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BROCKVILLE'S GREATEST STORE

ANNOUNCEMENT LINEN SALE

We have just received a big shipment of those famous IRISH LINEN SECONDS which we offer for Sale Year.

Two hundred beautiful damask cloths—with border all round, in all sizes at about Half Price.

Tray cloths and remnants of table linen by the yard.

These goods are all the very highest class and contain some slight imperfections which are either scarcely noticeable, or easily remedied.

Be sure to come and look these over. The values are extraordinary.

The ROBERT WRIGHT CO. Limited
BROCKVILLE CANADA

THIS IS THE MONTH

for startling values in Footwear. The large Christmas stock always leaves a surplus of winter goods which must be sold to make room for spring shipments. Pay us a visit and let us show you these unusual values.

KELLY'S

The Shoe Store of Quality
Next Door West of Robert Wright's. BROCKVILLE

Davis' January Sale

Is attracting crowds of shrewd buyers. Our Annual Sale is a big one, bargains in every dept.
25 Pieces of Dress Goods on sale at 25c yd.
500 yds of Remnants of Dress Goods in all colors and lengths, all reduced.
About 400 yds of High-Class, High-priced, Exclusive, Imported Silk Crepes, Poplins, Satins, Silks in plain, stripe and Broche effect, all marked a way down in price.
190 yds of Black Duchess Silk, width 36 inches, regular price \$1.10 yd. Tuesday on sale 89c yd.
All our Furs and Ladies' Suits and Coats reduced.
Special Sale of Lace Curtains, Ends of Oilcloths, Linoleums and Carpets all reduced.
All Men's and Boys' Overcoats on sale at greatly reduced prices.

R. DAVIS & SONS
Brockville's Leading Christmas Store

Fire Insurance

E. J. PURCELL

AGENT for the Royal, Monarch, Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Companies. Risks promptly effected.
Office and residence, Henry Street, Athens

A Word to Subscribers

At this particular period of the year we are very desirous of having all subscription accounts paid in full, and thus we make a special request to those of our readers in arrears to attend to this little duty at once.

VILLAGE COUNCIL

The Reeve and Councillors elect met in the council rooms at 11 a.m. for the purpose of making the statutory declaration. Council adjourned until 8 p.m.

In the evening there were present Reeve Holmes and Councillors Gordon McLean, Jacob and Blancher.

Jacob—Blancher, that the following accounts be paid, orders drawn on treasurer for same:—

G. N. Parcell, coal, \$8.60; Athens Reporter, ballots, \$2.25; Municipal World, election supplies, \$2.65.

Gordon—McLean, that the taxes on shop of A. E. McLeary, of \$3 be refunded on account of fire, also error in Mori Wilse taxes be refunded and orders drawn on treasurer for same.

Blancher—Jacob, that the Clerk be authorized to prepare a by-law to appoint village officers.

McLean—Gordon, that the Clerk be authorized to order six copies of the Municipal World for use of the council for the year 1915.

A delegation of gentlemen was received and spoke in the interest of social and moral reform.

Council adjourned.
G. E. Holmes, Clerk

TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

The first meeting of the Council was held on Monday, 11th inst at 11 o'clock when the members elected for the present year subscribed to the declarations of office and qualification.

By resolution only two-thirds of stone put up under contract are to be paid for at time of piling, balance to be paid when crushed and any uncrushable stone are to be kept out of contract price.

Crs Scott and Heffernan were appointed to inspect the bridge near Raymond Breece's and report as to what repairs are needed.

R D No 10 were allowed to get balance of stone, 25 cords, granted said Div in 1913, and D P Shea was given permission to pile 20 cords at \$2.25 in Div 4.

By-law to appoint township officers was passed appointing the following: R. E. Cornell, clerk and caretaker of town hall, Thos D Speer and W C Brown, auditors, Irwin Wilse, treasurer, all at the usual salary. Geo W Robinson, assessor at \$40, Dr J F Harte, M H O and Indigent Officer, Lucas Tackaberry member of Board of Health, W G Towriss sanitary inspector, James Cughan high school trustee for two years, and John A Rowsom for 1 year.

Tender of Mrs Donnelly for printing at \$35 was accepted.

Orders on treasurer were given for election expenses \$40.11, grant to Hospital for Sick Children \$10.

Mr and Mrs Cornell were tendered a vote of thanks for entertaining the council at dinner.

Council adjourned until Monday, Feb. 15th.
R E Cornell, Clerk

Rappell Makes Good

Queen's beat Harvard 2 to 1 in Boston last week in a fast, hard fought contest. The work of Rappell at cover was particularly brilliant. Time after time by skillful dodging and remarkable dribbling he succeeded in eluding the crimson-jerseyed men only to have his well placed shots neatly swept aside by the ever alert Wyde in the net. As it was he scored both of his team's goals, one in the first thirty seconds of the game and the other in the second period from scrimmage.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children
In Use For Over 30 Years
Always bears the Signature of *Chas. H. Plummer*

OTTAWA AND ST. LAWRENCE ELECTRIC RAILWAY

That public interest in the neighborhood of Athens is stirred with regard to the proposed electric railway was evidenced by a large attendance at the town hall on Thursday evening last. Reeve Holmes presided. The first part of the program was musical. The village orchestra attended and played a number of selections. Solos were rendered by Mrs S C A Lamb, Mr T H Follick and Thos Horsefield. Duets were sung by Misses Gertrude and Fern Cross and Messrs D E Abrahams and Thos Horsefield, and a quartette by Messrs Horsefield, Abrahams, McNamara and McRostie. Without exception the vocalists gave satisfaction to the audience and were loudly encored. Miss Usher, Mrs Derbyshire and Mrs Judson acted as accompanists.

The second part of the program consisted of speeches by promoters of the new railway. Mr W L Brown, London, Eng., showed that while a bonus was usually required from the places it was proposed to carry a railroad, thru, the promoters only asked the people at large to take shares, and be content to state that other electric roads carried through districts with no larger population than this were paying substantial dividends to shareholders and there was no reason why the project should not pay equally as well. One section of the road is largely constructed and will be finished this year, and it is intended that this spring work will begin on the local section between Charleston and Smith's Falls. The new company propose to supply the neighborhoods they pass through with electricity for light and power, and it is intended to carry freight so that farmers will be able easily and cheaply and send milk and produce to larger centres and get good prices for same. A large number of people have bought shares in the new undertaking and it is hoped that it will be carried to a successful completion.

LIBRARY BOARD

Following is the Board of Management for 1915:
Rev W G Swayze
Rev Wm Usher
T H Follick
S A Hitzman
M B Holmes
M C Arnold
Mrs Wm Johnston
Mrs C F Yates
Mrs E Eaton
The Board is requested to meet next Tuesday evening in the Library room at 8 o'clock.

ROD AND GUN

January Rod and Gun in Canada, published by W. J. Taylor Limited, Publisher, Woodstock, Ont., is out and is a particularly attractive number. The cover cut, which represents a beaver family, was especially designed to illustrate a story by H. Mortimer Batten entitled "Ahmisk the City Maker," descriptive of the every day life of a particular colony of beavers. Frank Houton contributes another Carl Ericsson story, "Oo-ming-munk," a dramatic account of the killing of a musk ox in the far north, which is characterized by the same quaint humor as was Houghton's story "His First Polar Bear" in the December issue. R. J. Fraser writes of "Four Sailors on the Trail" which describes a winter trip by dog team from Cochran to Rupert House.

Other stories and articles there are and the regular departments to interest the sportsman who must persevere during the winter months content himself for the most part, by reading of experiences of others while seated by his own fireside.

JANUARY SALE

We are offering our entire stock of Winter Goods at reduced prices. We must have the money and also the space for our Spring shipments. Our goods are all up-to-date and you cannot do better than to come here and get what you require for this season at greatly reduced prices.

C.H. POST

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BROCKVILLE ONTARIO

OUR BIG

Slaughter Sale IS Now On

Extraordinary cut prices on all Men's and Boys' Suits and Overcoats, Odd Pants Underwear, Coats, Sweaters, Caps, etc.

We will refund your fare on purchases of \$15.00 up.

GLOBE CLOTHING HOUSE

The Store of Quality
BROCKVILLE ONTARIO

SUITS

That Stand Out

From the ordinary in the crowd are the regular products of our work rooms. You get none but fashionable clothes here, because that is the only kind we produce. Try us on your new suit and see how perfectly we fit you, and how well the clothes are made.

M. J. KEHOE

Clerical Suits Specialty.

The Housekeeper

made a liquid rouge, take thirty... of orange ammonia flux... and rose water four...

To remove ink from the fingers... dampen a sulphur match and rub the stails.

MURDERED... right out of business, a whole family of corns by Putnam's Corn...

OUT OF EVIL, GOOD... what can tell what advantage may result from the true, sure knowledge...

A Chef Suggests... that small pieces of chicken with the sweetest bit of its own liver...

FASHIONS AND WORK... A Boston woman says that the constant change of fashions due to the...

WHICH WAS RIGHT?... (Toronto Star.)

THE GOOD EFFECT OF WAR... It is possible to have a subtle enemy...

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS... CURES ALL KIDNEY DISEASES... RHEUMATISM, BRUISES, BRIGHT'S DISEASE, DIABETES, BACKACHE.

PIMPLES SO BAD ASHAMED TO GO OUT

Also Terrible Rash on Arms. Itched and Burned. Could Not Sleep. Used Cuticura Soap and Ointment. Eruption All Disappeared.

Crossy, Ontario.—"For a long time I suffered from pimples and blackheads the worst way and I got a terrible rash on my arms. When I got in bed at night and got warm I would have to scratch my arms till blood came. The pimples all came to matter fester and then they broke leaving lots of little marks on my face. I was ashamed to go out with my friends. They also itched and burned until I could have torn my face and arms. I could not sleep at night and I rubbed my arms till they bled.

One day when reading the paper I came across the Cuticura advertisement, then I thought I would try the Cuticura Soap and Ointment. I washed with the Cuticura Soap and then applied the Cuticura Ointment night and morning. I found great relief and in a short time my pimples and eruption all disappeared thanks to Cuticura Soap and Ointment." (Signed) George W. Key, Aug. 10, 1914.

Samples Free by Mail... In selecting a toilet and skin soap why not procure one possessing delicate emollient properties sufficient to allay minor irritations, remove redness and roughness, prevent pore-clogging, soften and soothe sensitive conditions, and promote skin and scalp health generally?

FIRE LOSSES... The fire losses in Canada and the United States have long been a disgrace to North American civilization.

ADD TO YOUR INCOME GET INTO BUSINESS AT HOME... We will start you right in your home town in a standard, staple, legitimate, non-competitive business.

Borneo Belles Wear 'Em This Way, Too... Dame Fashion has slipped Milady's peckace from her throat to her shoulder.



Dame Fashion has slipped Milady's peckace from her throat to her shoulder as were it hangs in a glittering circle a yard or so in length.

X-RAY EFFECTS. Same Cause Produces Stimulation and Destruction.

It has been shown by experiments conducted in Germany by Dr. Schwartz that so far as their action on plain life and living tissue is concerned the X-rays have both a stimulating and destructive effect, and results being controlled by the length of the exposure.

Such experiments were made with the use of young sprouts, and not upon plants in an advanced state of growth. An exposure of 30 seconds has no appreciable effect of any kind upon the growth, and on the contrary, a long exposure of five minutes is seen to alter the tissues and hinder the growth of the plant.

THE BEATER BEATEN. (London Free Press) Five months ago the Germans were a nation filled with pride and self-confidence. Germany was a power in the world. Her interests were felt at every court and by every government.

PILES. You will find relief in Zam-Buk! It eases the burning, stinging pain, stops bleeding and brings ease. Perseverance with Zam-Buk means cure. Why not prove this? All Druggists and Stores.

"STARVING GERMANY." (Pittsburg Gazette-Times.) Meantime the world at large if, not the people of the United Kingdom, are not losing sight of the fact that, despite the humiliation to which Germany has subjected Great Britain in domestic waters and near by, the Germans are showing signs of apprehension at British dominion of the seas.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, Etc. Gentlemen—Last winter I received great benefit from the use of MINARD'S LINIMENT in a severe attack of LaGrippe, and I have frequently proved it to be very effective in cases of inflammation.

THE COLORS OF MUSIC. There has just been installed at Queen's Hall in London a color organ for representing musical effects in terms of colored light thrown upon a screen, which has been designed expressly for the deaf.

"FORTIFIED TOWNS." (New York Sun.) According to the Koelnsche Zeitung, Whitey and Scarborough, on the Yorkshire shore, are fortified towns because each has a coast guard station.

ARMAMENTS A STATE MONOPOLY (Ottawa Citizen) So long as armament manufacture is a private industry, it will be regulated by the national service to the benefit of private interests, and orders will be executed for possible enemy countries.

SPHON'S... THE ALLIES... "SPHON'S" and the Hessian. For twenty-one years the brave war against the army of Disraeli, Influenza, Catarrhal and Shipping Fever disastrously defeated by "SPHON'S".

Neuralgia of

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This Letter Tells Change Effected by Nerve Food. Mr. James G. Cla York County, N. B., has been a great sufferer from neuralgia.

Intelligence of Animals. The story of the Airdeale that tramped back home 125 miles is only one of many such instances. It did the journey in 20 days. Another dog was taken a hundred miles by train, and arrived back home in three weeks.

A Woman's Message to Women. If you are troubled with weak, tired feelings, headache, backache, bearing down sensations, bladder weakness, constipation, catarrhal conditions, pain in the side, regularly or irregularly, bloating or unnatural enlargement, sense of falling or misplacement of internal organs, nervousness, desire to cry, palpitation of the heart, dark rings under the eyes, or a loss of interest in life, I invite you to write and ask for my simple method of home treatment with tea days' rest, entirely free and postpaid, also references to Canadian ladies who gladly testify to the success of my method.

THE AEROPLANE. You brought your little Zeppelin. You dropped your little bombs. You thought we had no feeling. In our tender little homes, you thought you caught us napping. But we'll show you just the same. We'll meet you far in battle. With our flying aeroplanes.

TIMELESS. A timeless being in a time-bound sea, I hoist my sail and fly my signals free. The tuneful winds salute my vibrant mast. And bring me songs from regions far and vast.

JUDGED BY THEIR WORKS. Men who have occupied public office must expect that the public will base an opinion on the activities during their term. Increases any if in that time these men have not worked to the best interests of the city in general they must expect reprobation at the hands of the electors.

CANT IGNORE THE PUBLIC. A free people like publicity in public affairs. The source of corporate existence is in the people and they have a right to know much about the actual work and needs and conduct of their creatures. The old notion that the public may be ignored, or even ill treated, by the big corporations is ended for ever.

UNCLE SAM'S POSE. (Brantford Expositor.) Uncle Sam finds the position of straddle-the-fence increasingly difficult. He finds it hard to keep his own skirts clear, and he finds it harder still to convince himself that some of the combatants, particularly Great Britain, are not seeking to take advantage of him.

THE ALLIES... "SPHON'S" and the Hessian. For twenty-one years the brave war against the army of Disraeli, Influenza, Catarrhal and Shipping Fever disastrously defeated by "SPHON'S".

Who Sh... Natures.

multiple personality... acquired and are of the same name. The most interesting case of multiple personality...

MORE CHRISTIANITY NEEDED. (London Advertiser) Some critics of Christianity have urged that it have done nothing in two thousand years to end war. The reasons why Christianity has not done more to do so by those in all countries who profess to believe in its teachings...

WORLD LESSON IN THE CANADIAN BORDER. (From the Christian Science Monitor) More than 3,500 miles of boundary line extend across the North American continent between the United States and Canada. On one side of the line are approximately 100,000,000 people, on the other side approximately 10,000,000. On one side stretches a line of thirteen sovereign states of the American nation; on the other stretches seven provinces of the Dominion of Canada.

MAN'S BEST AGE. (Philadelphia Record) For those who have always scoffed at the theories of man's bestness, it is now a welcome confirmation of their views that in the words of President E. R. Ryan, of Colgate University, "investigation by keen men has shown that man's best work has been done between the ages of 40 and 70. This, of course, refers especially to brain work, which powers develop slowly, but often slowly. This is the way President Ryan puts it. Six hundred of the great statesmen of the United States, some of whom were selected and it was found that only 5 per cent. of them accomplished their world's work before the age of 40; 10 per cent. between 40 and 50; 20 per cent. between 50 and 60; 20 per cent. between 60 and 70; and 9 per cent. after they had reached the age of 70."

CULTURE AND KULTUR. (Stratford Beacon) The British invasion of Cuxhaven was not accomplished by baby killing. It gave the German fleet on the water, under the water and in the air an opportunity to defend itself, but it was the slaughter of non-combatants. That is the difference between British culture and German kultur in war.

CHRISTIANITY STILL A FORCE. (Kingston Whig) Hon. Mr. White, though not a preacher, and not posing as one, says Christianity has been the salvation of the people in these war times. And some people are inclined to think that Christianity had lost its force and influence.

FOR MARRIED MEN. (Quebec Mercury) The married man who is not individually a "homebody" is a failure. His home is not to be his hobby, his wife his best friend and his children his dearest playthings. The club, the lodge, the poolroom or the street have got to play second fiddle to the home, the whole game's going to be a fluke.

THE BRITISH IDEAL. (Peterboro' Examiner) Freedom, not force, is the British ideal. The man's thing, not the machine. The difference between an optimist and a pessimist is that one believes in mascots, the others in hoodoos.

NATURE FAKING. (London Advertiser) Be entering a contest, Turkey has made a goose of herself. To clean a Japanese was tray that into a little sweet oil and rub as hard as possible, spotted, dip a woolen cloth as possible.

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OW TO DEFENSE

ONTARIO HEALTH

Smallpox and Diphtheria Increase is Worrying.

Toronto, Despatch.—The prevalence of smallpox and diphtheria in Ontario at present is giving some concern to the provincial authorities.

Table with 2 columns: Diseases, Cases, D'ths. Rows include Smallpox, Scarlet fever, Diphtheria, Measles, Whooping cough, Typhoid, Infantile paralysis, Cerebro-spinal meningitis.

SHORT ITEMS OF THE NEWS OF THE DAY

Grimsby, Eng., Loses Thirty-Second Trawler by German Sea Mines.

A BOY HERO Germans Offer \$5,000 in Brussels for Allied Aviator, Dead or Alive.

There is a rush of young Canadians to enlist in the third overseas contingent.

The city of Berlin has had no commercial failures during the past two years.

Trustee W. W. Hodgson was elected Chairman of the Toronto Board of Education.

The sum of \$5,000 was offered in Brussels for an allied aviator taken dead or alive.

Voting on local option on Pelee Island on Monday resulted in the by-law being defeated by a majority of 28.

Legislation will be introduced to penalize employers who fail to report to the Workmen's Compensation Commission.

The Danish steamer Shingof has been sunk by striking a mine in the North Sea. Seventeen of her crew were drowned.

The British steamer Alfrida was sunk by striking a mine off Scarborough to-day. The captain and 12 of the crew are missing.

A full crew for an entire motor battery of ten armed and armored motors for service on the continent is to be recruited in Northern Ontario.

Thos. C. Keeler, C. E., C. M. G., L.L.D., a pioneer engineer and writer on canals, railways and international trade, died at Ottawa, aged 93 years.

Jas. Weir, a well known insurance agent of that city, was found dead on the street near his home in Chatham. Death was the result of a paralytic stroke.

Despondent, Donald Ross, 18 years old, committed suicide by hanging, on the farm of an aunt near Inverkip, ten miles north of Woodstock. The boy was an orphan.

The grand jury returned a true bill against James Morabito, the young 19-year-old Italian charged with the murder of Antoni Bonjorno on October 3rd last in Whittby.

The Province of Quebec has allotted 1,000 acres for the new model farm at Nottaway, 180 miles east of Quebec. The land is to be cleared by interested alien enemies.

S. Frank Smith, Government candidate, was elected in the Woodstock, N. B., by-election necessitated by the retirement of former Premier Fleming owing to the Dugal charges.

George Anson, twelve years old, was presented with a silver watch and chain, in recognition of his bravery in effecting the rescue of Miss L. Huggins, while skating on Navy Bay, at Kingston.

Thomas Lipton has leased his steam yacht, the Erin, for the use of the Serbian and Montenegrin wounded. He will accompany the expedition in person, and asks for assistance in stores and money.

The Department of Trade and Commerce has just shipped 280,000 bushels of Canadian wheat to New Zealand. This is part of the wheat order placed time ago to make up for the shortage in the New Zealand crop.

Lieut. Eric Greenwood, of the Royal Engineers, son of Lieut.-Col. Greenwood, of the Canadian forces, successfully underwent an operation in London for amputation of the leg and is doing well, though not yet out of danger.

THE TURK ROUT

Reports From Caucasus Say Recovery is Impossible.

London Cable.—A despatch to the Times from its Petrograd correspondent says:

Telegrams from Tiflis state that the blow inflicted on the Turkish army involved all the corps engaged. Of these, the Ninth and Tenth were either completely shattered or taken prisoner.

The Tenth began a disorderly flight, but the Russians cut off his retreat, and entire regiments are now surrendering.

On Saturday the Turks moved up a new corps in the direction of Sari Konush, but recognizing the hopelessness of their position, they quickly withdrew it. The Russian regiment at Ardahan withstood the attack of two Turkish divisions until the arrival of the main Russian forces.

The scenes in the battle zone were terrible. The ground was piled high with bodies of animals and men, numbers. Many of the wounded are still lying on the ground, and many have been frozen.

A majority of the captured mountain guns are of German make.

The Eleventh Turkish Army Corps suffered a disastrous defeat in the region of Van three days ago.

Thus the entire organization of the Turkish army in Anatolia has been destroyed.

Other despatches say that the Turkish defeat has aroused a dangerous feeling among the people in Constantinople.

The Turks claim to have occupied Urmal, in the Russian zone of influence in Persia.

NOT SO SURE

Deposed Khedive Pessimistic Turkey in Egypt.

Paris Cable.—The Geneva correspondent of an interview given by the Khedive of Egypt to a representative of the Vienna Neue Freie Presse.

Abbas Hilmi Pasha takes a pessimistic view, and there is no doubt of German-Turkish bombast in his declarations. He said:

"The Turkish expedition to Egypt will encounter very great difficulties. Still, I hope it will succeed in overcoming them victoriously.

"People wonder that Egypt remains quiet, and that it does not make common cause with the Turkish army and further its task by a general revolution."

"It must be understood that Egypt is wise and does not wish to revolt just now, a revolution being, in the present circumstances, foredoomed to failure.

"But if a Turkish army enters Egypt it may be regarded as certain that the Egyptians, faithful to their feeling in favor of the Turks, will join with them to create for England a situation full of danger."

WANT UNIFORM BANKRUPT LAW

Ontario Bar Association Discusses Plan for Canada.

H. A. Burbidge, Hamilton, Member of Council.

Toronto Report.—A suggestion that an effort be made to secure the passage of a uniform bankruptcy law for Canada was made at the closing session of the annual meeting of the Ontario Bar Association after the reading of a paper by Prof. D. W. Anram, of Philadelphia, on the practical result of the administration of estates of insolvents under the bankruptcy law of the United States. Prof. Anram was not able to be present at the meeting in person, but he forwarded his paper, which was read by Mr. W. C. Mikel, K. C., of Belleville. The author of the treatise was of the opinion that the end of the war in Europe would be followed by a movement in the direction of an international system of commercial and bankruptcy laws.

Mr. Mikel proposed that a committee be appointed to draft a bankruptcy bill for introduction in the Dominion Parliament. He said that he had discussed the suggestion with Hon. W. T. White. The latter had thought it might be undesirable to introduce controversial legislation at the coming session of Parliament. Mr. Mikel, however, was of opinion that in view of the war itself and the moratorium it might be well to draw up a bill for submission to the members of the association and to the Government.

Mr. H. J. Dewar, K. C., pointed out that the Canadian Bar Association was going to discuss the question at its next meeting. On the motion of Mr. N. B. Gash, K. C., the question was referred to the council.

The members decided to raise \$1,000 for the purchase of a machine gun and a like amount for the Belgian Relief Fund. They left in the bodying a plea for the establishment of international courts for the settlement of international disputes feeling they had not time to discuss it thoroughly at the meeting. They received through Mr. Justice Bisset, of the New York State Supreme Court, an invitation to attend a banquet to be given by the Buffalo Lawyers' Club.

OFFICERS ELECTED. They completed their business by electing the following officers: Honorary President, Sir Geo. Gibbons, K.C., London; President, Mr. W. J. McWhinney, K. C., Toronto; Vice-Presidents, Geo. C. Campbell, Toronto; A. E. H. Creswick, K. C., Barrie; Col. J. E. Farewell, K. C., Whittby; Recording Secretary, C. F. Ritchie, Toronto; Corresponding Secretary, R. J. MacLennan, Toronto; Treasurer, C. A. Moss, Toronto; Historian and Archivist, Col. W. N. Ponton, K. C., Belleville; Toronto members of the Council, Messrs. Jas. Bain, Frank Denton, N. B. Gash, Hearn, J. H. Spence, H. N. Dewar and J. A. Macdonald; Out-of-town members of Council—H. A. Burbidge, Hamilton; J. J. Drew, K. C., Guelph; and R. T. Harding, Stratford.

PANAMA CANAL

U. S. Plans Big Celebration for the Opening.

Washington Report.—Administration officials were going ahead to-day with plans for the celebration to-day with the formal opening of the Panama Canal next March, virtually certain that funds necessary therefor would be forthcoming from Congress.

Assurance to this effect practically was given to President Wilson by Democratic and Republican leaders in White House late yesterday in conference with him relative to the celebration. The President outlined to the delegation tentative plans for the celebration, which had been laid before him by Secretaries Bryan, Garrison and Daniels, calling for an estimated appropriation of \$250,000 to defray expenses of the celebration, and he asked that this amount be provided for by Congress. The delegation approved the plans and expenditures.

The plans for the celebration include the entertainment of visiting officers of foreign fleets, which are to participate in the naval review and pass through the canal, if that is possible, and the transportation of the fleet and visitors.

THE BALKANS

Rulers of Bulgaria and Roumania Have Arranged for Conference.

London Cable.—The vast conflict between the Russians and the Austro-German armies in Central and South Poland and in West Galicia has reached a temporary state of deadlock, according to tonight's official communication from Petrograd, which is chiefly notable for the information that Marshal von Hindenburg's forces have adopted sapping tactics on the Rzura-Rawka from west of Warsaw.

Saps are being advanced by the Germans in several places towards the Russian positions, according to the report. In this work they are making use of steel shields to protect themselves from the rifle fire of the Czar's troops in the nearby trenches. It thus appears that the battle in Poland, which began as a field operation of great magnitude, is quickly being converted into siege warfare almost identical with that which for so many weeks has been proceeding on the Aisne and the Yser in the western war theatre.

BRISK FIGHT ON RZURA. There has been, however, one brisk combat in the Warsaw region recently. The statement records that the Germans captured some Russian trenches on Wednesday near Sochewez, the ill-fated village on the Rzura that was the storm centre of the recent engagements where von Hindenburg's march on Warsaw was brought to an abrupt stop. The Russians returned to the attack this morning, and in a fierce bayonet encounter drove out the enemy and regained all the positions previously lost. Five quick-firing guns and a number of German prisoners were the Russian trophies of this adventure.

Operations in North Poland or East Prussia the Russian statement says nothing to-night, and of Bukovina, where chief interest in the eastern war theatre now is centred in view of the imminent invasion of Transylvania from that quarter, and its probable political effect on Roumania, Grand Duke Nicholas of Roumania says merely that "we continue our offensive." The situation east of Carpat and in the Carpathians is described as "without important change."

The German statement to-day throws no light on the situation in Poland, beyond the fact that the continued inclement weather has made operations exceedingly difficult on account of the mud, which has greatly delayed what Berlin describes as German progress.

ROUMANIA COMING IN. No better evidence of the extraordinary political effect which the Russian sweep through Bukovina and also through the passes of the Carpathians into Hungary has had could be found than the announcement that the Czar, the Bulgarian King and the King of Roumania, attended by their Foreign Ministers, have arranged for a conference to be held on Rumanian soil, the object of which will undoubtedly be the participation of Roumania in the European War and the consequent relations between the Balkan States.

This announcement has been preceded by intimations that the Rumanian invasion had already been notified that an early call to the Rumanians would be issued. Many of the Rumanians who will fight on the side of the allies if intervention is decided upon have been strongly influenced, it is believed, during the past few weeks by the presence along their borders of Russian soldiers of Rumanian blood from Bessarabia, and the Russian provinces north of Bukovina. Reports from the army invading Bukovina says that the Rumanian inhabitants of the contigene territory have taken themselves in a manner highly indicative of their partisan feeling; that the soldiers believe that public opinion throughout Rumania is unambiguously in opposition to the German side.

ASSURANCES TO BULGARS. The bitterness engendered in Bulgaria as the result of seizure of Rumanian territory by Roumania at the close of the second Balkan War has never abated markedly, and the sentiment in that country has been regarded as satisfactory, favoring the Austro-German alliance, although no open manifestation of the feeling has been found. Roumania is known to favor the allies, and the conference between the countries is therefore the cause of much speculation here. It is believed that Bulgaria will give assurances to the Entente that will remove the present cause of friction and will ultimately bring about the formation of a new Balkan federation with decided leanings towards the allies.

Of course the immediate incentive to this development is the successful campaign won through Bukovina and Serbia, to the four passes of the Carpathians, and thence into the plains of Hungary, where a number of villages have been captured and successful operations for a direct march on Budapest have been instituted. In addition the Russian masses have also

WILL PAY FOR ERIE SHOOTING

Britain Will Recompense Victims of Recent Tragedy.

Ambassador Spring-Rice Notifies Secretary Bryan.

Washington Report.—The United States Government to-day sent a formal note to Great Britain through Sir Cecil Spring-Rice requesting the punishment of those guilty of the killing of Charles Dorsch, two American citizens, who were shot by three Canadian militiamen at Fort Erie, Ont., while hunting ducks in alleged violation of the Canadian game laws.

The communication, which was of a friendly character, pointed out that not only did the United States Government expect the offenders to be duly punished, but that adequate compensation be given the families of the victims.

Coincidentally with the sending of the note, Secretary Bryan received a personal memorandum from the British Ambassador here, after which the Secretary said: "The British Government, while deciding the question of damages to be paid to the family of the deceased."

From this State Department officials had completed their enquiry.

Hon. I. B. Lucas, the Attorney-General, intimated in Toronto yesterday that leave to prosecute Provincial Police Officer Thomas W. Delaney and the militiamen concerned in the Fort Erie shooting has been sought by Crown Attorney Cowper, of Welland county. The Attorney-General has approved, but was not inclined to discuss the attitude of the provincial authorities in the matter.

No action towards the suggested prosecution had been taken at Fort Erie up to a late hour yesterday.

SERVIANS' AGAIN

Renewed Fighting On Their Border Won by Them.

Paris Cable.—Fighting has been resumed on the Serbian front, according to an official communication issued at Nish, Serbia, and forwarded to the Hava Agency here. The fighting in which the Serbians were the victors, according to the statement, occurred near Belgrade. The communication follows:

"Strong forces of the enemy occupied the small island of Ada Taglia, near Belgrade, on Jan. 3. Small detachments of our troops surprised and routed the Austrians during the night of Jan. 4, capturing 45 soldiers, a sergeant major and two sergeants. Our loss was insignificant.

Beyond this engagement, there is nothing important to report on any of the fronts.

AT SALISBURY

Canadians Work Hard Under Awful Conditions.

Salisbury, Eng., Cable.—Twenty-five hundred Canadians who have been engaged in trenching and in building huts and roads completed these operations to-day, and will begin hard drilling to-morrow. Camp conditions are deplorable, owing to the unprecedentedly bad weather. There is a possibility that the contingent will proceed to France shortly to finish training. This, of a large extension of necessary, is owing to the heavy and incessant rains and the overflow of the River Avon, the lower parts of Salisbury Plain have been rendered impossible of habitation. As already cabled, several battalions of the Canadians have already been billeted in the surrounding villages.

At a meeting of the chaplains of the first contingent, held at Larkhill camp, a resolution was passed recording the sense of the deep loss sustained by the chaplains in the death of their colleague, Chaplain George Ingles, of the Queen's Own Rifles.

CHANGE IS BAD

It Breaks Enemy's Spirit to Realize That They Can No Longer Advance.

(BY "THE EYE-WITNESS.") Report of a military observer attached to Field Marshal Sir John French's staff at the front: British Headquarters Cable.—The New Year has opened upon a more favorable situation for the allies than any they had known since the commencement of the campaign. So far as the British are concerned, the small expeditionary force of four divisions which took the field in August has now been swelled into a great army which is steadily increasing in numbers, has become injured to war and can look back on a record of hard fighting such as British troops seldom have sustained in the past.

The struggle of the last four months has entered upon its fourth phase. A slow but none the less marked change which has been taking place, has resulted in the definite passing of the initiative to the hands of the allies.

This is not shown so much by material results obtained, although at some points of the allied front ground has been gained, and in some places very marked progress has been made, resulting in the capture of guns and strongly entrenched positions; but our advantage lies in the fact that it is now the allies who for the past few weeks have assumed and maintained the offensive role, while the enemy has been acting on the defensive.

THE ONLY COUNTER-ATTACKS. The fact that the enemy is acting on the defensive does not mean that he has given up his attacking altogether, but his attacks have been in the nature of counter-attacks, undertaken either in order to regain ground previously lost, or to relieve pressure on some other part of the German line.

If we retain the initiative it will mean that the German soldier gradually will become increasingly conscious that he is no longer attacking on Calais or Paris; that instead of pressing forward his role is merely to maintain what already has been won, and that even this limited object has not continually been attained. Hitherto he has had reinforcements about to arrive and that an advance in force is imminent, and reports of startling victories on land and sea are disseminated broadcast.

Such fabrications can no longer carry conviction when the troops realize that instead of attacking they are stationary, or even retreating, and the morale of the enemy must inevitably be affected.

The more thoroughly they are now deceived as to the true position the greater will be the disillusionment if that final result, that ultimate victory, is unattainable, while upon such an army as that of the Germans, which has been taught to expect the cult of the offensive almost into a fetish, the mere consciousness of being reduced to acting on the defensive must have a most discouraging effect.

PROGRESS IS SLOW. It must not, however, be thought that the allies have made other than very slow and laborious progress or that the final result is within immediate reach. Yet every capture by the allies of a trench or entrenchment, of a position, of a battery, of a step forward in the process of attrition which eventually will bring the war to an end.

It is only by balancing the total results of these attacks by both sides that a clear idea can be obtained. Really marked progress has been achieved by the allies.

The German defensive is an active one. It is founded on the axiom of war that the weaker the force is and the more hardily pressed, the more persistently should it attack. But it remains true that such action is none the less essentially defensive, even though here and there one of their counter-attacks may succeed in regaining possession of a trench or in driving back a small section of our front.

There is considerable sickness in the German ranks. For some time past there has been a good deal of typhoid, and some German units have even been withdrawn temporarily on this account.

CALLING HER MEN

Italy Notifying Reservists Now Living in Switzerland.

Geneva, via Paris, Cable.—All Italians liable to military service in Geneva, numbering several thousand, have received notification from the consulate to present themselves for medical examination. It is stated that similar measures will shortly be taken in other towns of Switzerland. Of the 200,000 Italian residents of Switzerland it is estimated that 50,000 are liable for military service.

At Chiasso, Como and other points on the frontier no Italians being permitted to cross for the past week, while the exports of foodstuffs is strictly limited to Switzerland.

COL. LOGIE TO HIS COMMAND

New Commandant Pays Tribute to His Predecessor

In First Orders Issued Since He Took Charge.

Toronto Report.—In the first camp orders issued by Col. W. A. Logie, the new commandant, yesterday a graceful tribute to the ability of his predecessor, Major-General F. L. Lessard, is expressed, where Col. Logie makes the following statement:

"In assuming temporary command of the second division, the officer commanding asks and expects all ranks to co-operate and maintain the high state of discipline and efficiency in which his predecessor, General Lessard, had left it. This result can only be obtained by a continuance of strict attention to discipline, training, and determination on the part of each officer, N.C.O. and man to prepare himself in every respect for active service."

Major-General Lessard leaves for Ottawa on Monday, where he will interview the Minister of Militia in reference to certain details of his new work. The general expects to establish his office in Toronto shortly, although no place has yet been selected. His divisional headquarters on Simcoe street being already overcrowded. There is a general expectation that Major-General Lessard may yet be sent to the front in command of a Canadian expeditionary force.

Following the series of lessons to the infantry battalions in attack tactics, there will be series of schemes arranged for the officers of all units by Major Bickford, on map reading and how to place positions in a state of defence. About 25 officers will be instructed at a time, the senior officer of the infantry and artillery to be taken next week.

The 10th Mississauga Horse will supply 80 N.C.O.'s and men and four officers for "C" squadron of the 8th Regiment of Canadian Mounted Rifles which it was announced some time ago will be formed for the third contingent. The men will be drawn from Toronto, Barrie, Orillia and Collingwood, and the regiment will be concentrated at Hamilton. An interesting incident which occurred last night when three troops of the 4th Mississaugas were on parade was the calling for recruits for the new regiment for overseas service, when the entire force of a man stepped forward. The selection of the men from the regiment is being made by Major Brown, 3RD PEEL REGIMENT.

The first regiment in the district to get its men mobilized for the third contingent is the 36th Peel Regiment, which has already the greater part of its quota practically examined and in quarters in West Toronto, examinations in preparation for a call having been already drawing pay, and the examination of the remainder necessary to make up the regiment's allotment will be completed with today, to-morrow and Sunday, when it is expected the full complement will have been made up. Although the 36th detachment will not be included with the Toronto battalion, but will join the drafts from Hamilton and the vicinity in the Hamilton battalion, it is expected that the force for the third contingent will remain at West Toronto, where they have been practicing for drill than would be the case if they moved to Hamilton. In this way it will probably not be necessary for them to leave their regimental headquarters until concentration takes place, which it is expected will be at the Exhibition Grounds again. The regiment is furnishing 175 non-commissioned officers and men and four officers.

A GERMAN NEED

Must Have North Sea Naval Base Equalling Britain's.

New York Report.—A cable to the Herald from Copenhagen says: Herr Albert Ballin, managing director of the Hamburg-American Steamship Line, who is a personal friend of Emperor William, has expressed the view that Germany must admit her position at Heligoland does not give the German fleet a desirable base of operations. He also admits that England has brought to a standstill Herr Ballin declares there can be no lasting peace if Germany does not get her fleet a station in the North Sea, which, at least will give to Germany the same advantages in Europe as Great Britain possesses.

NEWS TOPICS OF WEEK

Important Events Which Have Occurred During the Week.

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TUESDAY.

It is reported in Lemberg, Galicia, that pestilence is spreading in the city and among the garrison of Przemyśl, which is now almost without provisions.

Lieut. Charton, of the 80th Niolet (Province of Quebec) Regiment of Canadian militia, has been drafted into the Fifth Regiment of Engineers in the French army.

Mrs. John Heaslip, who settled in Hamilton Township, near Cobourg, 70 years ago, when parts of it were practically a wilderness, is dead at the age of 90 years.

Parker R. Young, aged 72, is dead in Picton, Ont. He was at one time warden of Prince Edward County and has been in municipal life a great many years, having been reeve, deputy reeve and councillor for the town of Picton.

Sim Schaeffer, who confessed to having helped himself to a man's watch and \$56 while in attendance at the Roma Theatre, in Berlin, Ont., on Christmas night, was given two years less one day in Ontario Reformatory by Police Magistrate Weir yesterday.

Seventeen persons, the entire crew of the American barque Plerin with the exception of the mess-boy, who was drowned, were landed at Kirkwall, Scotland, yesterday by the Norwegian steamer Tholma, having been rescued in mid-Atlantic three weeks ago.

The will of the late Major Beattie, member of the House of Commons for London, Ont., was entered for probate yesterday. The estate is valued at \$125,000, the bulk of which is divided between two nephews in London. His only child, a son, is given \$100 a year.

WEDNESDAY.

Edward Ott, ordinary seaman on the battleship Florida at New York, was killed Saturday night in a boxing match aboard the ship.

Fortifications of the Panama Canal were described as satisfactory by Col. Goethals, governor of the canal, before an appropriations sub-committee in Washington yesterday.

Corpl. Harold Nelson, aged 22, a member of the Twenty-first Battalion, who was at his home in Gananogue on leave over the week-end, took his own life by shooting on Monday.

The Government bureau announces that Gen. Peinaar, commander of Boer rebels in the British protectorate of Bechuanaland, and eleven men were captured yesterday.

A despatch from Chiasso, Switzerland, declares that the mission of Prince von Buelow to Italy has been a complete failure. His mission was to prevent Italy from entering the war against Germany.

It is estimated that contracts placed in Canada for war supplies by Britain and the allies amount to ten millions sterling. A new contract has just been placed by the French Government for 300,000 pairs of boots.

The officers of the 108th Regiment of Berlin, Ont., have voted to call their new corps the Prince of Wales' Own Regiment of Infantry. This name has been approved by the Department, and they now await the permission of the prince.

THURSDAY.

Robt. Haggerty, aged 46, of Yarker, Ont., was struck by a train on the Canadian Northern Railway near Newburgh, and killed. A wife and one son survive him.

Jacob Bartuski, a stalwart young Russian, aged 19, six feet two inches tall, applied at the Kingston armories to enlist with the third contingent. He was passed as satisfactory.

Arrangements are being made by the various trainmen's unions affected by the recent proposed wage cut on the G. T. R. and the G. T. P. to get a conference with representatives of the company.

President Wilson declined yesterday for the sixth time since he entered the White House to support a federal constitutional amendment for woman suffrage. He said it should be brought about state by state.

Dr. Eugene Haanel, director of the mines branch at Ottawa, has been elected vice-president of the Faraday Society of England, a scientific body devoted to the study of electro-chemistry, electro metallurgy, etc.

It is understood that A. J. Carrick, M.P., who offered his services in the war, has been attached to the Canadian Expeditionary Force as an intelligence officer. He will leave Canada in a few days for England.

Seventeen head of cattle, a flock of hens, and several hogs, as well as grain, hay and a silo filled with feed were burned in a fire which destroyed the barns of Joseph Lalonde, of Lanecaster Township, near Cornwall.

FRIDAY.

Several hundred miners have resumed work four days a week in the coal mines in the Belgian Province of Wandre.

Donald Ross, a 13-year-old youth, residing near Inverkip, a village ten miles north of Woodstock, committed suicide yesterday by hanging.

Orders were issued yesterday to the troops at Salisbury that every man must be in camp every day until the Canadian division leaves for France.

The family of the late Lt.-Col. Frank Strange, who died in London, has asked the Canadian Government to make arrangements for bringing the body home.

Prince Franz of Bavaria, grandson of King Ludwig III, has been gazetted a major-general in the German army, and given command of the 3rd Infantry Brigade.

James Weir, an insurance agent, of Chatham, was found dead on the street near his home, yesterday morn-

ing, by a Death stroke.

The Belgian Government has announced that railway trains are now running in the province of Liege.

The German Militia of Belgium has issued a notice of the report that the Belgian member of the German College, has been arrested by the German authorities.

Steve Baranowski, an Austrian, appeared before Magistrate Weigar, at North Bay, charged with seditious utterances against the King of England and the Czar of Russia. He was proved guilty, and was sent to Toronto.

SATURDAY.

An attack on Villa troops in Saltillo, Mexico, was begun by about 15,000 Constitutional troops yesterday morning.

Fifty thousand wounded Serbian soldiers and wounded Austrian captives are dying in Serbia for want of medicines and hospital equipment.

The Quebec Provincial Government has decided to contribute forty thousand dollars a year to the relief of distress in France created by the war.

H. Horton & Sons, of St. John, N.B., have received an order for six hundred sets of saddles and equipment from the Russian Government for the Cossacks.

Inspecting the new County Down Battalion, Sir Edward Carson told the men yesterday they would be fighting the same cause as when they were Ulster volunteers—the cause of liberty and the Empire.

Frank Sparks of London, Ont., was committed for trial by Police Magistrate Judd in London, yesterday, charged with going through a marriage ceremony with Mrs. Annie Johnson, knowing her to be a married woman.

The German Government has sent to the Vatican an explanation of the Mercier incident in which it says that there is absolutely no truth in the report that the cardinal was ever arrested by the German authorities in Belgium.

MONDAY.

Exportation from Holland of woolen blankets and preserves of all kinds has been prohibited.

Benjamin Hill Smith, a man of Canadian birth, was Saturday remanded in the Bow Street Police Court in London, Eng., on the charge of grand larceny.

The Guelph police are searching for the men who went to the farm of Richard Holman, on the York road, at night and slaughtered a yearling heifer, taking away the carcass.

According to a despatch to the Havas Agency from Bern, the Swiss Government has decided to make the importation of wheat a Government monopoly for the duration of the war.

"Blind pigs" among the Welland ship canal construction camps were raided by County License Inspector King and F. Corey, provincial license officer, and a big haul of beer and liquor was made.

The French troops from the Congo, who have been occupying Edea, in German Kamerun, have been attacked in force by a detachment of German and native soldiers. The German were repulsed.

One woman was injured by jumping from the third storey of a five-storey loft building in New York city during a fire Saturday afternoon. The other occupants of the building reached the street in safety.

Though no official announcement has been made it is stated that the applications for the \$50,000,000 French treasury one-year bills, bearing five per cent. interest, have been so large that the issue has been oversubscribed.

VON DER TANN SUNK?

British Battle Cruiser Invincible Victorious, Says Rumor.

BUENOS AYRES, Jan. 11.—Le Prensa publishes the report that an engagement has taken place off Rio Grande de Norte, Brazil, between the British battle cruiser Invincible and the German battle cruiser Von der Tann, adding that the Von der Tann has been sunk.

The German battle cruiser Von der Tann was reported several weeks ago to have crossed the Atlantic to join the other German warships in the South Atlantic and Pacific. Her arrival in these waters has never been recorded.

The Von der Tann is of 18,000 tons displacement, 562 feet in length, a speed of 27 knots. She carries a complement of 910 men and an armament of eight 11-inch guns, ten 5.9 guns, 16 24-pounders and four torpedo tubes.

The British battle cruiser Invincible is of 17,250 tons displacement, with a complement of 731 men. Her armament includes eight 12-inch guns, 16 4-inch guns and four torpedo tubes.

The Invincible was one of the British squadron which sunk the German cruiser, including the Gneisenau, Scharnhorst, Nürnberg, and Leipzig, off the Falkland Islands.

Report Not Confirmed.

RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 11.—The Havas Agency has received no confirmation of the reported naval battle between the British cruiser Invincible and the German cruiser Von der Tann, off Rio Grande de Norte. Naval officials here place little credence in the report.

Belgian Officers Go To Prison. AMSTERDAM, Jan. 11.—(Via London.)—A despatch to The Telegraph from Brussels says a court-martial at Liege has sentenced the retired Belgian General Gustave Pife and Lieut. Gille to life imprisonment on a charge of assisting 350 young Belgians to reach Holland to join the Belgian army in France.

The general at the trial, the correspondent adds, "asked for a death sentence, saying he disliked imprisonment. He told the court that Emperor William was a rascal. The general was sent to Glatz, Prussia, to the same prison where Burgomaster Max of Liege is being held."

THIS ORIGINAL DOCUMENT IS IN VERY POOR CONDITION.

WASHING.

Britain's preliminary reply to the treatment of American commerce by the British fleet was made public here and in London yesterday by mutual agreement between the State Department and the British Foreign Office.

The British communication concurs in the view of the United States that should be interfered with only when imperatively necessary, and officials of the Washington Government construed it as conceded that the principles expressed by the American note were just and upheld by the previously accepted usages of international law.

The only formal comment made today was contained in a brief statement issued by Secretary Bryan, who said:

"This answer being preliminary and not being intended as a complete reply, we will postpone comment until the full answer is received."

Briefly, the British note, while conceding the principles of the American Government's contentions, points out difficulties in actual practice, refers to alleged fraudulent practices by shippers and cites statistics showing an increase rather than a decrease in certain neutral commerce in support of Great Britain's suspicions that Germany and Austria have been indirectly obtaining contraband through neutral countries. The note promises, however, that "Great Britain will make redress" whenever the action of the British fleet may unintentionally exceed "the limits of international law."

Sir Edward Grey states that there are four consignments to Sweden at the present time of copper and aluminum which though definitely "consigned" to Sweden are, according to positive evidence in possession of his Majesty's Government, definitely "destined" for Germany. He gives figures showing the enormous increase in copper exports from the United States to neutral ports, and declares that cotton has always been on the free list.

As to the protest against holding up cargoes of foodstuffs, Sir Edward agrees that, generally, they should not be detained, but adds:

"We cannot give an unlimited and unconditional undertaking in view of the departure by those against whom we are fighting from hitherto accepted rules of civilization and humanity, and the uncertainty as to the extent to which such rules may be violated by them in future."

The note concludes with the expression of a desire to enter into "any arrangement by which mistakes can be avoided and reparation secured promptly when any injury to the neutral owners of a ship or cargo has been improperly caused."

While they are generally reserved in their comment, it may be stated authoritatively that high officials of the United States Government regard the tone of the note as entirely friendly and believe, moreover, that the discussion which will follow it will be carried on in the same vein with a desire on the part of both countries to reach a satisfactory understanding.

The admission by Great Britain of one of the chief points in the American note—that the relations between neutrals were those of normal times of peace and not of war—was gratifying to British warships, confident that the controversy would now resolve itself into a frank discussion of what were the actual necessities of the case which impel interference by a belligerent when suspecting that the ultimate destination of a neutral cargo is to belligerent territory.

British Newspapers Well Pleased. LONDON, Jan. 11.—The London morning newspapers, in commenting on the reply of Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, to the protest of the United States Government over delays to American cargoes through their being held up for examination by British warships, congratulate themselves in the main to expressions of complete approval of the Foreign Secretary's handling of the difficult and delicate subject.

Recognizing that the reply is only a preliminary one, the newspapers refrain from any detailed argument or criticism, but express satisfaction over the spirit of cordial frankness with which Sir Edward Grey has met the American arguments.

The figures quoted by Sir Edward of American trade are held to present a strong case from the British standpoint, and the Government is fully supported by the newspapers in its view, that while all possible concessions should be made where only questions of procedure are concerned, Britain's position in the war precludes any real change of policy.

Turks Rush Railway Lines. ROME, Jan. 11.—The Turks are hastening the construction of three railway lines across the Sinai peninsula, according to a despatch to The Giornale d'Italia from its Cairo correspondent. According to this report the Turks expect to be ready to invade Egypt by the second fortnight in February. It is stated that Turkish and German emissaries are promising Egypt complete independence.

Austria May Break With Ally. BERNE, Jan. 11.—According to private despatches from Vienna an open rupture between Austria and Germany is looked upon as a certainty within the next few weeks. The opinion is growing, it is said, that Austria should seek a separate peace and withdraw from the conflict, saving what is possible from the wreck.

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NDON, Jan. 11.—A despatch to The Daily Express from Boulogne asserts that confirmation has been obtained of the rumors that the Germans have evacuated Lille, and that the city is now virtually in the possession of the British.

German civilians are leaving Ostend because the allies have now advanced to within nine miles of that town, according to a despatch to The Amsterdam Telegraaf from its Sluis correspondent.

German troops were driven to the north yesterday by the French forces near Beausejour, and also in that section of the battlefield between Rheims and the Argonne. North of Beausejour, the French captured a field fort from the Kaiser's troops, while to the west of that town the invaders were driven from a line of trenches.

West of the Argonne district French artillerymen dispersed a force of German sappers who were trying to work their way up to the positions held by the republic's soldiers.

Soissons has been under bombardment again by the Germans, simultaneously with a new attack by the Kaiser's troops to regain the positions they lost to the French near Souppre. This attack failed, the French holding their ground on all the vantage points they had seized.

Strongly organized onslaughts by the Germans in the forest of Apremont, France, and northwest of Wattwiller, near Thann, Alsace, have been repulsed by the French.

The struggle in Alsace continues in spite of the heavy rains. There is more than a foot of water in the trenches. The Germans have already lost in killed and wounded 6,000 men, according to reliable reports, and Belfort, the great French fortress, is filled with prisoners—men mostly 40 years of age or more.

Yesterday's bulletins from the French War Office said:

"Last night in the Champagne region two counter-attacks by the Germans—one to the north of Perthes, the other to the north of Beausejour were repelled. In the Argonne two minor attacks by the enemy have failed—at Fontain Madama and at St. Hubert. There was a lively fight in the direction of Hill 263, west of Douzevilles, and on Le Ruisseaux des Nourissins but no attacks.

"From the sea to the Oise there have been artillery duels.

"Upon the Aisne, in the region of Soissons, the enemy, in spite of many attacks, has not been able to recapture the trenches which he had lost. At the end of the day he again bombarded Soissons.

"In the country from Rheims to the Argonne our artillery has shelled the German trenches very effectively at several points driving away bodies of sappers.

"The positions which we have gained at Perthes and around that village have been organized. A counter-attack of the enemy to the west of Perthes has been repulsed. In the neighborhood of Laferte de Beausejour we have made two-fold progress by gaining ground to the west and by taking possession of an old fort to the north.

"In the Argonne the enemy has bombarded the region of Four-de-Paris; we have repelled and destroyed a German blockhouse.

"The enemy's efforts have been continued on Hill 263."

"To the west of Bourneilles all our positions have been maintained.

"Between the Argonne and the Meuse nothing noteworthy occurred.

"On the heights of the Meuse in the forest of Apremont one of the enemy's attacks has been checked by the fire of our artillery.

"In the Vosges to the northwest of Watwiller (in the region of Thann), we have also repulsed an attack."

Saturday night's official statement said:

"To the north of Soissons our advances of yesterday have been maintained. A new German offensive has been repulsed. This morning the trenches conquered between Lez Hurles and Hill 290 were subjected to a lively counter-attack but the enemy was driven back after having suffered severe losses."

HON GEORGE CLARE DEAD. He Was M. P. For South Waterloo and Prominent in Business.

GALT, Jan. 11.—Hon. George A. Clare, M.P. for South Waterloo, died at his home in Preston Saturday afternoon.

Born in Preston, Ont., on June 6, 1854, Hon. George A. Clare was of German descent, being the son of John and Marguerite Clare. He was educated at the local public school and started his business career in his father's stove factory in 1875. In 1881, with his brothers, Frederick and Henry C. Hiltborn, he acquired the business and operated same under the title of Clare Bros. & Co., which company was incorporated in 1901, since when he had been president. He was also president of the Galt Stove & Furnace Co., Ltd., Clare & Brock-est, Ltd., Winnipeg; Canadian Office & School Furniture Co., Preston; Solid Leather Shoe Co., Ltd., Preston, and director of the Preston Car & Coach Co.; Stamped & Enamelled Ware, Ltd.; of Hespeler; Wellington Mutual Fire Insurance Co., Guelph.

Von Mueller In England. LONDON, Jan. 11.—Capt. von Mueller, commander of the German cruiser Emden, has arrived in England, and is a prisoner in one of the officers' detention camps in Wales. The place of his internment is kept a secret.

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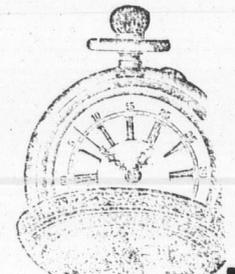
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Both announced wholehearted support to Britain.

Sept. 13—The British and French hotly pursued the retreating Germans.

Sept. 14—The Germans retreated across the River Aisne and the great battle of the Aisne commenced.

Sept. 15—The operation of the Home rule and Welsh Disestablishment Bills was suspended for one year.

Sept. 20—The famous cathedral at Rheims was destroyed by the Germans.

Sept. 21—General Beyers resigned as Commandant-General of the South African forces.

Sept. 22—The British cruisers Aboukir, Cressy and Hogue were sunk.

Sept. 23—The General Conference of the Methodist Churchmen at Ottawa.

Sept. 23—Sir James Whitney died at Toronto.

OCTOBER.

Oct. 1—The Ontario Cabinet was reorganized with Hon. W. H. Hearst as Premier.

Oct. 6—The Canadian Government decided to raise a second force of 22,000 men.

Oct. 8—Antwerp was occupied by the Germans.

Oct. 10—King Charles of Roumania died.

Cardinal Ferratta, Papal Legate in France and Italy, arrived in Toronto.

De Wet and his followers at the head of the Boers.

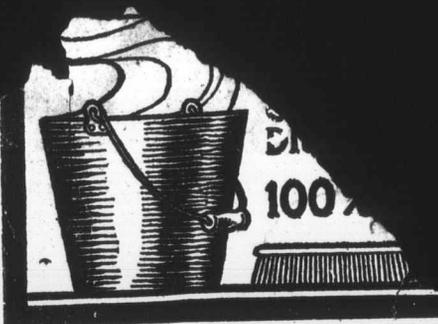
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Then the Honorable Stuart caught her around the waist, and laughing in a foolish, coaxing manner, attempted to take her back to the table.

Her brother also laughed. Benjamin Hurst started forward, his usually gentle blue eyes blazing with wrath. But even before he could come to her rescue, Suzy had thrown her rude assailant off, and gained the door, where, standing for an instant, she said, with dignity:

"Benjamin Hurst, I charge you see that gentleman out of the house, and attend him to his home. He is clearly not in a condition to take care of himself, any more than to be responsible for his ill-breeding."

And so saying, she passed out of sight.

"There! now you have done it! You see, you went too far! You were rude, you know," stuttered Mr. William.

"Rude! Really indeed! I should have been considered rude to a lady, I suppose; but is a gentleman expected to go upon the woman's word?" inquired the Honorable Stuart, with a scornful laugh, for he was both very drunk and very angry.

"I say, look here, you know! What the deuce do you mean by that?" hic-coughed Mr. William, as he poured out and turned off another bumper of champagne.

"Come, sir!" said Benjamin Hurst, firmly. "Mademoiselle desired that I should see you safe out of this house, and into your room. I am ready to attend you."

"So am I ready!" laughed the inebriate, defiantly.

"But hold on! I say, look here, you know!" repeated Mr. William, in a half-muddled dignity. "What do you mean, you know?"

"I mean to go home, that's what I mean. Here, you fellow! show me to the door," answered Mr. Stuart Fitzroy, with a reckless air.

Benjamin handed him his hat and gloves, and then took his arm to assist his rather uncertain steps.

Jones held open the room door, while Smith went before and opened the street door.

Benjamin Hurst took his charge out upon the sidewalk and began to lead him along, with the intention of hailing the first empty cab that passed.

The fresh air seemed to help the inebriated man, who walked somewhat more steadily.

Meanwhile, Mr. William sat over the wine at the deserted supper-table, pouring out and drinking champagne as freely as a thirsty man would drink water. And he brooded over the contemptuous words that Fitzroy had used in reference to his sister.

"What the devil did he mean by 'such's she?'" he inquired of self. They he drank more wine, muttered:

"Meant something 'fensive, kno-ow! What dev'l was't?" At drank still more wine, and grun-

"Ought to called—called 'm to 'co-er's words 'bout my sister." At again he drank yet more wine, and then he staggered to his feet, mutt-

ing: "Do it yet. Do it, sure. Call 'm 'bout for 's 'sulting words 'bout sister!"

And so, crazed with wine, he left the house and went in a daze, taken by Benjamin Hurst in charge.

The fresh air helped him also, partly sobered him, so that he was able to walk steadily and quickly, and to overtake speedily the man he was pursuing.

"I say, look here, you know! Hold on! I want to speak to you!" he said, laying his hand on the shoulder of Fitzroy.

"Well, fellow! well, what do you want of me?" grandly inquired this last inebriate.

"Want t' know what dev'l you meant by the words y' used in reference t' my sister?"

"Meant what I said—that a gentleman needn't stand in ceremony with such as she," doggedly replied Fitzroy.

"Look here! I say, you know! What dev'l d' you mean by such's she?" persisted William, following him up.

"I mean she's only a very common person! Now don't bore me about your worthless sister!" said Fitzroy, scornfully.

"You false-tongued base hound!" exclaimed William, in a fury. "You lie like—"

The words had scarcely left his lips when Fitzroy wheeled around, and struck him full upon the mouth, crying:

"Take that, you dog, for insulting a gentleman!"

The sting of that blow already infuriated young man's feet frenzy. He drew back an instant, and threw himself with force upon his assailant, seized by the throat, and hurling violence to the ground.

Fitzroy fell heavily, struck of his head against the sha-

of a curbstone, quivered for a few seconds, and then lay perfectly still.

And all this happened with the rapidity of lightning, so that Benjamin Hurst could not, if he would, have interfered to prevent the catastrophe.

"Come! I say! Get up and have it out like a man!" said Mr. William, half fearfully, half recklessly.

Benjamin Hurst stooped down, and passed his hand under the back of the man's head to raise it from the curbstone, but quickly withdrew his hand, and gazed upon his fingers in consternation and sickening horror.

"Come! up with you, if you've as much heart as a hare, and have it out with me here and now!" repeated Mr. William, bending over the fallen man, and speaking, half in dread and half in defiance.

"Mr. William—oh, my Lord!—he will never get up any more," said Benjamin, in awe.

"Never get—What the devil do you mean?" inquired the young man, almost sobered.

"He is dead, sir," solemnly answered Benny.

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