

# THE KING IS A BUSY MAN

### Great Mastery of Detail Shown in Activities of British Empire's Head

A despatch from London says: The part which King George is playing in the war is pictured in The Daily Express as follows:—

"A continuous round of increasing activity, and a mastery of details such as might alarm a great financier, comprise the present daily routine of His Majesty the King. Often some after six in the morning the King is busy in his study, and by the time his advisers and helpers appear he has scanned and despatched and documents of the early delivery, mastered their contents, and perhaps have numerous marginal notes in readiness for the forthcoming conference.

"The very sight of the contents of the numerous despatch boxes would intimidate most men. Admiralty, Home Office, India Office, Army Headquarters, all contribute their daily correspondence, while

from all parts of the Empire come a great mass of matter which cannot be settled without the King's sanction, but happily controversial matters have sunk into oblivion, and there are no difficulties of this sort to contend with.

"The problems of the war are many and great, but nothing is too intricate for the King, who insists on seeing that the needs of the country are grappled with.

"His Majesty is also extremely solicitous as to the comforts of his fighting forces, and making continual inquiries as to the supply of food, clothes and the little extras that go to the maintenance of their health and spirits. The slightest hint to any special article of apparel is accepted, and his Majesty's invariable reply, when anything outside the scope of the Admiralty or War Office is named, is: 'I will tell the Queen.'

## ARMORED TRAIN SAVED THE DAY

### How Had Failed to Check the Enemy Throwing a Bridge Across the Yser.

A despatch from London says: To the south of Dixmude, where the Germans will concentrate large bodies of infantry and cavalry, the enemy made an attempt to throw a pontoon bridge across the Yser. Nearly 300 men were engaged. They were covered by a powerful German battery. So well was the German plan arranged that the French and Belgian forces could not possibly have prevented the construction of the bridge without using a great many men.

The Germans had completed three parts of the task, with nothing more than a desultory peppering from the French rifles, when up an unexpected little railway track came a British armored train. Raising and spitting death it reared its turret quite suddenly, not more than a hundred metres distant from the nearly-completed bridge. The two hundred German sappers, taken completely by surprise, dropped their tools and bolted.

They did not get far, for four of the train's guns and half a dozen machine-guns belted a perfect torus of shot and shell at them. In less than five minutes nearly a hundred of the engineers had been killed and about fifty wounded, and their hand work had been blown to splinters.

The enemy's guns managed to knock a store truck at the end of the train off the rails, and one of the train's guns was also temporarily put out of action.

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## GERMANY'S DIFFICULT TASK

### Buelow Fears It Won't Be So Easy for Germany to Win the War

A despatch from Berlin says: The Berliner Tageblatt prints a letter from Prince von Buelow, the ex-Chancellor, in which he expresses the fear that the war will prove a very difficult task for Germany. Of course, the Prince winds up by affirming his belief in the ultimate triumph of the German arms, but several times he repeats that victory will be won only with great difficulty.

There is also an eulogy of the British troops, written by a high German officer at the front. He handsomely admits that the British infantry have done wonders, espe-

## NEWS FROM SUNSET COAST

### WHAT THE WESTERN PEOPLE ARE DOING.

Progress of the Great West Told in a Few Pointed Paragraphs.

Nelson has raised \$2,000 for the Patriotic Fund.

Revelstoke will lay bituminous pavement in its streets.

The Revelstoke hospital has treated 865 patients during the year.

The corporation of Revelstoke has spent \$12,500 on new cement sidewalks this year.

Applications for registration on the Kasko voters' list fell off almost twenty per cent this year.

Dr. F. S. de Veitauil, R.N.R., who perished on the Good Hope, formerly practised in Vancouver.

Nakusp has contributed \$800 in cash and a lot of provisions and clothing to the Belgian Relief Fund.

Vancouver's new regiment of infantry will be known as the 29th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force.

Gold nuggets, running in value from 88 to 821, besides the gold, have been taken from Granite creek at Princeton.

Kelowna's electric light plant is suffering from a shortage of power, and no further additions can be made to the system.

Mrs. Giuseppe Stumo, of Bellingham, was murdered in her home with an axe. It is believed her husband committed the crime.

Freeman H. W. Kieley, of the C.P.R., was pinned beneath a locomotive in the bottom of a river, when a wreck occurred at Hope, B.C.

Cloverdale suffered its second heavy fire in a fortnight when \$4,500 damage was done to the property of Sullivan Brothers and Hiland.

The Slocan council has requested the Dominion Government to extend the government telephone system from Nelson to Slocan Valley.

The women of Revelstoke will run the department store of C. B. Hume and Co. for two days on a percentage basis, the proceeds to go to the Patriotic Fund.

Chief of Police McLennan, of Vancouver, proposes asking the Dominion Government for 250 rifles for his men. His scheme is to drill the police force for home protection.

Miss Ellen Outran, a well-known resident of Nelson, passed away on Tuesday. Deceased had been residing there for the last twenty years and had been an inmate of the general hospital for fourteen years.

Accidental death was the verdict brought in by a coroner's jury in connection with the death of A. H. Nichol, whose body was found on Bowen's Island with a bullet hole through the breast. Mr. Nichol was a C.P.R. agent.

For the first time in 12 years Nelson was the scene of a sentence to the extreme penalty of the law when in the Criminal Assize Court Mr. Justice Macdonald sentenced Giuseppe di Cesare, an Italian, to hang on Jan. 21 for the murder in Rossland on Aug. 15, last, of Louis Brandt. The last similar sentence passed in Nelson was on Oct. 7, 1902, when Chief Justice Hunter sentenced Henry Rose to the gallows. Rose was hanged on Nov. 21, 1902.

Life is a grind, but it always has its turning point.

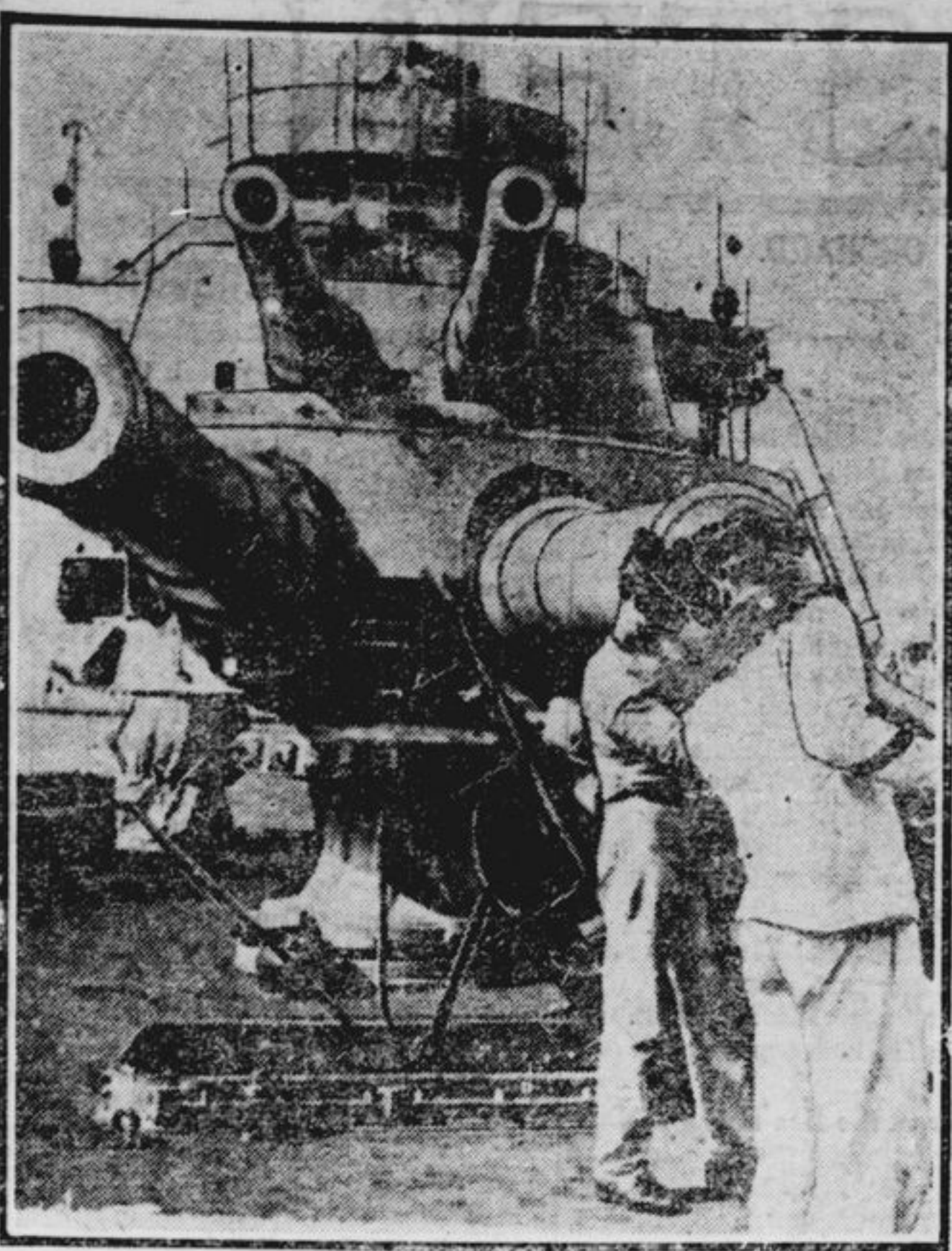
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### French Navy Preparing for Fray.

French sailors on board one of the battleships lying off Ostend, cleaning one of the big guns and preparing it for action.

## CANADIAN TROOPS ARE FIT

### Early Departure of Contingent for Front Expected —Peterboro Officer is New Camp Commandant

A despatch from Salisbury Plain says: "The Canadian soldiers are now sufficiently well trained to take their place in the firing line." This significant statement was made by a high military authority here after witnessing divisional manoeuvres. The weather was favorable and the operations successful. All leave to the members of the contingent will be stopped after December 1.

through at Salisbury Plain under General Alderson, with General Pitcairn Campbell and his staff present. All the men and details took part, and marched to Enford Downs, several miles distant, being out from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and carrying rations and all equipment. The renewed divisional manoeuvres were successful. All leave to the members of the contingent will be stopped after December 1.

## FROM ERIN'S GREEN ISLE NEWS BY MAIL FROM IRELAND'S SHORES.

Happenings in the Emerald Isle of Interest to Irishmen.

Charles Moore of Limerick, was instantly killed at Corbally by a wall falling on him.

German prisoners to the number of about 400 arrived at North Wall, and were despatched to Templemore.

The Belfast Master Bakers' Association have now advanced the price of bread by one cent per 4-lb. loaf.

Corporal J. Carroll, Connaught Rangers, reservist, Templemore, has died from wounds received at the front.

Mrs. Nolan, wife of a laborer in Edenburg, hearing that her eldest boy had gone to enlist, ran to fetch him back and fell dead.

The death took place suddenly while attending mass at Kippaden Church, near Mallow, of Timothy O'Mulligan, N.T., Dromore.

The War Office authorities have notified the guardians that Mitchellstown and Mallow Workhouses will be required for military purposes.

Mrs. Jackson, Ballymote, while returning from church, was thrown from a car and so severely injured that she died shortly afterwards.

Lecturing in Dunganon, Lord Ashbourne said Dublin should be called "Crank's Town" on account of the present friction among the volunteers.

The death has occurred suddenly of Mr. William Barrett, late proprietor of the Clonmel Chronicle. He belonged to an old and respected Clonmel family.

On the arrival of the large grain steamer Clinton at Derry, six men were prostrated by fumes from the cargo, and were only rescued with great difficulty.

During the week ending Friday last 246 men were recruited in Dublin for the army. This figure includes men enlisting both at Great Brunswick Street and Grafton Street.

William Donnelly, who resided alone in Coalisland, Tyrone, went to sleep on a chair near the fire and fell off receiving such shocking burns that he died shortly afterwards.

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## PRICES OF FARM PRODUCTS

REPORTS FROM THE LEADING TRADE CENTERS OF AMERICA.

**Wheat.**—Toronto, Dec. 1.—Wheat—Manitoba first patent, quoted at \$6.65 in 56 lb. bags; second patent, \$6.10; strong bakers, \$5.90; Ontario wheat, No. 1, \$5.75; No. 2, \$5.50; No. 3, \$5.25; No. 4, \$5.00; No. 5, \$4.75; No. 6, \$4.50; No. 7, \$4.25; No. 8, \$4.00; No. 9, \$3.75; No. 10, \$3.50; No. 11, \$3.25; No. 12, \$3.00; No. 13, \$2.75; No. 14, \$2.50; No. 15, \$2.25; No. 16, \$2.00; No. 17, \$1.75; No. 18, \$1.50; No. 19, \$1.25; No. 20, \$1.00; No. 21, \$0.75; No. 22, \$0.50; No. 23, \$0.25; No. 24, \$0.00.

**Barley.**—Toronto, Dec. 1.—Barley—No. 1, \$3.50; No. 2, \$3.25; No. 3, \$3.00; No. 4, \$2.75; No. 5, \$2.50; No. 6, \$2.25; No. 7, \$2.00; No. 8, \$1.75; No. 9, \$1.50; No. 10, \$1.25; No. 11, \$1.00; No. 12, \$0.75; No. 13, \$0.50; No. 14, \$0.25; No. 15, \$0.00.

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**Beans.**—Toronto, Dec. 1.—Beans—No. 1, \$5.00; No. 2, \$4.75; No. 3, \$4.50; No. 4, \$4.25; No. 5, \$4.00; No. 6, \$3.75; No. 7, \$3.50; No. 8, \$3.25; No. 9, \$3.00; No. 10, \$2.75; No. 11, \$2.50; No. 12, \$2.25; No. 13, \$2.00; No. 14, \$1.75; No. 15, \$1.50; No. 16, \$1.25; No. 17, \$1.00; No. 18, \$0.75; No. 19, \$0.50; No. 20, \$0.25; No. 21, \$0.00.

**Butter.**—Toronto, Dec. 1.—Butter—No. 1, \$1.50; No. 2, \$1.25; No. 3, \$1.00; No. 4, \$0.75; No. 5, \$0.50; No. 6, \$0.25; No. 7, \$0.00.

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## BRITISH NAVY LOSS 7,000

### Officers and Men Perished and Interned Since Beginning of War

A despatch from London says: Thus far during the war the Royal Navy has lost 4,327 officers and men killed and 473 wounded, while 998 men are missing and 1,575 are captives or have been interned.

These figures are contained in a statement issued on Wednesday night by the Admiralty, and include, in addition to the naval men, the marines of the Royal Navy division. The captured or interned is given as follows: Officers—Killed, 220; wounded, 37; prisoners, 3; interned, 46. Men—Killed, 4,107; wounded, 436; missing, 998; interned, 1,525.

A great majority of those reported killed were drowned, 1,718 losing their lives in this manner when the cruisers Pathfinder, Aboukir, Cressy and Hogue were sent to the bottom by German submarines, while the foundering of the Montmouth and Good Hope off the coast of Chile was responsible for the loss of 1,654 officers and men beneath the waves.

The operations of the Royal Naval division at Antwerp are accountable for nearly all of those reported interned or missing. Most of the missing are said by the Admiralty statement to be prisoners of war in Germany.

## BRITAIN'S NAVY HAS HEAVY LOSS

### Only 14 Survive Explosion that Destroyed Battleship with Over 700 Men.

A despatch from London says: The British navy has suffered the loss of a battleship and at least 736 officers and men. The pre-Dreadnought Bulwark, of 15,000 tons, and built at a cost of \$5,000,000, blew up at her moorings off Sheerness, in the estuary of the Thames, and barely 25 miles from London. A tremendous explosion occurred while officers and crew were about their ordinary duties, and in three minutes the shattered bulk of the great ship had disappeared beneath the surface.

Of a ship's company of 750, all except 14 were killed by the explosion or drowned after a few minutes' struggle in the water. The estimate of the loss was furnished to the House of Commons by Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, who merely offered the opinion that the destruction of the Bulwark is not a serious loss to England's naval power.

"Bantams" Recruit 1,400 Men.

A despatch from London says: Manchester men wishing to enlist in the "Bantams Regiment" are murmuring because the same chest measurement is required as for taller men. Notwithstanding this, 1,400 men with chest measurements of 34 1/2 or better, but under 5 feet 3 inches in height, have been selected. The Lord Mayor of Manchester, addressing the men at their swearing in, suggested that if they objected to the appellation of "Bantams," they might call themselves the "Fighting Cocks Battalion."

## GERMANS FEAR INVASION

### Make Extensive Preparations in Schleswig-Holstein and Along Kiel Canal

A despatch from London says: An invasion by the Allies is feared by Germany, according to The Copenhagen Evening News, which reports that extensive preparations are being made to guard against such an eventuality.

The News says it has learned from eye-witnesses that the Germans are strengthening old fortresses in the former Danish territory of Schleswig-Holstein, as well as a line of entrenchments called the Dannewerk along the northern side of the Kiel Canal. It is thus hoped to protect the canal against attacks from the north, for it is on the shores of Schleswig, according to the reports, that an invasion is feared. All the German islands in the North Sea, it is said, are now closely guarded, and strongly fortified positions are being erected on the shores of the River Elbe.

A Central News despatch from Glasgow states that the structural engineers and bridge builders throughout the country are being requested to stand ready to rush repair-work in Belgium and France. From this it is assumed as undoubted evidence that conditions are favorable to the allied troops.

## RUSSIANS ARE BESIEGING A GREAT PART OF INVADING FORCE IN POLAND.

A despatch from London says: The Russian Embassy at Rome announced that the battle at Lodz has been renewed with fresh forces. Several German divisions (a division consists of 14,000 men) were annihilated and many German generals were killed. The German front has been broken in a number of places and a decision is imminent.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post says that when the full details of the Russian victory in Poland are available they will furnish a story that will astonish the world—a story telling of a blow to Germany's finest troops such as has not been known since the days of Napoleon.

The Daily Mail's Petrograd correspondent, who, in common with other Petrograd correspondents, hints that there is to come still bigger news which they are unable at this time to transmit, says the possibility which seemed to exist that the German forces which escaped the enveloping movement east of Lodz would succeed in breaking through near Strykow and joining the rest of the German forces now appears hopeless.

This German force, adds the correspondent, is fighting its way back in the direction of the Vistula under a terrible artillery fire, which is causing an appalling loss of life. The Germans are reported to be short both of food and of shells, as a result of being cut off from their base.

## PRUSSIANS FIGHT BAVARIANS Come to Blows Over the Queen of the Belgians.

A despatch from Paris says: The Bavarians and Prussians have undoubtedly come to blows regarding the Queen of the Belgians. It is also reported that serious disagreement has arisen between the Imperial Chancellor and the Prime Minister of Bavaria.

It is undeniable that Bavarian troops take every possible opportunity to surrender. From the front at Quesnoy a letter says that when the Germans saw that the French Red Cross men cared for German wounded as well as their own, over 200 deserted during the night. They went to the French and told them that if only all Bavarians could be sure they would be humanely treated three-fourths of them would surrender outright.

## APPLES, WALNUTS AND JAMS. Canadians Asked to Supply Them to Men in the Navy.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Prime Minister has received a communication from the Vegetable Products Committee in England, an organization under the Presidency of Lord Charles Beresford, calling attention to the work of the committee in supplying fresh or preserved fruits to the men of the navy.

The committee calls attention to the need of further supplies, and asks Canadian co-operation in forwarding gifts of apples, pears, walnuts, jams and preserved fruits. Any contributors in Canada are asked to exercise great care in packing, and to prepay transportation charges. Consignments should be sent to Vegetable Products Committee, Salvage Warehouse, Paddington Goods Station, London.

## CHOLERA AT ANTWERP. Medical Staff is Trying to Limit the Outbreak.

Rotterdam, Nov. 25.—Disquieting news comes from Antwerp. The Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant warns that several cases of cholera have occurred there and the medical staff is making strenuous endeavors to limit the outbreak. To prevent the spread of or help to conceal the news of troop movements German guards have cut the telegraph wires close to the Dutch frontier.

## HERDED IN A SACK. The portion of General von Hindenburg's army which has been crushed and dispersed in the region of Lodz is a section of the command of Gen. von Makkensen. Its disaster followed what seemed to be a successful penetration of the Russian line by the central Ger- man corps advancing between Lodz and Lwow. This corps was really being herded in a sack, whose end was fastened and held to the railway through Koluzki toward Petrokov.

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