

BIG ANCIENT ARMIES

More Than Two Thousand Years Before the Christian Era, Ninus, King of Assyria, Led Nearly Two Million Soldiers—Xerxes Commanded 2,641,610, Darius Had 1,000,000, and Artaxerxes Had 1,200,000.

There is doubtless a very general impression that in the matter of big armies Russia, Germany, Austria, France, and England have under their colors the biggest bodies of fighting men that the world has ever known. This is a mistake, as may be readily seen when a comparison of the strength of ancient and modern armies is made.

The standing army of the Russian empire in time of peace consists of 1,035,000 men, while its war-strength is 75,554 officers and 4,627,000 men.

While the war strength of Germany is estimated at 70,015 officers and 5,324,094 men, it maintains a standing army of only 594,088 officers and men.

France, with a war strength of 4,695,760 officers and men, maintains a peace army of 613,117 officers and men.

The armies of other nations in time of peace are as follows: Japan, 348,200; Austro-Hungary, 302,660; Great Britain, 270,128; Italy, 260,454; Turkey, 217,960.

In the United States the enlisted strength of the regular army is limited by law to 100,000, but this at the present time amounts to only 60,280 to which is to be added a provisional force of about 5,116 officers, and men in the Philippines and Porto Rico. Besides these, however, we have an organized militia of 117,144.

So much for the armed strength of modern nations. Now let us compare with these some of the armies of antiquity.

The city of Thebes had a hundred gates, and could send out at each gate 10,000 fighting men and 200 chariots—in all, 1,000,000 men and 2,000 chariots.

The army of Terah, King of Ethiopia, consisted of 1,000,000 men and 300 chariots of war.

Sesostris, King of Egypt, led against his enemies 600,000 men, 24,000 cavalry, and 27 sythe-armed chariots. 1491 B.C.

Hamular went from Carthage and landed near Palermo. He had a fleet of 2,000 ships and 3,000 small vessels, and a land force of 300,000 men. At the battle in which he was defeated 150,000 were slain.

A Roman fleet led by Regulus against Carthage, consisted of 330 vessels with 140,000 men. The Carthaginian fleet numbered 550 vessels, with 150,000 men.

At the battle of Cannae there were of the Romans, including allies, 89,000 foot and 6,000 horse; of the Carthaginians, 40,000 foot and 10,000 horse. Of these 70,000 were slain in all and 10,000 taken prisoners—more than half slain.

Hannibal, during his campaign in Italy and Spain, plundered 400 towns and destroyed 300,000 men.

Ninus, the Assyrian King, about 2200 B.C. led against the Bactrians his army consisting of 1,700,000 foot soldiers, 200,000 horse, and 16,000 chariots armed with scythes.

Italy, with before Hannibal's time was able to send into the field nearly 1,600,000 men.

A short time after the taking of Babylon the forces of Cyrus consisted of 600,000 foot, 120,000 horse, and 2,000 chariots armed with scythes.

An army of Cambyses, 50,000 strong, was buried in the desert sands of Africa by a south wind.

When Xerxes arrived at Thermopylae, his land and sea forces amounted to 2,641,610 exclusive of servants, eunuchs, women, sutlers, etc., in all numbering 5,283,220. So say Herodotus, Plutarch, and Isocrates.

The army of Artaxerxes, before the battle of Cunaxa, amounted to about 1,200,000.

Ten thousand horse and 100,000 foot fell on the fatal field of Issus.

The forces of Darius at Arbela numbered more than 1,000,000. The Persians lost 90,000 men in this battle; Alexander about 500 men. So says Diodorus. Other authorities say the Persians in this battle lost 600,000; the Greeks 1,200.

The army of Tamarians is said to have amounted to 1,600,000, and that of his antagonist, Bajaret, 1,400,000.

NOT JUSTICE TO BELGIUM

Quebec's Refugee Scheme Is Frowned On In Britain. London, Jan. 16.—A cable received here from Quebec says the provincial government is working out a comprehensive scheme for bringing Belgian refugees out there. We have previously stated that the emigration of refugees to the British Dominion is by no means regarded with favor by those charged with their care.

Many points in this matter cannot be publicly discussed now while Belgium is under such a cloud of misfortune and while the gratitude of Europe is being extended to her for her heroism, but in any case it may be stated the main endeavor on this side is to keep the refugees here, giving them work wherever possible, keeping in mind the desirability of their returning to their own country as soon as the tide of warfare rolls beyond their own borders. Competent authorities declare it would be ill return to Belgium to denude her still further of her able population when the time comes for her to rebuild her fortunes.

TWO U. S. DREADNOUGHTS

Provided For In The Naval Appropriation Bill. Washington, Jan. 16.—The house naval committee agreed on an increase of the fleet that will cost \$53,168,828. The programme provides for two dreadnoughts, each to cost \$550,000 each; one oil fuel ship to cost \$1,140,000; one transport, to cost \$1,900,000, and one hospital ship to cost \$2,250,000. The appropriation bill will carry \$148,500,000, which is about \$4,000,000 more than was appropriated last year.

The Shape Of The Earth.

According to the deductions of J. A. Jeans of Trinity College, Cambridge, the shape of the earth when it began to cool and to solidify from a liquid mass was that of a pear. But its shape could not have been maintained. The enormous strains which would be set upon it as the process of cooling proceeded, and this shape would gradually give place to an approximately spherical form. Such a configuration would possess a single axis of symmetry, and this axis, it is suggested, passed through a point of latitude and longitude 6 degrees north of 20 degrees east. Thus Africa, the continent whose center above sea level is greatest, must be taken as the center of the land hemisphere, while the protuberance which formed the stalk of the sphere is submerged in the Pacific ocean, which now forms the water hemisphere. Almost no remaining evidence of the existence of this protuberance is the fact that the axis of the pear coincides with the earth's greatest diameter. If we suppose the pear to contract to a spherical shape the change in curvature and the relative displacements would be greatest at the neighborhood of its equator, and hence we should expect to find earthquakes and volcanoes in greatest numbers near to this circle.—Exchange.

Portland News Budget

Portland, Jan. 14.—The rink has opened for the season under the management of the hockey club and many are enjoying skating. Mr. and Mrs. W. Pinkerton, of the Canadian West, are visiting the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Health. Mrs. M. Doneyan and little son are spending some time with her mother, Mrs. J. Morris. William Hart is renewing acquaintances in the village. Thomas Cosgrove spent a few days the guest of his sister, Mrs. Charles Lyons. Miss Loretta McKenny, of the Kingston business college, is spending her holidays at her home here. A number from here attended the ice races at Westport on the 13th and 14th. John Haw is still confined to the house with a severe attack of rheumatism. Launcelet Bolton, son of St. Marie, is a guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bolton. Mrs. Howe is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. McClean, of Rideau Ferry. Stanley Heath and William Fenwick spent a few days in Smith's Falls last week, en route to Mr. and Mrs. George Hanna, a son.

Not Suffering Greatly

Paris, Jan. 15.—American statistics show that the November exports to Italy were valued at \$17,000,000 against \$7,500,000 in the November preceding; to Denmark, \$13,000,000, against \$1,000,000; to Norway, \$18,000,000, against \$750,000; and to Sweden, against \$7,500,000 against \$1,000,000. It does not appear at first sight as if American commerce was suffering so terribly from the surveillance by the allied cruisers of the cargoes consigned to neutral countries whence Germany might obtain supplies.

There Are Still Some Ships

New York Herald. Exports from New York alone last week exceeded in value \$22,000,000, an increase of more than a fourth over the preceding week. Of cotton the week's shipments from all ports were 351,000 bales, bringing the total for five weeks to very nearly one and a half million bales. There appears to be some ocean tonnage available, although the government has not gone into the shipping business.

Invalids' Delusions.

Dr. Chown. Ex-Mayor L. D. Taylor has been elected mayor of Vancouver, B.C., with a majority of 74 over his nearest opponent.

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THE FRONTENACS LOST

JUNIOR GAME IN BELLEVILLE BY 3 GOALS TO 2.

After Playing Ten Minutes Overtime—The Soft Ice Did Not Suit the Kingston Team.

Belleville defeated the Frontenacs in Belleville, on Friday night, in a junior O.H.A. game, by a score of 3 to 2, on soft ice, after playing ten minutes overtime. The local boys surprised Belleville with what they did. They played good hockey all through, although up against a better team. There was a good crowd of Kingston people present. The combination plays were few, as the puck would stick to the ice. One-man rushes were in order, and both Stewart and McCallum came down the ice time after time when the Belleville boys got through the forwards. The Frontenacs played good, clean hockey throughout the game, and did not yield to the temptation to retaliate of unnecessary body-checking. The first period opened with both teams playing hard and the puck went up and down the ice for the twenty minutes without a score. The Frontenacs were not used to the rink, but played together, defeating all attempts of the Belleville players to score.

In the second period the Frontenacs settled down into a fast stride. The puck stayed for some minutes in the Belleville end and Cooke scored the first goal. Belleville came back strong however, and registered two goals, one by Pimlock and one by Whalen. Stinson and Smith showed up particularly strong in this period. The third period was faster hockey than ever, a lively pace being kept up, considering that there were puddles of water on the ice. The Frontenacs got past their opponents' defense, and Stinson scored on a pass from Smith, close to Belleville goal. At full time the score was 2 to 2. After ten minutes of a rest, overtime was played. After eight minutes of play, Whalen broke the tie and won the game for the victors by a long shot that bounced along the ice and in the net.

White, for the victors, is the most dangerous man on the Belleville team, as he is not afraid to use his weight. Pimlock is good, but cannot play clean hockey.

On the Frontenac team each player was a star. There was a marked improvement over the Collegiate game. Mills played one of his best games and he stopped many wicked shots. Whalen and Cooke were handicapped by the heavy ice, which did not allow them to develop speed.

The line-up was: Frontenacs—Mills, goal; McCallum and Stewart, defense; Millan, rover; Stinson, centre; Cooke, and Smith, wings.

Belleville—Nurse, goal; Pimlock and White, defense; Elliott, rover; Arnold, centre; Whalen and Gover, wings. "Jack" Moxon, referee; M. Arnold and E. Hartrick, penalty time-keepers; E. Laing and James T. Sutherland, time-keepers.

Morewood Reports.

Morewood, Jan. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Black, who leave next week for their new home near Inkerman, entertained a number of their friends on Thursday evening. Mrs. Vernon Fetterley and babe spent a week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Foster. Mr. and Mrs. Pennell were recent visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Smith. Mrs. John Bowes, after spending a few weeks with his daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) D. D. Elliott, returned to her home at Glen Tay on Thursday. Mrs. Anson Allison was a winter visitor at her mother's home in Winchester. Mrs. Storey, Tamworth, was a recent visitor in Morewood.

Miss Addie Gardner was a recent visitor at her brother's in Cornwall. The Misses Black, of Feltow, were guests here on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, Inkerman, were guests on Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Black. Mrs. Merkle, Chesterville, spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin. Mrs. George Bogart was a visitor to Chesterville on Wednesday. Rev. Thomas and Mrs. Shaver left last week for Toronto, where they will spend a few months. A number of the young people attended the hockey match in Finch last Friday evening.

Excitement ran high in the village on Tuesday evening when Crysal and Morewood hockey teams played an interesting game, resulting in favor of Crysal.

Main Barrington is in Ottawa undergoing treatment for his eyes. The funeral of Hewena McLeod, aged eleven years, who died of lung trouble, took place on Monday. Service was conducted in the Presbyterian Church by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Golder. Interment took place at Crysal.

Four of Four Hundred Survived. London, Jan. 16.—The governor of the Persian province in which Tabriz is situated has arrived at Tiflis, Russia, and reports that he is one of four survivors of 400 mounted men who tried to hold against the Turks a bridge at the point known as "The Gateway of Persia." He confirmed the news of the Turkish occupation of Tabriz. The consular officers and bank employees escaped from the city.

"Week-end special" at Gibson's: \$1 Emulsion for 50c. 50c. Emulsion for 25c. \$1 Emulsion, 50c. Gibson's. 25c. Linseed Cough Syrup, 15c. 25c. Baby Cough Syrup, 10c. 25c. Kidney Pill, 25c. 25c. Dyppepsia Tablet, 25c. 25c. Syrup Fig, 15c.

C. R. Tuttle and family who have been residing in Tweed for the past year are returning to Toronto. Mr. Tuttle was engaged as bookkeeper at the Steel Trough and Machine Co.'s works. He was a member of the choir of the Methodist church.

The rise and sustained advancement of Kingston real estate is at hand. Are you awake to the situation? It will pay you to get into touch with McCann.

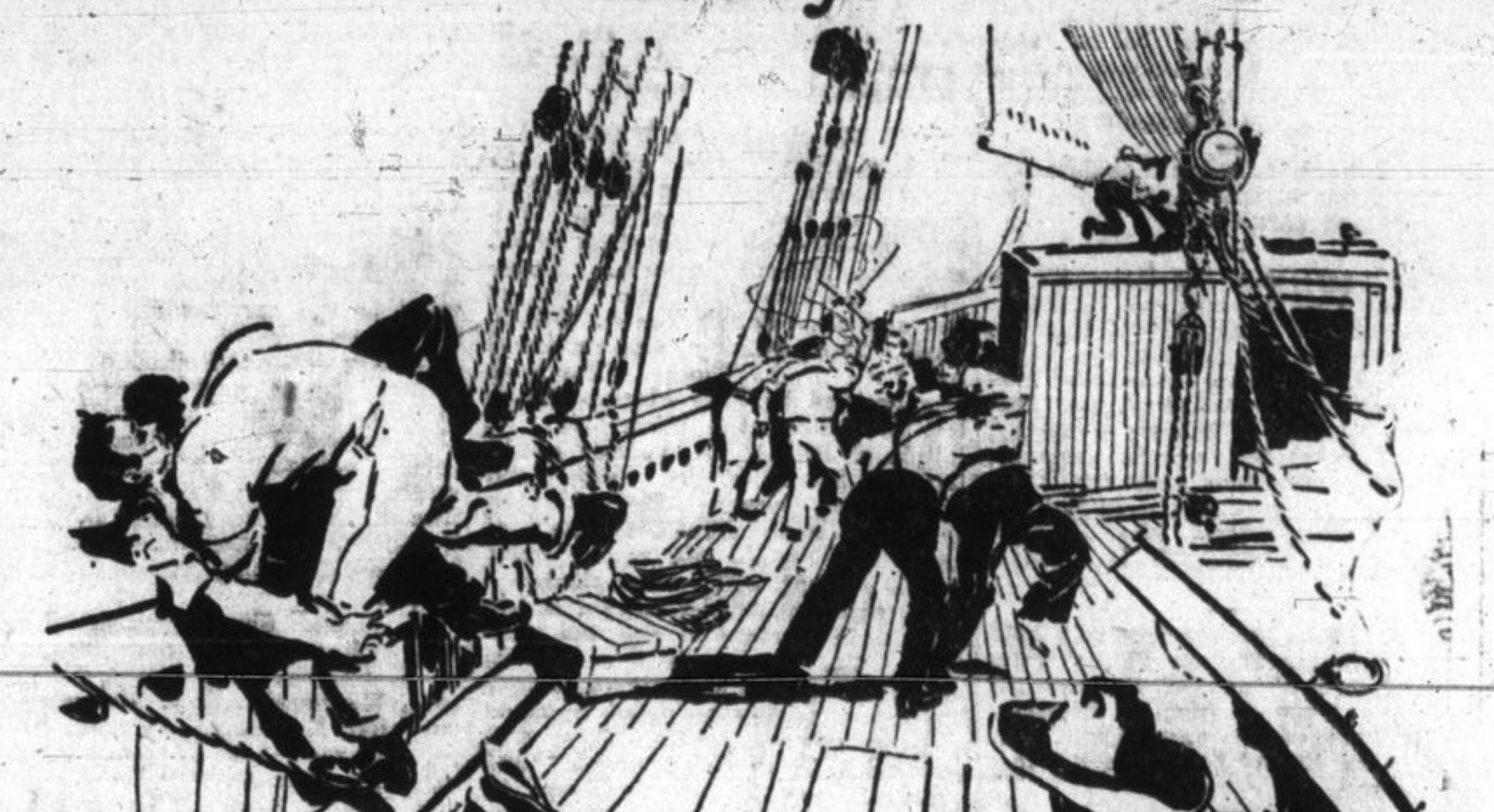
German export of rye to all of Scandinavia has ceased and Sweden, Norway and Denmark are now buying here.

Elastic hosiery. Dr. Chown.

The Master Key

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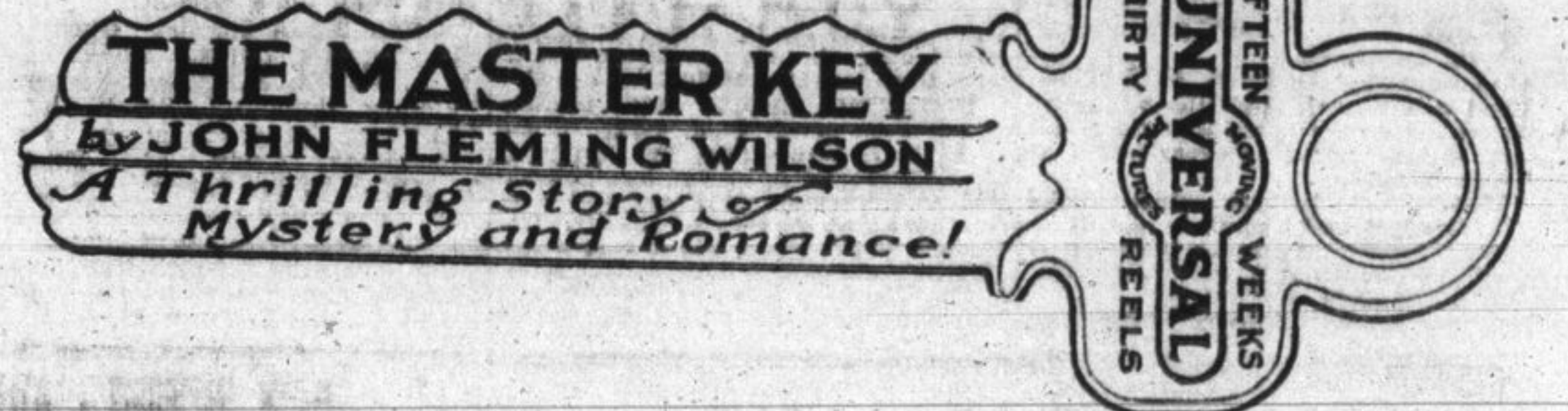
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KHAKI DURING WAR, TARTANS FOR PEAC

Concession to Appease the Indignation of the People of the Highlands.

London, Jan. 15.—The army council has had to appease highland feeling by announcing that the new drab serge kilt will be used only during the war and not deprive the highland regiments of their distinctive tartans.

The Scottish thistle, must not be touched with impunity. The news that a new drab kilt was being used in Argyshire at once affected recruiting and aroused a flood of protest from soldiers' relatives.

War Tidings.

The Russian finance minister attributes the improvement in industrial conditions there to the prohibition of vodka.

Another visit was paid to the German positions at Antwerp by bombs from British airmen.

Germany is taking diplomatic measures to prevent, if possible, the entrance of Roumania into the war.

The Sling Plantation camp of the Canadian contingent has been condemned on account of the prevalence of cerebro-spinal meningitis. The 1th Infantry Brigade is being removed to Tidworth barracks on that account.

Pte. A. B. Palmer, Toronto, has received a commission in Kitchener's army. Fifty-two Canadian Highlanders now are officers in the new army.

Lieut. Mackinder, a favorite comedian with London audiences, had been killed at the front.

Ring 242 for sick room wants. Dr. Chown. T. H. Meredith, K.C., is spoken of as the likely candidate of the conservatives in London, Ont., to succeed the late Major Dentie in the division house.

For bread and pastry, White Rose Bakers.

Coming Prof. Pember, of the well-known hair goods store, Toronto, will be in Kingston, at the Randolph Hotel, on Tues. Jan. 26

FOR BALD MEN The Pember lightweight ventilated toupee or wig is the most natural substitute for your own hair ever produced. Also consult him about any scalp troubles. Advice gratis. REMEMBER THE DATE RANDOLPH HOTEL, TUESDAY, JAN. 26TH.

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MEETING OBLIGATIONS.

Nearly Nineteen Millions Indebtedness Discharged Since May.

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—It is stated that despite the general financial strain of the war the C.N.R. is carrying out its undertakings with the government in most satisfactory style. In May last the railroad undertook to wipe out as it became due over twenty-one million dollars of capital indebtedness. Of this nearly nineteen million has been paid, or all that is due—the remainder being drawbacks on work not yet completed.

Not What He Had Ordered.

M. Maurice Maeterlinck, the celebrated Belgian author, is, naturally, no lover of the Germans. He stated the other day, that he had irrefutable evidence that the Huns had made up their minds to blow up Brussels, Antwerp, Ghent, and Bruges. M. Maeterlinck, unlike most men of letters, has one of the calmest natures imaginable. Nothing seems to ruffle his temper and he takes all things as they come. While he was dining at a big restaurant, some time ago, a tummy waiter spilled nearly a whole plate of clear soup down his back.

The author of "The Blue Bird" never turned a hair, but, looking calmly at the flustered waiter, merely remarked: "It was thick soup I asked for."

Miss Neta Windover, Napanee, leaves for Kingston on Wednesday next to train for a nurse.

MY TIRED FEET ACHED FOR "TIZ"

Let your sore, swollen, aching feet spread out in a bath of "TIZ."



"Just couldn't wait to take my hat off!"

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When your feet feel like lumps of lead—all tired out—just try "TIZ." It's grand—it's glorious. Your feet will dance with joy; also you will find all pain gone from corns, callouses and bunions. There's nothing like "TIZ." It's the only remedy that draws out the poisonous exudations which put up your feet and cause foot torture. Get a 25 cent box of "TIZ" at any drug or department store—don't wait. Ah! how glad your feet get; how comfortable your aching feet; you can wear shoes a size smaller if you desire.

KIPLING TO WRITE SONGS.

Words Will Be Set To Old English Airs, It Is Announced.

London, Jan. 16.—Rudyard Kipling is to write new songs for British troops, and they will be set to old English airs. This announcement was made by Sir Charles Stanford, a noted composer, at a meeting held to discuss means for providing music for Kitchener's new army.

Sir Charles said that he looked for something better than "Tipperary" for the men to sing, although he admitted that the marching song now so much used is "Fine in itself."

Stories Of Places.

Though generally adroit in launching an understanding, the Chinese are a people who are poor in bringing it to a final success. The number of native industrial companies promoted in China in the last dozen or more years has been great, but extremely few of them live today to show any favorable financial results.

Roumania holds the honor for earliest production of crude petroleum, having put it on the market in 1857. Two years later the United States produced its first petroleum, 2,000 gallons.

The area of California, 157,227 square miles, is approximately equal to the combined area of Roumania, Bulgaria, Servia, Albania, Montenegro, Belgium and Turkey in Europe.—Chicago Daily News.

Distribution of Labor.

Toronto News. All post offices throughout the United States are to be used as labor bureaus for the relief of unemployment. The initial difficulty will be to keep the postmasters advised as to vacant positions, but perhaps the employing public will soon learn to send in notifications of their requirements. Two hundred thousand field agents of the United States department of agriculture are to assist by acting as labor reporters in co-operation with the post offices. It is doubtful if any more practical proposal for adjustment of labor or general demands has been developed in any country, for manifestly the movement can be made to serve the township, the state, and the nation.

Used Him As Yardstick.

"Golly, but I'm tired!" exclaimed a tall and thin colored man, meeting a short stout friend.

"What you been doin' to get tired?"

"Well!" explained the thin one, drawing a deep breath "over to Brother Smith's dey are measurin' de house for some new carpets. Dey haven't got no yardstick and I'm just exactly six feet tall. So to oblige Brother Smith I's been a-layin' down and a-gettin' up all over deir house."

Reason To Smile.

The senator and the mayor were walking up the avenue. The Senator was more than middle-aged and considerably more than fat, and, dearly as the mayor loved him, he also loved his joke. The senator turned with a pleased expression on his benign countenance and said:

"Mayor, did you see that pretty girl smile at me?" "Oh, that's nothing," replied his friend. "The first time I saw you I laughed out loud." Exchange.