

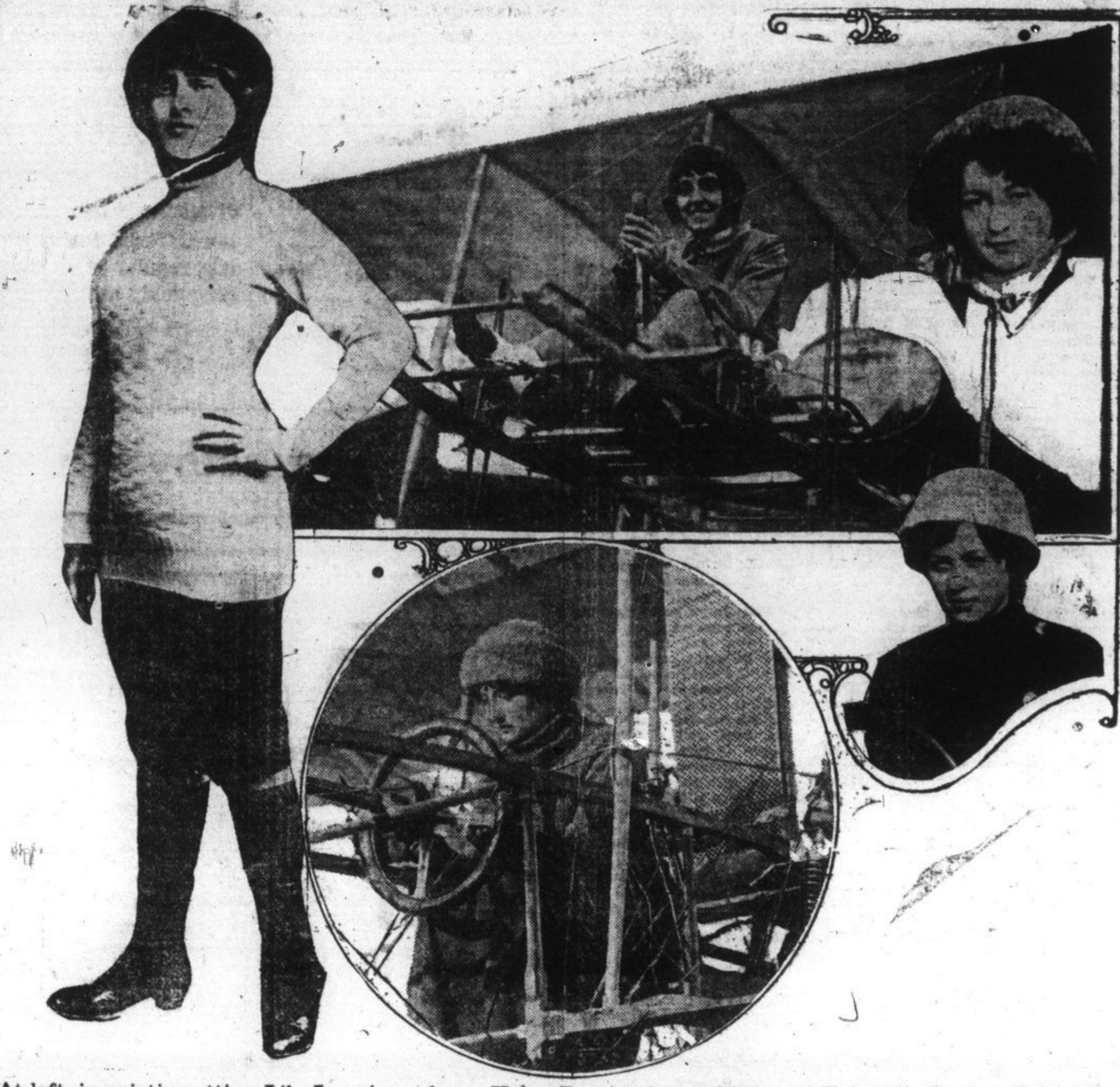
PLEGDED TO DEATH WOMEN ARE READY TO SACRIFICE FOR COUNTRY.

France Has Accepted the Offer of the Intrepid Women—Offered Aid in a Blaze of Patriotic Enthusiasm. Paris, France, Aug. 13.—The death-pledged League of Fifteen has an auxiliary—"La Stella". Women, too, are going to the front to sacrifice their lives for their country. They are not nurses—nurses are plentiful. They are fighting women. And at the front with the fighting men they will take their places prepared to die by violence in mortal conflict with the common enemy. Twelve women aviators of France are determined to emulate Roland Garros, the intrepid aviator who wrecked a German dirigible and died with its crew of 25 after the collision in the air. France, the enthusiastic nation, has accepted the offer of these intrepid women and they will go to the front, to be used in emergency for scouting in the air and for the destruction of German balloons. They are all qualified aviators. They are exports licensed by the government. They will not be content to watch and wait. They want action and like the League of Fifteen they are pledged to martyr themselves for the cause of France. Helen Dutrien and Baroness de la Roche are at the head of the band. Miles Steir, Lily Leeming and Valentine Ducing are also among the auxiliary flying corps personnel. Under the French law they are members of the aero corps of the French army and have sworn to sacrifice the lives—just as the masculine aviators have—in defense of their country. "We shall not be content to remain back of the army," our place is ahead of it," declares Helen Dutrien, one of the most capable of the band of daring women. Roland Garros was the first to die of the League of Fifteen, the best aviator in France, and that means among the best in the world. "What will happen when fifteen die?" asked the women. And then they answered one question by organizing and offering their services to the government. In a blaze of patriotic enthusiasm. All of them are wealthy. Nothing compels them to sacrifice their lives but love of country. Killing women in the air is something new. Who of this group will be the first to die?

FOR GERMANS TO DIGEST

Official Press Bureau at Berlin Faking the "News." Amsterdam, Aug. 14.—An official German press bureau is actively at work sending out a daily supply of "news" for the benefit of the world at large. This "news" is sent by telegram and wireless with the object apparently, to call Germans at home, misled them as to the progress of operations in the field, and prejudice them against the enemy, most particularly the Belgians. These despatches a day or two ago reported the fall of the city of Liege by a heroic stand of Germans, described the barbarous conduct and brutality of the Belgian troops and how they burned villages and committed outrages upon wounded German soldiers, and that even women took part in committing these atrocities. The Germans, however, secured a glorious victory and entered Liege between the forts when the city capitulated. The success of the French at Muelhausen, from which for obvious reasons they retreated, is represented as a great German victory, involving 20,000 French casualties. In every case the German forces are said to be making a triumphant progress against the allied forces of Belgium and France. The "news" is circulated so that the Dutch population in German cities will rejoice in the war and make demonstrations in favor of the fatherland. There has also been great rejoicing in Berlin over German victories in Belgium and some German newspapers are publishing these official fabrications. When the German population ultimately learns the truth there will be rather a rude awakening. Death of Robert M. Stewart. Lanark Era. The sympathy of many Lanark friends goes out to Miss Jessie Stewart, of the Era staff, in the death of her brother, Robert Murray, which occurred at his home in Calabogie on Saturday, after an illness of over a month. Deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stewart and his death at the early age of twenty-three years ten months and five days, is a severe blow to his parents, brothers and sisters. Two years ago last June Robert went west and took up a homestead at Spillamunchie, B.C., where he remained until taken ill with pleurisy on July 3rd, 1913, and entered the hospital at Golden for treatment. A month later he left the hospital, and after he had regained a little strength, he engaged as brakeman on the C.P.R. at Bear Creek, B.C., continuing in that occupation until March of this year when he had another attack of pleurisy and went to the Revelstoke hospital, remaining there until the last day of May, when he left for home. Although suffering constantly and gradually growing weaker since reaching home, he never complained. He was able to be around all the time and retired as usual on Friday night at nine o'clock. At seven o'clock on Saturday morning he peacefully slept away. Besides his parents five brothers and four sisters are left to mourn: Alex. M. and Charlie, of Calabogie; Archie and Edwin, of Cobalt; Mrs. James Hutson, Melford, Sask.; Mrs. M. E. Currie, Perdue, Sask.; Mrs. J. A. Craig, White, and Jessie, now at home. Hon. Col. Sir Glenholme Falconbridge, chief justice of the king's bench, has offered his services to the empire in any capacity in the present war.

Five Women Swear To Die Wrecking Dirigibles



At left, in aviation attire, Lily Leeming; above, Helen Dutrien in machine, and Valentine Ducing. Below, Baroness De La Roche, at left, and Mlle. Steir.

THIS MYSTIC RUSSIAN MONK'S CAREER A STRANGE ENIGMA.

Gregory Rasputin's Power Is a Puzzle to All Who Know of His Strange Life. The mystic peasant-born Russian monk, Gregory Rasputin, on whom a murderous attack was made by a woman while he was in his home in a Siberian village recently, is described by the St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Chronicle as "the absolute master of the Russians." The rise of Rasputin has been an enigma to all the nobles of the court who have not fallen under his influence. His absence from St. Petersburg, during which the attack upon him came, was hoped to mean that he had fallen into disgrace, but just previous to the news of his being stabbed the announcement was made that he had been recalled to the Emperor's palace. This modern Richelieu is the son of a fairly wealthy peasant of Tobolsk. He had but little schooling and led an uneventful life until about thirty years old, when he developed religious fervor, became a lay monk and went on a pilgrimage. At the monasteries he acquired some learning and also managed to receive a letter of introduction to Bishop Theophan at St. Petersburg. This was in 1890. Through the influence of the Bishop the peasant began to meet the influential people of the city and court. His mystic philosophy created interest, and he had the gift of repartee and polite conversation. At first Rasputin stuck to his peasant garb, in which he made a picturesque figure. But soon he took up an elegant style of dressing and living, which excited the envy of his bishop. The bishop obtained an order to exile Rasputin to Siberia. But not only did Rasputin's appeal to the Tsar save him, but caused the bishop to be dismissed to Poltava without even time to see his dying father. Other powerful officials tried to check the advance of Rasputin, only to find themselves in disfavor. Rasputin became the intimate of the royal family, gave orders to the ministers, and conducted himself as the supreme power. The only successful attempt to induce the court to send Rasputin away resulted disastrously for the plotters. Since his return Rasputin's power has continued to grow. His counsel is called for in deciding every question of importance. It is said on high authority that he brought about the ministerial change last year that saved Russia from a war with Austria. He lived as a prince, with a magnificent villa at Yalta, in Crimea. One of his daughters by his peasant wife is being educated in aristocratic girl's college in St. Petersburg. A month ago Rasputin was ordained a priest by minor bishop of his native district. This act had aroused the antagonism of the powerful heads of the church. It is with these big ecclesiastical Rasputin will now have to deal in holding his position. John P. Holland, Newark, N.J., inventor of the submarine boat which bears his name, died of pneumonia, Wednesday night, after a month's illness. He was seventy-two years of age. The world's largest coal mine at Nokomis, Ill., is operated entirely by electricity.

IN MARINE CIRCLES

Movements of Vessels In and Around Kingston Harbor. The steamer Collins, of Toronto, which went aground at Salmon Point on Saturday evening last, was released on Thursday by the steamer St. Joseph of the same company and came to the wharf at the Canadian Locomotive works where she is discharging a cargo of coal. At the M. T. company's wharf—Steamer Windsor passed down from Port Colborne to Montreal; steamer St. Mount discharging her cargo and cleared for Port Colborne to load grain; steamer Advance leaves on Friday evening for Port Colborne; tug Bartlett is due this evening with two light barges from Montreal; steamer Ionic is due to-day to discharge a cargo of oats from Port William. The steamer Turret Crown arrived from Port William on Friday morning and is discharging at Rechar's elevator. The steamer Thousand Islander took a large number of excursionists to Ogdensburg on Friday morning. The steamers Turret Cape at 4:00 p.m.; Haddington at 5:00 p.m.; and Their Menier at 9:30 p.m. passed down to Montreal from the Welland canal on Thursday. The steamer Wacoandah at 5:00 a.m., and Hamiltonian at 4:00 a.m. passed down to Montreal from the Welland on Friday. The steamer Beaverton passed up to the Welland canal from Montreal at 3:00 p.m. Thursday. The steamer Fordonian passed up at 9:30 p.m. Thursday. The steamer Advance cleared from the Kingston Shipbuilding drydock at 11:00 p.m. Thursday. The steamer Scout is at the Shipbuilding wharf with equipment for the lights at the Main Docks. The steamer Menford that ran aground on a shoal in a narrow channel in the Lachine Lake during the fog on Tuesday night is coming to the Kingston Shipbuilding company's drydock. The steamers Kingston and Caspian passed down on Friday. The steamer Alexandria is due to pass up to Toronto from Montreal at 8:00 p.m. Friday. The steamer Aletha passed down from Picton on Friday. The steamer Olecut over from Oswego on Friday. Removed Sunken Vessel. The wreckage crew of the Donnelly Wrecking and Salvage company, Kingston, has returned from Montreal, where it has been engaged for the past six weeks in removing the wreck of the steamer Berthier, of the Canada Steamship company, which caught fire and sank at Victoria pier in thirty-three feet of water. The machinery and boilers were removed and the hull cut in four pieces with dynamite, and lifted out by the large harbor crane. The pieces of the hull were scrapped. The Hollinger and Dome mines at Porcupine are increasing their output and have made splendid monthly reports. High values have been found in the Keewatin formation at a depth of nine hundred feet in the Nipissing mine. All wireless stations except those operated by the Canadian government are ordered to be dismantled. The general synod of the Church of England will not be held in Vancouver in September as planned. The Duchess of Sutherland has been placed in charge of the Red Cross work in Brussels.

COLDER IN 1816 THAN NOW.

That and Following Summer Hard Ones in New England. Hartford, Conn. The present season is a cold one in New England—it may interest our readers to learn that such weather conditions as now exist are not unprecedented. One who was of age in the cold seasons of 1816 and 1817 has written his recollections of them. The summer of 1816, he says, "was probably the coldest known here in this century." In New England, from Connecticut to Maine, there were severe frosts in every month. The crop of Indian corn was almost entirely cut off. Not half the usual supply of hay, oats and potatoes was produced. The ensuing winter was severe and the following spring was backward. Our narrator made a journey into New Hampshire, passing along the Connecticut river, in the month of June, and the uplands were almost as barren as in November. He encountered one man who had been forty miles for a half bushel of corn, for which he paid \$2. Railroads and other facilities of intercommunication did not then exist, and while that New England was doomed to cold could be obtained, though at very high prices, it was otherwise in the interior. Cattle died for want of fodder, and many of the inhabitants came near perishing from starvation. A kind of despair fell upon the people, and in the grip of calamity many lost judgment and hope, feeling or fearing that New England was doomed to become, henceforth, a part of the frigid zone. At the same time, Ohio, with its rich soil and mild climate, presented an alluring vision of a land of promise, and a stampede took place from "cold, desolate and barren New England," during the summer of 1817. Families, with their indispensable household goods, went in covered wagons, others started in ox-carts and not infrequently families set out on foot, dragging a hand-wagon laden with few goods. Most were poor, many begged their way, some died along the toll-some track from fatigue and privation, and others, after arrival, succumbed to fever and ague. Vivid and painful are the pictures of the accidents and miseries attending that strange migration westward; pathetic cases of homesickness described a little book published in 1818 and written by Dr. Hand, a young physician of Berlin, who visited the west in those days. ARM BLOOD POISONED. Cornwall Loses One of Its Leading Citizens. Cornwall, Ont., Aug. 14.—John R. Atchison, one of Cornwall's most prominent and respected citizens, died Wednesday, as the result of an automobile accident. Mr. Atchison had his arm broken a week ago when cranking his automobile, and blood poisoning set in with fatal results. Deceased was proprietor of the firm of Atchison & Co., contractors and manufacturers of builders' supplies. He was forty-seven years of age, and was a son of the late William Atchison, for many years assessor of the United States following him in this position, and also as proprietor of the mill. He is survived by his wife, two small children and one sister, Miss Maggie Atchison. The quality of White Rose flour now at sale.

GERMAN WAS NOT WELCOMED.

Visitor to Kingston Did Not Like Treatment. Watertown, N.Y., Times. The war is just what Sherman said it was is the opinion of a German who passed through this city Wednesday bound for his home in New York after an unpleasant attempt to enjoy his summer vacation in Kingston, Ont. The German is an old friend of Edward Kaiser, of this city, and comes for a brief visit to Watertown each year on his way to Canada. He got here Saturday afternoon and stopped off between trains. "You can't get into Canada without passports, you'll get pinched," Mr. Kaiser told him, but the local progressive did not succumb to "kidding" his friend from Heidelberg, by Mr. Kaiser was joking, but conditions were more serious than he knew, as the visitor learned. Saturday night the German continued his inland trip, but he met at the wharf in Kingston by immigration officials and others who looked upon his unmistakable Teutonic countenance with expressions of disfavor. He was permitted to land, however, but thereafter, he says, the Kingstonsians proceeded to make his stay so unpleasant that the visitor soon left. He said that officials trailed him about wherever he went. Officers of various departments stopped him every little while, inquired his business and looked into his acts. He decided to escape from the torrid temperature of the early week by a swim in the lake and after he was in the water he looked up to see a policeman sitting on the bank watchfully waiting. It made the German wonder if he would be permitted to come ashore, but he was, and after dressing waded back to the city, with the constant respectful distance in the rear like a well-trained orderly. Tuesday night, the German became so tired of life in Kingston that he started for New York, not even pausing long enough to stop off in this city. BODY CROSSES SIX TIMES. German Cemetery Authorities Want Too Much for Tomb. It is generally considered a pretty fair record for a living person to have crossed the Atlantic six times in the same year. This is completely outclassed, however, by the story of a German woman who died in the United States last summer, and is now on the eve of being conveyed in her coffin on her sixth Atlantic trip to and from New York since last summer. These after-death wanderings are due to the peregrinations of the deceased woman's daughter and son-in-law. The good lady took her first return trip to Europe at the time of her daughter's marriage, who thought it was due to her memory to inter her at her native place, Breslau, Schleswig-Holstein. But the ceremony authorities demanded the sum of \$1,250 for the privilege of laying her to rest in a family vault. The young bride scouted such extravagance, and the body was re-conveyed to America in the same coffin she left in. Meantime the Breslau authorities had thought better of it, and on arrival Madam X. found a letter awaiting her saying that the price had been reduced. The couple returned with the coffin to Breslau, only to start a fresh dispute with the cemetery controllers, and to re-transport the remains to New York.

DAILY COST OF WAR.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Cost. Total: \$49,950,000 Every Twenty-Four Hours. Items include: With the present situation in Europe in mind, Prof. Charles Richet, of the University of Paris, two years ago compiled a table of the daily expenditures in a general European war. Estimating that 21,000,000 men would be put in the field by the fighting powers, Prof. Richet's estimate of the daily cost of such a struggle follows: Feed of men \$12,500,000; Feed of horses 1,000,000; Pay (European rates) 4,250,000; Pay of workmen in arsenals and ports (100 per day) 1,000,000; Transportation (60 miles, 10 days) 2,100,000; Transportation of provisions 4,200,000; Munitions: Infantry, 10 cartridges a day 4,200,000; Artillery, ten shots a day 1,200,000; Marine, 20 shots a day 400,000; Equipment 4,200,000; Ambulances: 500,000 wounded or ill (\$1 per day) 500,000; Armature 500,000; Reduction of imports 5,000,000; Help to the poor (20 cents a day to 1 in 10) 6,800,000; Destruction of towns etc. 2,000,000; Total \$49,950,000.

Bath Sees Night Airship.

Bath, Aug. 13.—Quite a bit of excitement is being caused along the lake front here each night by the appearance of a hydro-aeroplane, large and powerful, with a searchlight of great brilliancy. It was first seen on Monday evening, about 9:30 o'clock, by Mrs. Robert Miller, who lives near Millhaven, who states it was flying quite high and all lit up. It was seen that same time by a number of people in that same locality. Also on Tuesday evening it made the same trip into the lake and landed near Wartman's coal house at Bath at twelve o'clock midnight, being seen by a few here, one of whom went to the shore to see it, but it arose in the air and flew away. It also was seen by some people of Parrott's Bay on Wednesday evening. The Sunday school of St. John's church picnic was held at Stella Point on Wednesday and was well attended. Mrs. Drummond and daughter, of Cazenovia, Mich., are visiting at Luke Cunningham's. Mrs. Thompson, of New York, is visiting at Mrs. Lateran's. John Bell, of Kingston, spent Sunday at William Smith's. E. N. Jory, of Ottawa, who has been visiting at Charles Barnes' for a few days, left on Monday. Mrs. M. S. Madole, of Nanapan, addressed the Methodist church congregation on aid of the missionary society. Mrs. and Miss Hogle, also Miss Warman, have just returned from a visit to Richard J. Green's at Oak Leaf. Made Good Catch. Some fine strings of fish are now being caught in West Lake, Wellington. George Boyce and Mr. Geddes caught a maskinonge weighing twenty-two pounds, while a Mr. Jones caught one a few pounds heavier, and our visiting fishermen are enjoying themselves.

GANANOQUE'S BATTERY

IS ALL READY TO PROCEED TO VALCARTIER. The Four Germans Arrested on Wednesday Are Still in Custody—Gananoque Raising Money for Hospital Ship. Gananoque, Aug. 14.—Major Russell H. Britton issued orders to all who have so far volunteered for active service to report at the armory at one o'clock yesterday to receive their clothing and commence regular drill preparatory to being sent forward. Until such time as they receive marching orders they will do patrol duty at the river front, government armory, post office, custom house, as well as the waterworks, town hall and railway bridges. Messrs. Frederick Hunnard and Douglas Lewis left, last evening, to join the Queen's engineering contingent in Kingston for active service. The excitement caused by the arrest of the four Germans here, on Wednesday afternoon, has not yet calmed down, as the local police have been scouring the surrounding country for others supposed to have accompanied the ones who were captured. 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