

PREMIERS' CHEERFUL MESSAGE

Provincial Government Leaders Are All Very Optimistic.

"Business As Usual" is Motto All Give Out.

[By Special Wire to the Courier]

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—A note of confidence and optimism and of linked arms with other units of the British Empire, is struck in the annual messages of Canada's provincial premiers...

VOICE FROM QUEBEC

Sir Lomer Gouin states that Quebec province is fortunate in the fact that so large and important an element of its population is dependent alone for its prosperity upon the products of the soil and of the dairy industry...

MANITOBA HEARD

Sir Rodmond Roblin, premier of Manitoba, says that never was so large an acreage prepared for spring time, nor ever was it so thoroughly done as in 1914.

ARE DEMORALIZED

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BENGAL LANGERS TEARING A PATH THROUGH LINES OF GERMAN INFANTRY.



In describing this scene, drawn by Christopher Clark, a special artist for this newspaper, the New York Herald and the London Sphere, a writer in the London Daily Telegraph said:—The German plan seemed to be to break the British line at the point where they guessed the British to be most exhausted.

DEFEAT OF AUSTRIANS IN GALICIA IS AN EVENT THAT WILL HELP TO DECIDE WAR

Vienna Reports Confirm Petrograd's Official News --Austrians Are Demoralized--Germans are on Offensive Only Along Pilica River.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A London cable to The Herald says: "The most important and probably the most far-reaching event in the recent history of the war is the overwhelming defeat of the Austrians in Galicia and the complete collapse of the military authorities here."

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CASUALTIES COME NEARER HOME

The official casualty list for the Indian army published this morning in the wounded list the name of a distinguished officer of the 48th Sikhs, Major van Someren, a nephew of Mr. A. P. van Someren, 181 St. Paul's Ave.

JAP TROOPS NOT IN RUSSIA, DENIAL MADE

There is Strong Agitation in Favor of Sending Army to Europe

[By Special Wire to the Courier] TOKIO, Dec. 31, 4:30 p.m.—In its denial of reports that Japanese troops had been landed at Vladivostok, or any other place, en route to Europe, the Foreign Office included this statement: "Japan has not been approached by Great Britain or any other country to send an army to Europe."

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PARIS, Dec. 31.—A Berlin private cable says that the German Supreme War Tribunal has sentenced a British war prisoner, Londale, to death for assaulting a German officer at the Dohzitz concentration camp.

Don't blame the war. Look nearer home. A snowstorm of worthless paper and the antics of a German crank do not affect the ultimate possibilities and prospects of a young, energetic country rich in natural resources.

TURKEY HAS FALLEN IN GERMAN TRAP—REASSURES FOR ENTRY INTO THE WAR

Ruin of Country is Predicted and Some Very Hard Thinking is Being Done—Bribery Played Important Part in Negotiations.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Daily Mail publishes the following written by an Englishman, who has returned from Constantinople: "The Turk—and even the German in Turkey—has been made to think, and to think hard by events which culminated in the sinking of a Turkish battleship by our submarine in the Dardanelles."

OFFICIAL FRENCH NOTICE

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It is Not Thought That Allies Will Continue Their Advance.

Too Costly Now When all the Results Are Considered.

Hot Election at Grand View

A really rousing old time meeting was held in the Grand View School room last night when T. W. Wood was returned as Lieutenant Colonel Muir presided before a well packed hall and enthusiasm which was at loose, knew no bounds.

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SUNNY MRS. WIGGS

Will be Seen in Her Cabbage Patch at the Grand To-night.

Anne Crawford Flexner, who dramatized "Mrs Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" which opens its local season at the Grand Thursday, Dec. 31, received thousands of letters from socialists all over the world, arguing that Mrs Wiggs' optimistic mood is got calculated to make fair progress.

"SEPTEMBER MORN"

At the Grand. Now for something new theatrically: Rowland and Clifford's big production—a musical play named "September Morn", having selected this popular subject for a lively piece with music which introduces a big company of fifty people.

A great cast are among the principals and the chorus is made up mostly of girls, pretty of face and figure, superbly costumed. This company has just closed a happy, successful run at the LaSalle Opera House. This big success will be at the Grand, Monday January 4.

NEW YEAR RESOLUTION

That I am going to dine at the Y.M.C.A. Cafe in future; Bill of fare best in city. Private dining-room for ladies and gentlemen. Prompt service.

BUSINESS CHANGE

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

HOME PORTRAITS AND FLASH WORK A SPECIALTY

W. H. ORME (Formerly the Baird Studio)

Mrs. George Watt yesterday gave a small tea in honor of her mother, Mrs. Jennings, her sister-in-law, Mrs. Jennings, and Miss Jennings. Miss Christie poured tea.

Wishing One and All a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Social and Personal

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

Mr. Clayton Smale returned home last night, from Broadview, Sask.

Mr. Percy Tipper, is attending the New Year's holidays in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Webbing are spending New Year at Buffalo and the Falls.

Mr. H. M. Bell, Courier staff, is absent visiting in Toronto over the New Year holidays.

Miss Nellie Beaver of Copetown, is a guest at the home of Mrs. Chrysler, Albion St.

Mrs. W. F. Paterson yesterday gave a small tea to the friends of Mrs. Branscombe, who is at present her guest.

Mr. J. P. Morrison and his wife of Toronto, returned last night to their home after visiting during the week in the city.

Mrs. George Batchelor and her daughter, of the Royal Bank, are residing for a few days at the Kerby House.

Many friends of Mr. John Hutchinson will be pleased to know that he has returned to his home after an operation at the hospital.

There promises to be a large attendance at the dance to-night in the Conservatory of Music on behalf of the Belgian fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitton have returned from spending the holidays in Montreal. Mrs. Creighton is continuing her visit over the New Year.

Mrs. H. C. Allen, who has been spending two or three months in Chicago, the guest of her son, Mr. F. L. Allen, returned home to-day.

Signaller Ernest Vansickle, of the 19th Battalion, and contingent, of the Toronto Camp, spent his Christmas holidays here, with his parents, 59 Grey street.

Dr. C. E. Burt and son, Joseph, formerly of Berkeley, California, and of Burlington, Vermont, is visiting at the parental home in Echo Place, and also at Woodstock.

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A very pleasant afternoon was spent yesterday, when the girls and small boys of the Echo Place Anglican church held their annual Christmas tree at the home of Mrs. Thompson. A very delightful programme was given and all the children returned home after having a very pleasant time.

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ENTERTAINMENT WAS VERY ENJOYABLE

Grace Church Sunday School Has Had a Splendid Year.

The Grace Church annual Christmas entertainment and prize giving took place in the school last night and was entirely successful. The hall was well crowded and the audience heartily enjoyed the programme, in its excellence, which was given by the pupils of the Sunday School.

Archdeacon Mackenzie presided in his usual admirable way. The programme was divided into three parts, the first was a delightful change from the usual mode of entertainment. Showing many modern slight of hand tricks, Mr. C. E. Strong surprised all by his dexterity. Part two of the programme was formed by a splendid assortment of recitations, songs, dialogues, drills and sketches, all rendered by Sunday School children. The talent displayed was not only a direct merit for the pupils, but it reflected great credit upon the trainers of the little ones. The program was as follows: Recitations by Roy Potter, Marybell Weeks, Chas. Snowden, Grace Ogle, and dialogue numbers were given by the junior second boys, 1st book girls, junior fourth boys and a flag drill by junior third girls, while the junior fourth girls put on a tableau. Two juvenile artists also helped, Lucy Dugdale and Lucy Beney giving piano solos, while Harry Wilson played a violin air, well. A land motion drill by the senior third girls completed the program.

The little participants were applauded to the echo and they well deserved the rewards of appreciation.

The third part of the program consisted of the distribution of prizes to successful Sunday School attendants. The following children received presents: Prizes awarded to the pupils in each class, with the highest record.

BOYS. First Book—(a)—First prize—Chas. Gooch; second prize, Harry Myring; First Book, (b)—First prize, Haskett; Second prize, Harold Melior.

First Book (c)—First Prize, George Dempster; Second prize—Stanley Duval.

Second Book—First prize—Reuben Jaggard; second prize, Ronald Burley; Junior Second—First prize, James Paterson; second prize, Roger Benham.

Senior Second—First Prize, George F. Moore; second prize, Vincent Cutmore.

Junior Third—First prize, Robert Corke; first prize, Gerald McIntyre; second prize, Charles Bonny.

Senior Third—First prize, Edgar Fielden; second prize, Jack Clay.

Junior Fourth—First prize, Cyril House; second prize, Clarence Cockshert.

Senior Fourth—First prize, Albert Mellish; second prize, Reginald Hall.

First Book (a)—First prize, Annie Srinchcombe; second prize, Beatrice Jaggard.

First Book (b)—Margaret Luck; second prize, Eleanor Cutcliffe, Amy Ashton.

Second Book—First prize, Marybell Weeks; second prize, Amy Cutmore.

Junior Second—First prize, Consie Laborde; second prize, May Wainwright.

Senior Second—First prize, Eileen Harley, Elizabeth Hill; second prize, Helen Bartle.

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Senior Third—First prize, Edythe Cutmore; second, Rena Potter.

Junior Fourth—First prize, Louise Paterson; second prize, Grace Ogle, Bella Patullo.

Senior Fourth—Ruby Paterson, May Digby, Gladys Dishier.

Situated in the hall was a giant Christmas tree and at the close of the evening it bore evident signs of depletion, many gifts having been distributed from it.

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IMMANUEL HELD GOOD ENTERTAINMENT

Sunday School Scholars and Teachers Had a Pleasant Evening.

"Four hours of solid joy," was the verdict of audience that sat or stood in every possible point of vantage in the main auditorium of Immanuel Church on Tuesday evening on the occasion of the annual Sunday School Christmas entertainment. Around 8 o'clock the basement was a scene of smiling faces. It was feed time.

The concert commenced at 7 o'clock and after 11 numbers by the "tiny tots" of the primary class, whose solos and recitations were highly creditable, the program was given in the following order: Recitation, Jessie Wilmot; recitation, John Manns; dialogue, Jack Spratt and his wife; recitation, Edgar Osborne; recitation, Alfred Lemon; song, Mrs. (Dr.) Cunningham's class; dialogue, J. Franklin and Co.; Grantham's class; recitation, Percy Graves; dialogue, Miss Mills Class; dialogue, Mrs. Flaherty's class; drill, Miss Alma's class; recitation, Leonard Bygraves; song Miss Foster's class; recitation, Harvey Jennings; dialogue, Mrs. Posters' class; recitation, Earl Edwards; duet, Vera and Freddie; recitation, "Never My God to Thee, S.S. choir; dialogue, Mrs. Fowler's class; tableau Mrs. Franklin's class; dialogue, Baracca class; guess competition, Mr. Ansell's class; solo, Hazel Waldron; dialogue, Baracca and Delta Alpha classes; drill, Delta Alpha class; dialogue, Mrs. Franklin's class.

While every item was of a high order, special mention might be made of the Tableau, "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Tenting on the Old Camp Ground." The Backwoods School by Mrs. Reg. Fowler's boys. The Train to Mauro by the Baracca and Ansell's class; recitation, and supported by the spirit of service wherever a British subject is found.

TERRITORY RECOVERED Westminster Gazette. — L'Eclair gives a very interesting table which shows that the Allied troops have won back half the French territory occupied by the Germans on September 1. The figures are given for the various departments invaded, twelve in all, and in only one (Somme) have the Germans improved their position. In two (Seine-et-Marne and Aube) the Germans have been completely cleared out, and in the total, as we have said, half of the once occupied territory has been retaken. The Allied (see General Joffre would say) are slowly nibbling their way into the enemy's country.

BRITISH POLICY The Times of India.—If British policy has any intention to curb and so-called materialism which our enemy would have the world believe, what would have been our attitude at this juncture? Would it not have been one of aloofness, struggle and support, seeking to profit from the dissension of our rivals. If British policy had been the expression of calculated selfishness, would it have been enthusiastically acclaimed and supported by the spirit of service wherever a British subject is found.

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BRINGING IT HOME London Times.—Our people should apply the methods of German 'frightfulness' to their own neighborhood. When they think of what the churches, the streets, and the cottages they know would look like after a German visitation, when they imagine what would be the doom of their comrades and their friends, of their wives, their daughters, and themselves, they will feel a slight and shadowy notion of the menace that hangs over us. Only the victory of the Allies can free us from it. For that deliverance no efforts can be too strenuous, no sacrifices too dear.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

Wishing You One and All a

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

HYGIENIC DAIRY CO.

We Wish All Our Customers a Bright and Happy NEW YEAR For 1915 J. M. YOUNG & CO.



SCENE FROM THE BIG MUSICAL COMEDY, "SEPTEMBER MORN," AT THE GRAND, MONDAY, JANUARY 4.

HOTEL MENUS FOR NEW YEAR'S

The following are the menus at the Bodega Tavern and Belmont Hotel for New Year's:

BODEGA TAVERN

Queen Olives Sliced Tomatoes Celery Vegetable Soup Baked Ham Tomato Sauce Boiled Corned Beef with Cabbage Beef Steak Pie Spanish Cream Sirloin of Beef au Jus Roast Goose with Apple Sauce Boiled Potatoes Mashed Potatoes Pickled Beets French Peas Lettuce Salad Cucumber Salad Apple Pie Pumpkin Pie Steamed Fruit Pudding, Sweet Sauce Neslerode Ice Cream Tea Biscuits McLaren's Cheese Bodega Special Cheese English Breakfast Tea Milk Bodega Blend Coffee.

BELMONT HOTEL

A Happy New Year to All, Celery, Salted Almonds, Olives Lettuce Blue Points Cream of Tomato Julienne Boiled Halibut, Egg Sauce Saratoga Chips Leg of Mutton, Capet Sauce Tenderloin Saute au Champignons Fruit Salad, Whipped Cream Sirloin of Beef au Jus Young Turkey, Cranberry Sauce Young Goose, Apple Sauce Waldorf Lettuce and Onion Boiled and Mashed Potatoes Stewed Tomatoes Sugar Corn Christmas Plum Pudding Brandy Sauce Deep Apple Pie Raspberry Pie Mince Pie Nuts and Raisins Snow Apples Malaga Grapes Bananas McLaren's Rofeort Canadian Tea Coffee Milk

GOOD-BYE, OLD YEAR!

Good-bye, Old Year, thou didst start well thy life of months and days, And didst command our admiration and our praise. We trusted thee, thou promisedst to give us wealth and ease, So carelessly we walked, ourselves alone to please.

But now all things are changed. Dark clouds and lowering clouds of grief From war's dread scourge have covered all, and there comes no relief, Self is forgotten—we have learned to think of others' needs, And love flows freer than before in kindly deeds.

The infant New Year coming soon, born 'mid such darkness drear, With new-born strength may rise with might the clouds to clear; May it be so, but we would keep these high-born aims to bless, A happy New Year may be ours, markes with success.

December 30th, 1914. MIRIAM READ.

SUDAN'S MOSLEMS FAVOR BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Official Press Bureau yesterday received from the Governor-General of Sudan a report that the Moslem inhabitants of the Sudan had unanimously declared their loyalty to Great Britain.

FRENCH SUBMARINE WENT ALONE INTO AUSTRIAN PORT

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The Ministry of Marine issued an announcement confirming the loss of the French submarine Curie in Austrian waters as has been previously reported in newspaper despatches.

The text of the announcement follows: "The French submarine Curie was sent alone into the harbor of Pola, the Austrian naval base on the Adriatic, against certain Austrian warships. "Not having returned within time expected the Ministry of Marine assumed that the information of the foreign press is correct, namely that the Curie has been sunk and her crew taken prisoners."

The Curie was 167 feet long and carried a complement of 24 men.

NEW ZEALANDERS PLEASED WITH CANADIAN STAND.

LONDON, cc. 30.—James Seldon, formerly Socialist member of parliament for Newton, Lancashire who has just returned from a Canadian tour,

says that in conversation with leading Canadians he found a determination to see the Motherland through with the present business, even if it meant Canada's last man and last shilling.

Everybody is looking forward to a substantial increase of prosperity when the war is over.

Canadians, said Mr Seldon, were particularly impressed with the power of the British navy.

They say long lines of German liners are unable to leave American ports.

He found the American working classes as fully in sympathy with the allies as others.

LO, THE POOR ARAB.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The correspondent of The Daily Chronicle telegraphs from Petrograd:

"Forty Arabs brought into a hospital after being found freezing by the Russians, say they left Bagdad numbering 10,000, not knowing whether they were going, and unwilling, having heard only of war having broken out between the Germans and the Russians. They had not received clothes to equip them for the journey and six thousand had been frozen on the way."

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SIX NATIONS POPULATION IS ON THE INCREASE

The annual report of Superintendent Smith of the Six Nations Indians is just out in the Blue Book. The report shows a population of 4,806 on the Reserve, an increase of 42. Of the population, 1,585 are Anglicans, 780 Methodists, 951 Baptists and 871 aboriginal belief. The report of the inspector is as follows:

Health and Sanitation.—The average health was good. Seven cases of typhoid fever of a very virulent type occurred, resulting in two deaths. A somewhat severe outbreak of small-pox occurred in the village of Caladonia, near the border of the reserve; but, owing to strict precautions and general vaccination, the disease was kept off the reserve. Tuberculosis, while still continuing its deadly work, is slightly on the decrease, as the Indians are building better dwelling-houses, and are learning the nature of the disease and consequently taking steps on their own initiative to prevent its spread. Houses where tuberculosis or other contagious or infectious disease occur are thoroughly disinfected.

An efficient board of health assists the medical officer in enforcing sanitary measures. The council-house, where large gatherings are held, is regularly and thoroughly cleaned after each meeting. Public acid being freely used. The medical officer and others have taken advantage of every opportunity of urging improved dwellings and cleaner surroundings, particularly in regard to drinking water and the general observance of the laws of health.

Occupations.—General farming is the chief means of making a living. Many of the younger members frequently seek employment off the reserve as farm labourers or domestic help, and also in the canning factories. All the buildings on the reserve during the year, including cement abutments for bridges and culverts, was done by Indians. A large quantity of small fruit and vegetables is weekly offered for sale by Indians on the Brantford and Hagersville markets. There is no drinking water given to the owing of small fruits.

Buildings.—The steady improvement in buildings continues, those erected this year, with the assistance of the loan system, being principally two-story houses. The loan system is proving a benefit. Payments are kept up with fair regularity.

Stock.—Great interest is taken in the raising of stock. The council purchased three bulls for improving the stock—Durham, a Holstein, and a Polled Angus. A thoroughbred stallion "Light Wool" has also been loaned to the superintendent by the Canadian National Bureau of Breeding, Limited, of Montreal, solely for use on the reserve. A large quantity of milk is sold to factories off the reserve. A considerable number of hogs and sheep are raised.

Farm implements, from milking-machines down, are used by members of the band, and almost every farm is well supplied with the most modern implements, and all with very few exceptions, are well taken care of.

Characteristics and Progress.—The Indians are generally industrious, progressive and law-abiding. If work cannot be obtained on the reserve, they seek employment off, many have regular employment in Brantford, Hamilton and other cities and towns.

The South Brant Farmers' Institute held its usual afternoon and evening meetings in the council-house, which were largely attended. A Women's Institute was also held at the same time. The Six Nations Agricultural Society, wholly under the management of the Indians, held its usual three days' annual fair, and was most successful in attendance and quality of exhibits. The exhibit of horses was particularly good. Daily and weekly newspapers and agricultural journals have a large circulation on the reserve.

The public roads and bridges are kept in good condition under the direction of 49 pathmasters, who are appointed by the chiefs in council at the January meeting.

Many Indians have money on deposit in the banks, and transact business by cheques.

Temperance and Morality.—The Indians are generally temperate in their habits and assist any effort to prevent the use of intoxicants on the reserve. Several temperance societies exist and hold regular meetings. The morality of the Indians is improving.

SERBIAN PLANS. PARIS, Dec. 31.—"The Serbians will not march on Sarajevo," said Dr. M. R. Vesnitz, the Serbian Minister to France, according to a statement by him published here. "They will penetrate either to Slavonia Hungary or most county of Slavonia Hungary by way of Semlin or Banat, a region of Southern Hungary, by way of Panosava. The invasion of Bosnia and Herzegovina, populated by Slavs and which are destined to become and which are destined to become indifferent. An invasion of Hungary, however, especially if made by way of the region north of the Danube would greatly increase the apprehension now reigning in that country. The Serbian troops are now amply provided with ammunition and supplies."

NO CHANCE OF CONFLICT WITH STATES

Editorial Opinion of Leading New York Journals To-day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—The Tribune this morning in its leading editorial, under the caption of "Friendly feeling in the Contraband Dispute" says:

"Coming out of what was conceived to be a clear sky, the contraband protest addressed to Great Britain cannot fail to arouse surprise and some hard feeling on both sides of the water. The cables from London report considerable irritation expressed in unofficial opinion. There are signs that anti-British Americans here are ready to welcome the opportunity for renewing their favorite international quarrel. It seems important, therefore, to point out the necessity of clear thinking on this much-abused subject—clear thinking and calm speech which cannot be misunderstood by anyone.

The moment we concede—as we must concede under the unquestioned rules of international law—the right of Great Britain to halt our merchant ships on the high seas, board them and search them for contraband, we are obviously providing material for wrangling and injustice.

The fact that definitions of contraband are hopelessly vague and the whole doctrine in a state of flux, it is plain that there is no sure ground on which to pick a hasty quarrel with anyone. Rather is it a case for full discussion, frank demands, and national settlement through the compromise by which every disputed situation at law must be resolved.

So far as now appears, the administration is approaching the question in exactly this spirit. At any rate a spirit of entire friendliness pervades the note of protest. This the London papers fully appreciate, and it is certain that the British Government will reply in the same spirit.

The Times says: It was doubtless an affluent practical joker or a German sympathizer who paid at Lloyds a premium of fifteen guineas per cent for an insurance policy collecting in the event of a declaration of war between Great Britain and America within twelve months from date. At Lloyds they will insure you against anything. They will write a policy against an earthquake on any given day, against failure of the sun to rise or set, against the coming of his Imperial Majesty of Germany to pay a holiday visit to King George.

The improbability of any of these happenings is no greater or wilder than the occurrence of war between the United States and Great Britain, especially a war resulting from the possible seizure of our cargoes at sea. It is surprising that the London newspapers have made so much of the note.

WAR STORIES

VERSES FROM THE NORTH SEA.

Mr. J. K. Branson, formerly of the Conservatory of Music here, but now residing in France, has sent to friends in the city the following verses, which were in circulation of H. M. S. Monarch, and were forwarded to him by his brother, Sub-Lieut. Branson. The verses were written by a member of the crew, whose efforts helped to break the ice in the vicinity of patrol duty on the North Sea.

"I Am It" by H.I.M. Wilhelm
Oh, me!
Oh, me!
Oh, me!

And likewise I am,
Sit still, my dear, while I orate.
I am then earth, the moon, the sun,
All rolled in one.

Both hemispheres am I,
If there were three, the three
I'd be!
I am the Dipper, Night and Day,
The North and Southern Poles, the Milky Way.

I am they that walk or fly on wings,
Or swim or creep—I'm everything.
It makes me tremble like the aspen tree
To think I'm Me!
And blink like stars up in the sky
To think I'm I—
And shrink in terror like a frightened mouse
To realize that I'm Myself!

Ye blistering slaves beneath my iron heel,
What know ye of the things I feel?
Didst ever wake at dead of night,
And stand in awe of thine own might?
It took six days to make the land and sea,
But centuries were passed in making Me!
The universe? An easy task! But I—
Oh, My!

DISCOUNT RATE.
LONDON, Dec. 31.—The discount rate of the Bank of England remains unchanged at 5 per cent.

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PREMIERS' MESSAGE

(Continued from Page 1)
parts of the world last summer Mr. Scott says:

"Of the peoples I saw, fellow British subjects, any language at my command would fail to convey the splendid impressions which my visit gave me and they inhabit rich and beautiful countries, but it is the simple truth when I say that the farther I wander and the more I see other countries I see, the firmer grows by potentialities and all that makes life worth living three hundred and sixty five days in the year, there is no country under the sun so favored by Providence, as Saskatchewan.

M'KINLEY DEAD.
BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 31.—Duncan E. McKinley, former representative in Congress from California, died yesterday of apoplexy, at his home here. Mr. McKinley was 56 years old and was born in Canada.

KNOXVILLE, Ia., Dec. 31.—Three men were instantly killed and four injured, two of them probably fatally, by a dust explosion in a coal mine at Fagler, a mining town near here. The explosion which was caused by a "windy sheet" literally blew the men from the mouth of the entry, and those who escaped death were burned and bruised almost beyond recognition.

A BIG LINER.
BELFAST, Ireland, Dec. 31.—The steamer Belgenland, built by a local firm for the Red Star Line, was launched here to-day. She has a displacement of 33,000 tons, and is the largest Belgian vessel ever built. She will have accommodation for 3,000 passengers, and as soon as conditions permit she will ply between Antwerp and New York.

BIGGEST FOR YEARS.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—This year's apple crop was the biggest ever produced in the United States. Estimates announced to-day by the department of agriculture placed the 1914 yield at 249,000,000 bushels, or 114,000,000 more than was produced last year.

ITALIANS WILL MAKE TURKEY CLIMB DOWN.
LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily News says:

"I am informed that at to-morrow's Cabinet Council a decision will be reached in connection with the incident at Hodeida, which is still in abeyance. The Government's patience is exhausted, and Turkey has been peremptorily notified that the British consul at Hodeida must be released immediately and that the gendarmes who broke into the Italian Consulate be punished.

"Turkey has been warned that no excuse for further delay will be accepted. A satisfactory reply is demanded within two days."

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Forms of tender containing full particulars may be had by applying to the undersigned. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. Newspapers inserting this advertisement without authority of the Department will not be paid.

DUNCAN C. SCOTT, Deputy Superintendent General of Indian Affairs, Department of Indian Affairs, Ottawa, Ont., December 31, 1914. —11251

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THE SITUATION.

Germany has practically admitted that the attempt to reach Warsaw has been halted.

This is breaking the situation as gently as possible to the people of the land, the Kaiser, but the naked and the saucy truth is that of another marked setback to the ambitions of the Kaiser and his war lords.

In Alsace it begins to look very much as if a most important move is about on the tapis calculated to bring a brilliant triumph to French arms, and that the Germans are making desperate preparations to hold what they now have in Belgium is equally clear. It does not take the seventh son of a seventh son to realize that when the terms of settlement finally come with the Fatherland would rather do that with a portion of this conquered territory still in hand—but she won't. Every man jack of them has first got to be chased back to their own country.

Italy has given Turkey two days' notice to free an imprisoned British consul, and she has taken active steps to prevent Germany from smuggling war material through Italian ports. The land of Garibaldi, by the course of events, seems to be getting crowded more and more towards open activity on the side which her sympathies unquestionably favor—that of the Allies.

Report comes from Washington that Germany has given the assurance to the States that she will not take supplies sent to the Belgians "while the International Commission is sending in food and for a reasonable time after the last delivery." Just what this may mean has yet to be seen. A nation which will tear up a solemnly signed treaty and add the contemptuous remark that it is "only a scrap of paper," cannot be trusted as far as it can be seen and then a few spheres beyond that. In any event, it is a severe comment on the blackguardly and bloodthirsty tenets of their alleged "kultur" that a supposedly decent nation should have to give any such assurance at all.

THE NEW YEAR.

The Dominion enters upon the New Year under deeply enhanced circumstances of Empire responsibility. Not that the feeling of intense allegiance to the Mother Land and her institutions was ever for the shadow of one moment in doubt, but that the outbreak of the greatest war in the world has ever seen has brought an active and a tense manifestation of the fact that Johnny Canuck, like the Overseas Dominions everywhere, is shoulder to shoulder alongside of John Bull when danger comes. The German menace, long threatening, has burst with all the fury of an unexampled storm, with the lightning of Jove and the thunders of Thor. The rallying around the old lion has been as emphatic as it has been complete, and the entire universe has received the lesson that when any one portion of the Empire over which the grand old Union Jack floats is touched, so is the all of it.

The outcome of this memorable struggle is without any doubt going to bring about many notable changes. The old order of things Imperial will largely pass away, and a new order become instituted. The time has long since gone when the colonies (so called) have been pulled by leading strings from Great Britain, and their heritage, as was too frequently the case in olden days, lightly impinged. Instead there has been absolute and untrammelled freedom, and this has now become transformed into an active and virile partnership. The future should, and will, hold for us all a more direct voice in Empire affairs, and even with regard to such a practical protectorate as that of India, the prompt action of her loyal sons must lead to a widening of citizenship.

Speaking from a national aspect, the affairs of the Dominion may be said to be most re-assuring. There has been a temporary lull and some stringency, but not nearly to the extent experienced by other lands, and the future is bright with a rosy promise. It was J. J. Hill, the celebrated railway magnate, who made the trite remark, "It is not so much the high cost of living as the cost of high living which is the trouble," and this truth has been largely brought home, to all-round benefit.

Both from an Imperial and a domestic standpoint, Canada, standing on the threshold of 1915, has her face

set towards the fulfilment of much deeper responsibilities in the one case and assured further development in the other.

The Courier heartily wishes its many readers and well-wishers a contentedly prosperous New Year.

THE STATES AS A MEDIATOR.

Our neighbors are already figuring upon their role as mediator in connection with the end of the war, and some of the ideas expressed are about as assertive as if Uncle Sam was going to do the dictating. Well, he isn't. At the same time the United States is the only really great power not affected by the present struggle and that it will be called upon in an umpire sense cannot be doubted. In this regard the United States magazine, World's Work, publishes answers from leading men of various countries in response to the query put by it as to how "the United States as a neutral country can be of the most service to humanity." Here is the answer of Sir Edward Grey, British Foreign Minister:

"If the World's Work wants a contribution to its central idea of enquiring how the United States may best serve the interests of civilization at this period of change and re-definition; how best their immunity may be used; and what is their opportunity, not only selfishly; but altruistically; the only thing I can say is that a great nation standing outside this European conflict should use what influence it can on the side of right against wrong. Perhaps I may explain how impossible it is for a member of a government, who believes that they are fighting for the independence of their country and that all they care for and believe is at stake, to do anything except plead the cause of that country and to ask at least for sympathy."

Count Okuma (Japan): "While it would be unwise and premature to express at this time any opinion as to where and how the present war should be or will be terminated and peace restored, I feel certain, and, therefore, safe to say that the experiences of this titanic struggle will bring most forcibly home to us all a sense of the weighty burdens and the horrible waste of war. There and then will be an opportunity for an impartial wise counsel to prevail. I mean the counsel for a reduction of armament and for the cultivation of the spirit of mutual toleration and esteem among peoples of different races and creeds, with consequent adherence on the part of all nations to the principles of reciprocal freedom and equality in their intercourse with each other. As long as nations of the world live in armed peace, and as long as they permit their peoples to be ruled by social animosities of national prejudices there can be no real peace and the world will have to suffer forever."

"But who is to be the one that shall give such an impartial counsel, and have it listened to? To me it looks as if by Providence the United States is kept apart from the present momentous struggle. I sincerely hope she will remain so throughout it."

Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg (Germany): "The people of the United States will best serve the cause of peace and humanity by being not only neutral according to the letter of President Wilson's proclamation, but also impartial in the spirit of his further utterances. This is the only way to gain the confidence of the whole world, and without this confidence the United States cannot hope to render the important services to the cause of humanity which it wishes to render."

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Petrograd reports that everything is going all right, by gad.

Quite a crop of citizens will make their mark on Monday.

It is because of the war he has seen that the Kaiser will not see Warsaw.

As far as the war correspondents are concerned, there has not thus far been any general squint.

A despatch is headed, "U. S. Copper Detained." As to that, lots of 'em always seem to be the year around.

One man was heard to declare with great firmness that his New Year's resolve would be to give up giving up.

President Wilson's protest to Great Britain regarding the searching of ships for contraband looks very much like a play to the gallery.

Before attaining twenty-one years of age that figure seems like a peak which would never be reached, and after that it's a toboggan slide all the way, by gosh!

Germany has now issued notice that she will give no more passports into Belgium unless of the military variety. And this, be it remarked, is all that she has accomplished after over four months of fighting.

New Year's as such occurs at this time because Julius Caesar and one of

the Popes wished to adjust accumulated errors with the least inconvenience to the public. To only Protestant and Roman Catholic countries does the year begin on Friday. In Russia the event is celebrated a fortnight later, and in other countries at various times.

Press Comment

PREMATURE CRITICISM

Boston Herald—It is a little unreasonable to scold Japan for hanging on to the captured German territory. It would hardly restore it to China until the close of the war.

THE ROYAL FAMILY

London Mail—The nation indeed, has never been more conscious of the identity of sentiment that unites and endears the Royal Family to all of His Majesty's subjects than during the present war.

LACK OF CONFIDENCE

London Telegraph—Some of the most humiliating incidents in our history have been due to lack of confidence in those placed in authority. It must be our aim to avoid such

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Sincerely Yours,
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I am a candidate for the position of Councillor, and if elected will lend my best efforts on behalf of efficient and economical management of Township affairs.

Faithfully yours,

John R. Summerhays

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Respectfully yours,
ROBERT GEDDIE

Electors of Brantford Township:

I earnestly solicit the exercise of your franchise in my support as a candidate for Councillor for the ensuing year.

JAMES A. SCACE

Brantford Township.

errors, and in doing so we shall best advance our cause and the cause of our Allies.

PATIENCE NEEDED.

Edinburgh Scotchman—Russia is more and more asserting her superiority in the East, where the half of the German armies is doomed inevitably to turn into a retreat. But while all the materials of victory are in our hands, and the end is certain, it may be still a considerable time before it is complete. Constant patience and continual sacrifice will bring back days of peace which will be enduring in proportion as it is founded firmly on victory.

THE NEW INDIA

London Express—It is true, as Charles Roberts said in the House of Commons, that India's magnificent loyalty must alter the angle from which Great Britain regards Indian affairs. The Indians are no longer our subjects. They are our fellow citizens. The new India was born when Germany wantonly invaded Belgium and threatened British liberties. The Kaiser, in trying to destroy the British Empire, has given it a fuller life. The Kaiser will not understand. No German can understand the genius of other peoples.

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AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES

OUR FUR STOCK is too heavy by far with stock-taking close at hand, and in order to reduce this stock, prices have been cut to the limit, making some very tempting bargains. Wednesday and Thursday should be, and will be red letter days in this department if prices and bargains mean anything.

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6 only large pillow style Mink Marmot Muffs, tail and feet trimmed. A full muff, not the shaggy kind, well marked, and the kind of fur that stands hard wear. Worth \$8.50.

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There is No Fur in Our Large Stock That Has Not Been Reduced!

Children's Furs
Child's Imitation Beaver and Ermine Set. Worth \$2.00. Sale price **\$1.50**
Child's White Bear Cloth Set, stole and muff. Worth \$2.25. Sale price **\$1.69**
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All Children's Furs are reduced to clearing prices. You can save from 20 to 40% on all Furs now.

Imitation Furs
3 sets only of Sealette Furs, long stole and large muff. Worth \$6.50. Sale price **\$4.95**
5 sets only Imitation Furs in Sealette and Ermine Sets, long stole and large muff. Worth \$7.50. Sale price **\$5.95**
Very fine imitation set of Ermine, extra long fringed stole and large pillow muff. Worth \$13.50. Sale price **\$9.50**
A CHANCE TO SAVE A DOLLAR OR TWO—BUY NOW

100 Pieces of Mink Marmot and Opposum in Muffs, Stoles and Cravats at Prices That Mean a Big Saving to You. See Window!

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1914

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CEMETERIES PAY SHEET.
The cemeteries pay sheet for the past week amounts to \$36.00, and it has been presented to the City Clerk.

AFTER CITY DEBENTURES.
C. Greenwood, of Toronto, a stockbroker, inquires after the issuance of city debentures and bonds, as he is interested in them.

RE-OPEN MONDAY.
The public schools of the city will re-open after the holidays on Monday first. It has been rumored that this would take place on Tuesday, but this is erroneous.

PAY SHEETS.
The pay sheet of the parks drive work last week amounted to \$1144, most of which goes into the pockets of those in recessitious circumstances. The service wages bill came to \$451.38.

MAN'S UPLIFT.
The city clerk this morning received an interesting pamphlet on the Big Brother System in Canada, a treatise on the probation question. It is destined for the uplifting of humanity.

MANY OUT OF WORK.
There was a large number of out-of-work men added to the list of those applying for work at the City Engineer's office this morning. They represented many races of people and included various types of men.

INTERCESSION.
The Governor General has requested that services of Prayer and Intercession on behalf of His Majesty's forces engaged in the war, be held on Sunday, Jan. 3rd. Such services will be held, by direction of the Bishop, in all the Anglican churches in the Diocese of Huron.

COUSIN KILLED.
Mr. W. G. Paterson, of the Courier Staff, received word that a cousin, 2nd. Lieut. Vernon Paterson, 2nd. Life Guards, had been killed in action on November 5th. He obtained his commission about two years ago, and was 22 years of age at the time of his death. His people reside in England in Surrey County, at Worplesham.

FROM SALISBURY.
Major Leonard, of the 25th Brant Dragoons, received a pleasant reminder of his military connection this morning in the form of a Christmas greeting card from Capt. Dick Thompson, who was formerly of the 25th Brant Dragoons. The emblem bore seasonable greetings to the officers of the Regiment.

BOUQUETS PRESENTED.
Misses Viola and Marguerite Vigar, of Detroit, who have pleased the patrons of the Brant Theatre during the fore part of the week with their Scotch dances, were last night presented with bouquets. The youngsters made many friends during their short stay in the city, and they will be welcomed by the patrons of the Brant, should they appear on some future bill.

HOUSE OF REFUGE.
A joint concert was enjoyed by the inmates of the House of Refuge when the Brotherhood of St. Andrew and the Y. P. A. of Grace Church on Monday night visited that asylum. Many ladies contributed, including Miss Austin, Miss Maskell, Miss Ogle, Mr. J. Mellor, Mr. Biggs, the Rev. P. Smith, Mr. J. W. Godwin played at the organ and Mr. John Will acted as chairman. Gifts of fruit and tobacco were distributed at the close of the evening, and the old people clearly demonstrated their enjoyment at the programme provided in a hearty word of thanks.

SATISFACTORILY CLOSED.
The Brantford and Paris Football League will end the year with a balance on the right side after handing over to various public institutions handsome donations and to the new governing body a small balance, with which to begin the year. A meeting of the old directorate was called and all accounts were squared up. This was the last gathering of the old body, and they formally handed over the reins of office to the new president and his executive. Thanks were tendered to the retiring president, Mr. Bowles, and the executive of the past year for their able management.

DIED

HOWIE—Janet Howie passed away at her sister's, Mrs. MacFarlane's, 179 George St. Funeral (private) on New Year's Day.

McISAAC—In Brantford, on Thursday, Dec. 31st, 1914, Robert McIsaac of Scotland. The funeral will take place from the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Martin, Stanley St., on Sunday morning, at 9 o'clock. Services in the Baptist Church, Scotland, at 11 a.m. Service will also be held at the home of Mrs. Martin, Saturday evening, 7.30. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

COMING EVENTS

THE CIVILIAN RIFLE CLUB.—Shooting on Saturday, in Collegiate at 2 p.m. Silver spoon for highest scorer. All members welcome.

BASKETBALL, NEW YEAR'S Night, at Y. M. C. A. West End Y Toronto. Two crack teams. Admission 25 cents.

ALFRED ST. RINK.—Skating Old Year out and the New Year in. Doors open 7.30. Intermission of one hour for cleaning ice. Admission 15 cents. A. A. Beardsall, manager.

ORGAN RECITAL.—New Year's Day, at 4 p.m. Mr. Clifford Higgins, assisted by Miss Marjorie Sweet, Brant Avenue Methodist Church; silver collection, aid Mission Circle.

THE PROBS

TORONTO, Dec. 31.—A depression has spread into the western provinces from the Pacific Ocean. The pressure is now highest over the central states. Fair weather prevails in Canada and it is for the most part moderately cold, except in northern localities, where the temperature is decidedly low.

FORECASTS.
Fair and moderately cold. Friday—Southerly winds, light local snow, but mostly fair with stationary or a little higher temperature.

AT THE APOLLO.
To-night the famous Country Store will be given at the Apollo, and a big house is assured by the lucky prizes of groceries and provisions which are free. The feature photo play, "The Black 107" drew big houses yesterday.

USEFUL DONATIONS.
The Sunday school scholars of Grace Church have been responsible for three fine donations to worthy causes. They voted ten dollars to the Children's Aid society, twenty-five dollars to the Belgian fund and twenty-five dollars to the Toronto Children's Hospital. The children deserve great credit for the earnest efforts.

COLONEL REMEMBERED.
Lieutenant Colonel Muir this morning received two excellent greeting cards from a former member of his regiment. They came from Captain "Dick" Thompson, now of the 9th Alberta Dragoons, at Salisbury Plains and also one from Capt. Harry Watson, of the 6th Fort Garry Horse, now numbered among the Canadian Expeditionary Forces in England. The card bore the crest of the 6th Inniskilling Dragoons with whom the 25th Brant Dragoons have been affiliated.

WARNING TO DRIVERS.
In future, if any driver obstructs the street car, he will be justly severely dealt with. Thus declared Magistrate Livingston his morning when he gave Charles Howe a warning and allowed him to go on a charge of breach of traffic by-law. He had it was alleged, driven in front of a car from Market street to Alfred St., and had caused considerable delay. He was given to understand that under no circumstances whatever could he obstruct a civic utility, and the street cars had the right of way and their rights must be protected. This case must be a warning to drivers in the future, for they would feel the pinch of the law in the future.

PULLED A REVOLVER.
While directing a group of foreigners in his work on Lake Erie and in Northern Railway track near Spring street, on Tuesday, Fred Schultz in some manner incurred the displeasure of Managan Aidarian, who immediately picked up a stone and was about to hurl it at Schultz, when he found himself looking down the barrel of a six-chamber revolver. His anger fled to be replaced by terror. However, no shot was fired, and the incident passed over. Dardanian did not like the shock and discovered he had a legal case against his overseer. This he pressed, and to-day Fred Schultz faced a charge of pointing a revolver. He admitted it, but claimed he had no intention of shooting, his object being to cow his attacker. He was given a warning against such practice, and had to pay a fine of ten dollars and costs at the police court this morning, when the case was aired.

IN WARD FIVE

An Unusual Situation Whereby Three Candidates Secure Election.

Rather an unusual mixup has occurred in the older man contest in Ward Five. There is practically an acclamation, but legally there is not. The situation has been caused by Mr. Harry Cuff sending in his resignation, but the resignation was too late to prevent Mr. Cuff's name going on the ballot paper. It is said that Mr. Cuff had been elected, but his resignation would have arisen over his property qualifications. The result is that the ratepayers will have to vote for

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DAUGHTER BORN TO QUEEN HELENA, FOURTH ROYAL PRINCESS OF ITALY



A despatch from Rome states that Queen Helena of Italy has given birth to a daughter and reports that both mother and child are doing well. Queen Helena, who is a daughter of King Nicholas of Montenegro, married King Victor Emmanuel October 24, 1896. The royal couple now have five children—four daughters and one son. Queen Helena is a woman of great charm and has endeared herself to the Italian people by her democratic manner and her broad charity. Her relief work at the time of the earthquake at Messina, when she personally visited the stricken cities with the King, made a lasting impression on her subjects.

Messrs Senn, Jennings and Gress, ensuring their election, and the difficulty will thereby be overcome. The vote for the by-law and board of education will be taken, of course, in Ward Five, as well as the unusual voting for aldermen. The situation has occurred before in municipal history.

Cainsville News

[From Our Own Correspondent]
Divine service was held as usual in the Methodist Church on Sunday. Rev. Alfred Bowers, E.A., presided in the morning and preached a splendid sermon, very appropriate for the season and brimful of good thoughts and suggestions for the New Year. Miss Barber of Alton sang very sweetly "He Wipes the Tear From Every Eye." In the evening Rev. A. Pyley was in charge and as usual had something good to say. His text was "Arise, come let us go hence." Miss Barber again gave a selection "The Gentle Shepherd." On Monday evening the League was in charge of Miss Addie Norrie. The subject "Thoughts of the Old Year" was most ably discussed by Rev. Mr. Bowers. Miss Norrie furnished a vocal selection "Thy Will be Done." Mrs. Hassard and Mrs. Dick, of Brantford, spent Christmas with Mrs. Dutton. Mr. Lew and Miss Annie Smith

were guests over Christmas of their brother, in Aymler. Mrs. W. Henning, Miss Henning, and Lily, Mabel and Mildred Henning of Jarvis, Mr. and Mrs. W. Grantham of Mt. Pleasant, and Mr. Will Norrie of Oakland, were entertained at Mr. J. D. Norrie's on Xmas day. Mrs. Jos. Clapsattle and Mr. H. D. Clapsattle left on Christmas night on an extended trip to Vancouver and California. Miss Jean Barber of Alton is spending the week with Miss A. Smith. Mrs. James Clark, accompanied by her son, Mr. Stanley Clark, of the West, are paying a visit to Mr. Geo. Clark of Ottawa. Mr. and Mrs. Poag of Ridgeway spent the holidays at Mr. Alex. Poag's. Miss Vandenberg returned from an extended visit with relatives in Manitoba in time to spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Henry Sumler. Mr. Geo. Woltz of Cayuga, Rev. H. Woltz and family of Springfield were entertained under the parental roof during the holidays. Miss Cora Cole of Toronto is spending her holidays with her cousin Miss Ruby Reid.

plane usually occupied by a military observer was fitted with boxes and bags of canned food.
Prezemysl, one of the most important strongholds of Galicia, has been under siege by the Russians for several weeks, and it has been reported that the Austrian defenders of the fortress are suffering from lack of food. Reports from German sources, however, stated that there were in Prezemysl food supplies, sufficient for a year.

ANOTHER COLONY.
MELBOURNE, Australia, via London, Dec. 31, 4.40 p.m.—British forces have occupied Bougainville, the largest of the Solomon Islands. It was

announced here to-day that the British flag had been hoisted over the island on December 9.

BRITAIN'S ANSWER.
LONDON, Dec. 31, 5.10 p.m.—The official information bureau this afternoon gave out the following statement: "An answer to the American note will be drawn up as soon as possible. It will be in the same friendly spirit in which the American note is written."

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MALE HELP WANTED

DO YOU NEED WORKING capital to commence or enlarge your business? If so, we will organize a Limited Company and assist in procuring the capital required. Write or call Robertson, 155 King Street East, Toronto.

MISCELLANEOUS WANTS

WANTED—NUMBER OF LIVE pigeons, 25c per pair. Deliver same to Martin's store, Erie Ave., by Thursday. mw55

WANTED—500 PAIR OF SKATES to sharpen by our new method. Doeringer Electric & Repair Co., 120 Dalhousie St. mw57

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

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

WANTED—ONE THOUSAND Boys and Girls to buy their hockeys and skates at Hawthorne's, and have them fitted free. Skates ground, 10 cents per pair, best in the city. Open evenings. 73 Dalhousie St. Phone 646. mw53t

EMPLOYMENT WANTED

WANTED—POSITION AS A housekeeper; elderly couple preferred; best references. Box 31, Courier office. sw57

WANTED—YOUNG MAN wants work on farm by month; age 19 years; good milker and can handle any kind of farm work. Thos. Gleason, 41 Bridge St., Brantford. Ont. sw53

BUSINESS CARDS

LEE & SHARMAN—PAINTERS, Paperhangers, 280 Marlboro St. Best workmanship guaranteed. Estimates given.

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

GIVE US A TRIAL FOR GENERAL carting and baggage transfer. J. A. Mathewson, 29 Queen St. Auto. phone 657, Bell phone 2113. c-apr6-15

WATCH WORK OUR WATCH-word Jeweller, Cartwright, 118 Market St.

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

A. J. OSBORNE—SUCCESSOR the late Joseph Tilly, is carrying a full and up-to-date range of Wall Papers, 168 Market St.

WANTED—ALL KINDS SECOND-hand furniture bought and sold; highest cash price. Woods' Furniture Store, 49 George St. Both phones: Bell 1003, Auto. 740.

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

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LOST AND FOUND

LOST—ON THURSDAY MORNING, \$20 bill. Reward at Courier office.

LOST—BLACK FOX TAIL OFF of muff, on Tuesday. Reward at 233 Sheridan St.

LOST—ON SATURDAY NIGHT, parcel, on Market or Colborne Sts. Reward at police station. 153

TO LET

TO LET—ICE HOUSE, WARE-house, barn and sheds. Carson, 331 Colborne. 150tf

TO LET—RED BRICK COTTAGE, East Ward, gas, \$8.00. Apply 30 Market St. 16tf

TO RENT—SIX-ROOM FLAT, Parkdale; electric light, water, gas, four dollars a month in advance. Phones 577, 153

TO LET—SPLENDID HOUSE, Dundas St.; electricity, gas, newly papered and painted; seven rooms; reasonable; key 217 Terrace Hill St. Immediate possession. 153tf

ARTICLES FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Cutter, \$8.00. Box 28, Courier. a47

FOR SALE—CROWN DERBY pattern dinner set, very cheap. 45 Colborne St. a41tf

FOR SALE—GOOD YORKSHIRE Canaries. Apply 29 Murray St. a51

FOR SALE—NEW CREATION corner, silver plate, engraved, four months in work. W. H. Lang, 103 Queen St. a55

FOR SALE—UNDER LAND-lord's warrant, contents Gem theatre, 11 a.m., January 4.—Hofz-man piano, two Powers machines, dynamo, gas engine, coal heater, gas stoves, opera chairs, ticket chopper, ticket booth, electric sign, office desk, electric fixtures, stage fixtures, storm front in sections. Auctioneer, Almas, a57

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MONUMENTS

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ELECTION CARDS

For Alderman

FOR ALDERMAN—WARD ONE. Ladies and Gentlemen—I have been requested to become a candidate for aldermanic honors in Ward One, and have consented to do so. I shall be unable to make a personal canvass of all, but take this means of soliciting your vote and influence. If elected, I shall render faithful service to Ward One in particular and to the city at large.

Yours sincerely, REGINALD WELSH.

FOR ALDERMAN FOR WARD ONE—1915

I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for Alderman for Ward One for 1915. If elected, it will be my aim to give the best possible service at my disposal to the interests and general welfare of the city. Wishing you the compliments of the season.

Sincerely, GRANT JARVIS

ALDERMAN—WARD ONE

Ladies and Gentlemen: As an Aldermanic candidate in Ward 3, I hereby ask for your support both at the polls and by your influence. Wishing all the compliments of the season.

Yours faithfully, FRED C. HARP

TO THE ELECTORS OF WARD THREE

Ladies and Gentlemen: Being in the field for Aldermanic honors in Ward Three, your vote and influence will be more than appreciated.

Wishing you the compliments of the season.

Sincerely, ARTHUR O. SECORD

WARD 3

I will appreciate your vote and influence for alderman for Ward 3.

Jno. S. Dowling

ALDERMAN FOR WARD FOUR

Ladies and Gentlemen: As a candidate for Aldermanic honors in Ward 4, I ask for your vote on Monday, January 4th. If honored with your confidence, my sincere aim will be to give earnest and unprejudiced service.

Yours truly, Jesse Bartle

WARD 4

Your vote and influence is solicited for Alderman for Ward 4, for 1915. If elected I will endeavor to serve the Ward to the best of my ability.

I remain, Yours respectfully, Walter J. Bragg

WARD 4

Ladies and Gentlemen: At the suggestion of friends I have decided to offer myself as a candidate for the Board of Education. Considerable experience as a teacher will enable me to fill satisfactorily the position for which I solicit your vote and influence.

Yours Faithfully, J. B. GAMBLE

Dr. P. P. Ballaghey

having served for eight years as a member of the Public School Board, now solicits your support as a candidate for the Board of Education.

WARD 4

To the Electors: For Alderman, your vote and influence solicited.

Yours truly, John W. English

WARD 4

Ladies and Gentlemen: I beg to solicit your vote and influence for re-election as Alderman in Ward 2.

Yours truly, W. H. FREEBRON

ALDERMAN—WARD TWO

Thanks to your kindness, I have been a representative on the City Council for two years and am again offering my services. Your renewed support will be deeply appreciated by

Yours truly, GEORGE WOOLAMS

WARD 5

Your vote and influence is requested for the election of

C. GRESS

FOR ALDERMAN

Ladies and Gentlemen: As a candidate for Aldermanic honors in Ward Five, I ask for your support, and if elected will make my best efforts to help look after, not alone the best interests of that Ward, but also of the entire city.

Yours sincerely, PHILIP M. SENN

WARD 5

VOTERS, ATTENTION! Your vote and influence is requested for

George Jennings

FOR ALDERMAN.

For Board of Education

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IRWIN S. ARMSTRONG

83 Dundas St.

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF BRANTFORD.

Ladies and Gentlemen: I have had four years' experience in serving you as a member of the Public School Board, and have been nominated for a seat on the new Board of Education. I solicit your vote and influence in that connection, and if elected will render my very best services.

Yours sincerely, Arthur Coulbeck

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PAT'S PETS AT THE FRONT

Got Warm Welcome and Will Soon Go Into the Trenches.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A despatch from Paris says:

In one little French village within sound of the guns Princess Patricia's Light Infantry, the first of the Canadian contingent to go to the front, are billeted waiting their turn to go into the trenches. They were accorded a splendid reception by their comrades in arms and the French villagers.

CANADIAN REMOUNT DEPT. IS NOW IN FRANCE

Colonel Grant Morden of Montreal Returns.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—A Canadian remount depot has been established in France by Col. Grant Morden of Montreal, who is just back. Some Canadian horses will shortly be taken across the Channel. Col. Morden's hearing was temporarily affected by shell fire.

CANNOT FORCE TITLES ON BOXERS THESE DAYS

"You can't even force a world's championship on a fighter these days," said Eddie McMahon in The New York Sun. "I sent Jimmy Clabby a wire a few days ago offering him \$2,000, with an option of 30 per cent, to fight Al McCoy, the man who has the best claim to the middleweight championship. Nobody can take that away from McCoy unless they whip him. Well, what do you think Clabby's chance is to annex the crown? Oh, only \$8,500—that's all. "Barney Lichtenhein, his manager, sent this wire in response to my offer: "Letter received. Your offer entirely out of the question. Wire again ten best terms, including three round trips, \$500 expenses. McCoy opponent, weight 58." "Can you beat that? They sent a subsequent wire demanding \$3,500. Now, there's a fellow who could flat-out McCoy, and settle for all the question of who's who in the middle class."

Puckerings

More than two hundred players were registered with the O. H. A. on Tuesday and Wednesday. Preston juniors play in Stratford to-morrow afternoon, and may also play Western University juniors in London at night. In an exhibition game in Hamilton

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Last night the Hamilton Rowing club juniors defeated Burlington intermediates 4 to 3. The Stratford Northern League senior team and the Galt intermediates play an exhibition game at Galt to-morrow afternoon.

Douglas Palmer of Galt, the football and hockey star, whose foot was amputated several weeks ago, is now well on the way to recovery.

The Vancouver team, continued their winning streak in the Pacific Coast League when they defeated Victoria four to three in a thrilling overtime match.

Harry Cameron of the Torontos is having a lot of trouble with his shoulder this season, and already has had it knocked out four times.

That Wanderer team are out after the N. H. A. championship this year and the trips to the coast to play off for the Stanley Cup, with the British Columbia winners.

Teddy Marriott claims to have a cracking good junior O. H. A. team in his Simcoes this year. They will have to travel to beat T. R. and G. juniors on Saturday afternoon at the Arena.

The O. H. A. games to-day are as follows. Intermediates—Belleville at Picton. Whites at Bowmanville. Junior—Midland at Wauhaushene, Coldwater at Ictoria Harbor.

HOCKEY RESULTS

O.H.A. INTERMEDIATE St. Mary's 5, Stratford 2. NORTHERN LEAGUE - SENIOR Guleph 7, Waterloo 6.

N. H. A. Wanderers 5, Torontos 2. Ottawa 4, Ontarios 1. Quebec 8, Canadiens 7. EXHIBITION Hamilton R.C. 4, Burlington 3. Detroit 2, Sarnia 1.

N.H.A. RECORD. Teams Won Lost For Agst. Wanderers 16 8 16 8 2. Ottawa 2 0 8 2. Torontos 1 1 6 8. Quebec 1 1 9 11. Ontarios 0 2 7 15. Canadiens 2 9 12 12.

Games Saturday—Canadiens at Ontarios, Ottawa at Wanderers, Toronto at Quebec.

WHITE MEETS WELSH FOR LATTER'S TITLE

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Nate Lewis, manager of Charlie White, signed articles last night with James Johnston, manager of Freddie Welsh, for a ten-round bout between White and Freddie Welsh on the night of January 13, at Madison Square Garden.

Under the articles the weight is to be 125 pounds at 8 o'clock on the afternoon of the fight. This will give Welsh a big advantage in weight, but not so great as he had when the boys met in Milwaukee, where Welsh entered the ring at 141 pounds.

There was wide diversity in the published opinions of the experts who saw the White-Shugrue battle for the New York newspapers, but at least half of them gave it to White, while most of those who though Shugrue was tempered their verdict with admissions that White was by far the better and more impressive fighter.

"White will beat Welsh in the Garden, as he did in Milwaukee," said Lewis last night. "In fact, he may win the title by a knockout, as he has Welsh all figured out, and I think he will start at the first gong, the way he did in the last round of the Milwaukee fight. The fight will not be so much in Welsh's favor, and that will make a big difference."

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WHERE GERMAN COAST WAS ATTACKED BY BRITISH WAR SHIPS



Above are shown the defenses of Cuxhaven and the German coast in the vicinity, where British war ships were reported to have made an unsuccessful raid. Heligoland Bay, is supposed to be the rendezvous of the German fleet, and the attacking British war ships not only had to elude the fleet but the fortifications on Heligoland and Neuwerk. The insert map gives an outline of Cuxhaven, with its docks and the gas tank, from which the military balloons and Zeppelins are supplied, which was one of the objectives of the British raid.

British Bayonet Charge

How it is Worked.

There is nothing which the German soldiers would not prefer to face than the terrible bayonet charge of the British infantry. Plucky as the Germans have shown themselves when opposed to the deadly fire of French and British artillery, stubbornly as they have resisted the machine guns which the Allies have so often brought against them, there is one thing which they dread with heart and soul, the British bayonet charge. No soldier in the world are such dashing assailants as the soldiers of King George, who, one they have received the order to charge, become the terror of the foe.

It is from a distance of five or six hundred yards of its objective that a bayonet charge is generally directed, and provided the defendants are merely armed with rifles and are unsupported by maxims, there is no reason why they should not be able to resist it. Until the onslaught is quite enough even for the hardest of defendants, who, as a rule, are only glad to throw down their arms long before the assailant have reached their objective. It is the fact that it has become their intention to carry.

A bayonet charge, properly conducted, is a very different thing to what it was a dozen years ago. Previous to that time a whole battalion would have leapt up together, and with a frantic cheer would have made a wild dash for the enemy's position. It was the lessons taught by the Boers which put an end to this method of procedure, for the process was proved on more than one occasion to be almost suicidal. To-day no brigadier would ever think of ordering a whole battalion to advance simultaneously in one line against an enemy armed with magazine rifles. Battalions now advance by successive rushes from the right, left and centre; so that while one party is advancing, the remainder of the battalion by keeping up a murderous fire on the position before them can check the enemy's fire that the advance of a company, or even a double company when not opposed by volleys, may be effected at only average cost.

VALUE OF TAKING COVER. There are positions which can only be approached over open and uninterrupted ground, and there are many who fail to understand how, under such trying conditions, infantrymen are able to find any use for their side-arms. It is wonderful what useful cover may be obtained by the utilization even of the slightest fold in the ground, and though this is not likely to be of much service when the assailants are being subjected to shrapnel, against rifle fire it is often of the highest value, not only saving the men from the enemy's bullets, but often tending to deflect the defendants to the extent of the assault. Even amongst short grass or shrubbery it is truly surprising how hard it is sometimes to catch a glimpse of the skirmishers as they slowly work their way towards the position to be attacked.

FRESH FOR THE FINAL RUSH. Another point in which the bayonet charge of to-day differs materially from that of an earlier era is that the men, when they at last draw sufficient courage to engage the enemy hand to hand, instead of heaving worn out with the violent exertion inseparable from the prolonged skirmishing movements, which precede the final assault, at the present day the troops come to grips with the enemy in a comparatively fresh condition, so often are the assaulting parties given the opportunity of a few moments' rest in moving from one position to another. Thus it is not with men almost fainting with fatigue that the Germans have to deal when the British charge them with cold steel; but with men fully prepared for the encounter and frantically eager to get to the business in hand.

The counter-attacks which the Germans occasionally have launched against the allies have been mild indeed compared with the terrible charge of the British. Until the present war, of course, the people of Germany have always regarded the British forces with undisguised contempt, but recent experiences have taught them that they cannot afford to despise the British bayonet, which they dread, curse and abhor.

A FURIOUS SPECTACLE. What a spectacle is a bayonet charge! One would think that human passion is incapable of surpassing the mingled sensations of fiery courage and incredible recklessness which animate the assailants. However, desperate the defenders, it is reserved for their adversaries to exhibit the most fearful passions for which even war can hold itself responsible. After a soldier has seen some of his comrades shot down beside him perhaps, amongst them a brother, a cousin, or a dearly loved friend—the one savage hope which takes possession of the British bayonet, but as they fight the murderer. Already the Germans have had more than one taste of the British bayonet, but as they have openly admitted that our rifle fire is "altogether effective" it would appear that no terms remain in which to describe the wholesale dread with which they have come to regard the "thin long lines of cold grey steel." M. M. F.

CREAM FOR CATARRH OPENS UP NOSTRILS Tells How To Get Quick Relief From Head-Colds. It's Splendid! In one minute your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more yawning, snuffling, blowing, headache, dryness. No struggling for breath at night; your cold or catarrh will be gone. Get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm from your druggist now. Apply a little of this fragrant, antiseptic, healing cream in your nostrils. It penetrates through every air passage of the head, soothes the inflamed or swollen mucous membrane and relief comes instantly. It's just fine. Don't stay stuffed-up with a cold or nasty catarrh—Relief comes so quickly.

spent Christmas in Hamilton. George Bloomfield, of Toronto, spent Sunday evening at John B. Henry's. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Baker and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Potts, spent Xmas near Simcoe with Mr. and Mrs. James Potts. Mrs. James McNeiles and Miss Sylvia, are spending the holidays at her old home at Warton. Mr. and Mrs. A. Kelly spent Christmas in Scotland, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Potts. Mr. and Mrs. M. Myrescough and children, spent on day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Birdsell. Harley Howey of Fairfield, is spending his holidays here, with his uncle, J. P. Henry.

BERLIN WRITER

Says that the Polish Capital Must Soon be Evacuated. [By Special Wire to the Courier] BERLIN, via London, Dec. 31.—Major Morait, the military expert discussing in The Tageblatt the eastern war situation says: "All military authorities are agreed that the Polish capital must soon be evacuated. Its value as a fortress, as is well known, is slight, but the strongly fortified position in front of the forts, it must be expected, will be well defended. Nevertheless, it would require strong forces to hold them. "It appears, moreover, as if the Russian general staff attaches greater importance in bringing about unbroken behind the Russian rather than the development of the full strength west thereof. However, the plans of the Russian staff are unknown, and hence, it is not impossible that it still intends holding the region west of the Vistula, with political prestige as the factor, despite the dangers attending such a plan. "At any rate the defeat of the Russians north of the Plicza will settle the fate of the army operating in Galicia."

gational Sunday school on Monday night was well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Miles spent Christmas at Brantford. Mr. Burgess of London, spent over Sabbath with Mr. Benson Rutherford. Miss Muir of Toronto, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Muir.

No Township elections will be held this year. Reeve Milnece resigned his office. Mr. Buttis comes Reev. A. W. Eddy, deputy reeve and Henry Lester was elected councillor. The concert given on Monday evening under the auspices of the Congregational church by the Orpheus quartette of Galt, was largely attended. The concert was of a very high order. The expense of bringing high class talent to Brantford is usually considerable. The people of Brantford and vicinity have from time to time, been favored with some of the best talent in the country, and a sense of great appreciation should be felt to any organization that goes to the trouble of bringing the splendid talent to the village that has occasionally visited us. The concert of Monday night can be ranked as one of the best entertainments given in the village.

Mr. Bowman of Kelvin has moved into T. S. Rutherford's house, at the east end of the village. Special evangelistic services will be commenced in the Methodist church next Sunday. A lady singer from Drumbo will assist.

VANESSA (From our own Correspondent) Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slaight and son, Delmer, of Alberta, are visiting relatives and friends here. Mr. and Mrs. Ward Rice, and children, of Cambo, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Birdsell and other relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bartholomew and Miss Gladys, also Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bartholomew and daughter,

BURFORD (From our own correspondent.) Mr. and Mrs. Silverthorne of Toronto, visited old friends here this week. Miss Edna Balkwell of Winnipeg, is visiting the parental home. Mr. Bell of Burlington, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Alton. Miss Mills of Norwich is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. Smith. Mr. Wray Sharpe of Toronto, spent the holiday at home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Wedge visited a few days with Mr. and Mrs. John Wedge. Mr. Harrison of Toronto, is spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Williams. A very highly respected resident of Burford, passed away on Christmas day in the person of Abigail Sovereign, beloved wife of Lemuel Searies. Mrs. Searies has been ailing for some time, but the end came very unexpectedly to most of her friends. She had a very sunny, friendly disposition, and will be greatly missed in her circle. There is left, besides her husband, a daughter, Miss Bertha; a home. The funeral took place on Tuesday at a p.m. to the Congregational cemetery. Mr. F. Sovereign of Woodstock, a brother, is staying with Mr. and Miss Searies. The concert held by the Congre-

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MISSING BY THE CABLES

Graphic Incidents of the War, Told in Soldiers' Letters and by Wounded Men From the Front.

GOLFER WOUNDED

Private John Savers, Royal Scots, a nephew of the well known golfer Mr. Ben Savers, has returned wounded to Lochoe.

He says the Royal Scots were advancing near Le Basse, and came in touch with the enemy, who opened an inflaming fire upon them, and he was hit in the breast. The bullet entered his tunic, and passing along towards his arm, was diverted by his bayonet. The missile after wounding him, passed right through the book, which contained several letters, and made a ragged hole about half an inch in diameter.

The marks of Savers' blood are still plainly visible inside the book. He says that although the book did not exactly save his life, it kept the bullet from doing damage to his right arm. After being wounded he lay for half an hour until he was removed to the rear of the firing line and had his wound bandaged and the piece of tunic taken out.

He was eleven days in the trenches at the Aiane, and the troops trekked a fortnight into Belgium. Savers is a Boer War man, and possesses the King's and Queen's medals. He says he would sooner go through the Boer war again than the present campaign. "On the whole," he says, "we could not brouse about the grub, because we were better fed than in South Africa."

He was one of ten who captured fifty Uhlans at the Marne. The British had been shelling the German position all day, and at night the enemy began to retire. The Royal Scots were fresh and managed to raise a gallop. After pursuing the Germans for four miles the latter laid down their arms. There were fifty of them, and although they looked pretty fit, they were rather down in the mouth. Savers received a silver mounted dagger from a German soldier who had spent nearly all his days in Glasgow, but unfortunately lost it.

POTTING UHLANS

An officer in a Lancer regiment writes home:— "It was simply grand to receive your letter of September 23 last night, and

I rushed to the dying glow of a fire to devour all your news. My German is very useful, of course, and I am generally put in charge of the prisoners, so hear lots of things, and their ignorance of the war is amazing. They are just fed on lies, and their officers tell them that they are winning, that Paris is taken, but the same officers drive the men to fight at the revolver's point. I bagged my very first German at 30 yards range at Blanche. He was a Uhlans, and all unconscious of our proximity, walked out of a wood. He never knew anything, as my bullet hit him full in the chest and broke his neck. We only bagged four of them; the other three were in the wood. At a later date, I knocked one over at 1200 yards with my sixth shot. He was a scout, and showed up on a hill, as I thought 2000 yards away, so I sighted my rifle to that distance, with no result. But I saw my sights to 1200 and tried. He moved, but my next took him between the shoulders and brought him down.

We took our turn in the trenches—an unforgettable time it was, as most of the attacking was done at night, and the wind was a haze of enemy shell, sickly moon, a haze of enemy, the smart rattle of our maxims and rifles, the cries of the wounded—all hell let loose; our fellows grim but cheerful, and our fellows grim but cheerful, the enemy courting sudden death and finding it as we mowed them down in heaps. Not a word could the modern Hun make. Their crack corps had no terrors for our men.

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German Officer Writes About British Soldiers

An editor of the Berliner Tageblatt, who is taking part in the battle in Flanders as an officer of the Reserve, has sent a letter to his paper, in which he says that the British soldier is not to be underrated. "Our young soldiers (the Germans) show an eager desire to fight, and they are marching to the battlefields with the intention of catching the British soldiers, as they say every one of them is firmly convinced that God gave Englishmen their long legs in order that they might better run away. One remembers the many sketches and cartoons of Tommy Atkins. A few of our men, and only a few, are known to me by name. They are the English. Sooner than we expected, we met the enemy. One morning when we were just marching, I suddenly heard somebody cry.

"THE FIRST DEAD ENGLISHMAN— "There's the first dead Englishman!"—the first one we had seen during this war. He was dead, a bullet right through his heart—a young, slim, nice-looking boy. Shortly afterwards we discovered in a house two severely wounded British officers, and we seized their diaries, which contained very valuable notes.

"One hour later the first British prisoner was brought in. "He looks like a chauffeur," our men said. "Are they good shots?" they asked. "He looks more like fit for football or cricket." But after another hour the comrades of the captured Englishman gave us their answer to the question whether they could shoot or not. And they did it so plainly that after the first encounter our battalion was reduced to half its number. "We learned that the clean-shaven gentlemen do not always use their long legs for flight, but now and then for very severe attacks. In a few hours we found that our enemy was not to be dealt with as a quantity negligible.

"The British infantry opposed to us round Ypres can only be described as the best of troops. The one man who fought with which the British soldiers defend their positions is admirable, and when they were repulsed they always tried, mostly during the night, to regain the lost position. "WHERE THE BRITISH EXCEL "The main strength of the British infantry lies, without doubt, in defence, and the good use of their terrain. Here the instinct of the British hunting man is very useful to him, and of this the average infantryman has none. The British recruit is very quick in learning the use of his rifle.

"The British trenches were so skillfully arranged that they could not be seen with the naked eye. When we occupied the first British trenches we were astonished at their good construction, as regards depth, cover against splinters of shells, and breast-works.

"Resting places were abundantly provided, and our men who found these got stores of preserved provisions—namely, corned beef and other tinned meats and vegetables. Many of our men discovered also a fresh supply of razors, a hair brush, and a comb.

"The British soldier is an expert at patrolling. I often followed with my field glasses a British patrol, and I could see that their work was very clever, much better than our men could do. We Germans must not underestimate the British mercenaries. Our advance in West Flanders can only proceed step by step. Everyone who has fought around Ypres knows that the decisive action demands much patience."

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BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS.

Fred W. Frank, Secretary.

BRANTFORD WATER WORKS BY-LAW TO RAISE \$100,000—TO BE VOTED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 4th

The ratepayers should vote for the By-law. As the work undertaken by the Commissioners was absolutely necessary to keep the City supplied with water and to protect property from fire.

The natural growth of the City and the extension of the factory districts have made such demands upon the plant that the Board were not able to meet the requirements without enlarging.

The Board of Underwriters, through their inspectors, also demanded an increased supply, larger pumps, and larger force mains from the pumping station through the centre of the city, with increased distribution mains.

Aside from this, the Terrace Hill section have suffered from a very indifferent service for some years, owing to the heavy demands made upon the plant from the lower sections of the City.

It has been impossible through the small force mains to get water on the Hill without seriously damaging the Works and taking the risk of crippling the entire service.

To meet these demands, the Commissioners have increased the collecting galleries in length and capacity.

Constructing a new pump well. Installing two 4-million-gallon electrically-driven pumps and Two 4-million-gallon steam booster pumps.

Enlarging the pumping station to double its present capacity. Constructing new header with valves and controlling chamber at the pumping station.

Laying a new 20-inch force main from the pumping station to the head of Pearl Street; a 12-inch main from this 20-inch pipe up Terrace Hill to Dundas Street, and a 14-inch main from the same pipe through the centre of the City east to Murray Street. These mains are all connected up with the existing mains, and can be controlled by valves separately or collectively. This gives three distinct force mains to the City proper, so that if one gives out it may be cut off and the others operate without crippling the service.

The Board have laid and connected up a direct high level service for Terrace Hill district. This will give the same pressure on the Hill as in other portions of the City, and will enable the Commissioners to pump for the lower level, or the bulk of the supply, at 60 lbs. pressure, in place of at 85 lbs., which was necessary to keep water on the Hill (and then in a very unsatisfactory way). This will save annually about two thousand dollars in fuel alone, and the greatest benefit will be in relief from the strain of the high pressure on all the plumbing throughout the City, saving the consumers a lot of expense in repairs to their service pipes and connections.

The revenue from the Works has been ample to pay all expenses, the interest and sinking fund on the debenture indebtedness, and leave a handsome surplus each year. With the natural increase, it will take care of the interest and sinking fund on the new issue asked for, and do as it has done in the past. In other words, the Water Works is paying its way, carrying its own burdens, and the Works will be paid for at the maturity of the bonds. The City Treasurer at the present time has \$252,419.56 put aside in sinking fund accumulations for this purpose, and the taxpayers have had about \$200,000 surplus earnings, which have gone to the reduction of their taxes.

This work was absolutely necessary. It had to be done, and if the ratepayers fail to carry the By-law, it will mean that the City will be forced to provide the money, and it will have to be raised by taxes in one year, which would increase the municipal rates 25%. By carrying the By-law it is spread over a term of years, and the Water Works take care of it themselves.

MINCE PIES GIVEN TO THE GERMANS ACROSS FRONT LINE TRENCHES

(By Harold Ashton, Correspondent of the London Daily News.) IN NORTHERN FRANCE, Dec. 31.—On Christmas morning, two British soldiers, after signalling a truce of good fellowship from the crown of their trench, walked across to the German lines with a plate of mince pies. Their reasonable message were most cordially received. They had a good feed and a bottle of beer, and were sent back with a packet of Christmas cards for distribution among their fellows.

"After Christmas dinner, nearly all of us went out in front, where we found the Germans all had turned up in force. The result was a huge mixed crowd of men swapping butt ends of cigarettes, etc. "Some of the German officers came up and actually took out photographs while we were all sitting on the ground.

"I wouldn't have missed that experience for the most gorgeous Christmas dinner in England." Captain J. J. Harriman and Adj. Ingalls of Toronto. The result of their investigation was not made public, though the report will be forwarded to Ottawa at once.

VERDICT WAS THAT DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL

Inquest Into the Shooting at Niagara River Was Held Yesterday.

BRIDGEBURG, Ont., Dec. 31.— "We find that Walter Schmidt met his death while evading arrest for unlawfully shooting ducks out of season in Canadian waters, by bullets delivered from rifles of three militiamen who had been called on by Provincial Police Officer Thomas W. Delaney to assist him in making arrests."

The foregoing was the verdict returned by the jury which had to decide on the means whereby Walter Schmidt met his death Monday morning. The inquest opened shortly after 2 o'clock, and the hearing of evidence took just two hours and a half. Crowds of people gathered to witness the proceedings. The jury retired at half-past four, but did not return their verdict until after 6 o'clock. Mortimer Gibbert, Peter Watson and George Boudler gave evidence which corroborated in every detail the stories of the shooting which had previously been told by Officer Delaney and the other witnesses.

"Both men on the ice. Herbert Koleschke gave the only evidence which conflicted at all with the other evidence presented to the jury. His story was the same as told by Charles Boudler in the hospital in Buffalo yesterday. He said that one of the men fell into the boat. He also said that both men were at first standing on the ice, apparently talking to each other. He said that the water, and that all the time the shooting by the militiamen on the shore continued. He was questioned closely regarding his statements, but persisted in his story. He said that the ice and were apparently trying to obey Officer Delaney, who was beckoning from the shore. The witness was able to see what was going on from his position at his bedroom window, to which the sounds of the firing had brought him.

OTHERS CONTRADICT KOLETSCHKE. The other witnesses, who were called, however, all agreed that at no time were the men on the ice, and that the men in the boat did not row their hands to surrender. George Boudler as recalled after Koleschke was heard. He repeated his story that he was near Delaney all the time and that there was never more than one man on the ice, and that the one man raised one hand in token of surrender that the firing ceased immediately.

"DID NOT AIM TO KILL. Corporal Kayo was also recalled and was asked did he at any time aim to kill. His reply was an emphatic "No." "Did you sight your gun?" asked United States Vice-Consul J.B. Curtis, who represents his government, and who asked most of the witness questions. "No, we did not sight the guns, for we didn't want to kill any man," was the corporal's reply.

All the witnesses also agreed that Delaney's instructions had been to be careful not to hit either of the men who were seeking to arrest John W. Van Allen of the firm of Wilcox and Van Allen, attorneys of Buffalo, was present as a representative of the Schmidt family. After the hearing, he told your correspondent that he believed the Canadian Government would see that justice was done. He said that they would await the action of the Canadian Government.

The evidence and the verdict will be forwarded to the State Department at Washington by Vice-Consul J. B. Curtis. Court reporters from Buffalo took down every word that was said, including the form of oath which Coroner Menke read from the rule book.

THE MILITARY INQUIRY. There was a military inquiry into the affair at Fort Erie to-day also. Lieut.-Col. Rose presided, and there were present G. H. Foley, Major Donald Sharpe, M.P.P., and

IMMIGRATION HAD HEAVY FALLING OFF

New York Figures Show One of the Effects of the War.

(By Special Wire to the Courier.) NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Immigration through the port of New York for the year of 1914, fell off to the extent of 607,410 persons, or 43 percent, as compared with 1913, according to figures compiled by the commissioner of immigration, and made public to-day.

During 1913 arrivals numbered 1,334,914 persons, of whom 1,063,993 were aliens and 170,921 were returning American citizens. In 1914, arrivals were only 733,504, of these 573,675 were aliens and 159,829 were citizens.

Immigration statistics show that the number of departing aliens was greater by 37,818 than last year. Immigration officials and representatives of the immigration aid societies, explain the falling off in immigration, as from the war, which is the chief factor as being due to the curtailing of work in the United States, and to an effort on the part of foreign countries to restrict emigration by providing work at home and bettering the condition of their working classes.

YOUNG GERMANS

Youths of School Age Now Being Drilled for Future Battles.

(By Special Wire to the Courier.) NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A London Daily Express despatch dated "On the Belgian frontier, Wednesday, to The New York Herald" says: "A large number of young recruits for Germany's new army, which is being organized for the spring campaign are arriving at the various stations in Eastern Belgium for training under elderly drill sergeants. Six thousand are at Beverloo, near Liege, and similar detachments are being prepared in other towns in order not to interfere with the billeting of the ordinary field troops passing through on service.

"Youths of eighteen to twenty, some of whom have not finished their school studies, seem to comprise the bulk of this army.

SANG TO SOLDIERS

London Actress Returned Home With Lump in Her Throat.

(By Special Wire to the Courier.) NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—A cable to The Herald from London this morning says: "Miss Ellaline Terris returned to London yesterday from Boulogne, where she has been singing in the hospitals and markets to wounded soldiers and those who are fit. Asked for her chief impression, she replied: "I am full of gratitude, I've a lump in my throat. It is all too wonderful. Over here we don't half feel this war, but when one sees the suffering there and the Tommies lying in bed as bright as bright can be, all with smiles on their faces, despite their wounds, then one begins to realize it a little. They all joined in the songs I sang, 'Thank you for all you are doing,' which has a bit of 'Tipperary' in it and sang 'Tipperary' so softly and quietly that it brought tears to everyone's eyes."

THE WILL TO RESIST

London News and Leader.—Nothing is more difficult than to measure the will power of a nation, and the German nation as we know it is psychologically new thing and correspondingly mysterious. Actual invasion of German territory, particularly the occupation of important industrial areas, might produce collapse in German obstinacy; but clearly the firmness of the will to resist must be in part dependent upon the price of peace.

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Mrs. McGregor sang several solos in a very acceptable manner. The programme was as follows: Recitation G. Robinson; song, Alice Gillingwater; chorus, Violet Eastman, Annie Eastman, Annie Campbell; recitation, Jean Brown; solo, Mrs. McGregor; reading, Mrs. Brown; chorus, Annie Violet and Hazel Eastman; recitation, Miss Neva Smith; presentation and address to Dr. Bier; recitation, Eva Robinson, Lorne Denton, and Jean Brown; song, Mrs. Bygraves' class; recitations, Alice Gillingwater, Flossie Eaton, Edith Lefler; reading, Mrs. Brown; recitation, Miss Neva Smith; solo, Mrs. McGregor; song, Mrs. Bygraves' class; recitation, Miss Neva Smith; song, Gordon Campbell, boy scout; recitation, Willie Miller; recitation, five little girls; recitations, Maggie Crowle, Jas. Bruce, Kenneth Lefler, Miss Neva Smith, Miss Neva Smith was the star of the evening and an elocutionist of great merit. She delighted the audience with very clever mode of entertainment. Mrs. Bygrave presided at the organ in her usual happy manner, and Mr. Symons, the father of the mission, made a very able chairman. Upwards of a hundred stockings in red, green and pink, which were donated by Santa Claus, were distributed amongst the children. Just before the meeting closed, Mrs. Williamson delighted the audience with a very fine rendering of "Jesus Lover of My Soul."

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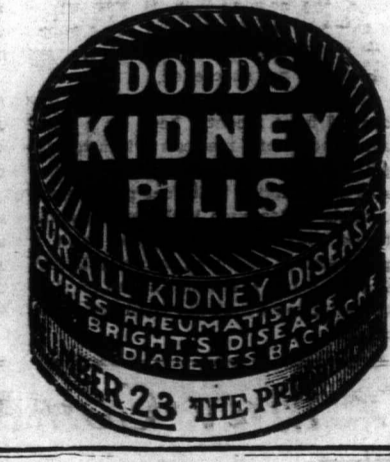
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HARTFORD [From Our Own Correspondent] The pulpit next Sunday will be occupied by Rev. Senior of Toronto. The annual church meeting will be held in the church Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 6th. Mr. and Mrs. J. Bridges of Saskatoon, are the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Morgan Vanloon. Mr. J. Wilcox is spending the holidays with friends in Chicago. A number of the boys called on Mr. Wm. Overholt one night last week. The annual Christmas dinner of the Simington family was held at the home of Mrs. L. Beemer, Brantford. Miss Edna Bowman of Welland is visiting friends in this place. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cooper of and little son are calling on friends in this place. The annual Christmas tree and concert was held in the church on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd. A good program was given to a well filled house, consisting of songs, recitations, dialogues and drills. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. G. Lutes, under whose leadership the program was given. The proceeds, which were given in behalf of the Belgian fund, amounted to \$51. Mr. D. Scott and family spent Christmas with Mr. Wm. Snively, Boston. Miss Myrtle Walker is visiting at Port Dover. Mr. Geo. Vanloon and family have returned to their home in Scotland after spending a few weeks with friends in the village. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lewis of Campden, were calling on friends in the village Sunday.

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Nigel

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"See yonder, fair sir," he cried, with gleaming eyes, "there where the wastrel walks with the great fardel upon his back! Who is he who marches behind him?" Nigel looked, and was aware of a stunted peasant who bore upon a stunted back an enormous bundle very much larger than himself. Behind him walked a burly broad-shouldered archer, whose stained jerkin and battered headpiece gave token of long and hard service. His bow was slung over his shoulder, and his arms were round the waist of two buxom Frenchwomen, who tripped along beside him with much laughter and many saucy answers flung back over their shoulders to a score of admirers behind them. "Ayward!" cried Nigel, spurring forward. The archer turned his bronzed face, stared for a moment, and then, dropping his two ladies, who were instantly carried off by his comrades, he rushed to seize the hand which his young master held down to him. "Now by my hill, Squire Nigel, this is the fairest sight of my lifetime!" he cried. "And you, old leather-faced May Simon, I would put my arms round your dried herring of a body, if I could but reach you. Here is Pommeris too, and I read in his eye that he knows me well and is as ready to put his teeth into me as when he yowled in my father's stall. It was like a whiff of the heather-perfumed breezes of Hankley to see his homely face once more. Nigel laughed with sheer joy as he looked at him. "It was an ill day when the King's service called you from my side," said he, "and by Saint Paul! I am right glad to see you once more. I see well that you are in no wise altered, but the same Ayward that I have ever known. But who is this varlet with the great bundle who waits upon your movements?" "It is no less than a feather-bed, fair sir, which he bears upon his back, for I would fain bring it to Tilford, and yet it is overlarge for me when I take my place with my fellows in the ranks. But indeed this war has been a most excellent one, and I have already sent in a wagonload of my gear back to Bordeaux to await my homecoming. Yet I have my fears when I think of all the rascal foot-archers who are waiting there, for some folk have no grace or honesty in their souls, and cannot keep their hands from that which belongs to another. But if I may throw my leg over yonder spare horse I will come on with you, for indeed it would be joy to my heart to know that I was riding under your banner once again." So Ayward, having given instructions to the bearer of his feather-bed, rode away in spite of shrill protests from his French companions, who speedily consoled themselves with the peace of the French army. They passed a narrow and winding track, through the great wood of Nouaille, and found before them a marshy valley down which ran a sluggish stream. Along its farther bank hundreds of horses were being watered, and beyond was a dense block of wagons. Through these the comrades passed, and then topped a small mound from which the whole strange scene lay spread before them. Down the valley the slow stream meandered with marshy meadows on either side. A mile or two lower a huge drove of horses were to be seen assembled upon the bank. They were the steeds of the French cavalry, and the blue haze of a hundred fires showed where King John's men were camping. In front of the mound upon which they stood the English line was drawn, but there were few fires, for indeed, save the horses there was little for them to cook. Their right rested upon the river, and their array stretched across a mile of ground until the left was in touch with a tangled forest which guarded it from flank attack. In front was a long thick hedge and much broken ground, with a single deeply rutted country road cutting through it in the middle. Under the hedge and along the whole front of the position lay swarms of archers upon the grass, the greater number slumbering peacefully with sprawling limbs in the warm rays of the September sun. Behind were the quarters of the various knights, and from end to end flew the banners and pennons marked with the devices of the chivalry of England and Guienne. With a glow in his heart Nigel saw those badges of famous captains and leaders and knew that now at last he also might show his coat-armour in such noble company. There was the flag of Jean Grailly, the Capital de Buch, five silver shells on a black cross, which marked the presence of the most famous soldier of Gascony, while beside it waved the red lion of the noble Knight of Hainault, Sir Eustace d'Ambreicourt. These two coats Nigel knew, as did every warrior in Europe, but a dense grove of pennoned lances surrounded them, bearing charges which were strange to him, from which he understood that these belonged to the Guienne division of the army. Farther down the line the famous English ensigns floated on the wind, the scarlet and gold of Warwick, the warm rays of the golden cross of Suffolk, the blue and gold of Willoughby, and the gold-fretted scarlet of Audley. In the very centre of the line was one which caused all others to pass from his mind, for close to the royal banner of England, crossed with the label of the Prince, there waved the silver flag with the red wedge upon the golden field which marked the quarters of the noble Chandos. At the sight Nigel set up his hair, and a few minutes later had

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