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A BIG ENGAGEMENT SLOWLY DEVELOPING

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The Allies Are Pressing a Vigorous Counter-Offensive to German Attacks--British Hold Line Along Yser Where Germans Are Expected to Centre Their Main Attacks.

Paris, Dec. 4.—(Noon)—Every attack of the reinforced German forces in Flanders is now being met by a vigorous counter-offensive of the allies. Four hundred thousand fresh British troops have reached France within the last month and are now on the firing line.

The British now hold the line along the Yser where the Germans are expected to centre their main attack in a final effort to break through to the coast. Heavy cannonading has been in progress during the past twenty-four hours, and the Germans continue to mass a force between Ostend and Ypres for the general engagement that is expected.

The full force of the counter offensive of the allies has by no means yet been felt by the enemy. This is gradually developing, however, toward an engagement of greatest proportions.

Allies Aim To Get Round German Flank.

Paris, Dec. 4.—The development of an offensive northeast from Ypres, is indicated in today's official communique from the war office. The statement reports heavy cannonading intermittently between Ypres and Roulers.

Fighting is also reported along the railway and about Beelaere and Passchendaele Road. Passchendaele is midway between Roulers and Ypres, being about six and a half miles from the latter point. Beelaere is about four miles south of Passchendaele. It is believed this movement represents another attempt of the allies to reach Menin, an important point on Lys, upon which they have been unable to advance along the direct road from Ypres.

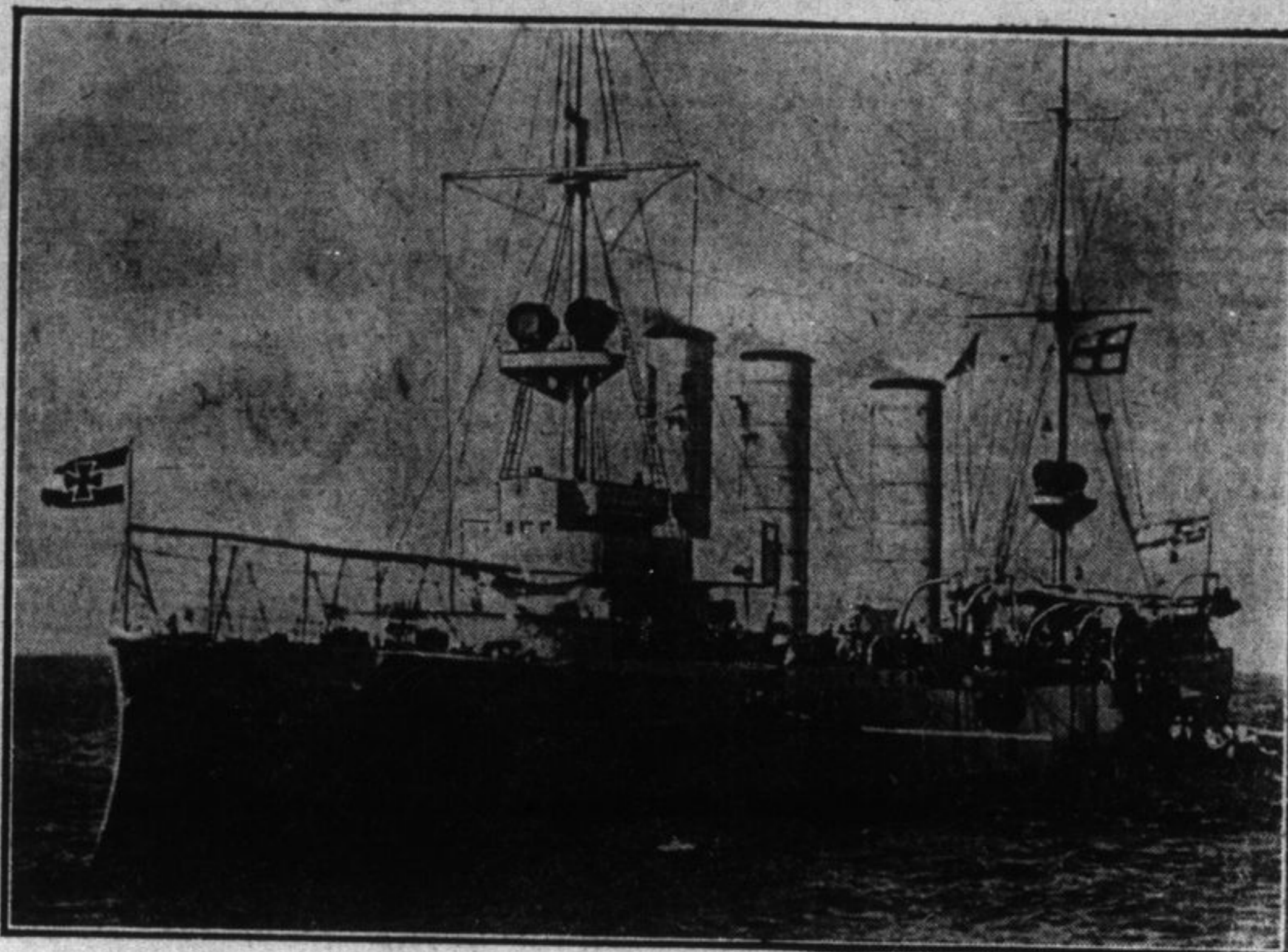
The fighting reported to-day would apparently indicate a movement northward along the railway toward Roulers, as a part of an attempt by the allies to get around the German flank in this section in Beelaere Forest.

FAILURE OF GERMANS TO CROSS YSER ON RAFTS

North-eastern France, Dec. 4.—Fierce fighting is now taking place along a considerable part of the battle line. The Germans anticipated the concerted forward movement of the allies by making a spirited attack themselves. The allies were not taken by surprise. Never was an army more ready to defend itself.

In the dark hours before dawn yesterday morning a large force of Germans crossed the flood waters of the Yser by means of big, broad rafts. The venture was a desperate one, for not a man who set out on it could have been ignorant of the fact that death was most certainly awaiting him. The rafts were punted through the shallow waters in dead silence and in utter darkness. Each carried about fifty or sixty men and some mitrailleuses, in preparation for the dawn.

A further fleet of rafts drawn by motor boats was waiting on the German side of the muddy waters, but before dawn came the plot was discovered and when day-break arrived the artillery of the allies met the advancing Germans with devastating effect. In spite of their losses these Germans, brave even to madness, still essayed the crossing. They were partly covered by a heavy cannonade by their field artillery, and until mid-day the Germans still persisted in their plan. Several rafts were upset in midstream by the fire of French guns and a great number of Germans were drowned as well as shot. Once again the Yser claimed its heavy toll, once again German blood stained its waters crimson. The attack eventually ceased after the Germans had suffered immense losses in men and mitrailleuses, but the artillery kept up a determined bombardment of the allied position, meeting with a vigorous, well directed reply.



GERMAN CRUISER "BREMEN."

The new terror of the seas is being sought by the fleet of the allies, who fear that the Bremen may emulate the example set by the Em den and do as much damage as did the last named vessel, until she was destroyed by the Australian cruiser.

THE WAR WILL LAST AT LEAST THREE YEARS

"If Germany Gives Up Sooner, So Much the Better," War Secretary Said.

London, Dec. 4.—Irvin Cobb, in this week's Saturday Evening Post, recounts an interview he had with the British war lord. He says the military chief said: "It might end sooner. This war is going on until Germany has been defeated. There is no other possible contingency." "Lord Kitchener," I said, "in your opinion how long will this war last?" "Not less than three years," he said. "It will end only when Germany is thoroughly defeated, not before—defeated on land and on sea. That for us to win will require a minimum period of three years I think probably. It might last longer—this war might. It might end sooner. It can end in only one way, and that is that it will end in a month from now, or six months or a year, I do not think likely, so, to be on the safe side, I say three years—at least three years."

"If Germany gives up sooner, so much the better for Germany and for us and for all the world. If three years are required for the undertaking, or more than three years, the world will find that we, for our part, are prepared to go on, and ready to go on, and certain to go on. In any event this war can have but one outcome—one ultimate conclusion." His big jaw muscles twitched.

ARRESTED DON JAIME.

Pretender Advised His Partisans to Side With France.

Paris, Dec. 4.—The Eclair declares that Don Jaime of Bourbon, the Spanish pretender, addressed an appeal to his partisans some time ago to side with France in the war. This came to the knowledge of the Austrian authorities, and as Don Jaime lives in Austria he was placed under close arrest in his castle at Frohsdorf. The immediate excuse for his action was the fact that Don Jaime had been a colonel in the Russian army.

An appeal was made to Emperor Francis Joseph, but his majesty said he could do nothing in the matter. Don Jaime persisted in his efforts to gain his freedom, and he was told finally that he could either remain a prisoner in Austria until the end of the war or leave the country. He chose the latter course, and is now in Switzerland.

Military Notes.

Fifty-five men have joined the Army Service Corps to be sent to Toronto and Montreal. Seventy-eight men have volunteered for overseas service with the 5th company Canadian Engineers. Only seventy-five have been asked for.

The Kingston Veterans association held its usual Thursday night drill in the armouries, with a large attendance. Corp. Young, of the P.A.M.C., conducted the ambulance class; Lieut. A. Stroud the signal class. There was also drilling and shooting.

REV. J. A. WADDELL Invited to Brock Street Methodist Church.

Rev. J. A. Waddell, of Seely's Bay, who has been extended an invitation to become pastor of Brock Street Methodist church, has spent all his ministry in the Kingston district.

He entered the ministry of the Methodist church in 1903 as a probationer, serving Perth Road and Battersea charges. Since his ordination in 1910 he has been stationed at Harrowsmith and now at Seely's Bay. He was educated at the public schools in Scotland, Brockville Collegiate Institute and Victoria University, Toronto.

During the summer of 1909 Rev. Mr. Waddell supplied at Brock Street church and Bethel Congregational church.

Cracow to Soon Be Completely Invested

Petrograd, Dec. 4.—An attack on the outer defences of Cracow is reported to-day. With Wlodzicka now held by the Russians, the enveloping movement at Cracow is progressing, and the city will soon be completely invested.

Berlin Has Heard

That 34,000 Canadians Have Landed in Egypt.

Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, Dec. 4.—Athens reports state that England has landed 34,000 Canadian volunteers in Egypt, a statement here to-day declares.

It is supposed that Berlin's Athens correspondent has the Canadians mixed up with the New Zealanders and Australians, who have landed in Cairo, according to yesterday's despatches.

Australia's war expenses for this year are estimated at \$58,000,000. A. H. Watt, a British reservist from Toronto, has been recommended for the Victoria Cross for rescuing an officer from the River Aisne, under a rain of bullets.

GERMAN ARMY SUICIDES ARE RAPIDLY INCREASING

Amsterdam, Dec. 4.—The number of suicides in the German army is rapidly increasing, according to the correspondent of the Telegraph. This is especially true among men with families. It is stated they feel, even if they get through the war safely, their health will be permanently impaired owing to the hardships which the German troops are enduring.

The correspondent declares one soldier told him that going to the front was now a nightmare for every German. Trainloads of corpses have passed through Louvain bound eastward for Ligny, where they are to be cremated. The bodies are sent from the front for cremation, it is said, because the Germans are unable to spare men from the firing line to bury the dead.

DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ATTACKS BY AVIATORS

Allies Drop Bombs on the Gun Factories.

GERMANS DROP BOMBS ON DEFENCELESS WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

A Striking Parallel—The New York Herald Refers to the Feat Accomplished by British Aviator at Essen.

New York, Dec. 4.—Under the caption of "An Air Raid on Krupp," the Herald says editorially: "The daring and skill of aviators in the service of the allies again has been demonstrated, according to the despatches, this time by the attack from the air on the Krupp gun factory at Essen."

"Even Dr. Bernard Bernburg may be able to detect the difference in the methods, pursued by opposing forces in the western theatre of war as applied to fighting in the sky. To damage the great war factory of the German empire is one thing; to hurl bombs on the women and children of cities without the possibility of obtaining military advantage is another."

"It will be interesting to note what parallel the apologist for the Kaiser will be able to draw between Essen and Antwerp."

War Tidings.

Three score Cossacks captured three hundred German cavalrymen, killed a number of others and found out much of interest for their commanders in a night raid upon Czenstochowa. When the prisoners came to be examined forty were found to be women dressed in soldiers' uniforms.

King George is likely to prolong and extend his stay at the front in France and Belgium.

After over four months of war the eastern French fortresses are as inaccessible to the Kaiser's armies as Paris itself.

"The French now hold most of the passes of the Vosges, and are in a position to gather behind them troops which at any time they wish can be poured through gateways easterly for a serious invasion of Germany."

WOMEN TO REQUEST HEARST FOR VOTES

Deputation Wants Votes For Married Women as Well as Widows and Spinners.

Toronto, Dec. 4.—The annual pilgrimage of Ontario women seeking the boon of votes will take place to the shrine in Queen's Park on Wednesday next, when the Canadian Suffrage association and will visit by appointment Premier Hearst. The deputation will press only for the granting of votes to married women on the same terms as given to spinners and widows.

SUCCEEDED JUDGE TETZEL.

W. B. Northrup, M.P., May Soon Receive Appointment.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—Rumors are revived of changes in the not distant future in the judiciary of Ontario. Those who are mentioned as eligible to retire, and at least some of them are likely to do so, include Sir John Boyd and Justice Britton, Leitch and Garrow. There is a vacancy already, due to the resignation of Justice Tezdel.

The retirement of supreme court judges, however, is a wholly voluntary proceeding. With county judges it is now compulsory on attaining seventy-five years of age. It is learned that nothing official has yet transpired, but there has been more or less correspondence on the subject. To succeed Judge Tezdel, W. B. Northrup, M.P., seems the most probable selection and his appointment is expected in a few days.

A BOY PROBLEM.

A Youngster With a Tendency For Running Away.

W. H. Wylie, inspector for the Children's Aid Society, has a boy problem on his hands. The lad is now being held in the detention room for juveniles at the police station, because he has three times run away from the Orphans' Home, where he was placed as a ward of the Children's Aid Society. The inspector is now in communication with the head office of the society to see what shall be done with the youngster. It is just possible that he will be sent to the industrial school.

Your Xmas Cake and Pudding

Will be a success if you get your Raisins, Currants, Peels, etc., at the Golden Lion Grocery.

A marriage has been arranged to take place at Christmas between Miss C. M. Dockstader, Belleville, and Guy H. Hamilton, late of Hamilton, Ont. The marriage will take place in Call-

PITH OF THE NEWS

Condensed Items By Telegraph And From Exchanges.

Great Britain promises not to delay unduly United States vessels held for examination.

Canadian Pacific railway earnings for the period ending Nov. 30th were \$2,308,000; decrease \$1,425,000.

There are now four vacant seats in the commons—London, Terrebonne, Westmorland and Jacques Cartier. The lobster canners are asking the government to suspend fishing licenses but the fishermen are objecting.

David Lamar, found guilty of impersonation, was sentenced to two years in penitentiary in Atlanta, Ga.

The Italian Parliament heard a message from Premier Salandra, saying that Italy must be ready to resist any aggression.

Manitoba government passed an order in council requesting the bars and social clubs to close at 7 p.m., and wholesale liquor shops at 6.

The millie "depression" will, by means of purchase commissions, buy the five or six thousand horses for the second contingent direct from the farmers.

Premier Fleming, New Brunswick, has accepted the nomination as conservative candidate for the federal seat of Victoria and Gasqueton, and will resign his seat in the legislature and the premiership, thus avoiding dismissal by the lieutenant-governor.

COMING FROM TURKEY.

Canadian Missionaries Due in New York December 12.

Berlin, Ont., Dec. 4.—Word has been received here from Rev. A. E. Yoder, of Wakarusa, Ind., that Canadian missionaries from Turkey are due to arrive in New York on December 12th. Mr. Barker, of this city, is expecting his wife and two children, whom he left in Turkey last June. Nine missionaries connected with the United Orphanage and Mission, together with a large number of missionaries of the Congregational churches of Canada, are in the party.

A gossip woman is bad enough, but when a gossip man enters the game it's us for the fall timer.

"High-class week-end swags," Gibsons.

There's lots of good things in the world. Are we one of them? A man who says "I don't care" is either a liar or a fool.

DAILY MEMORANDUM.

See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities.

Selection of officers Commission Court Frontenac, I.O.F., this evening.

Sale of homemade delicacies in aid of Red Cross Societies, Public Library, Saturday morning, Dec. 6th.

THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG

Is On Sale at the Following City Stores:

- Bucknell's News Depot, 499 King St.
- Clarke, J. W. & Co., 555 Princess
- College Book Store, 101 Princess
- Coulter's Grocery, 300 Princess
- Jules's Grocery, Con. Princess & Alfred
- Frontenac Hotel, 555 Ontario St.
- Gibson's Drug Store, Market Square
- McAuley's Book Store, 70 Princess
- McGill's Cigar Store, Con. Prin. & King
- Adcock's Grocery, 175 Union St. W.
- Medley's Drug Store, 388 University Ave.
- Walt's Cigar Store, 70 Princess
- Freeman's Drug Store, 111 Princess
- Valleau's Grocery, 111 Princess
- Low's Grocery, 111 Princess

DIED

GEORGE HAN—In Kingston, on Dec. 3rd, 1914, Capt. John Geoghegan, immigration and custom officer, aged 67 years.

Funeral (private) from his late residence, 15 Colborne St., at 1:15 a.m. Saturday, to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung.

MILNE—At 352 University avenue, on Dec. 3rd, 1914, Thomas J. S. Milne, aged 65 years.

Funeral from his late residence, on Friday, at 1:30 o'clock.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

SMITH—At his late residence, 34 Pauline Ave., Toronto, on Dec. 1st, 1914, Lewis Allen Smith, in his 67th year, formerly of Westborough.

Funeral will leave City Hall station at 12:20 noon on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Friends and acquaintances will kindly receive this intimation.

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FEDERAL REVENUE LESS

By Twenty-Four Millions Than Last Year.

Ottawa, Dec. 4.—The Dominion financial statement for the first eight months of the fiscal year, including November, shows a decided falling off in revenues as compared with the same period last year. The revenue for the eight months was \$39,465,000, which is \$24,000,000 less than last year.

Miss Farmer Betrothed.

Watertown, N.Y., Dec. 4.—The engagement of Miss Rosalind Farmer, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. S. Farmer, to John Remington, son of the late Charles Remington, is announced.

On Dec. 2nd Israel Russell, Napawa, and Flossie Mowbray, Marysville, were united in marriage at Belleville.

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