

FORTY-SIXTH YEAR

GERMANY'S PEACE PROPOSALS ARE NOT MET WITH FAVOR

The Canadian Torpedo Boat Grilse is Lost at Sea With All Aboard

Strong Wave of Opinion Against Peace in Britain

British Public Sees in Germany's Proposals Only an Effort to Evade Responsibility For the War

London, Dec. 13.—A strong current of public sentiment opposed to the German peace proposals was evident in the first expressions available last night, both from public men and British press, although these were without knowledge of any definite terms and without any word from high authoritative sources containing the sentiment of the Government.

Want Details First

Government circles also held aloof from any discussion with an evident desire to learn more of the details before committing the new administration to a definite course of action.

Those in close connection with the new Government took the view that the proposals would prove entirely unacceptable, mainly because they were not likely to touch what the ruling authorities regard as the essential basis of any peace—namely, such guarantees against German militarism as will permit Germany to retain her armaments, reduce their enormous military expenses and return to lasting conditions of peace.

Illness Defers Announcement

Both Premier Lloyd George and Mr. Balfour, secretary of state for foreign affairs, are suffering from illness, and it is expected that the announcement of the plans of the new Government next Thursday, but if an announcement is made it will probably contain reference to the German proposals, though this is unlikely, pending the receipt of the proposals.

Wilson's Course is Undecided

Washington, Dec. 13.—President Wilson's course of action in connection with Germany's peace proposals remained undecided to-day while he awaited the official offer, which the Central Powers have asked the United States to transmit to the Entente powers. The impression grew, that while the President's first consideration was to safeguard his usefulness as a peacemaker by omitting any comment which might position him by the Entente Allies, there was a disposition to find some way, however, delicate and innumerable, to intimate the sincere wish of the United States that some basis for discussion at least might be reached.

Many officials felt that an indication of the temperature of the government of the Entente should be available before the President of the United States was thrown into balance. The President cancelled all his outside engagements today, including a trip to the White House, where he conferred with Col. E. M. House, his friend and adviser, who made one trip to Europe to sound out peace sentiment.

PROBS

Toronto, Dec. 13.—The Atlantic coast disturbance has moved quickly northward with increased energy causing gales in the Maritime provinces with heavy rain in southern districts and snow in Northern New Brunswick and Quebec. Light snow has also fallen in many parts of Ontario. The weather is cold in nearly all parts of the Dominion.

Forecasts: Fresh winds, mostly north and northwest; local snow falls and flurries and decidedly cold to-day and on Thursday.

PEACE PROPOSALS IN GERMANY ARE MET WITH GENERAL DISFAVOR EVERYWHERE

Entente Press is Unanimous in Calling For Rejection of Proposed Negotiations

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 13.—The German peace proposal is emphatically rejected by The Times, which says: "Germany's proposal bears no relation whatever to the objects for which we are fighting."

"She has been trying by all the means at her disposal to induce us to make the suggestion of mediation. The attempt has lamentably and conspicuously failed and, as she does not judge that any neutral power could proffer mediation with much advantage, she falls back on this indirect offer to the belligerents as a pis aller. It is above all things a symptom of her conscious weakness."

"The allies must absolutely reject any idea of mediation in any shape and from any quarter as long as the basis proposed is the triumph of might and not right. They must refuse with equal firmness to even talk about an armistice until the lands which the enemy has overrun are restored and compensations made. They must renew the enunciation of their peace terms, laid down once for all in Mr. Asquith's Guild Hall speech, and must redouble their efforts to force these terms upon Germany and her accomplices."

Has Learned Lesson. New York, Dec. 13.—Commenting editorially on Germany's peace proposals The World this morning says: "This is shrewd and far-sighted politics. At the same time it is a formal admission that Germany is growing tired of the war and would be glad to find a way out. They are finally discovering that this a world in which one must live with his neighbors, and that is what the imperial government admits in effect when it makes its first tentative proposals for peace."

The Sun concludes a lengthy editorial as follows: "We do not believe that London or Paris or Petrograd or Rome would for an instant regard the proposal as anything more than an attempt to gain a moral advantage in the eyes of the world and a historical position by proposing impossibilities and stalling them honorable peace."

London, Dec. 13.—General Sir O'Moore Creagh, who succeeded Lord Kitchener as commander-in-chief in India in 1909, ridiculed Germany's offer of peace in a statement made to-day. He said: "My opinion can be expressed in a few words: I can only characterize this official peace offer as pure rubbish."

Derision. Paris, Dec. 13.—The offer of peace of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is received with a chorus of derision by the French press. The newspapers are unanimous that it is an admission that the situation is getting critical in Germany and that the Chancellor wants a way out before it is too late. His move is considered to have the additional advantage that, in the event of its failure, it will entrench the continuation of the blame for the continuation of the war on the allies, which he hopes will have a moral effect on Germany and the neutral nations.

HEAVY FIGHTING. Paris, Dec. 13.—12.30 p.m.—A counter-attack delivered by Bulgarian troops against the Italian lines on the Macedonian front north of Monastir resulted in spirited fighting yesterday. The war office announced today that the attack failed.

MILITARY MEDAL TO CORP. STANDISH. Today's cable giving names of those whom the military medal has been given includes Corporal Collin C. Standish. Corp. Standish was a clerk in J. S. Hamilton & Co's. and enlisted in the first Brantford Con-tingent. He has been twice wounded and returned to duty.

CANADIAN BOAT LOST AT SEA

Torpedo Boat Grilse is Feared Lost With all Hands

Flash, Ottawa, Ont. Dec. 13.—The minister of the naval service announces it is feared H. M. Canadian torpedo boat Grilse, Lieutenant W. Wingate, R.N.C.V.R., has been lost at sea with all hands.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The following statement has been issued through the office of the chief press censor for Canada: "The Minister of Naval Service regrets to report that it is feared that H. M. Canadian torpedo boat Grilse, Lieut. Walter Wingate, R.N.C.V.R., has been lost at sea with all hands."

Reichstag Agreed. Berlin, Dec. 13.—The Reichstag to-day in which the German Government was asked to accept the peace proposals, was not marked by a single expression of dissent, while the significant passages were greeted with hearty applause and cheers. It was noticeable, however, that Count Friedberg, Westphalian, the Conservative leader, and others of his following sat in silence and unmoved until the galleries and newspapers joined demonstratively in the applause.

When the Chancellor had concluded his speech an attempt was made to force an immediate debate by the nationalist bloc under Major Ernst Bassermann leader of the National Liberals and Count von Helldorf, leader of the Extreme Socialists, supported by the leaders of the moderate parties, who agreed with the Chancellor that a general discussion of the conditions before the Entente powers was made known could only injure the cause of peace and place Germany at a diplomatic disadvantage. Their attitude was disapproved by the Reichstag by its own decision leaves the government a free hand to conduct further negotiations and is regarded as tantamount to a vote of confidence.

Copenhagen Dubious. London, Dec. 13.—Germany's peace proposals caused the greatest sensation in Scandinavia, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company. The Danish Rydeder of Copenhagen says that it learns in authoritative Swedish circles that it is believed that the German offer will not meet with immediate rejection by the Allies. The Copenhagen Politiken believes that in view of what has happened during the past few days in Russia, France and England it is unlikely that the allies will agree to start peace negotiations. This paper says: "Premier Trepoff's declaration that Constantinople is the aim of Russia and that the interests of the governments of England and France have been changed into special war governments do not give the impression that a wish for peace exists in those countries. It will not be surprising therefore if the German offer is refused although it will be difficult for the Allies to give an absolute refusal."

Note Reaches Vatican. Berlin, Dec. 13.—The note presented by Dr. von Mullberg, German minister to the Vatican, to Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary of state follows: "According to instructions received I have the honor to send to your eminence a copy of the declaration which, by the good offices of the powers entrusted with the protection of German interests in the countries with which the German Empire is in a state of war, has been transmitted to these states, and in which the Imperial Government declares itself ready to enter into peace negotiations. The Austro-Hungarian, Turkish and Bulgarian governments also have sent similar notes."

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German Proposals are Made For Purely Exterior Motives, is Prevalent Belief

London, Dec. 13.—(New York Times cable)—The Daily Telegraph's Rotterdam says: "I understand the notes were handed to the ambassadors of neutral states last evening. This was done in the name of the Kaiser by the Chancellor, who returned from field headquarters on Saturday. The note was drafted personally by the Kaiser after a conference at army headquarters with King Ludwig of Bavaria, von Bethmann-Hollweg, the minister president of Bavaria and Foreign Secretary Zimmermann."

"The leaders of political parties in the reichstag were not let into the secret until this morning when they were received by the foreign secretary. The majority of the reichstag deputies were in the dark until the last moment."

Wants to Know Entente Side. Regardless of whether President Wilson decided to accompany the German proposal with any word, it was said last night he unquestionably would take steps to learn the attitude of the Entente Allies and would probably send his personal adviser, Col. E. M. House, to Europe.

The absence of any specific terms for peace in the note, or in the German Chancellor's speech, was in a measure a disappointment to those who expected some concrete expression of a basis on which negotiations might begin. Germany, it is said here, has moved to bring out the peace proposal at this time principally because she had given up hope that President Wilson would make a move. Another controlling factor was the recent crisis in the British government, and the reorganization of government there and in France. The coming of winter and the consequent lull in fighting which would give opportunity for peace overtures before the belligerents prepare for another spring campaign, was still another factor.

Trying to Force Showdown. One of the principal objects however, was to force a "showdown," and draw from the entente allies some indication whether they are disposed to make peace now, or whether they are determined to crush Germany and dismember her.

Diplomats of the entente allies here regard the peace offer as having the double purpose of placing upon the Allies the responsibility for continuing the war, and of impressing upon the German people that they are fighting a defensive conflict against enemies who refuse quarter.

MAN WANTED. Mayor J. W. Bowly has requested the police to locate Hermann Alfred Gleim, who was born at Blawest, Saxony, in June, 1873. The man was last known to have worked on a farm in the vicinity of Broadbent. You can buy a good Dressing Gown for \$5.00—at Broadbent's.

Chains Which Held Neutrals Now Broken

Germany's Proposals of Peace Enable Washington to Put Forth Efforts to Same End

Washington, Dec. 12.—Germany's proposal for peace is regarded here as having broken the chains which for months have restrained the United States, as well as other neutrals, from making offers of mediation. Now that one set of belligerents has signified its willingness to discuss peace terms—a condition often reiterated as necessary to any action by President Wilson—there are indications that when the United States, acting as the intermediary, transmits the German proposal, it may accompany its action by some steps, necessarily delicate, to throw the influence of the United States into the balance for at least a consideration, however preliminary, of the terms on which a lasting peace might be brought to the world. Some ranking officials of the American government believe a league of nations, such as President Wilson has suggested, must be the outcome, and it could not be perfected without the participation of the United States.

Whether the United States will transmit the German proposal without any comment whatever, or accompany it with some formal or informal expression, will not be finally decided until the note reaches President's hands, probably to-day. There were indications last night that President Wilson might find some way to express the solemn and earnest wish of the United States for a careful consideration of the suggestion of peace, even before the Entente governments have made known their attitude towards the German proposal. This would necessarily be done in such a delicate and ultra-confidential way that it never would be publicly known should the allies decline the offer.

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Shut Roumania from the Sea. The attitude of the Balkan nations of the Germanic allies, it is expected, will set forth in the notes which have been despatched from Sofia and Constantinople, and nothing of them is known at the Balkan legations here, except that Bulgaria will probably expect to get Macedonia and Dobruja, which formerly belonged to her, making the Danube the boundary between Bulgaria and Roumania, and shutting the latter from the Black Sea. One immediate effect of the peace developments upon the United States will be to hold practically in abeyance all the diplomatic issues pending with the warring countries. The new submarine issue with Germany, the protest against the practice of Belgium's, the controversy with Great Britain over mails and commerce, all will mark time until it becomes apparent whether they will be solved by the advent of peace.

Two Views of Peace Terms Proposed by Huns

Germany Recently Attempted to Terrorize Belgium Into Peace Agreement—Threatens Her Very Existence

FROM GERMAN SIDE. Complete restoration of status quo before war. Restoration of Belgium. Independence of Poland and Lithuania. Return of German colonies. Vacation of France.

HOW ENTENTE INTERPRETS IT. German domination of "free" Belgium. Succession of Austria to Germany. Austro-German domination of Mesopotamia. Economic control of Northern France. Transference to Bulgaria of Serbian territory. London, Dec. 13.—The Daily Telegraph today prints prominently the following: "We have received information from an unimpeachable source that the central powers recently offered peace to Belgium on the following terms: "The Belgians are invited to insist upon immediate peace. In return for this their country will be restored to them, its independence guaranteed and financial assistance given for its economic rehabilitation." "In the event of these terms being refused the information has been given Belgium that her very existence—her monuments, her public buildings and even her towns—is threatened."

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FRENCH WAR COMMITTEE WILL HAVE WIDE POWERS

Will Sit Practically Permanently, and Decide All Questions Relating to the War—Joffre to Take a Place in the Meetings

By Courier Leased Wire.
Paris, Dec. 13.—The official announcement of the constitution of the new cabinet was made last night when Premier Briand submitted to President Poincaré decrees naming the new members. Soon afterward the Premier presented his new colleagues to the President.

The number of members in the reformed ministry is ten beside whom there are three under-secretaries of state. The cabinet is thus considerably restricted compared with the old formation, while certain branches of the government, formerly separate, have now been fused. Premier Briand, who, since the adoption in the chamber of deputies last Thursday of the resolution demanding the re-organization of the conduct of the war, has been indefatigably at work on the new ministerial combination, will appear before parliament on Thursday to present the list of members.

The so-called War Committee, which is part of the reformed ministry is composed of five members. It will have wide powers, will sit practically permanently and will take all decisions regarding the war. Gen. Joffre, as technical military adviser of the government, has been authorized to participate in the meetings of this committee.

One of the principal changes in the cabinet is that in the war department. The head of this section is given to General Hubert Lyautey, who has long been regarded as combining high political capacity with uncommon military ability. General Lyautey has been employed in Mor-

occo since the war began, where he procured the adherence to the French cause of a number of the great Moorish chiefs. Some of these, at their own expense have equipped from five to ten thousand men for the French army. Alexandre Ribot, who has ably guided France's financial affairs since the outbreak of the war, retains his old portfolio and Albert Thomas, who was a member of the old ministry, has been included in the new war committee.

Among the new names are those of M. Herriot and M. Loucheur. M. Herriot is one of the most strikingly able of the new cabinet members. He is a senator from Lyons and also mayor of that town. He organized the Lyons Exposition in 1914, and was influential in procuring a French appropriation for the Panama Fair at San Francisco. Senator Herriot gives the impression of extraordinary mental and physical energy.

M. Loucheur is one of the youngest members of the new administration, being forty four years of age. Within a few months after the war began he constructed for the government one of the largest shell factories in France and an equally extensive establishment for making asphyxiating gas and explosives. At present he is establishing two immense factories for the construction of large guns. Prior to the war he took a prominent part in the development of French water power and has constructed roads in the Far East. He recently returned from an important government mission to Russia.

Early in his career he was engaged in railway work.

SIDE TALKS

BY RUTH CAMERON
HARD TO GET ALONG WITH.

"Why is she so hard to get along with?" I asked someone the other day in regard to a woman who has that reputation.

"Well," he said, "she's one of those people who are always imagining that other people are thinking this or that. She won't be in the house twenty-four hours before she'll be saying, 'I know you think so-and-so.' And so-and-so is something you think she shouldn't have done. If you say you don't think that, she'll say, 'You acted as if you did,' and you can see she still thinks so. She keeps any home she's in stirred up."

Making Hard Work of Human Relationships.
Do you recognize that woman? I do. She is one of those unhappy people who make hard work of human relationships instead of taking them simply and happily.

Perhaps I should call it a tendency rather than a type, because it is so common, almost universal. She wasn't tired, just worked up. I taxed a friend of mine with the prospect of a type, because it is so common, almost universal. She wasn't tired, just worked up. I taxed a friend of mine with the prospect of a type, because it is so common, almost universal.

Well, she had made some plans and she thought I ought to give up and I hated to refuse. Finally I put it up to my friend, and she said it would be all right, and afterwards I found out that she was awfully hurt. It's a dreadful mess. I've been almost sick over it.

Just think of it, nobody sick, no financial trouble, nothing real to make them unhappy, and three women had managed to get all stirred up and unhappy.

She Almost Wished She Had No Machine.
Another woman told me that she almost wished she had no machine, because it treated her so lest one friend should think she was not being taken to ride so much as some other.

Some people are always worrying lest other people hurt their feelings and others (a much smaller class) are always worrying lest they shall hurt other people's feelings. The sensitiveness of the first comes from self-consciousness and the second from an over-developed sympathetic imagination. The second is more forgivable, but neither is a happy state of mind.

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engines away, but the automobile was too swift for them. It raced ahead. The crew destroyed a portion of the track and the automobile reared the engine with a withering fire which forced their surrender. On the return to the village the crew was again greeted with white flags of surrender. The surrounding landscape from all angles.

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Eating meat regularly eventually produces kidney trouble in some form or other, says a well-known authority, because the urine, which excites the kidneys, they become overworked; get sluggish; clog up and cause all sorts of distress, particularly backache and misery in the kidney region; rheumatic twinges, severe headaches, acid stomach, constipation, torpid liver, sleeplessness, bladder and urinary irritation.

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GREEK PRESS IS OPTIMISTIC

Although Entente Diplomats Continue Preparations for Departure

London, Dec. 13.—A Reuters despatch from Athens, dated December 12, says that the Greek press continues optimistic in regard to the International situation, but the Entente demands have not yet been formulated as all the legations have not, up to the present received full instructions. In the meantime practically all the Entente nationals have embarked on Allied ships and every arrangement has been made for the departure of the Entente diplomats. There is no direct news from Athens in regard to the regrets expressed by the Greek minister at Paris on behalf of King Constantine's government, respecting the attack made upon the British and French marines in the Greek capital.

Kent County Council passed resolutions to the Government asking that Indians be granted the franchise and that manufacturers affix all war stamps on medicines, relieving druggists and retailers of that responsibility.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

WANT TO KNOW POLICY OF GOVT.

Have No Quarrel With Dictatorship, But John Dillon Calls For Discussion.

London, Dec. 13.—When the House of Commons yesterday assembled, Mr. Bonar Law immediately moved adjournment until Thursday, when Premier Lloyd George will move the vote of credit. Reginald McKenna suggested that the premier make his statement next Tuesday, when Mr. Asquith could be present to hear the premier's general statement be reserved until next week, when Mr. Asquith will be present to reply.

Mr. Bonar Law said he thought Mr. McKenna's suggestion a reasonable one, but added that the vote of credit must be passed this week. He suggested, therefore, that the discussion of Thursday be confined to a statement regarding the war, and that the premier's general statement be reserved until next week, when Mr. Asquith will be present to reply.

John Dillon urged next a motion to discuss the Government's statement of policy, to which everyone was looking forward with intense interest.

"I am not quarrelling with the dictatorship which has been reached," said Mr. Dillon. "We probably have reached the stage when some form of dictatorship is absolutely necessary, but we have embarked on a revolutionary, and the premier should make a frank statement of the character of the machinery under which we are expected to work."

NO PROVISIONS FOR HUN SUBS

Bill Enforcing Such a Rule Introduced by Spanish Statesman

Madrid, Dec. 12.—via Paris Dec 13.—Alejandro Leroux, leader of the Radical party in the chamber of deputies, has introduced a bill prohibiting Spanish subjects and vessels from provisioning German submarines in any way.

Warden M. McDowell, reeve of North Walsingham, has decided to turn over the usual honorarium of his office to Red Cross purpose.

TANKS OF THE ENEMY ARE REPORTED TO BE VERY SWIFT

Germany Claims Speed of 25 Miles Per Hour—Cars Used With Great Effect in Roumanian Campaign

At General von Falkenhayn's Headquarters in Roumania, Dec. 13.—One of the most interesting features of the Roumanian campaign is the spectacular work of the new armoured automobiles evolved soon after the advent of the British "tanks" on the Somme front.

Even in the brief tests it has had since the Germans crossed the mountains into the Roumanian plains, the new German armoured car has shown itself an efficient auxiliary to the cavalry in patrol work, as it frequently can inflict infinitely more damage than a whole squadron, and is far more difficult to stop than the English car. Its achievements so far include an attack on Roumanian infantry, in which 300 men were killed.

Carries Crew of Ten Men
The car is 25 feet in length, with wheels a foot wide and encased in solid rubber. Each carries a crew of ten men, including the machine gun operators, the chauffeur and one sub-

HOW THE TANKS DELIVER ATTACKS

Yorkshire Soldier Describes Terror Caused by New Armored Cars

A story of how the famous British "tanks" go into action was issued recently by the Official Press Bureau in London. The story was written by a Yorkshire enlisted man and is as follows:

"During my first day with the 'tank' we were working with a Yorkshire battalion. For that reason our ship had its name changed from 'Biting Billy' to 'The Tyke'. It was a strange experience at first, but we got used to it, and soon found it the most exciting kind of joy-riding imaginable. Our first experience of putting the fear of God into the heart of Fritz was the day that a 'ship' had its name changed from 'Biting Billy' to 'The Tyke'. It was a strange experience at first, but we got used to it, and soon found it the most exciting kind of joy-riding imaginable.

After a short discussion it was agreed that the vote of credit be taken on Thursday, and that the wider discussion on the policy of the Government and the circumstances which led up to its formation would be held next week. The House then adjourned.

ONLY MORE SHOPPING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS



I feel like hollerin' 'whip behind,' at Santa fer there's a big in a ham in' on behind his sleight. His name is Hi Costoffling.

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Never Before Was Women Work Active Than at

Sir William Peterson, president of McGill University, Montreal, recently visited France, describing some of his experiences in the University Magazine. Speaking of Canadian Red Cross headquarters in Boulogne, France, Sir William says:

"Here are stored all the munitions supplies which reach Boulogne, both from Canada and from London. What an amount of loving care and foresight on the part of the workers and contributors throughout the world is represented in these stores. Nothing is allowed to be lacking, either in the way of medical and surgical supplies, creature comforts. The need is great that in the month of July next an average of one million dollars. And no matter how full the warehouses be, their whole consignment is to be lacking, unless a million more Let the workers in Canada and where continue their angelic efforts in the full confidence that every ounce of the goods they supply reaches its mark, and that here in everything else I was privileged to witness, the work of administration is above criticism."

Since Sir William saw those houses, the Battle of the Somme has been fought, draining dry accumulated stores of the soldiers. "Shall we begin reducing commitments to the French authorities?"

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Advance every week or May money for Christmas presents? Join yourself—your friends and get them to join.

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Bank of Canada DALHOUSIE STREETS

NEEDS OF THE RED CROSS ARE STILL MOST URGENT

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Sir William Peterson, president of McGill University, Montreal, who recently visited France, describes some of his experiences in the University Magazine. Speaking of the Canadian Red Cross headquarters in Boulogne, France, Sir William says:

"Here are stored all the multifarious supplies which reach Boulogne, both from Canada and from London. What an amount of loving care and foresight on the part of the workers and contributors throughout the world is represented in these stores. Nothing seems to be lacking, either in the way of medical and surgical supplies or creature comforts. The need is so great that in the month of July the contents represented a value of half a million dollars. And no matter how full the warehouses may be, their whole consignment is cleared on an average once a month. Let the workers in Canada and elsewhere continue their anguished efforts in the full confidence that every ounce of the goods they supply reaches its mark, and that here, as in everything else I was privileged to witness, the work of administration is above criticism."

What Is To Be Done? Since Sir William saw those warehouses, the Battle of the Somme has been fought, draining dry the accumulated stores of the society. "Shall we begin reducing our commitments to the French authorities?"

The above question occurs in a letter dated Oct. 6 to the chairman of the executive, from Major Bryan in charge of Red Cross stores and warehouses in England.

The only reasons for suggesting a reduction to France are: (a) The growing needs of our own Red Cross work and that of our allies.

(b) The diminishing supplies which are being sent forward from Canada.

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FIRING OF THE FIRST GUNS

Auspicious Opening of Patriotic Fund's Campaign to Raise \$6,000,000

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The officers of the Canadian Patriotic Fund are greatly elated over the encouraging outlook for the fund in Ontario in 1916. The fund in Ontario is 1317 owing to the generous action of the county councils of Simcoe, Victoria and Dufferin at the fall sessions recently held. The decisions of these councils mark the real beginning of the campaign which will reach its climax in January and February to raise at least six millions in this province in 1917. As this is a million dollars more than was subscribed for in 1916, it has been felt by the fund authorities that much of the success of the campaign would depend on the increase of the grants made by the county councils.

The three counties which have already acted have done so well and shown so generous an example that the chances of obtaining the desired sum are now considered greatly improved. Simcoe, which in the past, has lent the support of the fund largely to the township and town councils, has decided to make a general levy on the whole county for the purposes of the fund. This implies taxing not only the rural districts, but such important centres as Orillia, Collingwood, Barrie and Midland. The sum to be given is \$10,000 a month, making the fine aggregate of \$120,000 in the year. This is a large increase over 1916, and the county councillors have unanimously supporting the grant, have shown not only their appreciation of the fund, but their political courage, for naturally the majority of them are offering for re-election in January and will have to justify their action before their constituents. But more than this, the Simcoe councillors expressed the hope that the voluntary grants by individuals and organizations would be continued. The county grant represents two and one half miles on the dollar.

Victoria, a county much smaller in wealth and population, has also excelled itself, and has raised its contribution from \$2,500 a month to \$5,000, or a total of \$60,000 in a year. This means a tax of three mills on the dollar. It is a noble grant and places Victoria well up in the front rank of Ontario counties for generosity in giving as it is for recruiting. Dufferin in 1916 gave \$500 a month. It has decided to quadruple this for 1917, and will give \$2,000 a month, a splendid increase. The fund's campaign has certainly started with a bang!

Peace Proposals

Continued from page one. Reasons Alleged "The reasons which prompted Germany and her allies to take this step are manifold. For two years and a half a terrible war has been devastating the European continent. Unlimited treasures of civilization have been destroyed. Extensive areas have been soaked with blood. Millions of brave soldiers have fallen in battle and millions have returned home as invalids. Grief and sorrow fill almost every house.

"Germany is carrying on a war of defense against her enemies which aims at her destruction. She fights to assure the integrity of her frontiers and the liberty of the German nation, for the right which she claims to develop freely her intellectual and economic energies in peaceful competition and on an equal footing with other nations. All the efforts of her enemies are unable to shatter the heroic armies of the (Teutonic) allies, which protect the frontiers of their countries, strengthened by the certainty that the enemy will never pierce the iron wall. "Certain of our own strength, but realizing Europe's sad future if the war continues; grieved with pity in the face of the unspeakable misery of humanity, the German Empire, in accord with her allies, solemnly repeats what the chancellor already has declared a year ago, that Germany is ready to give peace to the world by setting before the whole world the question whether or not it is possible to find a basis for an understanding. "The Imperial government is firmly confident that the initiative of the four powers will find friendly welcome on the part of his holiness, and that the work of peace can count upon the precious support of the Holy See."

A Bid For Sympathy. New York, Dec. 13.—Germany's peace offer aroused the keenest interest among neutrals, adherents of the Allies and pacifists, says The Tribune. Neutrals believed that, if sincere, the offer indicated a broken change of heart on Germany's part and might lead to real peace negotiations. Some of them, however, voiced the suspicion that the proposal was intended for home consumption. Members of the League to Enforce Peace expressed hope and declared their readiness for the campaign that comes with the resumption of diplomatic relations. Some of those declared that the proposal was made simply for the purpose of reelection, that Germany might have an excuse for even more relentless measures than before. Pacifists saw the dawn of peace, and could discern no reason for the rejection of the terms. "The German peace proposals," said Hamilton Holt, editor of The Independent, "certainly indicate one thing—that a great change has come over Germany. Six months ago Germany would not listen to suggestions from some of her own people that

MARKETS

Table with columns for various commodities like Apples, Bacon, Butter, etc. and their prices.

TORONTO MARKETS

By Courier Leased Wire. Toronto, Dec. 13.—Receipts at the Union Stock Yards today were 874 \$1 calves, 2341 hogs, 610 sheep. Trade was active and prices strong. Export cattle \$9.25 to \$9.50; butcher's choice, \$8.50 to \$8.75; medium, \$7 to \$8.25; common, \$6.25 to \$6.75; butcher cows, choice \$7.50 to \$7.75; medium \$6.50 to \$6.75; canners, \$4.40 to \$4.50; bulls, \$5 to \$7.75; feeding steers \$5.50 to \$6; stockers, choice \$5.50 to \$6.00; light, \$4.50 to \$5.20; milkers, choice each \$50 to \$120; springers \$50 to \$120; sheep, ewes, \$3.75 to \$3.25; lambs \$12 to \$12.60; hogs fed and watered \$11.75; calves \$5 to \$12.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK

By Courier Leased Wire. Chicago, Dec. 13.—Cattle receipts 27,000; market weak; native beef cattle, \$6.90 to \$12.50; western steers \$6.90 to \$10.40; stockers and feeders \$4.50 to \$7.75; cows and calves \$3.40 to \$10.40; calves \$9.25 to \$10.25; hogs, receipts 63,000; market dull, 10c to 15c lower; light \$8.85 to \$9.65; mixed \$9.25 to \$10.00; heavy \$9.45 to \$10.05; pigs \$8.45 to \$9.80; pigs \$7.00 to \$8.75; bulk of sales \$9.45 to \$9.90; sheep, receipts 24,000; market firm; native wethers \$3.70 to \$4.60; lambs, native \$10.50 to \$13.25.

EAST BUFFALO

By Courier Leased Wire. East Buffalo, Dec. 13.—Cattle receipts 200; steady. Veals—Receipts 25; active \$4.50 to \$14. Hogs—Receipts 2,500; slow; heavy, \$10.40 to \$10.50; mixed \$10.25 to \$10.40; yorkers \$10.25 to \$10.40; light yorkers \$9.25 to \$9.75; pigs \$9 to \$9.25; roughs \$9.25 to \$9.35; stags \$7 to \$8. Sheep and lambs—Receipts 600; active; lambs \$8.50 to \$10.35; others unchanged.

she make a move for peace. Then Germany declared she wanted a military decision. But she has evidently come to realize that she is not the only God on earth. In French and British circles in this city, the Teutonic peace overtures were scoffed at as insincere and characterized as a bid for the sympathy of neutral nations.

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LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

MISSING

Pte. C. Anderson of this city was reported missing in the official casualty list this morning as missing.

TO ATTEND COURSE

Corp. A. J. Armitage and Pte. R. L. Secord of the 215th have been detailed to attend a drummer's course to be held in Toronto.

NOT QUITE FINISHED.

A Christmas Greeting Card has been received by one of the boys overseas, in which the following couplet appears: "And we can get back for a while yet, as we're stopping to finish this job."

CAPT. SWEET ADJUTANT

It was announced at the armories this morning that Capt. Sweet would resume the duties of Adjutant, and that Capt. Joyce would again take charge of musketry.

COMING HOME.

Word was received this morning by The Courier from the superintendent of the Military Hospitals Commission of Toronto to the effect that two local men, invalided home from the front, are due to arrive in a few days, in the person of Ptes. W. Hart and A. G. Moore.

N. C. O.'S CLASS.

Another battalion N. C. O. class was commenced to-day in charge of Capt. Tyrwit, who made such a success of the last class of this kind, conducted under his supervision. Twenty-one N.C.O.'s have been detailed to attend this course and when others return, who have not qualified, they will be added so that the class will probably consist of twenty-five or twenty-six members. When this class is concluded the battalion will be in a fine condition for qualified N.C.O.'s, most of them having successfully passed the examinations.

215TH ROUTE MARCH.

A new route was selected this morning for the weekly march of the 215th battalion which took place today in charge of Major Snider. The battalion set out at about ten o'clock this morning and circled Tuckers Heights, returning by way of the Cocksbutt Road in time for the mid-day meal in the mess room. It was also proposed to conduct a further tramp of six miles in the afternoon, making a total of thirteen miles to be covered by the men in one day which is the greatest effort of its kind to be accomplished by the 215th since their return from camp.

GARDENERS MEET.

The market gardeners of Brant County will hold their annual meeting in the council chamber at the city hall on Thursday night.

LT. COTTRELL ILL.

Lt. Col. Morris returned to-day from Toronto, where he has been visiting over the week-end. Lieut. Cottrell also returned from attending a class, on account of his being taken ill while there. He will remain here until recovered, and will then resume his course.

ON VOTERS' LIST.

Mr. C. S. Gamble, who resides at 55 Terrace Hill street, has written the city clerk stating that in the voter's list he is listed as the owner of house number 142 Nelson street, whereas he is really the owner of number 144 on the same street. He inquires if this will interfere with his voting for that property.

CAPT. HALL OF NORFOLK

It has finally been decided by Lt. Col. Morris to place Capt. R. W. Hall in charge of the interests of the battalion in Norfolk county. Capt. Hall has been in the base hospital at Hamilton for some time past suffering from an injured knee, but as soon as he recovers he will assume his new duties. Haldimand county will be treated in the same way, but it has not as yet been definitely decided as to who will be appointed for that purpose.

WITH THE ENGINEERS.

Although several prospectives have been lined up by the representatives of the Canadian Engineers in this city, nothing definite has been accomplished by them in the way of actually signing up eligibles. Sergeant Warner as yet has been unable to arrange for a meeting at which to explain the work, needs and purposes of this important branch of military service.

COMPLETE TERM.

A communication was received at the office of the city clerk this morning from Mr. E. D. Henwood, secretary of the Public Library Board, notifying the city council that His Honor Judge Hardy, the representative of that body on the Library Board has completed his term of office and is now eligible for re-appointment. Each member of the Board serves a term of three years, the conclusion of which he is eligible for another term.

HIGH SCHOOL CLUB

A very successful meeting of the high school club was held in the Y. M. C. A. last evening when over 60 members were present. The feature of the evening was an interesting address by Lieut. J. A. Pearce, who has lately returned from the front, on how an attack is developed, and also dealing with the formation of the army, comparing it to the human body, each branch of the service doing the duties that are required from sections of the human frame. A splendid supper was provided by the ladies, which was greatly appreciated by the club. The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Fred Hartley, Mrs. T. Truss, Miss Carling, Miss Simpson, Miss Guenther and Miss Simmons.

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California Musketel Raisins per lb.15c	Corn Meal, 6 lbs. for25c
Currants, very choice, new, per lb.22c	Pepper, pure black, 1-2 lb 18c
Seeded Raisins, Holly, 1 lb. pkg., very special 2 pkgs. for25c	Coffee, special per lb.30c
Almond Meats, new, per lb.55c	Pumpkin, per can18c
Walnut Meats, new per lb 55c	Peas, 2 cans for24c
Layer Raisins, 1 lb. pkg for 30c	Corn, 2 cans for25c
Whole Drained Cherries per lb.50c	Robin Hood Flour, 24 lbs for \$1.50
Ground Almonds in bulk per lb.90c	Ammonia, 6 pkgs. for24c
Almond Paste, 1 lb. pkg 60c	Soap, Surprise, with order, 6 for25c
Rollad Oats, with order, 6 lbs for25c	Catsup, Sniders, per bottle 23c
	Corn Flakes, 3 pkgs for 25c
	Extracts, 3 bottles, 10c size for22c
	Pastry Flour, 24 lb. Sack for \$1.15
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SEVEN RECRU

The strength of the 215th battalion was increased yesterday to the extent of seven men who were gathered into the fold. This is the biggest gain made by the battalion in some time, and although little is expected in the line of recruiting until after the New Year, on account of the holidays, the addition of seven men will in some measure balance the expected sickness. James Fredrick Cooper, Charles Dostater, Marshall Tremblay, William Elliott, Clinton Bowman, Munro Nicholson, and James Potts are the men in question, three of them coming from Norfolk county, as many from Haldimand and the remaining one from Toronto.

AMERICAN PRESS CAN NOW SEE BELOW THE SURFACE

Germany's Peace Proposals are Seen in Their True Light, as Admission of Weakness and Bids For Neutral Sympathy

New York, Dec. 13.—Germany's latest proposal for peace will not receive a moment's serious consideration by any of the Entente Allies," said Stephen Lauzanne, editor-in-chief of The Paris Matin, when interviewed last night in the Hotel Vanderbilt. "The Allies would reply to the German peace offers with silence, if they could," he continued. "But out of courtesy to the neutral powers, who will present the German peace terms, the allied governments will, of course, have to answer. Then we shall be entertained by an interesting situation."

"What will the people of Germany think and what will they say when they find that an official peace offer by Germany has been turned down flat. The German people want peace now and want it badly. "The Allies are not fighting for conquests, but for two ideas. First, we now have a Europe dominated by German brutality and bestiality, and we must crush out those qualities; second, this war was declared, desired and prepared by Germany, and we must punish Germany for her crimes against humanity. "The Allies will break through the western front next spring. We will at that time have piled up ammunition enough, and the British army will then be ready." American Comment New York, Dec. 13.—Following

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COMING EVENTS

FIRST AID EXAMINATION will be held Thursday at 7.30 p.m. at Patriotic Rooms. Bring pen and ink.

Died.
WATTS—In Brantford on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1916, Mary Watts, aged 78 years. The funeral will take place from the residence of her daughter of Mrs. T. F. Hall, 3 Tom street, on Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, to Greenwood cemetery. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

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Both Phones 23

losses have been incurred in fighting on foreign soil, not in defending the hearth and home of the Fatherland, has undoubtedly mitigated against popular willingness to incur further sacrifices. The manner of its launching, the suggestions about possible terms, every circumstance attending it, strengthen the conviction that this Berlin peace move is for effect upon the German people, not upon enemy governments.

Two Constructions
The Times: Inevitably there will be two constructions put upon it. It will be said that Germany, victorious in the field, has so demonstrated the superiority of her military force that she is in a position to be magnanimous, to offer peace which enemy powers will be well advised in accepting. On the other hand, Germany's move will be construed as a sure proof that the objects for which she began the war being manifestly beyond her reach, she seizes the advantageous moment of her Roumanian triumph to propose terms which she fervently prays may be accepted at once, since at no future time can she hope to make peace on terms so favorable, or to make peace at all on terms of her own choosing.

Despairs of Victory.
The Boston Globe: The German Government would not talk peace if it thought it could win world domination. Whether the terms offered are acceptable or not, the fact remains that they are explicit and might thus be made the basis of serious negotiations. That they should be offered at all by the proudest military despotism on the planet is a startling event.

No Lasting Peace
The Boston Advertiser: The proposed "terms of lasting peace" insure nothing in the future, except that the same cause which produced this war would live, festering and wholly unsettled, to breed some new horror when the worst of this present horror should have been forgotten by a younger generation, if not in the nearer future. It is difficult to see what inducement there could be for members of the Entente to consider any such offer unless they were ready to admit that they were beaten.

Signs of Weakness
The Philadelphia Inquirer: Always when rumors of peace have been started they have been traced to German sources. This time peace talk comes in a definite and official form direct from Berlin. The Allies unquestionably will scoff at any humanitarian motives. The slave drive in Belgium is not conducive to faith in a change of heart in Prussian militarism. It is far more likely that the Entente will find in the proposals a sign of weakness with growing evidence that Germany is at the height of her strength, that this strength must inevitably diminish, while that of her antagonists has not yet been reached.

Playing for Opinion
The Philadelphia Ledger: Germany's offer of peace, in which her allies concur, is another of those brilliant diplomatic strokes she knows so well how to time to the psychological moment. Germany is apparently playing, not so much for peace, as for the conciliation of neutral opinion. She does not expect the allies to accept these terms; no one does. But by offering them she puts upon them the responsibility of continuing the war. Were her terms accepted the honors of war would rest with the Central Powers.

Four Years More
The Washington Post: Germany chooses a most inopportune time in which to propose peace negotiations. She knows the time is inopportune, hence the conclusion is irresistible that she makes the proposal not in the hope that it will be accepted, but knowing that it will be rejected. The purpose seems to be to hoodwink the world into believing that the Allies are responsible for a continuation of the war, that Germany generously offered to make peace, but the Allies spurned her overtures. The end is not in sight. Every battle front indicates that the war will rage three or four years longer, at least.

The Louisville Courier Journal: The world has understood for some time that Germany was ready and anxious to end the war if she could do so on terms that would not savor of humiliation to her. The element of surprise in her present initiative is that she should announce her readiness to quit on what are intimated as terms of the re-

Useful gifts for men—at Broadbents.

CANADIAN SOLDIERS FROM THE PRISON CAMPS

Party Who Arrive in London Tell of the Neglect of Wounded Prevalent Throughout Germany

London, Dec. 12.—Five more of Germany's 2,500 Canadian prisoners arrived in London on Saturday under the system of exchange. Three of these are Privates A. M. Allan, Collingwood; A. L. Law, Toronto; and a French-Canadian, J. C. Daoust, Ottawa, who were captured as recently as June 2nd, and have since been in hospitals at Stuttgart, Aachen and Cologne.

One satisfactory feature one notices about the men in this instance is that they are all looking well. This, however, they do not attribute to the wholesomeness of the German "food or medical treatment," but rather to the generosity of the people of the Dominion who enabled the Canadian Red Cross to send out parcels so regularly. Among the first to visit the Canadians on their arrival were Princess Patricia and Lady Farquhar. The Princess chatted with each of them, and before parting presented them with smokes and a pair of socks of her own knitting. Later in the day

her Royal Highness arranged a trip out for them. On the whole, the treatment in hospitals was fair, but one of the men, Private Law, has lodged a complaint with the British Commissioners, whose duty it is to examine returned men, against the wretched neglect in hospital. He now has a shortened leg and a broken arm. By a simple operation, he said, the leg could have been righted, but the doctors delayed the operation until too late. Private Daoust stated that the German motto "was own men taken from Stuttgart to Aachen and then Cologne," he added, "for an operation in the hand. The day before I was to be operated upon there arrived a number of German wounded from the Somme front, the consequence was I had to go without an operation, and owing to this neglect shall have to sacrifice at least two fingers."

Two other Canadian prisoners who arrived on Saturday were Stretch-bearer A. Welsh and Private A. C. O. Hill, 7th Battalion.

restoration of the status quo before the beginning of the war. **Time Unfavorable.** The St. Louis Republic: The present hour is not a favorable one in which to propose peace to the Entente Allies, unless the terms outlined should be especially attractive. There are just three situations in which it is easy to make peace—when both parties are beaten to a standstill, when one of them is weak and the other remains strong, and when, with the strength of neither seriously impaired, weariness of war induces concessions of real importance. The present situation does not seem to correspond with any of these.

SELECTING JURORS. The board of selectors of jurors for the county of Brant for the year 1917, "continuing" with its work, and the members expect to complete the lists on Thursday.

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Exposure of Endless Many Women Throug Minne

An illegal scheme of advertising has been in operation in Canadian cities for some time. The National Mail Order Brokerage Exchange, 555 Glove Building, Minneapolis, Minn. has been advertising its "ready-to-wear" apparel by means of an endless chain letter system at the expense of the public. For several weeks the endless chain letter business was going on in United States cities up to the postal authorities at Minneapolis decided to investigate, and unearthed the fraudulent scheme. No less than 20,000 letters on one day, each containing one dime, were addressed to the brokerage concern. A few days later a fraud order was issued against the company. To introduce a business in Canadian cities this chain business was becoming universal. Fredericton, N.B., hundreds of the letters were in circulation. The postal authorities and the public also found reason for complaint and in Ottawa around the latter part of November and even until a few days ago, letters were being posted by Canadians to the mail order concern in Minneapolis.

Thousands of Letters The postmaster general, Hon. C. Casgrain, has confirmed the fraud order issued by the American authorities. Although this thing has been going on for only a few weeks in Canadian cities, thousands of letters were held up by the Canadian post office officials. A copy of the type of letter issued by the National Mail Order Brokerage Exchange, Minneapolis, reads: "Dear Friend.—To introduce a business our ready-to-wear in at least time, we will give to anyone complying with conditions here stated our 1917 modern pattern color wanted (size means length) Make five copies of this letter and send to five friends, then mail the names and addresses to the National Mail Order Brokerage Exchange, 555 Glove Building, Minneapolis, Minn. You will receive a silk petticoat worth order further expense. This offer good for anyone complying with request. All skirts guaranteed. Letters must be written the day after you receive this."

The above letter defines a scheme for the distribution of a vast quantity of letters, each containing a small amount of money, which would be used to pay for the cost of the letters themselves. The scheme is designed to defraud the public by using the postal system to distribute the letters. The letters are addressed to various people in different cities, and the recipients are asked to forward the letters to a central address in Minneapolis. The letters are supposed to contain a small amount of money, which is used to pay for the cost of the letters themselves. The scheme is designed to defraud the public by using the postal system to distribute the letters.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

The Hospital for Sick Children COLLEGE ST., TORONTO.

Dear Mr. Editor:— Thanks for the privilege of appealing through your columns on behalf of the Hospital for Sick Children, the great Provincial Charity. Only need of money is measured by the children's need of help, and you can judge how great that need must be when last year 3,045 sick little ones were treated as in-patients, and as will be seen from the 1916 figures, 522 patients were admitted from 242 places outside Toronto.

Let your money fight in the trenches of some mother's trouble and rescue some little child from the dugout of pain, disease and death. Can the Hospital leave to those children because the fathers of those children have left home to fight for liberty on the British battle line, and can the Hospital help the children of Canada's soldiers with its care unless you help the Hospital with your cash?

You have money enough to help every other war fund without keeping back a dollar from the Hospital's war fund—the fund that helps the Hospital save the lives of little children, including the soldiers' little children. Do not let the little children pay, in the loss of the Hospital's care, the contribution that should be given and must be given to the war funds.

Your money can send a message of cheer to some father in the trenches—yes, send that message from the Hospital nurse some little where the Hospital nurses some little child back to life, the child of the father who is fighting your battle in the trenches.

Every dollar kept from the Hospital's power to serve the little children is a weight added to the burden and a grief added to the sorrows of this war.

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Technical Discovery To Revolutionize Undersea Telegraph Cables

Washington, Dec. 12.—A technical discovery expected to revolutionize international communication by submarine telegraph cables was announced by the War Department today.

It said: "The improvement consists essentially in the adaptation of the 'ticker' and Audion types of instrument used for receiving the signals in radio-telegraphy.

The test has been made on the government Signal Corps cable from Sitka, Alaska, to Seattle, Wash., and the receiving apparatus was installed in the Seattle office. This cable is 1,086 miles in length and has a K. R. approximately equivalent to one of the Atlantic cables.

Do Away With Cable Readers.—Up to the present time all ocean cables have been operated with visual records, using the siphon recorder instrument invented by Lord Kelvin a half century ago. The new method permits for the first time the reception of the regular Morse signals by ear as in radio-telegraphy, and completely does away with cable readers.

The receiver is an ordinary telephone. The feeble current received by the cable is broken up by means of a siphon contact 'ticker' and rendered audible in 'clicks' and 'dots' greater sensibility. The siphon recorder is used in connection with an amplifier which is tuned according to the frequency of the signals.

The increased sensitiveness obtained by this method guarantees the operation of ocean cables under conditions when they would be totally interrupted as at present used.

Spies Everywhere.— Clubs are illegal in Germany, and the humblest working men's cafes are attended by spies. One evening at a cafe, a shabby old man said: "I am tired of reading in the newspapers how nice the war is. Even the Vorwarts (then a Socialist paper) lies to us after night and finding restaurants turned into hospitals for the wounded."

Ten days later I called again when a young fellow came forward and said: "I am threatening: 'You are a stranger here, May I ask what you are doing?'"

I said: "I am an American newspaper correspondent."

He could tell I was a foreigner and said: "We thought that you had told the government about that little free speaking we had here a few days ago. You know that the little old man who was complaining about the restaurants being turned into hospitals has been arrested?"

This form of arrest by which hundreds of people are mysteriously disappearing, is one of the burning grievances of Germany today. It has created a condition beneath the surface in Germany resembling the terrorism of the French Revolution.

In the absence of a habeas corpus act, the victims lie in jail indefinitely, while the police are nominally collecting the evidence against him.

The effect of the censorship of their own press by the German government is to hypnotize the government bureaucrats into the belief that which they read in their controlled press is true.

No people are more ready to believe what they want to believe than the governing classes in Germany. They wanted to believe that Great Britain would not come into the war, and they believed it.

But the German government goes further. It is content to quote to-day expressions of Greek opinion from Athens organs, and to quote to-day papers in Zurich and Stockholm and one notorious American paper, are used for this process of self-hypnotism.

GOLD RECEIVED. By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Dec. 12.—Gold to the amount of \$8,000,000 was received from Canada today to the account of J. P. Morgan and Company and is being transferred to the Philadelphia mint.

Hot Water for Sick Headaches. Tells why everyone should drink hot water with phosphate in it before breakfast.

Headache of any kind, is caused by auto-intoxication—which means self-poisoning. Liver and bowel poisons called toxins, sucked into the blood, through the lymph ducts, excite the heart which pumps the blood so fast that it congests in the smaller arteries and veins of the head producing violent, throbbing pain and distress.

Ask your pharmacist for a quarter pound of limestone phosphate. It is almost tasteless, except for a sourish twinge which is not unpleasant.

Results are quick and it is claimed that those who give it to their children, morning, noon and evening, never have a headache or know a miserable moment.

OVERDUE STEAMER SAFE. By Courier Leased Wire. St. John, N. B., Dec. 12.—The overdue steamer Farnham, with 12 men aboard, arrived here today. Rough weather delayed her.

AGAINST DISPENSARIES. By Courier Leased Wire. Regina, Sask., Dec. 13.—Six out of seven cities in the province from which returns had been received at three o'clock this morning gave a majority of 12,000 against the continuation of the government liquor stores, which quit business December 31st next. Some sixty towns added a majority of nine thousand against the stores. One hundred more villages swayed the total majority by another five thousand.

While playing ground hockey for Arts '17 against Arts '18 at Queen's campus, Kingston, Miss Lottie Whitton had a rib broken.

TEUTONS MAKE MORE GAINS

Sweep Onward Toward Buzet—Russians Gain in Carpathians.

London, Dec. 12.—Mackensen's troops are sweeping rapidly on Buzet, the last important point in Wallachia held by the Rumanians, from two sides. The left wing of the Teutonic army has pushed along the railroad from Ploesti and captured the town of Mihail.

The right wing, having crossed the Jablovitza River, has seized Urziceni, thirty miles south of the goal. The two columns are moving steadily forward to a junction before Buzet, which controls the important railroads running north into Moldavia and eastward to the Danube and Sereth lines.

By the capture of Urziceni the Teutons have won command of the railroad running southeast from Ploesti for a stretch of forty miles. This line may permit them to carry out a movement toward the Danube and give Mackensen control of the whole railroad system of eastern Wallachia.

In the last three days, owing partly to their attempts to wrest the city of Ploesti, and partly to the swiftness of the Teuton advance, the Rumanian army has lost 10,000 men in prisoners to the Ninth German Army.

Russian Attacks in the Wooded Carpathians and in the valleys of eastern Transylvania continued during yesterday, but the general situation underwent little change. The capture of three heights in the mountains by the Czar's troops is reported by Petrograd.

CATARRH LEADS TO CONSUMPTION. Catarrh is as much a blood disease as scrofula or rheumatism. It may be relieved, but it cannot be removed by simply local treatment. It causes headache and dizziness, impairs the taste, smell and hearing, affects the voice, deranges the general health. It weakens the delicate lung tissues and leads to consumption.

Hood's Sarsaparilla goes to the seat of the trouble, purifies the blood, and is so successful that it is known as the best remedy for catarrh.

Hood's Sarsaparilla strengthens and tones the whole system. It builds up. Ask your druggist for Hood's, and insist on having it. There is no real substitute.

BASEBALL MOGULS NOW IN SESSION. National League Plans To Let All Clubs Share in Receipts of World's Series.

New York, Dec. 13.—Routine business occupied the attention of the National League magnates here yesterday at the first session of the annual meeting.

The magnates abolished the disability list, under which clubs were permitted last season to carry extra players, and adopted a new rule for 1917 allowing each club to carry 22 players from May 15 to August 31, in place of the 21 players limit, as in 1916. At other periods of the season the 35 players regulation will prevail as heretofore.

A committee representing the American Association presented a protest against the draft rule now in operation against "A.A." leagues.

President Tener, in his report, recommended that the league action be taken by the league official to a revision of the world's series rules, especially with a view of setting aside a part of the players' percentage for distribution among the players of other clubs not participating in the series.

Although the International League club owners yesterday before ending their annual business meeting, President Barrow said no reference had been made to the league's refusal to abide by the national committee's finding, in regard to the payment of \$9,000 by the Newark club to the owners of the Brooklyn National League club.

Many details of the proposed series between the International League and American Association clubs were gone into. It was agreed that each club donate \$2500 to the national fund for the winning league \$10,000. Then the International League conceded that the series should begin in the western cities, and the committee which will control the post-season games is to consist of Presidents Hickey and Barrow.

The International League season will open about August 1st, and close August 5. The post-season series consisting of 48 games, will begin on August 7.

BANK OF GERMANY. By Courier Leased Wire. Berlin, via London, Dec. 12.—The statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany issued December 7, shows the following changes: Total coin and bullion, increased 274,000 marks; treasury notes, decreased 53,758,000 marks; notes of other banks, increased 2,601,000 marks; bank discounts, decreased 135,003,000 marks; notes, in circulation, increased 68,230,000 marks. Total gold holdings 2,518,755,000 marks.

NEWSPAPER MAN DEAD. By Courier Leased Wire. Chicago, Dec. 12.—John McVikar, 73 years old, once president of the Typographical Union, a former editor of The Detroit News, died here yesterday. McVikar also had been connected with Chicago and other middle western newspapers. He came here a few weeks ago for an operation, from which he never rallied.

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