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FRENCH WIN TWO VILLAGES IN UPPER ALSACE; RUSSIANS MARCHING ON CRACOW AGAIN; GERMAN PORT SHELLED

Germans Spend Strength in Capturing Steinbach Church, Then Swept From Village Altogether—Russians, With Southern Galicia in Firm Grip, Make New Attack on Cracow Front—Albanian Rebels Shelled by Italian Warships—Formidable Was Sunk by Submarine off Plymouth.

London, Jan. 4, 10 p. m.—The latest news from the battlefronts indicate but little activity, the front evidently being enforced by the bad weather. Steinbach, a village in Upper Alsace, is now in the hands of the French, after house-to-house fighting. This loss Berlin admits.

The day was marked by artillery duels, with occasional infantry dashes for slight gains, but the line from the Oise to the sea was almost completely calm.

German headquarters declares that the situation on the eastern front remains unchanged, and nothing has reached London to contradict this statement. Politically the American note still occupies a prominent position, dividing attention with speculations as to what Roumania and Italy intend to do. The answer of the British government, it is expected, will be sent to Washington late this week. It is understood here that Great Britain has reached a good understanding with Italy with regard to the trans-shipment of contraband that no cargoes destined for that country have been stopped since December 4.

British officials declare that the relief of American shipping from the present regulations depends largely on the assurance of neutral states bordering on belligerent countries that they will not assist in supplying Germany, Austria or Turkey with food products and munitions of war.

STEINBACH COMPLETELY IN FRENCH HANDS.

Paris, Jan. 4, 10:40 p. m.—The following official communication was issued by the War Office tonight:

"The only reports which have been received up to the present have reference to Upper Alsace, where engagements of a very violent nature continue in the region of Cerney."

"Last night our troops lost, then regained, the territory around the church at Steinbach. This morning they occupied the entire village."

"The German works to the west of Cerney, captured by us yesterday, were lost for a brief period following a very violent counter-attack, but the Germans were not able to maintain it, and this position remains in our hands."

RUSSIAN LINE SOUTH TO ROUMANIA.

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—The official communication issued from general headquarters tonight follows:

"During January 3, no important change took place on the left bank of the Vistula. In many sections there have been the usual artillery engagements and secondary action."

"More desperate fighting took place on the night of January 2-3 in the region of Bolimow, where the Germans, after an energetic attack, forced one of our trenches, but were immediately dislodged from it by our counter-attack, abandoning six machine guns and a number of prisoners."

"In West Galicia, on January 2, we made progress again, taking more than 1,000 Austrian prisoners and several cannon and machine guns. In the region of Usok Pass we took an equal number of prisoners, and captured several guns and rapid-fires. In this action an entire Austrian battalion, with eleven officers, surrendered. In this region the staff of a column of the enemy, with the chief wounded, and all documents fell into our hands."

"On our extreme left wing, our troops passing through the whole of Bukovina, have occupied the town of Suciawa, two-thirds of a mile distant from the Austro-Roumanian frontier."

AUSTRIAN REPORT VAGUE IN CLAIMS.

Vienna, via Amsterdam, to London, Jan. 4, 10:22 p. m.—The following official communication was issued this evening:

"In the severe battles in the district south of Galicia, which were fought under the worst weather conditions, our troops assured themselves, through getting possession of an important line of hills, of a favorable base for further operations."

"In the Carpathians there has been no change."

"In the Upper Ugol Valley there have been only small engagements."

"During the battles in the northern theatre at Christmas time we captured thirty-seven officers and 12,498 men."

GERMANS OPERATING BELGIAN RAILWAYS.

Brussels, via The Hague, to London, Jan. 4, 9:55 p. m.—The Germans have placed the entire Belgian railway system in operation, and are employing about 8,000 railroad men, of which 1,100 are Bavarians. Many of these men have just been brought into Belgium.

JAPANESE NURSES ON WAY TO FRONT.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.—Seventeen Japanese nurses and three Japanese surgeons, headed by Dr. Jiro Suzuki, surgeon-general of the Japanese army, are leaving here today on the liner Shinyo Maru, and took the first train for the east. They will embark for the European battlefronts.

"These nurses are the pick of the Japanese Red Cross, and all have been decorated for bravery under fire. Some have seen service both in the Boxer rebellion and the Russo-Japanese war."

COMFORTS FOR PRISONERS AT LARGE IN SIBERIA.

Washington, Jan. 4.—To relieve German and Austrian prisoners of war, a committee of missionaries, principally Americans, will start tomorrow from Peking for the interior of Siberia, bearing medical supplies and clothing furnished by the American Red Cross, and to plan an extension of their work of mercy.

"The prisoners are not confined, but generally have been paroled under pledge not to leave the neighborhood. Their only wants are food, clothing and medicine."

In explanation of the parole of the prisoners, it is said that with its absolute control of the Siberian railway, the country in winter affords the only possible access from Siberia. The Russian government feels there is little possibility of escape.

WOUNDED PRISONERS EXCHANGED THIS MONTH.

London, Jan. 5, 3:11 a. m.—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Berlin, by way of Amsterdam, says the first exchange of wounded prisoners of war will take place in Geneva this month.

FROM DEATH SENTENCE MAY SAVE LONSDALE.

London, Jan. 5, 2:57 a. m.—The morning Post's Switzerland correspondent says he learns that the death sentence on Private Wm. Lonsdale, the English soldier who was tried by court martial in Germany for an attack on one of the guards at the prisoners' camp at Doberitz, will not be carried out.

Lonsdale, when convicted, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment, but on reviewing the testimony, a superior

court martial condemned him to death. The Lord Mayor of Leeds, England, the home of Lonsdale, appealed to Henry Van Dyke, the American minister to the Netherlands, last week, asking the minister to endeavor to save Lonsdale. Dr. Van Dyke replied that he was doing everything possible, and also had requested the American Ambassador at Berlin to take up the matter.

TURKS LOSE THEIR TRENCHES AT ARDAHAN.

Petrograd, Jan. 4.—The following statement from the general headquarters of the Russian army in the Caucasus was issued tonight:

"The battle of Sari Kamych (Trans-Caucasia) is still proceeding to our advantage. A sunrise, January 3, our troops attacked Ardahan, and toward evening, after fierce fighting, the Turks were dislodged from their trenches, having sustained heavy casualties."

MORE CANADIANS SERIOUSLY ILL AT SALISBURY.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—The following casualties in the Canadian forces at Salisbury Plain are reported to the militia department:

Seriously ill—No. 24,616, Private F. W. McGuinness, Thirteenth Battalion, at Bulford Hospital, of meningitis. Next of kin Mrs. E. W. McGuinness, 50 Verdome avenue, Notre Dame De Grace, Montreal.

No. 8, Regimental Sergeant-Major Alexander G. Fraser, Princess Patricia Light Infantry, at No. X Stationary Hospital, Next of kin Catherine Fraser, 46 Grant street, Toronto.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO MEET TOMORROW.

Fredonction, Jan. 4.—(Special)—The provincial government will meet tomorrow at 10 a. m. Wednesday. The board of education will meet in the afternoon.

War Summary Reply Depends On Other Countries

Watch on American Commerce Relaxed if Neutrals Bordering on Germany Prohibit Export

Believed That Agreement Has Been Reached With Italy and That Copper Cargoes Consigned to Italian Firms in Italian Ships Will Not be Interfered With—Reply Submitted to France and Ready For Washington This Week.

London, Jan. 4, 7:45 p. m.—The British government's reply to the American note concerning contraband probably will be sent before the end of this week. An outline of the reply has been submitted to France, which is greatly interested because of the activity of French ships in searching Mediterranean cargoes.

Probably there will be a statement shortly, showing that Italy and England and her allies have arrived at an understanding concerning contraband, satisfactory to all the countries affected.

It can be authoritatively stated that only five cargoes destined for Italy have been stopped at Gibraltar since November 15. Two of these were released within three days, and the others as soon as the alleged contraband in their cargoes could be removed. Since December 4, no cargoes destined for Italy have been intercepted by the Allies.

Rubber cargoes, held in English ports, destined for American firms, probably will be released shortly, or purchased by Great Britain, which needs much rubber for the manufacture of tires, bed blankets and boots.

Constant negotiations are in progress between the Allies and the neutral European countries near Germany looking to a tightening of the export regulations which will prevent American shipments from reaching Germany and Austria through neighboring countries other than Italy.

A loosening of the regulations applying to American cargoes, it is said by British officials, will depend largely on the assurances received from neutral countries that they will not assist in supplying Germany, Austria and Turkey with munitions of war.

EXPORTERS URGED TO SPECIFY CARGOES.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, called at the State Department today for the first time since the American note of protest on shipping was sent to Great Britain. He conferred with Counselor Robert Lansing.

Though he had received no instructions as yet concerning the answer which it is to be made to the American note, the British ambassador indicated that it would be of a most friendly character. It is understood that Sir Cecil regards the American note as moderate in tone, compared to the usually preemptory and mandatory tone of notes of this kind passing between neutrals and belligerents in times of war.

That Sir Edward Grey in his talks with Ambassador Page similarly showed that England received the American note in a most amicable spirit, and intended to ameliorate the shipping situation, so far as was possible to do so, was learned today from high officials here.

Another development which is regarded as affording a solution of one of the points under dispute between Great Britain and the United States is the decision of the Washington administration to certify American cargoes as to their exact contents before leaving American ports. Secretaries Bryan and Redfield and Acting Secretary Peters, of the Treasury Department, conferred today on the formulation of a circular to be issued tomorrow urging co-operation between American exporters, shippers and the government in regard to the manifests of neutral ships used to carry American cargoes.

Exporters will be urged to accompany their products with affidavits, telling exactly the contents of their shipments. Treasury officials will be instructed to certify that the manifests contain the articles mentioned in the manifests, but they, of course, will not endeavor to rule on the subject of whether a product is or is not contraband or what its ultimate destination may be.

ITALIAN GOODS IN ITALIAN SHIPS IMMUNE.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Developments in the negotiations to stop British interdictions of American copper shipments have reached a point, it was understood here today, where Great Britain will not interfere with shipments to well-known Italian firms if they are made in Italian ships.

Shipment to well-known manufacturers in Sweden and Holland, it also was understood, would be uninterrupted, but it has not been made plain if they must be made in ships of those countries.

GERMAN SYMPATHIZERS RAISE THEIR VOICES.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Hearings on pending resolutions to restrict the export of arms and munitions to the belligerent nations of Europe began today before the House Foreign Affairs committee.

Delegations from New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Baltimore representing German-American and Irish-American organizations, appeared before the committee. All urged immediate action on the resolution of Representative Bartholdi, of Missouri, which would empower the president to prohibit the exportation of war supplies. They insisted that at present the United States was not observing strict neutrality, because Great Britain was able to secure supplies in this country, and to prevent Germany and Austria from drawing from the same sources.

REPORT THAT GERMANY CALLS YOUNG BELGIANS TO HER ARMY.

Amsterdam, Jan. 4.—A remarkable telegram from Overpeet, in Belgium, states that all young Belgians available for 1914, 1915 and 1916 levies have been ordered by the German commander to present themselves at the town hall today for enrollment in the German army.

GERMAN PORT IN E. AFRICA SHELLED

Dar-Es-Salaam Bombarded and German Shipping in Harbor Disabled

Berlin Reports Submarine Sank Formidable and That It Escaped—Swedish Steamer Lost With 20 Men—Curious Story of General Beyers' Capture and Release Before His Drowning.

Nairobi, British East Africa, via London, Jan. 4, 11:17 p. m.—The British battleship Goliath and light cruiser Fox have carried out successful operations against Dar-Es-Salaam, capital of German East Africa. The warships bombarded the town, inflicting considerable damage. All the German vessels in the harbor were disabled. Fourteen Europeans and twenty natives were taken prisoners. The British loss was one killed and twelve wounded.

Dar-Es-Salaam, the best built town on the coast of German East Africa, is a military station with an excellent harbor, situated forty miles south of Zanzibar. It is the terminus of an important caravan route, the residence of a Governor, and has large commercial interests. The white population in 1904 was estimated at 1,000; the total population at more than twenty thousand.

Early in the war a British expedition was sent against Dar-Es-Salaam, but met unexpected resistance and was forced to retire with heavy losses. Among the casualties was Capt. B. Carr-Harris, of the Royal Engineers, a son of Prof. Carr-Harris, of Bathurst (N. B.).

The Goliath, is a battleship built in 1898, 12,950 tons, with a speed of 18 knots, 700 men, and carries four 12-inch and twelve 6-inch guns.

The Fox is one of the old type of light cruisers, built in 1893, 4,360 tons, with a speed of 19.5 knots, 312 men, and carries two 6-inch and eight 4.7 guns.

BERLIN SAYS SUBMARINE ESCAPED.

Berlin, Jan. 4.—(Via Wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—An official announcement, made public through the official press bureau today, says:

"A German submarine boat reports by wireless to the Admiralty in Berlin that it has torpedoed and sunk in the English Channel, off Plymouth, the British battleship Formidable."

"The submarine was pursued by British destroyers, but escaped undamaged."

SWEDISH STEAMER LOST WITH 20 MEN.

London, Jan. 5, 2:59 a. m.—According to advices received here from Stockholm, the Swedish steamer Carma has been lost in the North Sea with her crew of twenty men.

It is presumed that the Carma struck a mine.

The steamer Carma, a coasting vessel, was built at Sunderland in 1882. She was of 1,058 tons and owned in Helsingborg.

BEYERS RELEASED ONLY TO MEET DEATH.

London, Jan. 4.—(Gazette Cable)—How ex-Commandant General Beyers was arrested while motoring on the Veldt, then released by the police, only to meet his fate by drowning later on, is a strange story, which comes from South Africa.

According to the story, published in a South African paper, Beyers was in a motor car with three companions near Bloemfontein, when the car was challenged by a motor-cyclist patrol, Beyers wearing a red handkerchief wrapped around his face, suggesting toothache.

The party first tried to bluff but, with rifle facing them, they produced a safe-conduct document, signed by Commandant Lemmer, of the Transvaal Union, allowing passage to the residence of ex-President Steyn, of the Orange Free State. Not satisfied with this the patrol insisted that the party proceed to the nearest farm, where he handed them over to the Cape Mounted Police, but, to his surprise, the police allowed the party to go to its destination, yet within a few weeks Beyers was again fighting Union forces, and lost his life while crossing a river.

The Eastern Province-Herald strongly criticized the Union government on the matter.

BRITISH DRAG-NET GATHERS IN "SMART ALECK."

London, Jan. 5, 2:07 a. m.—The Daily Telegraph's Copenhagen correspondent says:

"A Norwegian merchant captain, who has just returned here from Gibraltar, says the Hamburg-American liner Graecia attempted to cross the Atlantic, flying the Norwegian flag and under the name of Bjoergvin, but that she was stopped by a British cruiser, which discovered that her real name had been painted over. The cruiser thereupon took the steamer as a prize to Gibraltar. The steamer carried a cargo of provisions for the German warships in the Atlantic."

ITALIAN SHELLS CHECK ALBANIAN REBELS.

Paris, Jan. 5, 1:25 a. m.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Durazzo, Albania, dated Monday, says:

"Yesterday the rebels sent a letter signed by the Mussulman committee to Essad Pasha, provisional president of Albania, demanding that the French and Serbian ministers be handed over to them. At 12:30 a. m. they began an attack on the city. Essad Pasha immediately went to the trenches, at the same time asking the Italian legation to give him all possible help."

"In view of the gravity of the situation the legation communicated with the warships in port and at 2:30 a. m. the battleship Sargol and the coast guard ship Misurata fired shells, which checked the rebels."

"The staff of the Italian and French legations and the members of the Italian colony then embarked on the warships."

GERMAN SPIES USE AMERICAN PASSPORTS.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The attention of state department officials was drawn today by Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, the British ambassador, to several cases in foreign countries in which American passports have been fraudulently obtained.

In one case cited an American consul sent an American citizen his passport by registered mail, and British officials here claim Germans intercepted the letter, and that the passport subsequently was found on a German spy. Strict regulations are now in force by the state department, requiring applicants for passports to obtain them in person.

is the balance sheet on the flank, west of the Argonne. In one day, the 24th, we repulsed five attacks.

"From the west of the Argonne the heights of the Meuse, in the night, showed an activity from the 16th to the 24th, often crowned with success, and that, in spite of the condition of the rain, more suitable to the defensive than to the offensive. Our artillery, and especially our heavy artillery, inflicted notable damage upon the enemy's lines."

On the 17th two pieces were destroyed, two batteries demolished on the 19th, and one reduced to silence; a machine gun shelter destroyed on the 20th, and one blown up; a battery damaged on the 22nd, to the northeast of St. Mihiel, and two destroyed near Beaucourt."

Infantry attacks developed especially in the region of Bourcelles and Vauquois, in that of Cuisy and the woods of Jorges, and in the woods of Consuey. At Bourcelles the French lines were warmly disputed. We entered the village, were obliged to abandon it, and then retook it. On the outskirts of Vauquois we progressed as far as 100 meters from the enemy. We advanced likewise into the woods of Melancourt on the 20th, and made progress the 21st in the region of Beaucourt, and in the woods of Jorges, December 21, 22, 23, with a gain of from 200 to 800 metres in these three days. We gained 150 metres on the 21st in the woods of Consuey, where, in spite of a violent bombardment and of counter-attacks, we maintained the conquered position."

"In the woods of Chevalliers, finally, we gained 100 metres, and took 200 prisoners, remarkable for their sordid dirtiness. They were from head to foot a mass of vermin."

"Between the Meuse and the Moselle the action has been more than 100 miles upon the rest of the front. It has permitted us to register progress slowly, but this progress continues in the forest of Apremont, and in the woods of Apremont, we succeeded in destroying or silencing several batteries of the enemy's artillery in the Woivre district, and in the forest of Apremont on the 20th. We demolished trenches in the same region on the 23rd and 24th. We effectively bombarded the railroad station of Amelville on the 18th and 22nd, and gained 250 metres in Le Ban De Sept, and maintained at every other point our gains of the preceding week. Near Amelville, 1,500 metres have been established within 1,500 metres of the city."

AERIAL WARFARE WON BY ALLIES.

"In spite of the extreme difficulty resulting from rain, wind and fog, our squadrons of aeroplanes and our dirigibles have done excellent work. One of the latter, on the night of the 17th, dropped fifteen bombs upon the railroad station of Sarreburg, six upon a thousand arrows upon a train in the railroad station of Heiling. The damage done was important, and was acknowledged by German headquarters."

"On several occasions, the 18th, 20th, 21st and 22nd, our aviators gave chase to some German machines, and obliged them to descend. On the 18th one of our aviators shot and killed a German pilot, whose machine crashed to the earth. On another occasion, near Arras, an aviator was shot by two German dirigible shots. On another, one of our officers was pursued by an 'Albatross', which succeeded in crossing our lines. The German machine was destroyed by a fusillade of shells. In spite of the state of the atmosphere some of our aviators, on the 18th, successfully dropped bombs on an enemy trench, and on the 19th and 20th upon railroad stations and trains the 20th and 21st, upon a cattle balloon the 21st, upon the port of Strasbourg on the Rhine, and the railroad depot of Dieuse the 22nd."

"The Prince of Teck has expressed his warm thanks to the chief of the air squadron which has operated upon the Belgian coast with the English aviators. This squadron has, in fact, effectively contributed toward the regulation of the fire of the battleships, and in surveying the sea for the enemy's submarines."

Sarreburg successfully attacked by French aviators, to give the place the German spelling, is the historic place in Lorraine at which the Emperor Napoleon took up his residence in 1870 just after the catastrophes of Welsenburg and Worth. It is just across the present German frontier from Nancy and Lunerville and is not far from the dull little frontier town of Zabern that has in the last three years become the very expression of offensiveness in Prussian militarism. The river Saar runs down from Sarreburg towards Splehenn Heights where was fought the very first engagement of the Franco-Prussian War on August 6, 1870, where a woman first won the Iron Cross. But more important still, Sarreburg is on the main line to Strasbourg, in Alsace.

"Our artillery never loses time or opportunity when the weather is clear enough to shoot. Our guns succeeded in blowing up a depot of munitions at Dieuse, to the north of Arras, and several caissons at a point to the east of Blangy."

GERMAN EFFORT IN POLAND EXHAUSTED

(Continued from page 1.)

"Further west the enemy attacked some of the passes with small forces. North of Gorlice (Galicia), northeast of Zaklępa, and on the lower course of the Nida, the Russian attack failed. In the region to the east and southeast of Tomaszow (Poland) we and our allies have made progress."

"In the Balkan war theatre all quiet on the Serbian frontier. Night attacks by the Montenegrins on Gat, near Antovaca, and Hativa, near Trebinje (Herzegovina) have been repulsed."

VANCOUVER MEN TO REINFORCE THE PRINCESS PATRICIAS.

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 30.—One hundred and twenty-seven officers and men of the Sixtieth Overseas Battalion in training here have been ordered to the front to reinforce the Princess Patricia Regiment.

ITALIAN PREMIER HONORED BY KING.

Rome, Dec. 28.—Victor Emmanuel has decorated Premier Salandra with the Order of the Annunziata, the highest Italian decoration, which entitles the bearer to call himself a cousin of the king.

The king decorated the premier during the ceremony of baptism of the newly born Princess Maria. He spoke warmly of the services rendered to the state by the premier.

FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

ROTHESAY

Rothsay, Dec. 31.—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Leonard entertained a family party on Christmas Day, their guests being Mrs. Leonard's sister, Mrs. Percy Pettigell, and her brother, Mr. Will Pettigell of Quispamsis, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Pettigell of St. John, Dr. Leonard, Misses Edna and Vera, and Messrs. Charles and George Leonard of St. John. A warm welcome was extended to Miss Kathleen Robinson, who arrived from Winnipeg last week, and is guest at the home of Mrs. Leonard. Fairweather, her mother, Mrs. Lillian Robinson, arrived a few weeks ago, and hosts of friends are glad to have them in Rothsay again. Miss Emma Christie who spent Christmas in St. John is expected to return this week to the home of her niece, Mrs. Fred Foster. On Christmas Mrs. John H. Thomson had as guests Captain and Mrs. Walter A. Harrison, Miss Ruth and Master Hugh Harrison, Mrs. Allan O. Crookshank, Mr. A. R. Crookshank and Miss Cammie. On Monday afternoon Mrs. Leonard invited Mrs. Hibbard, Mrs. Percy Fairweather and Mrs. Blanchet with their children, and Mrs. Donald Fairweather, Christmas tree. Others at the tea hour were Misses Knight, Misses Heveor, Mrs. Daniel, Mrs. Fred Foster and Miss Thomson. Miss Alice Longley, of St. John, spent Christmas here with Mr. and Mrs. MacMackin and is remaining over New Year's Day. Mr. and Mrs. Will Purdy, of St. John, were Mr. John D. Purdy's guests on the 28th. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Tilley were here from the city on Tuesday, spending the day with Mr. and Mrs. Frank. Mrs. Barclay Boyd is recovering from her recent indisposition. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frank and children spent the holiday in St. John with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Frank. Next Wednesday evening at St. Paul's church school house the joyfully anticipated Christmas party will be held to be enjoyed by the Sunday school scholars and their friends. Miss Gilbert is superintendent of the school. For a few days Miss Mary Armstrong and Miss Elizabeth MacLaren of St. John, are here visiting Mrs. Harry Fuddington. A recent letter from Arthur N. Carter, Rhode Island, at lunch at the University of New Brunswick, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Carter, Fair Vale, tells that he has been transferred from the King Edward Home to a lieutenant in the 8th Battalion Yorkshire and Lancashire Regiment. Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Puddington, son and daughter, and Miss Hooper were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James F. Robertson, St. John, over Christmas. Mrs. R. E. and Miss Puddington spent the day at the same hospitable home. Owing to an accident while coasting on sleds a few days ago, Miss Dorothy Purdy is laid up at the home of the Misses MacKean. Mrs. Walter Leonard, on Tuesday, entertained informally at lunch Mrs. Peter Rising and little daughter Ruth, Mrs. Harold Rising, Mrs. Roy Sippel, Miss Faith Hayward, Mrs. Holly Lounsbury, Miss Leora Harrison, of St. John, and Mrs. Bernard Russell, of Halifax. Captain Walter A. Harrison was here from Fredericton to spend Christmas with his family all being guests of Mrs. John H. Thomson. Captain Harrison returned to Fredericton on Saturday. Mrs. Harrison and children go there this week to remain while the artillery are there. Last evening at Gondola Point Mrs. George P. Matthews, of St. John, was the leading spirit at a Christmas tree entertainment for the Sunday school children, and a very happy time was the experience of all present. A number of young people, several being from Rothsay, gave a very successful concert at the school. The masses of Zion Lodge gave a most enjoyable dance at their hall Monday evening. Some of those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Turner, Dr. and Mrs. Daby, Mrs. W. J. Fawcett and family, Mr. and Mrs. P.H. Murray, Mr. C. H. Perry, Miss Helen Corbett (St. John), Miss Blanche McLeod, Miss Della Daly, Miss Helen Jones, Miss Alice Mac, Mrs. P. S. Corey, Mr. W. G. McLean, Mr. A. J. Perkins, Mr. H. C. Robinson, Mr. R. Morrison, Mr. Gordon McKay, Mr. Kennedy, Mr. Armstrong and others. Miss Blanche McLeod is spending the week-end in St. John, as the guest of her aunt, Mrs. E. L. Corbett. Masters Weeden and Herbert Robinson, Havelock, spent the week-end here with relatives. Mr. Frank Robinson and party motored here from Moncton this week. Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Bolton had at their guests Christmas Eve Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Dawson, Moncton; Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Patrician, Norton; Mrs. MacOlfie and the Misses MacOlfie, Moncton, and Miss Dorothy MacOlfie, Sackville (N. Y.). Mr. Reginald Hickson spent Christmas here with his mother. Mrs. W. S. Fairweather was a visitor to St. John this week. Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Corey, of Glenora, are guests of Mrs. Corey's parents, Dr. and Mrs. White. Mr. and Mrs. James Forbes have returned from a two weeks trip to Mrs. Forbes old home in Halifax. Miss Lenore Milton, of Elgin, is the guest of relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Adair and little daughter are spending the holiday season here with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McLeod. Miss Lena Sherwood is home from Boston for the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Helen Corbett spent the holiday season here with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McLeod. Miss Lena Sherwood is home from Boston for the Christmas holidays.

ROTHESAY

Among those present were Major and Mrs. Guy S. Kinneer, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Forsythe, Mrs. Hodley Murray (Winnipeg), Mrs. Elizabeth Murray, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kinneer. Mrs. A. L. Price, of New York, spent a few days of last week here with Mr. and Mrs. Harry White. Mr. Guy Downey spent Christmas with his parents at Harvey Bank. Miss Queen Mills is spending a few days with Miss Berrie Davidson at Annapolis. Major G. S. Kinneer spent Christmas here at his home. Lieut. C. H. Fairweather spent Christmas here with his parents, Colonel and Mrs. Fairweather. Dr. Eligh Langstroth, Mrs. Langstroth and children spent Christmas here with Mrs. Langstroth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McFee. Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Steves and Miss Minnie Steves are spending the week-end in St. John, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Steves. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Linton and children, of Vancouver, are guests of Mrs. Linton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Carleton. Mr. Roy Davis spent Christmas at his home here. Thursday morning of Miss Laura Lathern, teacher of English and Latin in that institution. Mrs. Lathern became ill about ten days ago but nothing serious was anticipated until about a week ago when Drs. Galkin and Secord in consultation decided that an operation must be performed. According to Dr. Myers, of Moncton, came to Sackville and on Friday night performed a very serious operation. Miss Lathern rallied after her hold-up but it was soon seen that her hold-up was very slight, and her death had been momentarily expected for several days. Miss Lathern was the eldest daughter of the late Rev. Dr. Lathern, for many years chairman of the Board of Regent of Mount Allison University. Her mother, who was a Miss Simpson, of Fredericton, is also dead. One sister, Miss Lily Lathern, who resides in Yarmouth was with her when she died. Deceased graduated from Mount Allison University in 1891 and for twenty-one years was teacher in the Ladies College. She was 48 years old. Miss Lathern was a lady of beautiful Christian character and was beloved by hosts of friends who will hear of her death with regret. The funeral service of the late Miss Lathern was held at Grafton street Methodist church, Halifax, on Saturday afternoon. The service was held at the Grafton Hill immediately at the close of the service. A goodly number testified by their presence of their respect for the deceased lady. Dr. David Allison, a prominent member of the medical profession with Miss Lathern for twenty years, as a teacher, paying a high tribute to her scholarship and character, and lauding her for her honored father, the late Rev. Dr. Lathern. Rev. Dr. Campbell, principal of Mount Allison Ladies College, followed with an eloquent tribute and character of her life, testifying to her warm place in the affections of her students and her great influence for good. The dead body was placed in a casket which has been spending her vacation at her home here, leaves Saturday for Campbellton. Miss Kathleen Emmerson, of Moncton, is visiting in town, guest of Miss Eliza Knapp. Mr. Arthur Gillis has returned from a pleasant trip to Montreal. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Robinson, of Port Elgin, spent Christmas in town, guests of Mrs. Robinson's parents, Mayor and Mrs. Wry.

BORDER TOWNS

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Mrs. Nelson Waterbury, who has been visiting in St. Andrews, is in town to-day, the guest of Mrs. F. E. Rose. Mrs. C. E. Bates, of Houlton (Me.), has been spending the past week with relatives in town. Miss Jean Gouche, of Acadia College, is at home for the Christmas vacation. Mr. and Mrs. George W. Willett, of Georgetown, spent Christmas with their daughter, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Meating's mother. Miss George Richardson has returned to her home here on a pleasant visit in town with Mrs. J. W. Richardson. ST. ANDREWS St. Andrews, N. B., Dec. 31.—Mr. Raymond McCarthey, arrived from Memramcook on Thursday last to spend the holiday season with his father. Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Smith, of St. John, teaching staff, spent part of the vacation in town, the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worrell. Miss Bertha McLeod is visiting in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George E. 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Miss Katherine Clarke, trained nurse of Boston (Mass.), who has spent several weeks with her father, Mr. E. J. Clarke, here, returned to Boston on Wednesday. Mrs. Wesley Anward, of Fredericton, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. George E. Balmain. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley M. Opie and Mrs. Opie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Opie, at the Methodist parsonage. Frank King, of London (Ont.), has been in town for the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Percy Hartley. Stewart Bailey, of the Royal Bank of Canada, St. Stephen, and Lawrence M. Bailey, of the Bank of Montreal, Charlottetown, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur G. Bailey. Miss Mabel Lister is expected home on Friday from Amherst (N. S.), where she has been the guest of Mrs. Geo. Ackman. Mr. Roy Ackman, of Halifax, is also spending the Christmas season with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Jones. Mrs. Sydney Hughes and children, of Carleton Place, who spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Atkinson. On Christmas eve, Miss Mae Campbell, of the Paul Lee Company staff, was presented by her fellow employees with a handsome gold wrist watch. An address was read by Mr. George McEachern and the presentation made by Mr. D. H. Turner. Miss Campbell, in reply, expressed her thanks in a neat speech. Mr. and Mrs. James Avar and family, Mr. John Avar and Mrs. Avar, of St. John, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Avar. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Metcalfe spent the holiday season with relatives in New-Castle. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sleeth went to New Glasgow to spend Christmas with relatives in town. Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Rennie and daughter, the Misses Jean and Elizabeth, are spending the holidays with relatives at Apple River, near St. John. Mr. Arthur Hamm, of Halifax, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Hamm. Mr. and Mrs. M. Mitchell spent Christmas with relatives in Sackville. Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Murray have returned from Shediac, where they spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Murray. Miss Kathleen Burgess is spending part of the holiday season in Apohaqui, the guest of her cousin, Miss Ethel Jones. Miss Marjorie McCarthy is spending a few weeks with her cousin, Miss Louise Talbot. Miss Helen Creaghan, of Newcastle, spent part of the week with friends in the city. Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Sleeth and little son, of Montreal, are the guests of friends in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Irving O'Blines spent Christmas at Sackville, the guests of Mr. O'Blines' parents, Mr. and Mrs. David O'Blines. Mr. Andrew Riddick, of Hampton, is spending some time in the city, the guest of his daughter, Mrs. P. A. MacGowan. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bell have returned from Shediac, where they spent Christmas with relatives. Dr. W. F. MacKasey, who spent Christmas at his home in the city had returned to Springhill. Miss May Rogers, of Truro, spent Christmas in the city, the guest of Mrs. W. B. Rogers. Mr. C. T. Purdy and two sons have gone to Amherst to spend New Year's with relatives. Miss Margaret Hogan, of Montreal, is spending the holiday season at her home in the city. Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Gesner, Mrs. E. C. Jones and daughter, Mrs. Mabel Jones, have returned from Shediac, where they were spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Amasa Weldon. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Campbell, of Campbellton, is spending the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Swetnam. Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Copp, who spent Christmas with friends in the city, have returned to Sackville. Miss Helen Dixon, of Sackville, is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. George Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Weldon have returned to Montreal, where he was spending Christmas with his family, who will remove to this city in the early spring. Miss Jennie Alberta, of Bayville, is spending New Year's with the Misses Davidson. Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Wood and children, who spent Christmas with Mrs. Wood's parents, Mr. F. W. Sumner, have returned to their home in Sackville. Miss Mary McHugh and Mr. Dan McHugh, students at Mount St. Vincent, spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McHugh. Mr. J. J. Walker has returned from Montreal, where he was spending Christmas with relatives. Mr. Walter Morton has returned to New Glasgow, after spending Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Morton. Mr. John Lea, of Summerside, is spending a few days at his former home in the city. Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Brownell, of Dorchester, are the guests of friends in the city. Mr. Frits Ostinga has returned home from the College, Easton (Pa.), and is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Gutelius. Mr. John McAfee, of Montreal, is the guest of relatives during the Christmas season. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fawcett and children, of Sackville, spent Christmas with Mrs. Fawcett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Chapman. Mr. and Mrs. W. K. C. Parlee and little son spent the holiday season with relatives in Fredericton. Mr. and Mrs. Grace Young, of St. John, is the guest of Miss Lulu Gordon. Mr. Truman, of the Royal Bank of Canada, staff, spent Christmas at his home in St. John. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Murray, of St. John,

at home from Moncton. Mrs. Mollie Sutton branch to spend the holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan. Miss Margaret Mead holiday season at her home here. Mrs. M. J. F. McNeil, of Sackville, is spending some time in town, a guest at the home of her cousin, Mrs. A. J. Webster. The Misses Lorette and Juliette Patuelle, who are attending school in Quebec, are enjoying the Christmas vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Patuelle. Mr. Alex Lennox, of Richibucto, was in Shediac for a few days during the week-end, the guest of his niece, Mrs. Livingston. Mr. and Mrs. Charles spent Christmas in Sackville, guests of their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Black. Miss Lorette Patuelle, of New-Castle, was in Shediac for a few days during the week-end, the guest of her mother, Mrs. Jean Thurler, of Millerton, is expected in town this week to spend Christmas with her mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. White, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rev. Percy Coulter, of St. John, is spending the week in Shediac, the guest of Mrs. E. B. Pridmore. Mr. and Mrs. D. Stewart Campbell and children spent New Year's with Mr. Campbell's mother, Mrs. Chas. Harper. Mrs. J. V. Bourque, of St. John, was in town on Tuesday of this week. Mrs. H. S. Bell, of Moncton. Mrs. E. Hamilton, of New-Castle, was in Shediac for a few days during the week-end, the guest of her mother, Mrs. Russell. Miss Rhoda McDougall has returned to her teaching in a Fredericton school. On Christmas night, in honor of her son Colin, Mrs. Blair entertained a number of the younger set at 600 and dancing. Mrs. J. V. Bourque, of St. John, Miss Jean Webster, Miss Gladys Smith, Messrs. M. Browne, R. Smith, E. Talbot, F. Webster, and Mrs. X. Comeau, of Halifax, is spending some time in Shediac, the guest of relatives. Rev. G. Livingston, formerly pastor of Knox Presbyterian church in town, but at present at River Glade, New Brunswick, and Mr. Elliott, of Sussex, were guests for Christmas, of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Smith, is entertaining this evening for her daughter, Miss Gladys, who is at home from Edgellville for the Christmas holidays. Mrs. E. A. Smith and little child are leaving this week for Boston, where the latter is being treated for hip trouble. Owing to the death of the late Judge Russell, Christmas services in connection with the Methodist Sunday school is not being held this season. Mr. and Mrs. Oulton and little son, of Bath, were guests for a few days this week, of Mr. and Mrs. Woodford Avar. Among St. John recruits to spend Christmas in Shediac, were Messrs W. Mason and R. Dewitt. Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Murray spent Christmas in town, guests at the home of Dr. Murray's brother, Dr. H. W. Murray, returning to Moncton on Saturday. Mr. Robert Dyrast, of Boston, is spending the Christmas week at his old home in Moncton. The body of the late Mr. William Barnes, formerly of Shediac Cape, but for some years past residing in Truro, was brought this week to Shediac for interment in the Wood cemetery, Shediac Cape. The death occurred on Tuesday morning of this week, at his home, Shediac Cape. Mrs. M. J. Weldon, who had been in ill health for the past six months, and who endured great suffering during that time. Rev. E. C. Turner conducted a funeral service at his home on Wednesday evening, the body being taken to Amherst for burial this morning. Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Harper and little daughter, Mrs. M. J. Weldon, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. Harper's mother, Mrs. H. S. Bell, of Moncton, was also a guest of Mrs. Harper. Mr. and Mrs. Gesner, Miss Carle, Weldon, and Miss Mabel Jones, of Moncton, spent Christmas in Shediac, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Amasa Weldon. BATHURST Bathurst, N. B., Dec. 31.—Mr. F. A. Hourihan, principal of the Grammar school, is spending a week at his home in Pembroke, Carleton county. Miss Margaret Hogan, of Montreal, visited his relatives here during the Christmas season. Dr. Lorne Gilday and Mrs. Gilday, of Moncton, and Mrs. Mabel Jones, of Amherst, were guests for the holidays. Mr. T. M. Burns went to St. John on Tuesday to spend a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson returned last week from Moncton, where he had been undergoing an operation at the Royal Victoria Hospital. The operation was very successful and Mr. Ferguson's friends are glad to hear of his much improved condition. Mr. Alex. Young, of the 26th battalion, spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Annie Young. Mr. and Mrs. S. Williams, of St. John, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Pepper. Mrs. Nickerson, after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCarthy, returned last week to her home in Campbellton. Miss Helen Rogers, of Fredericton, spent Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rogers. Miss Lillian Patterson attended the Marney-Cole wedding in Dorchester this week. Mr. Oliver M. Kingstons Military ing his vacation and Mrs. M. J. Weldon. Miss Elizabeth has returned home with Mr. and Mrs. W. Stevens. Among those who returned to Bathurst recently were Edger Shirley, Miss Ada Weyer, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lindsley, and Mr. and Mrs. family spent Christmas here. Mrs. Roy Camp, Moncton, guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McKenzie, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack MacLellan, of Toronto, Ont., and Mrs. J. W. Duffy, of St. John, is in Fredericton. Miss Dina Bon College, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lindsley. At the closing

BRITISH BATTLESHIP FORMIDABLE SUNK

London, Jan. 1, 2:14 p. m.—The British battleship Formidable was sunk this morning in the English Channel by either a mine or a submarine, according to announcement given out by the official information bureau.

The text of the bureau's statement follows: "The battleship Formidable was sunk this morning in the channel, but whether by a mine or a submarine is not yet certain. "Seventy-one survivors have been picked up by a British light cruiser, and eighty by a Torbay trawler, while it is possible that others may have been rescued by other vessels."

The British battleship Formidable had a displacement of 15,000 tons. She was 430 feet long and carried a crew of 750 men. She was heavily armored and carried four 12-inch guns, twelve 6-inch guns, and sixteen 12-pounders. She was provided also with four submerged torpedo tubes. The Formidable was launched in 1898, and was a sister ship to the Irresistible and the Implacable.

The Formidable had assigned to her, according to the British navy list for December, various fleet officers, and consequently she undoubtedly was acting as a flagship at the time of her destruction. Her captain was Arthur N. Loxley, and her commander Charles E. Ballard. Captain John C. Deed was in command of the marines on board, while the fleet surgeon was Godfrey Taylor, and the fleet paymaster P. J. Ling. The chaplain is given as the Rev. George D. Robinson. On board the Formidable were also sixteen midshipmen.

RESCUED BY TRAWLER IN TERRIFIC STORM.

London, Jan. 1.—(Midnight)—The Torbay trawler Providence had landed seventy additional survivors from the battleship Formidable. They were rescued by the trawler during a terrific storm this morning. This makes the aggregate number of saved, as far as is known, 151.

The rescue was effected under dangerous and exciting circumstances. The crew of the trawler were amazed while running before the gale for shelter, to find a small open boat driven under their lee through mountainous waves with an oar-hoisted, bearing a sailor's scarf. After strenuous efforts those on the trawler succeeded in getting a rope to the cutter, and brought her, with great skill, to berth at their stern.

The naval men began to jump aboard, but even then there was danger of losing men, as the sea was rising thirty feet high. After thirty minutes' labor, however, all were safely rescued. One lad of 19 was so exhausted by exposure that he required immediate treatment to save his life. When all had left the cutter her rope was cut, as she was full of water, having a hole under hull which had been stuffed with a pair of trousers, of which one man had divested himself for the purpose.

Some of the rescued men had no trousers, and these were cared for in the warm engine room. The naval men had been in the cutter for nearly twelve hours. The crew of the trawler distributed hot coffee, food and tobacco among the sailors. When they landed, the residents brought blankets, clothing and boots for the survivors, and housed them in comfortable quarters.

The plight of these survivors from the Formidable is almost indescribable. For hours before being rescued they had been battling against the storm, hoping against hope, until the brown sails of the Providence were in sight. During the height of the storm they were almost continuously engulfed in great waves.

TORPEDOED FORE AND AFT.

London, Jan. 2, 3:42 a. m.—The Daily Chronicle states that survivors of the battleship Formidable report that the vessel was torpedoed both fore and aft, early Friday morning, and sank almost immediately, giving the crew hardly time to escape.

The Chronicle's Brixham correspondent, who is authority for the above, says the captain of the trawler Providence, which rescued seventy survivors who had escaped from the battleship in a cutter, states that other fishing boats were close at hand. The captain expresses the belief that other survivors have been rescued, and taken to Dartmouth. He saw no other boats belonging to the Formidable, however.

NORWEGIANS LOSE ANOTHER STEAMER.

Harwich, Eng., Jan. 1, via London, Jan. 2, 2:15 a. m.—A torpedo boat brings the news that the Norwegian steamer Odense struck a reef soon after leaving Rotterdam Friday morning, and probably will be a total wreck. Her crew of 42 was saved.

MORE GERMAN BOMBS FALL ON DUNKIRK.

Paris, Jan. 1.—Dunkirk, on the northern coast of France, was again bombarded by four German aeroplanes Thursday, according to reports which reached Paris during the night.

CAMPBELLTON HOUSE DAMAGED BY FIRE

Campbellton, Dec. 29.—A large unfinished house, built for an hotel in front of the I. N. R. station, by Michael Murray, and known as the Murray house, though now owned by S. W. Dimock, caught fire on Tuesday the 29th, and for a time it was feared it would suffer destruction. The fire was caused by the effort of Ansley Sney, who occupies the house, attempting to draw out the water pipes in the basement by means of a torch. The fire ignited and quickly ran up between the partitions. The fire brigade responded promptly, but considerable difficulty was experienced in getting at the fire burning within the wall. Considerable damage was done by the water to the furniture of Mr. Sney, which was fully covered by insurance.

WOUNDED TWICE AND MARRIED SINCE WAR COMMENCED.

Digby, Dec. 30.—Word has reached here of the marriage of Walter J. Drummond, which took place recently in England, the bride being a nurse in one of the hospitals. Mr. Drummond, who was a member of the Coldstream Guards, was in Digby when war was declared. He hastened to the front, as previously reported, was wounded by a bullet in the leg, and was sent to a hospital in England. He was married to a young lady to whom he had been engaged previous to his trip to Digby, and is now on the firing line in France. His many friends here extend congratulations and wish him a safe return after the war.

PRESENTATION TO RUSSIAN VOLUNTEERS.

On Saturday evening last, about forty of the young friends of Byron McLeod Mercereau gathered at his home at Ruisaigors Station and presented him with a beautiful silver ring, the presentation being made by the Rev. J. A. Corey. During the evening refreshments were served, and games and music were indulged in. Mr. Mercereau has enlisted in the "Amnuntium" Column, now being mobilized in Fredericton. He was at home on leave for Christmas and the gathering was altogether in the form of a surprise party. A very pleasant evening was spent by all, and his friends wished him God-speed and safe return.

FIRST PASSENGER TRAIN ON FREDERICTON-GAGETOWN SECTION OF VALLEY ROAD



VALLEY RAILWAY STATION, GAGETOWN.

Fredericton, Dec. 31.—A special train left here over the Gagetown section this morning at 7 o'clock and returned at noon. It brought seventy-five passengers. A good number of the active business men down the St. John Valley road came in on the return trip, among those coming and going being S. L. E. Peters, Morris Scovil, E. S. Bray, Frank Edwards and A. McKay, merchants of Gagetown; Judge Wilson, of this city; John R. Dunn, clerk of the circuits for Queens; and J. T. Sharkey, of the circuits for Sunbury; T. Sherman Peters, magistrate of Queens; ex-Warden Fred Babbitt and Coroner John F. Hoban, of Upper Gagetown; Rev. H. R. Ferguson and Frank Armstrong of St. Mary's, and Mrs. and Mrs. Parker Currier, Miss Pearl Currier and Miss Jessie Estabrook, of Upper Gagetown; Mrs. James Kelly, of Le Oromocto Hotel, and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. M. Lawson of this city.

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD TOLD IN BRIEF.

London, Jan. 1.—The Imperial Naturalization Act comes into force today, whereby thousands of those beyond the seas are enabled to assume the full status of British citizens.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—The announcement was made today that the provincial government has granted the sum of \$40,000 as a contribution from the province of Quebec towards the national committee for the aid of France, organized to assist the dependents of French soldiers.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Ambassador Walter Hines Page, in a long report from London, received today, following his conference with high officials there, described the general attitude of the British government and the people towards the American cause of protest concerning shipping, as entirely friendly. He said a reply had been promised within a very few days.

Yarmouth, N. S., Jan. 1.—The steamer Navarra, will be a total wreck; her stern is breaking off and bottom is out. Cann's steamer, carrying cargo, one load of hay, unharmed, is now landed here. Bob-sleds are being landed in lighters with the hay. There is a good chance to save quantities between decks. The steamer Clevenston is here to re-ship the saved cargo.

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 1.—Norman MacLeod, a Canadian Expeditionary Force soldier, telegraph operator, age eighteen, were drowned at the village of Pouchu (C. B.), yesterday. They broke through the ice while skating and disappeared before they could be rescued. Miss Macaskill, another member of the party, was rescued.

Salisbury Plain, Eng., Jan. 1.—The artillery and cavalry units begin billeting the houses in villages near the Plains today, and much relief is felt by all concerned, as the weather conditions continue atrocious. The bad effect on the health of the troops makes the change urgently needed, and it is felt that Ottawa should press for complete adoption of the billeting system. Nineteen cases of spinal meningitis, and six deaths resulting, are reported by the medical officers.

North Sydney, N. S., Jan. 1.—The preliminary examination of Wm. Connolly, charged with the murder of Miss K. C. Dunn, on Dec. 21, was begun yesterday before A. R. Forbes, J. P.

London, Dec. 31.—(Montreal Gazette Cable)—The New Year's honours list has been issued, and it is shorter than usual and it bears little evidence of political favor. The honours are well distributed over different types of activity, including public life, science, law, literature and commerce, while the Indian and colonial lists contain acknowledgments of the services of many now actively engaged in the defensive forces of the empire.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—The following deaths of Canadian Expeditionary Force at Salisbury Plain are announced by the militia department: January 2—No. 18,796, Private Wm. Douglas Saint, Fifth Battalion of cerebri spinal meningitis. Next of kin Wm. Saint, Tension road, Cambridge (Eng.). January 2—No. 46,971, Bugler George MacDonald, Seventeenth Battalion, of broncho pneumonia. Next of kin, Mrs. Charles MacDonald, North street, Westville (N. S.).

A BROTHER ON THE FORMIDABLE.

London, Ont., Jan. 3.—Fred Ames, a brother of Thomas E. Ames, of 1224 Florence street, was a petty officer on the Formidable, and it is believed that he went down with the ship. Another brother, Horace Ames, figured in the naval battle of the Falkland Islands.

GOOD GOVERNMENT MEETINGS STIR CARLETON COUNTY

Opposition Speakers Held Two Rousing Rallies Saturday Night

THAT PATRIOTIC POTATO GIFT

People Amazed at the Great Cost of the Shipment to Britain, and Declare the Amount Expended Was Outrageous—Fleming's Man Conducting an Oyster Supper Campaign.

Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 3.—Two big meetings for the interests of good government marked the by-election campaign on Saturday evening, one being held in the Opera House here, at which S. Carter, Chas. L. Smith and the candidate R. H. Carter were the speakers, and the other at Bath, where F. B. Carvell and P. J. Veniot addressed a splendid house.

The news from all over the county is that the electors are deeply interested in the campaign for a clean election, and men who have hitherto held aloof from any active part in politics, are now working hard to secure the good name and reputation of Carleton, and show that the demand for pure politics meets with hearty approval.

The opposition has lost no chance in the short campaign of educating the people concerning the true state of affairs and the way graft and misgovernment have reigned in the administration of provincial affairs.

The story of the cost of the patriotic gift and the charging up the price of the loyalty of the men and women of New Brunswick, to be paid for by future generations, is having a tremendous effect upon the electors, as well as the great cost of the potatoes over and above what was paid the Carleton county grower.

CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH POTATOES ADMITTED TO U. S.

P. Russell Cowan, of the department of agriculture at Ottawa, has just completed an inspection of the potato production of the county of St. John and reports that he found no sign of powdery scab. He leaves today for Woodstock to continue his investigation.

Speaking with reference to the situation regarding the potato crop, Mr. Cowan said that on November 30 the secretary of agriculture at Washington issued the following regulations: "Potatoes, laid Dec. 22, 1913, and hereafter Canadian potatoes will be permitted to enter the United States under compliance with the regulations governing the importation of potatoes, issued by the secretary of agriculture (U. S.) on December 26, 1913, as modified by Plant Quarantine Decision No. 7, issued last month."

Decision No. 7 provided that, in the cases of foreign countries contiguous to the United States, potatoes that have been grown from clean seed, on land which has not produced a diseased crop, or that have not been in contact with any source of infection and which have been inspected and certified under regulations approved by the Federal Horticultural Board, may be admitted.

For the present Canadian potatoes will be admitted only through the ports of New York and Boston, where the Federal Horticultural Board maintains inspectors. Opportunity to ship disease-free potatoes, it is believed, will encourage the Canadian farmer thus by eliminating possible source of infection, to co-operate in the eradication of the disease and will in turn assist in hastening the control and extermination of the scab in Maine and New York.

Under the regulations governing the entry of foreign potatoes into the United States, a permit for such entry must first be taken by the importer. Such potatoes must be officially certified by the country of origin as free from infection, and will be again examined at the port of entry by inspectors of the department of agriculture. If any diseased potatoes are found in the shipment, the entire shipment will be refused entry. Furthermore, if the Federal Horticultural Board finds disease in potatoes offered for entry, it is authorized under the regulations to cancel all outstanding permits for the country of origin and to refuse further permits for the importation of potatoes from such country. Copies of the regulations may be had by application at the U. S. department of agriculture.

ST. JOHN BANK CLEARINGS HOLD OWN.

The following comparison of St. John bank clearings is of interest: Week ending Dec. 31, 1914... \$1,218,814 Week ending Dec. 31, 1913... 1,232,739 Month ending Dec. 31, 1914... 6,929,879 Year ending Dec. 31, 1914... 6,945,203 Year ending Dec. 31, 1913... 78,259,221 Year ending Dec. 31, 1912... 82,447,747

FLIGHT COMMANDER HEWLETT PICKED UP

Amsterdam, via London, Dec. 31, 11:10 p. m.—A telegram received here from Muiden, Holland, at the mouth of the Vecht, says a steam trawler has landed there Flight Commander Hewlett, of the British navy, who was one of the British airmen taking part in the recent raid at Cuxhaven, and who was supposed to have been lost, his machine having been picked up off Heligoland.

AUSTRIAN BIPLANE FILLED WITH CANNED FOOD.

Petrograd, Dec. 31.—The Russians who are besieging the Galician fortress of Przemyśl brought down an Austrian biplane which, flying from the Carpathians, was attempting to reach the city. The plane in the biplane usually occupied by a military observer, was filled with canned food.

THIRTY ALLIED WARSHIPS BOMBARDING POLA.

Copenhagen, Dec. 31, via London.—A private despatch received here from Berlin says that over thirty French and British warships are at present engaged on the bombardment of Pola, the Austrian naval base on the Adriatic, and also the seaport of Rovigno about fifteen miles away.

OUT PREMIUM AGAINST ANGLO-AMERICAN WAR.

London, Dec. 31.—The premium at Lloyds to insure against the outbreak of war between the United States and Great Britain was cut in half today. Seven guineas per cent is now asked, as against the fifteen guineas per cent quoted when the contents of the American note of protest regarding American shipping first became known in England.

BRITISH FLAG FLIES OVER BOUGAINVILLE.

Melbourne, Australia, Dec. 31, via London, 4:10 p. m.—British forces have occupied Bougainville, the largest of the Solomon Islands.

WALFISH BAY FALLS TO BRITISH FORCE.

London, Dec. 31, 9:52 p. m.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Capetown says that Walfish Bay, on the southwest coast of Africa, was recaptured Christmas Day without opposition by a strong British force.

COTTON STEAMER SUNK BY MINE; CREW SAVED.

London, Dec. 31, 12:34 p. m.—The Danish steamer M. C. Holm, from Savannah, December 1, for Christiania, laden with cotton, struck a mine off Flamborough Head, England, and sank fifteen minutes later. All the members of the crew escaped in lifeboats. They narrowly escaped injury, however, from fragments of the mine casing, which littered the deck.

CAN GERMAN SCIENCE CREATE FOOD?

Berlin, Dec. 31.—(By wireless to Sayville)—Among the items given out for publication today by the official press bureau was the following: "The North German Gazette says the allegation contained in the Morning Post, a London newspaper, that it was intended to make Emperor William's son, Prince Eitel Friedrich, King of Hungary, is an untruth."

"Christiania reports that the American note of protest against British oppression to neutral trade has made a deep impression, and has met with general approval in the northern countries. "Herr Lehmann, chairman of the Bremen Chamber of Commerce, stated at a meeting of the Bremen merchants that Germany was provided with victuals sufficient for years. The high standard of German science, he added, rendered it possible to supply substitutes for the raw materials necessary for warfare which cannot be imported, and that therefore the shutting off of German imports by the British is damaging only the interests of neutrals."

SCANDINAVIAN WARSHIPS TO CONVOY MERCHANTMEN.

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 31.—The Novoe Vremya's Helsingfors correspondent says that at the recent conference at Malmoe between the Scandinavian kings it was decided to assign warships to convoy all Scandinavian merchantmen in order to prevent their detention by belligerent nations.

Flight Commander Hewlett Tells Own Story of Cuxhaven Air Raid

Ymuiden, Jan. 4.—After spending six days on a Dutch trawler in the North Sea during which time he was given up for dead, Flight Commander Francis E. Hewlett, son of the novelist, Maurice Hewlett, was safely landed at Ymuiden, on the Dutch coast. He is now staying at the residence of Reygers Bergen, British vice-consul of Ymuiden. I have just seen Mr. Hewlett, who appears none the worse for his adventure. He cannot, of course, give a full story of the exciting and successful raid of Cuxhaven, in which he took part, and its dramatic sequel, but I gleaned enough for a detailed account of the affair. Commander Hewlett is a slight young man of 24, with blue eyes and clean shaven face. He landed at Ymuiden without a hat, but wearing over his uniform some warm clothes lent by the crew of the trawler which saved him.

"It was bright at sea but misty over the land so I could not see the effect of the bombs I dropped. I was three hours in the air, and owing to engine trouble I came down at 10 o'clock on Christmas morning and was taken aboard a trawler."

There were ten men on board, and all were very kind to me. I became one of the crew helping with navigation duties and with the nets. It seems that on reaching Heligoland in the course of the flight to Cuxhaven, Hewlett ran into a thick fog and went into Germany some way beyond Cuxhaven, but a glimpse through a rift in the mist enabled him to find his bearings and return. Suddenly he caught sight of a Zeppelin shed and, descending to within 25 yards, dropped some bombs.

He was heavily fired at but flew away untouched. He made a note of the exact position of the Zeppelin sheds. Making for the sea to be taken on board a British ship, he saw the German squadron in Heligoland Bight. Again descending, he dropped more bombs, one of which fell on a big vessel, but he could not tell with what result. However, he saw a cloud of smoke rise from the vessel. It was just after this that engine trouble began and he was forced to descend. During the six days he remained on the trawler a severe storm raged on the North Sea.

German "Bombs" on Dunkirk Only Airmen's Letters

Dunkirk, France, Jan. 3.—A German principal square of the city contained a letter asking for this information, together with letters from several French airmen, prisoners in the hands of the Germans. The cards were signed by the aviator himself, and bore the conventional greetings of the season, together with a message that he had been led to undertake the mission by his admiration for the gallantry of the captured French cards which the aviator dropped into the air.

AGENTS WA

RELIABLE representation meet the fruit trees throughout at present. We wish to four good men to represent general agents. The taken in the fruit-grow New Brunswick offers portunities for men of offer a permanent post pay to the right men. St. John, Toronto, Ont. THERE is a boom in In New Brunswick. Able Agents now in eve district. Pay weekly Pelham Nursery Co. T.

TEACHERS W

WANTED—A second School District N. Johnson, County of Q. once, stating salary, to Secretary, Canaan High Cole's Island, Gagetown, N. B. 29405-1-1

WANTED—A second teacher, (French), poor. Write stating salary. Wm. Howlett, secretary, 1210 St. John Street, St. John, N. B.

WANTED—A second female teacher for No. 2, Parish of Aberdeen. Apply, stating salary, to Mr. Sullivan, secretary of Carleton county, N. B.

WANTED—Female class, for District Forke, Sunbury county, note of salary, to Hy. Mowatt, Sunbury, N. B.

WANTED—A second female teacher for No. 2, Parish of Upham, stating salary, to Trustees, Barnesville, 20022-1-1

TEACHER WANTED female teacher for parish of Carleton, K. B. Apply, stating salary, to Mr. Sullivan, secretary of bouguais, N. B.

WANTED—First teacher for District of Grand Manan (N. B. Cheney, White Head, C. B.)

I wish to public for the generous patron to announce new term Monday, Jan 11



MARRIA

GALE-KELLEY—A parsonage, Welsford, N. S. Gregg, on the eve of (December, 1914) dia Gale to Elizabeth Kelly, daughter of Mr. J. Kelley, all of St. John.

DEATH

PORTER—Suddenly the 28th inst., Gerald Porter, M. R. and Mrs. leaving two brothers mourn.

DOW—At the Gen. tal, Dec. 30, Annie George Dow, age 21, husband and one son sad loss.

KEE—In this city, 29th inst., Rebecca, K. C. leaving husband, two sons to mourn.

REED—On Dec. 30 of his daughter, Mrs. Queen street, James nine years.

HENNESSEY—At 31st inst., Honorable Hennessey, J. M. 50 leaving one daughter mourn.

ALLINGHAM—A Guilford street, West 30, Mrs. John Allingham fourth year, leaving sons and one daughter.

KEEFE—On the 29th inst., Mrs. HEPBURN—At H. Jan. 1, Joseph Hep St. John, leaving one Hall.

LANDERS—At P. on Dec. 31, 1914, Jos the 29th year, leaving wife, two children, brother to mourn. (Western papers please)

IN MEM

In loving memory Scribner, who depart 1, 1914. Gone but not forg

FORMER OFFICER FO

Halifax, N. S. J. (Nunney) the ship Formidable, English Channel, been lost in the dis. Lieut.-Col. Oxy, gram from his daug married Lieut. Stee ago, stating: "All previous to joining Lieut. Street was the Canadian cruise

