



Sir Frederick E. Smith, and his brother Mr. Harold Smith, M.P. for Warrington, England. Britain's Attorney-General was given a rousing reception at the opening of the joint Patriotic and Red Cross Campaign in Toronto.

EXPLOSION IN NOVA SCOTIA MINE

98 Coal Miners Lost Their Lives in Big Disaster.

A despatch from Halifax, N.S., says: An explosion occurred Wednesday of last week at the Allan shaft, Acadia Coal Company's colliery, Stellarton, N.S., shortly after 5 o'clock, a few minutes after the day shift had left. A blast of smoke was seen to come from the mouth of the pit, but no noise was heard, even by those on the surface near-by.

SHORTAGE OF COAL FOR SHIPS RELIEVED

A despatch from New York says: The shortage of bunker coal, which a few days ago was so seriously hampering the fueling of vessels in New York Harbor, "has been entirely relieved," according to a statement by J. E. Parsons, detailed by the United States Shipping Board to supervise the bunkering of ships at this port.

U.S. IS TURNING OUT 2,000 ENFIELDS A DAY.

A despatch from Washington says: The first Americanized Enfield rifle turned out at the Winchester plant for American troops abroad was presented to President Wilson to be preserved as a personal souvenir. The President was told the rifles are being made at the rate of 2,000 a day.

ENEMY ABANDONS MOUNTAIN FRONT

Teutons Evacuate Large Section of Territory at Monte Tomba.

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy.—The enemy has evacuated territory on the northern mountain front behind Monte Tomba, extending from the Piave River westward. Their defence lines have now been moved back to Monte Spinocia.

Italian patrols making reconnaissances in the last few days found that the enemy patrols and sentinels had been withdrawn, and later discovered that the enemy had abandoned the entire region.

BIG WHEAT CROP IN ARGENTINA

A despatch from Buenos Aires, Argentina, says: With a wheat shortage in all the world's markets estimated here at 11,000,000 tons, Argentina expects to have a record crop of that cereal and to have 4,000,000 tons for export after satisfying the home demand and withholding the seed reserve.

718 PERSONS LOST ON TWO BRITISH SHIPS.

A despatch from London says: By the sinking of two steamers by the enemy in the Mediterranean about three weeks ago, 718 lives were lost. The announcement was made in the House of Commons by Thomas J. McNamara, Financial Secretary of the Admiralty.

WAR COSTS BRITAIN \$37,000,000 A DAY.

A despatch from London says: Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons that the daily average of expenditure during the seven weeks ending Jan. 19, was \$7,517,000 (\$37,285,000).

Markets of the World

Breadstuffs
Toronto, Jan. 29.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$2.23; No. 2, do. \$2.20; No. 3, do. \$2.17; No. 4, do. \$2.10; in store Fort William, including 2 1/2 tax.

Country Produce—Wholesale
Butter—Creamery, sold, per lb. 44 to 45; prints, per lb. 45 to 45 1/2; dairy, per lb. 32 to 34.

Provisions—Wholesale
Smoked meats—Hams, medium, 21 to 22; do, heavy, 26 to 27; cooked, 43 to 44; ribs, 23 to 24; breakfast bacon, 40 to 42; backs, plain, 42 to 44; boneless, 45 to 46.

Winnipeg Grain
Winnipeg, Jan. 29.—Cash quotations—Oats—No. 2 C.W., \$1.10; No. 3 C.W., \$1.05; No. 4 C.W., \$1.00; No. 5 C.W., \$0.95; No. 6 C.W., \$0.90; No. 7 C.W., \$0.85; No. 8 C.W., \$0.80; No. 9 C.W., \$0.75; No. 10 C.W., \$0.70; No. 11 C.W., \$0.65; No. 12 C.W., \$0.60.

United States Markets
Minneapolis, Jan. 29.—Corn—No. 2 yellow, \$1.52; No. 3 yellow, \$1.48; No. 4 yellow, \$1.44; No. 5 yellow, \$1.40; No. 6 yellow, \$1.36; No. 7 yellow, \$1.32; No. 8 yellow, \$1.28; No. 9 yellow, \$1.24; No. 10 yellow, \$1.20; No. 11 yellow, \$1.16; No. 12 yellow, \$1.12.

Live Stock Markets
Toronto, Jan. 29.—Extra choice heavy steers, \$11.60 to \$12.65; do, good heavy, \$10.60 to \$11.65; butchers' cattle, choice, \$10.85 to \$11.35; do, good, \$9.85 to \$10.60; do, medium, \$9.35 to \$9.85; do, common, \$8.60 to \$9.35; butchers' bulls, choice, \$9.60 to \$10.35; do, good bulls, \$8.35 to \$9.35; do, medium bulls, \$7.60 to \$8.35; do, rough bulls, \$6.35 to \$8.35; butchers' cows, choice, \$9.15 to \$10; do, good, \$8.35 to \$9.35; do, medium, \$7.60 to \$8.35; do, rough, \$6.35 to \$8.35; hogs, good to choice, \$12.50 to \$13.50; calves, good to choice, \$15 to \$18; hogs, red and watered, f.o.b., \$11.50.

War Costs Britain
A despatch from London says: The House of Commons passed the third reading of the Man-Power bill, which was unanimous.



Better to eat than to look at! are these reptiles, the Iguana and Alligator, in the above picture. An American professor says it is time we looked for some fresh fields of fit foodstuffs.

FRENCH MAKE SUCCESSFUL RAID

Penetrate German Line on 3,000-Yard Front Without Suffering Loss.

A despatch from the French Army in France, says:—The French on Monday executed a brilliant raid of the German lines eastward from Vienna-La-Chateau, near Four de Paris, along a front of 3,000 yards, and reaching a depth of 500 yards. An intense artillery preparation made the progress of the troops easy, and they were able to destroy all enemy works, shelters and mine galleries, before returning to their own line. Fifteen prisoners were captured by the French, as well as three machine guns. The French suffered few casualties and none killed.

FOOD CONTROL IN FRANCE.

Severe Measures Have Been Adopted By the Government.

Only the very poor, and men and women doing the hardest kind of manual labor may have more than seven ounces of war bread a day in France, from now on. The entire French wheat crop has been requisitioned by the government.

Mind and Digestion.

It is a great waste of money to eat during a heated discussion or just after any mental provocation. The digestive organs seem to simply fold up and quit work at such times.

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NEW MAN-POWER BILL NOW LAW IN BRITAIN

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NEW USE FOR LUMINOUS PAINT.

Employed on the Battlefield as an Aid in Night Attacks.

The value of radium paint and other luminous compounds in warfare is recognized by an English firm which is turning out numerous luminous devices for use at the front. Some of these are briefly described in Metallurgical and Chemical Engineering.

FOOD CONTROLLER HAS RESIGNED

H. B. Thompson, of Victoria, B.C., Succeeds Hon. W. J. Hanna.

A despatch from Ottawa says:—Hon. W. J. Hanna has resigned the office of Food Controller for Canada, which he has filled for some seven months, and will be succeeded by H. B. Thompson, of Victoria, B. C., who has acted as Assistant Controller for a period of four months.

RY. RATE INCREASE DEFERRED

Will Not Become Effective Until March.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Increased freight and passenger railway rates raised by the Railway Board in its judgment of December 26, 1917, will not become effective until some time in March. The increases, with the exception of the rates on wheat, deferred by a special judgment of the board until June 1, were to have become operative on February 1.

RUSSIANS REJECT GERMAN PEACE

Decision Awaits Ratification by Workmen's Congress.

A despatch from Petrograd says:—The Russian delegates to the Brest-Litovsk peace conference have decided unanimously to reject the terms offered by the Germans.

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NEWS FROM ENGLAND

NEWS BY MAIL ABOUT JOHN BULL AND HIS PEOPLE

Occurrences in the Land That Reigns Supreme in the Commerce of the World.

Cotton mills in Lancashire are to be turned over to the manufacture of airplanes to alleviate distress in that district resulting from dismissals consequent upon shortage of cotton supplies.

There are now two hundred and fifty London County Council schools which provide air raid shelter.

An old man of seventy-three years told a Greenwich magistrate that his earnings are now £3 per week.

Elidyr Herbert, only son of Lord and Lady Treowen, is reported wounded and missing in Palestine.

A sum of £500 has been sent anonymously to the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Sergeant Colin Blythe, the famous Kent bowler, lost his life in action in a recent engagement at the front.

The Kent Bowlers' Association decided at their conference at Dartford that hives must be standardized.

No alien may be engaged in any form of auxiliary war work without the express permission of the Army Council.

Two sisters who live at Camberwell are the mothers of twenty-five sons, twenty-four of whom are in the army.

Viscount Grey has been elected director of the Northeastern Railway Company in place of the late Earl Grey.

Andrew Weyman, a fourteen-year-old boy, was awarded the Royal Humane Society's Medal for rescuing Percy Peck from the River Brent at Golder's Green.

The small British community at Calorcan, Philippine Islands, has sent a supply of comfort bags for wounded soldiers to the Overseas Club.

The King has been pleased to accept the offer of Lord Bath, Lord Lieutenant of Somerset, to raise a Motor Volunteer Corps of six sections.

GENERAL ALLENBY.

The Brilliant Leader of British Forces in Palestine.

At the beginning of the war Gen. Allenby, who has lately become famous as the man who took Jerusalem from the Turks, was appointed to command the cavalry division of the original Expeditionary force. It was a fortunate appointment for the Allies, since it is acknowledged now on all hands that to the mastery manner in which he covered the retreat from Mons must be attributed in great measure the escape of the British from disaster.

Once he was nearly caught. Some thousands of cavalry, virtually his whole command, were in danger of being surrounded and cut to pieces by the Germans, who were pressing him in ever-increasing numbers as darkness settled over the land. The road by which he should have retired was choked by masses of transport, guns, motor cars and munition wagons.

So Gen. Allenby boldly led his troops across country in a wide-sweeping movement that eventually brought them to a safe position on the flank of the main British Army. As an instance of superb horsemanship coupled with good leadership that wild night ride by a whole cavalry division across an unknown country is probably unique in the annals of warfare.

Gen. Allenby was born in 1861 and received his education at Haileybury. On finishing his studies he entered the Inniskilling Dragoons, and was ordered almost immediately to South Africa where he served through the Boer War.

After that war, Gen. Allenby was appointed to the command of the Fifth Irish Lancers, a post he held until 1905. His gifts as a cavalry leader and organizer were then fully recognized, and he was appointed to the command of the Fourth Cavalry Brigade. During the five years that he held this command he inaugurated methods of manoeuvring that made his cavalry the best in the world.

For public opinion he is said to care very little. An incident that occurred during the South African War makes clear his dislike of fuss and show in military affairs. At the entry of the British into Kimberley, after desperately hard fighting under French the General of Brigade wished Gen. Allenby's division, which had greatly distinguished itself, to lead the triumphal procession into the town.

But although first in every attack, Gen. Allenby demurred when it came to a parade of victory. "My men and horses are fatigued," he pleaded, and he rode quietly in on the following morning when there was scarcely any-one about. His entry into Jerusalem was no less modest.

To induce a capary to take a bath sprinkle a few seeds upon the water. This attraction will make the bath become a habit.

When sifting flour several times it is convenient to sift it on paper. The papers can be lifted and the flour poured back into the sifter in less time than when using a pan.

