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YSER BATTLE TURNS TO ADVANTAGE OF THE ALLIED FORCES

Brilliant Attacks Featured Last Week's Fighting—Berlin Admits That Their Advance is Checked ---Naval Guns Do Damage.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Dec. 21.—The correspondent of The Daily Mail in Northern France telegraphs: "One of the most brilliant actions in the advance that began last week was the taking of the German trenches near St. Georges, which were successfully stormed at the point of the bayonet. "In attacking St. Georges the allies struck east as well as north, and they turned the angle of the flooded line. The Germans had dug some caterpillar trenches, but with the help of guns from the sea these proved much less terrible than they appeared. "The result of the manoeuvre is that the flood is no longer in front, but at a point near the rear, and the allies, emerging from the dunes and along the seaside resorts have now a base at the northwest corner of the flooded land, so progress can be made to the east as well as to the north. "Singularly, a parallel success has been won on the other side of the flooded land in front of Dixmude."

FRANK ADMISION. LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily News' correspondent in Rotterdam says: "The war correspondent of The Berliner Tageblatt is perfectly frank about the German position on the Yser. "On the Yser canal," he says, in his latest message, "I am convinced we cannot advance owing to the inundations and swamps, and for the same reasons the allies cannot do much. I feel now that the fighting in the north of France and in Flanders has resulted in a stalemate." GUNS DO DAMAGE. LONDON, Dec. 21.—An Amsterdam despatch quotes the Swiss correspondent of The Telegraaf as follows: "A despatch says that violent fighting continues on the Yser. The fleet's guns are playing havoc in the German ranks. Trains filled with wounded are entering Bruges. Most of these trains proceed eastward. The allies have occupied Roulers, but the fighting is raging between there and Ypres and Dixmude."

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT VISITS THE SOLDIERS AT TORONTO CAMP

TORONTO, Dec. 21.—Exhibition Camp stood in attendance all day Saturday. Ordinarily Saturday is more a day of a holiday, but under the keen eye of the soldier who is Governor-General of Canada no officer or man thought of relaxation. The camp was on its mettle. It was out to prove its efficiency before a man who is above everything else a soldier. So far as the pageantry of the Duke of Connaught's inspection was concerned, weather conditions rendered the day somewhat disappointing. Accompanied by a fresh breeze, a steady fall of snow, which gradually changed to sleet, enveloped the camp in a murky, unpleasant atmosphere all morning. As fast as it fell the snow changed to slush; little rivulets trickled in every direction over the uneven ground, a melancholy drip-drip from roof and naked tree emphasized the dreary aspect of the place, and the surly gusts which blew the damp snow about made shelter both necessary and welcome. Half an hour before his Royal Highness was due, the 10th and 20th Battalions of Infantry, the Mounted Rifle Regiment, the C.A.S.C. and the smaller units were on the ground. A big Union Jack marking the spot where the Duke was to receive the men. Shortly before 10 a.m., a message was received cancelling the inspection, and the men were ordered to their quarters. A few minutes later, however, another message arrived saying the inspection would go on. The 10th Battalion accordingly took up its position in the Transportation Building and awaited the Duke's arrival. The Lieut.-Governor and staff, arrived about 10 o'clock, and half an hour later the Governor-General and

his staff drove up in two of Sir Henry Pellatt's cars. They were met by Lieut.-Col. H. M. Elliott, A.A.G., who escorted the party to the Transportation Building. The Duke was accompanied by Sir Henry Pellatt, A.D.C., Major Duff, A.D.C., and Colonel Stanton, Military Secretary. General Lessard's staff, which received the Duke at the Transportation Building, included Col. H. M. Elliott, A.A.G., Major Bickford, G.S.O., Captain Osborne, D.A.A., and Captain Reginald Pellatt. The Royal Standard flew from the Headquarters Building. Immediately after arrival his Royal Highness began his inspection. The 10th Battalion, under Colonel J. H. McLaren, was drawn up two deep on four sides of the building, and the Duke made a double round, examining and noting everything. He spoke to almost every man individually, stopping to address at more length men of evident military experience, or, on the other hand, men whom the Duke's experienced eye told him were new to the game. He was particularly pleased to discover some who had served in his own former regiment, the Rifle Brigade. This individual inspection occupied a full hour, after which the men marched in platoon formation up and down the building. GAVE SAMPLE OF WORK. At the Governor-General's wish the troops then removed their great-coats, belts, and overshoes, and went through a sample of their regular morning routine—Swedish drill, bayonet exercise, semaphore work, etc. The inspection was very thorough, every item of camp work being shown in turn.

LATE ADVICES FROM RUSSIA SAY "WE'RE HOLDING THEM FAST"

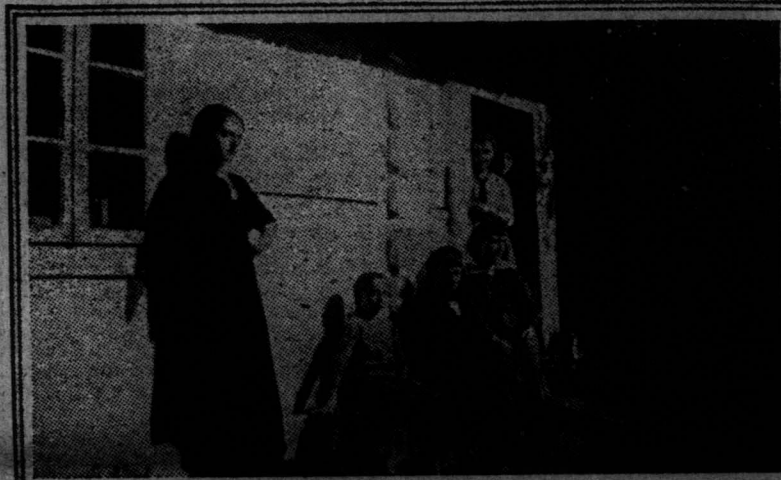
[By Special Wire to the Courier] PETROGRAD, Dec. 21.—Via London, 1.48 p.m.—The Russian forces are still holding at bay the German columns, which is seeking to cross the Buzura River at Sochaczew and advance on Warsaw, 80 miles away. For three days this German army of about 200,000 men has been endeavoring to cross the river and throw back the Russians who are holding the right bank. Sochaczew continues to be the German objective in the attempt to reach Warsaw. The Russian forces on the right bank of the Buzura are heavily entrenched. Their artillery is so placed, that it commands the river to its junction with the Vistula, 18 miles north. Southward the Russian line extends to Spoczna, 25 miles east of Pietrkow, which recently was evacuated and 45 miles east of Szereczew, where the Russians first opposed the German extreme right. It is pointed out that the Russians have thus assumed positions on their third line of defence. The evacuation of Lodz, which lies to the west of this line was thus in logical sequence to

this movement and, according to the general opinion here, had no bearing on the attack on Warsaw. The Russians for the present apparently are attempting nothing more than to retard the enemy and to defeat attempts at flanking movements. TWO APPEARANCES DAILY. Santa Claus will make two appearances daily. Although every moment is now almost as precious as gold to Santa Claus, he has arranged to make two appearances daily, at 4.30 in the afternoon and 8.30 in the evening, when he will be seen going down the big chimney on top of the Crompton Store. His evening appearance will be beautifully illuminated by colored lights. USEFUL SLIPS. Cheques from the Patriotic Fund are now being made out to the dependants of the Brantford soldiers now under their country's command. This is in order to ensure their having the welcome slips in time for Christmas festivities.

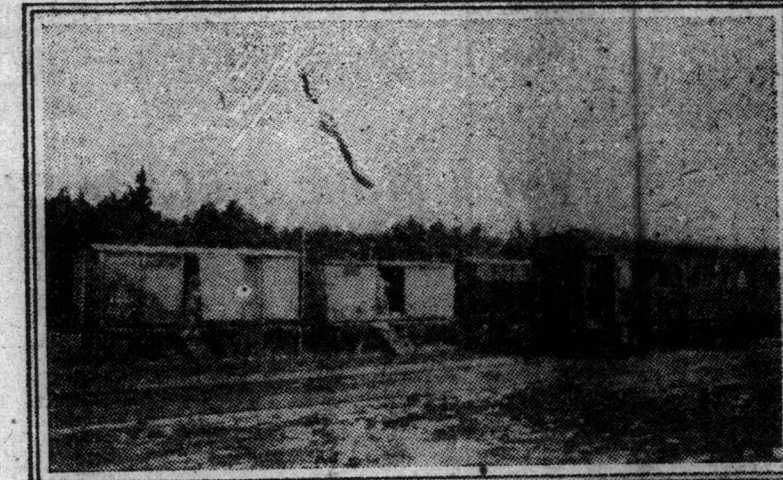
SCENES SHOWING INCIDENTS OF INTEREST ON RUSSIAN BATTLEGROUND.



CONVEYING THE BODY OF A RUSSIAN OFFICER ACROSS THE LONG ROLLING PLAINS NEAR TOMASZOV.



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AUSTRIAN RAILWAY WAGONS CAPTURED BY THE RUSSIANS AT BIELGITZ—THE RUSSIAN FLAG FLOATS IN THE FOREGROUND.



MEMBERS OF A RUSSIAN RAILROAD BATTALION AT THE CAPTURED GALICIAN TOWN OF RAWA-RUSSKA.

PETROGRAD REPORTS RUSSIAN SUCCESSSES AND GOOD POSITION

Great German Victory as Reported Not Substantiated by Latest News From the Front—Czar's Forces Very Much in Fighting Business.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily News' correspondent telegraphs from Petrograd: "Important successes along the Vistula have rewarded the indomitable energy of the Russian army in Northern Poland. The river is freezing and the Germans have been compelled hastily to evacuate the island above Plock. The Russians captured a large convoy of pontoons, laden with ammunition, which the Germans abandoned among the drifting ice. One of their columns tried to force a passage over the bridge at Dobrzyn, near Wroclawek. "The Germans were driven back with heavy losses by the Russians, who are now gathering in great strength along the right bank of the Vistula toward Thorn. The German army, advancing along the left bank of the Buzura to its junction with the Vistula, were driven back yesterday, leaving guns, prisoners and dead and wounded on the field. "Events south of Cracow also reveal the strengthening of the Russian position leading thence. The German corps, which was driven westward yesterday from the left bank of the Dunajetz yielded more than a thousand prisoners. "During a recent battle near Lowicz the Prussian 'Death's Head' Hussars fell into a trap while pursuing Russian dragoons. They raced along a

GALT CONGRATULATES BRANTFORD ON NEW STREET CAR SYSTEM

The following is from the Galt Reporter:— "The city of Brantford is to be congratulated on the improvement in its street car system since it was taken over by a commission in August following its purchase on the bargain counter by the ratepayers. The intervening eight or nine weeks shows a great many changes for the better. The track accommodation has been greatly improved, modern car barns have been constructed and the tag ends gathered up to bring about efficiency in operation. Yesterday the most progressive move was consummated when six new pay-as-you-enter cars, the product of the big car works in Preston, were placed in commission. These will provide the citizens of Brantford with an adequate and comfortable service. Galt, however, is more interested in the Grand Valley line, which is part of the Brantford Municipal Railway System. It is gratifying to know that this inter-urban road has not been neglected. Near to Paris, a bridge has been lowered eight feet, and another steep grade has been eliminated by changing the location of the tracks for a short distance. At Paris a new station and freight shed have been erected, and the commission intends shortly to erect a shed at Galt to facilitate the handling of express parcels and fast freight. The power station at Blue Lake is soon to be dispensed with and hydro-electricity taken from the sub-station at Paris to provide the motive power for this section. The cars are being repainted and reupholstered. The men comprising the commission have faith in the success of their venture and are going at their task in the right way to make it so. Under their energetic supervision, what was a bugbear and laughing stock, will become an efficient railway system. For a year or two profits are hardly expected, but the people will be given good service and this will produce the extra business needed in order that the enterprise may yield returns. The Brantford Municipal Railway promises to be a shining evidence of the success of public ownership of public utilities.

EVERYWHERE WE MOVE, NOWHERE REPULSED, IS FRENCH OFFICIAL ADVICE

Allies in French and Belgian Fields Are Gaining Each Day—Will Joffre Present His Promised Christmas Present?

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Progress all along the line is claimed in the French official statement given out in Paris this afternoon. There is not one single mention of a German success or a French repulse. Gains, although slight, are recorded in Belgium between the Lys and the Aisne; in the Champagne country, and in the Argonne. At one point an advance of 1,200 yards is recorded, and at another the French made 500 yards. Progress has been made between the Argonne and the Meuse, on the right bank of the Meuse, and on the heights of the Meuse. The French heavy artillery is described as having been successful on the Aisne, near Rheims, and elsewhere. "The text of the communication follows: "The day of December 20 brought nothing of importance in Belgium, if exception is made of some progress in the region of Lombartzyde and St. Georges, and at a point to the southeast of the Iyn of Kortaker, which is southeast of Biscchoote; the occupation of some houses in Warlelem, south of Zillebecke, and the bombardment by the enemy of the Ypres hospital. "Between the Lys and the Aisne, we have occupied a forest near the

WARSAW HANGS IN BALANCE

Fate of City Depends on Huge Battle Now in Progress.

German Victory is Not Conceded in Any Part.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Dec. 21.—12.35 p.m.—The great battle to the west of Warsaw has yet to be fought out, judging from the indications conveyed in recent despatches from Berlin and Petrograd. It appears to-day to British military observers that the German contention that General Von Hindenburg had scored a notable success over the Russians must be qualified. A parallel case is found in the recent claims of a crushing Russian victory near Lodz, which subsequently proved to be premature and exaggerated. The German army commanded by General Von Hindenburg has made a steady advance in the direction of the Polish capital, but the Russians, in falling back, appear to have taken new positions in strong entrenchments, and in spite of the fact that the invaders are within two or three days' march of Warsaw, there is good reason to believe that much hard fighting must come before it can be determined whether or not this latest attempt to occupy Warsaw will be crowned with success.

Along the southern frontier of East Prussia, the Russians claim to have the upper hand, but further east, in the south, in Southern Poland as well as in Galicia, the leaders of the Austro-German forces declare they are sweeping the Russians before them. They assert further that they have cleared all the Russians out of West Galicia. This means that the long siege of Cracow has been raised and if this advance on the part of the Teuton allies continues, it may bring similar relief to the Austrian garrison at Przemyel, besieged by the Russians since the early days of the war. The vigorous Austrian offensive in this arena of hostilities has succeeded in retarding the withdrawal of many troops heretofore used against Serbia, and there are indications that the Austrian attempts to crush Serbia will, for the time being be abandoned. Emperor William has so far recovered from his recent illness as to return to the front. Here he will spend Christmas. The despatches from Germany do not say to which front his majesty has gone, but advices received earlier from Berlin lead to the belief that he has turned westward. If this is so, the battle conditions, the emperor will find are far less spectacular than those prevailing in the east for the reason that with the exception of the offensive operations of the allies on the north end of their line, little but siege warfare is being recorded anywhere on the western front. This condition is driven home in all the official communications, which measure the day's gain in scant yards and chronicle the gain or the loss of a trench as an achievement worthy of note. A prominent neutral traveller who reached London to-day from Berlin expressed the opinion that the Germans are not thinking seriously of Zeppelin invasion of England. According to this observer, they regard the apprehension and precautions against Zeppelin attacks taken in London and other English cities as a great joke.

WHAT NEW CARS HAVE DONE FOR STREET RAILWAY

The receipts of the Brantford Street Railway and the Grand Valley Railway on Saturday constituted what might fairly be claimed as a record. The Courier is informed that they were, for the local lines, double those of an ordinary Saturday, and, naturally, the commissioners credit the same to the new cars and improved service. Notwithstanding a heavy snowstorm today, the cars kept to their schedule, and as a result the business for a Monday was considerably augmented. In the old days people walked during snowstorms. Brantford people apparently are getting the street car habit, and getting it quickly.

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THROWING STONES. Germany is Now Quite Peevish at the United States. [By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Daily Express, commenting on the German newspaper attacks on the United States, says: "Berlin knows that American hearts are with soldiers of freedom, and the knowledge has had the usual tonic result of frantic abuse of the people, who denounce the Belgian atrocities and the bombardment of unprotected towns and who irreverently laugh at German 'kultur.' "Americans decline friendship with the vandals of Rheims and Louvain, and the Germany that has fawned on their doorsteps now is throwing stones at their windows." Christmas figured largely in sermons in city pulpits in Toronto.



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SOME TIPS ON THE NEW WAY OF PRONOUNCING GERMAN NAMES

"I have just bought a book of essays by Yooken," said a friend of mine. "By whom?" said I, who studied German in the High School. "Yooken, the great German philosopher," replied my friend. "You mean Eucken—pronounced Oik-en?" said I pityingly. "Not at all," countered my friend. "It is reasonable of you to insist on good pronunciation of German. It is un-British of you! From henceforth German will be pronounced in English. There's patriotism for you! So my friend dove and instructed me post-bellum German. The forms are given as they are written, as they sound in German, and as they will be sounded after the war."

Feeding Indian Soldiers Hard Problem for British

A peculiar problem has to be met by the British commissariat in supplying the various castes and sects of the Indian army with food. The Gurkha, the Rajput and other Hindus will eat goat or mutton, protein in a form much more palatable than the animal has been killed in a special and orthodox way. The disgust which the strict Hindu feels at physical contact with beef is so intense that he will sometimes vomit at the sight of it. The practice is so inveterate that Mohammedans who are the descendants of Hindu converts cannot reconcile themselves to the taste. Happily, pork, the Moslem abomination, does not complicate the questions of army rations.

AN ABATTOIR FULL. Hence the herd of sheep and goats in the boulevard. I found an old goat full of them, goats from all the hills of France, from Corsica, and Dauphine and the Cevennes, from stony Languedoc and Roussillon on the Spanish border, and bearded giants from the Pyrenees, which, standing on end, might pluck the leaves from the shirt of a young camel, a breed which is likely more than anything else to inspire the Indian with reverence for the virtue of the soil.

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Naval Clash Rumors Active Again To-day

BY Special Wire to the Courier. LONDON, Dec. 21, 4.45 p.m.—Persistent rumors are current that a German cruiser has been sunk off the coast of Scotland. It is also rumored that two British destroyers arrived at Leith, Scotland, badly damaged. There is no official confirmation of these reports.

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THE SITUATION

In all directions the present war continues to be practically upon a siege basis. For men to stand out in any extent in the open, as in former big struggles, would mean all-round annihilation under the modern condition of death-dealing equipment, and as a result all of the contending forces are making elaborate trenches, a primal move. That this sort of thing makes, generally speaking, fighting foot by foot can be readily understood.

The struggle, from the standpoint of the Allies, would appear to be progressing slowly but surely in Belgium and Northern France. The Kaiser and his war lords seem to be determined to make the endeavor at any cost to hang on to the small portion of Belgian territory not yet conquered, and in this regard they have brought up and mounted some of their famous 12-inch naval guns. These are situated among the sand dunes, and their placing must have involved an enormous task. At this point shells from British warships have thus far been used with excellent effect.

From Russia's capital there comes the word that Warsaw is in no present danger. The Germans, in their advance towards that place, have been halted, at any rate for the present. Details of the alleged sweeping victory secured by the Kaiser's troops are still notably lacking, and even in Berlin doubt seems to have developed. It begins to look as if the story was based upon nothing more tangible than a rear-guard action, a surmise strengthened by the circumstance that the Russian authorities admit a withdrawal for the purpose of occupying more favorable ground.

It is announced that the German plans embrace more raids on the coast towns of Great Britain. Winston Churchill, in a scathing letter to the Mayor of Scarborough, rightly points out that nothing has proved more clearly the effectiveness of the British naval pressure than such acts of frenzied hatred on non-combatants. He suitably adds: "Whatever feats of arms the German navy may hereafter perform, the stigma of baby killers of Scarborough will brand its officers and men while sailors sail the seas."

An important incident is that the Kings of Denmark, Sweden and Norway, after a meeting between themselves and foreign ministers, have entered into a mutual agreement of neutrality. According to the latest official reports, Denmark has an area of 15,500 square miles; population 2,800,000; estimated war strength, 90,000. Norway—124,500 square miles; population 2,400,000; estimated war strength, 120,000. Sweden—172,900 square miles; population, 5,500,000; estimated war strength, 195,000.

A great many notable things have already resulted from this war, and not one of them, it may be remarked, in favor of Germany and her devilish creed of world domination and Kultur. The absolute solidarity of the British Empire has been still further demonstrated, if such a thing were necessary; the almost civil war in Ireland was suddenly obliterated; John Bull's Indian subjects are proving themselves to be true as steel, and in Africa old-time foes have under Botha remained loyal to the flag. France has secured so much of territory taken from her by Germany under the terms of settlement after the war of 1870 that the French postal zone has been extended there. In Russia the Czar has promised the Poles many long-deferred desires. Poland used to be a separate kingdom, but was partitioned between Russia, Prussia and Austria, and in 1795 a final distribution gave the Czar the bulk of it. Norway and Sweden occupy what is known as the Scandinavian Peninsula. They were ruled as a joint kingdom. The King of Sweden was the monarchial head, though each maintained a separate government and laws. It was provided that the two countries should select a joint successor in the event of failure of descent in the direct line. The position of affairs naturally led to more or less feeling and friction, and a few years ago there was separation by mutual consent. Since then relationships have been none too friendly, but existing hostilities have manifestly brought about reconciliation, which it is to be hoped will be of a lasting nature. As a getter together of varied nations and

forces on behalf of mutual protection and the truest ideals of freedom and citizenship this war has done, and is doing, a marvellous work, although at such an awful and appalling price.

AS TO A TRUCE

Mr. Pardee, the Liberal whip, is reported as having made the recent utterance that in Canada a party truce had been declared, but if Conservatives fired upon said flag they must not be surprised if the Liberals fired back."

As a matter of fact, there has been no truce whatever, but there has been a quite general view at this period that the war should not be made a political football. Unfortunately, men like Pardee and papers like the Toronto Globe and lesser Grit globules, such as the Expositor, have acted otherwise.

They have frantically waved the white flag over the legislative shortcomings of their own side during a time of threatened emergency—especially with regard to the damnable pole-axing of the Borden naval bill by the Liberal majority in the Senate—and at the same time they have themselves been firing from behind the hedge.

As the Courier views the matter, the Borden Government will continue to go ahead with necessary measures, expecting hearty co-operation. If there is unwarrantable firing, which there shouldn't be, then, of course, the whole thing will be up to the people.

NAVIES COMPARED.

During the course of an editorial with reference to the recent British naval success, the Detroit Free Press said:

"The British victory practically equalizes powers in the European conflict, which means that from the standpoint of the practical warrior the advantage is very much in favor of the English. For it is evident that if Great Britain and Germany should continue to sacrifice ship for ship the day would soon come when the Kaiser's war armament would be non-existent and the King's Government would still be able to marshal perhaps the most powerful on earth."

The Detroit paper is absolutely correct in advancing this deduction, and it may not be out of place to give the latest official figures of the eight principal naval powers as they stand today. These are as follows:

	Tonnage completed and building	Tonnage in service
Great Britain	2,157,850	2,714,106
Germany	951,713	1,306,577
United States	765,139	804,889
France	688,840	899,515
Japan	119,640	599,916
Italy	285,460	407,815
Russia	270,861	678,818
Austria-Hungary	221,526	347,508

It will thus be seen that, as compared with Germany, John Bull possesses 1,206,137 more in completed tonnage, and will have 1,407,529 more when both complete what they have now in hand.

The Free Press states that, losing ship for ship with Germany, until the latter's navy becomes wiped out, the "King's Government would still be able to marshal perhaps the most powerful sea-fighting force on earth."

As a matter of fact, there is no "perhaps" about the matter. With the Kaiser's outfit excluded, John Bull would be equal to all the rest combined, for the very simple reason that he has by far the best equipment.

For instance, our neighbors across the border officially figure in third place, but in reality they are not there when warship tonnage now under construction is completed. In this regard a U. S. naval authority, during the course of a recent article, says:

"We find that at the conclusion of building now actually in progress France will have taken a slight lead over us, and the United States will have taken fourth place. And not only this. When we shall have been passed by France and left in fourth place, we shall be in competition with Japan and Russia, both of which have construction programs that will place them close on our heels. In other words, we are in third place today; are destined to fourth place very shortly, unless there is a speedy change in our policy, and after that are likely to drop to fifth and finally sixth place, if Russia and Japan continue their ambitious programs and we do not overmatch them."

When it comes to submarines this is the official table:

	In Service	Building
Great Britain	75	22
France	66	22
United States	30	10
Germany	27	8
Russia	30	19
Italy	19	8
Japan	13	2
Austria	6	6

It may be remarked that those now building for the States are on a plan supposed to be bigger and more effective than any yet evolved anywhere.

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KITTY BURKE AS MASCHA IN "THE CHOCOLATE SOLDIER," AT THE GRAND WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23.

NOTES AND COMMENT

Babies and cathedrals figure prominently on the victim list of Kaiser Kultur.

The Ottawa Government has passed an order in Council that hereafter no civil servant shall run for municipal office. That's all right. Men in Government employ should stick to that alone.

Canada's third relief ship, on behalf of the Belgians, is now on the ocean. All the world, with the exception of Germany, has the right idea of the appalling crime perpetrated upon those unfortunate people.

France had a Belgium Sunday, and bought millions of miniature flags on behalf of the fund for that land. Not only the French, but those of all of civilization are under an everlasting debt to that plucky people.

The impression is gaining ground that the Canadian troops now at Salisbury Camp, are not likely to leave for the front until spring. Either that or the balance of their disciplinary training is likely to occur in France before trench duty.

Hussein Kemal, the new Sultan of Egypt, under a British protectorate, has been installed in power under enthusiastic circumstances. As for the deposed Khedive, he will at least have the satisfaction of knowing that Emperor William will soon be in a like state, or its equivalent.

The Kaiser is still at it. In a telegram to a Grand Duchess, announcing the alleged big German victory against the Russians—a victory as to which there is not yet a scintilla of evidence—says: "It is evident that the Lord aided our heroic troops. To Him alone is due the honors."

This blasphemer probably regards the ravishing and murdering of the Belgians as exhibit A, and the slaughter of babes in British coast towns as exhibit C.

In connection with the befooling of the residents of the Fatherland, with reference to the events of the war, this paper has received copies of pictures showing the German fleet parading the North Sea with searchlights hunting for British dreadnoughts. London in flames and all the rest of it. Someone has also forwarded an Italian comic paper, the front page of which consists of a large cartoon depicting the Kaiser and Austrian Emperor with bandaged heads and plastered faces feeling blindly just where they are at.

Hockey Practice

The junior and intermediate hockey clubs held their first work out on Saturday evening in the Alfred St. rink between the house of J and S. There was not a great turnout as several of the most promising boys were out of the city, and others could not get away. As it was, however, an excellent game was staged among the intermediates, when it was to be noticed that the skaters were beginning to find their hockey feet. They have not yet fully recovered from the summer's inactivity. Eddie Gooch showed some class when putting the boys through their paces, and he certainly is sharp on the puck. A certain Arthur was so fast that one could never see him. Rex Robbins was out of the city, and did not, therefore, show his mettle. The first practice of note takes place to-night, when a full line-up is anticipated. The weeds are to be sorted out.

EGYPT IS UNDER THE BRITISH FLAG

Will Have a Sultan to be Chosen by the British Government.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—It is officially announced that Prince Hussein Kemal has been appointed to succeed the Khedive of Egypt Abbas Hilmi. Prince Hussein Kemal will take the title of Sultan. The new Sultan is an uncle of Abbas Hilmi. The British protectorate was formally declared throughout Egypt yesterday. In all garrison towns a salute of 101 guns was fired and the Union Jack hoisted. The French Government has recognized the British protectorate over this country in which France formerly had such important interests, and in return the British government has given notice that it adheres to the Franco-Moorish treaty of 1912, which following the Agadir affair, gave France a protectorate over Morocco.

The official press bureau in its announcement of the appointment says: "Prince Hussein Kemal Pasha, the eldest living Prince of the family of Mahomet Ali, has accepted the Sultan of Egypt post. Hussein Kemal is a son of Ismael Pasha, who was Khedive of Egypt from 1865 to 1879, and he is an uncle of Abbas Hilmi, the present Khedive. The British Acting High Commissioner for Egypt, Milne Cheetham, has addressed the following to the new Sultan: "By reason of your age and experience you have been chosen as the Prince of the family of Mhoamet Ali most worthy to occupy the Khedival position with the title of Sultan of Egypt. I give you assurance that Great Britain will accept the fullest responsibility for the defence of the territory under you against all aggression. All Egyptians subjects will be entitled to receive the protection of the British Government. There will disappear the restrictions heretofore placed by the Ottomans on the numbers and organization of the Egyptian army."

It is also stated in the letter that the religious convictions of the Egyptian subjects will be scrupulously respected. The acting Commissioner details the efforts that Britain made to avoid war with Turkey.

SO DIE ALL THE TRAITORS

Execution of Two South African Rebels.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A Reuter despatch from Pretoria tells of the first military execution of a rebel leader involved in the uprisings in British South Africa which followed the outbreak of the European war. Captain Fourie was shot after being convicted of treason. His brother Lieut. Fourie, also was condemned to death, but the sentence was commuted to imprisonment for five years on account of the Captain's admission that he had induced his brother to join in the rebellion. Both men had been officers of the South African Defence force, and, being Boers, were tried by a court martial of Boers. The captain met death with fortitude.

EARLY DEPARTURE FROM SALISBURY IS ANTICIPATED

Despatch Tells of Reorganization and Weather Conditions.

SALISBURY, Dec. 21.—Three weeks' training here have been crowded into one, and this may be taken to mean an earlier departure for the front than is commonly anticipated.

Major-General Alderson approves of the Queen's Own Rifles, the Royal Grenadiers and the Governor-General's Body Guard, all Toronto organizations being known as the Toronto regiment. The Hamilton, Winnipeg,

Vancouver and Victoria Highlanders have been officially named the Canadian Scottish.

MORE CHRISTMAS CHEER.

Nearly every householder in the Salisbury district will entertain two or three Canadian soldiers on Christmas day.

The Canadian Clearing Hospital, under Colonel F. S. L. Ford, Halifax, is moved to the Connaught Canadian Red Cross Hospital at Clevedon, Somersetshire, and to Taplow in Buckinghamshire.

There have been fifty-five days of rain here since the arrival of the Canadian contingent.

STORM AT KINGSTON.

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 21.—Kingston is to-day in the grip of a heavy snow storm. Early this morning the storm set in and with a heavy gale blowing is drifting the snow and making traffic very hard.

The street railway line is badly blocked and the city has a large staff of unemployed shovelling off the walks. Business in the stores is practically at a standstill.

Prince Edward county council has voted \$500 a month for two years to the patriotic fund.

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The bones, the muscles, and all the organs of the body depend for their strength and tone and healthy action on pure blood.

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LOCAL

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**BROTHERHOOD'S  
ANNUAL SERVICE**

Large Turnout at Salvation Army Citadel on Sunday.

The Salvation Army Citadel was packed yesterday morning when the United Brotherhoods of the city held their fifth annual gathering. This is the third occasion on which they have made the Salvation Hall the meeting place, and the large turnout spoke eloquently for the enthusiasm manifest in the project. Headed by the Salvationists' band the Brotherhoods gathered at the Y. M. C. A., where the band rendered a selection in splendid style in Fellowship Hall. Then they proceeded to the Barracks where an excellent service was held conducted by Adjutant Hargrove and his staff.

Secretary Gunn was pleased to welcome the Brotherhoods in their unity of purpose; one for the uplifting, enlightening and transforming of man, one for Christ.

Mr. Andrew McFarland lead feelingly in prayer and Mrs. Hargrove also took part in the service. Mr. Harris, secretary of the United Brotherhoods, urged the men present to show their appreciation of what the army was doing by giving them a liberal offering.

In order not to trespass too much upon the time of those present the adjutant did not deem it wise to hear individually from the separate Brotherhoods but he would ask Mr. Albert Scruton, president of United Brotherhoods to speak for one and all. The president exhorted all to put their shoulders to the wheel and to do their very best for the cause of Christ. He believed that the prospects for 1915 were exceedingly bright and he saw no reason why it should not be for them a banner year.

Adjutant Hargrove added to the welcome accorded the Brotherhoods by Secretary Gunn, and he gave from actual experience a very eloquent address dealing with the great work done by the Salvation Army of uplifting fallen humanity. He gave many touching word pictures formed one great appeal which went straight to the hearts of all assembled for the unsexen work of the Salvationists was but little realized until the vast field was to some extent opened to their eyes in the admirable address of the adjutant.

With a prayer and a hymn Blest be the Tie that Binds, the meeting greatly impressed, dispersed. Among the Brotherhoods present were: P. S. A., Sydenham Methodist, First Presbyterian, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Brant Avenue, senior and junior, Wellington St. Methodist, Colborne St. Methodist, Park and First Baptist Brotherhoods.

**WINE CLERKS HELD  
ANNUAL BANQUET**

Toast Was Drunk to the Absent Members Now at the Front.

The annual banquet of the local wine clerks was held in the Moffat's Hall on Saturday evening last, there being a large number of members of the union present. An excellent menu which had been prepared by Caterer Crumback. The tables were very prettily decorated, and a smart corps of waiters were on hand and gave excellent service. After full justice had been done to the good things which had been provided for the occasion, President John Hill of the local union, who acted as chairman, called the boys to order, and in a very well chosen speech welcomed them there and wished all the compliments of the season. The remainder of the evening was given over to music and song, both vocal and instrumental, being of the program. A number of addresses were given by those sitting around the festive board. Fitting references were made to the boys belonging to the Wine Clerks' Union who have gone to the front.

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**TEAM SHOOTING AT COLLEGIATE**

Civilian Rifle Club Scoring Shows a Good Average.

At the match at the B. C. I. on Saturday afternoon, No. 1 team, under the captaincy of Major Jones, was victorious over No. 2 team, led by Capt. Sweet, by 21 points. The average score for all the men was 19 points, being 76 per cent of the possible highest score, which is a very good record. The following were the scores made:—

- No. 1 Team—Major T. H. Jones 19; C. H. Tucker, 21; J. V. Hamilton 20; J. Hiscocks, 21; Geo. Bennett, 20; E. Maynard, 17; A. Croft, 15; A. W. Burt, 24; W. Wells, 21; Wm Kirkpatrick, 21; D. Madill, 14; H. A. McIntyre, 19; J. Small, 22; J. R. Cameron, 19; H. Fitness, 19; H. Lyus, 16; J. R. Cornelius, 23; W. H. Roberts 23

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Five cases of smallpox were reported in the city to-day by Medical Officer Pearson, who stated emphatically, however, that there was no cause for any alarm, although strict precautions were fully warranted under the circumstances. Practically all of the five cases have been traced to one Indian, who came up from the Reserve and was at large around the city. Six cases have been reported from the Reserve, but more are expected. There may possibly be more in Brantford, but it is believed the situation is well in hand, and there is no occasion to worry. Contrary to rumor, no children, either at Victoria or Central schools, were discovered with the disease, and these schools would not have been closed to-day.

had it not been that the term was just about up anyway, and closing would result in no inconvenience. The one difficulty which is being faced by the health authorities is the lack of hospital accommodation. Three patients are at present at the old shack in Mt. Hope cemetery, but that number is about the limit which can be accommodated. It is quite possible that unless extra provision is found, other cases will have to be kept at home.

**With the City Police**

Frank Clouse appeared before Magistrate Livingston at the police court to-day to answer an old charge of carnal knowledge preferred by John Dean, in the spring of the year. Mrs. Dean is mentioned in connection with the case. Clouse elected to be tried by jury and the case stands remanded until to-morrow.

Hiram Hill, an Indian got drunk on Saturday night and this morning paid \$5 for his pleasure. He was also charged with the theft of an overcoat, which is said to have taken place at the same time. Hill said he knew nothing about this, and the case was adjourned for a week. Three drunks completed a light list.

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David Morrice, one of the most prominent men in the Canadian cotton industry, died at Montreal at the age of 85.

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### "EYE-WITNESS"

Tells of Entrenching Work and Gunnery—Col. Swinton's Latest Despatch.

(Recital of operations at the front, up to December 17, by Colonel Swinton, attached to General French's Headquarters Staff) British Field Headquarters in France, Dec. 17.—The opposition now being encountered, resembles to some extent that met with by us in the beginning of October, when we first reached the Franco-Belgian frontier, and before the Germans brought up their full force and assumed the offensive. It has one great difference, however, and that is that the enemy is in much greater force and his positions are much stronger and better organized than they were two months ago.

"At that time an advance on the eastern end of the line implied a movement across a very difficult country, as it does still, and for us it meant an attack on skillfully but hastily fortified strong points or villages, held to a large extent by cavalry and Jaegers. With the large proportion of machine guns, that we have in front of us to-day, it is no longer a succession of isolated points. There are still such points and some are the same, but they are stronger and form part of a practically continuous defence zone, consisting in some places of several lines of cunningly sited and carefully constructed works.

#### MAZE OF TRENCHES.

"This zone really amounts to a maze of trenches and obstacles. Every known form of obstacle is used. Entanglements, to select the most common form—vary from loose coils of wire to securely staked network of from 18 inches to nearly six feet in height and of different widths.

"These measures of defence are only such as are to be expected from troops which are well trained and have ample resources and time; and there are, of course, ways in which they can be overcome. But where these methods are applied, the rate of advance is necessarily slow. When it is reported in laconic terms that ground has been gained at a certain point, topographically the gain may amount to only a few yards. Tactically, on the other hand, the progress implied by even such a small step forward may be important, for a trench, a cluster of trenches, the edge of a wood, a building, a village, or a knoll may have been reached, possession of which will facilitate further operations.

"Siege approaches such as saps, help the attackers to advance under cover, and so to minimize the losses, but they do not, and cannot, obviate the liability to a surprise reception of the nature indicated when once the enemy's works are gained. The only certain method of preventing this is by a prolonged bombardment with high explosive shells until trenches, mines and machine guns are reduced to scrap heaps, or to mine under them and blow them into the air."

#### HIT GERMAN HEADQUARTERS

The report of the actual fighting is a repetition of what has appeared in the daily French official statements telling of the capture of German trenches, of sapping and mining operations and heavy artillery duels. Concerning the latter, the observer says that the British artillery on December 17 obtained several hits on what appeared to be the German headquarters. The narrative continues:

"From a prisoner captured on Dec. 14, it has been ascertained that both the 23rd Regiment and the Jaegers suffered enormous losses on November 4. The same man described the 6th of November as a terrible day, saying that he had never before seen such mud as that in which the Germans were operating, and that the troops were suffering very much from the presence of water in the trenches. The shelling that he went through on the 14th of this month states exceeded anything which he had previously experienced."

"We have reason to believe from the evidence obtained from prisoners that many of the Landwehr are heartily sick of the war, and resent the harsh treatment of their officers. They have been persuaded that the British ill-treat prisoners, and but for this some would be willing to surrender."

"The Germans appear to be discarding their helmets, the picket-hauben, with which they have for fifty years been associated in the eyes of the world. Many variations in their uniforms are now to be seen. Some of the troops are wearing their peace clothing, which is of brighter color than the grey service dress. There is evidence that certain of the units facing us are much under strength."

Concerning the offensive movement of the allies, the observer says:

"In conjunction with the French, who also are pressing forward, a movement has been started, which has resulted in a small gain of ground."

The narrative then records gains made by British and Indian troops near Ppres, and south of Lys, which already have been reported.

#### BIG WAR ORDERS.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Forty-eight thousand pairs of trousers, costing \$72,000, were ordered here to-day by buyers for the French Government. The contract is a rush order. The trousers are of the ordinary working-man's type for use of the sappers and miners of the French army. The British Government is preparing estimates for 6,500 motor trucks, according to information received by Chicago manufacturers. This order, it was estimated, would amount to \$10,000,000, as the trucks probably would average about \$1,500 each.

"Germans drive their soldiers like a lot of sheep," says a paper, which inspires us to add that the Kaiser may be the man who put the Mutt in Mutton.

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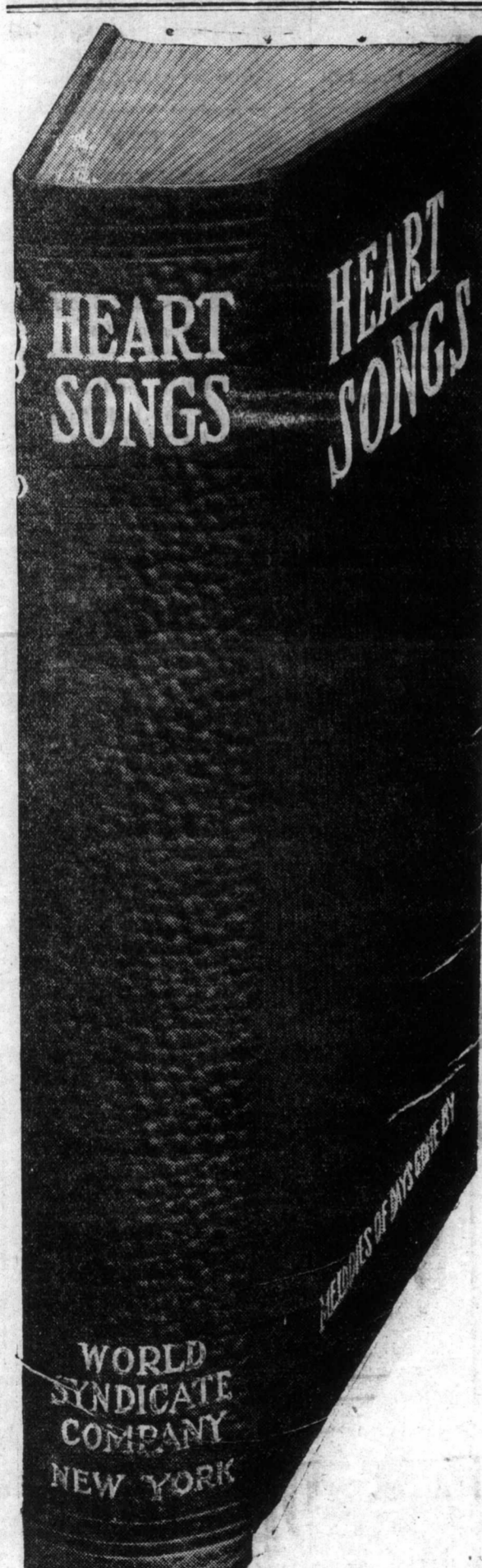
Lieut. H. Lancelot Tells, writing from one of the hospitals in the neighborhood of Rouen to his partner, Dr. F. G. Grapel, of Thornton Heath, Surrey, makes an appeal for safety matches. "Tommy," he says, has an intense dislike to French matches, which he has christened "Wait-a-bits." Lieutenant Tells adds:

This huge battle in the north still drags on without any definite result, but all agree that the German losses are appalling. Of one thing I am sure, and that is that the Germans pile up their dead cover them with earth and use their dead bodies as protection from our fire.

We have had a few cases of tetanus

but the mortality is very high. Now every shell wound gets a dose of antitoxin on the field as a prophylactic, so we hope to reduce the number. It only follows shell wounds, due, it is supposed to the intensive system of agriculture prevalent in all parts of France. Also, we get bad cases of gangrene, due to the B aerogenes capsulatus; but the treatment of this is much more satisfactory. We inject the whole limb with 20 vol. hydrogen peroxide till the limb is completely swollen up. It is most painful, however, and the difficulty is to make the solution alkaline without destroying its efficiency. Iodine is figuring very greatly in this war, and what a difference it makes. If a man comes in here having had iodine painted on at the field ambulance he rarely gets sepsis, or at least, only slight; but if he has not it is a dead certainty that his wound is septic.

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I should like them. All I want is boots, stockings and knickers. This week has seen several great improvements. The huts have been finished and occupied by the Hawkes, leaving room in the barracks for those of us who up to the present have been sleeping out. Sufficient tables and forms have been made so that we get our meals all together now at the same time. We have begun to get the Dutch navy ration.

Altogether things are much brighter, and we are getting quite settled down to anything up to a year's stay in Holland. The only thing that seems strange is the utter meaninglessness of time. It does not drag but one seems to have an utter disregard for it other than day and night. It is all the same whether one does a certain thing to-day, or to-morrow or next week, which is strange after what one tries to cram into a week at home.

Yesterday afternoon I had my first game of rigger. Of course, not knowing the game I could not enter much into the play, but I learned a lot and got myself warm, which was what I was out for. I should love to play for King's if ever I go there.

A queer sort of street organ pays us a visit every Sunday afternoon. It is much bigger than a barrel organ, and is constructed exactly the same as a steam band on a roundabout, and is presumably driven by an electric motor. I am sorry to say that my musical taste is profane enough to appreciate such things, especially when such English tunes as "Every nice girl loves a sailor," are played, and my thoughts wander off to some one at home.

**GUIDING THE GHURKAS.**  
A motor-cyclist despatch carrier writes home:  
Eric and I had a wonderful job last night, getting battalions of Indians and batches of officers to the trenches

from 7.30 p.m. till 6.15 a.m. accidentally it poured from 7.30 a.m. till midnight. At 6.15 a.m. we were dry again. A remarkable experience and a pretty responsible job, as one battalion is 1,200 men, so that the two battalions and their transport take a good deal of road room.

I had a fairly tricky route of five miles or so, and was more than once terrified I had gone wrong, but I emerged triumphant in the end. Taking 2,000 men out of the way is no joke, because there is no turning round of course.

Eric took Ghurkas one way and I took Ghats another, two journeys each. We were mistaken for French interpreters in the dark, the colonel saying, "Entrez, messieurs, je vous prie," in his best French, and then, "Do you speak English?" We felt inclined to say "Oui."

My understanding our division is to be shortly relieved for a time—and time too. We have had the brunt of every battle so far—six hefty camps of our medal if we get home.

**SCOTCH DOCTOR MURDERER**  
A surgeon on the staff of the Third Army Corps, writes to a Belfast friend:

We rescued one of our cavalrymen, who gave us his experience of the treatment he got while he was a prisoner. He was only a few hours in the hands of the Germans. They tied him up and took him to their headquarters. They kicked and beat him and spat in his face and cursed and howled at him. He managed to slip away and was captured again. He was tortured and was black and blue.

They killed Macnab, the doctor of the London Scottish Territorials, actually bayoneting him while he was in the hands of the Germans, and under the Red Cross on his arm and no weapons to defend himself.

**COBB'S INTERVIEW.**

Washington Herald.—One thing seems quite certain, Mr. Irving Cobb neglected to get the censor to put the story in the alleged interview with Lord Kitchener. Another thing that will strike most readers is that both Mr Cobb and his paper displayed the story in a most amateurish way, giving preference to a lot of nothing that Mr Cobb said to Lord Kitchener in reply to questions that were apparently intended to make the interviewer feel at home, and putting at the end the really significant utterances that brought forth a denial from the British war office. Mr Cobb evidently labored under the misapprehension that he was giving information to the war chief in the doubt depends on sources much nearer the front.

**THE FALL OF BASRA**

London Times.—For the world at large and for Germany in particular, the fall of Basra has a meaning even greater than its significance to Asia. Basra was the chosen terminus of the Baghdad Railway and its seizure by the British will be felt more keenly in Berlin than the loss of Kiao Chau. It means that the dreams and schemes of twenty years, the ripening fruits of the world policy which began when the Kaiser paid his memorable visit to Abdul Hamid, have crumbled to dust and ashes.

**RUBBER AND OIL SUPPLY**

Westminster Gazette.—There are two products without which the operations of the German armies are found to be most seriously hampered. With Russia establishing herself in Galicia, the oil supplies from the fields there will be cut off, and the measures which have been taken should prevent any large quantity getting into Germany from other sources. The present difficulty is Italy, but no doubt we shall be able to see that that country does not obtain more than its normal imports.

**BRITAIN'S STRENGTH**

London News and Leader.—As compared with any of the other belligerents the jar to our economic system has proved very much slighter and very much less enduring. This is undoubtedly due to the inherent strength of the country, but it called for the bold and resolute intervention of the government to enable our natural resources to have proper play. Nobody can deny that the intervention of the Treasury carried the country through the gravest economic peril which has ever assailed it, at a cost relatively small, and with gratifying rapidity. For this Mr. George and his advisers deserve the thanks of the country.

**OUR SPLENDID ALLY.**

London Telegraph.—No words ever used in the description of warfare could be too strong to apply to the gallantry and determination with which the French armies have defended this enormous front for so long against the overwhelming forces which Germany, the only combatant to begin the war in a state of complete readiness, was able to fling against them at the very outset. Their guns and gunnery, in particular, have been one of the decisive factors in the war, and whatever Germany may be able to do with her dwindling supplies of necessary material, to add to her strength in artillery, that of the French and British must infallibly grow much more rapidly.

**REVISING THEIR OPINION**

The Broad Arrow.—If the people of this country underrated the quality of the German sailor, the people of Germany underrated the British soldier. In the circumstances, perhaps, nothing else was to be expected, the conditions which produced each being so dissimilar. To the Germans, who look on personal service as a privilege as well as a duty, volunteer is synonymous with mercenary. To the British who are able to reconcile the soldier and the citizen more harmoniously than any other nation, the concept, at any rate on the Teutonic model, is something of the swash-buckler. But whereas our men have never despised the German as a fighting man he has never concealed his contempt for us. That the war is teaching him to revise his opinion is clear.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

# "IT IS A JOLLY LIFE" SAYS ONE YOUNG SOLDIER

## Infantry Lieutenant Tells of His Experiences in the Campaign.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—One of the most human descriptions yet received from the front is the following story of his experiences from a young officer:

"The other day I was with another subaltern, holding a farm in front of our trenches to prevent the German's massing troops behind its cover and rushing us.

"Well, we held on for perhaps an hour without any one taking any special notice of us, and then they turned the big guns on us. My hat! We didn't get half a time. Within fifteen minutes they put 55 shells (weight about 60 lbs., and probably 8 in. in size), fired from a howitzer into and around the farm within a circle of 20 yards radius. We literally 'smelt hell.'

Two shells which followed on each other's heels hit the barn, which was at right angles to the farm, and smashed it up completely. The whole of the farm was covered with dirt, splinters and vile-smelling smoke in which we choked and spluttered and cursed. No one was hit although some of my men were standing with their back against the barn.

After that we left the buildings and went into the rick yard, where we could dodge shells better. Another lot of shells came over, and four of my men who crouched round the base of the stack lay close together and got as near the ear's as possible. Three shells went on and burst yards away. The fourth burst some fifty yards to our flank. Immediately it burst, and mingled with the clang of the explosion came a shriek which stopped suddenly, and a corporal sat up with one arm twisted horribly under and behind. We buried him where he lay in the rick yard, with a rough cross over him, and then we went back to the farm.

The German gunners had by this time shut up shop for some time, so we were able to get some tea also. Two of the men volunteered to milk the cow, and proceeded to do so, when, having half filled a pail, the old girl kicked and booted them both out of the shippon. One of them fell into the milk pail and when he came out the sight defied description.

He was one sheet of milk from top to toe, and we simply shrieked with delight at him. So soon in war does comedy follow tragedy.

All our work has been in trenches up to the present, and it is rather nerve racking work.

**NOISE OF THE SHELLS**

These big shells make a sound exactly like the rip of tearing a starched collar and the whistle of a railway engine mixed.

You hear them coming and you bob down in the trench and wonder with your muscles tight and your lips set, "Will it hit on this bit of the trench this time or not." Then the whistle goes over or finishes in front with a crash and you are safe for the next two minutes.

Then, perhaps, when it is dusk you are sent out in front of the trench to see if any Germans are within 400 yards of you.

When you are moving along a beet field with your feet rustling in the leaves there is a sudden crack and you hear a "seeee-ep" as a bullet goes past your head.

On the occasion I am thinking of I did such an inglorious and hasty dive to earth that the corporal with me thought I was hit, and was just preparing to do the V.C. act when I moved.

However, the blighter of a sniping German who fired at me got it in the neck, or rather throat, from me a minute later, for we stalked him, and I shot him at about 150 yards range. He leaped about five feet into the air, and I sent his helmet back home as a souvenir.

When I landed at Havre I was much amused at two awfully pretty girls (French), who were with their father (a captain of infantry). The three solemnly advanced to me, my hand was unmercifully pumped, handled by the captain, and I was vigorously kissed on each cheek by the two girls.

The troop (my men) fairly howled with delight, and I never heard the last of it for two weeks.

If ever a girl was seen within a hundred yards the men began to grin at me and nudge each other, and someone would whistle softly, "Chase Eyed Baby," until I had to threaten to knock their heads together for them. They haven't forgotten it yet, confound 'em.

**JOLLY AND INTERESTING**

It's a jolly life and most interesting, but it's a little wearing on the nerves.

One doesn't mind shrapnel—that's harmless—but the "coal-boxes" and rifle fire put the fear of God into you. It's damn lucky that the Germans can't use their rifles well, or we would catch it awfully.

They equip their men wonderfully well, and their uniform of grey is absolutely invisible except in broad daylight. At early morning and dusk two favorite times for attacks, you can't spot 'em at all.

Not so long ago we were holding a line of trenches near a wood, about 300 yards from it. We fixed wire up in front with tins to rattle on it, and retired to sleep. About midnight the tins began to rattle and we lined the trench.

Then something began to appear in front, and then we saw a solid wall of infantry appear. When they were about fifty yards away fifteen rounds per man of rapid rifle fire was pumped into them, and when it finished you never heard such a pandemonium in your life.

The Germans screamed and shouted, and it sounded exactly like a pack of hounds in kennels at "even-song."

Next morning there were any amount of dead in front of the trench, and we learned from a wounded man that two companies (400 men) had attacked us, and only one and a bit companies reached home again.

People at home have no idea what war is like. It's horrible. I had never seen a corpse until the other day, and I plumped on a dozen Germans laid out for burial. I should have been sick for a week if I had seen one at home, but here a dozen didn't effect me at all.

The effect of a shell on a house is literally amazing. A rick from every window, door, and crack comes a gush of smoke. Then the roof lifts clean off, and the walls tumble right in, and the roof falls in bits on top. Then it begins to burn.

Still, war has its comic sides. You would have shrieked if you had seen a French battalion I was with the other day under fire. Shells were raining on the farm we were in, and rifle bullets buzzing about in all directions, but the battalion amused itself catching two fowl for me, and the sight was funny. They chased those wretched birds until they laid eggs in pure fright.

In another corner they were robbing a she-goat of milk, and the kid was butting everyone promiscuously.

amid yells of laughter, and out in the open the mess cook was invoking Heaven and brandishing his fist because a shell had splashed mud and water all over his newly cleaned plates and knives.

# LADIES! SECRET TO DARKEN GRAY HAIR

## Bring Back Its Color and Lustre With Grandma's Sage and Tea Recipe.

Common garden sage brewed into a heavy tea, with sulphur and alcohol added, will turn gray streaked and faded hair beautifully dark and luxuriant; remove every bid of dandruff, stop scalp itching, and falling hair. Mixing the Sage Tea and Sulphur recipe at home though, is troublesome. An easier way is to get the ready-to-use tonic, costing about 50 cents a large bottle, at drug stores, known as "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," thus avoiding a lot of fuss.

While wispy gray, faded hair is not sinful, we all desire to retain our youthful appearance and attractiveness. By darkening your hair with Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur, no one can tell, because it does it so naturally, so evenly. You just dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning all gray hairs have disappeared. After another application or two your hair becomes beautifully dark, glossy, soft and luxuriant and you appear years younger.

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"My gun was shot out of my hand, but I had the satisfaction of firing the last shot before the enemy, finding that their ambush had failed, had retreated. I shot the major. Once we were motoring from Antwerp to Lille, and suddenly found a rope-cable drawn across the road, tied to trees on either side. It was a trap. The enemy, having seen us coming, thought that we should have to dismount from our armored car to remove the rope, and thus be captured. The trap did not succeed. I fired continually on one spot where the rope was drawn taut around the tree. The rope was cut, and fell into the road, and we drove off after giving a few shots more to the discomfited Germans.

CANADIANS IN CASUALTY LIST

"Pat's" Regiment May Soon Leave for France—Two Officers Badly Hurt.

SALISBURY, Dec. 9.—Several Canadians, who came over with the Princess Patricia's Regiment upon arrival here to rejoin the British regiments with which they were formerly identified. Three of them were wounded in recent battles, Corporal De Witton, ex-Life Guardsman, and formerly physical instructor of the Winnipeg police force, is reported killed. The others had their wounds treated in England and returned to the front.

Two Princess Patricia officers, Talbot Papineau, a Montreal lawyer, and Stewart of Halifax, Nova Scotia, were seriously burned when their tent caught fire while they slept. Their colleagues effected their rescue. Born were so badly burnt that they cannot accompany the Regiment to the front but will follow later. Their recovery will take weeks.

NOVA SCOTIANS JOINS "PETS." Fifty men of the 7th Nova Scotia Princess Patricia's Regiment have joined the Princess Patricia's Regiment, which was under strength. The Princess Patricia's have discarded the Ross rifle in favor of the British arm.

The Patricia's form a part of the 8th Brigade. Their colleagues are the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders the Shropshires and the 6th Rifles, all regulars recently returned from Egypt and China. General Snow commands the division. The Patricia's expect to get in action soon, because they are divisional troops. Lord Kitchener gave them a farewell message when he inspected them yesterday in company with the King. From the foregoing it may be inferred that the Princess Patricia's Regiment is leaving at once, or has left, for France.

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Mr Nigel

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At the same instant two fellows clad in black, who had been seated with a flagon of wine between them at a table near the fire, sprang wildly to their feet, staring with blank amazement at this sudden intrusion. That instant of delay deprived them of their last chance of safety. Midway down the room was a flight of stone steps which led to the main door. Swift as a wildcat Nigel bounded toward it and gained the steps a stride or two before the jailers. They turned and made for the other which led to the passage, but Simon, and his comrades were nearer to it than they. Two sweeping blows, two dagger thrusts into writhing figures, and the ruffians who worked the will of the Butcher lay dead upon the floor of their slaughter-house.

Oh, the buzz of joy and of prayer from all those white lips! Oh, the light returning hope in all those sunken weary eyes! One wild shout would have gone up had not Nigel's outstretched hands and warning voice hushed them to silence. He opened the door behind him. A curving newel staircase wound upward into the darkness. He listened, but no sound came down. There was a key in the outer lock of the iron door. He whipped it out and turned it on the inner side. The ground that he had gained was safe. Now they could turn to the relief of these poor fellows beside them. A few strong blows struck off the irons and freed the three dancers before the fire. With a husky creak of joy, they rushed across to their comrades' water-barrels, plunged their heads in like horses, and drank and drank and drank. Then in turn the poor shivering wretches were taken out of the barrels, bleached and wrinkled with long soaking. Their bonds were torn from them; but, cramped and fixed, their limbs refused to act, and they trembled and twisted upon the floor in their efforts to reach Nigel and to kiss his hand.

In a corner lay Aylward, dripping from his barrel and exhausted with cold and hunger. Nigel went to his side and raised his head. The jug of wine from which the two jailers had drunk still stood upon their table. The Squire placed it to the archer's lips and he took a hearty pull at it. "How is it with you now, Aylward?"

"Better, Squire, better, but may I never touch water again so long as I live! Alas! my friend Dion was gone, and Stephen also—the life chilled out of them. The cold is in the very marrow of my bones. I pray you, let me have some of your wine as fast as the fire, that I may warm the frozen blood and set it running in my veins once more."

A strange sight it was to see these twenty naked men, crouching in a half-circle round the fire with their trembling hands extended to the blaze. Soon their tongues at least were thawed, and they poured out the story of their troubles with many a prayer and ejaculation to the saints for their safe delivery. No food had crossed their lips since they had been taken to act, and they trembled and they to join his garrison and to shoot upon their comrades from the wall. When they refused he had set aside three of them for execution. The others had been dragged to the cellar, whither the leech-tyrant had followed them. Only one question he had asked them, whether they were of a hot-blooded nature or of a cold. Nigel was answered upon them until they answered. Three had said cold, and had been condemned to the torture of the water-cask. Every few hours this man or fiend had come down to exult over their sufferings and to ask them whether they were ready to enter his service. Three had consented and were gone. But the others had all of them stood firm, two of them even to their death.

Such was the tale to which Nigel and his comrades listened whilst they waited impatiently for the coming of Knolles and his men. Many an anxious look he cast down the black tunnel, but no glimmer of light and no clasp of steel came from its depths. Suddenly, however, a loud and measured sound broke upon their ears. It was a dull metallic clang, ponderous and slow, growing louder and ever louder—the tread of an armored man. The poor wretches round the fire, as unmoved by hunger and suffering, huddled together with wan, scared faces, their eyes fixed in terror on the door.

"It is he!" they whispered. "It is the Butcher himself!" Nigel had darted to the door and listened intently. There were no foot-prints save those of one man. Once sure of that, he softly turned the key in the lock. At the same instant there came a bull's bellow from without. "Yes! Bertrand!" cried the voice. "Can you not hear me coming, you drunken varlets? You shall cool your own heads in the water-casks, you lazy rascals! What not ever now! Open, you dogs. Open!" "Yes!"

He had thrust down the latch, and with a kick he flung the door wide and rushed inward. For an instant he stood motionless, a statue of dull yellow metal, his eyes fixed upon the empty casks and the huddle of naked men. Then with the roar of a trapped lion, he turned, but the door had slammed behind him, and Black Simon, with grim figure and sardonic face, stood before him. The Butcher looked round him helplessly, for he was unarmed save for his dagger. Then his eyes fell upon Nigel's robes. "You are a gentleman of coat-armor," he cried. "I surrender myself to you."

"I will not take your surrender, you black villain," Nigel said, and defend yourself. Simon, give him your sword." "Nay, this is madness," said the blunt man-at-arms. "Why should I give the wasp a sting?" "Give it him, I say. I cannot kill him in cold blood." "But I can!" yelled Aylward, who had crept up from the fire. "Come, comrades! By these ten finger-bones I have not taught us how cold blood should be warmed!" Like a pack of wolves they were on him, and he changed upon the floor with a dozen frosted naked figures clutching and clinging above him. In vain Nigel tried to pull them off. They were mad with rage, these tortured starvelings, their eyes fixed and glaring, their hair on end, their teeth gnashing with fury, while they tore at the howling, writhing man. With a rattle and clatter they pulled him across the room by his two ankles and dragged him into the fire.

Nigel shuddered and turned away his eyes as he saw the brazen figure roll out and stagger to his knees, only to be hurled once more into the heart of the blaze. His prisoners screamed with joy and clapped their hands as they pushed him back with their feet until the armor was too hot for them to touch. Then at last he lay still and glowed darkly red, whilst the naked men danced in a wild half-circle round the fire. But now at last the supports had come. Lights flashed and armor gleamed down the tunnel. The cellar filled with armed men, while from above came the cries and turmoil of the feigned assault upon the gate. Led by Knolles and Nigel, the storming party rushed upward and seized the courtyard. The guard of the gate taken in the rear threw down their weapons and cried for mercy. The gate was thrown open and the assailants rushed in, with hundreds of furious peasants at their heels. Many of the robbers died in hot blood, many in cold but all died, for Knolles had vowed to give no quarter. Day was breaking when the last fugitive had been hunted out and slain. From all sides came the yells and whoops of the soldiers with the ringing and riving of doors, as they burst into the store-rooms and treasure-chambers. There was a jovous scramble amongst them, for the plunder of eleven years, gold and jewels, satins and velvets, rich plate and noble hangings were all to be had for the taking. The rescued prisoners, their hunger appeased and their clothes restored, led the search for booty. Nigel, leaning on his sword by the gateway, saw Aylward totter past, a huge bundle under each arm, another slung over his back and a smaller packet hanging from his mouth. He dropped it for a moment as he passed this young master. "By these ten finger-bones! I am right glad that I came to the war, and no man could ask for a more goodly life," said he. "I have a present for every girl in Tilford, and my father need never fear the frown of the sacrist of Waverley again. But how of you, Squire Loring? It standeth not aright that we should gather the harvest whilst you, who sowest it, go forth empty-handed. Come, gentle sir, take these things that I have gathered, and I will go back and find more." (To be Continued.)

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LAST EDITION FORTY-FOURTH YEAR RUSSIANS ARE DOING VERY WELL German Victor Has Been Contradicted by Recent Events

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A London cable to the Herald says: "Russia, according to reports from various sources, is proceeding with the investment of Cracow and Przemysl as though no Austrian-German pressure were being applied in Poland. An effort by the Przemysl army yesterday and the day before to break through the Russian line was repulsed, and the Austrians were driven back to the fortress with heavy loss. The advance of the Austrian army through the Carpathian passes has been checked, and Vienna admits that Galicia and South Poland are again well occupied by General Nicholas forces. "With regard to the operations on the north bank of the Vistula, Petgrad reported officially last night that the Germans in North Poland had retreated across the East Prussian border in a northwesterly direction. AUSTRIA'S DISCONTENT NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A special cable to the Herald from Paris says: "Discontent with German domination is increasing rapidly in Austria where the people are saying the Austrians are being exposed to slaughter to save the Germans. Numerous duels have taken place between German and Austrian officers, and the German staff is continually replacing Austrian officers with German ones. Field Marshal von Hindenburg is quoted as saying: "I will not continue to direct the campaign unless the Archduke remains at least three miles behind the front line."

ADDED EXPENDITURE OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The enforcement of the new Workmen's Compensation Act, as passed by the Ontario Legislature last session, will mean an added expenditure to J. J. Booth, the big Ottawa lumberman and largest employer of labor in the city of \$25,000, the tax on his payroll which averages annually about 1,000,000, varies from \$1.40 to 2.50 per cent.

NO BRANTFORD OFFICE AMONG THE Many on First Contingent and Leave on List

[By Special Wire to the Courier] OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—An official list of Canadian officers returning from Salisbury Plain and who are expected to take commissions in the second contingent, comprises the following: Lieut.-Col. C. D. McPherson, P. M. Wallbridge, Bellville; Major J. Creighton, Lumberburg; Major R. Lawne, Strathcona's Horse; Major T. De Cam, Calgary; Captain J. Conure, Nicolette; Captain E. M. F. ineau, Joliette; Captain A. Fausse, Roussin; Captain P. J. Dussault, Montmagny; Captain T. Bileaud, Le Caplain; C. E. LeBlanc, Ste. Anne la Perade; Captain E. A. Cousins, V.

PARIS IS CHANGING ALLIES IN THE FRONTIER OF EASTERN PRUSSIA. Russians have inflicted a serious feat on the enemy. As proof of Lieutenant Colonel Rousset, in Liberte, directs attention to the region and the fact that Field Marshal