

AN AMMUNITION DEPOT BLOWN UP BY ALLIES

Germans Used It For Operations Near Rheims.

DEPOT WAS LOCATED BY BRITISH AVIATORS—ARTILLERY DID THE REST.

Furious Fighting From St. Mihiel to Metz—The British Have Taken Three German Positions Northwest of Beauséjour.

Paris, Jan. 21.—The destruction of a big German ammunition depot, from which the German forces operating near Rheims drew their supplies, was reported in official despatches this afternoon.

According to an official report the explosion of huge supplies of powder resulted in many deaths.

British aviators located the ammunition depot and furnished range to the allies gunners. The guns had scarcely been trained in its direction, a tremendous explosion shook the earth for miles around.

Before the depot was blown up allies artillery succeeded in demolishing the German field works in the same vicinity. Immediately following the explosion an infantry charge was ordered, the allies taking several of the enemy's trenches.

British Take Three Positions.

Furious fighting along the German front extending from St. Mihiel to Metz, with first one side and then the other having the advantage was reported. On the north, artillery duelling at long range continued throughout yesterday, the British taking three German positions northwest of Beauséjour after steady shelling had rendered the German positions untenable.

The French armies operating toward Mulhouse in the lower Alsace are reported to be "advancing." The official communiqué withholds comment upon the renewal of the German attack at Soissons.

U.S. NAVY NEEDS 10,000 MEN FOR BATTLESHIPS

Commander of Atlantic Fleet Reports "Alarming" Shortage in American Navy.

Washington, Jan. 21.—An "alarming" shortage of officers and men needed to man the warships of the United States for battle is reported by Rear Admiral Fletcher, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet, in a letter to the House Naval committee, made public last night.

Writing to supplement his recent testimony before the committee, the admiral announces that an inquiry just completed by special boards has revealed that the navy lacks by 10,000 men to fully man all the ships which ought to be commanded upon the outbreak of war.

"The reports of these boards," the letter says, "were made independently and are singularly unanimous in their conclusions, presenting a more serious shortage than could have been anticipated by either the navy department or the fleet until brought to light by this searching investigation."

"The reports show that in the twenty-one battleships in commission, and now composing the Atlantic fleet, there is a shortage of 2,219 men and 339 officers required to fill all stations necessary to efficiently fight the ships in battle.

"The above figures refer to the commissioned battle fleet alone and this shortage does not include 4,000 or 5,000 additional to fully man the ships which I think ought to be fully manned upon the opening of hostilities, as stated in my testimony.

Dacia To Sail.

Washington, Jan. 21.—Representatives of the crew of the steamer Dacia, now loading cotton at Port Arthur, Texas, for Rotterdam or Bremen, have informed the state department that as soon as loaded the steamer will proceed on her voyage regardless of the decision of the British government to seize her.

Terrific snowstorms have buried the earthquake debris in Italy and prevented further rescue.

"GREAT EVENTS SOON," FRENCH LEADERS SAY

Paris, Jan. 21.—Intransigent prints extracts of an interview by a representative of "Lectures Four Tous" with Generals Foch and Douha. The former, who commands the French army in northern France, shows the greatest optimism. "The situation is wholly satisfactory," he says. "The Germans can do nothing against us. My generals, Douha and Maudhu, are heroes. Gossetti is commanding the Ypres army, and is invulnerable, though he exposes himself recklessly. You may expect great events soon. We are determined to win, and will never abandon the task unless victorious."

BUYS HER CHILDREN.

Hamilton, Jan. 21.—Mrs. W. A. Malone, Hamilton, secured an order in a New York court for the custody of her three children. The father refused to obey the order, and her lawyers said he could be forced to sell them to her. The court ordered the sale, and she got the children on payment of \$1.

ORDERED HIS OWN COFFIN.

Wired Undertaker to Meet Train and Then Committed Suicide.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Charles Ledowsky, president of the Fox River Distilling Co., of Chicago, whose name has been mentioned in connection with alleged forged warehouse receipts of R. G. Wathen & Co., of Louisville, committed suicide by shooting, on a railroad train entering Chicago yesterday.

Ledowsky was on a Michigan Central train from Syracuse, N. Y. He telegraphed ahead to an undertaker requesting him to meet the train and take care of his body as he intended to kill himself.

An involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed against Ledowsky's company last Monday, scheduling assets of \$20,000 against liabilities of \$250,000 or \$300,000.

Attorney Sidney R. Stein, representing Ledowsky's creditors, stated that Ledowsky had confessed to him that he had forged warehouse receipts for whiskey valued at \$250,000 or \$300,000, and disposed of them through banks which he victimized.

FIRED AT BY GUARD.

Attempt Made to Steal Rifles at Brantford.

Brantford, Jan. 21.—A bold attempt to steal arms from the 38th Dufferin rifles armories has come to light. The thief, after being shot at, got clear away.

The police are upon the trail, Sgt. Hopkins and Pte. Sherman were on duty at 3:30 a.m. Sunday, when they caught sight of a man leaving the armories by way of the window. He was fifty yards away, and dropped to the ground and made off over the embankment to the river. Pte. Sherman fired at him.

Search disclosed that a stack of rifles had been got ready for transport. The outer door of the armoury room was not latched, and the miscreant had waited until one sentry had retired inside for a meal.

The guard at the armories will be augmented. There is a German spy rumor in connection with the case, which is officially discredited.

Lost \$400,000,000 Commerce.

Paris, Jan. 21.—France's foreign commerce diminished in value 3,000,000,000 francs (\$400,000,000) in ten months of 1914, compared with the total of a similar period in 1913, according to figures compiled by the customs administration.

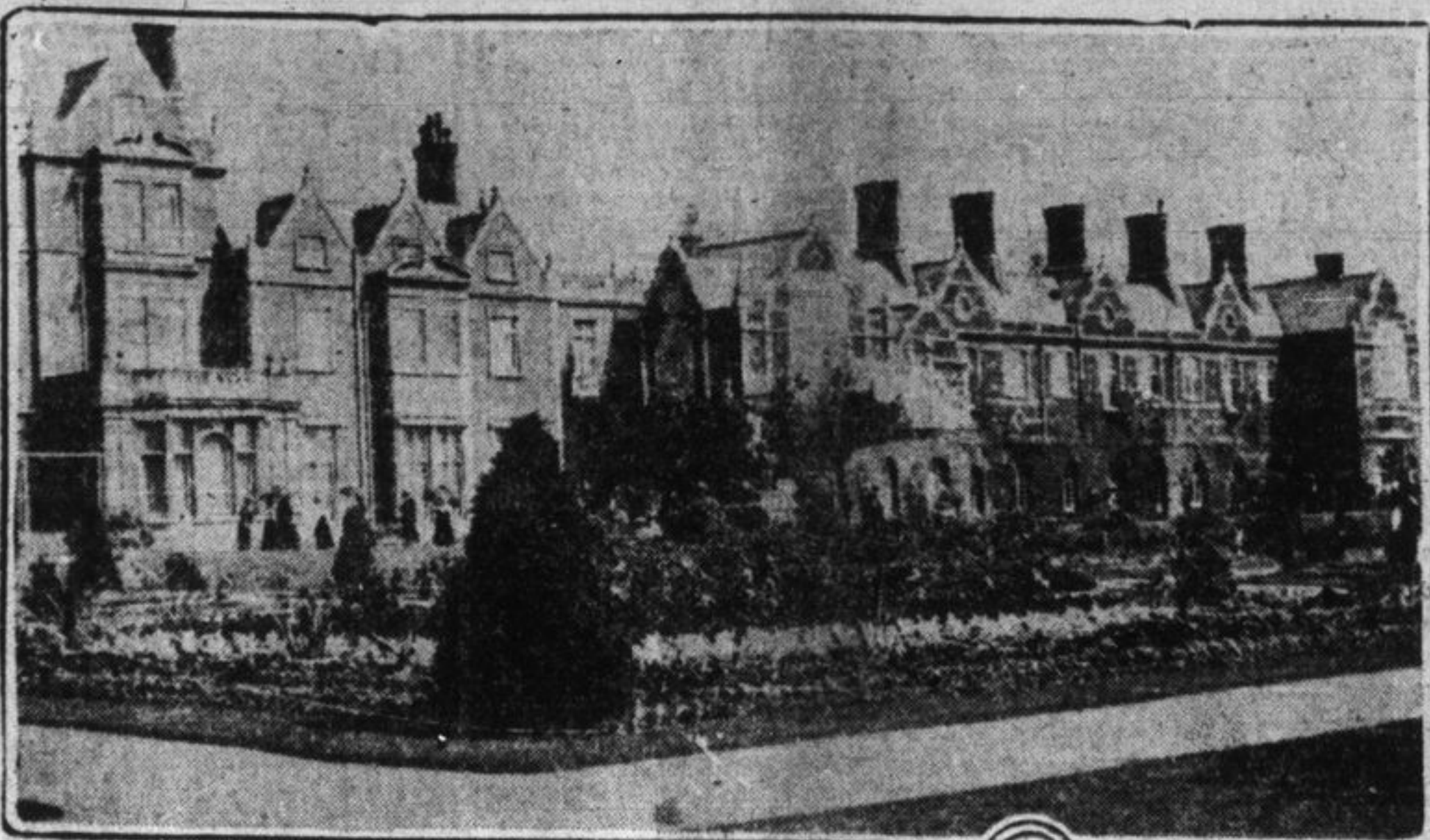
WAR NEWS STIRRING INDIA TO RECRUITING

Indian Successes at the Front Arouse the People of the Orient.

London, Jan. 21.—A special despatch from Delhi says: "All India re-echoes the tribute paid by his excellency the viceroy at the recent opening of the council to the commander-in-chief of the army in India. The work of the military departments is regarded as splendid. Large numbers of Indian army reserve officers are offering to serve with the Indian regiments."

"Recruiting for the Indian army continues with remarkable enthusiasm. The fighting races have been greatly stirred by the news of Indian successes at the front. Indian wounded who have returned are most enthusiastic in their praise of the kindness and attention which they have received in Europe. The volunteer movement has been given great impetus throughout the country, and useful gifts to be forwarded to the combatants and the sick are being received daily."

WHERE GERMANS TRIED TO VENT SPITE ON KING GEORGE.



ROYAL RESIDENCE SANDRINGHAM

WIVES COULD STOP SOLDIERS LEAVING

Warning Issued to Ministers Who Marry Men Enlisted in Overseas Contingent.

Toronto, Jan. 21.—Rev. Dr. S. D. Chown has written a letter to the Christian Guardian calling the attention of the Methodist ministers to a pertinent point on the question of marrying soldiers of the Canadian contingent.

"My attention has been drawn to the question of the marriage of men already enlisted in the present contingent of the Canadian expeditionary force. It is highly desirable that such marriages shall not interfere with the relation of the bridegroom to the army. You are aware that accepting to present military regulations, the wife has the privilege of withdrawing her husband from the forces. It would, therefore, be clear that a man through his marriage may be prevented from proceeding overseas. On this account I desire to urge that any of our ministers, before celebrating the marriage of any such soldiers, will see that the written permission be obtained from the bride for the bridegroom to fulfil the terms of his enlistment, and that the permission of the commanding officer is presented, in order to make the marriage altogether regular.

WHIPS ARRIVE NEXT WEEK.

Will Re-arrange the Seating in the House.

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—The party whips will be here next week to rearrange the seating of the House of Commons. There will be a few changes. Hon. Charles Casgrain will take the seat of Hon. L. P. Pelletier, and Hon. Mr. Blouin that formerly held by Hon. W. B. Nantel. Who will move forward to the seats of Major Beattie and Hon. G. A. Clare is not yet decided. To the late Henry Emmer-son's seat on the opposition front row, either Dr. Clark or Hugh Guthrie will likely be moved forward.

Divorce For Mrs. Fitzsimmons.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—Mrs. Julia Fitzsimmons yesterday obtained a divorce from Robert Fitzsimmons, formerly world's champion heavyweight pugilist. She charges cruelty.

OUR PUBLIC SERVICES.

Some days have elapsed since Ald. Nickle dropped a bomb, as it were, over the police department. He made some preparations for this assault. Like the pilot of a Zeppelin, he selected his own time, (when all was calm,) and his own material for creating a flurry on public opinion, and to a certain extent he has succeeded. But with what effects?

His judgment was assuredly at fault. He acted impetuously. That is certain. He did not calculate or take into account the injury he was likely to do to the city by attributing to it a wickedness which could not be equalled or surpassed in any Canadian city between Halifax and Vancouver. The Whig is not in a position to say what may or may not be proven by a searching examination into local conditions. But it is persuaded that on very doubtful evidence a statement has been made, which is rash and hurtful and altogether uncalled for.

Assuming that any public-spirited citizen has information that affects local conditions, morally it is his duty to place it at the disposal of those who have to do with the enforcement of the law. If they do not set it in his duty to go further and make known his discovery to his friends, those who are qualified to advise him aright, and there will be no mistake with regard to the procedure. He will certainly guard against any exposure which is noisy but unpromising of good. Public opinion is very clear on two points:

(1) That an investigation should proceed at once, and that Ald. Nickle be asked to lay before the police commissioners all the evidence of which he is possessed, of every kind, and concerning every local public interest.

(2) That the inquiry should go further than even Ald. Nickle has suggested, and cover an examination into the manner in which the police force is being managed and directed, the manner in which the laws of the city are being enforced by the police department, the difficulty it has in taking aggressive action in suspicious cases, and all other points and matters which should engage their attention.



QUEEN ALEXANDRA BUNGALOW—SANDRINGHAM

Sandringham estate and country house near King's Lynn was the personal property of the late King Edward, being purchased by him with his minority accumulations. He willed the estate to King George but the house remained the property of Queen Alexandra, and the present king has never lived in it but occupied York Cottage in the grounds during his visits. The recent attempt to wreck the grounds is vindictive of German Kultur. The picture shows the big house at Sandringham which is undamaged though a bomb was dropped on the estate, also Queen Alexandra's bungalow on the sea at Sandringham, where another bomb was dropped.

RELATIVES OF CZAR TAKE EFFORT FOR PEACE

Aristocrats Regard War as Calamity For Russia—Tremendous Losses Reported.

Berlin, Jan. 20 (by wireless to Sayville).—A letter said to have been written by a Russian princess, a relative of Emperor Nicholas, and published in the Munich Post, was given out in Berlin to-day by the Overseas News Agency.

The letter states that in Russian court circles it is estimated that the war losses of the Russians up to the end of November amounted to 300,000 men killed and 1,300,000 wounded or incapacitated by sickness. Many Russian aristocrats, the letter says, "regard the war as a calamity for Russia," and certain relatives of the emperor, it is further stated, are endeavoring to break the influence of the Russian commander-in-chief, Grand Duke Nicholas.

According to the writer of this letter, war against Germany was decided upon when President Poincaré and Premier Viviani, of France, visited Petrograd last July, ten days before the war began.

This decision was reached, it is said, after Count Benckendorff, Russian ambassador to Great Britain, and A. P. Lavovsky, Russian ambassador to France, had sent to the emperor favorable reports concerning the European political situation.

GERMANY HAS PLENTY MEAT.

Kill Their Own Cattle, They Having No Fodder.

Amsterdam, Jan. 21.—A despatch to the Telegraaf from Beverwyk, in the north of Holland, states that the export of fresh butchered meat to Germany, which has been heavy for several months, has ceased, owing to the lack of demand. Presumably Germany is butchering its own cattle freely, the despatch declares, owing to the high price of fodder.

One Canadian Mounted Corps For Egypt

Ottawa, Jan. 21.—It is believed here that the brigade of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, which it is stated Colonel Victor Williams will command, will be for service in Egypt. One regiment of this brigade will likely be from Ontario.

Coroner Dr. George Graham adjourned the inquest on the death of Samuel Anderson for a week owing to the remarkable fact that the crown produced no witnesses who had seen the street car accident which caused his death.

Representatives of certain fraternal insurance societies requested the provincial government to enact legislation compelling every society to conform to a proper financial standard.

The Polson Iron Works, Limited, shipbuilding company have received a large order for shrapnel shell from the government.

J. A. Descaries, K.C., was chosen federal candidate for Jacques Cartier by the conservative convention.

GERMANS ARE FORCED BY RUSSIAN ARMIES

To Keep on Defensive on 60-Mile Front.

THE RUSSIANS ADVANCE TOWARDS EAST PRUSSIA IS CONTINUING.

German Heavy Guns Are An Impediment To The Austrians on Account Of The Bad Roads.

Petrograd, Jan. 21.—Along a sixty-mile front from Ciecha now to the south of Mlawa, to Dobryn on the Vistula, twelve miles below Plock, the Germans are on the defensive against the Russian advance towards East Prussia. During the last three days heavy artillery engagements have occurred at various points along this line.

Meanwhile the struggle is in progress for possession of the left bank of the Vistula, from its junction with the Bzura at Wiszgerod westward to Dobryn, a distance of approximately forty-five miles.

Possession by the Russians of Wiszgerod and their footing on the left bank of the Bzura in that vicinity affords them a base for their operations against the Germans who are in force to the west of that position and prevents a movement upon Nowo Georgiewsk, which has been the German objective in the advance toward Warsaw from the north.

In endeavoring to retake trenches captured by the Russians immediately west of Wiszgerod, the Germans are reported to have lost 900 men.

Southward near Tarnow, Galicia, the Austrians have employed for the first time the famous German 42-centimetre guns in an effort to dislodge the Russians from their positions along the Dunajec river.

According to reports here they have been unsuccessful, having been forced to retreat to the northwest, leaving the Russian position intact. Russian army officers are of the opinion that the heavy German guns are an impediment rather than an aid to the Austrians on account of the bad roads and the long distance it is necessary to transport the guns.

THE AIR RAID CAME AS EXPERT PREDICTED

Cessation of Wind and Rain, With Cloudless Skies, Made Conditions Favorable.

London, Jan. 21.—The German air raid on England did not come as a surprise as conditions during the past week have been entirely favorable for the venture.

In case of an aeroplane raid, experts say, daylight is essential to their success, whereas Zeppelins could travel during the night.

Atmospheric conditions at present are favorable to such a raid. After the recent stormy weather, there has been a period of comparative calm, with light winds and an absence of rain, with skies cloudless, but not bright enough to make aircraft easily distinguishable by the naked eye from the clouds.

A prominent aviation expert, writing Sunday on the prospect of a visit from hostile aircraft, said: "The full moon is on Jan. 21, but given a spell of calm weather, we may expect Zeppelins, regardless of the moon phase. By the law of averages, the time is at hand for the cessation of wind and rain. These and other indications, point, in the writer's opinion, to an early visit, probably this week."

KNITTING IN CHURCH

Falls to Find Favor With Archbishop's Secretary.

London, Jan. 21.—"People do not go to church to knit, but to take part in the service," said the secretary of the Archbishop of Canterbury, in reply to a question which has been put to almost every person in England by patriotic women. In order that the work for the men in khaki might not be relaxed, it was proposed that the women be allowed to knit during sermon time.

"People go to church to pray, sing, listen to the lessons and the sermon," continued the secretary. "If nothing is going on, they had better be on their knees praying for the soldiers on the battlefield and for themselves."

GERMANS DELIGHTED.

Amsterdam, Jan. 21.—A despatch from Berlin says: "The Zeppelin raid on English coast towns has caused the wildest delight and satisfaction throughout Germany. The raid had been planned for months past and only awaited an opportunity for its accomplishment."

The despatch adds: "This is only the beginning."

BISHOP BURKE IS DEAD.

Well-Known Prelate Celebrated Last June His Golden Jubilee.

Albany, Jan. 21.—Right Rev. T. M. A. Burke, fourth bishop of Albany, died suddenly of heart failure here last night. He celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday on January 19th and last June his golden jubilee as a priest.

Bishop Burke was born in Ireland and when a boy moved to Utica, N. Y., with his parents. After studying in colleges in Utica and Toronto he entered St. Mary's Seminary at Baltimore and was ordained to the priesthood in 1864. He was consecrated fourth bishop of Albany in 1894.

French Are Now Only 16 Miles From the Rhine

London, Jan. 21.—It is rumored here that British troops would shortly be sent to Belfort to participate in any possible advance on the Rhine. The French advanced trenches, according to reports received here, are now only sixteen miles from the Rhine.

War Tidings.

Sir George Perley, acting high commissioner for Canada, travelled to Salisbury Wednesday night to spend a few days with the Canadian soldiers.

Great satisfaction is felt in Jewish circles over the coming departure for the front of Rabbi Michael Adler, senior Jewish chaplain to the British forces, the appointment being the first of its kind. The number of Jews in active service exceeds 10,000, a high figure on the basis of percentage of population.

DAILY MEMORANDUM.

Band at Palace Rink to-night. Band at Covered Rink to-night. Vaudeville, Grand Opera House, 1:30 p.m.

See top of page 3, right hand corner, for probabilities. Evening recital Ladies' Musical Club, Convocation Hall, 8:15. Soloist, Mrs. Percy Sharris, Toronto.

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DIED

DARRAN—At Hotel Dieu Hospital, on Jan. 21st, 1915, Sister Margaret Darran. Funeral mass from Hotel Dieu chapel Saturday morning at 7:30 o'clock. GIERVIN—Entered into rest at 249 Johnson Street on January 20th, 1915, Evangeline Louise Welton, beloved wife of the late Charles Giervin. Funeral notice later.

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WAS GREAT BRITAIN WITHIN HER RIGHTS?

Washington, Jan. 21.—If Great Britain admits the charges of hauling down the cotton steamer Greenbrier's American flag, this government undoubtedly will demand reparation. The state department to-day had its international law experts busily engaged in searching precedents to determine whether this alleged action constitutes an insult to the Stars and Stripes. Some doubt existed at first as to whether Great Britain was not within her rights when she replaced the flag with the Union Jack, following the detention of the Greenbrier, but the state department insisted that Great Britain's general procedure was apparently entirely arbitrary.