SUMMARY OF ALL THE WAR NEWS

[By Special Wire to the Courier] Christmas has come and gone, without a truce on the part of any of the warring nations of Europe. While there has been no cessation of military activity, nevertheless no decisive action has occurred along either of the great battle fronts.

A spectacular element of the recent news was supplied by an aerial duel between a German air craft and two British biplanes over the Thames. This occurred Christmas day and was witnessed by several thousand people. The German escaped.

From Petrograd comes news that the Russians have resumed the offensive at several points in Poland, and that they have captured no fewer than 11,000 prisoners. To offset this, however, Berlin reports inactivity along the Polish front. An Austrian army is also making a courageous attack in the center has resulted in the Nida, in the direction of Carnov.

British observers are of the opinion that this movement will be too late, if it is a fact that the Austro-German attack in the center has really received its reported check.

General Von Hindenburg, the German commander in the east, still keeps his bulldog grip on the Vistula, and seems to be making his present movement towards Warsaw from Thorn, which is northwest of the Polish capital in the province of West Prussia.

On the western battle line, Paris reports slight progress from Nieuport, while Berlin balances this with the claim that they have taken some British trenches. The French on their side again claim the capture of a trench near Puisseville, which they held in spite of several counter-attacks.

From Athens comes an incomplete report of the refusal of the Turkish authorities to permit the departure from Tripoli, in Syria, of the British and French consuls, and a number of British and French citizens on an American liner. This refusal is said to have resulted in an attack by a Turkish crowd on the crew of the merchantman, while the sailors were embarking some Frenchmen. This attack ceased, however, when the warship threatened a bombardment. The cruiser subsequently escorted this vessel to Dedeagatch, north of the Dardanelles in Turkey.

Bombardment by an American cruiser of the Turkish port of Tripoli, Syria, is said at Athens to have been threatened on account of an attack by Turks on the crew of an American merchantman, on which British and French citizens desired to depart. The incomplete reports received from Athens state that the report of the warship's commander quelled the attack. The Cruiser Tennessee has been in the eastern Mediterranean for several months and was last reported to have left from Tripoli, in Syria, in the occupation of the Albanian port of Alvonas was believed to open up possibilities of complications which might make it difficult for the Entente government to maintain its neutrality. The attitude of Rouma is also more than ever a matter of doubt on account of reports from Tripoli that the only obstacle which prevented her from joining with the triple entente had been removed. Bulgaria was represented as having given assurances that she would remain neutral, relieving Rumania from the fear of an attack from that quarter should she enter the war.

Despatches from Chile stated that the last of what was once Germany's Pacific squadron was fighting to escape the fate which overtook her four companion cruisers, when they met the British. The German cruiser Dresden, with the converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, were taken to have been engaged by the British cruiser New Castle near Valparaiso.

Kulture Quacks Get a Rebuff

PARIS, Dec. 26 - "German proclamations announcing a levy of 500,000,000 francs (\$100,000,000) indemnity at Brussels have been passed over, says The Journal, and the report is current that the measure was withdrawn by the German governor as the result of representations by the American secretary of state, through Minister Whitlock, pointing out that the tax was in violation of the Hague convention.

Russians Have Taken OVER 350,000 PRISONERS

LONDON, Dec. 26 - According to a Petrograd despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company, the number of German prisoners registered is 1,140 officers and 131,700 men; the number of Austrians registered is 3,766 officers and 221,300 men, a grand total of 357,406 officers and men.

TURKEY CONTEST

The following are the winners in our great turkey contest: No. 495, H. Holmes, 105 Lyons Avenue. No. 993, A. Jenkins, 192 Grey St. No. 615, T. A. Whammond, 20 S. Market street. No. 122, Mr. Drake, 53 King St. No. 783, not called for. No. 416, not called for. No. 767, not called for. Those birds not called for will be given away to charity after Monday. The Big Hardware Store. T. A. SQUIRE.

DAIRYMEN'S CONVENTION

The Dairymen's Assn. of W. Ontario 48th Annual Convention and Winter Dairy Exhibition ST. THOMAS January 13th and 14th, 1915 Special Railway Rates J. B. Muir, Pres. Frank Hens, Sec-T. Ingersoll, Ont. London, Ont. c

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"1915 - A Success or a Failure, Which?" Sermon Subject To-morrow Evening at the First Baptist Church Extra Good Music Beautiful Believer's Baptism (3 brothers will be baptized) Come - But Come Early

SUNDAY SERVICES GRACE CHURCH

8 a.m. - Holy Communion. 11 a.m. - Mattins. 3 p.m. - Children's Service. 7 p.m. - Mattins and Christmas Carols. Festival Services Morning and Evening.

Bethel Hall SUNDAY, 7 P.M.

Bright gospel Service. We preach Christ crucified. Come and enjoy this service with us.

CENTRAL RINK SKATING TO-NIGHT

West of Y. M. C. A. ADMISSION 10c. H. Evans

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NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

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BUSINESS CHANGE

W. H. ORME of Toronto, a Photographer of long experience, has purchased the BAIRD STUDIO and invites the people of Brantford to try his work.

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Hear O'Hara sing "The Highwayman," "You and I," "Colleen Macree" and "Killarney." PRICES: 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 Seat Sale Friday

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Sports

Baseball - Football - Basketball - Curling - Boxing

"Fowl" Shooting By Rifle Club At Collegiate

The Collegiate ranges recently held yesterday when the Fowl Club spent an excellent day in the event of its kind by the club, proved very successful, not only 65 members figuring in the five bulls eyes, making all possible 25 points, secured the first prize for J. Nelles, no one being successful in emulating his feat, although several members dropped a point second place, the honor on shots ing to J. R. Cornelius.

The officers in charge were Mr. Jones, Capt. E. Genet and Mr. Cornelius. Shooting commenced 9:30 to 11:30, and from 2:30 to 6:00. The prizes donated were very handsome, the donors being Mr. W. Cockshutt, M.P., J. H. Fisher, A. W. S. Brewster, J. Ham, M.P.P.

GRAY HAIR

Dr. Tremaine's Natural Hair Restorer used as directed, is guaranteed to restore gray hair to natural color or money refunded. Positively not a dye and not injurious. On sale at M. H. Robertson, Chemist, Brantford, or sent post (price \$1.00). Write Tremaine Supply Dept., St. Toronto.

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H. Preston, J. Westbrook, R. E. Ryerson, A. L. Baird, Neill Shoe Co. and two special prizes by T. E. Ryerson.

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"KID" WILLIAMS PROVES HIMSELF A CHAMPION.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26—"Kid" Williams of Baltimore, the bantamweight champion, proved a real title-holder against Johnny Daly of New York in a slashing ten-round battle at the Pioneer A. C. yesterday afternoon.

DID NOT EVEN REST ON CHRISTMAS DAY NEW YORK, Dec. 26—"Batting" Levinsky was the victor over Dan ("Porky") Flynn in a ten-round bout at the Broadway A. C. yesterday afternoon.

STRATFORD HELD O.H.A. CHAMPIONS TO A TIE.

BERLIN, Ont. Dec. 26—he opening of the hockey season in Berlin took place last night, when Stratford held the Berlin intermediates, O. H. A. champions to a tie score, 6 to 6.

Have You Tried O'Keefe's "Gold Label" ALE

The O'K brewmaster says it is his masterpiece—a rich, old, creamy ale of matchless purity.



ETHEL VON WALDRON, FISKE O'HARA'S BEAUTIFUL LEADING LADY, AT THE GRAND OPERA HOUSE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 28.

In the second period Hiler, formerly of Woodstock, was given a tryout at centre. N

GALT DEFEATS THE BERLIN UNION JACKS

GALT, Dec. 26—The local hockey season opened last evening with an exhibition game between Berlin Union Jacks and Galt, the locals being victorious, 8 to 6.

ST. MARY'S LOSE BY TWO GOALS AT INGERSOLL

INGERSOLL, Dec. 26—The hockey season opened yesterday afternoon when the local intermediates won an exhibition game with St. Mary's, the score being 6 to 4.

SAGE AND SULPHUR DARKENS GRAY HAIR

It's Grandmother's Recipe to Restore Color, Gloss and Thickness. Hair that loses its color and lustre, or when it fades, turns gray, dull and lifeless, is caused by a lack of sulphur.

THE REVIVAL OF FRANCE.

Cincinnati Times-Star: The sudden revival of the self-respect of the self-respect of the French people, the sudden return of confidence in their ability and their right to hold a place in the world, is easily the most touching event of the great war up to the present time.

STOP CATARRH! OPEN NOSTRILS AND HEAD

Says Cream Applied in Nostrils Relieves Head-Golds at Once.

If your nostrils are clogged and your head aches, stuff and you can't breathe freely because of a cold or catarrh, just get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm at any drug store.

To The Editor

THE WATERWORKS.

Brantford, December 23, 1914. To the Editor of the Courier: Sir,—Although the press have very fully explained in detail the manner in which the \$100,000 to be raised by by-law to be voted on by the property owners on January 26th will be expended, I wish to explain the existing conditions of the Waterworks and what the city has for the money already expended.

Every ratepayer is a shareholder and should be interested in the waterworks. He commissions are your business managers and as such accountable to you. Consequently I recognize your right to full details.

To meet this we have provided out of the earnings in sinking fund and instalments paid on debentures on the yearly instalment plan, the sum of \$252,500. The difference between this sum and the total debentures issued is only \$368,000 00 which is the total of the present outstanding debenture issue.

If you deduct from the total amount of our indebtedness which is \$468,000 00, the \$190,000 00 paid into the City Treasurer estimating \$8,000 which is low, the 1914 surplus, and \$15,000.00 for full material and sundry accounts due, making a total of \$173,000 00. This shows that if all the surplus earnings had been applied in payment of the system, we would now owe less than \$300,000 00.

Our first issue of \$185,000 of debentures mature in four years, and on this we pay annually \$3,300 for sinking fund and \$7,400 for interest, so that after four years our yearly expenditure will be reduced \$10,700 for this alone.

the first direct benefits was the connecting up of over forty dead ends on the old mains, thereby giving a flow of living water and curtailing waste. Some waste is always unavoidable, but real waste is not reducing amount of necessary waste to the smallest point. It is to the interest of every ratepayer to reduce this expense as it costs as much to pump water wasted as water used carefully.

Owing to the ability of Mr. Bunnell, the City Treasurer, and his intimate knowledge of all times of the state of the debenture market, the interest on our debenture indebtedness averages less than four and one-quarter per cent, and the sinking fund is all well invested in the debentures of this and other cities. The pumps are supplying through the new mains over four and one-half million gallons per day, at less cost than a smaller quantity last year.

Over 200 hydrants, many of them this year, have been installed which afford ample fire protection for all sections of the city. The pumps lift 409 gallons of water for every pound of coal at 85 pounds head pressure, compared with Woodstock's waterworks that pumps 200 gallons to a pound of coal with only sixty pounds of head pressure.

All the work in connection with the waterworks improvements have been carried on by day work at thousands of dollars saving to the city, and Brantford labor exclusively employed at a time when employment was greatly needed. Only the pumps and pump houses were let by contract.

The improvements are all in accordance with the requirements of the Provincial Board of Health and the Board of Underwriters, and when completed, it will be up to the Underwriters to reduce the insurance rates.

We pump double the amount of water that we did ten years ago and receive double the income and are encouraged by the fact that with 7,000 services and 8,500 consumers, less than one in a thousand have made complaint from any cause.

We are pleased that during the incidents of the new construction, namely changing the mains, broken pipes, new intakes, sand getting into supply and distributing pipes, that the water has been kept so pure and the city free from all fever.

If the Waterworks Act was amended as it should be, to enable the total earning from the Waterworks to be applied on capital expenditure, this would permit us to install a sand filtering plant, or such other improvement if required, without the necessity of any further issue of debentures and would insure a first class system at all times.

to meet the actual expenditure and not to raise any surplus to pay into the City Treasury.

The City owns the Boulevards and the Council under the Act can place the control of them under the Park Commissioners. At present those who have lawn service, sprinkle the Boulevards and pay for the water. It certainly appears unjust that where the labor is done by the occupant beyond the street line, that he should have to pay for the boulevard water.

The Commission, especially the Chairman, and the efficient Secretary, have given careful and faithful attention to the performance of their duty, using all their ability to bring the improvements to a successful issue and the general results after the general results after the works are complete in April, will, I am sure entitle them to your approval.

The By-law for the \$100,000 to finish the work is before the property owners. It is to improve your property and in your interest and there should not be a dissenting vote. The Provincial Board of Health have the power to compel the Council to furnish the necessary funds to carry out the works in the general welfare of the public. In this case they will not be allowed by the ratepayer to intervene.

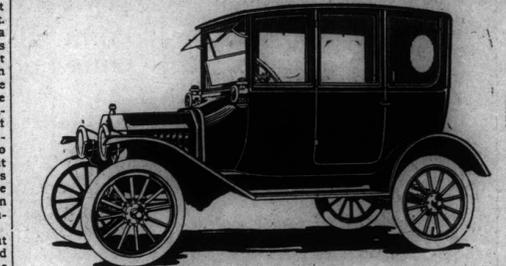
A. G. MONTGOMERY, ENGLAND ALERT.

Vancouver World: The talk of Germany's possible invasion of the British Isles has caused such an awakening among the people that every precaution is being taken to repel the landing of an enemy. If Britain were disposed to doze when it should be alert to its danger, its somnolence has ended. Thousands of men who were considered to be too old to go to the front are now clamoring to be placed where they will be of service to their country.

Toronto Knights Templar, gathered in convention, spent an hour in prayers for peace.

SCROFULA AND ALL HUMORS GIVE WAY

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# In The World Of Labor

A Budget of News For Those Interested in Labor

By G. A. M.

Cleaned From The Exchanges and Other Sources

## Your Personal Responsibility

Did you ever know a Christmas, when the spirit of sacrifice seemed to pervade the very air as it does this year? Christmas is, and has always been, a time of merry-making and rejoicing. Many of us, no doubt, will make this year no exception to the rule. But, while this is possible for some, what of those who are less fortunate than we? What of the homes from which he who has been is the very backbone of Christmas, has been called to fight for the safety and protection of us, who are safe in our warm, comfortable homes? It may seem a small thing to any who have

not sacrificed those near and dear to them, that others gave up their loved ones in this cause. But, what if it came right home to us, and our very best loved one were to go? That is one side of it. We all know that the great majority of men who have gone have left families who were utterly dependent on the weekly wage they earned, and now that this has been withdrawn, what are they to do? Many are too proud and independent to ask for aid and are consequently overlooked in the distribution of funds collected for the purpose of relieving the suffering of such cases. There are, on the other hand, those who are bound and in chains. Let us ever keep before us the high ideals of the labor movement that has ever battled through stress and storm, through sunshine and darkness, courageous, unbending, unyielding in the battle for human freedom. Let the

satisfaction of giving until you have given to someone who really needs, and have made glad some heart that is sad and aching.

## The New Year

And now as we stand upon the threshold of the new year let us resolve to press forward with renewed zeal and determination in the battle for the emancipation of mankind from the last vestige of bondage, and to bring hope and assurance to those who are bound and in chains. Let us ever keep before us the high ideals of the labor movement that has ever battled through stress and storm, through sunshine and darkness, courageous, unbending, unyielding in the battle for human freedom. Let the

record of 1915 be written the years, and let it mark the onward march of labor to greater lengths and higher heights. Let us play our parts courageously, and undauntedly, ever facing the front and pressing on in the march of progress and humanity, and as noble spirits blazed our way for us in these years that have gone, so when we like them, have passed away and laid down the weapons of this earthly warfare, may they who come after us be truly able to say we have fought the fight and kept the faith, and that the world is better because of our lives and work and influence. We are hastening on, and for us the years will soon cease to roll. Let us live well while we may, and thus shall we die when die we must, as soldiers of a great cause that shall leave its impress on the ages yet to come, undaunted and unafraid.

## The Troubled Way

It would almost seem to appear unnatural at this time to wish our patrons a Merry Christmas, for, truth to say, this will probably be the darkest Christmas that has dawned upon the world since the birth of our Lord. The Prince of Peace of whom the angels sang, "Peace Upon Earth and Good Will towards Man." To millions of homes in Europe the dawn of this Christmas Day will bring added heartaches, as it conjures more vividly to mind those who a year ago gathered at the festal board but now slumber in an unknown and unmarked grave, cut down in the prime of life and manhood on one of Europe's devastated battlefields, or perchance may be tossing in pain in one of the myriad hospitals, or figures in the list of the missing, as to whose fate no knowledge may be gleaned, either in the present or in following years to come.

Indeed, it were impossible for men and women to think of merriment in days such as we have fallen on, when man's hand is raised against his fellow man and the spirit of Cain is abroad and destruction stalks unsatisfied through many lands. Sad indeed to think that in this year of all years, with its accumulated knowledge wrested from the house of the past, which has added to the knowledge until man has not only won dominion over the earth, but mastery of the air and the elements, and has even conquered ocean's depths.

Alas! that with the advance of knowledge and science man's energies have been so largely wasted in the devising of armies and navies and the invention and construction of huge engines of destruction, which have now resulted in the writing into the history of humankind the awful chapter in its long march from the days of savagery towards the universal brotherhood of the races.

As Canadians, the citizens of this favored Dominion have indeed much to be thankful for. Our soil is not threatened with the tread of thousands of the foemen and thousands of our fellow citizens are now in Britain ready to take the field and thousands more are enlisting in defence of the Empire, war indeed seems far, far away from our thresholds.

But even here the menace of poverty raises its unholy head and throughout the length and breadth of the commonwealth, thousands of homes are shrouded in tragedy and the wolf is at the door. To thousands, many thousands of our brothers and sisters to whom the message of the angels promised hope and happiness, there is alas! nought but blank despair, for cold and hunger is in the home, and the husband and father has wearily trudged in his hopeless task in search of employment, only to find that none desires to buy his labor.

It has even been said that in some of the charitable cities in this great Dominion of ours, although we believe in our own city, has not existed the relief work of the Social and other relief organizations, breakfast tables for children, and charity steps in to provide them with shoes and clothing to face the wintry blast. But hope springs eternal in the human heart, and even in the darkest of the day, that ever overclouds the earth, was finally fated to melt into blessings for the world and the people therein.

And so to-day, let us trust, may, unflatteringly believe that out of the present darkness may come the greater light, for never before have better impulses swayed the race, and never has the spirit of self-sacrifice and service on behalf of others been so unmistakably demonstrated as in this darkest of the years in human history. And the light will come, and the light will shine, and the brighter day will yet dawn, when out of the travail and tragedy of the present shall come the greater and fuller glory of the future.

It is for each to act his or her part, to it possible brighten the life of those who are less fortunately situated, and to strive and labor for the coming of that better day, when with more equal laws and a larger service of the spirit of the Master, the song the angels sang nearly two thousand years ago will become a reality, and peace shall reign on at length, and among men will typify the spirit of service and brotherhood that shall hereafter be characteristic of the race.

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## THE QUESTIONER.

"Don't God Car At All?"  
By a mother's knee in the darkening  
A child to pray knelt down;  
And the moon coming in at the window  
Touched his brow with a silver crown.

White lids were blue veined and drooping,  
The unshed tears enclose,  
And out from the lips, soft velvet,  
This old sweet prayer arose—

"Our Father Who are in Heaven,  
Please give us our daily bread—  
And out through the verses,  
Till the "amen" soft was said.  
Then, though the prayer was ended,  
He lingered kneeling there;  
With his poor thin arms still lifted,

In the attitude of prayer,  
"Are you thinking dear, of Heaven,"  
She asked with mother pride,  
As she stooped and kissed her darling,  
Still kneeling at her side.  
Then the great blue eyes uplifted,  
Tear-gemmed with questioning shone;

"Don't God care at all, mamma,  
That we are so poor and alone?  
"Oh, I've prayed to Him so often,  
For just a little bread;  
But He doesn't seem to hear me,  
Or care for the tears you shed."

"Why, over the street in that mansion,  
There's a boy no bigger than I,  
Throws bread to his doggie, while I  
Famished stand by the side."

Now answer me, mamma, why?  
Then the heart-broken mother for answer  
Drew her darling more closely still,  
And whispered between her sobbing,  
"Tis man's and not God's will  
That makes this prayer seem mockery."

To hear so full of woe:  
Though, dear, we die of hunger,  
God hath not willed it so."  
—Alice Tregaskis.

**WHY NOT BE CONSISTENT.**  
The so-called philanthropists who are donating money to aid in stamping out tuberculosis and at the same time are resisting the demands of their employees for the shorter work day are not consistent, to say the least. Every reduction in the hours of labor in any craft has always been followed by a decrease in the death rate from this particular disease. The trade unions who are fighting and insisting on an eight hour work day are the real enemies of the dread scourge, and the employer who forces his employees to work for a longer period is the individual who is aiding in its spread and propagation. Give the workers an eight-hour day and proper sanitary surroundings and the deaths from tuberculosis will decrease fifty per cent.

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

Dear Mr. Editor:—  
Thanks for the privilege of appealing through your columns on behalf of the Hospital for Sick Children. The Hospital takes care of sick and deformed children, not only in Toronto, but in the Province, outside of the city. This coming year, of all the years in the Hospital's history, has a more serious outlook, as regards funds for maintenance, than any year that has passed its calendar. So many calls are being made on the purse of the generous people of Toronto and Ontario, to help the soldiers of the Empire, that as I make my daily rounds through the wards of the Hospital, and see the suffering children in our cots and beds, the thought strikes me as to whether the people with us as of old, with all the demands made upon them, answer our appeal and help to maintain the institution that is fighting in the never-ending battle with disease and death, in its endeavor to save the stricken little ones in the child-life of Ontario.

Last year there were 394 in-patients from 310 places outside of Toronto. In the past twenty years there have been 7,000 from places in the Province other than Toronto. It costs us \$2.34 per patient per day for maintenance. The municipalities pay for patients \$1 per patient per day; the Government allows 20 cents per patient per day; so, deducting \$1.20 from \$2.34, it leaves the Hospital with \$1.14 to pay out of subscriptions it receives from the people of Toronto and the Province. The shortage last year ran to \$13,000.

Since 1890 about 1,000 cases of club feet, bow legs and knock knees have been treated, and of these 900 had perfect correction. Nearly all these were from different parts of the Province outside of the city of Toronto. Remember that every year is a war year with the Hospital; every day is a day of battle; every minute the Hospital needs money, not for its own sake, but for the children's sake. The Hospital is the battleground where the Armies of Life have grappled with the Hosts of Death, and the life or death of thousands of little children is the issue that is settled in that war. Will you let the Hospital be driven from the field of its battle to save the lives of little children for the lack of money you can give and never miss?

Every dollar may prove itself a death-dealing angel in the battle against death, a flagship in the fleet that fights for the lives of little children. Remember that the door of the Hospital's mercy is the door of hope, and your dollar, kind reader, may be the key that opens the door for some body's child. Will you send a dollar, or more if you can, to Douglas Davidson, Secretary-Treasurer, or J. ROSS ROBERTSON, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Toronto.

The Y. M. C. A. of Toronto supplied tons of Christmas eatables to the soldiers at Exhibition Park. St. Catharines, the other nominees, Samuel Platt, not having filed his qualification papers.

## A PERSONAL VIEW OF RUSSIA'S RULER

Emperor Nicholas Kindly and Unassuming When He Gets Chance to Move Among Subjects

The Czar of Russia, unlike his arch-enemy, the German Emperor, is a man whose life is largely shrouded in mystery. With the Kaiser it is a case of "power and publicity." With the Little Father of all the Russias it is a case of mighty influence, swayed by a man whose personal side is seldom revealed. One of the officers closest to the Czar is his personal bodyguard. This position was held two years ago by Count Simon Rodianoff, and after he relinquished it he gave to the world many personal stories of his imperial master which otherwise would never have become public.

On one occasion his Majesty announced his desire to have a droskiy brought, so that he might go for a drive in the country incognito. While Count Rodianoff went to inform the necessary members of the Household of the Imperial wish, the Czar strolled in the park. When the bodyguard came upon him, about half an hour later, he was helping a gardener to lop off the dead limbs from a tree. In civilian attire the Czar and his bodyguard walked past a wing of the palace, and through an open window heard voices. They approached, and



THE CZAR OF RUSSIA

looking in, saw about a dozen sentinels seated at a round table, drinking vodka and playing cards. One of the men was telling his companions of a love affair, at which they all laughed heartily. The sentinels sprang to their feet, saluted, and presented arms.

"How do you do, boys? Go ahead, and don't be disturbed by me," he said. When the droskiy came they drove into the country, enjoying the sunshine and the delightful rural scenery, until they came to a typical Russian inn, where the Czar stopped the horse, and announcing that he was hungry, entered the hostelry.

His host was deep in a discussion of politics with a number of peasants that had stopped on the way to market with their produce to drink vodka. But all the innkeeper had in the house were some old dried-out ham, butter, and eggs. However, one of the peasants had a cartload of crabs, and the Czar asked the innkeeper to buy a couple of dozen and boil them.

"I have no time to boil you crabs," quoth mine host. "If you are hungry eat herring and drink vodka."  
"But suppose I pay you tenroubles?" persisted the Czar.  
The innkeeper looked at the speaker.

"I'm sure your money doesn't grow on trees," he replied. "You buy the crabs from the man and pay me fifty copecks for boiling them, and I shall be satisfied. I don't wish to be too greedy."  
Half an hour later his Imperial Majesty and his bodyguard sat down at table with the peasants and partook heartily of a repast of boiled crabs and tea, of which the Czar afterwards said that he had never enjoyed a meal more.

Later in the day the Czar and the count took part in a wedding they found in progress in the cottage of a humble fisherman.  
"I know people pretty well from their appearance," said the old peasant, smiling broadly. "I know from your face that you are either a commercial traveller or an agent for a drapery house."  
Nevertheless, the two distinguished tourists attended the wedding, and drank with the bride and bridegroom; and the next morning the Czar sent a present to the bride, consisting of a fine service of silver, a five-hundred-rouble note, and a personal message, which ran:

"I congratulate the newly-weds, and send my wedding present. Nicholas I."  
Though the Czar enjoys a stroll incognito, he is guarded at his various residences in the closest possible manner.

## NOT ENGLISH CUSTOM TO MURDER HELPLESS

Even the Savage Zulus Knew it and Took Advantage of it—Inspiring Words of Noted General

Field Marshall Sir Evelyn Wood told some interesting stories at a meeting which he addressed in London recently. Referring to the charges of brutality made against the Germans, he said:

"We need not fear that the British soldier will ever descend to making reprisals. Thirty-five years ago I was commanding 18,000 men, who fought against 23,000 brave Zulus for five hours and a half. They attacked with the undaunted courage of savages who did not realize the effect of modern rifles, and the following morning we buried, besides 2,000 British soldiers, where, 854 close up to one face of the wagons behind which our men had stood. When the fight was over I desired a few friendly Zulus who were attached to our companies under my command to collect men of every regiment promising for each unmarried man a stick of tobacco. Next morning there was a group outside my tent of 1,000 specimens of humanity. When I got all the information I required, I said, 'Two months ago, when after a skirmish our doctors cared for your wounded, and a few days later you overpowered our camp, killing 1,500 of our men. You did not spare those who had been attending on your own brothers. Will one of you say why I should not kill you?' Said a young Zulu, 'May I speak, O Master? You ask why you should not kill us; I answer, because it is not the English custom.'

"This is the character our race bears in the North, South, East and West Africa, and I hope it may ever continue, for reprisals are not only useless, but would sensibly lessen the grand fighting value of our soldiers. The troops at the assault of Delais in 1857, when embittered by horrible stories, many exaggerated, and at Jhensi in 1858, were seen deliberately lifting women and little children out of the line of fire. Such conduct is a part of our national inheritance."

## THE LATE RIVERS BULKELEY

(From Beck's Weekly, Montreal)

Major Rivers Bulkeley was a man whom to know was to respect, but not to the majority was given the knowledge. He was an exceedingly quiet and retiring disposition. He was not one to thrust himself upon others. His many medals, worn upon occasion, told their own tale. His bravery was proverbial, but his modesty was such, that he really did not appreciate his own virtues. Captain Long—who was aide-de-camp to His Royal Highness the Duke during the term of Major Rivers Bulkeley's Comptrollership—told a friend that he was "one of the very bravest men he had ever known." His reserve covered a rare character of extraordinary strength. He had served with distinction, had been mentioned in despatches on three different occasions, was the proud possessor of the Queen's medal with six clasps, and the King's medal with two clasps, yet he never spoke of his achievements, and apparently shrank from publicity on that count. As Comptroller and Secretary of the Household of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Major Rivers Bulkeley's position was no unenviable one. His duties and responsibilities were great.

Ordinary people are apt sometimes to envy those in the higher walks of life, but trouble and sorrow follow all ranks, and on very many occasions it proved "the sadness of farewell" between the two lives, now so ruthlessly torn asunder. Although good comrades, as fate had thrown them together, it was not quite a year previous to their marriage, that Major Bulkeley and Miss Pelly became engaged, with the pleased consent of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess, who later graced the wedding by their presence. But even after that happy event, little time could be spared from their high social duties to allow of much intimate intercourse. During the all too short honeymoon, death cast its shadow by removing the bride's step-father, Sir Henry Francis York.

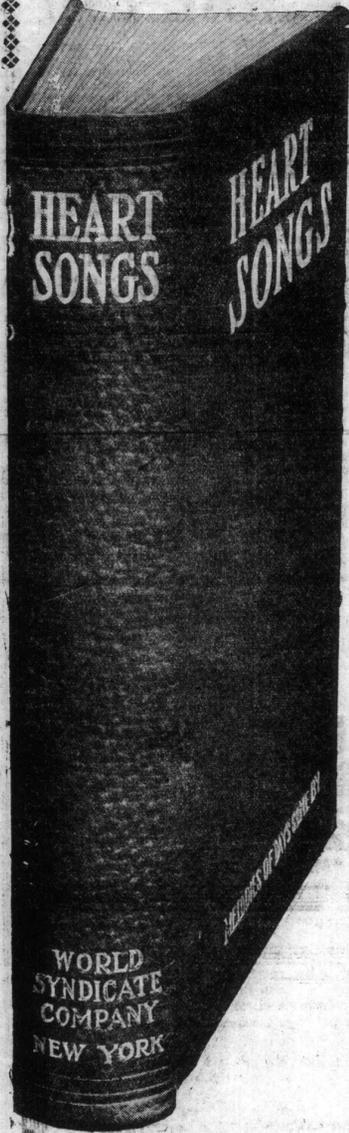
In January, 1914, their small son, "Bobbie" was born, followed shortly afterwards by the death of Mrs. Rivers Bulkeley's mother, Lady Lillian York, whose long illness made it impossible for her to join her husband in Canada. This was again followed by the death of her grandfather, Lord Wenys; so that, in reality only a very infinitesimal portion of their lives was spent together. Therein lies the extreme tragedy of his death. Each had a striking personality, which, having passed; left its mark. Those of us who were privileged to have met and known them, even ever so slightly, are the better for the contact. Aching hearts there are in plenty for the stricken wife and fatherless boy, who, if he be spared, will no doubt in time learn that he had a father of whom he could be proud. As someone somewhere fitly says:

"We live in deeds, not years, in thoughts, not breaths; In feelings, not in figures on a dial. We should count time by heart-throbs—He most feels Who thinks most, lives the noblest, acts the best—"

**One Honor Lacking**  
The Lord Mayor of London was asked to have the name of the German Emperor erased from the roll of Honorary Freeman of the City of London. He replied that the name could not be erased for the sufficient reason that it was never on the roll. No foreigners have ever been admitted to the Freedom of the City, as they are unable to declare allegiance to his Sovereign.

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"The one fact to grip is that from the moment Gen. Joffre turned and faced the foe south of the Marne the French line has never been broken. Every gap has been instantly filled. The losses have often been heavy, but the killed and wounded have always been replaced. The Allied line was slowly extended to the sea; the French had fresh masses of troops ready to catch their share in the movement as far as Arras, and perhaps farther. The Allies on the left were hard pressed; more French troops came, and to-day we read of their fighting gallantly round Ypres. They have been battling desperately at Rheims and in the Argonne. They have held back the German attempt to debouch across the Meuse at St. Mihiel. Weeks ago they were within a dozen miles of the southern forts of Metz. They are quietly administering portions of Southern Alsace. Remember that the French have said very little about their achievements. Remember that not a single boast has ever been uttered in this new and astonishing France. Remember that the French have endured the devastation of their northern departments without a murmur. Remember that they like our soldiers, were caught unprepared, and that only a fortnight before the war the Chamber was frankly debating the deficiencies on the army. Remember that they have held a great line, while we have only held a little piece. Remember that during all of these months their troops have been engaged in innumerable fierce encounters of which the world has heard nothing at all. When we think of these things and reflect upon the results attained, we shall realize that France, like ourselves, is only now beginning the second phase of the war, and that great events lie ahead. Every traveller from France speaks of the extraordinary though quiet hopefulness which pervades the French nation. It is a feeling full of significance."

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Nigel

By A. Conan Doyle  
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"Twixt the oak-tree and the river Knightly fame and brave endeavor. Make an honored name forever. Methinks I see the oak-tree, and yonder is the river. Surely this should betide some good to us."

The huge German Squire betrayed some impatience during this speech of his lord. Though his rank was subordinate, no man present had more experience of warfare or was more famous as a fighter than he. He now broke brusquely into the talk. "We should be better employed in ordering our line and making our plans than in talking of the rhymes of Merlin or such old wives' tales," said he. "It is to our own strong arms and good weapons that we must trust this day. And first I would ask you, Sir Richard, what is your will if perchance you should fall in the midst of the fight?"

Bamber turned to the others. "If such should be the case, fair sirs, I desire that my Squire Croquet should command."

There was a pause while the knights looked with some chagrin at each other. The silence was broken by Knolles. "I will do what you say, Richard," said he, though it is bitter that we who are knights should serve beneath a squire. Yet it is not for us to fall out among ourselves at this last moment, and I have ever heard that Croquet is a very worthy and valiant man. Therefore, I will pledge you on jeopardy of my soul that I will accept him as leader if you fall."

"So will I also, Richard," said Calverly. "And I too!" cried Belford. "But surely I hear music, and yonder are their pennons amid the trees." They all turned, leaning upon their short spears, and watched the advance of the men of Josselin, as their troop wound its way out from the woodlands. In front rode three heralds with banners of the ermine and the blue rings, blowing loudly upon silver trumpets. Behind them a great man upon a white horse bore the banner of Josselin which carries nine golden tortoise upon a blue ground. Behind the champions riding two and two, fifteen knights and fifteen squires, each with his pennon displayed. Behind them on a litter was borne the aged priest of the Bishop of Rennes, carrying in his hands the viaticum and the holy oils that he might give the last aid and comfort of the Church to those who were dying. The procession was terminated by hundreds of men and women from Josselin, Guegon, and Helleon, and by the entire garrison of the fortress, who came as the English had done, bearing the arms. The head of this long column had reached the field before the rear were clear of the wood, but as they arrived the champions picketed their horses at the farther side, behind which their banner was planted and the people lined up until they had inclosed the whole lists with a dense wall of spectators.

We soon eyes the English party had watched the armorial blazonry of their antagonists, for those fluttering pennons and brilliant surcoats carried a language which all men could read. In front was the banner of Beaumanoir, blue with silver frets. His motto "J'ayme qui m'ayme" was carried on a second flag by a little page.

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## Foretells New Belgium Risen from Its Ashes

Mr. Emile Cammaerts Declares Baptism of Fire Will Hold Battlefield of Europe, to See It Is Never Used Again.

(Special Dispatch.)  
LONDON, Dec. 5.

The progress of the campaign in Belgium, which, slow though it may be, is going decidedly in favor of the Allies, is cheering the Belgian refugees here in London, and they are hopefully looking forward to the time when they may safely return home. They are even talking about the great future that they believe is in store for their country when it is restored to them. But there are others who will not allow themselves an optimism to overcome them. In their case, as they say, they may be disappointed. The restoration of Belgium is far away yet, but whatever happens, there is one thing that can be said for them—their confidence remains unabated, their courage undaunted. Here is what Mr. Emile Cammaerts, who is now in London, has to say about the future of Belgium.

"There would never be so much of Belgium in our hearts as when none of it remained on the map. As our King said after Louvain, the body may fall, but the spirit is unconquerable. What is Belgium? Not only the dunes of the coast, glancing in the sun, and the long lines of poplars of the Flemish meadows, singing in the wind, and the green and soft valleys of South Brabant, dotted with white and red cottages, and the wild moors and rushing streams of the Ardennes, perfumed with the smell of burnt wood. Not only the patient labor of the Flemish peasant, transplanting barren sands into the richest fields of Europe, and the arduous activity of the Wallon worker and miner of Mons, Charleroi and Liege, handling ceaselessly the hammer and the pick. Not only the brush of Claus and Laermans, the chisel of Meunier and Rousseau, the great voice of Maeterlinck and Verhaeren. Not even our brave king, picking up the gun of a dead soldier and fighting like the least of his privates in the trenches; not even our good Queen, who never ceased to comfort by her gentle presence the wounded and the stricken refugees in Brussels and Antwerp. Not even the Bracconne; not even the flag!"

"If the Kaiser succeeded in destroying all this, if we had to see our own people decimated, our last soldier dead or prisoner, our last gun silenced, our flag torn to tatters, the spirit of Belgium would still hover over our burning towns, rise above our wrecked countryside, unconquerable, serene.

"There always comes a time for men or for nations when they have to choose between the safety of their body and the safety of their soul. Belgium chose not once but three times. Her story develops, since the beginning of August, with the splendid rhythm of a Greek tragedy. She was asked three times to surrender; she was tempted three times to give up an unequal fight, forced upon her by the bloodthirsty hordes of the modern Huns. Three times, in the name of liberty and civilization, she refused proudly the Kaiser's offers.

"I remember some Internationalist—there were a good many Internationalists in Belgium before the war; there is not one left now—calling Belgian patriotism an absurdity, in black, red and yellow. Well, it is this absurdity, this paradoxical and quixotic nonsense, which holds us together, now and forever and ever. For the blood of our sons shed at Liege, Namur, Antwerp; black for the mourning of Dinant, Tirlemont, Termonde and Louvain, and yellow for the bright sun to come.

"Belgium has never been so great as since she is so little. She has never been so bright as since she is veiled with dust and smoke. No Kaiser can destroy this glory, no mailed fist can extinguish this light. It will lead us to great things, to a greater, stronger Belgium, emancipated from diplomatic ties, closely bounding together by the same spirit of unity and fervent patriotism. The country has received the baptism of fire. She has come of age. When the hour of reckoning comes her voice will be heard in the concert of nations, a humble but a firm voice—the voice of a martyr who has suffered a great deal for a noble cause. She will hold the battlefield of Europe, and she will see to it that it is never used again.

"But this hour can only strike in Berlin—nowhere else. The mailed fist must be cut off, the mailed arm must be crippled. And so it will be, thanks to England, France and Russia and to all that is worthy of life in Europe—and with the help of God in heaven."



AFTER THE AUSTRIAN REPULSE ON THE DRINA BY N. Y. H.

## GERMANY USES STAGE TRICK TO SWELL PROCESSION OF PRISONERS

In Order to Give Air of Verisimilitude to Tales of Foe's Regiments Annihilated, Trainloads of Captives Are Sent Through Same Town Many Times—Belgian Trooper Got Angry at Twelfth Trip Through Aix-la-Chapelle.

(Special Dispatch.)  
LONDON, Dec. 5.

It is a relief to extract a little humor out of this tragic war. French and English alike are wondering, and laughing not a little, at the tremendous number of prisoners which the Germans, according to their own reports, are capturing, both east and west. If they had taken as many prisoners as they say they have they would have no enemy to fight. But the explanation is simple enough. Take but one instance.

A Swiss who was at Aix-la-Chapelle at the beginning of this month, and who is now at Basle, writes:

"The German government is very ingenious in its efforts to keep up the spirits of the population. It reports the annihilation of a regiment after regiment daily, and in order to foster the delusion it has to produce formidable convoys of French, British and Belgian prisoners. Aix-la-Chapelle is the spectacular spot chosen. It is the busiest railway station in the German Empire just now. The general staff sends long trainloads of prisoners through this junction going east every day. You can imagine how impressive it is. You can also imagine how industriously the newspaper correspondents record the incident in their despatches to Berlin, not forgetting the downcast demeanor of the captives and the cheers of the German populace.

"The crowds are unaware that these trains are switched onto a loop line at night, and return in triumph the next day. The other morning a Dutchman was watching one of them go slowly by. He saw a Belgian soldier excitedly gesticulating at an open carriage window. He was shouting: 'This is the twelfth time we have come through this station.'

"Fight for Pig Under Fire.

"Very little scares us nowadays," writes an artilleryman from the Westwall. "The Germans are in the woods and are as reluctant as carrion crows to leave. Last night we heard heavy footsteps, an odd noise like 'patapoum, patapoum.' Was it a batch of German deserters coming to us, or outposts returning with some warning? I peered into the darkness, and with the few feet of my head was a fat pig. He was more frightened than I, and he clamped. We followed, and in five minutes Mr. Cochon was tied to the wheel of an ammunition cart. He grunted all night long.

"Next morning men from the neighboring battalions heard of our interesting capture, and claimed it as theirs. What check? We squabbled, and everybody asserted his right to the prisoner. Suddenly shrapnel began to fall in the midst of the debate. Did Prussian shells stop the row over that pig? No, sir! For ten more minutes the two battalions argued, while bullets flew and the pig squealed.

"The chef of a portable kitchen has his little joke. 'How polite the Boches are,' he said. 'They even send us their marmites (black Marias) in which to cook our puddings.' Then along came the Captain. 'In the name of heaven!' he exclaimed, 'get back to your job. Cut the pig in two!' A military Solomon had solved the difficulty, and both battalions had pork for supper that night."

German Without Honor.

Describing the conditions surrounding the British army, a lieutenant in the Royal Army Medical Corps, writing home, says: "In front of us are the German trenches, only a hundred yards away. A bobbing head, a shaking fist, an occasional spade wave, bespeak the presence of our foe. Yesterday one of our merry men fixed up a target. On white paper he drew a bull's head with a charred stick, tied it on a cardboard box, placed it in front of the trench and with flag behind recorded the misses of our friend Fritz. I feel sure that if in those trenches we had a more humorous foe instead of the phlegmatic Teuton, we might pass away many of the weary hours of watching in friendly joke. But we are up against a wary foe. There is no leisure, for barbed wire, artfully contrived hoops and loopholes forever claim the attention of our brave men.

"There are times, though, even under fire, when the humor of our soldiers bursts forth. On one occasion, after a German shell had fired some wood, our men, seeing the fire, seized the opportunity to amuse their under trying circumstances. Told concerning a man in the regiment lying in the thin red line next to us. Shrapnel had burst, killing two men on his left and badly shattering another. He was trying to light a pipe, and having some difficulty he said to his mate, 'Sure 'tis Belgian tobacco, and these French matches will be the death of me.'

German Shot Spills Milk.

"I sometimes help the officers to censor the men's letters home. One man says, 'We shall have shells for breakfast—not eggs-shells. I shall be in Berlin in a fortnight, and I'll send you some sausages.' I overheard on the march one 'pat' say to another, 'I never believe anything I hear, and only half of what I say.'

Here are two humorous touches from the letter of a Dublin Fusilier:

"At one point of the line German and French troops were not more than one hundred yards apart. They could hear each other talk, and sometimes talked to each other. One day a cow strayed between the lines. Both sides wanted milk. They agreed whoever hit a horn first would be let milk the cow. The first shot came from the German line. Bad as usual, it killed the cow."

"When both sides dig in there is continuous rifle sniping, on the German side usually very bad. An officer of ours with a sense of humor put up a target for them to practice on and gave them a marker with a flag to signal the misses. The target was pretty large, with a sketch of the Kaiser's head and shoulders for a bull's eye. Only one shot was fired at it, and that bullet hit the Kaiser right under the chin. We appreciated the joke."

Death of the Gallant Lancer.

And here is one about a gallant Irishman with some pathos in it:

"One afternoon when I was riding from the transport to the battalion I met a lancer going the same road. We were chums at Aldershot a couple of years ago. I met his wife when he brought her to the married quarters, a bonnie bride. He was a stout little Irishman with a pair of lively eyes that spoke the language of all tongues. He had fought at Mons and been right through the campaign, and as we rode together through the town we talked over past and present. As we passed a butcher's shop a pretty girl came to the door and gave him a sweeping glance. Their eyes met—it was a mere passing salute, but one could see he had passed that way before. He turned to me with a light laugh. 'We are all single at the seaside.'

"Two days afterward I made the same journey on foot. Just at that same shop door I met a stretcher—my lancer friend was lying on it—shrapnel through the chest. As I spoke to the stretcher bearers the girl came to the door. Her grief was passionate. I doubt if the wounded man was conscious of her tears. Later in the day I called at the field hospital. He was little one to pray for his soul. A girl in France is putting flowers on his grave."

GAVE HIS LIFE FOR A PICTURE POSTAL CARD

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LONDON, Dec. 5.

Some of the letters from the front show how lives are not infrequently lost for trifles. Lance Corporal R. Casement, of the Royal Irish Regiment, tells how, when marching through a village in Belgium, a comrade stepped into a shop to buy a picture postcard to send to his little girl. "He was only away a few seconds, but the Germans had been following us very close. For he had to fight when he came out. But there were too many of them; he was down before any of us could get back to help him, and the Red Cross buried him dead with his picture card."

A sergeant of the Essex regiment stopped in the march to pick up a German helmet that he had promised to send to his little boy. A German shell burst at his side and he was blown to pieces.

One of the Middlesex soldiers left his breakfast on the wrong side of a river, and he only discovered his loss when the bridge was broken down. He swam across to find it, and was swimming back with it when he was hit by a bullet, and sank almost at once, never to rise again, though some of his chums hung about under fire for hours to see if they could be of assistance to him.

## SERBIAN INFANTRY TAKING AN AUSTRIAN POSITION BY ASSAULT

## Italy Ready in Spring With Army of a Million

Whole Nation Desires to Assist in "the Destruction of the Barbarians," Says Italian in London—Explains Why His Nation Now Holds Aloof.

(Special Dispatch.)  
LONDON, Dec. 5.

Why Italy has remained neutral so long is a question which has often been asked here and discussed from various points of view. That she cannot refrain from taking part very much longer, now that Turkey has come in, is a widely expressed opinion. But Italy seems to be in no hurry. She is biding her time, and when the time comes to strike she means to strike hard.

Here is the opinion of an Italian now in London, who is eminent of the inner workings of the Italian diplomatic mind. Italy, he believes, will take her place beside the Allies in the spring.

"The strength of Germany is truly appalling," he says. "Nevertheless she has made a grave miscalculation. In reckoning on the lightning rapidity of her advance, she has forgotten that the Allies will be ready to meet her in the month, and to subdue Russia in two months. To-day the situation is much changed, and for the worse as regards Germany."

Expect No Russian Victory.

While the Germans have been checked and driven back in France and Belgium, he is not so sure about the permanence of Russia's check in the eastern field of warfare, nor does he look in that direction for "swat and decisive victories."

But even if Germany were to advance into Russia, "the greater," he believes, "will be the disaster in the wake of Germany. And all this time the army is diminishing, sickness is rife; it is becoming exhausted, while both soldiers and civilians must eat. Corn is being consumed and victuals will become scarce, and how Germany can conquer quickly, very quickly—in fact, immediately. A protracted campaign spells her prostration, effacement, starvation."

"In the spring the German army will have lost half its force—if not more. It will, however, still be a terrible force. All the more reason why this sinister power, which is the curse of the world, must be destroyed once and for all, never to rise again in coming centuries. If Germany emerges victorious, was to all other nations. We must grovel, humble, and wipe out Germany now and for all time. And this task is reserved for the Allies now fighting, and in particular England, and Italy, Rumania and the Balkan States; possibly, too, for Spain.

"And once again, for my part, I am certain. All parties in Italy, all classes, all professions, pray for, loudly implore, 'Nevertheless she has made a grave miscalculation. In reckoning on the lightning rapidity of her advance, she has forgotten that the Allies will be ready to meet her in the month, and to subdue Russia in two months. To-day the situation is much changed, and for the worse as regards Germany.'

Chamber reassembles this month early in January, will endeavor for war—in the spring. No government can stand against the nation that is desirous of assisting in the destruction of the barbarians. Perhaps for the moment it is as well that Italy holds aloof; the Germans are still terribly powerful; by springtime they will be much weaker, and then still be the time for the addition of a million fresh, well trained troops, because rest assured that Italy is becoming slowly but surely.

"England is preparing for the spring at least a million men. Italy will be then have for certain another million ready. A third million can be expected from Spain, the Balkan States and the colonies. That will mean the beginning of the end. The most terrible battles will be fought on the plains of Westphalia, in the environs of Berlin. It will be the moment for England to assume her position as the head of the world. This war is for her a question of life or death."

## War Romance, Begun in Belgium, Ends at Altar in English Church

Belgian Lieutenant, Invalidd to England, Meets Young Woman Refugee He Had Known in Brussels and Wedding Quickly Follows.

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LONDON, Dec. 5.

A romantic love story, constituting one of the pleasantest sidelights of the war, has culminated in a wedding at Redhill.

Early this year Achille Vidrequin, of Brussels, a lieutenant of a Belgian infantry regiment, met Miss Nella Burgess Watson, of Exeter, the daughter of a minister of the Belgian Consulate. They saw each other on several occasions, and then the war broke out. Lieutenant Vidrequin was called up and fought for his country, taking part in several engagements.

Miss Watson, with other ladies, was among the first of the refugees to seek shelter in England; and Mr. and Mrs. F. Scrutton, of the Woolpits, Nutfield, provided the young lady and her friends with a home at Coniston Lodge. She lost sight of Lieutenant Vidrequin and did not expect to see him again.

As an able Lieutenant Vidrequin was given leave of absence owing to ill health and came to England. He was ignorant of Miss Watson's whereabouts. All he knew was that she was a refugee in England. He made an unsuccessful search for her until one day he met her accidentally on the Redhill railway station platform.

Then the lieutenant was recalled to the war, and there was a hasty wedding at the Redhill Roman Catholic Church, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Francis de Sulek, himself a refugee.

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Now reaches to the sky—your clear, brave  
name.

MARY DU DEVEY.

## China Starts Fund for Museum In International Institute

President Yuan Shih-Kai Gives \$2,500 Toward Work Begun by William G. Low—Other Nations Will Be Asked to Contribute to House Exhibit of Peaceful Arts.

(Special Dispatch.)  
PEKING, Dec. 5.

Americans who have interested themselves in the International Institute at Shanghai will be gratified to learn that President Yuan Shih-Kai has approved the setting aside of about \$2,500 gold as a contribution toward the establishment of a museum on the grounds of the institute, wherein the peaceful arts of the world may be exhibited.

Dr. Gilbert Reid, an American, who manages the Institute, has been in Peking for some time with plans for the expansion as arranged by the cosmopolitan committee who control the institute at Shanghai, and he has received the assistance from the government which he asked.

In a mandate issued yesterday by the President the benefits of the institute were fully acknowledged. The work of the organization has been so far upon educational lines, particular efforts being made to develop a more cordial relationship between foreigners and Chinese. It is now intended to try to obtain \$250,000 gold from foreigners to create a museum wherein the results of Western inventive genius might be shown and through the medium of which the Chinese people might become familiar with the mechanical means adopted in the development of industries in foreign countries.

The buildings already standing on the grounds of the institute were erected from contributions by William G. Low, Chinese

giving the land. American and other foreign contributors have supplied the money to maintain the institution during the last twenty years. The institute's committee is composed of foreigners, most of them being business men or commercial representatives of various governments. The development of the museum has been slow. It was included in the original scheme of the institute, but lack of money has held up the idea until now. The Chinese government has recognized the utility of such an adjunct to the institute, and in contributing its quota, despite the financial troubles confronting it, hopes to encourage a quick response from other countries.

**RUSSIAN MOTHER SENT HEROIC LETTER**

(Special Dispatch.)  
LONDON, Dec. 5.

"Your father was killed very far from us, Laegon. I'll send you for the sacred duty of defending our dear country from the vile and dreadful enemy. Remember you are the son of a hero. My heart is oppressed, and I weep when I ask you to be worthy of him. With kisses and blessings have I parted with you. When you are sent to perform a great deed don't forget my tears, but only my blessing. God save you, my dear, bright, loved child. Once more it is written everywhere the enemy is cruel and savage. Don't be led by blind vengeance. Don't raise your right hand at a fallen one, but be gracious to those whose fate it is to fall into your hands. It was a letter from a mother to a son found in the breast pocket of a Russian officer killed in action."

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# MEMORANDA OF WAR

## IMPRESSIONS OF A FRENCH SOLDIER-ARTIST.

Written by Xavier Sager.

**A** BEAUTIFUL starry night. The moon rises slowly above the horizon. A night on which one ought not to fight, on which one ought not to die. A great freshness spreads itself over the atmosphere. The calm of high branches is above us. The forest would like to sleep, but inexorably the battle continues.

Do you hear the hoofbeats of the horses? The ammunition wagons are bringing to the cannon their formidable nourishment. And then back go the war-chariots which have served out the rest of these steel beasts. They carry back, empty, in baskets, the cartridges of brass, which shake and rattle over the rocks of the routes. Ten thousand shells enter in one day on this one brow of the hill.

Over there some motorcyclists are going toward the trenches. They try to revictual the troops, who can only be reached during the night.

French and German soldiers observe there, quite near, each one in his trench, and neither can advance nor recede without being fired at.

Never was there a war like this gigantic war. All is new, different to any that have ever preceded it. That which changes the physiognomy of the battle field is the employment of the trenches, where the combatants find a refuge and shelter from the bullets and shells during days and weeks.

This vast extent of ground seems at first glance deserted. However, grumbings pass and the earth trembles. A whistling very soft and low, mingled with an ominous, sonorous, strikes the air in every direction.

Looking closely, one perceives on the ground in the distance some kind of lines, confusedly moving, and from where are sent out strident noises, isolated and in series.

One sees nothing distinctly, nothing living; this is a modern field of battle.

That night we again chased the Germans from several trenches. This is the most amusing of ambush wars!

Men agile, supple and resolute advance stealthily, silently. They creep, they move awkwardly on hands and feet from a cluster of trees to a slope, from a hayrick to a ditch. They are armed with shields that protect them from the bullets.

The night lends her covering mantle. We approach some barbed wire carefully, entangled by the Germans, who have little desire for a face to face combat. The wires are cut slowly, without noise; we retire, not having troubled the heavy silence of the outposts.

At the early morn some troops surprise and assault on the enemy in the heart of their cages. It is thus that day by day we gain a little of the ground lost.

In this sweet, pure autumn day we traverse a landscape at once solemn and majestic. It is only with a supreme effort that we can believe that some terrible encounters have taken place here. The mind searches a way to make a contrast, in the face of such beauty of nature. So apparent the drama of yesterday, so apparent the splendor of this soft October day, when all at once a little village is revealed to us and we are painfully shown by its heartrending aspect that the barbarians have passed through it. The ruined houses, sections of walls above a mass of cinders on the profound blackness of some charred beam. A little further on are still visible the effects of cannon and mitraille.

On our right the famous Marais des Flandres. It is here that the German Imperial Guards sustained enormous losses. The foot sinks when it is pressed there in a blackish peat, water that has levelled the soil remains invisible. But the marshy earth gives way under the step; the leg sinks, then the body as far as the shoulders. The tall Imperial Guards knew there under the murderous fire of our cannon the terrible torments of encirclement. The day after the battle some wounded were still struggling in the midst of their dead, on this field of horror. I have such a memory of it that my sleep is troubled. Here in an awful combat our cannon overthrew hundreds and thousands of Germans. Of these bodies of the brothers they made a heap, not without pity, water that has leaped some wounded, still living and gasping—it was a shelter, from behind which faithful rampart they fired.

There is the river. A hasty bridge had been thrown from bank to bank. Of the old one there remains only a few broken struts. The greenish water flows rapidly, bearing away now and then some corpse. It seems as if the bodies pursue each other in a fantastic race, thrown sometimes against the banks, drawn into eddies, arrested sometimes by an obstacle that suddenly raises them, frightful to view, with their blanched, white face and their large, dull eyes, which seem still to have vision. Some of them yet hold a gun. Some of the bodies rest a while on



Fight for a German Howitzer, Near Nieuport.—Sketch Made at the Front by Xavier Sager.

the reeds, balancing in regular movements, then are pushed away again by the current to continue their funeral course.

Death—one sees it everywhere, and one believes in it no more. From the porch of an old church, half destroyed, I distinguish a priest, aged and tall. They are praying under his outstretched arms in this little chapel, where the faithful bend the head in common prayer. I enter among them, and I see there eight poor little coffins, close to one another, and around them weeping women—mothers, sisters, fiancées—all desolate. The war has come! The war is raging! And the little village is in mourning like the great towns. Old heads with gray hair, bent with age; worn faces that bend toward the soil; fair heads that bow likewise, in the same pain.

Now the night little soldiers are carried to the earth. They are buried together. They had belonged to the same battalion. They had been good comrades; they had promised never to

quit one another; they had sworn eternal friendship—they will keep their word. They have not seen the victory, but they have merited it.

The most frightful carnage of modern times is unfolding here. The little river Yser bears on its breast thousands and thousands of German corpses, thrown there by order of their Emperor.

To die for the Emperor! One knows how that was done a hundred years ago. Certainly it is by heroism that the soldiers of William II. are pressed to the furnace. They have the bravery of the blood and of the muscles, but they have not that burning flame which is lighted only in the heart. In dying they do not salute their God. They fall heavily to the feet of their master.

November 2, 1914.—To-day, the day following All Saints' Day, the second of November, is the Day of the Dead. In France, as in most European countries, this day is consecrated to the honor and memory of those who are no more; then, of what else can I speak to you on this

day if not of those who are lying under this corner of ground which their blood has blessed?

Not a meadow, not a field, not a hill, not a vale, where the war has failed to leave the imprint of its steps of blood. The graves—one encounters them everywhere, in the fields or in the glades, the mounds raising the ground slightly. They are scarcely distinguishable under the grass which begins to cover them. The rain threatens to efface them, and soon they will be unrecognizable except for the crosses improvised from a broken gun or a bayonet planted in the ground.

Those who were killed on the spot are buried in the large cuttings that catch the rain where the Germans are thrown, the rain threatens to efface them, and soon they will be unrecognizable except for the crosses improvised from a broken gun or a bayonet planted in the ground.

It is not always easy to render to the fallen combatants the last sad services. The pious delicacy, the patient sweetness, of those who occupy themselves with these tasks would have softened the pain of the parents and friends of these dead if they could have been present. This epoch is unique in history since

human beings have lived in society; never has death had the duty to make such a schedule of its trophies, never before has death so easily reaped so many lives. What a harvest! These are the strongest, the finest, the most valiant of each race who have fallen. Never has mourning been more numerous and more profound. Never have so many hopes been cut off.

Today it is not only the child who comes laden with flowers to place wreaths on the grave of the grandmother. Now the grandparents come with hesitating step; the father and the mother, rigid with suffering, stand immobile before the vain image of the son, dead yonder.

From one end of Europe to the other hundreds of thousands of mothers, hundreds of thousands of children are bending the knee on the damp earth, asking themselves under what justice they are thus crushed. The women of Poland, the heroic women of Belgium, the women of France, the women of England, all go

with flowers in their hands, their hearts breaking with sorrow, asking themselves why. Why? WHY? Because one man has killed it. One man, a man who has himself a wife and children.

And this day, for the first time perhaps, there arises a feeling of anger and hatred, above the pain even; on this Day of Supreme Pardon.

One can brave death, but not the heart pain. That is why, on all the roads of France, walk slowly the overwhelmed.

There is joy only on the field of battle. Yes; the places where one braves death with the intoxication of the sacrifice, with the gaiety of youth and the consciousness of duty.

We all have some friends, some comrades who are dead; we do not weep for them, we envy them; on seeing their glorious death we feel ourselves filled with an implacable hatred and the re-echoing of all joy, of all hopes until the death is avenged.

Over there the village church, only the belfry of which remains standing, sends

to us the sound of its bells, which falls coldly on our ears—coldly, as if the iciness of the tomb had struck through their bronze and paralyzed them. Among us there is a soldier priest. He begins to tell us that there are some who neglect God a little, but that at the bottom we serve Him by our acts. It would be better not to invoke the aid of our Saviour continually, but to respect a little more his commands. After that he speaks of the families, of the anxious wives and mothers, of the little ones, the betrothed, who some will never see again. At this moment I look around me. I see certain ones making my faces in order to stifle their emotions, others drawing out handkerchiefs and using them vigorously, but all trying to give themselves the air of not having tears, but a bad cold. At this moment, as if to permit us to hide our emotion, the cannon resound quite near us. I have the time to see the priest raise his hand in blessing us and then hastening to take his gun, becoming again a soldier.

This is the last mass for some of those who are here.

The poor church also has had the death of a soldier. Bombarded by the Germans, it has fallen in ruins, and on this beautiful autumn day.

The day has been hard. There have been innumerable victims in a combat where the Germans have set up ten times in succession a pontoon bridge that our cannon have ten times broken. They go to death stubbornly. They have charged sixteen consecutive times to force a passage where our mitrailleuses have mowed them down. They sacrifice themselves as did the Japanese against the Russians, to crush our lines by the weight of the dead.

November 10, 1914.—It is difficult and a little presumptuous to judge of the whole of the war by the little part that I have before my eyes; but it seems to me that in Flanders the combats are more frightful than those of the Marne and the Aisne. Try to imagine the present war with its front of 400 kilometres and its millions of combatants; of the cannon which fire a distance of twenty kilometres; of the enemy nearly always invisible; of the mitrailleuses falling from the sky, arising from the bottom of the water, rending the undermined ground and annihilating towns in a few hours.

In these battles it is necessary to hide, to slip under brushwood, stay long hours lying flat on the stomach, immobile; walking, creeping on land that has been battered alternately by German and by French batteries. When we avoid the shrapnel of the one we fall into the zone ploughed by the fire of the other. Under the trees great branches fall, hewn off by the projectiles. In the open the ground shifts at a step, the air is perforated right and left and suddenly bursts into smoke. If one does not want to die one must quit this cataclysm. But by where? The hills thunder, the woods crackle. We must go on always, harassed, hungry, thirsty; the pouch and the can empty; the overcoat heavy, our throats dry and parched, our feet burning. Suddenly, a cry, "There, there! Look! the Germans!" The word spreads from one end of the brigade to the other.

Active, fat and dark, the masses of the enemies rise up outside the bombarded wood. Some battalions are displayed under the glittering of the bayonets. Suddenly all sink down flat in the lucerne. The air immediately shivers, vibrates in our ears. In less than a minute there are men kneeling, others thrown down, some lamed, some maimed; the cries, the swearing, the complaints, the furious howling, the indignant clamours. Each one of the bullets which touches one of us adds to our fury and exasperates us more and more.

It is then that the clarions sound—the charge. "We are coming! We are coming!" The bayonets flash, fired at the end of the rifles. The officers want to hold us. They show us that at least 800 metres separate us from the enemy. Kneeling in the lucerne, the Germans send strokes of death. We run on the enemy, careless about those who fall, Germans and French, charging, stabbing, landing.

No, this is not a war—it is a butchery dictated by a madness. Some thousands escape, wounded, hobbling along the battlefield, or are piled up in a sad procession. Some thousands lie dead scattered in the fields. To bury them the time and the men are lacking. The cartridges and the artillery pass over their poor dead bodies as if they were heaps of rubbish. And while the fields are covered with the dead and the wounded the German General Staff continues to give new orders to the fresh troops which arrive, and all receive the password, "Forward! Forward! Calais must be taken."

It would diminish our success to believe the legend which presents the Germans continually fleeing. But they are not inspired by a great ideal. With them it is a leading rather than a marching to the combat; but they fight with resolution, and fall bravely.

The German losses in their unsuccessful efforts to reach Calais even now amount to the enormous number of 100,000 men. This is not exaggeration if one thinks of their tactics of enveloping by big masses and the heavy formations that they throw out, cost what it may, under the mitraille.

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### RUSSIA'S GERMAN AND W

### Heavy Loss Have Been Inflicted in Recent Fighting.

### Emperor Nicholas Joins Forces at the Battle Front.

(By Special Wire to the Cour)  
LONDON, Dec. 23.—The correspondent telegraphs from

grad.

"Operations of the Germans front at Sochaczew Rawa, on Christmas Day, slackened at all points on the right. This looks like they were seriously alarmed for safety of their flank.

"Heavy guns, including howitzers, have been brought to the Germans near Skiermiewice Rawa. Russian critics consider attempt at intimidation, a very one.

"Describing the action near mow, on the Rawa, the Novomya correspondent writes that the Germans left the trenches in to carry out a night attack, the Russian battery and machine mounted on automobiles, ignited forest and the German lines silhouetted against the flames of an easy mark, and men were down as if it were daylight. Rifle men then leaped out of trenches and counter-attacked.

Upwards of 1,000 German were collected at dawn and the vivors taken prisoners. The two were hurled back on their lines of trenches. The Russians captured two battalions and eight machine guns. The prisoners taken at mow are typical Prussians, tall, strong. Many wear Prussian Guard helmets of the Prussian Guard.

**THE GERMAN PLANS**

The Daily Mail's correspondent wires from Petrograd as follows:

"The question that is being discussed eagerly to-day is: 'Have the men changed their plans?' In the east Prussia and the other Carpathians having failed, they have been reduced during the last few days to frontal attacks which caused alarming losses.

"What the Germans can do of making frontal attacks of the astrous kind is not suggested, but arrival behind their front lines, guns may point to a new development. Guns of this calibre are of no use for open field fighting. The Prussians used them at Mukden. Their effect on the Prussians was noticeable, but it soon was lost, are no fortified places here for Germans to bombard.

"The next few days probably show whether Field Marshal Hindenburg has anything in sleeve."

**EMPEROR THERE**

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A from London to The Herald, says:

"Emperor Nicholas has left the field headquarters and the German signaled his entry to the front operations by withdrawing the infantry along the Buzza and Rivers into their positions, launching a violent artillery against the opposing positions. Spectacular features of the battle Poland are thus transferred to the line of the Pilica, further south.

Field Marshal Von Hindenburg directing an offensive in force where both sides say they have inflicted heavy losses.

While extremely severe the victory along the Pilica has not been sufficient to cover the river with thick enough for transport, an occasional days of comparative warmth have left the country heavy baggage movement. There has been a handicap for both sides and the opposing commanders hoping for the early appearance of a normal Polish winter, with its freezing. Solid ice over the river and streams, reports from the front fighting say, will eliminate the numerous casualties since hundreds of men have been either sent or sent to hospitals suffering pneumonia contracted by sudden immersion in the icy water.

The Russians apparently have gained ascendancy over the Austrians in South Poland and Galicia. The Austrians themselves admit the towns of Kaslo and Krosno, South Galician railways, their army from across the Carpathians captured a week or more ago. Russian report last night is a record of a series of victories from

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