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THE GERMAN FLEET LEAVES ITS HIDING-PLACE AT LAST GREAT NAVAL BATTLE IN PROGRESS IN THE NORTH SEA

U.S. KEEPS CANAL ZONE NEUTRAL

Will Permit No Use of the Zone by Ships of the Belligerents For Warlike Purposes

Washington, Dec. 15.—Pres. Wilson and his cabinet decided today to send American warships to the Panama Canal zone to guard against violations of neutrality there by belligerent ships. Just how many ships, whether destroyers, cruisers or battleships, shall be despatched will be determined after a full report has been received from Col. Goethals, the military Governor of the Canal zone, and Capt. Rodman, naval officer at the Canal.

Preserve Its Neutrality.

If the Canal zone is being used as a base of supplies, Colonel Goethal will be instructed to use his land forces to prevent such violations, and should it develop that wireless is being used within these territorial waters, the navy department will ask for an explanation from its naval officers.

As the question of wireless regulations was placed by the order of Pres. Wilson, on August 5th, in the hands of the Navy department for enforcement, Col. Goethals according to the war department officials, has no authority over the wireless situation whatsoever.

Watching Things Closely.

"Whatever is necessary to be done," said Secretary Daniels tonight, "to carry out the executive order of the President, will be done." A telegram from the radio officer at the Canal zone shows that he is watching things closely. He says, "For communication with British cruisers from the

DRESDEN MAKES QUICK GET AWAY FROM PUNTA ARENAS

Santiago, Chili, Dec. 15.—An official communication received here from Punta Arenas, announces that the German cruiser Dresden left there the day before yesterday, on the evening of Sunday.

The communication adds that the British cruiser Bristol arrived at Punta Arenas on Monday, but left there immediately.

Was Not Act Of the Enemy

No Evidence of German Machinations in Destruction of Bulwark

London, Dec. 16.—The official Press Bureau announces that the sinking of the battleship Bulwark apparently was not due to any hostile act.

Investigation has disclosed no evidence of treachery on the part of any person aboard the vessel of any act by an enemy.

Mr. W. S. Monroe, who was aboard on business returned by the Florizel yesterday

West Coast. I have dismantled the radio of one of the British colliers in Balboa canal zone."

Destroyers or other ships will be sent to the Canal zone at any moment when needed to prevent the use of any radio for any unneutral act by ships of any of the belligerent nations.

At the British embassy it is stated that Britain has no objection whatsoever to the enforcement of wireless laws.

5 German Ships Sunk, Is Late London Report

LONDON, Dec. 16—The main British and German fleets are reported in a despatch from New York to be engaged in the North Sea.

LONDON, Dec. 16—It is reported that 3 German Cruisers and 2 Submarines were sunk in action with a British flotilla off Scarborough this morning.

LONDON, Dec. 16—The Official Bureau announces that important developments are taking place in the North Sea.

German movements of importance occurred this morning. Scarborough and Hartlepool have been shelled and our flotillas have been engaged at various points.

PEOPLE THROWN INTO GREAT PANIC

London, Dec. 16.—A German fleet made a sudden dash into the North Sea today and shelled Scarborough and Hartlepool, English coast towns on the North Sea and engaged certain units of the British fleet.

Four German cruisers appeared off Scarborough at an early hour and began to bombard the town. It is apparent that they had no difficulty in dropping shells into the city. Panic seized the people and many of them fled from their homes. The residents of Hartlepool were aroused from their sleep by the sound of heavy gun firing and they flocked to the streets and thence made their way to the beach to learn what was going on.

Shells Began to Drop

In a few moments shells from the German cruisers began dropping into Hartlepool whereupon the crowd along the shore broke for shelter.

Panic also showed itself at this point, fear took possession of the people and many of them abandoned their homes and fled inland.

The pews of this naval raid was announced by the British Admiralty shortly before 11.30 o'clock this morning and it threw London into the greatest state of excitement that has prevailed since the outbreak of the war.

Damgae Not Stated

The preliminary announcement of the Admiralty made no mention of the damage to Scarborough which is a fashionable sea resort on the North Sea, 37 miles North east of York and a little over 200 miles from London or to Hartlepool, an important shipping centre about 40 miles North-west of Scarborough.

British flotillas have been engaged with the enemy at several points however

DID HEAVY DAMAGE TO SCARBOROUGH

Hull, Dec. 16.—Fugitives reaching here from Scarborough say the German bombardment of that port was heavy and that great damage was done to the property in Scarborough.

Scarborough, Dec. 16.—The shelling of Scarborough by the four German cruisers which took part in the operation, began shortly before 8 o'clock this morning.

Several buildings have been damaged by shellfire from three German vessels.

FIRST OVERT ACT AGAINST GT. BRITAIN

London, Dec. 16.—The bombardment of two cities on the East Coast of England by German cruisers is the first overt act of the war against British territory. Never before has the coast of England been attacked. It was felt that the British fleet in the North Sea was sufficient to render this possibility very remote.

The official announcement given out in London that the British flotillas have been engaged with the enemy is evidence

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and at noon the situation was described by the Admiralty as "Developing."

Design of Attack Unknown

It could not be ascertained at first whether this German attack was designed merely to spread panic among the British people or whether its purpose was to engage the British fleet in a general action or to act an escort in an attempt to land troops on the British coast.

Neither Scarborough nor Hartlepool is fortified.

Scarborough has a population of 40,000 people and during the summer months the seaside hotels are crowded.

GERMAN CRUISER THE "CORMORANT" IS INTERNED.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The German cruiser Cormorant with twenty-two officers and 355 men, has been interned for the war at Guam, in the Ladrone Islands, Pacific Ocean, according to despatches received late today from Captain Maxwell, the United States naval governor at that Island.

RUSSIANS KEEP ENEMY TO HIS LINES

All German Frontal Attacks in the East Effectively Beaten Back by the Czar's Officers

Petrograd, Dec. 15.—The German frontal attacks on the Russian line west of Warsaw, under cover of night were successfully repulsed by the Russians, according to trustworthy information reaching Petrograd from the front today.

At many points along the front the Russians have succeeded in capturing isolated German positions. The German attacks were answered by Russian counter attacks, in which it is said several hundred prisoners and one field battery were captured by the Russians.

During the last three days' fighting eight machine guns, two batteries of field guns, and four thousand prisoners have been taken.

Except for night attacks by Germans, there has been little heavy fighting in Poland during the last

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Turks Forced To Back Down

Had to Return British Official To Italian Consulate

Rome, Dec. 16.—Negotiations between Italy and Turkey over the removal of C. A. Richardson, British Consul from the Italian Consulate at Hodeida, Arabia, are approaching a satisfactory solution.

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BRITAIN PLANS MEET ATTEMPTS AT AN INVASION

Gen. Ian Hamilton is Head of Home Army of 400,000 Territorials

READY TO COPE WITH EMERGENCIES

Strategic Schemes Prepared To Deal With Every Form of Raid

NOTWITHSTANDING the conclusions formed by the Imperial Committee of Defence some years ago that an invasion of England would be an impossibility while the British fleet remains in being, invasion by Germans is now considered a distinct possibility.

Both the Government and the inhabitants of the sea coast counties are preparing actively to meet a landing of hostile troops. The military preparation has been conducted on a large scale since the beginning of the war. The Home Army, which is commanded by General Sir Ian Hamilton, who carries a broken wrist as a souvenir of the Boer War, has for its special function the repelling of an invasion. This army consists mainly of Territorials, of which there are some 400,000 now under arms in the United Kingdom, and a part of the so-called Kitchener's army undoubtedly would be employed in case of need, as well as any Canadian and other colonial troops who might be in the country.

The Territorials were organized by Lord Haldane when he was Minister of War, and under the terms of their enlistment cannot be ordered abroad, although many of the regiments have volunteered for foreign service, and several are on the Continent under General French.

Invasion for Moral Effect.

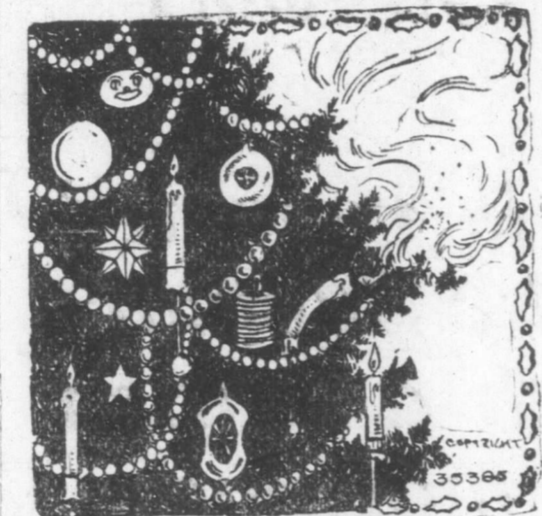
Military experts consider it wholly possible that the Germans may make a desperate excursion upon the British coast even with the expectation of losing a large proportion of their men, for the moral effect the presence of an invader would have in throwing the population into panic and preventing the War Office from sending troops to reinforce the fighting line in France.

It is thought the Germans might attempt to land two or three contingents at widely separated bases for the purpose of dividing the British defence army, and might send their smaller expedition in advance of the main one to create a diversion. The Home Army has been operating with a view to being prepared to meet such demonstrations. Several thousand laborers have been employed digging trenches, and making other defensive works on strategic lines behind the eastern and southern coast. The preparations of the railroads, controlled by a committee of railway managers, who have military rank during the war, have been made for moving large bodies of men and guns quickly. A practice mobilization was conducted a few days ago, and rumors of an invasion immediately became current.

What citizens may do to defend their homes against an invader within the recognized rules of warfare has become a burning question within the past few days. A meeting was held in the Guild Hall in London this week, to hear from Lord Desborough, well known as the foremost amateur sportsman of England, a statement of the purpose of the Central Association of Volunteer Training Corps Rifle Clubs, and other bodies now belonging to the volunteer corps, the membership of which is reported to be about 250,000.

Preparations in Scotland.

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parations have been and are still being made along the east coast, particularly in Berwickshire, Haddingtonshire and Fife," says the Edinburgh correspondent of the Daily Mail, in discussing the threat of German invasion.

"In Scotland the probability of a German raid is freely admitted, but beyond a few officials in each of the big towns who have been taken into the confidence of the War Office, and pledged to secrecy, no one is able to define exactly the precise state of affairs. In Scotland, as in England, there is a desire to know how the inhabitants are to act in the case of a German landing. The Provost of Kirkcaldy, speaking as a private citizen, feels that civilian defence corps should be organized."

The Lord Provost of Edinburgh holds the view that civilians should not take up arms against any invaders. "Let them stay in their homes," he has said. "They will be told what to do, if the necessity arises, but I do not think there is any more chance of an invasion to-day than there was six weeks ago."

The authorities at Leith, North Berwick, Dunbar and Berwick-on-Tweed have prepared instructions to be given to the population in case of an invasion.

Germans have laid eight additional railroad tracks between Berlin and Cologne to facilitate transportation of troops and supplies.

AERIAL ATTEMPT ON KAISER

Dropped Bombs on Spot Where He Had Held Review of Troops Shortly Before

According to a Breda telegram to the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant, a peasant from one of the villages just behind the fighting line in Flanders, who has arrived in Breda, has confirmed the report of an aerial attempt on the Kaiser.

Recently, he says, five grey motor-cars were going from Ingelmunster to Thielt, and the Kaiser was in the second car. At Thielt the motor-cars stayed for half an hour, and the Emperor held a review.

About twenty minutes after the Kaiser had left Thielt six aeroplanes appeared above the town and threw fifteen bombs. Some of them did not explode, but great damage was done. One burst on a house next to the Hotel de l'Avenir, where the German staff was quartered.

German soldiers at once fired upon the aeroplanes. About twenty citizens were killed and some officers were wounded. Shortly after the aerial attack the Staff, which included the Duke of Wurtemberg, left, probably for Ghent.

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PROVOCATION GAME PLAYED

Germans Doing Their Best to Irritate Brussels Folk Into Committing Hostile Acts.

A Belgian official who has just arrived from Brussels says the Germans are doing their utmost to provoke the people to some act which will give an excuse for further repressive measures. Irritating proclamations are issued almost daily, constant inquiries are held, and searches made for arms.

German officers are not ashamed to be thieves and robbers, and are again filling their trunks with valuable loot for despatch to Germany. All these things, however exasperating, are accepted as signs that all is not well with the invading army at the front, and that the Germans fear the hour is approaching when they must think of packing up their loot and returning home. The danger is that the poorer classes may not be able to keep a hold on their temper long enough.

Germans are always saying: "This winter you shall be so hungry that you will be glad to eat your nails. If we have to quit Brussels we shall first set the city on fire and shoot the inhabitants."

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

NOTICE.—Trinity Bay Councils of the F.P.U. will please notice that January 16th will be observed as Union Day in Trinity District, when every Council is expected according to the Constitution to parade. By order, J. G. STONE.—dec 8

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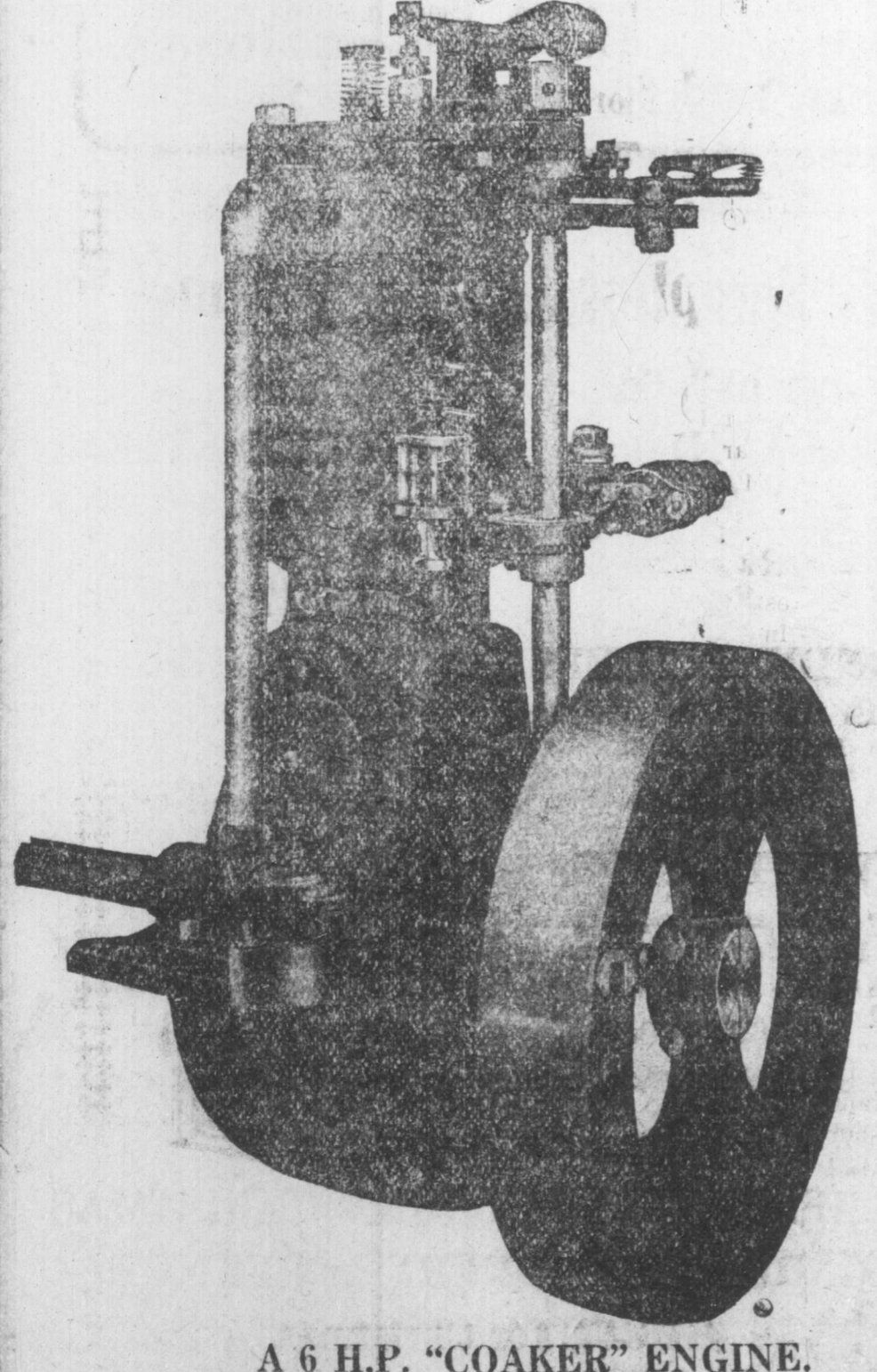
"Brute Force," another high class film is also in two reels. It is a strong Bioscope drama, and is a story of Brains vs Strength. These two pictures are of themselves deserving of a visit from every patron of the Nickel.

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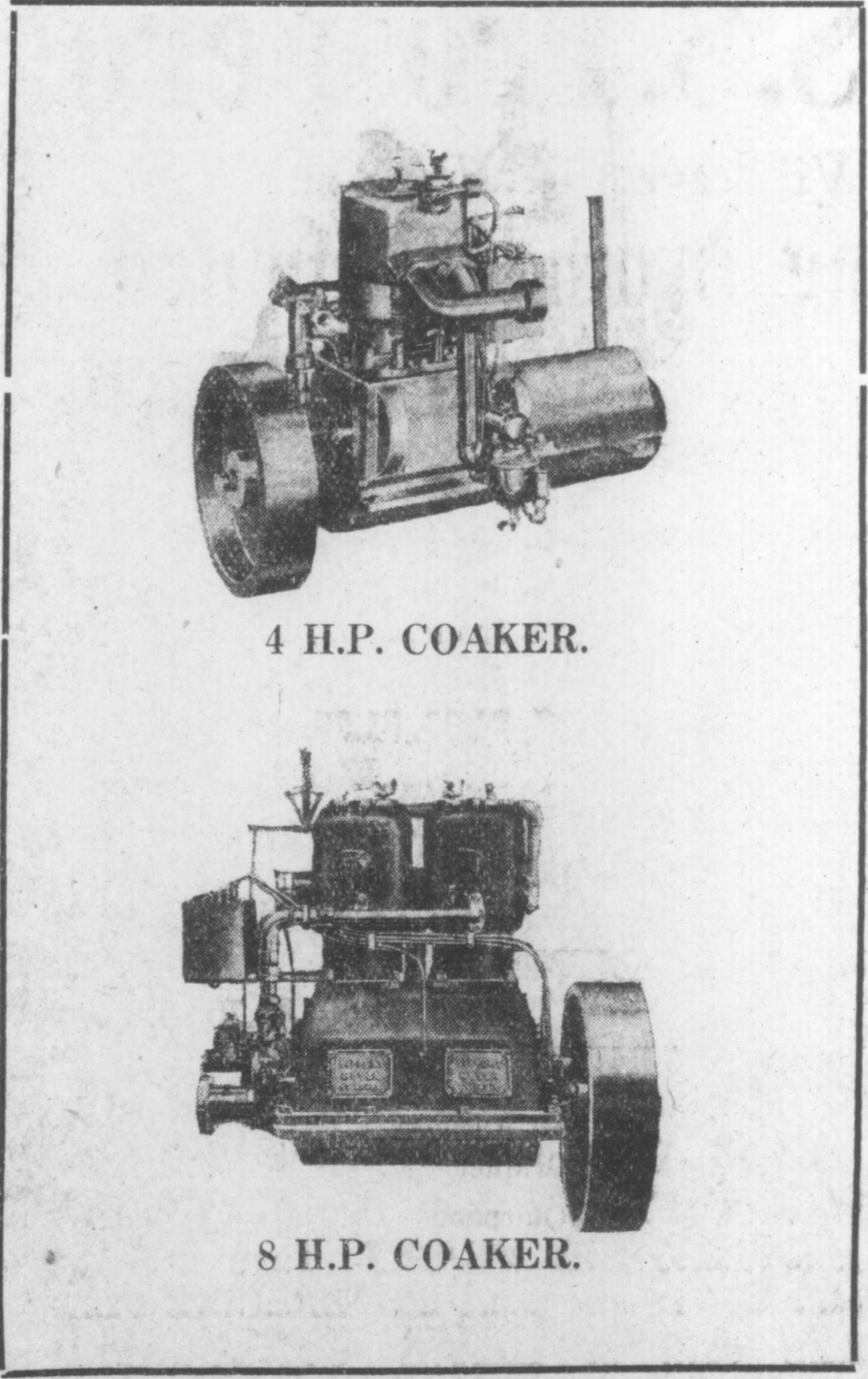


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WE many letters have been published giving accounts of the experiences of the British soldiers in France, little has been heard of the moving adventures through which the British navy has been passing in the North Sea.

The general conception of those at home is that the Navy is drawn up in lines at some distance removed from the actual scene of prospective hostilities.

That such is not the case is seen by the accompanying letter from the commander of one of His Majesty's battleships who is alone responsible for twenty-two vessels of the line.

In Hourly Danger.
In this letter to a friend in Montreal the writer describes how his ship is in almost hourly danger from floating mines:—

"I am commanding officer of this vessel. She is fitted with powerful wireless—far more so than the Mauretania. We frequently pick up messages over 2,000 miles away. We also have five guns.

Our adventures have been most numerous. I was appointed here on a Saturday, only arriving in London from Canada on the preceding day when I was ordered to—, arrived at 11.30 a.m. and at noon was sent away as Lieutenant in charge of this vessel.

On the Monday following a mine went up close alongside of us; it fairly made the ship stagger. All on board thought she was struck. I managed to keep control of the crew and assured them all was well; they were all reserve men. Almost immediately afterwards two more mines went up, these were also quite near, too. I was very pleased when we got away from that spot.

I first signalled the Admiral and asked for instructions. He replied to leave them severely alone. I did not need telling twice.

Admiral's Compliments.
The following day after performing various duties as ordered, the Admiral came alongside and complimented me upon the way I had carried out his orders.

On the next day, which was a Wednesday, we had rather an exciting experience. Five mines went up in quick succession, throwing the sea 30 to 100 feet high and giving a most tremendous report. A British destroyer heard these and saw the water thrown up some nine miles away. She at once raced to the spot and saw us.

We had our ship disguised and before we could explain who we were she had signalled "stop instantly or I will sink you"—quite a nice surprise on a fine afternoon, considering that all his whole broadside and bridge guns were trained upon us. However, I explained who we were and told him of these mines, giving the course back for him to steer, as he naively remarked, he did not wish to be blown up on his way back.

Yarmouth Raid.
These are just a few of the experiences. Amongst them we must include the Yarmouth raid. We were in that but the Germans certainly aimed atrociously. There was nothing that we could do to have injured them. They, of course, wished to get some more mines overboard, and in this they succeeded.

As about an hour afterwards, we were steaming to the eastward with submarines, I had signalled them to be on the look out for mines and had all my crew lining each side of the bow and on the bridge when bang went the one close to us.

DS—she just lifted aft slightly and down she went throwing her bows quite clear of the sea before she disappeared. There were eight men got out but only four picked up—two officers and two seamen. The Lieutenant Commander was drowned. We picked up his coat, also a letter floating on the water close to.

We went on and destroyed five mines before dark when we anchored for safety.

Destroyed Three Mines.
The day after we destroyed three more mines.

The next day was one of the most exciting we had. It was really too lively a sea to find mines. There was a group of sweepers of ten vessels, whilst we were attached to them for wireless purposes. After they had been sweeping for nearly an hour we were alongside abreast of the two leading ships when the one nearest to us struck a mine, the sea going over her mast and giving us a great shaking.

I at once wirelessed it through and went in amongst the wreckage to pick up any survivors. Seven all told, were picked up, one of whom died on board. Whilst we were so engaged I sighted a mine in the hollow of a sea almost alongside, I was just quick enough to put the helm hard to starboard and full speed ahead. We just cleared it by, I think, less than two feet.

Protective Arrangements.
I am now and have been for the last two weeks in charge of 22 vessels forming protective arrangements against submarines and mines for the warships. We are all connected up with nets—quite an elaborate scheme. I am responsible for these vessels maintaining their positions; also watering and provisioning them. It is anything but a secure, especially in the winter in the North Sea. I have to go from one vessel to the other, pay them their wages, see any sick persons, get them removed, give all kinds of instructions as regards their positions and really a thousand and one things. But I am told that it will mean my promotion so that will be satisfaction, providing we do not get blown up.

But, oh, if the Germans would only come out and let's get it over. This kind of work is most trying to the nerves. I have not had my clothes off for about six weeks. Very frequently I get wet through and my clothes dry on you.

KNOCKED OUT HIS INSULTER

How French Corporal Administered Corporal Punishment to a Bullying Prussian.

A Belgian who contrived to escape from Belgium describes the following dramatic incident in a letter to the "Petit Parisien":

"A convoy of French prisoners, mostly wounded, was stopped to make way for a motor-car which was conveying stores to a battery of howitzers drawn up in a neighbouring square. One of the prisoners was a little French corporal of the line, with his right arm in a sling.

A Prussian lieutenant of Hussars, wearing an eye-glass, stopped near him, eyed him from head to foot, and then grinned. In a second the Frenchman's left was out like a steel spring, and with a fine knock-out blow felled the Prussian to the ground, his mouth streaming with blood. At once four gigantic Pomeranians brutally seized the heroic Frenchman and carried him off."

The writer adds that he heard afterwards that the corporal had been shot.

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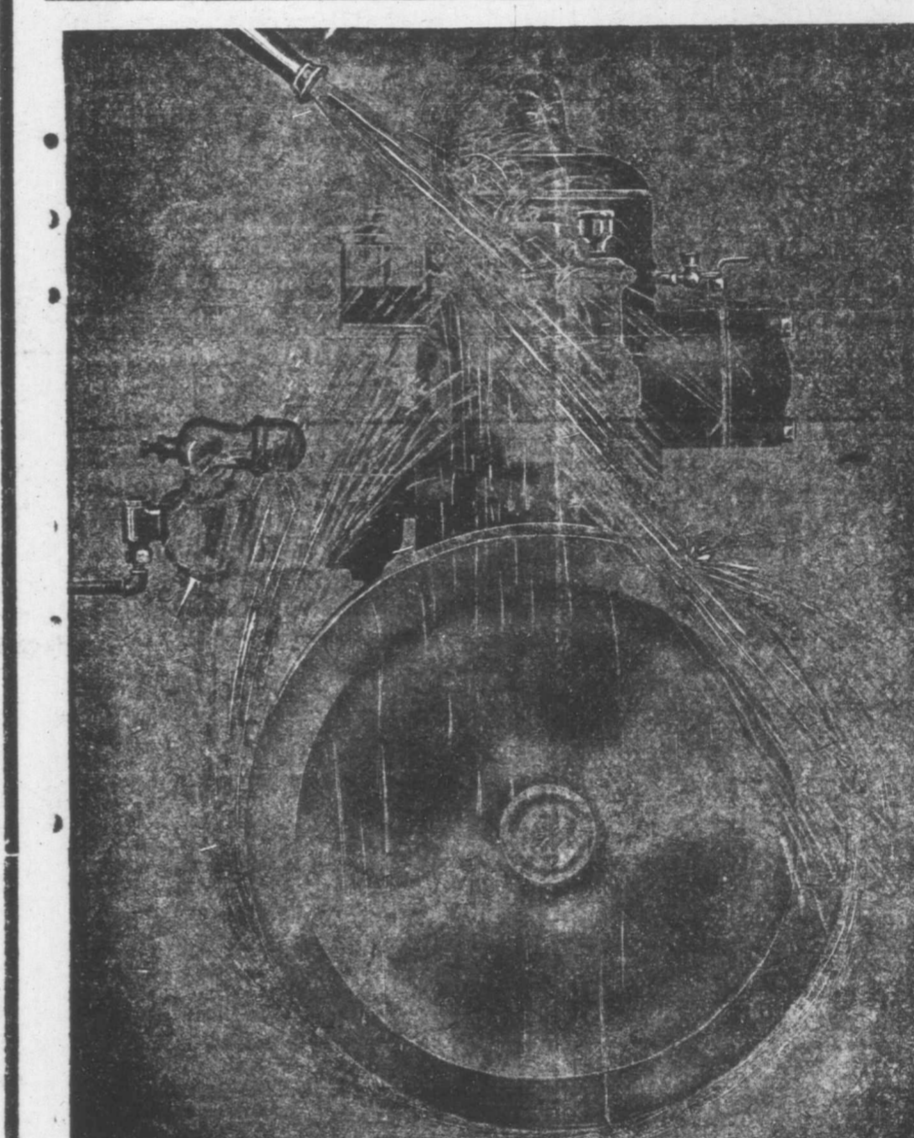
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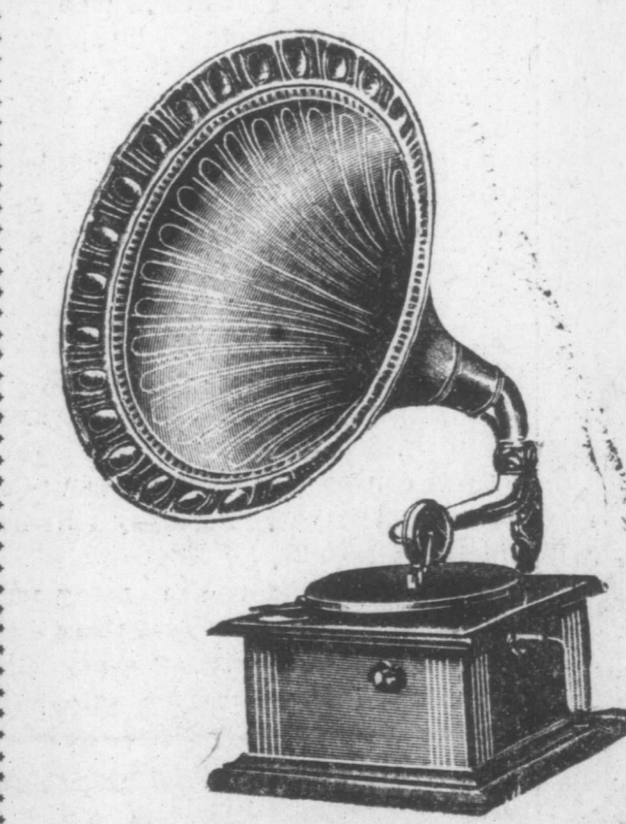
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OUR POINT OF VIEW

Public Contractors

PUBLIC attention should be devoted to the conduct of those who are drawing immense subsidies from the Public Treasury for the transportation of mails and goods.

We ask the Messrs. Reid to follow the doings of their employees more closely, for complaints come to us from all directions concerning the careless indifference and often cheeky impudence of many of their employees.

The Reid system wants readjustment, as it is far behind the requirements of the public. Stations should be better looked after and kept decent and attractive. Agents should be more courteous and obliging and afford the travelling public all possible information. Fines should be always going in the fall, winter and spring months in waiting rooms.

Freight should be handled more carefully and delivered more promptly, and lost freight should be paid for immediately. The lost freight department here should wake up and adjust claims.

We know of claims three years old that have not been settled. To get a claim settled promptly is something the public have never experienced. The whole business of the claims department seems to consist of bluff and a repetition of false replies received from careless and often drunken agents.

The efficiency and administrative ability of any concern is often judged from its promptness in settling claims and disputes.

Scores of persons have claims for cattle and horses killed by the trains, and even when the claims are admitted and the carcass of beef taken possession of and sold by the Company, the claimants have often been compelled to accept an offer of half the amount claimed or go into court to collect against the largest and richest corporation in the Colony.

This is unfair and continues to keep alive a spirit of dissatisfaction and unrest, and while such tactics are in order the Company will not be considered but with contempt.

The Company sees that every possible cent is squeezed out of their patrons while they often allow their reasonable complaints to be treated with violent contempt.

The employees who handle freight, &c., here are not as obliging as they ought to be, they seem to thrive on the pleasure they derive from sending back cartload after cartload of goods because of something or nothing being wrong. They have no realization of the extra cost of carting and the delays in consequence of many of their unfair and idiotic conduct and presumed ideas of their great importance.

Those in authority at Reid's must wake up and earn the fine salaries the Company is paying them to attend to the public requirements.

The Messrs. Reid are not always to blame. They often respond promptly to appeals and requests, but it is not possible or desirable to torment them with every wrong, misdoing or the unfair and often discourteous conduct of their employees.

The Crosbie people should also begin to realize that they are public contractors and should afford the public every convenience and satisfaction respecting the handling of goods. Claims should be attended to in a business way—bluff never yet paid any man who attempted to utilize it in operating a business, much less in performing public obligations.

The manner in which freight is received causes great annoyance and expense to the shippers and owners of goods.

The Crosbie people think little of sending cartloads of goods back, only to receive them on to-morrow. They should have shed accommodation sufficient to receive freight any day for shipment instead of forcing the trade to do a week's work in the one day the steamers are loading.

In the case of the Earl of Devon the inward freight is often held up for two days or more. This is not fair.

Mr. Crosbie who gives close attention to his now considerable experience, be able to devise ways and means of affording the trade conveniences and treatment that would remove all causes of complaint and annoyance.

Drawings are giving the public the best satisfaction and complaints of their service are rare. Their service is the most popular and best conducted in the Colony and whatever their other failings we give them due credit for performing their public obligations under the coastal conduct fairly satisfactory and endeavouring as much as possible to meet public requirements.

WORK

A Song of Triumph.

Work!
Thank God for the might of it,
The ardor, the urge, the delight of it—
Work that springs from the heart's desire,
Setting the soul and the brain on fire.
Oh, what is so good as the heat of it,
And what is so glad as the beat of it,
And what is so kind as the stern command
Challenging brain and heart and hand?

Work!
Thank God for the pride of it,
For the beautiful, conquering tide of it,
Sweeping the life in its furious flood,
Thrilling the arteries, cleansing the blood,
Mastering stupor and dull despair,
Moving the dreamer to do and dare,
Oh, what is so good as the urge of it,
And what is so glad as the surge of it,
And what is so strong as the summons deep
Rousing the torpid soul from sleep?

Work!
Thank God for the pace of it,
For the terrible, keen, swift race of it,
Fiery steeds in full control,
Nostrils a-quiver to greet the goal,
Work, the power that drives behind,
Guiding the purposes, taming the mind,
Holding the runaway wishes back,
Reining the will to one steady track,
Speeding the energies faster, faster,
Triumphing over disaster,
Oh, what is so good as the pain of it,
And what is so great as the gain of it,
And what is so kind as the cruel goad,
Forcing us on through the rugged road?

Work!
Thank God for the swing of it,
For the clamoring, hammering ring of it,
Passion of labor daily hurled
On the mighty anvils of the world,
Oh, what is so fierce as the flame of it,
And what is so huge as the aim of it,
Thundering on through death and doubt,
Calling the plan of the Maker out:
Work, the Titan; Work, the friend,
Shaping the earth to a glorious end;
Draining the swamps and blasting the hills,
Doing whatever the spirit wills,
Rending a continent apart
To answer the dream of the Master heart.

Thank God for a world where none may shirk,
Thank God for the splendor of work—
—Angela Morgan, in "The Outlook."

A Petrograd despatch says 150 naval guns, reported to have been sent by Germany from Hamburg to Danzig, are for two dreadnoughts, two dreadnought cruisers and a number of destroyers and submarines of large size, being built there.

Two Big Thrilling Two Part Features at The Nickel To-Day.

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FAREWELL WEEK OF THE POPULAR ARTHUR C. HUSKINS, SINGS—Wednesday, (a) MAMMY'S SONG, (b) ABSENT.
Thursday, (a) I HEAR YOU CALLING ME, (b) UNDER THE ROSE.

COMING—MISS MARGARET AYER, SOPRANO SOLOIST.

**FATTEN MEN
LIKE BEASTS
FOR SLAUGHTER**

German Wounded First Cured, Then Made Fit For Front Again—Last Reserves Poor Material

Berlin, Dec. 12.—"We are fattening them up just like beefs," said the hospital orderly, "pretty soon they will go back to the war."

Fifty men were standing at attention by their beds in a Berlin hospital. Except for the hospital pallor and a thinness of cheek, and a look of the eye that might have been homesickness, they seemed fairly fit. The orderly was handing out their dinner table sandwiches, great hunks of sausage, and steaming mugs of milk and cocoa.

"All good food said the orderly. "They have fine appetites. Soon they will be fat and well for fighting."

Slightly Wounded.

These men had been but slightly wounded. They had taken a bullet through flesh, or had been scarred by a bayonet or bruised or wrenched or strained. They had been hurried away from the fighting line, where they were in every one's mind in they could travel without great discomfort they had been sent to the distant hospital. There they were first cured then fattened. One of these days they will get their hospital discharge.

"They will have a two or three days furlough," said the orderly, "to spend at home and say good-bye again. Then they will be off to the war."

Every Man Needed.

That is the way Germany is handling her men. Every man is needed at the front. Further, every man is going to the front who is physically able, or who can be spared from the job at home. Apply this rule to a nation of 65,000,000 people, and you begin dimly to comprehend what a force is Germany's.

Even here in the heart of the country one can see that the need at the front is urgent. At every railway station one sees men who have recovered from wounds awaiting a train to return to their front. Sometimes they still wear light bandages. One does not hear them singing. They know what it is they must face.

Not of High Standard.

Naturally enough the volunteers are not of high physical quality, generally speaking. Many of them have escaped service in the past because they were not up to military standard. One sees companies of runty little men, some of whom seem too thin and frail to stand the hard work of campaigning.

"You can see for yourself," any German will tell you, "Germany still has plenty of men."

It is true. There are many men still in Germany. One sees them drilling on the outskirts of every city. There are still other men who have

**BRUTAL MURDER
OF A BELGIAN
76 YEARS OLD**

At Hoedeng-Gognies, in the Namur district, Prussians on the march met M. Piret, a local official, 76 years of age.

They arrested and confined him in the cellars of a neighboring mansion occupied by their staff, kept him there for two days without a morsel of food, then dragged the old starving man on their march forward, together with a batch of twelve other civilians taken in custody, on the usual plea that someone had fired on them from a farmhouse.

M. Piret was reduced to such a condition of debility that although supported by some of his younger fellow-prisoners, he several times collapsed on the road and fainted.

At length, after a three-mile journey, the Germans held the unfortunate gentleman up against a wall and shot him, together with two other civilians who expressed their indignation at such appalling savagery.

**LANCERS TURN
THE TABLES ON
GERMAN TROOPS**

Mr. Ronald Vernon, son of a late Mayor of Wycombe, who is at the front as a motor-cyclist, writing on October 23rd, records an amusing incident when the tables were neatly turned on the Germans:

The night before last, he says, the Inniskilling Fusiliers were billeted for the night near a village and were all comfortably asleep, when a large force of Germans came up unawares and surrounded the lot, and they had to surrender.

However, fortunately for the Regiment the 9th Lancers were not far away, and saw the whole incident occur, so they waited quietly until the Germans had settled down with their prisoners and then charged the lot—who must have been taken quite by surprise.

The tables were completely turned and instead of our regiment being made prisoners we bagged a lot of Germans. Upon entering the farm squawks were heard coming from the cellar, and upon investigation the colonel of the regiment was discovered having been locked in there by the Germans.

**GERMANY AT END
OF HER RESERVES**

A Dane who has just returned from Hamburg, where he has been in business for twenty years, states that nearly all commerce has stopped there and at other places in Germany, as it is impossible to get a staff.

All the men are now at the front or on their way to the front, and Germany has reached the end of her resources, having no more reserves.

not yet been called on. But one gathers the impression that she is massing almost the last of her material now.

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**WORLD'S PRESS
ON THE BIG WAR**

DECIDEDLY NOT

New York World:—If Germany and Austria, in the light of their acquired military experience, could turn the clock of history back five months, would they again choose the path they then chose?

INCOME TAXPAYER

London Telegraph:—It is not the time for captious criticism, but it will occur to some that, with such enormous expenses to meet, the comparatively small sums that can be raised from the old sources of income-tax, beer, and tea are of less moment than the feeling of injustice which will be produced in the income-tax payer by the disproportionate burden laid upon him.

A DANGEROUS MAXIM.

London Chronicle:—If the Germans are willing to break their heads against stone walls, it is decidedly in our interest at this stage that they should do so. It has always been their maxim that you can capture any position if you are prepared to lose enough men. We learned the dangerous side of the maxim, as regards field campaigning in the Boer War; let us only hope that they will not learn it till after losses are irreparable.

PIRACY MUST BE PUNISHED

The Broad Arrow:—For Germany we have no hate. Our quarrel is with that spirit of egoism which has been engendered by three successful campaigns, each conducted for the purpose of plundering a neighbor. When we have shown Prussia that international piracy cannot in the long run escape unpunished we will talk peace, but that time is not arrived. We want no secret or corrupt bargains. We went to war because of a solemn compact, and Britain and her Allies will only enter into an honorable peace.

DOES NOT AFFECT JUDGMENT

New York Evening Sun:—In the case of the Crown Prince's interview The Evening Sun ventures to guess that it will not in the smallest degree affect the calm judgment of the American public upon the causes of the war itself, or the belief that the best interests of the world will be served by the ultimate success of the Allies, not in destroying Germany but in preserving that balance of power which means that France and Belgium, the Southern Slavs and all other peoples and races will continue to contribute to the sum total of human wealth in their individual and characteristic fashion.

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READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

**General News
Of The World**

**Culled From Many Sources
For Readers of The Mail
and Advocate**

Orders for 7,000,000 incandescent lighting globes were placed by the French Government in New York.

Having produced this year's baseball and football champions, Boston is now claiming the stay-away-from-church championship for one man who has gone only once in thirty-three years.

The Journal of Commerce, New York, says new securities announced by railroad and industrial corporations during November indicate a total of \$27,784,500 as against \$87,027,000 in November last year.

A university for the Moslems of the world is planned to be located at Cairo, Egypt. At a meeting of trustees held in New York it was announced that \$200,000 had been raised of the \$2,000,000 needed. There are 17,000 Moslem students attending the Christian school in Egypt.

Steamers bearing coal for the Dominion Coal Company this year made 230 trips with 1,953,316 tons of coal for delivery to St. Lawrence River ports, as compared with 1,714,276 tons during the navigation season last year in 258 trips, an increase of 239,040 tons.

According to the city treasurer of Toronto up to the present time has accumulated a deficit of \$1,500,000. The largest of the items are the harbor improvements and special war appropriations, each involving over \$3,000,000.

One of the French colonial regiments fighting in the Argonne district is publishing a newspaper of its own called Le Petit Colonial. A recent issue contained an illustrated sketch of a Singalese meeting a Sepoy, the greeting being: "Sepoy, allow me to introduce a son of Buddha to a son

of Mahome. We don't know one another, but we are all brothers."

Colonel Sir Hamilton Goid-Adams, who has just been appointed Governor of Victoria, Australia, is an Irishman from County Cork. Montrealers are interested in his progress owing to the fact that he married Miss Elsie Riordon, of Montreal. He is a soldier by profession, having seen service in the Boer War and commanded a force against the Matabeles in 1892, and also saw service in the Boer War. He has been Governor of Orange River Colony and of Cyprus, before going to his present \$25,000 a year job at Victoria.

Harry Kopp, a wealthy silk dyer of Paterson, N.J., was arrested Wednesday on a federal indictment charging that he sent "Black Hand" letters to three sisters, the Misses Constance, Florette and Noma Kopp, of Wyckoff. "The reign of terror we have suffered will now cease, I am sure," said Miss Constance Kopp. The three girls have each carried a revolver, with permission by the authorities, for weeks. Shots were fired into the fine home of the Misses Kopp at the sisters and at the hired man.

A young Canadian private, Victor Albert Baker, an engine driver of the Canadian Pacific Railway, returned to Salisbury on Thursday last, after one of the most hotly made matches on record. Seven weeks ago another Canadian soldier introduced him to his cousin, a Belgian refugee, Bertha van den Bosch, who was being cared for in a hospital. Bertha is twenty years of age, and comes from Antwerp, where she was cashier in an hotel. It was a case of love at first sight. The language difficulty was a serious one, but was overcome, and at the second meeting after the introduction Pte. Baker proposed marriage. He saw her twice more after that, and married her on Thursday.

LOOK OUT NOW!

Everybody's doing it now? Doing what? Why, reading The Mail and Advocate of course. It's surely the house paper now! Without doubt the most widely circulated in the country.

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BERLIN BEGINS TO SENSE ITS DOOM; FEELS FINANCIAL CRASH COMING

Residents Assert That Conditions are "Normal" but Investigations Reveals General Abnormality—Brave Faces, but Anxious Words

TWO things strike one on entering Germany. The first is the air of smiling assurance with which one is greeted on every hand. Each round German face wears a smile. Each German shakes hands warmly. Pretty soon he will ask: "Aren't you surprised to find everything is perfectly normal in spite of the war?"

The second thing that one notices is that nothing is normal at all. That German smile, I fear, is replaced by a deep wrinkle when the German finds himself alone. The truth is that he is whistling to keep his courage up and, German-like, is whistling in perfect time and tune. Before the conversation ends he is apt to sound a perfunctory note of uncertainty: "How long do you think the war will last?"

When I say that things are bad—very, very bad—in Germany I do not refer at all to the final issue of the war. But it is perfectly obvious that every little shop keeper and every manufacturer and every banker—almost every servant—has suffered in his pocket. The loss will grow at an increasing ratio with every week of war.

City Brightly Lit.

Berlin's street lights are the brightest lights in Europe. An excellent performance is given at the Imperial Opera House every night. Several of the theatres are open. The restaurants are comfortably filled—not crowded—every evening. Whether one turns one's eyes, in opera or theatre, or restaurant, one sees the greenish-gray of the German uniform. There are no "for rent" signs on the business thoroughfares. One hears a doz-

en times a day the excellent music of a military band. Retail prices have not been increased on any important items. At first one gets the impression of liveliness—almost gaiety. All trains run on time. But no business is being done.

"Suppose the war lasts a year?" I replied to the inevitable question one day. The German business man became painfully serious.

"By that time," said he, "none of us will have any money."

Little Business Going on.

Let me give a concrete example of what is going on at the capital. At four o'clock one afternoon—right at the shopping hour—I visited the most important dry goods store in Berlin. Clerks stood beside every counter. All the machinery of trade was in evidence. There were five other customers in the store. Two went out without buying.

"We buy what we must," said a Berlin shopkeeper to me. "No one buys more."

One afternoon I visited ten shops on the Friedrichstrasse. This street may be compared to the Strand in London. Perhaps I have been unfortunate in selecting the time for my call. But in seven of these shops there were no other customers. In one there was one, in another two, and in a third half a dozen. I had not selected my shops in advance. I had merely started at a street corner and walked into the first ten I came into.

I do not know how many patrons were registered at the Hotel Bristol. I do know that the bar in this very excellent hostelry closed every night at nine o'clock, and that for a part of my stay—perhaps for all of it—only one elevator was running. The breakfast room was comfortably filled each morning in the "cash" restaurant, and the dining room at night. My observations led me to believe that the patrons were practically all residents of Berlin. At one o'clock one morning I sat in one of Berlin's

best restaurants. The head waiter was politely yawning behind his hand. "When do you close?" I asked. "When our customers leave," said he.

Former Night Life.

As our small party happened to be the only customers, the inference was obvious. A year ago Berlin's nights were the gaudiest, most costly, dizziest nights in Europe. Berliners following a regular schedule. Having amused themselves with light eating and drinking up to three o'clock in the morning, they then settled down to the serious business of the night. The Palace de Dance closed at that hour. The sportive Berliner drank champagne—at the Palace de Dance. Perhaps he danced with one of the rapturous creatures who smiled at him. Perhaps he merely drank with her.

Then he moved on. At 3 o'clock another cafe opened, and he ate and drank. At 7 o'clock he took breakfast at another cafe. At 8.30 he went to his office. No one but a Berliner with a constitution of reinforced concrete could have stood the pace. In fact, no one but Berliners ever tried to. After one night of Berlinic entertainment the foreigner slept for twenty-four hours and then called a doctor.

All Night Cafes are Closed.

This stratification of nocturnal entertainments ran through every circle of Berlin's society. Those whose purses and tastes did not run to champagne and 7 o'clock breakfasts might, if they wished, do a round of cabarets and beer halls. All of that is now gone. The porters of the three largest Berlin hotels were unable to tell me of a cabaret show. The dance halls are all closed. The streets flare me of a cabaret show. It is rarely that a cab rumbles past. But the Berliner will assure you that "everything is quite normal."

How could it be normal? There are 1,100 hospitals in Berlin. Not one of them has less than forty beds. Their total capacity, according to a staff surgeon, is 25,000 patients. He declared that they are now about half full. I only visited four or five of them but it seemed to me these were running pretty close to a comfortable capacity. One meets scores of slightly



Wonderful Results From the A. I. C., The World's Cure

The remedy discovered at far Labrador has given relief to many a sufferer; hundreds testifying of this great remedy. Another gives her testimonial from the City.

Couldn't Eat a Half Meal.

St. John's, Oct. 12, 1914. I have been troubled with indigestion for a number of years, in fact I have been so bad I couldn't eat half a meal of anything.

A friend advised me to try A.I.C. and one half pint bottle cured me. I couldn't believe I could be cured in such a short time and now I can eat anything, and food does not trouble me in the least. I think I am perfectly cured, I haven't felt indigestion this month.

I recommend this medicine to all sufferers from indigestion. You are at liberty to use my name, and anyone not believing this statement can write or consult me personally.

MRS. GEORGE WELLS,
St. John's.

Sold at St. John's by M. J. Malone, M. Kent, Walter Gosse, J. C. Ryan, J. Healey, C. P. Eagan, Soper & Moore, Wholesale Agent. Manufactured by Saunders & Mercer, Shearstown, Nfld.—oct-20

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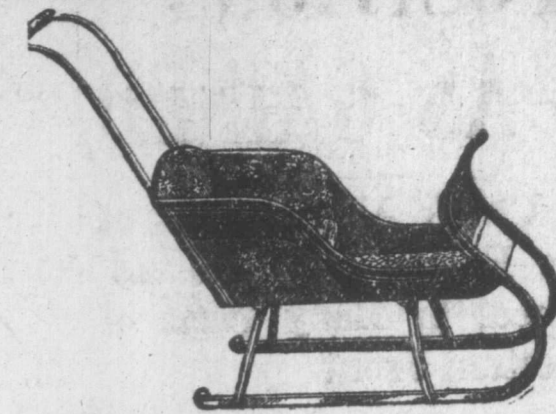
Watches, Printing Outfits, Cameras, Footballs, Fountain Pens, etc., for selling 25 of our Beautiful Art Pictures, size 16x20 at 20c. each. Write for some today. Address GOLD MEDAL ART CO., P.O. Box 63, St. John's.

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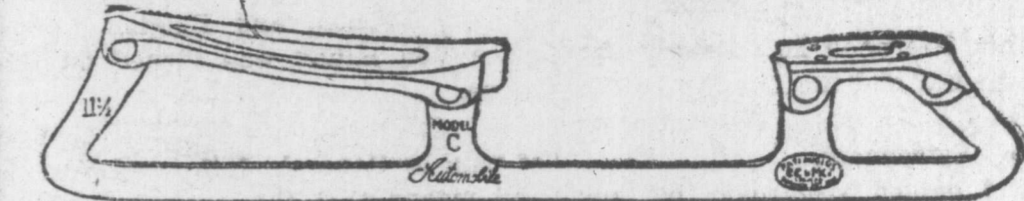
The office lately occupied by Mr. John Syme, Commission Merchant, situate on Water Street West, next to premises occupied by J. J. Mullaly, Coal Merchant. Apply to BAINE JOHNSTON & CO., Agents.—nov14

Baby Sleighs, Slides & Sleds

Now is the time to procure one of our BABY SLEIGHS, as being purchased before the advance, we are in a position to sell them at a very low figure.



Boys' & Girls' Sliders & Sleds



Automobile & other Hockey Skates

Hockey Sticks, Pucks, Snow Shoes, etc.

N.B.—We have also a stock of Hockey and Acme Skates left over from the fire which we are selling from 40c. pair up.

MARTIN HARDWARE CO.

Next Door West.

KEROSENE ENGINES!

We have made a sweeping reduction on prices of new FERRO KEROSENE ENGINES

	Regular Price	Now Selling
11 H.P. Engine with Reverse	\$312.80	\$240.00
7½ H.P. Engine without Reverse	\$213.00	\$160.00

Reduction on all other sizes.

EVINRUDE DETACHABLE DORY MOTORS
Only \$55.00 complete.

Also all Motors and repair parts at reduced prices.

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A Shipment of
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Get our Prices for Delivery from Ships Side.

Job's Stores Limited.

Write For Our Low Prices

- Ham Butt Pork
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- Special Family Beef
- Granulated Sugar
- Raisins & Currants

—and—
All Lines of General Provisions.

HEARN & COMPANY

St. John's, Newfoundland.

Anderson's Great Removal Sale.

SOME Bargains here that will make thoughtful Women sit up and reason, and tell their friends that our Removal Sale is in full swing.

It started last week with great vigor and thousands have already made their purchase, and are thoroughly pleased with our splendid offerings.

We mentioned last week that we would soon be going to our

NEW MODERN STORE in the WEST—can you wonder then, why we are giving—not a few cents off, but liberally cut prices, can you wonder why we are offering such excellent Bargains—before that great Removal day comes.

We invite you to come, write, or send a friend, and derive the Full benefits of this great Removal Sale.

Removal Sale 2000 Women's Stylish Blouses

\$1.25 for \$2 values.
handsome, White Silk Blouses, richly embroidered fronts, long sleeves, good values—truly a wonderful bargain.

\$1.55 for \$2.40 values, perfectly made, White Silk Blouses, high and low necks, Peter Pan and other style collars, trimmed lace and padded silk-worked embroidery, like hand-work, latest style—genuine gift bargains.

We have hundreds of fashionable Blouses, various fabrics, suitable for any occasion, all manufacturers samples.

See them and lay in a stock at Sale Prices.



Removal Sale Colored Blouses

55c. for \$1.00 values.
\$1.15 for \$1.80 values.
\$1.70 for \$2.50 values.

These few examples of genuine reductions in Blouses—truthfully stated, is what will make thoughtful buyers ponder, and then act quickly to secure these splendid bargains.

Some of the daintiest Blouses that you have ever seen, are amongst our manufacturers' latest style Samples.

You will surely aim to buy three, or four, because it is not every day that we remove to a New Modern Store and cut the prices like now. Come now.

REMOVAL SALE FASHIONABLE FURS

HERE you will find we can save money for you on Furs. We can give you a rich, well-furred, stylish, Brown Mart real Fur Stole, trimmed with eight tails, and superbly lined with sunny brown satin. Length when folded as worn 35 inches—exact copy of a nine-dollar Fur. Sale price \$1.45. Remember all Furs go at Removal Sale prices. See them.

Removal Sale Wee Tots Knobby Coats

made of various fabrics such as Serge, Velvet, Corduroy, etc., prices about half the original. Length 20 and 24 inches. Also White Serge Pelisses. Original \$2.00. Sale price \$1.00.

Removal Sale Women's Coats

WOMEN'S Colored Coats, manufacturers' Samples no two alike, all the leading colors, some with straps, belts, pockets. Newest Styles, neatly trimmed. Worth from five to six dollars each—Wonderful bargains.

Removal Sale Price \$3.25.

Another lot of manufacturers' Samples, worth from ten to fourteen dollars each: Colors—Tan, Saxe, Royal, Helio, Reds, Navy, etc., with belts, straps and pockets. All imported this season.

Removal Sale Price \$6.25.

All our Black Coats for Women are at Sale Prices. We have Handsome Fur like Coats at greatly reduced prices. You'll find Coats here to suit every figure and every purse.

Come and see them to-day.

Electric Seal Fur Coats \$25.00 and \$30.00 each.

Removal Sale Women's and Children's Hats

THIS year's imported, high-class Millinery and Ready-to-wear Hats are marked at prices to remove them quickly—no better styles, nor richer fabrics, can be found at the price anywhere.

Each are trimmed by expert foreign milliners that know how to twist, turn, bend, and shape the fabrics to give an artistic appearance.

For Women we have Silk Velvet, Colored Felts, etc. For Children we have similar fabrics, including Teddy Bear and Plush.

Here are a few prices:
Regular prices, \$1.20. Sale price, 95c.
Regular price, \$2.30. Sale price, \$1.75.
And many at HALF PRICE.

The variety will not allow us to give all prices. Come and judge for yourself.



Anderson's, Water Street, St. John's, N. F.

ALLIES HOLD POSITIONS AS GAINED

And Check All Attempts of the Enemy to Make Advances in Many Parts of Western Front

(French Official Bulletin.)
Paris, Dec. 15.—The French War Office gave out an official announcement this afternoon as follows: Between the sea and the Lys the British have occupied a little forest to the west of Wytshaete.

Ground gained yesterday by our troops along the Ypres Canal and to the west of Hollebeke has been retained in spite of vigorous counter attacks on the part of the enemy.

From the Belgian frontier to the Somme there is nothing to report.

From the Somme to the Argonne there has been intermittent cannonading, and excepting in the region of Crouy, this artillery fighting has not been spirited.

In the Argonne we have made some progress and retained advances made by us on preceding days.

In the Vosges the railroad station at St. Leonard to the South of St. Leonard and to the South of St. Die has been violently bombarded by the Germans from a considerable distance.

In Alsace there has been much activity on the part of the enemy's artillery with the exception of before Steinbach where an attack by German infantry men coming from Utheltz was successful in gaining a foothold.

We have everywhere retained the positions won previously by us.

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Sharon Given Over As Lost

Sharon a Mouth Overdue, Supposed To Have Been Destroyed By a Mine.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The Government steamer Sharon has been lost somewhere on the Atlantic with all on board, and it is believed she struck a mine off the north coast of Ireland.

The Sharon left Sydney for Newport, Wales, with a cargo of coal. She was heard from by wireless after leaving Newfoundland, but the steamer is now a month overdue, and all hope of her safety has been abandoned. The steamer had a crew of thirty men all from the Maritime Provinces.

The Sharon was purchased a year ago by the Government in England for work on the Hudson Bay route. The new boat cost \$150,000.

Franco-Belgian Advance Reported

Yard by Yard the Allies Are Forcing the Enemy Back

(French Official Bulletin.)
Paris, Dec. 15.—In Belgium the Franco-Belgian troops have debouched from Nieuport and occupied a line from the outskirts west of Lobbaerzyde to the farm of St. George's.

To the south of Ypres we made an attack in the direction of Klein Zillebeke and gained 500 meters (500 yards).

In Alsace we continue to hold the heights which dominate Steinbach.

On the rest of the front there is nothing to report.

Russians Keep Enemy Back

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twenty-four hours. According to The Army Messenger, the German attacks along the East Prussian front, which were conducted simultaneously with their offensive in Poland, have failed, on account of formidable fortifications, which the Russians constructed in the fields and forests paralleling the German lines.

Earl of Devon left Baie Verte at 2 p.m. yesterday.

Prospero left King's Cove at 10 a.m. She is due late to-night.

Fogota arrived at Catalina at 2 a.m. and left at 3.

Allies Make General Move On West Front

Change Plans With Idea of Forcing Germans Back to Their Second Hive

London, Dec. 16.—All along the battle line from Flanders to the Vosges, the Allies have begun to move forward with the immediate object of driving the Germans out of Belgium.

The present onslaught against the German entrenchments is heavier than any offensive assumed by the British, French, and Belgian forces since Von Kluck was turned on the Aisne.

It is the result of a complete change of plan by Generals Joffre and French and means that the campaign which was to have been begun in the spring is now under way, according to information from a highly-placed personage in touch with the War Office.

The Kaiser's troops, if this new movement be successful, should be thrown back on their second line in Belgium from Bruges to Courtrai, a distance of twenty miles, within three weeks.

No word of this momentous hastening of the Allies advance has been given in the official communication.

Report Robberies In Two Outports

Vine Dollars Stolen from Grate's Cove Shop—Train Robbed on W. Coast.

Word comes from Grate's Cove that a few evenings ago the sum of \$9 was stolen from a store. The thief has, so far, escaped capture.

Two boxes of tobacco were stolen from a freight train at St. George's last week.

The chief of police was acquainted and Const. O'Neil, who was sent there, arrested three men, who have pleaded guilty.

Irish-Americans Endorse Redmond

New York, Dec. 16.—Resolutions endorsing the platform of John Redmond, leader of the Irish Nationalist party, in his attitude in the recent Home Rule agitation in Ireland and promising the support of the Irish in this country, were adopted at the Metropolitan District Convention of the United Irish League of America held here last night.

TEN RECRUITS ADDED TO LIST

Five Volunteers Offer From City and Five From Outports, Making the Total 663

First Week.
Monday 182
Tuesday 153
Wednesday 98
Thursday 51
Friday 30

Second Week.
Monday 43
Tuesday 16
Wednesday 14
Thursday 17
Friday 7

Third Week.
Monday 42
Tuesday 19

Total .. 663

Recruiting continued at the C.L.B. Armoury last evening and ten recruits entered, five from the city and the balance from the outports.

Those from the outports who have been sworn in are at the Seamen's Institute and at other boarding houses.

Drill is going on favorably and the recruits are working their hardest.

Last night the doctors were practically idle, as many of those who offered their services failed to turn up. This is hardly good enough. The medical examiners will not be in attendance this evening, but will be tomorrow night when it is hoped that those who have not yet been examined should present themselves.

Those who offered last night are:—
St. John's—Joseph McKinley, James J. Donnelly, Wm. Jos. O'Rourke, Robt. D. Meaney, Francis J. Picco.
Bristol's Hope—Walter Pike, Robert Herb. Taylor.
Goulds, Brigus—Douglas Pickles.
Bay Roberts—Francis G. Dawe.
Spaniard's Bay—Jos. Crane.

S.S. Louisburg left Bell Island this morning for Sydney.

WEATHER REPORT

Toronto (noon)—Westerly gales, gradually decreasing. A few local snow flurries, but generally fair and colder today and Thursday.

Britain After A New Device For Sighting

American Invention Designed for New Guns to Secure Range of Hostile Air Craft.

Watertown, N.Y., Dec. 12.—That Earl Kitchener is negotiating with the inventor of a new focussing apparatus here is the statement of John Weekes, of John Weekes, Son and Company.

It is said that Earl Kitchener has been in correspondence with the man for some time and has made an engagement for him with a Canadian official, with the object of purchasing the invention.

The apparatus is a sighting device for use on big guns, designed especially to secure the range of hostile air craft. It is on a swivel and swings with the objective. The operator is not obliged to "sight" the machine, but merely looks into the device, which focuses the object in a reflector.

In trials with a flock of geese, a gun so equipped brought down fifteen out of twenty.

SHIPPING

Portia left Gaultois at 8.45 a.m.

S.S. Stephano leaves New York tomorrow for St. John's.

S.S. Florizel sails for Halifax and New York tomorrow.

Carthaginian sailed for Halifax this afternoon at 4 taking the following passengers: For Halifax—Mr. Delage and Miss T. Callahan. For Philadelphia—Mrs. G. Goodwin and child, Miss L. Parsons and one steerage.

S.S. Mongolian, Capt. Heatherly, arrived this morning from Philadelphia, bringing a small cargo and the following passengers: Mrs. B. King, Violet King, Vincent Vernon and 1 steerage.

The Mongolian anchored in the stream as the Carthaginian was at the pier.

Mongolian sails for Glasgow tomorrow evening.

DEATHS

PENSTON—Passed away, after a brief illness, Sarah Penston, aged 46, daughter of Mrs. Penston and the late Henry Penston, Esq., of Asylum Road. Funeral at 2 p.m. Thursday. Friends and acquaintances will please accept this the only intimation.

Practical Gift Goods

The trend of trade seems to indicate that, amongst adults, gifts of a Practical nature are more in evidence this Christmas than in former years. To-day we make a few suggestions Of The Right Things to Give

Ladies' Umbrellas.

Silk Umbrellas with beautifully mounted extra long handles, steel rods. Each in Gift Box.

\$4.80 to \$6.60

Acceptable Glove Gifts

Nothing more practical than a good pair of Gloves. Our stock is well-assorted.

Kid—70c., \$1.00 to \$1.50.
Suede and Mocha—\$1.10, \$1.40.
Kid, Lined—75 cts., 90c. to \$2.10.
Tan Gauntlets—\$2.60.

Useful Art Goods

H.S. and Embroidered Tea Cloths—40c., 75c., \$1.00 to \$3.10.
Embroidered Tea Coseys—85c.
Sideboard Cloths—\$1.60 to \$3.50.
Stamped Carvers—65c. to \$1.00.
Tray Cloths—30c. to 85c.
Sofa Cushions—75c. \$1, \$2, \$3, \$4 to \$7.
Tea Coseys—\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.50.

Dainty House Slippers

Fur Tops—like cut; in cherry & blk, \$2.10. Soft felt, high heels in cherry, brown & black—\$1.30 and \$1.50. "Közy" Slipper in brown, beaver and saxe—\$1.10.

Japanese Pressed Silver

Puff Boxes, Jewel Boxes, Pin Trays, Ash Trays, Candlesticks, Photo Frames, Cigar Boxes, etc.

HANDKERCHIEFS

in Boxes, containing 1, 3, 4 and 6. Special Values at 35c., 50c., 65c. to \$1.40.

PERFUMES

Our Specialties are ZENOBIA—55c., 90c. to \$1.80. Grossmith's—70c. to \$1.30.

Ask for a copy of the "Monthly Messenger."

FIRST OVERT ACT AGAINST GT. BRITAIN

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hat there has been a naval fight in the North Sea. No knowledge as to the outcome is at hand.

Immediately upon the outbreak of hostilities the British fleet or at least a considerable portion of it supposedly took up positions on the Eastern side of the North Sea by which the German warships were held in check in or close to their naval base at Wilhelmshaven, the mouth of the Elb and elsewhere on the Western Coast of Germany.

This plan has been maintained since early in August and it has from time to time been penetrated by German submarines but so far as is known the instances when German cruisers or battleships have broken the British lines and emerged into the North Sea have been few and far between.

G. KNOWLING. Ladies' NEW JACKETS G. KNOWLING.

Just arrived in Black, Plain and Fancy Colors.

from **\$1.95 to \$20.00**

New Woollen Underwear, Wolsey Combinations, etc.

NEW

Untrimmed
FELT and STRAW
HATS

NEW

Navy, Black & Tweed
COSTUME SKIRTS,
85c. to \$8.00.

New MITTS, GLOVES, APRONS, OVERALLS & TEA APRONS

Girls' New Jackets,
to fit all ages and in large variety of colors. Prices
from **75c. to \$9.90.**

Girls' Costume Skirts
in Navy and Black; to fit girls from 9 years to 17 years of age. Price
\$1.10 to \$1.50.

George Knowling.

dec16,18,21

Allies Maintain The Offensive

Fighting Re-commenced in N. France—Servians at Belgrade.

(French Official Bulletin.)
Paris, Dec. 14.—In Belgium our troops have progressed somewhat along the banks of the Yser Canal and several German counter attacks west of Hollebeke have been repulsed. The Commercey railroad station was bombarded by long range German batteries, but slight damages are reported. The Germans tried to resume the offensive west of Cernay, but were unsuccessful. Elsewhere there is nothing to report.

Capture Trenches With Prisoners

(British Official Bulletin.)
London, Dec. 15.—After comparative quiet, fighting recommenced in Northern France yesterday.

The Allies made a combined attack on the line from Hollebeke to Wytshaete, making substantial progress. Several German trenches and numerous prisoners were captured.

The French Government reports some progress in the Argonne, Woeyre and Alsace regions.

Servian troops have re-entered Belgrade, after a desperate battle.

HARCOURT.

Patrons of Globe Steam Laundry

are requested to phone or drop a postal, should Delivery Wagon not get around this week. New Driver, not well acquainted with routes:—dec16,21

Annual Speech Day Of Bp. Feild College

The annual Speech Day of Bishop Feild College takes place at the Casino Theatre on Monday evening next, commencing at eight o'clock.

Owing to the absence at the War of two members of the Staff who in past years have taken a large part in our Speech Day preparation, the programme this year will not be so elaborate as usual; but still parents will find it interesting.

Stiff Sentences For Three Rowdies

The charge against the three young men for assaulting the police on Saturday night was continued before Judge Knight yesterday afternoon.

One was sentenced on two charges and received seven months or a fine of \$96.00.

Another, whose offence was not so serious, was fined \$5 or fourteen days, and the third was sent to the penitentiary for six months.

The town is well rid of some of these rowdies.

Juvenile Thieves

Five boys whose ages range from nine to fourteen years appeared before Judge Conroy, charged with stealing at the residence of E. Collishaw; the Judge lectured them and let them off.

Another boy of Lime Street was charged with stealing two slides.

OBITUARY

John Cullen.
There passed away at his home on Saturday last, John Cullen son of Capt. Peter Cullen, aged 28 years, leaving two brothers and three sisters to mourn their sad loss; one sister living in New Jersey another at home and Mrs. Simpson, residing in New Haven.

The deceased was a young man of exceptional qualities, held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

The F. P. U. Council, of which he was a member, tender the deepest sympathy to the loving relatives.

Fore'er farewell our friend—
Thy kindly smile we'll surely miss,
As those at home in sorrow,
Do now thy good-night kiss;
We can but here, in silent prayer,
Ask God to take thy Soul,
And comfort those, who mourn thy loss,
The sorrowed ones at home. R.J.P. Carbonear, 14,12,14.

Three men of the city were arrested at 2 this morning, charged with being disorderly.

Judge Knight remarked that the proper thing to do to such is to send them to work on such place as the 'line' between Carbonear and Heart's Content.