

THE QUESTION OF FOOD SUPPLIES

Comes Up in the Reichstag Once More—Sending Their Cattle For Pasture in Belgium

By Special Wire to the Courier. Berlin, Dec. 13, via London, Dec. 14.—The Reichstag to-day continuing the consideration of the problem of food supply completed a long series of resolutions in which the wishes of the Reichstag are made known to the government.

der measures for an equitable distribution of fodder and other measures to increase the supplies of meat, milk and butter. The Socialists proposed a resolution that holders of stocks of potatoes who neglected to report them before December 1 should be allowed to charge only seventy per cent. of the maximum price.

THE BULGARIAN TROOPS HAVE BROKEN THROUGH LINES

According to a Despatch From Berlin—French Forces Said to be Cut Off From British—Germany Will Want Free Right-of-Way in Greece.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Berlin, Dec. 14.—(By wireless to Sayville)—Bulgarian troops have broken through the Anglo-French line and cut off the French forces from the British, according to an official statement dated December 12, received here today from Sofia.

London, Dec. 14.—The Greek Government was warned here today that it has commandeered all Greek shipping in British and American ports in an effort to supply the deficiency in food and coal which exists in Greece as a result of the entente allies' restrictions.

GREEK FORCES ARE HELPING THE ALLIES

To Make Saloniki a Formidable Base Next Important Conflict Expected in Outskirts of That Place.

New York, Dec. 14.—The London correspondent of The Herald cables—publishes a special despatch from Saloniki, which reports that the commanders of the Greek forces there, in addition to despatching troops to other vital points, are assisting in every way to transform the port into a formidable base for the Allies.

There is every reason to believe that the Greeks, who have moved their army from the country between Dorian and Saloniki and thus given to the Allies a clear path to the coast, have warned Sofia that the presence of Bulgarian troops on Greek soil would be resented. This fact alone would be regarded to the advantage of the Allies, since the force of Austro-Germans in the Vardar valley is not great enough to permit a strictly Austro-German invasion of Greece.

CARDINAL HARTMANN

Was on an Important Mission to the Pope.

New York, Dec. 14.—A Rome cable to the Times says—That Cardinal Hartmann of Cologne, had an important mission to the Pope is thought here to be proved by several facts.

The confident belief is expressed here that the next contact of importance between the armies of the Central powers and the allies in the Balkan theatre will occur in the outskirts of Saloniki.

The Orteric, 6,535 tons gross, 460 feet long, and built in 1917, was owned by the Bank Line of Glasgow. She was last reported as having sailed from Rio de Janeiro on November 16.

PRUSSIAN LOSSES. ARE 2,224,248, SERBIAN CAMPAIGN COST 317,000

Rotterdam, Dec. 14.—London Daily Telegraph dispatch.—The last 10 lists of Prussian casualties contain 65,340 names. The lists cover the period from November 15 to November 26. The total Prussian losses to date are given as 2,224,248.

Geneva, Dec. 14.—Swiss experts today estimated the losses of the central powers and their allies in the Serbian campaign at 317,000 men killed, wounded or stricken with sickness. In this total they include German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish troops.

On the left bank of the Vardar we ejected the French and British from fortified positions on Raba Mountain. The defeated British withdrew to the southeast, toward Karagularlar, and the French to the south toward Bogdanti. A Macedonian division broke through the front, captured Bogdanti, and cut off the French from the British.

London, Dec. 14.—While the Entente powers are generally understood to feel much relieved over the improvement in Greece's attitude toward their operations in the Balkans, as concretely expressed by the withdrawal of Grecian troops from the region of Saloniki, the central powers are reported as being determined to prevent Greece making any further concessions to the Entente.

TOO FAR

That is What Austrian Officials Think of U. S. Note—No Press Comment.

Zurich, Dec. 13, via London, Dec. 14.—A Vienna despatch received here says that American Ambassador Penfield presented the United States Government's note to the Austria Foreign office Saturday.

STOP GROWLING AND GET ON WITH THE STRUGGLE

Pte. Thomas Moss



This is the Phrase on Every Tongue in the Old Land—Meanwhile Carson Leads a Cabal.

4th C. M. R., Reported Yesterday as Wounded.

Austrian Government Said to be Angry

London, Dec. 14.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Amsterdam says—'Reports from Vienna say that the American note concerning the sinking of the Italian steamer Ancona has caused intense anger in the Austrian Government and a diplomatic rupture is considered probable.

Germans Explode Mine; French Occupy Crater.

London, Dec. 13.—Official French and British War Office statements issued to-day report the following unique developments in to-day's fighting on the western front—The Germans exploded a mine in the Champagne, before one of the French trenches. The French as a counter-move, occupied the crater formed by the explosion.

HEAVY SNOWSTORM OCCURS IN THE NEW YORK DISTRICT

Express Trains Hours Behind Time—Electric Railway Zone is Blocked by the Beautiful.

New York, Dec. 14.—The center of one of the heaviest snow storms this section of the country has experienced in several years, passed northeast of New York to-day, leaving in its wake a tangle of broken telegraph poles and wires, railroad trains stalled in snow drifts or long delayed and a large portion of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New England blanketed with snow from six to fifteen inches deep.

AUSTRIAN EMPEROR

Is Reported to be Suffering From Paralysis and Cannot Write.

Paris, Dec. 14.—A report that Emperor Francis Joseph's legs were paralyzed last year, and that the emperor also has lost the use of his right arm, is forwarded by the Rome correspondent of The Matin.

DERBY'S PLAN

Unauthentic Figures Place the Total of Recruits at 1,250,000.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—Final figures regarding the vote on church union in the Montreal presbytery are: For union, 6,125; against, 5,975; majority for union 150.

MR. BARTRAM

Is Appointed Bandmaster of the 125th Battalion Band.

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PICKETS ON WATCH

Pittsburgh, Dec. 14.—Pickets today watched the sixty-seven founders, where 1500 moulders and core-makers yesterday struck to enforce their demands for an eight hour day for \$4, the rate they now receive for nine hours.

THEY ARE DISSATISFIED

London, Dec. 14.—The Leipzig Volks Zeitung publishes the names of 34 Socialists who, following the lead of Hugo Haase (a Socialist leader in the Reichstag) have signed a declaration expressing dissatisfaction with the results of the peace discussion in the Reichstag, says the Amsterdam correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company.

RECRUITING RALLIES

For the Brant Battalion Will be Held Throughout the County as Follows: AT OAKLAND Tuesday, Dec. 14 AT KEGS LANE SCHOOL HOUSE Friday, Dec. 17 Meetings will be held each evening at 8 o'clock. Women are specially invited to attend these meetings.

EXPRESS STALLED

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 14.—The express from New York over the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, which passed through Torrington at midnight, was stalled about two miles south of Winsted, an hour later and was still snowbound to-day. The passengers spent the night in the cars.

TAFT SNOWBOUND

New York, Dec. 14.—Former President Taft was among the storm-bound travellers on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad last night. He boarded a train at New Haven at Grand Central station only to be informed that because of a break in the electric feed wire there would be an indefinite delay.

FREE PASSAGE FOR GERMANS

London, Dec. 14.—It is expected in Athens that a demand will be made for free passage over Greek territory for the Bulgarian and German forces which are pursuing the allied troops here. It is said unofficially in Athens that the Germans, if they aspire to the same rights as the allies in Greek territory, probably will be allowed a free hand, but that if Bulgarians cross the frontier the situation will immediately assume a different aspect in the view of the Greek Government.

BLIZZARD IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Dec. 14.—This city and district this morning was still in the grip of the blizzard which raged during the night. Eight inches of snow had fallen since the dawn fall began last evening. The telegraph and telephone companies reported wire trouble at various points south of the international boundary.

IN FLAMES

London, Dec. 14.—The version of the Bulgarian official statement of Sofia, says that the city of Gievelli, in southwestern Serbia, near the Greek border, is in flames.

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STeamSHIP SUNK

London, Dec. 14.—The report that the British steamship Orteric has been sunk was confirmed to-day by Lloyds. The members of the crew were saved with the exception of two Chinese who were killed. Three others were wounded.

The snow fall in New York City is estimated at six inches, but as a considerable part of it melted almost as

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Battalion orders by Lt.-Col. W. T. Stewart, commanding 84th Overseas Battalion, C. E. F., for Dec. 14th—  
Duties—Subaltern of the day, Lieut. C. Howcroft; next for duty, Lieut. D. S. Bartle.  
Tattoo—In order that men may attend the Brant Theatre to witness the patriotic films now held there Tattoo will be extended to 10.45 p.m., for the nights of December 13th, 14th and 15th. Lights out at 11 p.m.  
H. Graham Starr, Captain and Adjutant, 84th Overseas Battalion, C. E. F.  
THIRTEEN MORE.  
Sixteen names were listed this

morning at the 125th recruiting offices. Of these three were rejected and the remaining thirteen signed up. Their records are:  
Roy Reg. King, Canadian, 21, fisher, single, 16 Edward St.  
William C. Hopkins, Canadian, 21, farmer, single, 226 Darling St.  
John L. Pocock, Welsh, 23, steward, single, 1 yr. 32nd Battery, 1 yr. Cadets, 7 yrs Church Lads Brigade, 60 Nelson St.  
Grant A. Lacey, Canadian, 18, farmer, single, 2 yrs. 25th Brant Dragoons, Grand View P.O.  
Harry D. Hamilton, Canadian, 30, lineman, single, 39 Brighton Row.

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Robt. Hockridge, Canadian, 26, farmer, single, R. R. No. 1 Cainsville.  
William Fash, English, 26, baker, married, 3 yrs. 38th D. R. C., Grand View P. O.  
Wm. John Lamb, Canadian, 32, single, 31 Henry St.  
Geo. S. Lloyd, English, 28, bookkeeper, single, 2 Mt. Pleasant St.  
Frederick Downes, English, 33, laborer, married, 30 Lewis St.

### Social and Personal

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

Miss Eva Fish was a visitor in Toronto over the week end.

Miss M. Ballachey sails shortly for England to take up nursing.

The Ladies' Bridge Club were delightfully entertained last evening at the residence of Mrs. Hugh McK Wilson.

### Women's Institute

TUTELA BRANCH.  
The December meeting of the Tutela Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. John Houlding, Tutela Heights. There was a large attendance. Mrs. Fitzgerald acting as president. The secretary Miss Birckett read the minutes, and the roll call was answered by demonstrations of Christmas suggestions. Mrs. W. Brooks and Mrs. C. McEwen sang a duet which every one enjoyed. Most excellent papers on the convention in Toronto were given by Miss Florence Tomlinson and Miss Morrison, while Mrs. W. Fair delighted all with her very cleverly rendered solos at the piano. A number of shirts and socks for the soldiers were handed in and more yarn and goods for shirts distributed. After a very dainty lunch served by the hostess, a successful meeting was brought to a close by all singing the National Anthem.

### Music and Drama

THE BRANT  
There is an extra fine bill for the first half of the week. Pictures showing Lord Kitchener's visit to the front including his review of troops and passing through the trenches are of vivid interest. His tall figure and that of the more stately Joffre were greeted with loud applause. The films were permitted to be taken by the French military authorities and they are among the best seen here. "Ford" military pictures of the Canadian boys are also another great attraction. Charlie Chapman is to be seen in one of the funniest reels in which he has yet appeared. It is a scream from start to finish.  
The three vaudeville acts are very good indeed and the whole program thoroughly well worth while.

### ENTERTAINMENT AT MARLBORO STREET CHURCH

Refreshments, Music, Readings and Speeches Provided Splendid Evening.

At the concert held last evening at the Marlboro street Methodist church some splendid talent was displayed. Mr. George Wedlake acted as chairman of the evening and delivered a very forceful and splendid introductory address. He was glad that this Christmas would be much better than that of last year. The country was experiencing a time of depression then; now there is plenty of work for all, and there would be very few cases of hard times this winter. These few cases will give the churches an opportunity to do their excellent work.

Great Britain and the Allies have not done very much in this terrible war to boast of as yet. But the bull dog has only got its grip and nothing can now make it let go. They are fighting on terms of equality now—for the first time.

Canada will be greatly aided by this war. In fact the good influences and results are already being felt.

The slackers of the land have been driven into line by this war, and they are now doing their duty.

The chairman then broached the subject of local option. Every church member should aid in this fight against the liquor traffic. It must be extinguished, and it will be if every right living man determines that his country will be free of its bans, and votes for local option.

This address came after the refreshments had been served, in the Sunday school rooms, by the ladies of the church. At its conclusion the musical programme was opened.

Misses Hutchinson and Styles gave a splendid rendition of a well known piano duet and received hearty applause.

Miss Vera Heaman rendered very acceptably the popular song, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," and her singing was so pleasing that she had to respond to an encore.

The readings given by Mr. George Tomlinson and Miss Morrison, while Mrs. W. Fair delighted all with her very cleverly rendered solos at the piano. A number of shirts and socks for the soldiers were handed in and more yarn and goods for shirts distributed. After a very dainty lunch served by the hostess, a successful meeting was brought to a close by all singing the National Anthem.

The pastor of the church related some very interesting anecdotes about his early ministerial life in Newfoundland. He also told about the lives of some men he had known, who were by no means slackers, men who had done some good in this old world.

Another excellent piano duet was played by Misses Styles and Hutchinson. Both young ladies are indeed talented.

The evening was closed by Mr. Wedlake when, on behalf of the audience, he thanked the ladies who had supplied the good things.

### Laid at Rest

The funeral of the late Mrs. Wm. Warne, took place yesterday afternoon from her late residence on Sheridan street to Oakland cemetery. Rev. W. E. Baker officiated and the pallbearers were T. J. Logan, A. Brown, E. D. Johnson, E. Hopkins, E. B. Eddy and C. Coward.

Stephen Phillips, poet and dramatist, is dead at Deal, England, where he had been in failing health for some months. He was born in 1867.

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has made him a semi-invalid all his life, is regarded as one of the ablest generals on the continent. He was educated in military schools in Russia and France, returning from the latter place he reorganized the Serbian army. He fought against the Turks in 1876, and again in 1877. In 1888 he fought the Bulgars. He then took part in the two Balkan wars, the first one when Serbia, Greece and Bulgaria were combined against the Turks, and

the other when Serbia and Greece fought the Bulgarians. He is now trying to save his little country from the inroads of the Germans, Austrians and Bulgarians. General Putnik, through his knowledge of the Balkan Russians, Austrians, Germans and the French, and owing to the fact that he speaks and writes five languages, is probably more familiar with actual conditions in southern Europe than any other man on the continent.

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By Special Wire to the Courier. Liverpool, Dec. 13.—Wheat, spot, easier, No. 1, Manitoba, 12s 3 1/2-2d; No. 2, Manitoba, 12s; No. 3, Manitoba, 11s 1 1/2; No. 2 hard winter new 11s 9d; Corn, spot, steady. American mixed, yellow, 44s; flour, winter, patents, 44s; hops in London, Pacific coast, £4 to £5; beef, extra India mess, 14s; pork, prime mess, western, 11s 6d; bacon, Cumberland cut, 2s 10 to 20 lbs, 8s; short ribs, 16 to 24 lbs, 8s; clear bellies, 14 to 16 lbs, 8s; long clear middles, light, 2s to 3 1/2 lbs, 8s; long clear middles, heavy, 3s to 40 lbs, 8s; short clear backs, 16 to 20 lbs, 8s; lard, prime western, in tiers, new, 5s 6d; old, 5s 6d; American refined in 56 lb. boxes, 5s 6d; cheese, Canadian, finest white, new, 9s; colored 9s; tallow, prime city, nominal; Australian, in London, 5s 6d; turpentine, spirits, 45s 9d; rosin, common, 18s 6d; petroleum, refined, 10 1/4; linseed oil, 35s; cotton seed oil, hull refined, spot, 37 1/2.

TORONTO CATTLE MARKET.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Toronto, Dec. 14.—Trading in cattle at the Union Stock Yards to-day was quiet with prices about steady. Lambs were 25 cents higher, sheep strong, calves and hogs steady.

Receipts—999 cattle, 97 calves, 729 hogs, 925 sheep.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Cattle receipts, 5000; market strong; native beef, \$5.75 to \$10.75; western steers, \$6.25 to \$8.30; cows and heifers, \$2.75 to \$8.40; calves, \$6.35 to \$10.35. Hogs, receipts, 28,000; market slow; light \$5.80 to \$6.55; mixed, \$6.10 to \$6.85; heavy, \$5.25 to \$6.85; rough, \$6.25 to \$6.40; pigs, \$4.00 to \$5; bulk of sales \$6.50 to \$6.55. Sheep, receipts, 16,000; market slow; native wethers \$6.15 to \$6.85; lambs, native, \$7.15 to \$9.50.

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EAST BUFFALO MARKET.

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Sheep and lambs—Receipts 2,000 head; active; lambs 6.00 to \$10.10; yearlings \$5.00 to \$8.00; wethers \$6.75 to \$7.00; ewes \$3.00 to \$6.50; sheep, mixed \$6.50 to \$6.75.

THE KING

Very Much More Seriously Hurt Than at First Thought.

London, Dec. 13.—King George, who suffered severe injuries by being thrown from his horse at the British front in France, October 28, has recovered sufficiently to take up affairs of state under certain restrictions. Respecting the King's condition Sir Frederick Treves, sergeant-surgeon to the King, and Sir Bertrand Dawson, physician-extraordinary to His Majesty, have made the following statement: "We are happy to report that the King has so far recovered from the grave accident of October 28, as to be able to resume work with certain limitations.

"The King has lost seriously in weight, and until a normal state of health is attained, it is essential that His Majesty should avoid any cause of fatigue. It has been necessary on medical grounds that the King should take a little stimulant daily during convalescence. As soon as the King's health is quite restored he will resume total abstinence, which he imposed upon himself for public reasons."

Hostile Arab Band Routed.

London, Dec. 14.—The defeat of an Arab band in an engagement with a British reconnoitring party on the Sinai Peninsula is announced in an official statement issued in Cairo, Egypt, says a Reuter despatch from that city yesterday, which transmits the statement as follows: "A band of 30 hostile Arabs was routed on Saturday by a British reconnoitring force in the vicinity of Matrah, on the Sinai Peninsula. The Arabs, 35 of whom were killed and even captured, were driven eastward. The British casualties were 16 killed and three officers and 15 men wounded."

New Trentino Offensive.

London, Dec. 14.—Advances by the Italians in their new offensive in the Trentino are indicated in the official report issued yesterday by the Austrian War Office. This report says that the Italians are approaching the Austrian positions in the Giudicaria valley west of Lake Garda, which are the southern outposts of the strongly fortified Austrian forts at Lardaro. The entrenched camp of Lardaro was begun by the Austrians about 25 years ago with the construction of five forts, forming a grille around the heights. The object of these fortifications is to prevent an Italian advance up the valley of the Chiesia to

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Tienso, stenico and Vezzano, with the city of Trent as the main objective. The fortifications have been vastly improved in the last few years. According to the latest official report issued by Gen. Codorna, the Italian troops have actually occupied the principal Austrian positions in the Giudicaria valley and their artillery is now bombarding the outer forts of Lardaro.

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Supplementary Examination for Entrance to the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont.

A SUPPLEMENTARY examination for entrance to the Royal Military College will be held on Monday, 10th January, 1916, in order to fill 40 vacancies that have been announced by the Secretary of the Royal Military College who have been granted Commissions in the Canadian and Imperial Armies.

This examination is open to all British subjects between the ages of 16 and 21 years inclusive, unmarried, and who have resided, or whose parents have resided, in Canada for two years immediately preceding the date of examination.

Application by the parent or guardian of any intending Candidate to be made in writing to the Secretary, Militia Council, Ottawa, not later than Monday, 20th December, 1915, accompanied by: (a) Certified Birth Certificate in duplicate.

(b) Certificate of good moral character signed by the Head of the School or College at which the Candidate has received his education for at least the two preceding years, or by a clergyman of the place of worship attended by the Candidate. And (c) Remittance for \$5.00 in favour of The Registrar, Militia Council, Ottawa, Ont.

Any further particulars regarding said examination can be obtained from the Secretary, Militia Council, Ottawa, Ont. EUGENE FISKE, Secretary, Militia Council, Ottawa, Ont. Department of Militia and Defence.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTHWEST LAND REGULATIONS.

THE sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter-section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. Application must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made if the applicant is unable to appear in person. (See Sub-Agency) on certain conditions.

Duties—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within the miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 40 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable house is required except where residence is performed in the vicinity.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section along his homestead. Price \$300 per acre. Duties—Six months' residence in each of three years after earning homestead patent; also 50 acres extra cultivation. Pre-emption patent may be obtained as soon as homestead patent on certain conditions. A settler who has exhausted his homestead right may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$300 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate 50 acres and erect a house worth \$300.

The area of cultivation is subject to reduction in case of rough, scrubby or stony land. Live stock may be substituted for cultivation under certain conditions. W. W. CORY, C.M.G., Deputy of the Minister of the Interior. NOTE—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

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We offer for immediate sale a new red brick house, 2-storey on stone and cement foundation, containing double parlor, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, complete bath, Hecla furnace, electric and gas, city and soft water, coal fire places in parlor, dining room and one bedroom; hardwood floors downstairs. Also on premises, frame barn with electric lights—2 stalls—lot h.s. frontage of 50 ft. Price of this property is only \$3,000. Terms: Half cash, balance at 6 per cent.

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38 acres first-class black loam, half mile from city limits and car line, first-class orchard with all kinds of fruit, berry bushes, etc., splendid well, 2 barns, first-class 1 1/2 storey brick house, 9 ft. walls, well built, cellar full size of house, all newly papered and painted inside and out. We will arrange terms and payments to suit your own convenience. This place will easily earn \$2500 per year, as it has done for the past 20 years. We will explain how and help you do it. Reasons for selling: Party is getting too old to look after it, and has had it in his possession for over 25 years. Come in and see us about it.

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Coats and Skirts Ladies' Coats and Skirts. This year's styles at Fire Sale prices. Men's Suits and Overcoats Slightly damaged by smoke, but must be cleared, as new stock has arrived and we must have room. Our Furniture Bargains are absolutely genuine, and a purchase now means a big saving. Furs! Furs! Furs! Stoles and Muff Sets and broken sets of Black Fox, Red Fox, Grey Fox, Sable and Fitch. These are beautiful Furs. Bedding All Wool and Flannelette Blankets and Comforters. These goods—some only slightly damaged, will be sold this week regardless even of the wholesale cost. These are reasonable goods at sacrifice prices.

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Tuesday, December 14, 1915.

The Situation.

All eyes are still upon the trend of affairs in the neighborhood of Saloniki, and, as a matter of fact, there is very little activity just now upon any of the other fronts. Winter conditions undoubtedly have very much to do with this, and most forecasts fix the spring as the period when larger operations will again develop.

Great Britain's response to Lord Derby's appeal of hundreds of thousands of men must be causing something akin to dismay in Berlin. France, of course, has up to date borne the bulk of the fray on the Western front and cannot be expected to do much more than at present.

Checking of the Submarine.

Not so long ago there was a daily list of vessels sunk by German submarines. The Huns had this branch of their offensive perfected as completely as all the rest and made the open boast that they were going to paralyze British shipping.

In the recent complete breakdown of the German submarine attack on merchant shipping we witness another of those silent victories over the German navy of which the present war has been so fruitful.

To what are we to attribute the sudden collapse of the German submarine raiding expeditions? The answer is to be found in the two fields of mechanics and psychology.

Very fruitful has been the study of this problem and most efficient have been the means adopted. Not until the history of the war comes to be written, probably, will it be known which of the defensive measures have proved to be the most successful.

The contemplation of a lingering death in a sunken submarine may well strike terror to the stoutest heart, and the British admiralty have made deadly use of the psychology of

LADIES' BRACELET WATCHES Are the Vogue

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the situation by refraining from making any mention of the time or place of the destruction of the U-boats. When the disturbance of the floats at the top of a torpedo net showed that a submarine was entangled the U-boat was hauled to the surface, short full of holes and allowed to sink without a word being published of the occurrence.

The psychological effect upon the personnel of the submarine service of this absolute silence as to the fate of the submarines after they have left Wilhelmshaven or the mouth of the Elbe must be simply appalling.

So long as the fate of the U-boats which were destroyed or captured in the earlier weeks of the war was made known, the horror of uncertainty was missing, but during the past few months over half a hundred boats have failed to return.

Von Hindenburg has said that the present contest is one of nerves. If so, it will be a question whether this portentous silence which has followed the passage of the U-boats upon the high seas has not been a powerful factor in breaking down the German submarine warfare.

To The Editor

Dear Sir,—It will be a great favor if you will publish the accompanying open letter in an early issue of your paper. I am sincerely yours, M. MacGillivray, Moderator, General Assembly, Kingston, Ont.

Open letter to the ministers, office-bearers, members and adherents of the Presbyterian Church in Canada: Although the General Assembly has not given any instruction to its Moderator touching the subject-matter of this brief open letter, I think it highly proper, in the present circumstances of the Empire, earnestly to recommend that, throughout our Church, we devote the first Sunday in the New Year to the service of intercession in behalf of the supreme National and Christian interests involved in the terrible war forced upon us and upon our Allies.

Other churches in the Motherland and in Canada are taking such action. It is most desirable that this united and dutiful supplication to God should be as wide as possible. It will not fail of eminent blessing to the sacred cause so near the hearts of the people. And Sunday, beginning the week of prayer, well befits the urgency and the opportunity.

M. MACGILLIVRAY, Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, Kingston, Ont., Dec. 11th, 1915.

CARPETBALL

Court Brant, C.O.F. Carpetballers went down to defeat last night, the East Ward Beavers doing the trick in a hard fought game. Brant led by one shot on the 18th end and the next two ends the Beavers won, winning out by five shots. The score: Brant, 133; Beavers, 123.

A remarkable story of a five-year old boy's death by drowning was told at an inquest at Castletown, near Sunderland, the other day. The deceased was playing with two other boys at a colliery reservoir, when one suggested to the other that they should push deceased in. Having done so they ran away and never told any one until the next day, fearing that they would be punished. The boy's body was then recovered. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death whilst playing.

The British War Office now solely controls London's air defences.

Rates on the Parcels Sent to the Soldiers

Post Office Department, Soldiers Parcels Ottawa, Canada.

Newspapers are constantly urging the Department, and applications are still being received here to have all parcels addressed to our soldiers in France sent free or at reduced rates of postage, there evidently being the impression that the Post Office Department of Canada has control of this and can do as it wishes.

This is not correct, inasmuch as the transference of parcels depends on a special convention, under the terms of which all parcels are transmitted, and under the terms of which only parcels to be transmitted to England and France. As Canada is only one party to this agreement, it is not possible for her to take independent action and lower the rates.

If Canada did this, the parcels would simply be sent to England, where they would be distributed in France and England. Application has already been made by the Canadian Post Office Department for a reduction of the rates of postage on parcels posted in Canada and destined for France, and this has been refused by England and France on the ground that the amount of parcels to be sent to France at the present time is such as to strain almost to the breaking point the transport service, and the War Office has stated publicly that it cannot and will not transport more parcels than it has been doing.

This statement was made in the British House of Commons, and the reasons above were given as to why they would not make a reduction in regard to parcels being sent from England. What France and England could not do for their own people, they could not do for Canada, and moreover they have refused the applications of the Department to have this done.

The number of parcels is so many and the strain on the transport system is so great at the present time that the British Government has notified the Post Office Department of Canada that temporarily all parcels are reduced to seven pounds, that is no parcels weighing more than seven pounds will be carried for the present.

The British War Office has notified the Post Office Department of Canada that it is necessary to limit the amount of parcel traffic for the troops during the Christmas and New Year's season, in the interest of military efficiency. The War Office points out that the great bulk of mail matter dealt with in normal times is already a severe tax on the transport service; that the amount which the roads will carry without breaking up is limited; that ammunition, food and stores for the army must necessarily have preference over the mails; that any increase in the volume of mail traffic must cause delay in the forwarding of these necessary equipments for war.

The public are therefore appealed to in their own interest, as well as in the interest of military efficiency, to limit the use of parcel post to articles of real utility.

Fruit, perishable articles of all descriptions, bottles and earthenware jars and like articles are prohibited, and will not be accepted for transmission; and, until further notice, no parcel exceeding seven pounds can or will be accepted for transmission to the forces in France or Flanders.

All parcels must be strongly and securely packed in covers of canvas, linen, or other strong material. Parcels do not comply with these requirements, unless they reach their destination safely, and if observed in course of post will be returned to the sender. The name and address of the sender must be written on the outside; and parcels which do not comply with this condition will be refused.

LOCAL OPTION NOTES

What good is a bar-room anyway? Did booze ever get you a job? What has booze ever done for you? What good ever came out of a bar-room? Why is a blind pig like a bar-room? They have exactly the same object—to make easy money by demoralizing and degrading men and by unclothing and starving women and children. There is nothing to choose between them.

If the bar-room is good why are the defenders of it ashamed to come out into the open. Their best policy is darkness and silence. They too well know they cannot afford to attempt any defence.

About the only business which booze helps is the undertaking. Even the liquor traffic to keep up the supply of raw material, you can vote against Local Option.

Every business in town these days is anxious to display its manufactured products except the bar-room business. Anyone desiring to see a display of its finished products should visit the police court any morning at 10 o'clock, or the jail or pauper house, at any time.

If it is a good thing for the individual to cut out the booze and save his money, it is a good thing for the community. We are not after the hotel-keeper or the hotel clerk, or any honest man or honest business. We are after the bar-room dirty, foul, evil smelling, evil producing, filthy in thought, word and deed, reeking of violence and degradation. The booze business. Vote it out.—Advertisement.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

New French Loan.

London, Dec. 14.—The London financial papers point to the new French loan as the most attractive government security that has been launched since the beginning of the war. The price of 88 per cent, of the five per cent. rate means a yield of nearly 3.4 per cent, while the English or American investor, with the additional advantage of an unusual exchange rate obtains a yield considerably higher.

It is interesting to note in this connection what happened to the French loans issued in connection with the Franco-Prussian war of 1870. In spite of the fact that on that occasion France was defeated and was required to pay a heavy indemnity, the loans quickly rose to par. The French loans of 1870 and 1872, bearing 3 per cent. interest, were issued at 82.50 and 84.50. By 1870 they were quoted in the market at as high as 106, and they went on rising until 1880 they reached 120.85, their highest. They were subsequently converted.

Death of Old Missionary.

Tokio, Dec. 14.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The Rev. David Thompson, one of the pioneer American missionaries to Japan, died recently at his home in Tokio only a few days after he had observed his 80th birthday. For 52 years Dr. Thompson has labored in Japan as a missionary of the Presbyterian

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Church. He was the first clerical mission worker sent to Japan by the American mission board of the Presbyterian society. Dr. Thompson was born in Ohio and was educated at Franklin College and at the Western Theological seminary of Pennsylvania. From 1873 to 1880 he served as Japanese interpreter at the American legation in Tokio. He has done a great work throughout Japan as a missionary and has had a share in the

organization of a large number of native Presbyterian churches. He was a master of the Japanese language, and preached in Japanese with extraordinary facility. Dr. Thompson is survived by a widow and two daughters, one of whom is the wife of J. K. Caldwell, the American consul at Vladivostok.

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LOCAL BUSY COURT. The Court of Revision will consider 596 petitions both the local option and option parties on the court. HIGH SCHOOL CLUB. The high school club hold one of its weekly meetings in the Y.M. today after 8 o'clock. ROUTINE MATTERS. The manufacturers committee a short business session in yesterday. Only routine matters discussed. THANKS RETURNED. Supt. and Matron, House wish to thank Supt. and Matron for kind gift of \$50 for Xmas tree for the home. MEANT BUSINESS. One of the men who were listed in the Brant battalion from the farm on which he employed, eighteen miles away to offer his services for the. KOLTS ENTERTAINED. The Dormitory Kolts baseball teams were entertained by the Artemis last evening by Theatre team. Everybody enjoyed himself, and a splendid time was spent. WARDEN'S DINNER. Mr. George E. Cooke, Warden of Brant County, has issued for the annual dinner. The take place in the Kerby Thursday night, Dec. 23rd, at 8 p. m. THE MAYORALTY. A rumor was current that Mr. J. W. Bowly might be mayor. Phoned by the Mayor, he remarked, "I can't go a foot without having that query put to me, authorized any such talk, want any office." JANUARY POLLING. W. F. Thompson having to act as polling clerk in (Court House) J. Hutchins been appointed in his stead sub-division 19 at 145 Peel have to be changed, as there do not find it convenient to have the premises so used.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

BUSY COURT.

The Court of Revision to-morrow will consider 866 petitions sent in by both the local option and anti-local option parties on the coming fight.

HIGH SCHOOL CLUB

The high school club will again hold one of its weekly interesting meetings in the Y. M. to-night, shortly after 8 o'clock.

ROUTINE MATTERS

The manufacturers committee held a short business session in the Y. M. yesterday. Only routine matters were discussed.

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Supt. and Matron Hinds of Refuge wish to thank Supt. and members of Park Road S. S. for kind donation of \$50 for Xmas tree for the old people of the home.

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P. S. A. ANNUAL

Activities at the Congregational church are becoming numerous. This evening the P. S. A. concert will be held. Next Sunday the members will celebrate the jubilee of the dedication of the church.

STORY HOUR

The story hour subject for this afternoon will be one written by Miss Middlemiss herself. It is a pleasing story about Christmas customs in many lands. The subject for Thursday's story will be "Birds Xmas Carol," by Kate Douglas Wiggin.

SOLDIER'S CONCERT

Another concert will be given this evening for the soldiers in their club rooms, at the Y. M. There will be some interesting moving pictures of the war, and of the battle of Marne. Miss Hilda Hurley will again entertain the soldiers, this time with the song, "Blistered Toes."

COUNTY COURT

The first case to be tried by the County Court jury sittings, will be that of Merrill vs. Grady. It will come before His Honor Judge Hardy. The plaintiff will be represented by E. R. Read, while W. A. Hollinrake, K.C. will appear for the defendant. The action is over a lease.

INTERESTING TALK

A very interesting and well-attended meeting of the Alexandra Young People's Society was held last evening. Mr. John Howison gave an interesting talk on the topic "Golden Fruit of the Prayer Life." Mr. Howison's talk was very interesting and should be of benefit to those who were present. A special collection was taken during the evening to defray the expense in connection with Christmas boxes for the soldiers from the Society at the front.

PRESENTATION

An interesting presentation was made to Albert Ballinger, late section foreman of the T. H. and B. Railway now of the 84th overseas Battalion, on Saturday evening. An aluminum silver watch had been subscribed for by the section foremen and their men between Waterford and Welland and in the presence of many employees of the Maintenance Department of all grades and sections. Mr. Edward Clark of Scotland, read an address and presented the watch. Albert Ballinger was taken by surprise and in a few well chosen words thanked one and all, and said the watch would always remind him of the kindness of his railway friends. Three cheers were given for Albert and a safe return wished him. Mr. Ballinger has already one son serving in the 84th.

COURT SUCCESS OFFICERS.

The annual election of officers of Court Success, No. 6827, A. O. F., took place last evening. D. C. R. Bro. Wm. Bailey conducted the election which resulted as follows—C. R. Harold Jarvis, S. C. R.; Herbert W. Inch, Treasurer; R. T. Whitlock; Secretary; Ira D. Scruton; S. W.; John Moore; J. W.; B. Kester; S. B.; Alt. Downing; B. B.; John Horning; trustees Geo. M. Crooks, John Moore, Blake Kester; auditors, E. E. Reynolds, Alf. Pinkham. Grant Jarvis, suspension committee; M. Jarvis, H. W. Inch, I. D. Scruton; trustee and juvenile auditor E. E. Reynolds. Court Success has fifteen members serving under the colors, whose dues are kept in good standing from the time they leave Canada until their return. Several members of the 84th were present at the meeting. The Court is in good condition financially and the new officers promise to make this term the best in the history of the court.

FROM SECTION 16.

Township Clerk J. A. Smith has received, through Miss Gertrude King, from the pupus of Section No. 16, the sum of \$3.50 to be contributed to the Red Cross Fund.

BEFORE SUPREME COURT.

The appeal of the Lake Erie and Northern Railway against the revised award in favor of the Golf and Country club was argued all day yesterday before the Supreme Court at Ottawa. Mr. W. S. Brewster appeared for the railway. Judgment was reserved.

GET PASSPORTS

Travelers leaving Canada for any point abroad from Brantford and district should apply on the usual form which can be secured at ticket offices for passports in order to avoid trouble either at the port of embarkment or disembarkment.

WITH THE POLICE

There were no cases of great interest in the police court this morning. A man charged with non-support, was adjourned for a week so that he may arrange a settlement out of court. Thomas Gould was charged with non-payment of wages. All the witnesses were not present so the case was adjourned until Thursday.

RECRUITING

The meeting at King Edward school to-night will be addressed by Rev. Mr. McKegney, Mr. W. H. Lane and others. Mr. George Ward will occupy the chair. To-morrow (Wednesday night) one meeting will be at Simonsview school house, with Mr. I. Armstrong in the chair. Speakers, Mayor Spence, W. N. Andrews and others, and on the same night (Wednesday) the meeting at King George School, Rawdon St., will be addressed by W. S. Brewster, K. C., J. J. Hurley and others. Mr. W. Lane will be in the chair.

INSTRUCTIVE ADDRESS

At St. Andrew's Guild last evening Mr. G. S. Lloyd, M.A., of Knox College, gave a very interesting and instructive lecture on the student missionary work in British Columbia. Mr. Lloyd pointed out what a great work the students do in the construction of camps, mines and among the scattered settlements in our far west. A quartette by Messrs W. Millard, A. Johnson, H. Banner and A. McWhirter, and a piano duet by Misses B. Simons and E. Lamb were greatly appreciated. The membership campaign is still keen. The Guild hope to make this a record year.

HOCKEY

A meeting of the executive of the hockey team was held last night in the Y. M. C. A. Dr. Wylie in the chair. A full attendance of the executive was present, as well as a number of players. Representatives were also present from the 84th, who assured the executive of that Battalion's hearty co-operation, and Lt. Duff Slemin also promised to get out what

material he could from the 125th. Mr. Gould announced that London was added to the local junior group.

ARRIVED SAFELY.

Mr. W. H. Lane received word to-day that his son Sgt. W. A. Lane had arrived safely in the Old Land after an uneventful trip across the briny.

FIRST PARTY.

The first snow-shoe party of the season was seen last night, trending its way across the fields in single file, near the O. I. B. grounds. The evening was very good for a long walk.

SOON BE SKATING.

Enthusiastic skaters have already visited the Grand River, near Wilkes dam, to test the ice. It is not quite thick enough as yet, but before many days, figures will be seen gliding over the smooth surface.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

At a meeting of the Holmedale Hockey Club held Monday night, for the purpose of entering a team in the Senior City Hockey League the following officers were elected—President, Harry Shaw; manager, T. J. Slattery; Any hockey aspirants desiring a try-out with the team kindly leave their names with the manager.

CONGREGATIONAL Y.P.S.

The regular weekly meeting of the Congregational Young People's Society was held last evening in the basement of the church. A patriotic solo was rendered by Miss Nellie Taylor, after which an interesting debate was held on the subject of whether or not the United States is justified in remaining neutral in this war. Messrs. Fred Alway, B. Maynard and Robt. Collyer upheld the affirmative, while Mr. Frank Sterne and Rev. M. Kelly supported the negative. After much deliberation the judges decided in favor of the affirmative.

MISSIONARY EVENING.

At the Synodham St. Epworth League last evening, Miss Preston, of this city who has served as a missionary in Japan for quite a number of years, and latterly was serving in the same capacity to the Orientals of British Columbia, gave a most interesting address. Much information was given and a stimulus given the work of the Jackson Mission Circle and the League which had met in joint session. Miss Alma Batty sang a very pleasing solo and Miss Dora Arnold contributed an artistic piano selection. Miss Ursula Willis acted as leader of the meeting.

PERSONAL INFLUENCE.

The girls of the Junior Chapter of the W. C. T. U., took charge of the young people's League at Brant Ave. last night. After the Bible reading and a short paper on the topic, Mrs. S. G. Read gave a very pleasing and interesting talk on "Personal Influence," along Temperance lines. Miss Hilda Hurley rendered a solo in her usual good style, and Mrs. Chrysler, in a few words, outlined the field of work covered by the Y. girls. The meeting was closed by singing "God Save the King."

AUSTRALIAN BOYS.

The Australian Cadets, now on a tour of Canada, will arrive in the city on their special car on January 4th and will remain here for two days. At a meeting held yesterday afternoon, it was decided that they should be entertained by the City Council Board of Trade and Daughters of the Empire, as guests of the city. The latter will billet them among various families.

GOOD MEETINGS.

A good meeting was held last night at Harley in the interests of recruiting. Reeve Burtis occupied the chair. The speakers were Mr. W. N. Andrews and Rev. A. E. Lavell. Capt. Shultis appealed for recruits. There was one response and prospects of more.

At Echo Place school house, Mr. M. Myers occupied the chair and the speakers were Mayor Spence and Mr. J. J. Hurley. The Elm Ave church orchestra assisted and a couple of young ladies sang enjoyable solos. There are prospects of recruits as the outcome.

SECOND WEEK

Of the Daughters of the Empire Teas at Crompton's Store.

The second week at Crompton's of the teas given under the auspices of Brant Chapter, Daughters of the Empire, started off yesterday with sustained success and a couple of young ladies sang enjoyable solos. There are prospects of recruits as the outcome.

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—Second Floor.

Fancy Brassieres For Dainty Gifts

Dainty All Over Embroidery Brassiere, with cluny lace yoke, at \$2.00

Real Cluny Lace Yoke Brassiere, made with best quality nainsook, at ..... 85c to \$1.75

All Linen Brassiere, with linen lace yoke, top and bottom finished with satin ribbon and bow, at ..... \$1.75

Pretty Brassieres, with dainty torchon or embroidery yoke, made of best quality nainsook, at 50c, 69c, 75c, 85c, \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50

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Wool Lined Gloves .81 to	<b>\$2.50</b>
Silk Muff-fiers .75c to	<b>\$6.00</b>
Initial Handkerchiefs, 1/2 dozen	<b>\$2.00</b>
Military Shirts \$1.50 to	<b>\$4.00</b>
Military Mirrors .25c to	<b>75c</b>
Collar Bags .75c to	<b>\$1.50</b>
Walking Canes .50c to	<b>\$3.00</b>
Khaki Silk Hdkfs. 50c to	<b>\$1.00</b>

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**WON TWO GAMES.**

In the Y. M. C. A. Bowling League last night the Expositors won two out of three games after some very close and exciting finishes. The teams were very evenly matched, but there were no big scores registered, there was some good bowling which is hardly indicated by the scores. Will Lister was high man of the evening with a nice single of 201, and a high triple of 300. Dave Hepton "skipping" for the Keystones was high for his team with 493. The following are the scores—

EXPOSITORS.	
Lister .....	155 144 201—500
Hearns .....	165 176 136—477
Hepton .....	178 128 131—437
Matthews .....	138 124 186—448
	636 572 654—1862
KEYSTONES.	
Fairfax .....	156 156 150—462
Hope .....	130 145 304—379
Henson .....	142 152 154—448
Hepton .....	176 170 147—493
	604 623 555—1782

"SPLITS."

The Keystones win three straight games from the Verity Plov Co. team as they defaulted on Friday evening.

George Matthews was away below form last night.

The first series finishes this week.

**Too Late for Classification**

FOR RENT—Six rooms, clean, warm; near Silk works or factories. Apply morning or evening, 45 Sarah street. 126

FOUND—Fox collie, six months old. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for Ad. Box 14, Courier. 129

STRAYED—On the premises of Thos. Handfield, on Mt. Pleasant road, black and white steer. Owner prove property and pay expenses. 125f

FOR SALE—Grocery stock; attractive stand; good paying business; investigation invited; good reasons for selling. Box 11, Courier. 435.

FOUND—Carriage robe. Owner may have same by proving property and paying for this ad. Apply A. Wright, county constable, 178 Wilham St.

Carleton County Council yesterday voted \$50,000 to the Canadian Red Cross society and Patriotic fund, to amount to be divided by a committee given charge of the disbursing.

John Nolan, the last of three Welland Canal dynamiters to leave the Kingston penitentiary, has sailed for Ireland to join his wife. After working on the prison stone pile for eight years he became quite deaf.

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## 20 MILLIONS WILL BE LOST IN THIS WAR

London Professor of Government Health Service So Declares.

London, Dec. 14.—The total destruction of life during two years of war will reach 20,000,000 persons, declared Professor Louis C. Parkes, of the Government Health Service, at the annual meeting of the Royal Institute of Sanitarians, just concluded here.

The speaker expressed the hope, however, that this loss of life might somehow prove a blessing in disguise, resulting, eventually in a distinct improvement in European civilization.

"In the past ages," said Prof. Parkes, "evolution of higher types in animal and vegetable life has generally resulted from cataclysmic changes and great destruction by plague, pestilence and famine has led to an advance in civilization. So it is possible that this Armageddon may be of ultimate benefit to humanity."

Touching on the lowering birthrate in Great Britain, the speaker declared that every country in Europe has shown a decreasing birthrate during

the past decade, with the exception of Bulgaria, Roumania and Ireland.

### Old Boundary Lines Altered

Oxford, England Dec. 14.—The announcement that the official "boundaries" of Oxford University have been extended to include all the country within a radius of three and a half miles of "Carfax," alters one of the most venerable and binding regulations of the ancient University.

Hitherto "residence" at Oxford University, which is one of the requisites for a degree, has meant a house or lodgings within a radius of one and a half miles. The extension of the limits is a concession to the speeding up of locomotion in these modern days.

"Carfax," from which as a centre the frontiers are measured, is the college term for the meeting place of High street and three other thoroughfares in the center of the city. The word is a corruption from the medieval Latin "quadricursus," or four-forked.

### SHELL CRISIS

Is Now Over as Far as Russia is Concerned.

Paris, Dec. 14.—Speaking of von Hindenburg's forces facing him in the Riga-Dvinsk sector, General Ruzsky, commanding the northern Russian army opposing the Germans in this region, is quoted in a Petrograd despatch to The Petit Parisien as follows:

"The enemy's divisions which were sent to France have been replaced by a multitude of heavy and light guns and by kilometres of barbed wire. Their heavy artillery is superior to ours, although we have enough. Our shell crisis is over. We are getting all the ammunition we want from Petrograd."

As to positions, advantages along this front, which is about 200 miles, or approximately half of that in France, are about equal. When the waters freeze it is certain that the offensive will become easier and the defensive harder for both sides, but the Germans will not be able to bring up fresh troops if they take the offensive. The offensive is costly; whoever attacks must suffer heavy losses.

"Finally it is now all a question as to who in a few months will have the largest number of effectives, Germany or Russia. You know what forces we have in reserve, so good days are coming when the Russian army will advance."

### HYDRO RADIALS

A Conference at Hamilton—Difference of Opinion Re. Route to Lake Erie.

Hamilton, Dec. 14.—Representatives of municipalities interested in the proposed Hydro radial from St. Catharines to Guelph and Hamilton to Lake Erie met yesterday afternoon. It was agreed that there should be a common entrance, and that in the city the street railway lines should be used, with a union station centrally located. Under the agreement with the Street Railway Company the city has a right to use the street railway lines, on terms to be fixed by arbitration, for municipally-owned railways. It was also agreed that a separate line for freight, probably through the north end of the city, should be established, and that this should also be used by the C.N.R. Those present were Mayor Walters, Controller Morris, Peter Ray, J. F. Vance, Waterdown, D. A. Gallagher, Barton, Reeve, J. O. Fletcher, Binbrook, C. W. Barwell, Port Dover; D. W. McBurney, Hagersville; W. Teasdale, J. A. McConnell, North Cayuga; Reeve J. A. Cooney, Cayuga; H. Johnson, Binbrook; Reeve Ingles, Hagersville. A warm discussion took place as to the route of the Hamilton-Lake Erie branch, some favoring a route through Caledonia, Hagersville and Jarvis, while others want it to run through Binbrook, Cayuga and Seneca, crossing the river at York. A committee was named to report on the best route. Peter Ray favored an entrance at the west end of the city by a single bridge over the marsh.

asked to guarantee a big issue of bonds and take over the power and lighting business of the company. When asked yesterday afternoon as to the rumor, W. C. Hawkins, Secretary and General Manager of the Dominion Power and Transmission Company, said: "I have never heard of any negotiations between our company and the Hydro Commission. They have not approached us on the subject."

### APPALLING EFFECTS

Of Munitions Factory Explosion in Belgium Are Clearly Shown.

Havre, Dec. 14.—Appalling effects of Saturday's explosion in the Belgian munition factory here are more clearly shown as the investigation of the disaster proceeds. All of the sheds of the plant, which covered 150,000 square feet of ground, were completely destroyed. The spot where the first explosion occurred is marked by a yawning chasm about thirty feet deep.

Towns and villages within a radius of fifty miles of Havre were shaken by the explosion, those in the immediate vicinity suffered serious damage. At Harfleur every house is injured, and the church is in a state of collapse. At Bolbec all windows in the spinning mills were broken and considerable damage was also done on the other side of the Seine at Honfleur, St. Sauveur and Beuzeville.

### U. S. COAL

Is Now in Great Demand by the French Government.

New York, Dec. 14.—Demand for American coal by the French Government is becoming so urgent and the shortage of ships for its transportation so acute that coal dealers here say France may be compelled before long to establish a government fleet of steamers to obtain an adequate supply of fuel. Ordinarily, they say, France consumes 60,000,000 tons of coal a year, about half of which she has hitherto obtained from Germany, Belgium and England. Reports that France now needs 25,000,000 tons from this country to fulfill her annual requirements are said by local dealers to be exaggerated, but they assert that the French requirements are far beyond any amount which this country has ever before been called upon to supply to any one nation.

With the great advance in Transatlantic freight rates and the difficulty in obtaining steamers for shipment of supplies, American exporters are suggesting to the French Government that its only safe course would be to purchase steamships or to take them on long time charters for coal traffic.

Exporters here say that not only France but most of the European and many South American nations are turning to this country for coal.

Nearly 3,000 poor people in the East End of London were entertained at the great assembly hall, Mile End road, after the Lord Mayor's show.

### GREAT EXPLOIT

Recorded of a Member of French Submarine Crew.

New York, Dec. 14.—A cable to the New York Times from London says: A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Saloniki follows: "A story of an extraordinary exploit by a member of a crew of a captured French submarine reaches me through what I believe to be a trustworthy channel from Constantinople."

### THREE PERSONS

Were Burned to Death in a Chicago Tenement Fire.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Three persons were burned to death and a score injured in a fire which destroyed a three-story rooming house at 55 east Grand avenue early to-day. The victims were: Edward Barry, 27 years old; Mrs. Josie Barry, 26 years old and Aaron Harbro, 23 years old.

Many trapped in their rooms when the flames cut off the front and rear exits, jumped from the second and third story windows and sustained injuries. All were taken to hospitals. Those who lost their lives occupied third floor rooms and had no chance to escape, as the building, an old structure, burned quickly. The fire, it is believed, started from an overheated furnace.

### Declared Illegal.

Montreal, Dec. 14.—The law department of the city to-day notified the board of control that the recent council recommendation that one thousand dollars be given to aid the French Canadians in Ontario in their fight for bi-lingualism was illegal. The recommendation was decided on after \$500 had been given for assisting returned soldiers. Aid. Menard, who sponsored the proposed French-Canadian grant, intimated that he would ask for an amendment to the city's charter to legalize such subscriptions.

### ANOTHER ATTACHE

Is Indicted in the States—Baron Von Brincken This Time.

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—Indictments charging Baron George Wilhelm von Brincken, attache of the Imperial German Consulate; Mrs. Margaret Cornell and Charles C. Crowley, detectives employed by Consul-General Franz Bopp, with sending letters through the mail tending to incite arson, murder or assassination, were returned by the Federal Grand Jury yesterday.

The indictments which were placed on the secret file, it was authoritatively stated last night, point to the letters exchanged between Baron von Brincken, Mrs. Cornell, Crowley and Louis J. Smith, the informer.

Baron von Brincken, Mrs. Cornell and Crowley will be rearrested to-day and placed under heavy bonds. The indictments contained two counts. One alleged conspiracy to interfere with and destroy commerce between the United States and Britain, France and Russia. The second, the most serious yet charged against the German agents in this country, deals entirely with the misuse of the United States mails.

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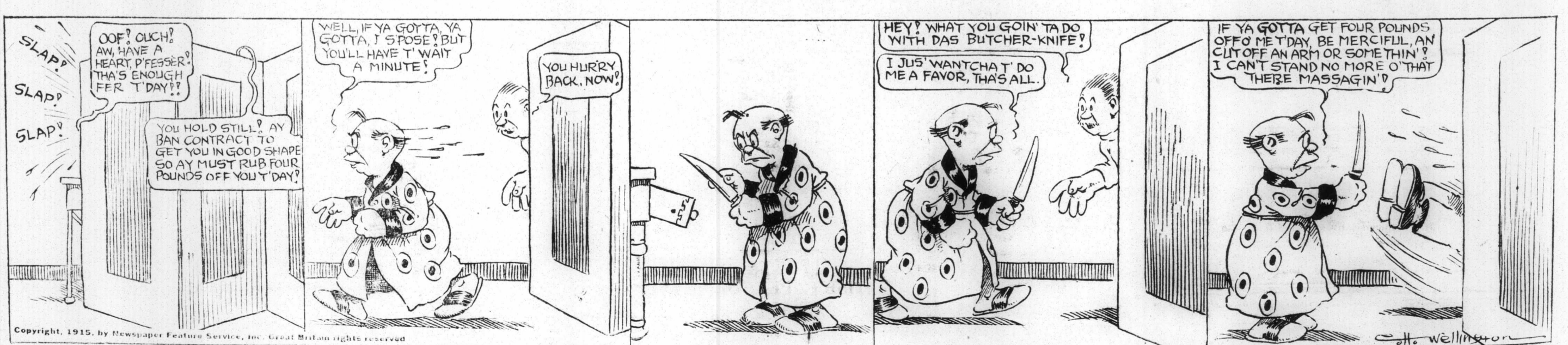
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## BRITISH BAGDAD FORCES REPULSE THE OTTOMANS

### Enemy Attacked From All Sides, and His Losses Were Very Heavy.

London, Dec. 14.—Turkish attacks on the British Mesopotamian army at Kut-el-Amara have been repulsed, it was announced in an official statement to-day. British reinforcements are being pushed forward.

The statement is as follows: "Gen. Townsends reports that the enemy shelled his position all day on December 8. The bombardment continued during the night when the enemy made desultory attacks from all sides. On the 10th the enemy again heavily bombarded Kut-el-Amara and developed an attack against the north front position, which, however, was not pressed.

On December 11th the bombardment was renewed and two attacks were made on the north front which were repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy. Since then there has been less activity.

"The attitude of the Arabs is reported as satisfactory. Reinforcements are being pushed forward."

The Germans in Persia are seeking to divert the attention of the Russian army of the Caucasus, according to a Petrograd despatch, and cause it to scatter its force over a large front in order to allow the Turks to throw a part of their troops into the Mesopotamian campaign to save Bagdad.

Asked regarding the German wireless reports of the treacherous attitude toward the British of supposedly friendly Arab tribes, the recent fighting in Mesopotamia, J. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for India, declared in the House of Commons yesterday: "I have every reason to believe the reports are quite untrue."

## HELD THE RIDGE AGAINST AN ARMY

### Inniskillings Fought Bulgar Horde Until Hardly a Man Was Left.

London, Dec. 14.—How two companies of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers and another of the Royal Irish Regiment forming the British divisions which are making a fighting retirement from Serbia sacrificed themselves to cover the retreat of their comrades is told by the wounded who have reached British headquarters in Macedonia. The British, according to the correspondent of Reuters' Telegram Company, in a despatch from the British headquarters, were outnumbered ten to one by the Bulgarians, who were well supplied with guns and machine guns. Last Monday morning they were awakened by a heavy bombardment by the Bulgarians, who poured a hail of shot and shell on them. Splintering rocks intensified the effect of the fire.

## SCARCITY OF CANNON

The Bulgarian infantry then advanced to the attack in massed formation, and were punished severely, but the scarcity of British guns did not permit them to take proper toll of the advancing Bulgars. The British emptied their rifles rapidly into the crush and tried to stem the tide with bayonets, but were overborne by their weight of numbers, and the position was lost, and the British fell back on the third line of defences.

Two companies of Inniskillings, however, held on to the ridge known as Levis Crest and kept back the Bulgarians the whole morning, although they were supported only by rifle fire. Hardly a man escaped, but their stand impressed and delayed the Bulgars, thus giving the British much-needed time to complete defensive positions in the third line where the Bulgars were finally held up for four days.

The Bulgarians, the correspondent adds, having suffered heavily, have since then attempted no strong offensive up to Sunday.

## NEW PARTY

### Holds Caucus in the Old Land—Will Demand an Early Election.

London, Dec. 14.—Sixty Unionist members of Parliament, Henry Chaplin, member for Wimbledon Division of Surrey, presiding, met privately last night, and decided to discuss and criticize the bill extending the duration of the Parliament a year when it comes to its second reading. Many speeches were made, including one by Sir Edward Carson. A majority declared that the Government had forfeited much of Parliament's confidence by mistakes, and that it ought not to ask for an extension of power as long as a year. The speeches were of the frankest nature, and arraigned the Government on many points.

The tone of the meeting may be reflected in Parliament to-day, when it is likely that there will take place a general discussion regarding the conduct of the war and amendments will be submitted limiting the extension to three or six months. The meeting proposed to elevate Sir Edward Carson to the leadership but many speakers affirmed loyalty to Bonar Law, the present leader of the Unionists.

## TO CRIPPLE ENEMY.

The Government has decided to form a "black list" of enemy traders in neutral countries with whom British firms will be prohibited from trading, said Lord Robert Cecil, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, moving in the House of Commons to-day the second reading of the bill which he presented in the House on Dec. 8, designed to restrict trading with possible hostile interests.

The list, he continued, would not necessarily be confined to persons of German nationality, but would include such as were by the nature of their business substantially enemy firms, and could safely be cut off from British intercourse without serious injury to British trade.

In South America, said the Under-Secretary, there were a number of German firms at present assisting Great Britain's enemy, and trade with these firms by British firms would be deemed illegal by the bill.

The Solicitor General explained that the purpose of the bill was to forge another weapon with which to cripple the enemy.

The bill was read a second time.

## HIGH PRAISE FOR GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

The Grand Trunk's new Transcontinental route is winning high praise from American tourists for the excellence of its service and the beauty of its scenery.

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HOWELL—In Brantford, Monday, December 13th, 1915, Adelaide Howell, 113 Murray St. Funeral service (private) Tuesday evening at 8 p.m. Interment at Princeton Wednesday.

DOWLING—At Langford, on Monday, Dec. 13th, 1915, Daniel Dowling, aged 62 years. The funeral will take place from his late residence on Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock to Mt. Hope Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

COMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY and Thursday's hostesses at Crompton's Tea Rooms, Mesdames Gordon G. Duncan, E. J. Mabon (convener) and assistants. 3.30 to 6 p.m.

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THE PROBS
Toronto, Dec. 14—A pronounced disturbance is centred to the westward of Nova Scotia, causing gales with snow and rain in Quebec and the Maritime provinces. The weather is cold in Ontario and the great portion of the western provinces.

FORECASTS.
Strong northwest winds, local snow flurries. Wednesday—Fair and much colder.

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The Dormitory Kolts have won nine straight games by the defeat of the Brant Theatre ball team last night. The Brants spring a big surprise on the Kolts and had a formidable line up against the "Dormats". Both teams played nice ball and the game was one of the best that has been staged on the local gym for some considerable time. Ernie Moutie, the manager of the Brant team, had his men on their toes all the time and they sure worked some dazzling plays at times which bewildered the Kolts and kept them guessing. The Kolts turned out a new pitcher in Geo Ryley, who twirled nice ball for two innings and was then relieved by Harry Fleming, who finished the game. Johnston, pitching for the Brants, had the Kolts striking at most anything. Power cost is about 3 cents a day. It is guaranteed for 5 years. It's a Live-Wire Business-Getter, and you should have one up for the holiday trade. Mail a post-card to Box 161, P.O., Brantford, or F. T. Morrow, Echo Place, for appointment.

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THE NOTE STAT

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By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, Dec. 13.—The note to Austria-Hungary, on the sinking of the Italian Ancona, is regarded as weak in one important point, namely, that it could deprive the note in general of its force.

This concerns the standpoint that the Austro-Hungarian government should be familiar with the attitude of the American government regarding the freedom of the seas because President Wilson explained this to the German government, thus implying that Austria-Hungary's ally, should be able to accept the principles laid down by Washington.

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