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Is Found Acting as for After Men Have Fled.

IS INTREPID FACING THE ENEMY

Are Forced to Restrain Aggressiveness to Face the Enemy's Bullets.

we left for Paris, passing... On the road it is to meet the "train de combat" of all kinds, which only in order that the enemy is aware of the manoeuvre.

standing of this letter I had the going more into the detail of the "Secours National," but I my letter has degenerated into a mere incident and actuality.

It is that I am convinced by the seen of the functioning of the Society (Secours National) set seriously, economically and daily administered. The detail taken by Mr. Hanotaux, for instance that only real cases of relief, making those able to also the absolute honesty of dials, bourgs and towns with in their not exaggerating rate of things, but confident of by hook or crook, to pull this I call the bravery of the they all have immense response who have been left behind.

have shirked or decamped for are out of it and will never but those who have stood the have said before, have all their them, deserve all help, appreciate deeply and, in spite of their I, I feel need it.

ation is widespread. provinces which are now occupied are vacated the conditions to be pitiable beyond imagination.

I have seen passes description ration is concerned, but as yours and the good curés said: have suffered, it is still bear- of what has happened in." For instance, Craonna, five beyond Beaumont, and still ardment, is absolutely evacuated and pillaged. When the ants return, think that "everything gone." In many the walls of the houses, along and the roofs, and some the cellars, are caved in.

will all grow up again—more an ever, let us hope—but it to duplicate these charming villages—the work of genera- centuries of love and care.

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lete confidence in their tralyalty, their generosity and their courage and their spirit Let us help, to our tided over. I am convinced have seen that the Secours the best channel to employ, nomenclical and the best admin- reover, any gifts for a specific will gladly take care of: for arlotte told me that her maid's Hericourt, was in distress, the Secours National I have reach it.

into Sea"

reach Calais is the Kaiser's weeks of bombardment along ad the inevitable effect on the morale of the German troops. stale through sitting in un- nches day and night, and id fever began its ravages ration increased rapidly. The retreatment to entrenched ters behind the Meuse was the General Staff, but the convinced that he had only a "contemptible little army," dramatic dash to the coast, the battle cry of "Conquer ould rally the troops and give nepsus which could not be

riors have voiced the Kaiser's y in the cafés of Brussels and what I write is an accurate their views.

an army was thought to be broken by the fall of Ant- in spirit as well as in German spies overdid their de- fragmentary retreat, and Staff believed that the troops fight again.

army was thought to be too stand for long a series of her blows which would drive France.

too, was the forecast of the he French army. The Kaiser it would not effectively invasion directed primarily and not at Paris.

er's mandate was obeyed His troops gained the empty Ghent, Bruges and Ostend, the sea with wild enthu- the disillusionment began- rors had to fight night and les of battles that were for often than not a massacre mere defeat.

RUSSIAN DEFENCE IS SUPREME

Are Meeting Only One Attack—Austrian Retreat From Serbia Was Costly

(By Special Wire to the Courier) LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Daily Mail's Petrograd correspondent telegraphs:

"Only one of three sides of a square on which the Germans were attacking the Russians a few days ago is being assaulted. This is on the line before Warsaw, where the efforts of the enemy to pierce the Russian line of defence continue with uninterrupted vigor.

"The Germans are keeping up a supply of troops wherever they are needed for filling up gaps. It is now stated that the number of troops on the western front has been reduced, but that the places in the first line units are being taken by garrison and second line troops. If the Russian's dam which has been constructed in order to hold back the torrent of Ger- mans that is being poured toward Warsaw, can resist the pressure, the situation must improve."

The Daily Telegraph's correspondent at Petrograd telegraphs:

At Muntia the Germans shot down one of their own aeroplanes, which they thought was a Russian machine. It was broken into fragments in the fall and both occupants were instantly killed.

The Morning Post's correspondent at Petrograd telegraphs:

"There is great rejoicing in Russia over the Serbian rout of the Austrian army, which is more complete than was supposed. According to figures received here from perfect- trust worthy sources, the Serbians took 280 officers and more than 42,000 men as prisoners. They captured three stand- ing arms, twenty-nine limbers, 382 ammunition carts, seventy maxims, about two thousand carts of a supply train, two thousand horses, thirty two field kitchens, thirty four field bakeries, three military bands, enormous numbers of rifles, quantities of military stores and every species of war material."

A cable to The Tribune from Petro- grad says:

The Austrian press is using every device to conceal from the public knowledge of the disaster to the armies that invaded Serbia.

One of the immediate results of the defeat is to rob Austria-Hungary of all the benefits of her loan of \$25,000,000 contracted with the United States two years ago. The Austrian Gov- ernment still has on its hands \$12,800,000 of this paper, which she has never been able to place. The other half of the loan, which was realized at that time is now wastepaper, owing to the absence of buyers.

German Paper Vorwaerts on Number of English Labor Men in the War.

(By Special Wire to the Courier) NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A cable from London to the Tribune says: "The Vorwaerts, the organ of the German Socialist party, publishes the numbers of members of English trade unions who have enlisted since the war began. "Many people," it says, "will be surprised to learn on com- paring statistics available in both countries, that the percentage of or- ganized workers in the army at the front is far greater in the case of England than in that of Germany."

It adds: "If Germany should in the future be tempted to speak with contempt about English mercenaries, it would be advisable that they remem- bered this fact."

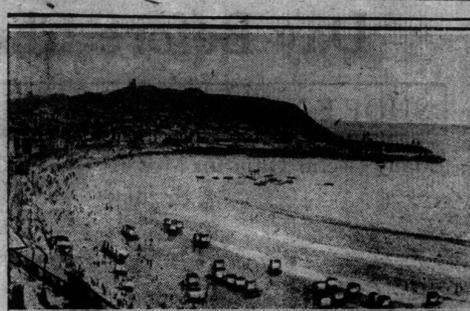
HEART SONGS

The Courier to-day re- ceived a fresh consignment of the jolly, popular "Heart Songs."

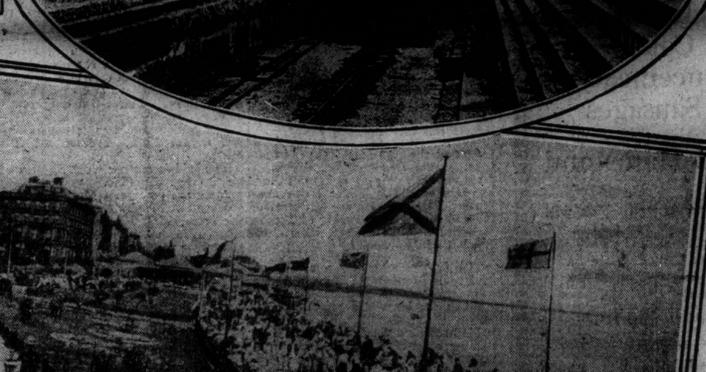
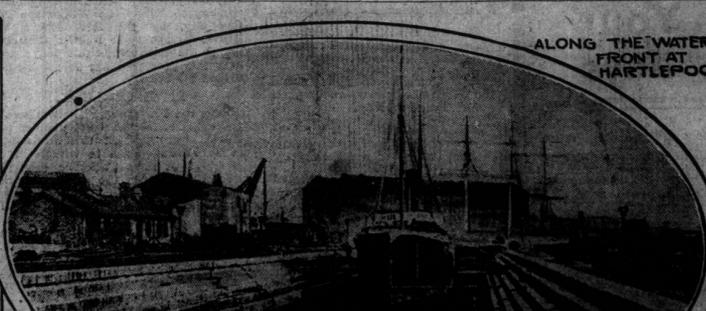
Those whose orders it was impossible to fill because of the big rush for the same, will kindly call at this office and secure their copies.

EVENING SLIPPERS.

A very suitable gift for sister would be a pair of evening slippers or pumps. We have them in all styles and colors. Coles Shoe Co.



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GERMANS TALKING OF FAITH

Observance of Truce at Christmas is Subject of Vitriolic Remarks in German Press.

(By Special Wire to the Courier) LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Daily Chronicle says:

"German newspapers deeply deplore the carrying on of hostilities during the festival which they regard as a purely Germanic institution, but they all profess satisfaction that the efforts made by the Pope and the American pacifists to call a truce of God for Christmas Day have come to naught. The Berlin journals would willingly enough see the men at the front enjoying a day's rest, but what guarantees is there that the enemies of Germany, while promising faithfully to observe the conditions of a Christmas truce, would not be guilty of some base treachery."

"The madeburgische Zeitung scornfully exclaims:

"Imagine a Russian's word of honor. Imagine British faithfulness to treaties."

"Credit is given to the pope and the pacifists for their admirable intentions, but Germany, says the journal, has only one duty, and that is not to take her hand from the plough—it is God's will—until the certainty of victory is assured."

"Germany," concludes the writer, "now recognises amidst all the terrible sufferings which her sons are enduring, that God is with her, that God desires her to wage this war to the end. It is not a war to be concluded by negotiations of cabinets. Germany is called on to bring to the world a better condition of things—something better than the selfish policy of England, better than the civilisation of Russia. Germany is conscious that God has given her this task; that she has a mission of Kultur to humanity, and this ease of conscience it is which gives her irresistible force in this war. Her faithfulness to God, her confidence in her world mission, will not permit her to lay down her arms, not for an hour, until both in the east and in the west she has brought about conditions which are favorable."

NEW WAY SECURED FOR KNOCKING DOWN BARBED WIRE BARRIERS

(By Special Wire to the Courier) LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Daily News publishes the following des- patch from a correspondent in Paris: "I was talking last night with a group of soldiers from the front and in the course of their stories of life in the trenches, one of them told me of an ingenious device they have for tearing down the German barbed wire entanglements. There are hundreds of miles of these barriers in front of the German trenches in France and Belgium. They bring the most im- petuous bayonet charge to a stand- still until a way is cut through them. Now, I am told, the French are ex-

perimenting with an appliance similar to a rocket apparatus, which throws a grappling iron attached to a rope over entanglements, which are then dragged down and hauled into our trenches.

"By posting a few good marksmen under cover to command the spot where it is intended to hurl the grap- pling, the French secure a number of victims, besides destroying the en- tanglements. Instantly the Germans see it, they dash out of their trenches to try to secure the grappler before it is hauled taut and catches the wires, and these are almost invariably shot down."

ANOTHER BRANTFORD MAN IS AMONG THE WOUNDED, SERGEANT KING FORMERLY OF "G" COMPANY OF DUFFS

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GERMANY RUSHING TROOPS BACK AGAIN FOR FRENCH ADVANCE

(By Special Wire to the Courier) LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Daily Express publishes the following dis- patch, dated "On the Belgian fron- tier, December 22."

"Another great movement of Ger- man troops in the direction of West Flanders is now in progress, appar- ently in order to check the advance of the allies, which grows increasingly menacing. With this object in view, a portion of the Kaiser's army in Pol- and has been released, and a long line of troop trains has been passing through Liege, Namur and Brussels

since Saturday. "Neutral travellers, who arrived to-day at Maastricht from Germany, stated that Aix-La-Chapelle was full of soldiers who had been temporarily halted for rest on their way to the western theatre of war, and were awaiting their turn to proceed along the congested Belgian railway. The first of these new reinforcements have already arrived in Bruges and Ghent, where they had an enthusiastic reception by the garrison because they were participants in the latest supposed victory in Poland."

MORE THAN 1,100 CHILDREN HAVE BEEN INVITED TO-NIGHT

Particularly Gratifying is the Number of Subscrip- tions—Amount Reached is Over \$500—Joy for All the Needy Ones.

The greatest measure of hap- piness is to be derived from giving, rather than from receiving. Christmas gifts is appreciated by a large num- ber of the rising generation in Brant- ford is shown by the numerous gifts for the Kiddies Christmas Tree, re- ceived from boys and girls of tender years. Already a number of these have been acknowledged, but since yesterday's list was published, two particularly fine gifts have been re- ceived by the committee in charge of the entertainment. One of these was a number of fine toys to be placed on the tree and distributed to the guests of Santa Claus. These came from the pupils of Miss Bell's class in Alexandra School. The other gift was from the manual training depart- ment of the public school, under the direction of Mr. A. Styles, and con- sists of a number of toys and useful gifts made by the boys themselves, a work which they say gave them a great amount of pleasure. Among the boys who joined in the worthy move- ment were: W. Nelson, A. McNally, J. Cook, L. Joyce, A. Hackman, S. Kerr, F. Potter, N. Andrews, G. Ad- am, M. Beckett, A. Ham, L. Rid- dells and H. Symons.

The distribution of the gifts will take place in the armories this even- ing, and Santa Claus has arranged to have a number of assistants present to assist him in his work. More than 1,100 children have received invita- tions and as each is to receive can- dies, nuts and an orange, in addition to a present, the jolly old fellow is going to have his hands full.

As already announced the children who have received invitations will enter through the south door and no child will be admitted there unless he or she has an invitation card to show. Mothers with babes in arms to whom invitations have been issued will also

be admitted through this door, but the general public will be admitted only through the north, or Dalhousie street entrance.

The following additional subscrip- tions for the Christmas Tree fund have been received: Previously acknowledged \$535.38 Operators Bell Tel. Co. 5.50 Primrose Mabon 1.00 G. M. H. 1.00 Friends 3.00 J. I. Miller 1.00 M. H. Bowers 1.00 R. C. Daniel 1.00 J. E. Heaton 1.00 E. W. Ballantyne 1.00 C. Webber 1.00 G. M. B. 2.00 M. R. 2.00 Friend 2.00 Kitty Harris 1.00

Caledonia Had Disastrous Fire This Morning

(By Special Wire to the Courier) HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 23.—Fire did thousands of dollars damage this morning at Caledonia, wiping out an entire business block and for a time threatening destruction of the whole town. A brisk wind fanned the flames which gained so much headway at one stage, that the revee called on Hamil- ton for assistance. A special train was hurriedly made up, but just as the Hamilton firemen were about to leave, word was received that the fire was under control.

A plot to blow up British horse transports was discovered at New Or-

Dardanelles Hero Awarded a V. C.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—The official London Gazette announces that the Victoria Cross has been conferred upon Lieut. Holbrook, commander of sub- marine B-11, for his exploit in going under the mines in the Dardanelles and torpedoing a Turkish cruiser.

Resident in this city and em- ployed at the American Rail- road Company is Mr. James Wel- tor, an Englishman, whose son has served with Lieut. Holbrook, V. C., throughout the distinguished and daring ex- ploit. The vessel accomplished B-11 had many hairbreadth es- capes and was submerged for over 36 hours at one time owing to a mishap. Friends of Mr. Weller are advancing him their congratulations on his exploit in a famous saying, "Proud be the father, who bred so brave a son."

Table listing names and amounts for the Christmas Tree fund.

OFFICIAL FRENCH NOTICE

(By Special Wire to the Courier) PARIS, Dec. 23.—The French war office this afternoon gave out an official statement as follows: "Yesterday, in Belgium, we made slight progress between the sea and the highway from Nieuport to West- end, as well as in the region be- tween Steenstrawe and Bixchoote, where we occupied a forest, some houses and a redoubt."

LOW PRICES AND GOOD QUALITY AT COLES.

The most appreciated gift of all for Father or Brother is a nice club bag. We have the good ones, at low prices. Coles Shoe Co., 124 Colborne Street.

Toronto Hydro-Electric Commis- sion has submitted suggestions for the prospective drop in rates to consum- ers.

DAVIES

Our Part in Your Christmas Joys

is to serve you with good things for your table, to serve with plenty in variety and quality, and here are some of the things:

- Turkeys, Geese
- Chickens, Ducks
- Prime Roasts of Beef
- Choice Young Pork
- Finest Quality Lamb
- Davies Xmas Cake
- Davies' Pure Mincemeat
- Davies' Famous Sausages (5 different varieties)

Davies' Sugar Cured Hams and Bacon.

Besides other table needs and luxuries as well. You will find Davies' the most favorable market you can choose for quality and prices, and don't forget that one of the pleasantest accompaniments to a hearty Xmas dinner would be

- Davies' Wonderful Tea 30c lb.
- Massala Coffees 30c and 40c lb.

Wm. Davies' Co., Ltd.
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GREAT Bargains

in Watches, Clocks, Silverware, Manicure Sets, Toilet Sets, Parian Ivory and Ebony Goods must be sold regardless of cost.

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45 Colborne Street
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YOU WILL SAVE MONEY BY BUYING AT OUR STORE
45 Colborne Street Phone 1724
Everything in our Store is "Made in Canada"

"USE COURIER" WANT ADS.

Social and Personal

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

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Passmore are spending Christmas in Toronto and New Years in Detroit.

Miss Grace Breedon is spending the Christmas holidays at the parental home, Brant Avenue.

Miss Lillian Miller of Brant Avenue has returned home from Hamilton Normal School on the holidays.

Mr. Stewart Carrol has returned to his home in Ormiston, Que., to spend the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Mrs. D. J. Lewis Nelson street, left this morning to spend the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. D. Conner, Cumberland street, Rochester, N.Y.

Mr. A. Marley, 197 Eric Avenue, representative of the John Hill Granite and Marble works, leaves to-morrow to spend Christmas with his daughter at Jarvis.

Miss Evelyn Carling of St. Luke's Hospital and Miss Martha Carling of Brook Hall, New York, spent yesterday with her sister, Miss W. Carling, at Wellington St., going on to Exeter this morning.

Among the guests from out-of-town at the Bowman-Kennedy wedding, were Mrs. Amos Shantz of Berlin, Mrs. Miss Violet Hahn and Master Elmer E. Hahn of Waterloo, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Parker of Toronto and Dr. Allan Parker, Miss Cecile Randall of Montreal.

The first organization meeting of the Young Men's Bible Class of Marlboro street Church, took place last night in the form of a surprise party paid to the teacher, Mr. Harry Isaacs at his home, 333 Chatham street. The election of officers was first attended to, after which games and songs were indulged in. A very excellent and dainty luncheon brought a most enjoyable evening to a close. A very hearty vote of thanks and good wishes was given to the hostess of the evening, who was ably assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Telford.

Women's Institute

The regular monthly meeting of the Echo Place Women's Institute met at the home of Mrs. C. Edmanson, Hamilton Road, Thursday, December 17th.

With the president in the chair, the meeting opened in the usual way by all singing the Maple Leaf Forever. It was decided that the institute take up some Red Cross work. A duet was given by Miss Edmanson and Miss Patterson; reading, Mrs. Elliott; readings, Miss Edmanson; duet, Miss Edmanson and Miss Patterson. A paper on hospitality was given by Mrs. Day. The roll call was answered by cake, cream puffs and tart recipes. Prizes were given for the best Christmas gifts, of exceeding twenty-five cents. There were certainly some very nice ideas. Mrs. Marshall claiming first prize and Mrs. Motley Myers second. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Tottle, Jan. 21st. The meeting closed by all singing God Save the King.

THE IMPELLING CONSIDERATION.

London Times—The men who direct the German plan of campaign are compelled by almost inexorable considerations to stay in France and Belgium until they are victed by sheer force. They must stay there even though Russia captures Brestlau and reaches the line of the Oder. The impelling reasons are not the dream of invading England, nor the project for turning Belgium into a German province, nor the hope of inflicting a smashing blow upon the Western Allies. The dominating consideration must be that withdrawal would be a confession of failure, which would have far-reaching results upon the German public, and might produce entirely new internal conditions.

Xmas Presents Arriving Daily!

Come in and see our Xmas Stock before the rush.

We have already laid away a great many articles for Xmas.

A small deposit will hold your selection for Xmas.

No extra charge for Engraving.

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Opposite Crompton's
Grand Trunk Railway
WATCH INSPECTORS

Nuptial Notes

BLOWER—WILLIAMSON.

Police Constable Thomas Blower has celebrated his annual holiday this year by taking unto himself a wife. He was yesterday united in holy matrimony to Miss Elsie Williamson of this city, by the Rev. Llewellyn Brown of the First Baptist Church. He is the third Brantford police officer this year who has so commemorated his holiday.

PITCHER—LUCK.

Says the Ft. William Daily Times-Journal, Dec. 16: "A large number of friends were present this afternoon in St. Paul's church to witness the marriage of Miss Catharine (Daisy) Luck, daughter of the late Frederick Luck and of Mrs. S. Luck of this city, to Mr. Alva J. Pitcher, son of the late Mr. J. P. Pitcher, of Brantford, Ont. The bride, who was given away by her brother, Mr. Jack Luck, wore a gown of white china silk and silk lace, with pearl trimming, with a white veil and orange blossoms and carried a shower bouquet of bridal roses and dillies of the valley. She also wore the gift of the bridegroom, a diamond and pearl necklace. She was attended by her sister, Miss Jean Luck, who wore a gown of cream silk and overdress of shadow lace. The bridegroom wore a suit with plush cream lace hat with white ostrich plume and gold lace and carried pink roses. Rev. E. Pierce-Goulding officiated. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. Ernest Luck, brother of the bride. The bride's mother wore a gown of black crepe de chine. After the ceremony Mrs. Luck held a reception in her home in honor of the bride, Mrs. Pitcher. The decorations were yellow chrysanthemums and sweet peas. Going away the bride wore a blue tailored suit with plush hat with white ostrich plume, and a lovely set of beaver furs. The bride's return from a trip to Canada and the States, Mr. and Mrs. Pitcher will reside at 428 South North street."

BOWMAN—KENNEDY.

One of the prettiest weddings of the season was very quietly solemnized at the home of Mrs. J. Kennedy, 98 Park avenue, yesterday when their youngest daughter Nettie Elizabeth, was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to Mr. Stanley — Bowman, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Bowman of Port Arthur, Ont. The ceremony was performed in front of a beautiful bank of ferns and palms by Rev. Mr. Sneyd of Preston, friend of the groom. The bride, who was attended by her father, and look girlishly sweet in a gown of white silk crepe with train and wearing veil and Juliette cap. She wore the gift of the groom, a "old" necklace with pendant white roses and lilies of the valley. Lohengrin's and Mendelssohn's wedding marches were played most acceptably by Miss Violet Hahn of Waterloo, Ont., cousin of the bride, who received a pretty sunburst of pearls. After the ceremony telegrams were read from Dr. Allan Parker of Toronto and from friends in Brantford who were unable to be present. After the wedding dinner, the young couple left on the 4.35 train for Toronto. They will return to this city before leaving for their home in Port Arthur. Many beautiful gifts testify to the esteem in which the bride and groom are held and many are the good wishes which will attend the popular little bride to her new home.

Have Given In Good Cause

The appeal of the Children's Aid Society for help is meeting with favorable response and only two days remain before Christmas. The Society has each year well expended all the monies received and has had to refuse to help where help has been needed. This year, more than any other year, the demand has been great for the helping hand to keep families together. Sad cases are being investigated every day by Mr. Axford, who reports the need of clothing, bed clothes and shoes as well as money. A case was found where the mother of a 7 weeks old baby was unable to buy milk for the child. This has been supplied. Another where a family of four small children had only one bed cover. Many instances could be quoted where your contribution would give comfort and cheer to these little ones. The Brantford Cordage Company and employees have contributed \$25.00 to help. This is indeed, sharing their good fortune. Warden Milmine graciously considered those in want and dispensed with the customary Warden's dinner, and divided up the money, giving \$50.00 to the Society. Have you made your gift? If not, why not? The following additional contributions have been received:—

- E. J. Dick \$ 2.00
- Chief Slemin 1.00
- Park Road S.S. 5.00
- Mrs. S. M. Thomson 10.00
- Mrs. M. Doak 2.00
- W. H. Freshborn 1.00
- Warden Milmine 25.00
- John Agnew 1.00
- M. A. Triggerson 2.00
- Brantford Cordage Co. and Employees 25.00
- Mrs. E. D. Cameron 2.50
- A friend 5.00
- For Children's Xmas 2.00
- C. Butterworth 1.00
- John Agnew 1.00
- Brantford Cafe 5.00
- Dr. Jarvis 2.00
- Mrs. P. Kreisman 5.00
- Reba Lodge 10.00
- Miss Wray 1.00
- Mrs. P. H. Secord 5.00
- Brant Lodge, I. O. O. F. 5.00

STORE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS

To-morrow the Last Shopping Day Before Christmas

SHOP EARLY—SHOP IN THE MORNING

Many Useful Gifts for Men

Gents' Leather Collar Bags in Tan and Black, at \$1.25 to \$2.00
Ladies' Hand Bags, in leather, sterling silver, mesh and fancy beaded, many styles to choose from. At 69c, 79c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$2.00

Gloves Make Suitable Xmas Gifts

Ladies' Kid Gloves, best French makes, in black and colors, all sizes. Prices are \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50

Fancy Collars

Hundreds of dainty collars in many styles, pretty, sheer organdies and chiffons. In separate boxes. Prices 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00
Ladies' Fur-lined Mocha Gloves, all sizes. At \$2.00 and \$2.50

Carpet Sweepers

Carpet Sweepers, Bissell's make. Special at \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.50

Suitable Gifts for Men

Men's Sweater Coats, Men's Lined Gloves, Men's Silk Ties, Men's Silk and Crochet Mufflers. Men's Underwear, Men's House Jackets, Men's Umbrellas, Men's Braces, etc.

Cut Glass and Silverware

All to clear at special prices for Xmas. Children's Furs, Sweaters, Ladies' Sweaters, Mufflers. Comb and Brush Sets, Military Brushes.

Fancy Linens

Fancy Linens, in centre pieces, tray cloths, doyleys, sideboard scarfs, 5 o'clock cloths. Hundreds of pieces to choose from, and prices range from 25c to \$3.50 and \$5.00

Table Linen

A nice cloth and a dozen Napkins make a very suitable and useful gift. Our stock is very complete. Table Cloths and Napkins at \$2.00, \$2.19, \$2.50, \$2.75 up to \$10.00

Parasols and Umbrellas for Xmas

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The undersigned of the first party gives to the second party permission to obtain cinematographic views of the theatre of war in Belgium. In recognition of this concession, and with a charitable motive in view, the second party agrees to give to the undersigned of the first party 50% of the profits realized from the exploitation of these films taken in Belgium. The undersigned of the first party agrees to grant to no one his authorization to take any cinematographic views of the theatre of war in Belgium.

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The above is the contract of the Belgian Government with the Chicago Tribune, for the great war pictures which will be shown at the Grand Opera House on Friday, Dec. 25th and 26th with Christmas matinee at 3.30 o'clock and Saturday matinee at 2.30 o'clock.

ZION "GUIDE"

The regular meeting of Zion Presbyterian Young Peoples' Guild was held on Monday evening. After the usual business meeting, Miss Annie Pringle, vice-president of the Educational Department, took charge. A most enjoyable programme had been arranged. Miss Jessie McIntosh, of Woodstock, gave several very delightful readings. The principal feature of her programme was "The Dawn of a To-morrow," by Frances Hodgson Burnett, a play, which is the dramatization of the book by the same author, and which gave great scope to Miss McIntosh's dramatic powers. This is the second visit of Miss McIntosh to Zion Young Peoples' Guild, and all those who heard the program were of the opinion that the Guild was most fortunate in being the means of introducing here this most talented elocutionist. Among her numbers were "Seein' Things at Night," "The Old Flag," a musical monologue; "Dad Says so Anyhow," and "The Child's Splendid musical numbers were given by Misses L. Anquish and I. Thomas; E. Moffat, and O. Hall. The entire programme was very interesting, and heartily enjoyed throughout.

CANNOT ALTER THE VERDICT.

Philadelphia Public Ledger—Nothing that has been or can be said by the defenders of Germany is likely at this late day to alter a verdict upon which the whole civilized world outside of Germany and her ally has practically agreed.

THE CRISIS PAST.

New York Tribune—For the allies the crisis is past. In the stages of the war still to come they will have ample opportunity to call into play their superiority in resources on which in the long run victory must depend.

The meteorological office predicts a "white" Christmas with lots of snow.

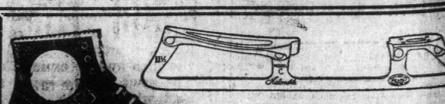
DISAPPOINTMENT IN BERLIN.

Washington Star—If the Boer revolt has been suppressed the developments in South Africa will doubtless prove a serious disappointment in Berlin, where it is believed there was confident expectation that the Boers would prove a heavy handicap upon England in the course of its continental warfare.

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BERLIN OFFICIAL NOTICE

(By Special Wire to the Courier) BERLIN, Dec. 23, via London 3:25 p.m.—The official statement issued to-day by the German army headquarters says: "Attacks in the region of Lom-battzyde and to the south of Bix-choote have been easily repulsed by us. At Righbourg and LA'Avou the English were driven from their positions yesterday. "Notwithstanding desperate counter attacks we have retained all the positions which we captured from the English on the Righbourg canal from Aire to La Basse. Since Dec. 20, 750 British and colored soldiers have been captured by us and five machine guns and four mine throwers taken. "In the neighborhood of Camp Chailons, the enemy is showing greater activity. "Attacks to the north of Sillerie, southeast of Rheims at Souain and at Perthes, have been partly repelled by us with heavy losses to the French. "The situation in East and West Prussia is unchanged. "Battles for possession of the branches of the Buzra River (west of Warsaw) continue. "The situation on the right bank of the River Pilica remains unchanged."

MADE AN ARREST

George Maddox, Wanted on an Embezzlement Charge, is Taken Into Custody.

Detective Chapman and Police Constable Boylan effected a smart arrest in the city yesterday. As long ago as April, the Cleveland authorities issued notices for the arrest of George Maddox, who was wanted on an embezzlement charge. The charge had been preferred and a true bill returned by a grand jury, when it was found that Maddox was missing. Since then no trace of him had been seen. He was suspected to be in this city, and weather eyes were skinned which resulted in the arrest yesterday morning. He boarded at 56 William street, but had left that place when the police arrived. On Waterloo street he was caught up and quietly surrendered when told he was wanted. Maddox waives extradition. Chief Slemin has sent to the Cleveland authorities and an escort back to that city will be provided. He will answer for the embezzlement, of \$25, a charge laid by the Southern and West ern Life Insurance company. He is at present held on no indictment.

Enemy Impressed by Brown Rascals

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23.—The Frankfurter Zeitung publishes the following letter from a German officer, commenting on the prowess of Britain's Indian troops: "To-day for the first time we had to fight against the Indians, and the devil knows those brown rascals are not to be underrated. At first we spoke with contempt of the Indians. To-day we learned to look at them in a different light. For three days we were shelled continuously; the British thought we were pounded into the jelly, so they sent us a little surprise in the shape of a visit from their brown allies. "Satan only knows what the English had put into these fellows. Those who stormed our lines were either drunk or possessed with an evil spirit, with which our hurras were like the whining of a baby, thousands of them brown forms rushed upon us as suddenly as if they were shot out of a fog. "We opened a destructive fire at a hundred yards. It mowed down hundreds, but in spite of that the others advanced, springing forward like cats and slaying our obstacles with unexampled agility. In no time they were in our trenches, and truly these brown enemies were not to be despised. With butt-ends, bayonets, swords and daggers we fought each other, and we had bitter hard work until our reinforcements arrived."

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Personal Notes

Mrs. Pitton left last night for Montreal, where she will spend the holidays. Miss Best of the Y.W.C.A. will spend the Christmas holidays in Detroit. Mr. W. Fraser has returned home for the holidays from the Toronto School of Science. Mr. Max Smith has returned from the Toronto School of Science to spend the holidays with his parents in the city. Mr. George Woodrow of Stedman Bros. left to-day to spend the Christmas holidays at his home in Chicago. Mrs. Root left to-day to spend the holidays in New York. GIFT TO THE BRANT HISTORICAL SOCIETY. To the Editor of the Courier: Dear Sir,—Through the columns of your valuable paper I desire to return thanks to the committee of children's Christmas gift to soldiers fighting for our King for the gift of a box of "chocolate for our soldiers" to the Brant Historical Society. The committee may feel assured that the present is greatly appreciated and that it will be preserved among our most cherished possessions a memento of the patriotic response on the part of our citizens to go to the front to fight for the integrity of the British Empire and for the protection of our homes. The committee are to be congratulated on the design of the box and the successful execution of their laudable undertaking. The Brant Historical Society thank the committee for the information that we are to be the custodians of the replies from His Majesty, the King, and others to whom the "Chocolate Box" has been sent. With yours respectfully, S. F. PASSMORE, President Brant Historical Society Brantford, Dec. 23, 1914.

LIVES TRAGICALLY WASTED.

London Express: The thousands to live already lost, and also still to be lost, will have been tragically wasted if the German menace remains to terrorize Europe and to stunt the progress of civilization.

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THE SITUATION.

The most acceptable definition of the word siege, is a long continued attempt to gain possession, and this applies most aptly to the all round situation with reference to the existing war. There have been no single and brilliant victories in the open—such for instance as at Waterloo—when the one victory settled the renewed aspirations of Napoleon, or at Sedan, in the Franco-German war of 1870, when the French suffered a big defeat which practically settled the whole business. Now it is trench and counter-trench along vast fronts with a gain of a few yards looked upon as important.

One of the most celebrated of all sieges was that of Sebastopol, in the Crimean war. It lasted from October 9th, 1854, to Sept. 8th, 1855. The British loss during those entire hostilities was 24,000. The French 16,500 and the Russians 500,000. A large number of these, however, died of disease and privation. Such figures are a mere bagatelle compared with what has already occurred during existing hostilities, and in the matter of duration there must yet be some months.

In Poland, the crisis still continues, but the Russians are in tremendous and daily-gathering force, and should be able to still withstand the furious German onslaughts. In Belgium and the North of France, the news may still be considered as reassuring from the standpoint of the Allies.

At a meeting of the French Chamber of Deputies held yesterday, there was a notable and enthusiastic scene, many of the members appearing in uniform as they had come from the firing line to be present. The Premier, during the course of a ringing speech, made these declarations, well worth repeating, of the determined and unflinching attitude of his country.

"Against barbarity and despotism; against the system of provocations and methodical menaces which Germany called peace; against the system of murder and pillage which Germany called war; against the insolent hegemony of a military caste which looted the scourge, France the emancipator, France, the vengeful, at the side of her allies arose and advanced to the fray.

"That is the stake. It is greater than our lives. Let us continue, then, to have but one united soul, and to-morrow, in the peace of victory, we shall recall with pride the days of tragedy, for they will have made of us more valorous and better men."

He was applauded to the echo in the Chamber, and said applause will be repeated throughout civilized countries.

At the same time as these utterances, Grand Admiral Von Tirpitz, the German Minister of Marine, was starting in an interview, that in revenge for the bottling up of the Kaiser's fleet, his nation might declare a submarine war on all of the merchant ships of the allies. This would be about on a par with the attacking of defenceless British coast towns, and the killing of women and children.

Dr. Creelman, President of the Ontario Agricultural College, who has just returned from a tour of the Orient, reports the feeling there to be thoroughly and enthusiastically on behalf of the allies. In Japan, everything is for the British, and in Hong Kong they have turned out every German, "bag and baggage."

CABINET CHANGES.

The changes in the Ontario Cabinet were largely anticipated.

Hon. Mr. Foy who has been an acceptable Attorney-General since the accession of the Whitney regime has for some time suffered from indifferent health, and he relinquishes the arduous duties of that post at his own request. He will still, however, be a Minister without portfolio, and his valuable advice will still be available. The best of good wishes will be his for many years of public usefulness.

It was expected that he would be succeeded by Hon. Mr. Hanna, but the latter still prefers to keep his post of Provincial Secretary. He knows and likes the duties which he has performed with marked success, especially with regard to his now world-famous prison reform scheme, a successful project which has challenged the attention, and the inspection of more than one other country.

Hon. Mr. Lucas, who becomes At-

torney-General, is a man of proved ability and Measrs. Ferguson and McGarry, who now enter the cabinet are men of most promising material—hard workers and good fighters.

Premier Hearst, who in addition to that office has also been Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines, becomes relieved of the latter portfolio, and properly so. The dual position was too much for any one man to carry. The post of Prime Minister in itself involves duties and responsibilities which constitute a heavy load.

Speaking generally it may be safely affirmed that the ministry will continue the same progressive and clean policy established to such a gratifying extent under the late Sir James Whitney and what more could any province desire.

AN APT ILLUSTRATION.

Mr. Beck is a leading United States lawyer, who was recently asked to give his opinion of the legal status of Germany and the other nations in connection with the present war. That is, he was requested to analyze the various documents which had passed between the contending powers, together with signed covenants, and to present his judgment on the merits of the case as if he was the presiding judge in a court of law.

His finding, which was couched in most tolerant and fair-minded terms, was, on the documentary evidence, overwhelmingly against the Kaiser and his war lords, and was quoted with approval, by all the leading U. S. papers.

The same gentleman has now issued a book on "The equities of the War," which is couched in the same equitable strain, and is most admirable in tone. Here is one sample extract in which he coiently brings home an illustration of the crime which has been perpetrated against Belgium:

"Let us suppose that the armies of the Kaiser had made the progress which they so confidently anticipated, and had not simply captured Paris, but also had invaded England, and that in an attempt to crush the British Empire, the German General Staff planned an invasion of Canada. Let us further suppose that Germany thereupon served upon the United States such an arrogant demand as made upon Belgium, requiring the United States to permit it to land an army in New York with the accompanying assurance that neither its territory nor independence would be injured, and that Germany would generously reimburse us for any damage.

"Let us further suppose—and it is not a very fanciful supposition—that the United States would reply to the German demand that under no circumstances should a German force be landed in New York or its territory be used as a base of hostile operations against Canada. To carry out the analogy in all its details, let us then suppose that the German fleet should land an army in the city of New York, arrest its mayor, and check the first attempt of its outraged inhabitants to defend its city by demolishing the Cathedral, the Metropolitan Art Gallery, the City Hall, and other structures, and shooting down remorselessly large numbers of citizens because a few non-combatants had not accepted the invasion with due humility."

Well put. There is, and can be, no defence for the awful atrocities perpetrated upon King Albert and his loyal subjects whose only alleged crime was to oppose ruthless and murderous invaders.

BOARD OF EDUCATION
The Kingston Whig seems to have attained the idea that the people of Brantford, with reference to a Board of Education, instead of two boards are "approaching the experiment with some degree of anxiety."

Anxiety about what? The citizens wanted the change, and they are going to have it. There is no trepidation whatever in the matter, nor should there be. Speaking of conditions in that city, our Kingston contemporary says:—

"Kingston has had a Board of Education for many years, and it can unhesitatingly endorse the change. There never was any justification for two boards managing the affairs of our educational institutions. The public schools lead up to the secondary schools and there should not be, at any time, a difference of opinion with regard to the manner in which they should be directed.

The amalgamation does away with the possibility of friction between the governing bodies. The high school trustees remain. They are appointed by the council, six in number, two retiring each year, but so far as the work of the joint board is concerned there is no distinction, and the standing committees, having to do with high school as well as public school questions, co-operate with the utmost harmony.

A smaller board would do better. It would concentrate the business, and that, after all, is the great consideration. If the change is ever made it must be with the consent and motion of the people; in a popular referendum, and the surprise is that the interest in educational matters is so light. In one ward a year ago a school election went by default twice because the electors were not sufficiently concerned to see that a member of the board, and a good one, was re-elected."

Meanwhile, as far as Brantford is concerned, it will make a success of its board without any doubt.

MORE POWER FOR WOMEN

One of the slogans of the age is—"More Power for Women." We hear it in Canada. Our women have banded themselves in a hundred ways to help the cause of society and humanity. In so doing they have stamped the feminine trade-mark of approval on many useful movements that no mere man or body of men could have carried into effect in a hundred years.

Like it or not as we please, feminism, the right of the woman to her own life, a voice in affairs, or her part in public, and private matters that concern her chief business in life, is one of the outstanding features of the times.

And just at the present time, women of Canada have it in their power to demonstrate their fitness for a part in our public and national life by working together with the men. Women are more concerned in the "Made in Canada" movement than any other class. The purchasing of any community is almost entirely in their hands. It is woman's business—she spends nearly 90 per cent. of the family income—and if she grasps the importance, the vital importance to her and her family, of applying the "Made in Canada" principle, its success is assured as well as happiness and prosperity throughout all Canada.

Women are by instinct more conservative than men, and slower to adopt any radical change in method or practice until convinced that they should do so. Once convinced, however, they are more consistent, practical and enthusiastic than men could ever be.

Women will quickly grasp the "Made in Canada" idea, however. In the first place, no one is asked to buy a Made in Canada article unless it is equal or better value. With no duty to pay, Made in Canada articles are almost universally better in value and cheaper in price. Secondly, by buying Made in Canada the woman is protecting her own family or fellow countrymen from unemployment and promoting the prosperity of her own family and home. Thirdly, the movement is profoundly one of common sense, patriotism and enlightened selfishness.

It depends on the Women.
NOTES AND COMMENT.
There has been quite a slump in vedandah parties just lately.

Quite a few married men aren't hang up their socks for fear of the presents falling through.

The Kaiser, although still unwell, is again at the front. The next six transits for him will be due in a few months.

A Toronto policeman has had a verdict returned against him of \$300 for alleged breach of promise. The engagement presents were not enumerated, but probably included bracelets, while she gave him batonnières.

Still another member of the Upper House, at Ottawa, has been called home, in the person of Senator Kirchoffer, who passed away suddenly last night. He was appointed by the Laurier Government in 1901.

They have been digging up a record lot of fossils in the Red River canyon of Alberta. They include eight perfect skeletons of Dinosaurs. Dino was a very large sized and ugly reptile of a few dozen feet in length. The only known contemporary still surviving, is the Brantford City Hall.

SEVEREST FIGHTING

(Continued from Page 1)
Aix-la-Chapelle toward northern France. This activity may be the forerunner of a renewed German offensive in the western arena under the eyes of Emperor William or it may be simply intended to offset the reinforcements Great Britain has been throwing lately into the French field of hostilities. As the situation appears to stand to-day, the allies in France and Belgium continue more on the offensive than the defensive, and every day shows slight gains to their credit.

It is believed that notwithstanding the failure of the plan for an armist-

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ment of these gifts is another argument for the probable suspension of hostilities, wherever this is possible.

It is learned on good authority that the London Stock Exchange will open on January 4.

The London newspapers have decided unanimously not to publish on Christmas Day, and the official press bureau will suspend its activities from the afternoon of December 24, until the evening of December 25.

Thousands of tons of Christmas presents have been sent to all the fronts. The distribution and enjoyment of these gifts is another argument for the probable suspension of hostilities, wherever this is possible.

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GERMAN NAVAL AVIATOR DROPS BOMBS ON DOVER. BERLIN, Dec. 23 (wireless via Sayville)—It is officially announced that Lieut. Pronozynski, a German naval aviator, has flown over Dover, Eng., and dropped bombs. He renounced the position of the British fleet.

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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT PREVAILS

EVERY section is sparkling with the spirit of the holiday season. People from all parts of the city, from nearby towns and villages through the store early and late making their selections from the largest stocks of Christmas goods shown in the city. Wisest people are shopping in the mornings—they know the advantage.

Table with fur prices: Furs! His Majesty King Winter is here, and here to stay for a little while. Consequently Furs will be featured among the gifts on the Xmas tree. We have cut the prices away down. Fur types and prices listed.

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Ladies' and Gents' Parasols Never have we had such a beautiful stock of Parasols as we are now showing. Make your selection early. Prices from \$1.00 to \$7.00.

"WHEN THEY WAKE" on Christmas Morn Will there be any toys or gifts to make the little ones glad—those who are too young to understand what strain the whole world is under? Make the little ones happy, and by seeing them happy 'twill bring happiness to you.

Your Headquarters We issue you a special invitation to make this your headquarters during your Christmas shopping. Our phones, parcel boys, and our store in general, are at your convenience. We will help you and give you every possible assistance to make your task lighter and easier. Ogilvie, Lothead & Co.

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LOCAL

EIGHTY ONE YEARS. Just 81 years ago to-day Baptist Church was organized in January the church intended anniversary services with D as the speaker.

FURNISHING DINNER. In addition to other people being the patients at Brantford, Brant Chapter, I.O.O.F. undertakes to supply Christmas dinner to all who are confined in hospital.

AT THE APOLLO. Manager Spencer, of Apollo, certainly has a big house by the many inquiries about the Christmas tree on Thursday matinee. Santa Claus will be on hand away 500 presents to the city wide program of pictures was sent.

CLEAN UP STREETS. The heavy condition of streets with snow and the hundreds of unemployed suggest, many citizens seem that a vast amount of work might be done, both from view of safety and relief city would undertake to snow removed.

CHURCH EXTENSIONS. St. Luke's Church is to be extended to some extensions and at a cost of \$1,700. The addition is to be built of red brick on the church, and the special citizens will be necessary to church authorities to build prescribed street lines. License in this regard is given.

SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE. Present indications point early completion of the hamper, which are to be at the league's headquarters, Y. W. C. A. on Thursday, December 24th. All parties to receive one, are requested to bring hand wagons with them as the best of conveying their home.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

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Just 81 years ago to-day the First Baptist Church was organized. Early in January the church intends to have anniversary services with Dr. Frothen as the speaker.

FURNISHING DINNER.

In addition to other people remembering the patients at Brant Sanitarium, Brant Chapter, I.O.D.E., has undertaken to supply Christmas dinner to all who are confined in the institution.

AT THE APOLLO.

Manager Spencer, of Apollo, will certainly have a big house, judging by the many inquiries about the Christmas Tree on Thursday matinee, when Santa Claus will be on hand and give away 200 presents to the children. A big program of pictures will be presented.

CLEAN UP STREETS.

The heavy condition of many city streets with snow and the prevalence of hundreds of unemployed would suggest, many citizens seem to think, that a vast amount of public good might be done, both from the point of view of safety and relief, if the city would undertake to have the snow removed.

CHURCH EXTENSIONS

St. Luke's Church is to be subjected to some extensions and additions at a cost of \$1,700. The addition will be built of red brick on the rear of the church, and the special permit of citizens will be necessary to allow the church authorities to build over the prescribed street lines. A civilian license in this regard is granted to churches.

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HAMPERS READY.

The Social Service League announce to all those who have been invited, that the Christmas hampers will be delivered to them at the Y. W. C. A. on Thursday morning the 24th, from 9 to 12 o'clock. The hampers have been arranged in alphabetical order and will be handed out as quickly as possible by a goodly number of helpers. Hand sleighs will be of great assistance in transport. The officers and members of the League extend their best wishes to the many who through the war or other causes are finding this Christmas one of the least prosperous in their history. It is the earnest desire of all that the dark clouds may soon pass away.

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

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CHRISTMAS TREE AT ARMORIES GREAT SUCCESS

Future Soldiers of the Three Regiments Were All Assembled.

Towering twenty-five feet in the air, gaily bedecked with toys, ornaments and tinsel, and surrounded by a decorated platform upon which were heaped myriads of toys, the military Christmas tree presented a striking spectacle at the armories last night. But striking as it was, no more so than the hundreds of children who surrounded the vast hall. All shapes, sizes and conditions of children there were from the little tiny ripper, who could hardly walk, to the strenuous school terror. They were gathered for a beneficial purpose, to partake of Christmastide joy as dispensed by Santa Claus. He was there in person, and went around giving a glad hand to all, and it was really pathetic how some of those children grasped and endeavored to return the inspiring handshake of Father Christmas.

Many were the strange requests whispered to him, and not a few, with a touch of pathos, asked for 'Daddy' over Christmas. 'Daddy' to them appeared more so than the toys, and the grand old man of Christmas reassured the little ones in their doubt, from many quiet yet sincere little misses. One little chap ran to Santa Claus and made complaint that he was not being attended to. There was nothing for him. His wants were soon attended to, and he went away satisfied that his friend, Father Claus, was good in heart as well as in legend.

The ladies who promoted the Christmas tree, could have wished no better reward than that accorded in the smiling, happy faces of the little children, as they wandered off, with each a precious toy clasped close to their breasts. They were happy with the little tokens of good will, and that was the entire aim of the military ladies, through whose efforts the tree of cheer was such a success.

The great hall was thronged with little folks and their mothers, and every eye was turned to the glorious Christmas tree. Upon the platform was a band of willing distributors, who had some eight hundred toys to give away to the anxious little children. All manner of articles were there for dispensation; dolls, drums, trumpets, ships, engines, little horses, clockwork toys, bags of fruit and many other things.

Upon the platform, Mrs. Howard, Mrs. Genet and Mrs. Cutcliffe, Major Nellies Ashton, Major Gordon Smith, Captain Cutcliffe assisted in their task by Major Genet, Captain Bilachey, Mrs. Ashton, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Chapin, Mrs. Muir, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. and Miss Willing, and many other ladies connected with the military organizations of the city.

They had a very busy time, and it is certain that their efforts were very much appreciated by the little beneficiaries. The members of the I. O. D. E. are to be congratulated upon the success of the event, which was brought to a close after the monster distribution, by a united prayer for blessing. This ended the second military Christmas tree held at the armories.

Sergeant-Major Oxtoby made an excellent Father Christmas, and his task was no light one. A large number of Mohawk Institute pupils were present during the evening.

4,000 REBELS JAILED
IN SOUTH AFRICA.
Over a Thousand Others Have Been Sent Home on Parole.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The first real view of the extent of the South African rebellion is given by the Minister of Justice, who says that 4,000 rebels are now in prison and that 1,200 have been sent to their homes on parole. There are still a few roaming about the country, but they are without leaders, and are surrendering upon the appearance of Union forces.

J. J. Carrick, M.P. for Thundere Bay has returned from Europe, where he rode in a motor car along 50 miles of the battle front.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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OUR WHIPPING CREAM will make your Xmas dinner complete. Our store will be open until eleven Xmas Eve. We will make no special deliveries on Xmas except on our regular route. Call Xmas Eve and take home some of our excellent Cream.

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Navy, Brown and Green Coats, in good heavy wool coatings, combination collar and fancy pipings, well lined throughout with check linings. Regular \$6.50. **\$3.25**

Grey Chinchilla Coats, fine heavy quality, high at neck, smart style, inlaid panels at side, pipings and buttons, copenhagen velvet collar and cuffs; good value. Regular \$7. **\$4.25**

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These Certificates permit the recipient to select the proper size and color of Glove. The bond is good for all time, so it matters not when it is presented at our Glove Department. No price or mark appears on the bond other than its serial number.

—Glove Dept., Annex, Queen and Colborne.

FOR "HIM"

The problem what to give father or brother is a matter that requires careful thought.



He doesn't want anything flossed or hand-painted, but something sensible and useful. For instance: A half dozen or dozen pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs, plain or with his initial in the corner. These are put up in neat boxes at \$1.50 to \$2.50 per half doz., and \$3 to \$5 per dozen.

A HALF DOZEN PAIRS OF SOX, SUCH AS Men's Fazy Stripe Shot Effect Socks, as red and black, or blue and black, all sizes. 50c to \$1 Men's Black Silk Socks, "Radium" quality, beautiful rich black, fast dye, all sizes. Pair. \$1 Black Silk Socks, with neat pin stripe effect, in white, all silk, sizes for all ages. Prices. \$1

"Crompton's Special" Black Cashmere Socks, a beautiful quality and specially made for us, 3 pairs in box. Special at. \$1 Men's Mocha Wool Lined Gloves, soft quality, very warm, with one large dome fastener. \$1.50 all sizes. Price, pair. \$1.50 Men's Grey Silk Lined Gloves, something dressy and serviceable, all sizes. Pair. \$2 Men's Fur Lined Gloves, soft mocha leather and full lined with fur, a zero weather glove. Price, pair. \$3

A Nice Cravat, rich in quality and coloring, but "not" flashy. These come at 50c. Each in a neat box. A Pair of Reliable Suspenders. These come neatly boxed 50c An Umbrella is always a very acceptable gift. We show a splendid range at \$1.50 to \$5

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STREET CAR NEWS

Commissioners Have Whole Lot Yet to Do to Get Good Service.

Although new cars have been put in commission on the Street railway, apparently those in charge have a long way to go yet before the acme of perfection is reached in the service provided. An instance was provided the Courier to-day. "The commissioners," said an irate citizen, "have laid down rules and regulations for the employees but apparently ordinary courtesy to the public is not included. I purchased recently green tickets and took one off the strip and put it in the fare box and then went to my seat. There were a number of people on the car and a moment later the conductor came along and said 'You didn't put your fare in the box.' A gentleman next to me assured the conductor, Mr. — had done so. That wasn't enough. I was forced to dig down in my pocket and show the conductor the strip with the one ticket off before he was convinced. I call that kind of service brazen-faced impertinence and impudence."

"Why didn't you report it to the commissioners?" "Who wants to be present at a court martial or autopsy? If they paid the employees more money, a more intelligent service might be expected," was the reply.

The service in other branches is by no means what it should be. At 6 o'clock last night there was a long wait, practically all of the main line cars being bunched together, one of which had to hold back at St. Paul's avenue for ten minutes to allow the others to get around.

These and other wails are being heard now with much more frequency than when the line was only an ordinary junk heap against which nobody wanted to kick.

Chile issued a decree restricting the supply of coal to the warships and merchantmen of the belligerent nations.

BONUS GRANTED

Ham and Nott Employees Get Present From the Firm.

For some years past the Ham and Nott Company, Limited, have made a practice of remembering their married employees in the factory at Christmas time with a cash gift. This year, owing to many of the men having been on short time, the company has adopted a different system, so as to assist as far as possible where most needed. They, therefore, have adopted a bonus system, arranged on a graded scale, some of the men receiving as high as \$40.00. The married men sharing in this to-day received the following note together with cheques for various amounts:

"Dear Sir,— Believing that our married men in the factory who are on short time are having a hard time financing matters, we have decided to pay a bonus to those who have been in our employ one year or more and who are getting less than 25c. per hour. This bonus is figured on a graded system, so that those receiving the least wages will get the largest bonus. All married men who have been receiving 25c. per hour or over, or those who have not been in our employ the full year, will not share in this bonus, but to those we enclose \$2.00 as a slight remembrance with our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

You will find enclosed — Yours truly, THE HAM & NOTT CO. LTD.

COUPON

Wednesday, December 23, 1914
Heart Songs

Firemen's Work Is Appreciated

The fire chief has received the following letter of thanks from the Canada Steel Company, voicing their appreciation of his good work in getting a recent outbreak under. It reads as follows:

Mr. D. J. Lewis, Chief Fire Dept.: Dear Sir,—With reference to our fire loss of Dec. 8th, 1914, we beg to advise you that we estimate same to amount to \$154.50. We wish to take this opportunity of thanking you and your staff for the prompt manner in which you responded to the call. Had it not been for the prompt action on your part, owing to the high wind prevailing on that night, serious loss to our main building could not have been averted. Wishing you and your staff the compliments of the season, Yours truly, The Steel Company of Canada, Ltd. J. B. DETWILER, Manager

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WANTED—YOUNG GIRL TO do light housework for two. Apply after five, 181 Market St.

MISCELLANEOUS WANTS

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Local News

THE PROBS
TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Light snowfalls have occurred locally in Alberta, Ontario and Quebec, but the weather generally has been fair and quite cold. The cold in Manitoba and over Northern Ontario is very severe.

FORECASTS:
Fresh west to northwest winds, local snow flurries, but mostly fair and very cold to-day and on Thursday.

EXTRA G. P. O. HELPERS
In order to facilitate Christmas delivery, the ordinary staff of the post office has been augmented by over twenty of a temporary staff. Nevertheless, all letters and business at the general post office, for the mails have so far been exceptionally heavy.

EMPLOYEES REMEMBERED.
The employees of the Brantford Laundry have received a very pleasant reminder of the festive season from their employers in the shape of a letter, and enclosing a note for five dollars each. Together with the little gift, was enclosed a card of Christmas cheer, reminding all that cheerfulness was laudatory and that the Brantford Laundry stood for Business as Usual.

DIFFERENCES AIDED.
Kate Caffrey claims that George S. Walker hit her with a shovel and badly assaulted her, and he, for his part, says that she started affairs by jabbing him on the nose with an umbrella. Such was the beginning of a little affair which resulted in a charge of assault, preferred by Miss Caffrey against Walker. The bench did not go deeply into the matter, when the case was aired at the police court, but adjourned it for a week in order to see if the Christmas spirit of Peace on Earth, would prevail.

IN GOOD SHAPE
The soldiers now in camp at Toronto are feeling in much better shape than they ever did, from reports to be heard at the gymnasium this morning, Corporal Horace Ellins, who was formerly of the 25th Dragoons D Squadron, says that all is fine, the food good and the blankets warm, while there is nothing of which to complain. The boys were inoculated for the second time on Tuesday and have stood it well. One of the soldiers refused to be treated and was sent home. A man who had to rest under the treatment, the effect of the inoculation was little felt. Corporal Ellins reports the Dragoons to be in good shape and ready for battle.

WHITE GIFTS FOR THE KING.
A delightful entertainment took place in Wellington Street Methodist Church school room last night, when the classes of the Sunday school assembled for the offering of their "White Gifts to the King," when an excellent program was given. The result was a sum of \$70 being offered in cash and some \$60 worth of provisions. Included in the program were two well-appreciated stories. These were given by Miss Lulu Hainer and the pastor, Rev. R. D. Hamilton. Miss Hainer's story was "The Sign of the Beautiful," and the pastor's "The Little Merry Christmas." A solo by Miss Jean Thompson was very cordially received, and featured among the many items of interest. The evening was very successful and was largely attended, the chairman for the occasion being Mr. T. W. Standing, president of the Sunday school.

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German Soldiers Given Dose of Ether When Attacking.

BY PERCIVAL GIBBON
Correspondent of the London Daily Chronicle.
PETROGRAD, Dec. 23.—I have just come from Warsaw and from the territory which the Germans are now occupying, across the country which will see the next battles. My route from Skiernewice was by way of Rawa, Noweminstaw and Grojec, where the retiring Germans in October broke up the roads. Russian engineers, however, have done wonders. I must naturally avoid being too specific in descriptions, but I cannot emphasize too strongly my admiration of the magnificent foresight, energy and military genius which is directing operations on this front. No one who has seen the Russians at work can be doubtful as to the issue of this war. I have seen retreats before, but never a retreat so deliberate and unhurried as this.

To understand the conditions one must realize that the retreat now taking place is a retreat from the southern and central portion of the line, where the Russians are not pressed by the German pressure, but from Szechaew to the Vistula, where the fighting is hottest and German attacks are commenced, and, at the time of writing, so far the Russians are holding back the Russian commander of that line has caused the Germans to fall back. On Sunday the German attack culminated in a desperate attempt to carry our trenches, but the German times they tried to rush the positions, and each time they were driven back with fearful losses.

WASTEFUL OF HUMANITY
Human lives are the only things in which Germans do not economize. Who comprehend the minds of leaders who order that their men when charging shall leave their tunics behind them in the trench, so that though the man be lost his uniform shall remain to clothe another victim? Men who charged the Russian trenches did so in their shirts, and all wounded remained on our hands. They tell the same story. Every man before charging was served with a drink of spirits mixed with ether. This fact is amply confirmed.

By morning the battle had drifted to the north, and the Germans were transferring their guns towards the Vistula, in reply to heavy fire from the Russian artillery. After the slaughter of the night the intensity of the attack diminished and slowly, under Russian pressure, the German left, with Russian infantry driving them and the great Russian guns across the river smashing their flank, swung back.

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The Germans, who are fully informed of the contemplated Russian retirement by means of continual aeroplane reconnaissance, made an attempt to take the positions and followed after the Russians. This was precisely what the Russians had expected, and prepared for, and they met the German attack with a counter movement which was successful at every point. The rear guard action carried several of the enemy's trenches, causing him to fall back and also captured four field guns.

The fact which leaps to the eye is that the Russian army, which is now settling into new positions, is an army which takes kindly to hardships and the stress of war. The men are in magnificent condition. The field kitchens, which are the life of the army, serve food hot immediately when the battalion halts, have worked well, and there have been practically no cases of illness among the troops.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—While refusing to acknowledge that the transfer had taken place, and yet admitting that extensive plans were afoot for the erection of a grand stand seating in the neighborhood of 40,000, Ban Johnson, the American League president, all but admitted that the New York Highlanders had been sold to Col. Jacob Ruppert and Captain Huston, Gotham capitalists.

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PROMOTER WHO VISITED —THE BELGIAN NURSE— BRANTFORD IS NOW MISSING

Theatrical Man Who Took No Chances—Company
Stranded—Patriotic Play Failed to Arouse
Interest of the Public.

(Mail and Empire)
Less than a year ago a clever promoter who gave his name as Harry Hollingsworth, arrived in Toronto presumably from the Western States. He was accompanied by his wife. Being a man of dynamic force he quickly associated himself with several promotions in this city, notably the Fashion Show, which was held at the Arena, and more particularly with the Bank Clerks' Association, with Club Rooms at Adelaide street.

Following the declaration of war, Mr. Hollingsworth turned his activities in patriotic directions. He was instrumental in having a play produced at Massey Hall, which was termed "The Belgian Nurse," which was given under the auspices of the Bank Clerks' association, was to be handed over to the funds of the Red Cross society, and everybody associated with the enterprise, with the exception of Mr. Hollingsworth, acted in good faith.

Mr. Hollingsworth made this entertainment the basis of an enterprise of his own, in which he played a number of cities and towns in Ontario, notably Brantford, St. Catharines, St. Thomas and Barrie, in each of which places it was announced that the proceeds were for the Red Cross and other charitable purposes. A number of actors and actresses were brought from the United States to take part in the production. Mr. Hollingsworth from information received, kept well in advance of the company, carrying with him several pretty girls to sell tickets in advance for what was term-

ed a pleasing entertainment for a very meritorious purpose. From what can be learned Mr. Hollingsworth retained all the money himself, leaving the members of his company to shift for themselves at the several towns, in which the play was produced. In fact, he even went further, paying bills through the medium of cheques, which when presented were returned uncollectible by the banks.

From the time Mr. Hollingsworth left Toronto with the "Belgian Nurse" Company until the members of the company returned to Toronto, absolutely stranded, it is alleged that he paid no bills, but collected all the money from the proceeds of the entertainments and retained it, in addition to giving cheques which were dishonored by the banks.

In Toronto it has been definitely ascertained that Mr. Hollingsworth did not meet his obligations, and certain members who are working for the Belgian Relief Fund were obliged to make good several shortages. It is understood that the Dominion immigration authorities have issued a warrant for the arrest of Mr. Hollingsworth, who is believed to have gone to California. Several members of the company, which he organized, are now in Toronto, and each and every one declare that they have not received any money for their services. It is also announced that some of the funds of the entertainment held at Massey Hall in aid of the Red Cross Fund have been dissipated, and that the members of the Bank Clerks' association feel that they have been taken in.

Puckerings

Davey, last season with the Bank of Toronto team, will be spare defence man for the Victorias this winter.

"Tony" Evans, the former Parkdale C. C. and University of Toronto rover player, was out with St Michael's last night.

With games at three covered rinks the Arena, Riverdale and Ravina, Toronto will have plenty of amateur hockey this winter.

Hamilton Tigers will play in Preston Christmas night, and Hamilton Rowing Club will probably go to SSimcoe for a game, afternoon or evening.

Toronto R. and A.A. juniors are putting in some strenuous work daily at the arena. There is plenty of material, and the difficulty is selecting the best players.

Thirty-five candidates have turned out for the O. H. A. junior and intermediate teams in Brantford. Preston intermediates will play at the Telephone City on Monday night.

The Hamilton juniors have been notified by the O. H. A. that Dryden of that team is over age. The information was gleaned from the player

index which is maintained in Secretary Hewitt's office.

Boyce, a defence man, last season with Ingersoll, is out with the Toronto Rowing Club. He has shown good form in practice with the Oarsmen, and with a little coaching may develop into a useful man.

Eddy Marriott's Simcoes are practicing at Ravina rink, and as ice has been available for almost two weeks, Teddy can be counted on to have his youngsters in the best of condition. He has a promising looking squad.

Morden and McEwen of the Hamilton team of last season have finally turned out with the team again. Morden is a goalkeeper and McEwen a centre man. "Mawk" McKenzie, Grant and Cook are expected out to-night.

The result of the efforts of Ottawa College to get back into the Intercollegiate Union will soon be known. The Intercollegiate Athletic Association governors will deal with the matter and the hockey section will be guided by their finding.

The present cold wave has given the teams an excellent chance to practice, and the opening games in the various associations should be productive of good hockey. As a rule the first few games are poorly played, and are more or less "conditioners."

Seattle is practically a certainty for the Pacific Coast League circuit next

season. The preliminary details are now under way and it is expected that a new artificial ice arena will be built during the coming year, and that the Puget Sound city will be represented by a strong team in the International League.

LINERS

Eddie Collins must increase the patronage at White Sox park an average of 1000 persons for each game for the next five years to reimburse Owner Comiskey for purchase price and salary.

The Boston Braves played to 1,190,004 fans in winning the National League pennant for the Giants last season. The home crowd totalled

639,000 and abroad 557,041. Two hundred and thirty-six thousand fans watched the braves play at Fenway Park, Boston, during September.

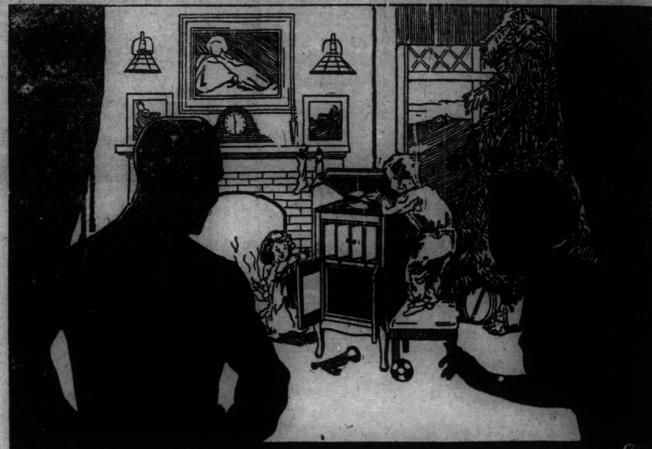
LOBERT IS UNDECIDED

AS TO GIANTS OR FEDS
CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Hans Lobert, third baseman of the Philadelphia Nationals, who has been in Chicago two days, failed to come to an agreement with either the Federal League or with Manager McGraw of the New York Nationals, and left for Philadelphia last night.

President Gilmore talked with Lobert yesterday afternoon. The Federals had not given up hope of signing Lobert, Gilmore said.

THE GOEBEN'S ESCAPE RESPONSIBLE

London Standard—The German, no doubt, regard the success of their efforts and those of their Pong Turk clients as a master-stroke of policy. As a matter of fact they would probably have failed but for the misfortune or the mismanagement, by which the Goeben was allowed to elude the Anglo-French Mediterranean squadron. It was the appearance of that powerful vessel off the Golden Horn which enabled Enver Bey and his camarilla to overawe the peace party at the capital and to do the bidding of their Teutonic taskmasters and paymasters. The result in the end, must be utterly disastrous for Ottoman empire, which will disappear in the present shape after the conclusion of peace.



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(By Special Wire to the Courier)

AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 22.—6.39 a.m.—The Telegrams learn from Berlin that the Germans have restored the railways from Charleville in the department of the Ardennes, opposite Mezieres, to Rheims, and from Hirson, in Aisne, to Montmedy, in the department of the Meuse, 23 miles north of Verdun, which the French destroyed when retreating early in the war.

The railways to Givet, in the department of Ardennes, on the Belgian border, according to the same despatch, will be opened shortly, while the bridges over the Meuse near Lumes, Flire and Donchery, all south-east of Mezieres, are again open. Blocked tunnels near Montmedy and Mohon, the last named point just south of Mezieres, have also been put into condition to be utilized.

This despatch indicates that, despite the war operations, the Germans are busily engaged restoring lines of communication in the territory of Northern France, occupied by them, which lines were destroyed by the French when they retreated from the Belgian frontier early in the war.

JOINED THE FRENCH
AMSTERDAM, via London, Dec. 22.—9.04 a.m.—A Berlin despatch, published in The Telegraph confirms the report that Dr. Georges Weil, the Socialist member of the Reichstag for Metz, who was with Jean Leon Jaures the French Socialist leader, when the latter was shot in Paris, volunteered for service in the French army on August 8, last. Dr. Weil's disappearance from Germany has caused considerable comment. The Vorwarts, the organ of the German Socialists, strongly condemns the action of Dr. Weil.

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Sir Nigel

By A. Conan Doyle

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"Nay, I saw him not?"
"He came by the western road from Hennebon. Would that he had broken his neck ere he came here. Not an hour ago he left his message and now hath ridden on to warn the garrison of Malestroit. A truce has been proclaimed for a year betwixt the French King and the English, and he who breaks it forfeits life and estate."
"A truce?" Here was an end to all their fine dreams. They looked blankly at each other all round the table, whilst Croquet brought his great fist down upon the board until the glasses rattled again. Knolles sat with clenched hands as if he were a figure of stone, while Nigel's heart turned cold and heavy within him. A truce? Where then was his third deed, and how might he return without it?
Even as they sat in moody silence there was the call of a bugle from somewhere out in the darkness.

The huge German left the room. The company were still seated in despondent silence when he returned.
"Sir Richard," said he, "the brave knight Robert Beaumanoir and his Squire William de Montauban are without the gate, and would fain have speech with you."
Beaumont sat in his chair. What could the fierce leader of the Bretons, a man who was red to the elbow with English blood, have to say to him, the errand which he left his castle of Josselin to pay this visit to his deadly enemies?
"Are they armed?" he asked.
"They are unarmed," said he, "and bring them hither, but double the guards and take all heed against surprise."

Places were set at the farther end of the table for these most unexpected guests. Presently the door was swung open, and Croquet with all form and courtesy, announced the two Bretons, who entered with the proud and lofty air of gallant warriors and high-bred gentlemen.
Beaumont was a tall dark man with raven hair and long swarthy beard, and his eyes were set straight as a young oak, with fiery black eyes, and no flaw in his comely features save that his front teeth had been crushed from his sockets. His Squire, William de Montauban, was also tall, with a thin hatchet face, and two small gray eyes set very close upon either side of a long fierce nose. In Beaumont's expression one read only gallantry and frankness; in Montauban's there was gallantry also, but it was mixed with the cruelty and cunning of the wolf. They bowed as they entered, and the little English senechal advanced with outstretched hand to meet them.
"Welcome, Robert, so long as you are beneath this roof," said he. "Perhaps the time may come in another place when we may speak to each other in another fashion."
"So I hope, Richard," said Beaumont; "but indeed we of Josselin bear you in high esteem and are much beholden to you and to your men for all that you have done for us. We could not wish better neighbors nor any from whom more honor is to be gained. I learn that Sir Robert Knolles and others have joined you, and we are heartily glad to think that the orders of our Kings should debar us from attempting a venture."

He and his squire sat down at the places set for them, and filling their glasses drank to the company.
"What you say is true, Robert," said Bambo, "and before you came we were discussing the matter among ourselves and grieving that it should be so. When heard you of the truce?"
"Yesterday a messenger rode from Nantes."
"Our news came to-night from Hennebon. The King's own seal was on the order. So I fear that for a year at least you will bide at Josselin and we at Piermont, and kill time as we may. Perchance we may hunt the wolf together in the great forest, or fly our hawks on the banks of the Duc."
"Doubtless we shall do all this, Richard," said Beaumont; "but by Saint Cadoc it is in my mind that with good-will upon both sides we may please ourselves and yet stand excused before our Kings."
Knights and squires leaned forward in their chairs, their eager eyes fixed upon him. He broke into a gap-toothed smile as he looked round at the circle, the wizened senechal, the blond giant, Nigel's fresh young face, the grim features of Knolles, and the yellow hawk-like Calverly, all burning with the same desire.

"I see that I need not doubt the good-will," said he, "and of that I was very certain before I came upon this errand. Betwixt you then that this order applies to war but not to challenges, spear-runnings, knightly exchanges or the like. King Edward is too good a knight, and so is King John, that either of them shall stand in the way of a gentleman who desires to advance himself or to venture his body for the exaltation of his lady. Is this not so?"
A murmur of eager assent rose from the table.
"If you as the garrison of Piermont march upon the quarters of Josselin, then it is very plain that we have broken the truce and upon our heads be it. But if there be a private bickering betwixt me for example, and this young squire whose eyes show that he is very eager for honor, and if thereafter others on each side join in an fight upon the quarrel, it is in no sense war, but rather our own private business which no king can alter."
"Indeed, Robert," said Bambo, "all that you say is very good and"

Beaumont leaned forward toward Nigel, his brimming glass in his hand. Nigel dipped his finger in his glass. "Your name, squire?" said he.
"My name is Nigel Loring."
"I see that you are young and eager, so I choose you as I would fain have been chosen when I was of your age."
"I thank you, fair sir," said Nigel. "It is great honor that one so famous as yourself should condescend to do some amuse upon me."
"But we must have cause for quarrel, Nigel. Now here I drink to the ladies of Brittany, who of all ladies upon this earth are the most fair and the most virtuous, so that the least worthy amongst them is far above the best of England. What say you to that, young sir?"
Nigel dipped his finger in his glass and leaning over he placed his wet impress on the Breton's hand. "This in your face!" said he.
Beaumont swept off the red drop of moisture and smiled his approval. "It could not have been better done," said he. "Why spoil my velvet paltock as many a hot-headed fool would have done. It is in my mind, young sir, that you will go far. And now, who follows up this quarrel?"
A growl ran round the table.
Beaumont ran his eye round and shook his head. "Alas!" said he, "there are but twenty of you here, and I have thirty at Josselin who are so eager to advance themselves that if I return without hope for all of them there will be sore hearts amongst them. I pray you, Richard, since we have been at these pains to arrange matters, that if ten of them were against us it is likely that half of us would be down before ever we came to hand-strokes."
"By Saint Cadoc, William, I think that you are right," cried the Breton. "If we are to have such a fight as will remain in the memories of men, you will bring no archers and we no crossbows. Let it be steel upon steel. How say you then?"
"Surely we can bring ten men-at-arms to make up the thirty that you desire, Robert. It is agreed then that we fight on no quarrel of England and France, but over this matter of the ladies in which you and Squire Loring have fallen out. And now the time!"
"At once."
"To be Continued."

The Catholic association of French-Canadian young men of Ontario and Quebec decided on a protracted campaign for "educational liberty" in Ontario, and will appeal the Ottawa school case to the Privy Council.

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very hour. Then it was that his commander questioned him about the reason for the leave which had been asked for well nigh with a threat. The reply was: "Well, Sahib, the matter was thus: My brother was killed by one of another clan, and on me, as his nearest of kin, the feud devolved. Had I failed in my duty shame would have been on me, but by the pleasure of Allah that is not so. Our enemy's village is now mourns one of his best and bravest." Such are the Pathans, who constitute a very considerable element of England's native troops in India, although the general public has heard less of them than of some of the others. Once interested in his soldierly work under British leadership the Pathan is intensely loyal a fighting man which can be counted upon to battle with all his strength and to the last drop of his blood in the cause of his adoption. Indeed, he loves the intoxication of strife, and he is a foe to be reckoned with until either dead or physically unable to deal a blow. Somewhat in stories of India the writer of fiction likes to bring in the picturesque Sikh, and for this reason many people have been led to the conclusion that the Indian native army is composed mostly of this race. That is not really the case, but it is a fact that the Sikh is a fighting man

of proved quality, and upon more than one battlefield he has won renown and shown amazing dauntlessness in the face of desperate odds. Before British annexation the Sikhs held and ruled the Punjab, and being born soldiers they presented a very difficult problem to their alien masters until their admiration was won by the battling superiority of the British, and then they were ready to cast their lot with their quondam foes. GHOORKAS SOCIABLE. While the Sikhs and the Dogras and the Pathans give a strikingly ornamental character to the Indian army, Tommy Atkins will tell you that his preference is for the little Ghoorkas, those grim but humorous soldiers of the Crown who have won many laurels in their native land in the last eighty-odd years. Somehow the smile comes more naturally to the Ghoorka than the frown, but don't mistake his cheerfulness for a sign of subservience or lack of courage. The Ghoorka is one nervous, ever ready bundle of aggressiveness. It would be hard to imagine more fighting spirit to the ounce that has been crowded into the muscular bodies of these born warriors. They are a sturdy lot, hardened by hill climbing in the land of their birth, Nepal, the mountain kingdom resting on the southern slope of the

Himalayas at the northeast corner of India. They are unfortunately not hampered by caste prejudices and will sit down in camp with white troops and eat and drink with them without ceremony. There was the time when the Ghoorkas were Great Britain's liveliest and most troublesome foe. A hundred years ago the English had the Ghoorka war on their hands, and for two years the military authorities had a troublesome problem to deal with. The conflict grew out of encroachments on British territory by these aggressive hillmen. LIKE CLOSE FIGHTING. In the early stages of the war the Ghoorkas not only held the English troops in check, but defeated them decisively on a number of occasions. Following one of these fights several of the Ghoorkas wandered into the British camp without guns and asked to have their wounds dressed, saying that they thought the English doctors would be able to make them quicker than the fight. In the end these battling children of the soil were beaten and cornered, and after that they became lasting friends and allies of the English. It is said that since then, now ninety-eight years, "no battle or expedition of importance has been without its green-coated little riflemen with their deadly kukris in their belts." The native soldier makes an excellent marksmen and among the Indian contingent there are a great many first-class sharpshooters. But long range fighting is not to their liking; they love the intoxication of hand to hand and the work with the bayonet and the knife is enough to chill the blood of any but the most courageous of antagonists. A bayonet in their hands becomes a doubly dangerous weapon, and in close fighting they excel.

business in a workmanlike fashion—that is the measure of the credit the Emden is entitled to, and no more. Merchant skippers whose ships have been taken or sunk, mention the apologetic air of these German naval officers in the role of buccaners. "It is a painful duty," said the captain of the Karlsruhe, on one occasion. Of course it was. Muller of the Emden and the others indeed, have been most considerate in the treatment of crews and passengers falling into their hands. Accounts agree that considering the disagreeable job they had to do, the German officers have behaved like gentlemen. To speak of 'glory' in this connection burlesques the naval profession— Providence Journal.

NO CHRISTMAS CAKE ALLOWED THE GERMANS

Melancholy Message on Account of Food Shortage Throughout Country.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A special cable to the Herald from Amsterdam says: "No Christmas cake for the Germans is the tenor of the melancholy message, which Germany received this morning when all the general commanders, acting under special orders from Berlin, issued proclamations ordering that flour, especially for Christmas cakes, be used with the utmost economy. It is clear from the proclamations which were issued, that the question of food is greatly worrying the German authorities, who clearly perceive that the empire is steering towards starvation. From Munich it is learned increasing dissatisfaction among the Bavarian troops, who contend that they are not getting proper recognition for the sacrifices they have made during the present war. The feeling is spreading quickly throughout Bavaria that King Ludwig has been deceived by the Kaiser, and that Bavaria is now engaged in a war which can bring no profit to the kingdom whichever may be the outcome, while in case of Germany's victory the Prussians will reap all the profit and honor, notwithstanding the fact that the Bavarians have sacrificed, proportionally, three times more men and money than Prussia. The Bavarians now also are beginning to inquire what the war is about and are angry at the Kaiser's ambition, which is simply ruining the Bavarian finances, while crippling the army. This feeling, if not speedily counteracted, may possibly lead to a formation of a union of the South German states as a counter-poise to all Prussian tendencies prevalent at Berlin.

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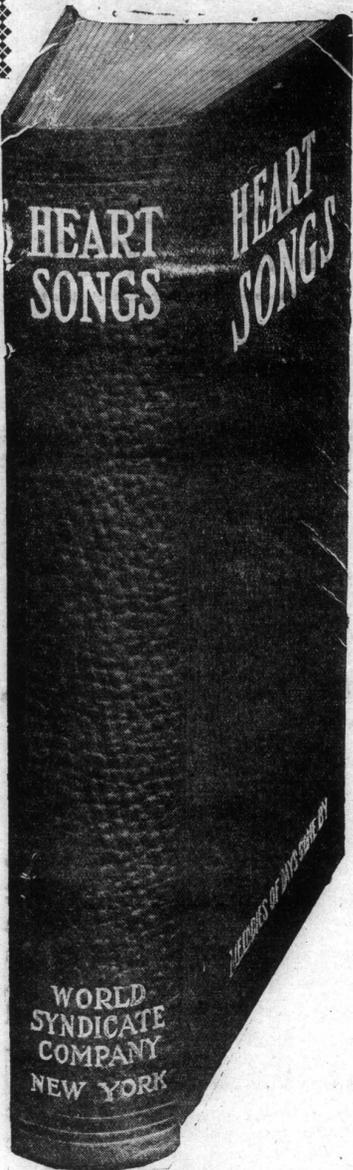
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Wesley Church Hold Concert Last Evening

Last night at Wesley Methodist Church was held a most successful and enjoyable concert. The Wesley Church has always been remarkable for the quality and extent of its programs and last night was no exception. The program, which was commenced in the spirit of youth and life by a rendition of the "20th Century" girls and "greater many other items followed: Song, Members of the City Telegram; duet, the evening chorus, Dorothy Passmore; drill, Miss Wood and Miss Graham's Classes; chorus, a number of little boys; duet, two little waifs; song, Physical Culture class; song, X Rays; Telephone Girls; drill, by the Nurses; duet, Margaret Wedlake and Edna Day; duet and chorus, Longing for Santa; baritone solo, New Santa; solo, By Old Santa; Good Night Chorus. The concluding strains of Tipperary were difficult to surpass, voices harmonising in this melody in a way they never harmonised at a choir practice, and when at last this choral selection closed, the Good-Night Chorus rang out, followed by the National Anthem concluding one of Wesley's happiest nights.

THE EMDEN'S GLORY

U. S. Paper Says Her Exploits Were Merely "Dirty Work," Which War Demands.

That Wilhelm is a man of sentiment, as well as kultur, is again illustrated by his message to the town council of Emden, in response to a telegram of sympathy from the latter: august body on the 'sad' but heroic end of that cruiser Emden. A new and stronger Emden will be built, the Kaiser assures the sympathetic town fathers, "on whose bow an Iron Cross will be affixed to commemorate the glory of the old Emden.

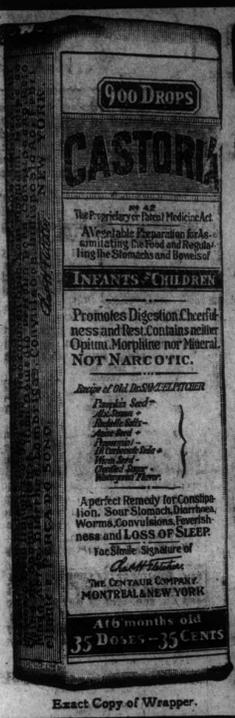
To replace the lost Emden in the fleet, and with a better ship in her honor, is an admirable plan. But to lay emphasis on the glory of 'the old Emden' is rubbish—which is not to say, of course, that it could not be explained satisfactorily to the mind of a person versed in the subtleties of Kaiserkultur.

There was nothing glorious in the spectacular career of the Emden. Her captain showed himself a resourceful naval navigator, that all. The kind of warfare he was called upon to wage probably did not strike him as glorious. He attacked only the defenceless. All authorities agree that biligerents should not destroy where military results are to be gained. The laws of war on land expressly forbid it. On the sea it is still sanctioned, but it is not applauded.

The Germans in Belgium have done fearful damage. But, crushing, here the indignation of the civilized world they are constrained to defend themselves with the excuse of military necessity. A German army officer would not raze a village or confiscate the property of non-combatants unless he could at least offer a military pretext. But the sea rovers may commit acts of a nature exactly corresponding without apology.

It isprising to be proud of, just the same. The captain of the Emden down deep, must have regarded it as dirty work. He performed his ignoble

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MR. LLOYD GEORGE QUOTES PRECEDENT

He Shows How the French Respected Their Treaty Obligations to Belgium Though it Meant Ruin

Mr. Lloyd George is a speech at the Queen's Hall, London, brought out one point in the case against Germany. He said:

"This was not the only country to defend Belgium and her integrity. Russia, France, Austria and Prussia—they are all there. Why did they not perform the obligation? It is suggested that when you quote this treaty, it is purely an excuse on our part. It is our low craft and cunning, just to cloak our jealousy of a superior civilization which we are attempting to destroy.

"Our answer is the action we took in 1870. What was that? Mr. Gladstone, was then Prime Minister, Lord Grenville, I think was then Foreign Secretary. I have never heard it



MR. LLOYD GEORGE
Chancellor of the Exchequer

alleged to their charge that they were ever Jingo. What did they do in 1870? We called upon the belligerent powers to respect that treaty. We called upon France, we called upon Germany. At that time, when in mind, the greatest danger to Belgium came from France and not from Germany. We intervened to protect Belgium against France exactly in the same way. We invited both the belligerent powers to state that they had no intention of violating Belgian territory. What was the answer given by Bismarck? He said it was superfluous to ask Prussia such a question in view of the treaties in force. France gave a similar answer.

"We received the thanks at that time of the Belgian people for our intervention in a very remarkable document. This is in a document addressed by the municipality of Brussels to Queen Victoria after that intervention:

"The great and noble people over whose destinies you preside have just given a further proof of its benevolent sentiments towards this country. The voice of the English nation has been heard above the din of arms. It has asserted the principles of justice and right. Next to the unalterable attachment of the Belgian people to their independence the strongest sentiment which fills their hearts is that of an imperishable gratitude to the people of Great Britain."

"That was in 1870. Mark what follows. Three or four days after that document of thanks the French army was wedged up against the Belgian frontier. Every means of escape shut up by a ring of flame from Prussian cannon. There was one way of escape. What was that? By violating the neutrality of Belgium. What did they do? The French on that occasion preferred ruin, humiliation to the breaking of their bond.

"The French Emperor, French marshals, 100,000 gallant Frenchmen in arms preferred to be carried captive to the strange land of their enemy rather than dishonor the name of their country. It was the last French army defeat. Had they violated Belgian neutrality the whole history of that war would have been changed. And yet it was the interest of France to break the treaty. She did not do it. It was the interest of Prussia to break the treaty, and she has done it. Well, why? She avowed it with cynical contempt for every principle of justice. She says treaties only bind you when it is to your interest to keep them. What is a treaty? says the German Chancellor, 'a scrap of paper.'"

FRENCH RUNNER KILLED

Jean Boulin, Wonderful Distance Man, Fell in Battle

The news of the death of Jean Boulin, the great French distance runner, on the field of battle in France, cast a pall of deep and genuine sadness over all those who had the pleasure of meeting the flashing Frenchman who held the world's amateur record for running one hour. As an athlete Boulin was superb—every inch of him. He had everything—speed, strength, and a type of bulldog grit that is supposed to be found only in an Englishman. No person who saw the 1912 Olympics at Stockholm will ever forget the superb race this Boulin ran against Hannes Kolehmainen. The distance was three miles and nearly 200 yards (5,000 metres). At the crack of the gun Boulin bounded away like a sprinter, and ran in the van until within fifty yards from home, where Kolehmainen jumped up beside the Frenchman and beat him to the tape by less than one foot.

Blacksmith Used His Hammer
A company of British dragoons, called unexpectedly into action, were accompanied by their fARRIER, who turned only with a sledge hammer, gave a good account of himself.

The Hobson prohibition amendment was defeated in the United States after a full day's debate.

GENERAL FRENCH FIRST SAW DANGER, BAULKED THE GERMAN CALAIS PLANS WITH A THIN RED LINE OF HEROES

"No more arduous task has ever been assigned to British soldiers, and in all their splendid history there is no instance of their having answered so magnificently to the desperate calls which of necessity were made upon them.

"Words fail me to express the admiration I feel for their conduct, or my sense of the incalculable services they rendered. I venture to predict that their deeds during these days of stress and trial will furnish some of the most brilliant chapters which will be found in the military history of our time. Sir John French.

High appreciations have been given by the British press to the historic and memorable despatch of Sir John French from which the above paragraphs are taken.

"We see very clearly," says the Times military correspondent, "that it was the field-marshal commanding the Anglo-Indian forces in France who first appreciated the gravity of the German movement in the north, and first took decisive measures to arrest it. It was on his initiative that the army under his command was dexterously withdrawn from the Aisne, bodily transferred to the north and placed athwart the German line of advance on Calais.

"Will and character dominate every other quality in war, and it is first and foremost because Sir John French possesses these qualities in an eminent degree, and is not afraid to ask of his troops the impossible, that our intrepid army in Flanders has added glorious pages to its immortal history.

"Never, in its noblest days, has the British army covered itself with greater glory than in this battle, and never have commanders and troops deserved better of their country. Even if the German reinforcements, thrust in after corps, enabled the enemy to score a few local successes, the fact remains that the allies stood at the close of the fighting, and stand now, many miles east of the line where the fighting began, and that sixteen German army corps, after losing 200,000 men, have not been able to displace them.

"The honors of the battle are shared by the three armies under General Foch which fought so gallantly and afforded us such welcome support; nor can we forget the French marines and the Belgians who shared in the hardships of the stricken field. Great is the honor that one and all have deserved, and never will the mighty deeds of the heroes who fought in the great battle of Flanders be forgotten by their grateful fellow-countrymen."

"In terse and simple language" says the Pall Mall, "yet in words which will ring through the Empire, Sir John French tells the story of the fight for Calais. This is the most graphic account of the work done by the army which we have yet had from the Commander-in-Chief, for the names and deeds of the regiments which have distinguished themselves are allowed to appear, and a long and noble list it is. English, Scottish, Irish, and Indian regiments, Regulars and Territorials, the Army of the Empire is united in sacrifice and glory.

"The quality of the whole is summed up in the Field-Marshal's words that the frustration of the Kaiser's dearest hope is due entirely to the marvellous fighting power, and the indomitable courage and tenacity of officers, non-commissioned officers and men. Their leaders demanded of them almost more than it seemed possible for human hardihood to give. But they judged the quality of the army right, and it rose superior to every call made upon it.

HEROISM AND SUFFERING

"Reading this glorious chapter of heroism and suffering, how can any man of age and condition to serve endure to sit idly at home? Day after day, night after night, our hard-bitten soldiery have fought and killed while the line of battle swayed backwards and forwards. Always outnumbered, but never outought, they have seen fresh masses of the enemy piled against them, and nerved themselves to resist anew while their most trusted leaders and their bravest comrades drooped beside them. The thin stream of reinforcements, welcome and significant as it was, with the dark faces of the Indians among the troops, brought no relief to the thin and much-enduring line. They only sufficed to prolong it to the sea, so that the enemy might fail to reach round what he could not break.

"Had there been half a million more British soldiers available, Sir John French might have been able to record something more than a stubborn defensive and eventual felling of the enemy. There were great and greivous gaps in the splendid regiments which have fought so well. These, we know, have been filled, and the record of their deeds will send many more men to the colors to fight in the historic corps. But more is needed, much more, to reap the fruits of French and British heroism. The Third Book of Sir John French's Iliad should stir the spirit of English manhood, and send it by the thousand to the recruiting stations."

Sport Notes

NO MID-WEEK GAMES FOR ENGLISH CUP
LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Football Association has decided that no cup ties can be played during the mid-week. They must be played on Saturdays if a gate is to be taken.

The association also decided that the cup final cannot be played this year at Crystal Palace, and another venue must be found.

SCOTTISH CUP TIES ARE ABANDONED AT WAR OFFICE REQUEST
LONDON, Dec. 23.—At a meeting of the Scottish Football Association last night it was decided by 14 votes to 13 not to proceed with the Scottish Cup ties this season. This decision is in accordance with the recommendation of a deputation which recently interviewed the War Office authorities.

M'COY SHADED THE SOLDIER
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Middleweight Champion Al McCoy was shaded by Soldier Bartfield in a ten-round bout at the Broadway A. C. in Brooklyn last night. It was a poor fight.

OFFER WHITE, \$10,000 TO BOX WELSH AGAIN.
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Charley White may get another whack at Champion Freddie Welsh shortly, Jimmie Johnson, the Garden matchmaker, yesterday wired White in Chicago offering him a guarantee of \$10,000 to fight Welsh next month, providing he (White) defeated Young Shugrue in their bout at New York next Tuesday night.

WALCOT UNDERTOOK TO FIGHT HIGH AND LOW
No fighter in the ring to-day is prepared to do the stunts that made Joe Walcott famous.

Joe met fighters of all weights. He was a welter and easily remained at 142 pounds, but he took on the biggest men in the ring when in his prime.

He knocked out Joe Choyinski in seven rounds when Joe had to his credit a drawn battle with Jeffries. Joe made one mistake. He tried to fight in the lightweight class and take the title from Kid Lavigne.

When he trained down to 133 pounds he found himself so weak he could not make any kind of a showing against Lavigne.

The two fought a fifteen-round draw in 1895 and Lavigne won in twelve rounds in San Francisco in 1897.

WHY GEO. STALLINGS SHIFTS HIS OUTFIELD
George Stallings is convinced that much of the success of the Braves is due to the double outfield system. The idea of using a right-handed or left-handed trio of batters, as the pitching situation might require, came to Stallings early last year. At that time he did not have outfielders enough of both persuasions to put the scheme into practice. Later, by trading Perdue, he secured Miller and Whited, two right-handed hitters, and was able to put the shift in operation.

"Most of the other managers did not approve of my scheme of shifting men, and one of the newspapers began to kid the club by saying that nobody could determine the regular line-up from day to day," writes Stallings, and he adds: "But I have a no-nonsense attitude, and the other managers will pay attention to the shift next year, because it is a great way to beat a left-hander, one of the best, when he sees almost an entire team marching up to the plate and facing him from the right side of the plate. Even some of the managers who hinted that George Stallings was crazy when I first pulled it may do some experimenting with it."

LITTLE JAP ASKS CHANCE AT THE BIG WRESTLERS
Martin Julian takes exception to the claim of Tarro Mipake as jiu jitsu champion. Says he:

"An expert in the famous Japanese sport by the name of Yamato Taka whom I manage, is the champion. Taka has just arrived in this country from South America. He has been touring the world for the last two years and has beaten everybody that has been pitted against him.

"My man Taka, will agree to throw Gotch, Zbyszko, Hackenschmidt or any of the great big fellows, at jiu jitsu, of course. He only weighs about 160 pounds and it would be a novel sight for the public to see him toss these fellows who weigh many pounds more than he does. Taka will also wrestle and guarantee to throw any wrestler his weight at catch-as-catch-can."

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BELGIANS CROSS AND WIN A STRAT

Many German Prisoners in Ranks of Belgians

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Times correspondent on the Belgian front telegraphs:

"The Belgian troops succeeded yesterday in crossing the Yser near St. Georges in the direction Mannekenvre and establish themselves firmly in spite of a murderous fire. This is an important success. The destruction of the parts of the Belgian front progress gradual, but continuous.

"Depression has overcome the German troops on the Yser, who are tired of fighting vainly in a cold and comfortless land far from their homes. Batches of prisoners have been brought regularly into Flanders every day since the fighting around Nieupoort began again.

"There is considerable activity of the whole of the allies' front in the north. The British guns near Arras have been booming hard and have reason to believe appreciable advances have been made toward clearing Lille of Germans.

"The shelling by the Germans of the hospital in the convent of Sacre Coeur at Ypres, has compelled the surgeons to have the wounded removed. The destruction of the hospital is very much to be deplored. The German gunners doubtless were aiming at the railway station, but the fact remains that ever since the bombardment began shells have not

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[By Special Wire to the Courier] DUNKIRK, France, via London, Dec. 24.—A resident of Rheims, who has survived all the successive bombardments of that city advises against taking to the cellar in case of bombardment.

Two of the Rheims hotel were blown into rubbish while I was sleeping in them, he says. "In each instance, most of the people in the hotels took refuge in the cellars, and came to losing their lives when the mortar came tumbling in on them. If your house is blown the ruins most certainly will be you in your cellar and you will time end by asphyxiation.

"I had calculated correctly that part of the city where I was living would come under fire from the north."

AUSTRIA MAKES ADMISSION OF HEAVY DEFEE

A Whole Army Was the Victim of a Servian Success.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—An official communication issued in Vienna gives the result of inquiries made of a high military officer into the details of the Austrians by the Servians follows:

"After he had gained successive chief in command of the Bosnian forces intended to complete the feat of the enemy, but did not sufficient regard to the difficult. Bad weather made the condition the few roads which lead across barren country worse, so that it was impossible to supply the army with the necessary provisions and ammunition. At the same time, the collected fresh forces and opened attack, the offensive had been up.

"It was thought prudent not to force a decisive battle under these unfavorable circumstances. Forced by these conditions, our troops retreated from Servia, but they are not defeated. That we suffered severe losses and war material is inevitable.