

GERMANS FORCED TO WITHDRAW GOLD FROM SAFETY VAULTS

Berlin, via London, Dec. 30.—At a meeting of the Reichsbank Central Committee today, Herr Havenstein, president of the bank, discussed the urgent measure to increase the amount of the institution by having the credit banks compel customers to withdraw deposits from their vaults in safe deposit boxes.

A FRENCH EXPEDITION BLOCKS ROAD TO EGYPT

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eral headquarters follows:
"Russian theatre: The battles in east Galicia are increasing in extent and violence. The enemy yesterday directed attacks not only against the Besarabian front but also against our positions to the east of the Lower Middle Strips. His advance yesterday was checked by the fire of our batteries. Where the attacking columns endeavored to penetrate our positions they collapsed under the fire of our artillery or machine guns.

COMPULSION ONLY DURING THE WAR

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of the conscription law, which is compulsory service, says the Star today, they may demand as a corollary the exceptional taxation of members of the community exempted by age or incapacity from bearing arms.

MINERS AGAINST COMPULSION

Cardiff, Wales, Dec. 30.—The executive committee of the Miners' Federation of Great Wales met today and unanimously adopted a resolution against the later efforts of certain party politicians and a section of the press to impose conscription on the people.

CANADA HAS PLENTY OF MONEY TILL SUMMER, SAYS FINANCE MINISTER

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The minister of finance, in an interview today, stated that the finances of the dominion at this time are in a satisfactory condition, and that the return from the war budget of February last has exceeded the best expectations.

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Last German Post in Kamerun Falls To British; Persia's Sinking Calls Wilson

SUBMARINE ISSUE NOW SQUARELY UP TO WILSON

President Returns to Deal With Persia Matter

LIKELY DISCUSSED IN HOUSE AND SENATE

Immediate Decision May Be Demanded of Teutonic Powers as Result of Latest Outrage—Times Reports Another P. & O. Boat Gone.

London, Jan. 4.—The Times learns that the Peninsular & Oriental liner Geelong, 5,000 tons, has been sunk near the Mediterranean. All on board the vessel were saved.

Washington, Jan. 3.—President Wilson stated to Washington from Hot Springs (Va.) tonight to take personal charge of the nation's foreign affairs in the new crisis brought about by the sinking of the British steamship Persia, with a loss of at least one American life. The situation is regarded in official circles as being the most serious to confront this government since the submarine operations of the Central Powers began.

The president probably will lay the facts thus far established before his cabinet tomorrow. The destruction of the Persia, following closely upon the crisis precipitated by the Ansona disaster, may result in the United States determining to settle immediately all the questions involved in the submarine warfare. The subject is expected to find its way to the floor of the house and senate tomorrow, when congress reconvenes after the holidays.

The United States is expected tonight to take any action that the facts concerning the Persia, yet to be established, may warrant. Officials still are trying to view the situation with an open mind, but it is apparent that they are disturbed by the reports received from consular agents at Alexandria and Cairo, Egypt. Even so, it is expected to establish the truth of the report that the Persia was torpedoed without warning. Secretary of State Lansing contemplates taking no steps until the complete details are known.

Austrian Agent Seeks to Blind Issue. Officials find one source of gratification in assurance given by Baron Swiednick, charge of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, to Secretary of State Lansing during a conference today at the White House. Baron Swiednick is said to have suggested that judgment be suspended until the facts are known and to have expressed the belief that the final explanation of the latest incident would be satisfactory. He is said to have assured the secretary of his belief that an Austrian submarine commander violated the principles of international law in the rules of humanity his government would be quick to take action which would fully satisfy the United States. Baron Swiednick also sought information for the benefit of his government.

Secretary Lansing today instructed Ambassador Penfield at Vienna to make informal inquiries which might lead to the establishment of the identity of the submarine which sank the Persia or the receipt of information concerning the circumstances of the attack.

CHIEF OF FRENCH GENERAL STAFF



General C. de Castelnau, who has recently been looking after Allied interests in Greece.

MORE OPTIMISTIC REPORT FROM ATHENS

King Peter of Serbia Welcomed to Saloniki and His Visit Improves Situation—Alien Enemies Under Surveillance.

Paris, Jan. 3.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Athens says: "It is announced that the chamber of deputies has been convoked for January 17, a week earlier than had previously been intended. King Constantine himself will attend the session.

The Greek government, through the Prefect of Saloniki, has sent an address of welcome to King Peter of Serbia. The newspapers emphasize the influence that the visit of the Serbian king is likely to have on the relations of Greece and the Entente Powers. The newspapers say that the situation between Greece and the Entente Powers is obviously improving.

Provisions Scarce at Saloniki.

Paris, Jan. 3.—A Havas despatch from Athens says that word is received from Saloniki to the effect that all suspected subjects of nations at war with the Entente Allies are being arrested and taken on board a warship after being interrogated.

Saloniki merchants have appealed to the government to facilitate the transportation of supplies necessary for the population, the scarcity of provisions becoming more noticeable every day.

AS PRISONERS

Going Through in Sealed Train Under Strict Conditions

DISBAND AT HAGUE AFTER JANUARY 12

Secretary in Charge of Expedition Offered Price of 200 Fords for Privilege But Only Regular Rates Are Charged—Leaving Copenhagen Friday.

Copenhagen, Jan. 3, via London.—The German government has granted the Ford peace expedition permission to travel to the Hague through Germany by special train. The party will leave Copenhagen next Friday.

The final arrangements for the trip were made through the German consul in Copenhagen who, after consultation with Berlin, announced that his government was willing for the risk of the Russian front indicates that heavy fighting is continuing with the Russian army of General Ivanoff gaining ground. One correspondent reports that these operations began with an offensive movement on the part of the Austrians, designed to straighten their line and that after repulsing this attack the Russians assumed the initiative. It is evident the Russian advances are now extended a considerable distance beyond the Strips river.

In other despatches it is stated that the great Slavonic armies, including the Russians having advanced as a threat against the Teutons in their Balkan operations, while the Austro-Hungarian army has been repulsed in their position against the Bulgarians expected from General Ivanoff's line in the spring.

Whatever may be the case, there is no doubt the result of these operations will have an important effect on the Balkan campaign, especially in their influence on the future plan of Roumania. It is reported with increasing frequency that the central powers are planning an attack on Saloniki, but they are said to be experiencing difficulties with Bulgaria, which, according to these reports, does not wish to participate in such a campaign, unless it promises something more than expulsion of the Allies from Saloniki. In Athens, according to many being given to the seizure of the consuls representing Germany and her allies at Saloniki. It is expected that so far as Greece is concerned the incident will be closed with the release of the consuls under safe conduct. While requesting some such action by the Entente Powers, Greece also has protested to Germany against the aeroplane attack on Saloniki. England awaits with the greatest interest details regarding the bill for compulsory military service which President Asquith will introduce in the House of Commons on Wednesday. It is announced that Ireland will come within the scope of the bill.

French Guns Put Enemy to Flight.

Paris, Jan. 3.—The French war office this afternoon gave out a communication on the progress of hostilities reading as follows:
"In the Champagne district, near the highway between Tdure and Somme-Py, a German attack in which hand grenades were used was repulsed."
"In the Argonne district, near Four-de-Paris, there was an energetic firing of our guns against the works of the enemy. The German troops fleeing from their shelters were subjected to a concentrated fire of our 75-millimeter guns."
"Austrians Repulsed in All Day Battle."
Paris, Jan. 3.—A Montenegro official statement received here today says:
"The enemy on January 1 attacked our positions at Godevici and after a day's fighting was repulsed with appreciable loss. There have been artillery and infantry combats on the other fronts."
"German Report Mine Explosion."
Berlin, Jan. 3, via London.—The text of today's statement follows from the war office:
"Western front: A large mine exploded north of the Bezenne-Bethune road with complete success. A fighting trench of the enemy were blown into the air. The surviving occupants attempted to escape by flight but were caught by the fire of our rifles and machine guns."
"A surprise attack made over a wide front took the occupants of the trenches by surprise and they in turn sought safety by flight. On the remainder of the front there were no signs of importance. During the shelling of Lutterbach in Alsace, by the French on New Year's Day, when the people were leaving."

Famous Circus Proprietor Dead.

New York, Jan. 3.—A despatch from Baraboo (Wis.), announces the death of A. L. Ringling, 65 years old, of Baraboo, Wis. He had been ill about a year. Mr. Ringling was the oldest of the Ringling Brothers, circus owners, who have their winter headquarters at Baraboo.

NO CESSIONATION IN FIERCE BATTLE IN BESSERABIA

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GOVERNMENT TAKES OVER MORE SHIPS

British Ships Trading Between Foreign Ports Likely Called In

SHIPPERS FEAR A LOWER RATE

Requisitioned Ships Receive Only Thirteen Shillings as Compared With Normal Rate of Seventeen—U. S. and South American Trade Affected.

London, Jan. 3, 8:40 p. m.—The government is taking stringent measures to see that the prevailing shortage in ships shall not interfere with the shipment of food and other necessities to ports in the United Kingdom. Vessels are being requisitioned right and left for the shipment of wheat from the Americas, and in shipping circles it is reported that the admiralty intends to call in the British ships that are now trading between foreign ports. The latter measure is expected to particularly affect British ships trading between South America and the United States. Shippers are already protesting against the government's policy.

HEROIC FRENCH SISTERS AWARDED THE CROSS OF WAR

Verres, France, Jan. 3, 5:30 p. m.—Four young sisters have been decorated with the Cross of War in the presence of a regiment of artillery. They were cited in an order of the day of the division, in the following terms: "Marie Helene Camille and Madeleine Vailat, at the peril of life in a region occupied by the Germans, patriotically volunteered in the thick of the woods, from Sept. 8 to 12, 1914, seven French soldiers who were then surrounded by the enemy of Fere Champenoise, and who, thanks to their care, were able to find their way out of the woods."

NELSON MAIN, I.C.R. CAR INSPECTOR, KILLED AT MONCTON

Moncton, Jan. 3.—Nelson Main, aged 46, I.C.R. car inspector, while at work in the Moncton yard at 6 o'clock tonight, was run over by a car and had both legs cut off. He died a few hours later of his injuries. He leaves his wife and nine children.

WILL NOT ACCEPT FIVE PER CENT WAGE INCREASE

Nashua, N. H., Jan. 3.—Union mill workers here today announced that New England will not accept the five per cent wage increase which many manufacturers stated would go into effect today, according to a statement made here today by John Holden, of Fall River, president of the United Textile Workers. Union operatives, Holden said, have for some time been considering a demand for a ten per cent increase.

WANTS FIRMER GRIP

London, Jan. 3.—Thomas Gibson Bowles, who changed his political color and subsequently reverted to his original faith, will be the Unionist candidate for the parliamentary seat of St. George's, made vacant by the recent elevation of Sir Alexander Henderson to the peerage.

RESUMES GOLD PAYMENTS

Stockholm, via London, Jan. 3.—The National Bank of Sweden has resumed the payment of notes in gold, which had been suspended since Aug. 2, 1914.

KILLED IN FREIGHT TRAINS COLLISION

Halifax, Jan. 4.—Two freight trains from Moncton were in collision at Thomston's siding at midnight. It was a rear-end collision. Conductor E. Johnson was killed and one of the firemen injured. The wreck is a bad one, many of the cars being shattered.

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CANADIAN PERSONALS.

Major J. A. MacKenzie Reported at General Headquarters—Dr. Edmond in Berlin Jail.
(Montreal Gazette Cable).
London, Jan. 3.—C. P. Just, former Canadian trade commissioner at Hamburg, has returned from Canada and is expected to address the Canadian Export Merchants' Association next week.
Major J. A. MacKenzie, of the 20th North Dragoon Regiment, who was recently wounded, is under treatment at general headquarters.
Lieutenant M. N. McPhee, of the 10th field company of engineers, is at the Duchesne, where he is recovering from a bullet wound in the thigh.
Hon. Dr. Beland, former postmaster-general of Canada, of whom news was received at the high commissioner's office in London last week, is now reported to be in a Berlin jail, having an unpleasant experience, which is rendered more so by the fact that Madame Beland is seriously ill at the German capital.
Hon. Dr. Beland, according to advice received in London, has done something to increase the equity of the officials in Berlin who had him removed from the civilian internment camp at the capital. The ex-Canadian minister was in Berlin when war broke out and was taken prisoner of war by the Germans.

SHIPMENT OF WOOL FROM AUSTRALIA AND GREAT BRITAIN RESTRICTED.

London, Jan. 3.—Licenses for the shipment of English-wool, Australian cross-bred wool, and top merino tops to the United States are not being granted. It is believed that American purchases this season in the Cape and Australia and New Zealand, estimated at 600,000 bales, will not all be allowed to be shipped. The wools bought privately by country are the first to be discriminated against.

FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

FREDERICTON

Fredrickton, Dec. 29.—The holiday season brought many home comers to the city as well as visitors, and at Christmas many house parties were entertained. Mr. and Mrs. George Y. Dibble entertained at a family dinner party on Christmas night, when Mr. and Mrs. Courtland Robinson, of St. John, were among the guests. Mr. Dibble's health continues to improve, much to the gratification of his many friends, and on New Year's day Mrs. Dibble will hold her usual reception.

DORCHESTER

Dorchester, Dec. 29.—Mr. Fred Foster, who is attending the Royal Military College, Kingston (Ont.), is spending the holidays here, guest of his mother, Mrs. A. B. Piper.

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, Dec. 29.—The recruiting meeting last night in Chelmsford was addressed by Rev. Alex. Rettle, Millerton; Rev. J. J. Murdoch, Newcastle; Hon. John P. Burchill, Lieut. J. Graham McKnight and Lieut. J. E. A. Park, who is spending the winter here with his wife, Mrs. F. J. Ryan.

SUSSEX

Sussex, N. B., Dec. 29.—Mr. Donald White, a student at Mt. Allison, spent the Christmas holidays here with his parents, Judge and Mrs. White.

ST. ANDREWS

St. Andrews, Dec. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Vall, of Jacksonville, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Maloney during the Christmas season.

SHEDIC

Shediac, N. B., Dec. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Charters, of Pt. du Chene, were in Shediac for Christmas, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Black and Mr. Black.

HAMPTON VILLAGE

Hampton Village, Dec. 29.—Miss Mabel Baxter spent the week-end with friends in St. John.

MONCTON

Moncton, Dec. 30.—Mrs. D. B. McDonald, of New Brunswick, has returned home after a pleasant visit with Mrs. J. P. Connolly.

Christmas of Mrs. Hanington's sister, Miss G. Hanington, Shediac, Cape. Mr. and Mrs. Hanington returned home on Tuesday.

quater, W.F. Private W. Earl Macdonald, 182nd Battalion, W.A., Miss Ella O'Donnell, R.S. Miss Bessie Jeffrey, A.R.S., Private Henderson Johnson, 182nd Battalion, Chaplain, Miss Margaret Copp, F.S. Miss Ethel Allison, treasurer, Miss Helen M. McLeod, conductor, Miss Vesta Savage, A.C.S., Miss Hazel O'Donnell, I.S., Bruce Hubbard, O.E. Jack Nicholson, superintendent of young people's work, Miss Ella O'Donnell, P.W.P., Miss Jennie McEaster, D.G.W.P., James Falconer, P. Gilles, C. R. trackmaster, is spending today with a pension and is succeeded by Andrew Astles, trackmaster of the Newcastle-Fredrickton section.

with the 140th battalion and will go to Halifax the first of the year to qualify. Miss Helen Corbett, of St. John, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Blanche McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Reid and family are spending the week-end in St. John with relatives.

Mr. Frank Keirstead, principal of the St. Martin's school, is spending the holiday season here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Keirstead.

Mr. Hargrave, of Newcastle, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Warren. Mr. and Mrs. James Forbes and children have returned from Halifax where they spent a very pleasant two weeks with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Avarad White, who are spending the winter months at the home of Mr. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. White, are leaving Thursday for Millerton to be the guests for a few weeks of Mrs. White's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thurber.

Mrs. White, wife of Rev. Mr. White, residing in Shediac for the past year, in company with her family, left town on Tuesday for Port Daniel, Quebec, where Rev. Mr. White recently accepted a new charge, and where in future they will reside.

Mr. D. McDonald, of the Bank of Montreal, in town, spent Christmas at his home in Moncton.

Miss Elizabeth Newton is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. James Lowell returned from a pleasant visit in Boston and New York cities.

Miss Alice Fitzmaurice spent Christmas in St. John with relatives.

Dr. Courtney Allen spent Christmas at his home in Bayfield (N. B.).

Miss Dorothy Wrightman, of Chatham, is visiting Miss Ruth Tingley.

Mr. and Mrs. Gessner, Mrs. E. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nugent, Mr. McCreedy, Mrs. J. J. Goss, and Mrs. Amasa Weldon are over Christmas.

Miss Estelle McDonald, of Pt. du Chene, is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. J. J. Goss, in Chatham.

Miss Kitty Irvine has returned from a visit to friends in Moncton.

The Misses Arthur and Jean McPherson, of Moncton, were the guests for Christmas of Mrs. J. Gillard.

The death occurred on Christmas Day at the residence of Mrs. George Day (N. S.), in visiting her grandfather, Mr. J. H. West, of Mrs. Mary Coffey, 57 years of age, who had been ill for some time past, and death was not unexpected. Her husband, the late Samuel Coffey, was a well known resident of this town, and was a member of the United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Havoclock Wilbur, of Moncton, spent Christmas day in town, guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. Frank Tait.

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and a set of black wolf furs; to the bridemaid a necklace of pearls, to the best man a set of cuff links. The young couple left on Monday night's train amid showers of rice and confetti, for an extended tour to the upper Canadian cities. The bride's traveling suit was of African brown gabardine with black wolf trimmings. On their return they will reside in St. Stephen.

Robert Clark, B. Sc., arrived in town on Wednesday, leaving the same night, accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Jennie L. Clark, who will spend the winter with him in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. John Redpath and children left for Montreal on Friday last to spend Christmas.

Mr. S. Worrel, of the St. John teaching staff, spent a few days in town last week.

The Misses Helen and Winnifred Everett, of Fredericton, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Everett.

Miss Bradley received the sad news of the death of her aunt, Delphine widow of Dr. W. V. Wallace, which took place at her home in Providence at an early hour on Christmas morning. She leaves to mourn two sons, W. Wallace, of Providence, B. C., and Charles Wallace, of St. Andrews; a little granddaughter, Delphine Wallace, and a niece, Miss Maria Bradley.

CHATHAM

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 30.—Mr. Ralph McInerney, a former student and sub-professor of St. Thomas College, and latterly of St. Dunstan's, Charlottetown, was the guest of his mother, Mrs. George V. McInerney, Duke street, for the Christmas holidays. Mr. McInerney is intending joining the 104th battalion on his return to the active service.

Miss Jean Brankley is home from Edgell for the holidays.

Lester D. Stevens, of the signalling corps, attached to the 104th battalion, Halifax, spent the Yuletide here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Stevens.

Misses Mona and Bertha Snowball, of the Royal Bank, and Walter Snowball, of the Catholic College School, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Snowball.

Miss Rae Loggie, of Montreal, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Loggie, Wellington street. Miss Loggie returned to Montreal Sunday.

Mrs. J. Russell McKnight, of Newcastle, spent Wednesday with Chatham friends.

Lieut. Holmes, of the 182nd, spent Christmas at his home in Deaktown.

Mr. Frank Rae, acting manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, spent the holiday in St. John, the guest of his mother.

Mr. Millet Selter is the guest of his sister, Mrs. J. D. E. McLaughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Curl and family are enjoying a week's visit to Halifax, their former home.

Miss Lillian Snowball, who has been on an extended visit to friends in Montreal and Toronto, has returned home.

Mr. Chas. Vanstone, of the Dalhousie Lumber Co. staff, Dalhousie, spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Vanstone, Wellington street.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. McKinnon, of Dalhousie, spent Christmas with relatives here.

Mr. Frank Merritt, of Bathurst, who has been spending a short holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merritt, Water street, returned to Bathurst on Sunday.

Miss Dorcas Blaine, of Newcastle, spent the week-end in town, the guest of the Misses Babineau.

Mr. Messer, of the 104th, of Bathurst, and Douglas Ruddock, of Moncton, spent the Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ruddock.

Mr. Earl Malley spent the holiday at his home in Campbellton.

Mr. Lloyd Ryan has returned to his home in Fredericton.

Mr. Chandler Lobban, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Sackville, spent Christmas at his home here, returning to Sackville Monday.

Mr. Lloyd Swin spent the holiday at his home in Deaktown.

Mr. David Allibon, of Ottawa, is enjoying a vacation with his father, Mr. Wm. Wilson.

Mr. Gladstone Walls, of St. John, spent the holiday at his home in Deaktown.

Mr. Wm. Stevenson, of Amherst, spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Stevenson.

Mr. Gordon Chalmers, of Bathurst, spent Christmas with Chatham friends.

Fred Neely, of Truro, and Robert V. Neely, of Campbellton, are spending their vacation with their mother here.

Miss Sadie MacNeil, of Truro, and Earl Mowatt, of Campbellton, were in town last week.

Mr. Blair Bell, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Jacques River, spent the week-end in town, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Bell.

Miss Jeffrey spent last week in St. John with her sister, Mrs. Markham.

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became the bride of Mr. Delbert Handlen Biggar, of this city. Rev. T. Porter Drumm, pastor of St. John Presbyterian church officiated in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. The bride wore her traveling suit of blue serge with fur trimmings and black velvet hat. After the ceremony, luncheon was served and the young couple left by the C. P. R. for Halifax where the honeymoon will be spent. A number of useful and beautiful gifts were received.

Miss Marjorie Robinson, who is a student at Haverhill College, in Toronto, is at home for the holidays.

Mr. Chester B. Sears, a student at McGill University, is spending the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Sears.

Miss Bertie Kelly, of Lowell (Mass.), is spending a few weeks in the city, the guest of Mrs. B. H. Myles.

Mr. Charles Thompson, who is attending Acadia Academy at Wolfville, is spending the holiday season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thompson.

Mr. Rupert Irving, who is taking a course in dentistry at Harvard University, is at home for the holidays.

Miss Kate Hamilton, of Ottawa, is spending Christmas with relatives in the city.

Mr. Arthur Wood, who is attending Dalhousie College, at Halifax, is spending the holiday season at his home in the city.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., JANUARY 5, 1916

WAR COMMENT

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SECOND ONLY TO BRITISH

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The Cory Agricultural Exhibition Building Where Lieutenant-Colonel F. V. Wedderburn's Doughty 115th Battalion is Being Hoisted. One of the Best-Built and Most Comfortable of the Exhibition Group in South End.

might of our sea power could be fully applied the enemy, long prepared and striking without warning, was almost knocking at the door of Paris.

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WHAT NOW?

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THE NEW YEAR AND THE WAR.

To speak or to think of the New Year is to speak or think of the war, and to hope that 1916 will bring victory and peace. The world has never before seen, never again will see, such a New Year's Day.

women of Serbia they have sacrificed all for their country. The outdoor life of the men and women of Montenegro has stood them in good stead in their struggles against hostile forces.

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The New Brunswick convention party is to hold a provincial convention in St. John next week. The province needs new measures and good men to carry them through. No election is to be expected, but the opposition is acting wisely in deciding to acquiesce in the policy of the government.

The Dying Year. The whispering wind is sighing. Sighing about the door. The year is slowly dying. Dying forever more.

Oh loyal sons and daughters. For you the Yale log burned. And many a tear has fallen. For those who'll never return.

May their souls find peace eternal. In the land of bliss above. And their deeds resound through ages. The undying kernel of love.

J. H. RYAN, Mallett, Victoria Co., Dec. 26, 1915.

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"I am getting the best care here—rooms are large and beds soft, reminds me of home. I am taken on a motor ride four times a week and have attended some parties given for the patients. The Lentham boy was with me. He came over with the 26th and has been laid up with rheumatism."

Rival of German Chlorine.

A real rival for the German's chlorine gas has been discovered by a Canadian soldier in England, according to word brought by members of the party of returned convalescent soldiers, says the Toronto News. The inventor of the new destructive agent is Sergeant Percy H. Lawrence, of Yvrac, a member of the 17th battalion, and he has been working on the development of the substance for four or five months, it is declared. Soldiers who returned after that experiments were carried out by the Nova Scotia in the presence of representatives of the British war office, who now hold the secret formula. Asked as to whether the British authorities intended to use the new gas, several of the returned men stated that, according to their belief, the British might employ the substance in order to compel the Germans to forego the use of their chlorine vapors.

According to the returned soldiers the gas invented by the Canadian will be so terrible that the enemy will never want to use their gas. It is a combination of chemicals from which it is impossible to escape, it is declared, because of the fact that it explodes when it comes into contact with certain materials. In a recent experiment in which a cat was used as a victim, the animal was killed instantly, although only a small quantity was released. They say that Sergeant Lawrence has been working so hard in the perfection of the gaseous substance that he has become broken down, but the combustible is now ready for practical use in the field.

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OFFICIAL REPORT SAYS U. S. CONSUL LOST

Washington, Jan. 2.—Advice to the state department today from American Consul Garrels at Alexandria, Egypt, indicates that Robert N. G. McNeilly, consul at Aden, Arabia, who was on the steamer Persia when she was sunk in the Mediterranean, was lost. He was last seen in the water after the vessel sank. Consul Garrels reports that Charles H. Grant, of Boston, another American aboard the Persia, was saved.

No submarine was seen by survivors, according to Garrels' report, but an officer of the Persia saw the wake of the torpedo which struck his ship. She sank in five minutes.

IMPOSSIBLE TO LOWER STARBOARD BOATS.

London, Jan. 2, 11.40 p. m.—The Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company tonight received the following telegram from C. C. Bigham, who was among the survivors of the Persia disaster:

"A torpedo struck the ship on the port bow at 1.05 o'clock in the afternoon when about forty miles south of the east end of the island of Crete. No warning was given, nor any attempt made to assist. Within five minutes the ship had sunk. It was impossible to lower the starboard boats, owing to the heavy list. Five or six boats were lowered on the port side. I did not see this myself, as I was washed overboard when the boat capsized."

"The conduct of the passengers and crew was splendid. There was no struggling and no panic. Four boats, after thirty hours at sea, were picked up by a warship."

Russians' Effective Work In Bukovina

London, Jan. 2.—The Russians have captured the heights northeast of Czernowitz, Bukovina, according to a despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Petrograd. Eight hundred and seventy prisoners fell into the hands of the Russians.

London, Jan. 2.—Russia's campaign in Bessarabia continues to be the most important visible war activity. From the Pripiet to the Roumanian frontier, over a front of at least 300 miles, a huge Russian force with a great appearance of confidence is hurling sledge-hammer blows at the opposing forces, which, according to all accounts, totals at least a million and a half men.

Petrograd still claims considerable success in the early stages of the campaign, and despatches emphasize the excellent equipment, supplies and munitions which Russia laid up for this purpose during a period of comparative passivity.

So long as Russia keeps up her present activity just north of the Roumanian border the attitude of Roumania will continue to grow in importance. There have been many assertions in the Entente capitals that Roumania was about to enter the war on the side of the Allies, but nothing to support this has yet been heard from credible Roumanian sources.

THE FERTILIZER SITUATION.

The Effects of the European War on the Farms—Sulphuric Acid Going into Ammunition Instead of Superphosphate—Cotton Crop May Be Reduced.

(Florida Times-Union.)

Abnormal conditions are affecting the fertilizer market more than ever. With practically all Europe at war and almost all industrial America engaged in preparing the means of keeping up the slaughter with the Panama canal indefinitely closed and the lesser factors of storm and fire contributing to the disturbance of the course of peaceful trade as well as those of destruction, the outlook for agriculture is not reassuring. The manufacturers of fertilizer are feeling the situation keenly and the farming community, which depends largely on fertilizers for prosperity, is likely to feel it no less acutely.

Acid phosphate, for instance, might somewhat mitigate the potash situation. But aside from the greater demand for it, the sulphuric acid used in its manufacture is being bought up for less peaceful purposes. The amount of sulphuric acid used in making a ton of superphosphate could be sold to manufacturers of ammunition for consideration.

Of course the price of acid phosphate and that of sulphate of ammonia, into the manufacture of which, in some processes, sulphuric acid largely enters, may be expected to emulate that of potash and soar up to greater heights. An open bid for all he could furnish at a price far above that of acid phosphate was refused by a leading fertilizer manufacturer of this city who announced his intention to use all of his large supply in the manufacture of that fertilizer.

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Nitrate of soda is higher and the price advancing. Owing to the closing of the Panama Canal by the latest slide and the necessary rearrangement of charts to bring tonnage of soda the long way around, the small surplus in the United States at present will be entirely exhausted before new cargoes can reach our shores.

The cotton planter is adding to the embarrassment of the fertilizer market by his shortsightedness. Farmers are cutting their cotton seed in large quantities at the alarming offer of \$40 to \$50 a ton. Although they do not realize it, the cotton crop of next season may be shorter than it should be. In view of the greater prices for that staple that will result—and that not because of a lack of seed but because of a shortage of the fertilizers they rely upon to produce big crops. The strong market for cotton seed was established by the abnormal demand for it for the expressing of oil for soaps and other compounds into which formerly entered greases which now are not procurable.

The manufacturers of these commodities are paying higher prices for the product which after they have expressed the oil will be used for the making of meal, grinding up the residue cake. They will naturally hold the prices of the meal high to reimburse themselves for the high price they have had to pay for the seed. Other manufacturers of cotton seed meal are not able to pay such prices for it, or if they do, must likewise demand a high price for the meal.

The cotton farmer may turn to other sources of amounts only to find that blood, leakage and other organic ammoniates have advanced and that they are strongly held at the advance. Thus he will find that what he has made by selling his cotton seed at an advanced price he must pay out again to procure the ammonia that his crops demand. Yet he may not be aware of the reason for the advancing prices of these fertilizer materials, and may denounce others for a situation he has created himself.

Wisdom calls upon the farmer and gardener to study these things and try to meet on common ground the manufacturer of the fertilizer on which he depends for his crops—not expecting to be taken care of, but to contribute some self-help himself.

Soldierly Commander Of the 115th Battalion



LT. COL. F. V. WEDDERBURN.

C. P. R. PRESIDENT CREATED A BARON

London, Dec. 31.—Among the honours conferred by King George at the New Year are the following:

Barons: William Waldorf Astor, Lord Charles Belfrage, Sir Alexander Henderson, Sir Thomas Shaftnessy, David A. Thomas and Captain Cecil William Norton.

Among those who received baronetcies are Vice Admiral Sir Frederick C. D. Sturdee, Sir William Goschen, Sir Chas. Johnston and Alfred A. Booth.

The privy councillors named included Wm. Crooks and Sir Frederick Banbury. Earl Curzon of Kedleston and the Duke of Devonshire are made knights of the garter.

Lord Mersey is elevated to the rank of viscount.

Astor's Honors a Surprise.

The New Year honours announced tonight stand apart from the conventional lists through the absence of rewards for political and party services and the substitution of recognitions of various sorts.

There was one notable surprise—the conferring of a peerage on William Waldorf Astor, the wealthy American, who years ago became an expatriate.

Another surprise, which is certain to be as popular as it is harmonious with the spirit of the day, is the appointment of William, or Will, as he is better known, Crooks, the Labor leader, to the privy council.

Mr. Astor's title is considered as being the fulfillment of the ambition which brought him to England sixteen years ago to become a British subject. There is no one able to recall a former instance of an American becoming a British peer, except Lord Fairfax, of Cameron. It is gossip tonight that some of the king's advisers entertain the belief that Mr. Astor's honor will be especially pleasing to Americans.

Mr. Astor's reputed candidacy to the peerage was a topic which greatly annoyed society after he was launched by his career as a British subject. Unfortunately, for his ambitions, they were clouded by an incident which is supposed to have incurred for him King Edward's displeasure. A popular British officer is said to have appeared at a reception at Mr. Astor's London mansion, whose name was not on the invitation list. The officer arrived with a party of invited guests with whom he had been dining, which is frequently the case in London society. Mr. Astor, it is said, requested the officer to depart, and King Edward was reputed to have been much irritated, since the officer held a high place in the king's esteem. This story was current and widely published at the time.

Mr. Astor has made large contributions to the war funds. His daughter-in-law is one of the famous Langhorne sisters, well known in the United States for their beauty. She has been an active worker in the cause of the wounded.

RECRUITING TOUR IN WESTERN COUNTIES

Lt. Col. P. A. Guthrie and Capt. L. P. D. Tilley the Speakers

DATES ANNOUNCED

Beginning Tomorrow Tuesday Meetings Will Be Held in Victoria, Madawaska and Charlotte Counties—Districts for Battalions Not Binding on Recruits.

Monday, Jan. 3. Captain L. P. D. Tilley, recruiting officer for this province, accompanied by Lieutenant-Colonel P. A. Guthrie, will leave this morning for the western counties where a recruiting campaign will be launched. An itinerary has been planned which will keep these gentlemen busy during the entire week in Victoria and Madawaska counties.

The week following they will go to Charlotte county and the islands. Their itinerary is as follows: Monday, Jan. 3—Adover. Tuesday, Jan. 4—Plaster Rock. Wednesday, Jan. 5—Grand Falls. Thursday, Jan. 6—Edmondston. Friday, Jan. 7—St. Edmunds. Saturday, Jan. 8—St. Andrews. Sunday, Jan. 9—Wilson's Beach (Campobello).

Monday, Jan. 12—North Head (Grand Manan). Tuesday, Jan. 13—St. Stephen. Friday, Jan. 14—St. George.

Recruits May Choose.

The following instructions of a very important character in the matter of recruiting throughout this province have been received by Captain L. P. D. Tilley from the chief recruiting officer of this military division.

The instructions are in part as follows: "Referring to previous instructions re the 4th division battalion areas, the battalion area of the 115th battalion, C. E. F., comprises the counties of St. John, Charlotte, York, Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska. The battalion areas for the 14th overseas battalion, C. E. F., comprise the counties of Albert, Kings, Queens and Sunbury. While these battalion areas have been especially fixed in a general way for the counties in which it is expected that the battalions will be recruited, this is in no respect to interfere with the wishes of the recruits, it being desired by headquarters that recruits should have the freest possible choice as to which battalion they wish to join. No attempt should be made to persuade them from carrying out their own wishes."

This puts a new complexion on recruiting throughout the province. It had been generally understood in military circles that men enlisting in any one county were under more or less of a moral obligation to join the battalion to which they had been assigned. Now, however, there appears to be a desire on the part of the military headquarters to appoint these military areas more as a channel for systematic recruiting, rather than to pin it down to hard and fast rules as to what unit a recruit must or must not join.

It has, of course, been generally understood that the service of a recruit in the 115th battalion is optional. He may, however, be desired to offer his services in any portion of the maritime provinces, being the fifth military area.

Eighteen Recruits a Week.

Fredericton claims the honor of having sent to the service of the empire eighteen men a week since Aug. 21 last. Since then 248 men have been sworn in at the Fredericton recruiting office, according to the "records" there. During the last week twenty-five men were recruited in Fredericton.

Wounded in Air Raid.

A Fredericton boy, in the person of Lieutenant "Tico" Barker, son of R. S. Barker, one of those wounded in the Zeppelin raid over Otterpool Camp. He received severe injuries to his head and had one arm poisoned. He was one of several former non-commissioned officers in the 23rd battery who later received commissions in the Royal Artillery and had just completed his course. He will go to the front with a heavy siege battery.

Has Three Sons in Khaki.

Mrs. Frank McKean, of Macquetown, York county, already has three sons in khaki. Private Vernon W. Langille, of the 10th battalion, is in the ranks with the commercial travelers' platoon of the 104th, and Eben L. Langille, who is with the 64th in training at Halifax. All three have been in the front since the outbreak of the war.

A Motto for the Girls.

A pretty Summerville girl suggests that the following motto be adopted by all Canadian "girls": "Lips that decline shall never touch mine." This is in line with the motto of the girls of St. John and other cities in the dominion where the cold shoulder is being given to the young men who are too slow about enlisting. With genuine feminine intuition, our young ladies figure out that a man who is slow to enlist would be too much of a slacker to make a good husband. If this motto is adhered to in Summerville, the lips that decline to say the words that make them soldiers of the empire will go unmissed to an unmentioned grave—Summerside Journal.

DEPENDENT MAN COMMITS SUICIDE IN FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 31.—While in a fit of temporary insanity, Aaron Ingraham, a truckman, committed suicide this morning by hanging himself to a beam in a barn. He was a sufferer from asthma, and had been despondent for some time. He belonged to Queensbury, was about fifty years of age, and leaves his wife and one son. He owned a small farm at Doak Settlement.

Columbus Dorsey, a colored man from Maine, was arrested for drunkenness here last night and was sentenced to two years' imprisonment. He will be deported.

Twenty-five recruits for overseas service have been signed up here during the week. Enlistments yesterday numbered nine. The soldiers here will be provided with an elaborate New Year's dinner.

WHOOPING COUGH

No cough sufferer old or young can take Veno's Lightning Cough Cure without benefit. In whooping cough its quick, sure relief is truly startling. Mothers who do not know Veno's often think that whooping cough must go on until the season changes. They are wrong. Veno's cures whatever the season, cures at once and cures thoroughly.

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PRESIDENT TODD RESIGNS FROM VALLEY ROAD

Ill-Health and Business Ascribed as the Cause—Operation of the Road to Continue.

Fredericton, Dec. 31.—Irving R. Todd, of Milltown, has resigned from the presidency of the St. John & Quebec Railway.

Announcement to that effect was made following the meeting of the directors of the company yesterday afternoon. Mr. Todd left for his home last evening, stating before he left that the condition of his health and the pressure of his private business made necessary his resignation.

The new president of the company has not yet been named, but may be when the directors meet at St. John again next Thursday for the purpose of opening the tenders for the construction of extensions of the Valley Railway.

Will Operate Road.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Pending the completion of a new agreement, the Intercolonial will continue to operate the St. John Valley Railway. The government has been operating at a loss of \$1,000 a day. It is expected that in making the new agreement this government will justify a larger share of the earnings being turned over to it, possibly the whole of the earnings will be taken until the road shows a profit.

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MARKED GAIN IN CUSTOMS REVENUE

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Customs revenue continues to show large increases over the concluding months of last year. For the month just closed, customs receipts totalled \$9,482,664, an increase of \$4,513,856, or nearly 100 per cent, over December of last year.

For the nine months of the fiscal year the customs revenue has totalled \$71,721,805, an increase of \$12,961,664, or about 22 per cent, as compared with the corresponding nine months of last year.

For the full fiscal year the customs revenue should, at the present rate, show an increase of over \$20,000,000, as compared with the preceding fiscal year.

SASKATCHEWAN LEPER TO TRACADIE (N. B.)

Swift Current, Sask., Dec. 31.—The suspected case of leprosy quarantined here has proven to be the genuine disease and the afflicted man will be sent to the leper hospital in New Brunswick, all precautions being taken to completely isolate the victim on the way to that institution.

CHURCH AT LOW POINT, C. B., BURNED; LOSS \$20,000

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 2.—The parish church at Low Point about seven miles down the river from Sydney, of which Rev. Father A. G. McAulay is pastor, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. It is thought to have started from a defective furnace. The glebe house nearby was saved with difficulty. The church was valued at over \$20,000 with \$3,000 insurance.

DR. KATHERINE TRAVIS SAFE

Miss Minnie Travis, of Hampton, received as a New Year's present the good news that her sister, Dr. Katherine Travis, is safe. Dr. Edwin Pyle, who has just returned from Serbia, wrote from Roosevelt Hospital, New York, on Dec. 28 to Miss Minnie Travis: "My Dear Miss Travis: Dr. Travis gave me your address in Nish when I arrived in the United States that she is perfectly well and comfortable and intends to return to the United States at the first opportunity. The Bulgarians are very friendly towards her and will, I think, permit her to leave the country for Roumania, from where she can return via Russia."

LIEUT.-COL. SNOW DEAD FROM WOUNDS

F. Longueville Snow, 8 Oxford avenue, has just received news of the death of his brother, Lieut.-Col. Cecil Longueville Snow, in the western desert of Egypt from wounds received in action against the Hun.

Quite recently Lord Kitchener sent a message "Father Snow on Route (his nephew) must always be at..." an island town where the Snows are. Colonel Snow had been in Egypt about twenty-eight years, and knew the Arabs and their language thoroughly. His Egyptian Government was Snow Bay.

About thirty-two years ago he was a resident of Montreal.

\$68,000 INSURANCE LOSS IN DESTRUCTION OF CARAQUET COLLEGE

About 8 o'clock yesterday morning fire broke out in the Sacred Heart College, Caraquet, and the historic institution, owned and conducted by the Eulalie Fathers, was completely destroyed. The loss is roughly estimated at between \$200,000 and \$300,000. The number enrolled in the college was 216; and these were principally of French-Canadian descent. The best of learning was needed early in the winter and about five years' additions were made to the building. Under present conditions it will mean a big undertaking to replace the building.

There was a total insurance of \$68,000 carried on the building, divided among the following companies. Sun, \$10,000; Royal Exchange, \$15,000; Royal Canadian, \$15,000; Western, \$9,000; and Douglas Rogers National of Hartford, \$19,000.

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TWO PICTURES CONTRASTED BY MEMBERS OF THE 26TH

The Well-Kept Despised Soldier in St. John and the Heroic Muddy Figure in the Trenches

Canadians Write Stirring Tales of Fighting in Belgium—Boys of 55th Enjoy Leave in London—Dr. McIntosh Goes Up the Nile.

The following letter, written in the trenches in Belgium, was recently received by Mrs. J. Fraser Gregory of this city, from Sgt. A. G. Gunn of the 26th battalion.

"I was delighted to receive the P. P. C. you sent along. I may say it was handed to me while I was in the front trenches, and really I could not but compare the difference between now and the times I spent in old St. John.

"I suppose you will have heard by this time of Sgt. Major Brooks being wounded. They say it was not serious, but we can never tell here until we get news from the man himself. What do you think of the 8th now? I should have said the New Brunswick regiment, the 'fighting 26th'.

"Our regiment is right into it at last after the months of hard training and weary waiting, but a happier, harder fighting regiment was never produced in Canada, having already received the 'Well Done' order from the general.

"Mark my words, great things will be accomplished by this regiment before we leave our quarters in Berlin for our old home, the Army.

"We have lots of good men here, and I have seen many brave, self-sacrificing acts performed that will never be recorded; but this I will say, if it is my fortune to die here, I do not desire any greater honor than to go down as they went down.

"A writer has said: 'It is not the fact that you died that counts, but how you die.' I do not think you would recognize the 26th now. Pen and paper cannot describe the appearance of the regiment wading around in the trenches, does not in any way suit their personal beauty.

GROUP OF OFFICERS IN 115TH



Left to right, top row: Lieutenant R. Ingleson, Lieutenant C.W.N. Stevens, Lieutenant McLeod, Lieutenant D. B. Clarkson, Lieutenant Roy Davidson, Lieutenant Ernie A. March, Lieutenant Clair Gilmore.

Front row: Cadet Henry Barker, Captain A. R. Sprenger (adj.), Major F. C. Jones, Lieutenant C. F. Sanford, Captain Dr. Wm. Warwick, Lieutenant K. Schofield, Billy Trifis, boy aide, in front.

through the Mediterranean, now the most dangerous of the war zones. Extracts from Dr. McIntosh's letter follow:

"I left Egypt several days ago and was glad to get away even to face the war. I have had a couple of rough days, but I feel more comfortable in bed, where I look to see if I can get any rest. We have a couple of rough days, but I feel more comfortable in bed, where I look to see if I can get any rest.

"I have passed hundreds of the thousands of islands, a very fine ground for submarines to operate, but we expect to reach port tonight. I may send some letters from here.

"Well, I am sure getting about some and seeing the end, and will experience some of the most dangerous part I could take without going into the trenches. It is sure some scrap out here.

Major Melville Coming Home. A report has been received at Florenceville, his former home, to the effect that Major W. W. Melville, who went to the front with the first contingent in command of the Brighton Engineers, has been granted a furlough and will shortly return home and visit his family at Florenceville. He has been on the firing line for almost a year continuously.

Missed the Train. "I must tell you how I got wounded one night in the boot," writes Private Herbert Sutcliffe, of the 4th battalion, to his father in Warley, Yorkshire. "The sergeant-major and I had been crawling about during the day, taking stock of the enemy's wire defences, etc., and at night the idea occurred to me to get a little diversion for Fritz's diversion. We had a 100-pound shell which had come over and failed to go off."

MISSISSAUGA SAFELY IN ENGLAND WITH 1714 CANADIAN FIGHTERS

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—It is officially announced, through the Chief Press Officer's office, that the troopship Mississauga, which sailed from Canada on December 18, has arrived safely in England.

She had on board the following troops: No. 3 siege battery, six officers and 214 men, drafts; Horse Artillery, two officers, 100 men; Field Artillery, fourteen officers, 603 men; Winnipeg Highlanders, six officers, 249 men; Infantry from Edmonton, one officer, 44 men; Cyclists, two officers, sixty men; Army Service Corps, five officers, 200 men; Army Medical Corps, ten officers, thirty men; Dental Corps, twenty officers, 39 men; civilian practitioners for regular army, five officers; naval ratings, two officers, 92 men; details, four officers, six men, total of 1,714 troops.

CHRISTMAS FOR CANADIAN SOLDIERS. London, Jan. 2.—(Montreal Gazette Cable)—Describing Christmas Day at the front, a trooper of the Canadian Cavalry of the Second Division says:

"We had a very decent day under the circumstances. There was a regular routine of our troops at squadrons headquarters, many not having met since coming to France. Dinner consisted of soup, roast pork, vegetables and plum pudding, and the toast—'The King' and 'Canada'—were drunk in good English beer imported for the occasion. This was followed by a concert. On the whole, the day, though not as bright as if we were at home, was much brighter than we had anticipated."

FOUL PLAY CAUSE OF NATAL'S LOSS

London, Dec. 31.—In accordance with its procedure of late, the admiralty has given no indication as to locality of the Natal disaster. The military regulations make it impossible to give this information publicly.

The loss is generally attributed to foul play. In support of this theory attention is called to the similar disasters which overtook the British battleship Bulwark, which was blown up off Sheerness in November of last year with the loss of 700 or more men, and the British steamship Princess Irene, blown up in Sheerness harbor last May with the loss of between 300 and 400 lives.

London, Dec. 31.—The British armored cruiser Natal has sunk after an explosion. Official announcement to this effect was made here today.

The Natal was sunk yesterday afternoon while in harbor, as the result of internal explosion. There are about 400 survivors.

The sinking of the Natal is the severest loss which the British navy has sustained in several months. No British naval vessel of importance has been sunk since last May, when the Triumph and Majestic were torpedoed at the Dardanelles. The Natal, although a powerful main-of-war, was laid down eleven years ago, and her displacement was only about one half that of the largest British sea fighters. The Natal's normal complement was 704 men. Her displacement was 13,660 tons. She was 480 feet long, and 73 feet of beam. Her largest guns were 9.2 inch. Of these she carried three forward and three aft. She was armed also with four 7.5 inch guns, twenty-four three pounders and three torpedo tubes.

FRENCH SUBMARINE REPORTED SUNK. Berlin, Dec. 31, by wireless to Seyville.—An official Austrian report, received here today from Vienna, says that the French submarine Mionge was sunk on Wednesday by an Austrian flotilla.

The action occurred in the Adriatic, off Durazzo, Albania. The statement follows:

"An Austro-Hungarian flotilla, consisting of the cruiser Heiligendal and five destroyers, on the morning of Dec. 29 destroyed the French submarine Mionge. The second officer and fifteen sailors were captured.

The Mionge was built in 1909. She was 167 feet long and 392 tons displacement above water. Her complement was 24 men.

WILL RETAIN HALF OF SOLDIERS' PAY

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Action has been taken by the government to secure for each Canadian soldier at the front a nest-egg in the way of accumulated pay on his return to Canada at the conclusion of the war. It is understood that an order-in-council has been passed retaining a considerable portion of the monthly pay due the soldiers who have not assigned their pay to relatives in Canada, and who are now overseas, where there is no need for any immediate expenditure, and practically no opportunity for the expenditure of their whole monthly pay.

The men actually at the front receive only \$6 per month in pay, while officers are restricted to a maximum of \$75 per month. The balance is placed to their credit and when they secure leave an amount up to \$100 of accumulated pay is allowed them, if they so desire.

Under the new arrangement it is expected that nearly half of the regular pay will be held back until the final settlement at the end of the war, thus forcing a sort of compulsory saving on the troops, which in both their interest and in the interest of their families.

Experience has shown that a considerable majority of the men on getting leave of absence immediately proceed to 'blow in' their accumulated arrears of pay.

LIEUT. SHERREN, OF 26TH, WOUNDED

Popular P. E. I. Man with N. B. Battalion Appears in Casualty List.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—But one maritime province man, Donald D. McPherson, of Glen William (P. E. I.), appears in tonight's casualty list. He is reported seriously ill with the 17th battalion.

The list follows:

THIRD BATTALION. Accidentally Wounded—Charles E. Blandford, Toronto.

Died of Wounds—Alexander A. Murray, Oakville (Ont.).

Wounded—Geo. Webb, Montreal.

FOURTH BATTALION. Killed in Action—John M. Suckney, St. Cloud, Florida.

Previously Reported Missing, Now Officially Reported Killed in Action—John J. Flynn, Hamilton (Ont.).

Severely Wounded—Charles H. Miller, England.

SEVENTH BATTALION. Killed in Action—Harry L. Whitehead, New Westminster (B. C.).

Wounded—Wm. McAdam, Scotland.

TENTH BATTALION. Wounded—Denis W. Housman, England; James Gilchrist, Scotland.

SIXTEENTH BATTALION. Dangerously Ill—Peter Burck, Montreal.

SEVENTEENTH BATTALION. Seriously Ill—Wm. A. Bennett, Winnipeg; DONALD D. McPHERSON, Glen William (P. E. I.).

NINETEENTH BATTALION. Seriously Ill—Corporal Joe Peatman, Hamilton (Ont.).

Wounded, but on Duty—Edward F. Chesnut, Toronto.

Wounded—Henry Scott, Scotland.

TWENTY-FOURTH BATTALION. Severely Wounded—James Smith, England.

THIRTY-FIRST BATTALION. Wounded—Wm. Foster, Hazelton, Edmonton (Alta.).

THIRTY-FOURTH BATTALION. Dangerously Ill—Albert Dundy, Guelph (Ont.).

THIRTY-SIXTH BATTALION. Died—Benj. Wright, England.

FORTY-THIRD BATTALION. Seriously Ill—Edgar A. MacLean, Winnipeg.

FIFTY-EIGHTH BATTALION. Dangerously Ill—Bugler Harry Rance, England.

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S. Seriously Ill—Victor Montmerie, New York.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—Lieutenant P. C. Sherren, of the 26th battalion, appears in the afternoon casualty list and is the only member of the battalion in either day or night lists.

The lists follow: SEVENTH BATTALION. Previously Reported Wounded, Now Wounded and Missing Since Sept. 37—Private Patrick Bosch, Kingston (Ont.). THIRTEENTH BATTALION. Died of Wounds—Walter Leary, Port Morden (N. S.). FOURTEENTH BATTALION. Wounded—William Ernest, Calais (Me.). TWENTY-FIRST BATTALION. Killed in Action—Arthur Carman, Kingston (Ont.). Wounded—George Spicer, Garden Hill (Ont.). TWENTY-SECOND BATTALION. Severely Wounded—J. E. Sparrow, Hull (Ont.). TWENTY-FIFTH BATTALION. Killed in Action—ALBERT HILL, Halifax (N. S.).

AGENTS WANTED

RELIABLE representative to meet the tremendous demand for fruit trees throughout New Brunswick. We wish to secure four good men to represent and general agents. The agent taken in the fruit-growing New Brunswick offers exceptional opportunities for men of enterprising and permanent position in Toronto, Ont.

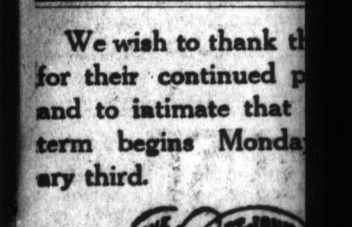
THERE is a boom in the real estate in New Brunswick. We have Agents now in every district. Pay weekly; ill. Feltman Nursery Co., Toronto.

WANTED—First class School District No. 4, Grand Manan. Apply, state experience, Scott D. Gunn, Treasurer, Grand Manan.

FOR SALE. FARM for sale, three or four acres, near Benzon, Shannon post office.

TEACHERS WANTED. Second class for School District No. 4 of Springfield. Apply, state experience, T. J. Stewart, (N. B.).

We wish to thank you for your continued aid and to intimate that term begins Monday, January third.



S. KERR.

BIRTHS

MULLIN—To Mr. and Mrs. Mullin, 29 Charles street.

MARRIAGES

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DEATHS

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ANDERSON—Entered the Kingdom of Heaven, on Dec. 29, 1915, after a long illness, at his residence, 100 St. John street, Martha Annie Anderson, leaving one brother, one sister and one daughter.

McMONGAL—In this city, on Dec. 29, 1915, James, son of the late James and Ann McMongal, brother and one sister to the late James McMongal, aged 78 years, leaving one daughter to mourn. (Free press copy).

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MACDOUGALL—Suddenly on January 2, 1916, at 197 Paradise Row, D. Oscar MacDougall...

VITA BREVIS. I. Soul! If indeed the dead do not arise...

II. Once more our halcyon by the water's edge Flashes his capricious sheathing, and once more...

III. The partridge sang along the little shore, Each silvered morning sees one roose the less...

IV. One gold scale flick'd from out the poplar's last dress...

V. Bird unbegotten and unbudded rose, New wings, new leaves, new-risen loveliness...

VI. All the earth gave, again the earth shall take...

VII. Grave is she, grave and mother, slayer and spouse...

VIII. But suits were built in heaven for thy sake...

IX. Thou shalt go home; perhaps shall know Great laughter greet thee from thy Father's House...

X. —Marjorie L. C. Pickball in the University Magazine.

MARINE JOURNAL

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Sch Elma, loaded with laths from Alma, in for harbor yesterday...

CANADIAN PORTS. Parrabro, Dec 29—Arr, schs Murray D. Carey, Wolfville, Maple Leaf, Baird, Digby, Bolte, Rowe, Five Islands...

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OUR SOLDIERS

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PEITICODIAC

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Salisbury. Salisbury, N. B., Jan. 1—Mrs. Charles Jones, of this village, met with a painful accident on New Year's eve...

John Wilson, wireless operator, of Halifax, and his wife, and Mr. Wilby's mother, Mrs. Miles Wilson, of Moncton, were among the holiday guests here today...

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar McKie, Moncton, spent New Year's here, the guests of Mrs. C. Grandall...

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Allen, of Caledonia, Quebec county, spent Christmas with their family...

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