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Gaps in the Lines Filled by Garrison and Second Line Troops-Germans Invade Portuguese East AfricaMen Likely to Take a Vacation on Christmas Germans in the West Being Reinforced. \\ German Movement on Warsaw Still Continues With Unabated Vigor \\ | German Movement on Warsaw Still Continues With Unabated Vigor |
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London, Dec. 23 -The Vietcrla Cross has
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that the places in the first line units are being Holbrook's exploit involved divilhr under five taken by garrison and second line troops.
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LONDON, Dec. 23.-It is believed that a
BY A HORSE Choughtmas has failed, a lull will set in on Christ
Chis mas Day itself. Christmas sentiment is deep, and notwithstanding their positions on the line it from the men's heart. Thousands of Christ mas presents have been sent to all the fronts.
The distribution and enjoyment of these is an-
other argument for the probable suspension hostlilities wherever this is possible.
LovDON, Dec. 23-Dr. Charles. Dawson,
who discovered the famous Piltsdown skull, has
offered to the British War Office a new bullet for
protection against Zeppelins. The head of the
bullet has a cavity which contains phosphorus,
some of which is allowed to projet beyond the
aphex of the bullet. When the rifle is fired, the
phosphorus is ignited by the discharge. As soon
as the bullet hits the envelope or gas bag of a
Zeppelin the gas is ignited and the container

## explodes.

NEWSPAPERS IN LONDON xMAS DAY.
LoNDON, Dec. 28.-The London newspapers have decided unanimously not to publish Christmas Day, and the oficial press burea lernoon of December 24 until the evening of Dec
germans attack portlegese.
LISBON, Dec. 23.-The announcement was
ade that the Germans have again invaded An-
stated in the chamber of deputies by the minis-
er of colonies, who said the Germans had made fresh attack on the military post at Naulila,
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final blow bapest says the Austrians are preparing intimation of what form it will take."


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PETROGRAD, Dec. 23-Only one of three army there. Another is that he fears he will be ttacking position on wassins a few days ago is being jutant to a German warship.
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## PERBONAL MENTION.

## All Our Customers <br> A Happy Christmas

## THE WEEKLY ONTARIO, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1914.

## The Weekly Ontario

 Morton \& Herity, Publishers
 THURSDAY, DECBMBER 24 , 1914 . Christmas, 1914.
The thought that will most readily occur to every mind at this, particular Christuastde
is that something has gone esaidy awry with the is that someting nas the Cristian fatith,""Peace
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ng realised as immortal perfection.
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The lapse of the great German nation to Apache barbarism
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eecause he may prevent his poople befing in proper state of preparedneess if they are m fluenced by his teaching. This is the day when
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the Treitschkes of Germany and of Canada can strut their little hour upon the stage and pro mulgate their false philosophy that might is right, that war is a blessing, and that war is
the proper and natural oecupation of mankind There is no. use of crying "peace" when
there is no peace. This war must be fought to the end, bitter though that end may be. The
British nation is not engaged in any Napoleonic scheme of conquest or aggression. If that were
true there would be small enthusiasm in any true there would be small enthusiasm in an
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MADE OUTSIDE OF BELLEVILLE While we are talking about "Made-in-Can say about "Made-in-Belleville." There mmingity, but there is another loyalty quite ssential in being true to your friends and neigh ors in your own city. All of which leads up
o the remark that our attention has been called o some envelopes now
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## CORPORATION OF TH

ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR'S DEPARTMENT Is it necessary to remind the electrical in
pector that Belleville changed its status from .town to a city more than thirty-five years ago and that within this city are to be found three printing shops, any one of which will be pleased
o do him a satisfactory job in the way of printinformed that no very modest price? We are was done outside, and the printer who executed the job very naturally supposed that any muni
cipal corporation that did that sort of thing could not have attained to the stature of a city.

## albertus."

he Christmas number of "Albertus," darterly magazine issued by the students an The Ontario job rooms and is now being circu lated among the subscribers. The magazine is ad is fit to rank with those issued by education institutions much larger than Albert. Th green and gold on red stock with holly border pal, has the place of honor at the begy princ the book with "Greetings." Dr. E. N. Baker, the
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Chas. C. Phillips, Editor-in-chief. Chester Williams, Associate Editor
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's admirable article,

## Men, wicked men,

to an awful war, but we believe thed the men to and that He will yet make the wrat ony, and out of divisions He will bring har ven now, methinks, we can see the first fain leam of the better day, in the banishment
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Some time ago we pointed out how little
there was in German achievements in art, lit-
erature and science, to substantiate the claim
of their spokesman to the "superiority" of thei
Gazette dealing with the same question very
properly declares that the British people fo
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man; Lavoiser, the father of modern Chemistry was a Frenchman; Dalton, the deviser of the
atomic theory, was an Englishman; Davy, who first isolated potassium, was an Englishman;
Berzelius, who made analysis an exact science was a Swede, and so was Scheele; Faraday, who
first liquified a gas, was an Englishmen (the trifling fact that the whole of our present meth
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vised the rival process, was a Belgian; Perkin
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man; the discoverers of the Periodic Newlands, an Englishman, and Mendeleef,
Russian.
"I cannot come much later in my list," th writer adds, "without mentioning those living
It is enough to say that while all English chem ists acknowledge with gratitude the splendi work which German chemists have done, the
do not regard their science as a Teutonic posse sion, and they think that $t$ heday of Liebig, Bun
sen, Meyer, and Kekule is past, and that the pres ent generation of German chemists are dilige -
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irst, then, a woman will or won't, depend on'
It will be Robinson and Panter up to five
clock p.m. on January 4th. Then it will b Robinson or Panter.
We trust that the ladies will not forget
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Other Editors a Opinions



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Tis beauty that doth oft make woman proud;
Tis government that makes them seem divine
Surely this is a cold and ungrateful world
Here we have in Belleville a school board that to complete three of the most modern seats of finished their arduous duties than five fussy
women come along to oust five members of the board from their positions. Could Berrihardi,
Treitschke, or Pankhurst conceive of anything

## The imposing of the embargo on Canadia

 entering the United States some the immediate drop in prices here was another proof of the value to all live-stock producers oree entry to the American market. In the short ent flag-flappers, Canada was "saved" from an is connection T
A great many of the farmers who wer they voted against reciprocity and thus pre
vented the removal of tariff walls which ar of perpetual quarantine aganss necessities
of many farm products and Canada and the United States.

> OUR TWO OPINONS Don't rec'lect what 'twuz about, ived next neighbors twenty years,
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Courted sisters 'nd married 'em, too; A hatin' each other through 'nd through
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'Nd I havin' my opinyin uv him.
sut down in Tennessee one night Nd the sergeant allowed ther'd be a fight
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s two shuck hands, did Jim nd $m$
But never word went his way 'nd I went mine,
'Nd into the battle's roar went we, havin' my opinyin uv Jim,
im never came back from the war again,
But $I$ hain't forgot that last, last night,
When, waitin' fur orders, ust two men
Made up, nd shook hands afore the fight.
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HOW WE STAND TO-DAY.
General Joffre is steadily, persistently, scientifcally, pursuing his policy of "nibbung a
the enemy." Here a little and there a little the enemy." Here a a thtle and there a mue
over a three-hundrod-mile battle front must mean, in the end, a great deal. That is what General Jofrre backed by General French,
geekking. He is risking as ititle as possible, H
to is acco
siowly.
And, after all, the accomplishment has no been so slow. In a period of four months
has succeeded in estalishing complete ascen
dancy over his opponents. Is that achlevement? When war broke out, few if any of those well-informed doubted that the Ger-
mans would have been in Paris long before this.
It It was from the capture of Paris that the real
war was expected to begin. The task which the war was expected to begin. The task which the
Allies set themsives at the outset was the driv Alles set themselves at the outset was the driv-
ing of their enemy out of Paris and back across ing of their enemy
his own borders.
The Germans
The Germans falled to get within striking
distance of Paris. That is is areat thing to the good for the opponents. Not only did the Gerlost enormousis in striving to attain it. They
have lost still more heavily in seeking a second objective, Calalis, which they have missed b
a still wider margin. The best legions which Germany, arter a generation of scientific study
and preparation could produce have been sent agalnst the armies of France and Britain plish any thing of importance. They have disclosed nothing of the "superman" or the invin-
cible warior. They yave merely shown them-
solves well-trained t selves well-trained troops and good figsting men
They have been defeated and repulsed in turn They have been deteated and repused in tury
be French and Britons, They are now, erry-
There Where, so far as can be fudged, practically on the
defensive with small chance of making their reTense effective. In other words, they are, since
everything, acoording to their own preicitions, depended on the success of their initial aggres-
sive movements, already dennitely beaten. The completion of the victory for there opponents 4s onty a matter of time. Aftid
unceasingly "nibbling' at them.
 Sarne
not already been reveresed. Their aded advante to to and stand at st. Miriiel, on the left bank of the movement against their opponents. The fact
that they have been able to hold that challeng
then ing position for three months proves this. They zing its value. Now their communications therewith have been cut and the question to be deci-
ded is whether they can withdraw their holding forces. That those forces must be very consid
erable is not to be doubted. Just what theit erable is not to be doubted. Just what then
magnitude may be it is mossible to say. What
ever their strength, they must cut their way out under the gravest difficulties, or accept a re
versed Sedan. In Beigium the situation is still mo
threatening for the Germans Their rront o
the west is being steadfastly held by the the west is being steadrastly held by the Alliee
It is apparently being driven in at potints. Nowhere is it making appreciabie prog,
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Cormans could not now get safely out of glum even it they wishet ot retira. They are
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on the west, form the esea to Soissons. The care not then have onlys two comparatively nar-
foos lines of possible communication or retreat
tol one through Belgium, by way of Brussels and
Llege, the other and principal one, in Norther Liege, the through Rexel and Luxemburg. Both lines are dangerously vulnerable. The cutting
of etther might prove fatal. The throwing ba of the German hosts on either would almost in evitably precicitiate confusion and rout. No wonder Aey are exergs
converging movement of the Germans une Warsaw is diffleutt as yet to decipher. It is Impossible to do more than guess at the fin
outcome. All that need be said is that Russians sem confdent, and that there is much
ground, based on numbers alone, for their con

## berfardis new book.

General von Bernard, whose book "Germany and the Next War,", revealec Germanys
varilike intentions, has written another book in hich Prussian designs are even more blut under the title of "Our Future-A Warning to the German Nation." It has recenty been trans-
lated Into English by Mr. J. Fulls Barker, M.P. who is himself of German birth. On becoming a British subject he had his name changed to
J. Ellis Barker, and is now a prominent member R the Brittsh House of Commons on the Union
side. He has given to Bernardits book the site. He has iten to Bernardis book
roper tite "Britain as Germany's Vassal".
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ational in every feature. In his former bool "Germany and the Next War" Bernhardi con cerned himself with what would happen in cas German was involved in a great confict. Every
one of his recommendations has been carriee
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out. In the new volume he plainly urges Ger any to stir up such a confict though he is care
wil O urge that this war shall be taken up n as a feat of conquest, but as a duty which Ger
many owes to the world as sits coming champion civilization and inevitable "Kultur."
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hat that situation did provide an excuse for hat that situation did provide an excuse fò
precipitatitng war. Turkey, which has now join Rusia in Asia Minor, and England in Egyp and as for England, she must be whipped into an accuiescence toward German expansion,
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finally and definitely beaten aside, to permit Ger any to smash France, and dominate the co
inent of Europe, North Africa, and Asia Mino
 re his "Kultured". countrymen. It disclosee ermined upon war, and was only waiting th oment to strike her blow. Commenting upon
his extraordinary exposure of the German mind - Boston Transcript says:
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$\qquad$ The London Morning Post ision mouthpieces of the Conservervativerorties ant in the
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iant London journalist who is iant London journalist who is associated with
ord Northclite's publications. he says that "statesmen here of all parties are eealizing that the war has proved the correct ness of the Candian Liberal position on the
val defence. The Morning Post Conservati a remarkabe editorial to-day Ceccares: he share of the Crown Colonies with the share
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In Canada, Australia and New Zealand, th raising, equipping and despatching of their corr-
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been under the neeessity of applying for the ood offices of our loyal and obliging ally in th ast "Japan)", "The Post concludes with the declaration These things point also to the great truth th
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It is impossible for me to find words ich to express my appreciation
id services you have performed.
J.D.D. PRRENCH, Frield-Marshal, Comman
er-in-Chief, the British Army in the Field.

The New York Times believes that Ger-
Even Germany is constrained to admit that the defeat of the Russians is by no means
achieved. Russia, we venture to think, is still in the running.
The letter which Mr. Bonar Law and Lor
Lansdowne wrote to Premier Aspuith is com-
nended to the careful attention of certain poli-
cians in Canada who are scheming to embroil

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## All over the wortd-people begin to see clear-

At that it was the deliberate purpose of German he historical landmarks, the University of Lou vain, the famous old public builidings, and make he future of the country no longer Belgian, but
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According to one investigator December is
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man soldiers, "sald the by the Germans. man soldiers," said the French priest, "Kick th
British prisoners in the stomach and break gin over their backs. They force them to sleep on in marshy places, so that many are now con
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nage of all kinds, and good freights are being
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orld, and that is even more true in war-tim
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rebuild their shattered fortunes-for win or
and many of her people will emigrate. These oung men, perhaps themselves single-handed and innocent of guile, will find the sinister re
proach of German spy staring them in the face wherever they turn. The whole British Empir Belgium, and Holland will bar them. Italy wil sep them out, Argentina and perhaps Brazi
vill look on them with suspicion; and even in
he United States, a diplomatic dispute such as he United States, a diplomatic dispute such as
has occurred several times in the past will throw sem out of employment.


TO THE ENEMY, ON HIS ACHIEVEMENT. The following poem was written by Si was paid the unusual compliment by one hu orous journal to another of being recopied as, since the opening of the war, by a wonde peries of cartoons, and pungent satirica ricy of the German monster that has been po ing before the world as the foremost represen tative of cultured refinement.
ow wanes the third moon since your conquer Was to have laid our weakling ármy low, d walked through France at will. For tha loud boast
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is, your goal, now lies a six days' march Belind your homing backs.
ressed to the borders where you lastly pas
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astward the Russian draws you to his fold, Out of whone tiois not many feet of old
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nd still along the seas our watchers keep Their grip

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bout its murdered mother's breast-ah, there Yes, you have done great things! liftle boy blue. The little toy dog is covered with dust,
But sturdy and staunch he stands; And his musket moulds in his hands Ane was when the little toy dog was And the soldier was passing fair,
ad that wes the time when our littl nd.that wes the time when our little
Kissed them and put them there.
Now, don't you go till I come", he said, "And don't you make any noise!"
So toddling off to his trundle bed, He dreamt of the pretty toys. And as he was dreaming, an angel son Awakened our Little Boy Blue, h, the years are many, the years
But the little toy friends are true
y, faithful to Little Boy Blue they stand Waiting the touch of a little The smile of a little face.
ad they wonder, as waiting these long years In the durough, of
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