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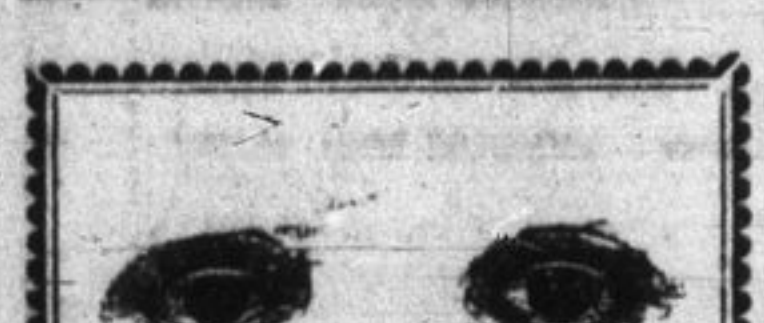
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WAR CRY TO CHURCH

ARCHDEACON CODY MAKES STRONG PLEA FOR BELGIANS

Call For Bags of Flour — Chance For Canadians at Home — Participate in Honor of Service. — Eloquent Tribute to Historic Sacrifice.

In his Christmas sermon in St. Paul's church, Toronto, Archdeacon Cody made a strong plea for a gift of flour to the starving Belgians. After referring to the wide-spread spirit of mutual brotherhood displayed in Canada at this season, he said: "There are other brethren outside our own nation to whom we owe an incalculable debt of service, and help. While we dwell here in Canada far from the war zone and all its horrors, well fed, well clad, well housed, one of the allied nations is enduring the agonies of forcible subjection and systematic starvation. Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend. No more than this, that it lay down its life for others."

"Belgium has struck the heroic note in this awful conflict. Little Greece resisted the overwhelming might of Xerxes; little Holland that of Philip of Spain; little Belgium has now earned the right to a place in this great company. By her national sacrifice she has practically made it possible for Europe to maintain freedom and a humane civilization in the world. But at what a cost! Millions of her people are in exile; millions more at the point of starvation, exposed to hardships of weather; shelterless, maimed, bereaved, in poverty. Her ruthless conqueror has swept away her food-stuffs for his own use; feels no obligation to feed the conquered, and adds to the untold injury of his occupation the insult of demanding a huge indemnity. Can it be that this is a cold-blooded plot to decimate or exterminate a whole nation? Belgium has been the victim of one of the greatest crimes perpetrated against any nation in the history of the world."

"We urge her our fullest support. Already Canada has sent to the suffering Belgians almost one million dollars' worth of goods, in addition to cash contributions. But more and still more food is required. What I wish to propose is this—that on Sunday, January 3rd, the day set apart by our government and by the imperial government as a day of intercession and contrition in connection with the awful war, which our empire is involved, we should in this church make an offering of as many bags or barrels of flour as we can for the needy Belgians. A bag of ninety-eight pounds costs \$2.25; a barrel costs about \$5. Our railways will send all such contributions free of charge. The Belgian consuls here and in Montreal will, I am sure, be glad to forward these gifts or to use the money sent in for the purpose of buying flour. This is something concrete. It appeals to our imagination as well as to our heart and our pocket. A bag for the Belgians is a good Christmas war cry. A barrel of flour will make one hundred and eighty loaves of one and one-half pounds each. Each loaf should keep a man alive for a day at least. Thus everyone who gives a barrel of flour may keep life in one person for six months."

"I devoutly hope that all the churches of Canada—Roman Catholic and Protestant alike—will join in an effort to make a great contribution of food to our oppressed allies. Provinces have already contributed, so have municipalities and boards of trade. Should not the churches of Canada as such make their offering? Individuals, groups of individuals, Sunday school classes could contribute each a bag or barrel of flour and send this practical message of sympathy across the sea. The food thus supplied can be safely distributed by the agency of the United States authorities in Belgium."

"Our intercession and confessions of sin on January 3rd will surely be more effectual and sincere if they are linked with this practical service to Christ's needy ones, to the members of a martyred nation, who have stood in the breach in the great day of crisis when all our noblest ideals were trembling in the balance."

DANISH KING'S CAUTION.

Foreign Diplomats Run No Danger of Meeting.
Copenhagen, via London, Dec. 31.—The usual custom of the King receiving each diplomatic mission to Denmark separately on New Year's day will not be followed this year as it is feared that some representative of a belligerent power might meet the representative of an enemy power on arriving or departing from the palace. Instead of the former custom, the dean of the diplomatic corps, Dr. G. F. Hagerup, the Norwegian minister, will present to the king the greetings of the diplomats. The usual dinner to all the members of the diplomatic corps has been cancelled and the king will entertain the envoys in groups.

OUR MOTOR BATTERIES.

Thirty or Forty Armed Cars Ready for Second Contingent.
Ottawa, Dec. 31.—Good progress has been made by the committee which has been looking after the organization of the motor batteries which will go to the front from Canada. These batteries, which have been provided for partly by private donations and partly by the government, will be ready to go forward with the second contingent. And there will probably be from thirty to forty armed motors altogether, mounted with machine guns.

War Pictures in Paris.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The prefect of police has authorized the cinemas to show the scenes of devastation due to the war. All bills showing anything in connection with the war were hitherto forbidden. The new order is due partly to the use the Germans are making of the cinemas in Germany and abroad.

THE RUSSIAN CRUISER

American Did Not Threaten Syria or Port.

Washington, Dec. 31.—The warship whose captain threatened to bombard the Syrian port of Tripoli was not the American armored cruiser North Carolina, but the Russian cruiser Askold. Information to this effect reached the secretary of the navy to-day in a despatch received from the commanding officer of the North Carolina, fled at Beirut, December 28th. The message read: "On December 25th, the Russian cruiser Askold sent boats with armed men on a reconnaissance near Tripoli, Syria, at the village of Danias. Before arrival at the beach, the boats grounded in shallow water and the crews of the boats were jeered by the populace. At the threat of the Turkish authorities to imprison the boat crews, they were informed that the Russian cruiser would bombard the village on such an attempt, and consequently no one was made prisoner. No shots were fired. The Russian boat crew left the vicinity when the boats were floated. "Since December 9th, no American vessel has been south of Alexandria, Syria. Reconnaissances at Beirut, Syria, are frequently made by British, French and Russian cruisers. Everything is quiet at Beirut."



COL. SEPTIMUS DENISON
At present adjutant-general of the Canadian militia, who has been appointed to command the Ontario infantry brigade in the second Canadian contingent.

LOOKING FOR A LONG WAR

Significant Change in French Public Opinion.
Paris, Dec. 31.—A very significant change has come over public opinion in France as to the probable duration of the war. Less than two months ago it was unwise to hint at a spring campaign. Now it is recognized on every hand as inevitable.

Two things have contributed to awaken public feeling. The first is the vast number of reserves Germany is organizing to push forward into the fighting line when the weather improves. The second is the remarkable campaign which M. Pichon, former foreign minister, waged for a time almost singlehanded in favor of an active Japanese intervention on the continent of Europe. I think that perhaps a third consideration enters into the new calculations, the determined resistance of the entrenched Germans opposed to the allies. The tentative offensive steam roller, though plunging away, has not yet crossed into the commercial heart of Germany in the Westphalia. Hopes of seeing the Russians entering Berlin by the end of the year have not been justified. In fact, the hand carried on both fronts is behind the schedule that French optimists forged after the battle of the Marne. Still, it is well ahead, on the western side at least, of what anyone with military knowledge could have anticipated during the early weeks of August.

10,000 HORSES WANTED.

Sir Adam Beck Completes Eastern District Organization.
Toronto, Dec. 31.—Sir Adam Beck has completed his organization of the eastern district of Canada, which extends from Port Arthur to the Atlantic, for the purchase of horses for the Canadian militia. At the present time about ten thousand horses will be required, but this number, it is said, will not nearly supply the demand as the war progresses.

Within the last ten days about 1,000 horses have been purchased, but with the completion of a proper organization, purchasing will go on more quickly and it is expected that at least two thousand more will be secured within the next fortnight.

WILL AMERICA FIGHT?

Heavy Premium Paid At Lloyds Against Eventuality.
London, Dec. 31.—A premium of 15 guineas per cent. was being paid at Lloyds yesterday on policies worded "to pay a total loss in the event of a declaration of war between Great Britain and America within 12 months from date." The premium to insure against a war declaration between Norway and Great Britain within twelve months is now seven guineas per cent.

AUSTRALIANS IN EGYPT.

Traveller Saw 30,000 Fine-Looking Soldiers Arrive.
New York, Dec. 31.—A dozen engineers and oil prospectors for the Standard Oil company, who have been in Palestine, have arrived in New York. On their way home they stopped in Egypt. While there, one of the travellers said, 27 British transports arrived, bringing 30,000 Australian troops. These, he said, were a fine-looking lot of men.

GOVERNMENT FACING

DEFICIT OF \$40,000,000 FOR THIS YEAR

Disposition Shown To Assist Government In All Measures Necessary For War Policy.

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—The announcement made officially from government headquarters, that parliament will open without the time-honored drawing-room and state ball foretells the character of the session. Practically all of the government's programme is made up of war legislation and this, with such private legislation as comes before parliament, will provide the bulk of the session's work. It is expected that the financial measures of the government will constitute the main feature of the session. The announcement in regard to these measures is being looked forward to with considerable interest, and for the same reasons unusual interest attaches to the coming budget speech. The circumstances are, of course, unprecedented, and call for action of a special nature.

What measures will be taken to meet the new conditions are known only to the government, but something of the conditions themselves can be gathered from the official revenue statements as issued from time to time. These show that the receipts to the middle of the present month have decreased by no less than \$37,000,000 behind that of the corresponding months of the fiscal year. On the other hand, the payments on capital account and ordinary expenditure are four millions more, so that the statement is, in round numbers, \$40,000,000 behind that of last year, a deficiency which must be provided for by tariff or other expedients.

For purely war purposes the government is borrowing from the bank of England, under an arrangement announced some weeks ago. In these borrowings do not meet the other necessities alluded to. So far as can be gathered now, the opposition are disposed to assist the government in all measures designed to support the part which Canada is taking in the war.

AERIAL RAIDERS YOUNG.

Pilots Also Had Little Experience in Flying.
London, Dec. 31.—A notable point in regard to the air-raid on Cuxhaven is that all seven British pilots are young men of short experience in flying.

Flight Commander Douglas Oliver is 27 and received his pilot's license in November, 1913. Flight Commander Francis Hewlett, son of the novelist, who was taught aviation by his mother and who is missing, was 23. He got his license in November 1911. Flight Commander Robert Ross is 26 and got his certificate in November of last year. Flight commander Cecil Kilner is 31. He received his certificate in October, 1913. Flight Lieutenant Arnold Miley is 24. He got his license in July, 1913. Flight Lieutenant Charles Edwards is 23, and was licensed as a pilot in April 1912. Flight Sub-Lieutenant Vivian Blackburn is 25 and received his license in September, 1913.

BOMB THROWN IN CANTON.

Revolutionary Agents Are Busy in China.
Washington, Dec. 31.—The state department was yesterday notified by the American consul at Canton, China, that a bomb was thrown in that city on November 8th by revolutionary agents. It was aimed at the office of the commissioner of defence, but fell in front of a neighboring residence, where a funeral service was being held. The explosion killed 13 persons and wounded 12. Among the killed were an official, a priest, a policeman, a military officer and several children. In the confusion that followed, the house was robbed of considerable money. The consular reports further that two days later a number of bandits attacked the city of Satchan, 15 miles from Canton, but were dispersed. Their banners indicated that they were under the orders of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the Chinese reformer. Several persons were killed in the fighting and a number of shops were looted. A number of bandits were captured and some of them summarily executed.

HELD AS PRISONERS.

680 Women and Children Carried Into Bavaria.
Paris, Dec. 31.—All the women and children of Marcheville and neighboring parishes, in the department of the Meuse, near Verdun, were taken prisoners on October 20th. Letters received here show that they are being held in barracks at Amberg, Bavaria. The women and children-prisoners number 680, according to information contained in letters received. They say they are not badly treated, but they complain of the cold, as they were not allowed to take warm clothing with them.

YOU SUFFER FROM BACKACHE?

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A HEALTH PARADOX.

If You Feel Strong Consult Your Physician.
Philadelphia, Dec. 31.—When a man of active affairs feels an exuberance of health and is able to accomplish a greatly increased amount of work without sense of fatigue, he is in danger and should consult a physician, said Prof. Louis F. Bishop, of the medical school of Fordham University, New York, before the social and economic science section of the American Association for the Advancement of Science to-day. More than 1,500 scientists are attending the convention. "Barring accidents," he said, "the brain worker should count on forty years of labor after forty. A particular individual may transcend all the canons of health and be an efficient brain worker up to a great age, while another person, exercising, as he believes, every possible precaution, only succumbs at an early age to cellular degeneration, leading to Bright's disease, apoplexy, angina pectoris or some other one of the train of evils that follow the process."

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