HILLSIDES OF

The Enemy Lost Terribly in Their Desperate Attacks on Allies' Lines to Commemorate the Kaiser's Birthday.

Germans Failed to Seize Positions West of Labass (P. It d by the British--- The French Have Advan (18 Northwest of Pont-a-oMusson--- Gains Also Made in Alsace.

Paris, Jan. 28.—In three days of fierce battling for possession of the heights near Craonne, the Germans have lost between 7,000 and 10. 000 men, in killed and wounded, according to official despatches.

The French have repelled the desperate attacks upon their positions in the hills in that region, with total losses of not more than 800, it was

Equally disastrous were the German efforts to seize strong positions held by the British west of Labassee. The Germans attacked at least a dozen times, under a murderous fire, and lost from 2,000 to 3,000 in killed and wounded.

So heavy were the German losses yesterday, when infantry attacks were ordered in commemoration of the kaiser's birthday, that the hillsides of Craonne region at several other points on the battlefront were covered with German dead and wounded. There was a consequent bill in the infantry fighting in these regions to-day, while ambulances carried the dead from the field.

ADVANCES BY THE FRENCH

Resumption of French offensive northwest of Pont-A-Mousson was announced to-day. - The French advanced nearly a quarter of a mile, fighting their way through woods.

Gains in Alsace were also announced

British artillery destroyed some German trenches in Belgium, along the Lys, forcing the Germans to abandon attacks to concentrate troops the north for assaults on the allied lines

Artiflery fighting is in progress near Arras and near Roye and Noy- again, the business transacted at the on, northwest of Soissons.

Next May It is Hoped War to End

London, Jan. /28 .- In leading financial circles here, the prediction is being made that the war will end much sooner than is commonly believed, owing to Germany's inability to support the financial strain. Next may is mentioned as the probable date of the German collapse.

Talking It Over.

Basie, Switzerland, Jan. 28 .- Emperor Franz Josef has sent the new Austrian foreign minister, Baron Burian Von Rajecz, to Germany to confer with Emperor William with view to ending the war, according toprivate advices from Vienna Hungarian political circles are

said to favor Austria concluding a separate peace agreement. Franz Josef, however, is obdurate. He refuses to listen to the opinions of the Hungarian diplomats, but desires to win over to an agreement for a com-

Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, will soon leave for Berlin, the message asserts, "on a highly important mission." From the same source comes the information that mobs in the dual monarchy have destroyed placards calling out the last recervists. The riots are common throughout Hungary.

Provides Hospital For University. St. Louis, Jan. 28 .- A trust fund for the establishment of a hospital in connection with Washington University, St. Louis, is created by the will of Mrs. Eliza McMillen, which was filed in the probate court here. The will disposes of an estate valued the beneficiaries who receive \$3,000 each is May Martin, Buffalo.

Official Statement

Fallon Brothers, contractors for the building of the causeway across the Cataragui Bay, made an official statement on Thursday afternoon that they have sold their plant, material, and the uncompleted contract for the work to the Thunder Bay Contracting company, and the government has agreed to the transfer. T. W. Marshall will be the new superintendent in charge of the works here. M. J. O'Brien, Renworks here. M. J. O'Brien, Renfrew, is the president of the Thunder Bay Contracting company.

PEASANTS SOBER AND RELIABLE People Fear Government Will Lift

evidence of the benefits derived from the temperance policy inaugurated by the czar comes from Russia. landowner in one of the small northern towns writes to an English correspondents

"We are at war with Germany full strange to say, kussia has I changed for the better. - One cannot Nickle sent the following to the chairrecognize now the usually sleepy and drunken Russian peasant and work- | sioners men. Sobriety is bringing many thousands of dollars daily to our people, and if the government would only stop the sale or production of alcohol forever we shall be a happy

"Our peacants-the reflecting portion of them-fear that the government will take up again the sale of

The correspondent proceeds: "Just pear that your Board of Police Com now all the peasantry are quiet, modest, busy and happy. They say, 'Let us collect money for the government-it will assist them and cost us far less than vodka."

liam's birthday was celebrated with where the emperor delivered an ad- endeavored by questions in council to enthusiasm in Berlin yesterday, at dress expressing his satisfaction with arouse the police commissioners' atthough with a degree of solemnity the progress of the war and in which tention to these matters. The replies which would not have been expected be asked his officers to continue to received from your board, through

A Reuter despatch from Amsterdam and the fatherland as they hitherto the facts or remedy conditions, but transmits a telegram from Berlin de- had done.

court officials and representatives of he will emerge from the war not only the state and municipal governments | victorious but with his reputation | time to test the correctness of these attended a service sat the cathedral.

Crown Princess Cecilie and Prince

London, Jan. 28.-Emperor Wil- headquarters of Emperor William, creased I made further inquiry discharge their duties to the emperor council, showed no desire to disclose

The Berlin newspapers, including the to allow matters to go on. gies of the emperor and predict that

and were cheered enthusiastically. A emperor, As a birthday present she which I outlined to council on Jan. activity of the chief of police or on reception was held later in the City forwarded him a cover for a field al- 18th, not, however, in substance, as information supplied by a citizen? tar designed by herself.

brated generally in the other cities of of congratulation during the day from If your board is really sincere and tion of the chief of police to the ex-Emperor Francis Joseph and the Sul anxious to improve the police depart- istence of a gambling joint, and ask Religious services were held at the | tan of Turkey.



THE "SCRAP OF PAPER" STICKS. The German chancellor, Bethmann-Hollwegg, in an interview with

the American Associated Press tried to explain away the "scrap of paper" expression and other incidents, but meets an immediate and crushing reply from Sir Edward Grey,

DISCOVERY MADE BY CITY AUDITOR

Utilities Meeting Irregular as **New Members Did Not** Take Declaration.

City Auditor Muir will not authorize payment of the accounts passed by the Utilities Commission at its inaugural meeting on Monday, January 17th. He has discovered that the meeting was not properly constituted. Mayor Sutherland and J. H. Birkett were the only members really "present," whereas it takes three to constitute a quorum. The others in attendance, although elected and appointed to the commission, had not taken the declaration of office, and were, therefore, not qualified to sit and transact on Monday next, have to do all over for three of the five places. meeting of the 17th, after T. J. Rigney, R. H. Toye and G. Y. Chown have taken the necessary declaration.

USING ENEMY'S SHIPS.

Will Be Employed In Trade Between Britain And India.

London, Jam. 28,-Eight large steamers belonging to the enemy which have been detained in the! United Kingdom since the outbreak

NEW CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION Governor To Send In Nominations

Next Monday. Albany, N.Y., Jan. 28.-Samuel H. Ordway, of New York; W. D.

McKinstry, of Watertown, and Wiliam Gorham Rice, of Albany, will be nominated as members of the A state civil service commission by Governor Whitman next Monday night. It is expected that the senate will confirm the nominations im-Ordway, who will be chairman of

the commission, has been active in lief of Belgian refugees must civil service work for several years McKinstry, a newspaper man, was a civil service commissioner under Governor Flower.

Peabody Declines Appointment. clined appointment to the federal

have practically been decided on County Of Bruce Will Give \$80,000.

Walkerton, Ont., Jan. 28 .- Bruce county council passed a grant of \$30,half the amount is to be raised this year and the balance next year. For the purpose of raising the amount one mill is to be levied.

Cold Wave Sweeping Eastward. Washington, Jan. 28.-The cold wave which has covered the central of the war, are to be employed in and middle states with temperatures trade between Britain and India, and down far below zero, last night was will be placed under control of the sweeping eastward to New York and Indian government. The vessels Pennsylvania. Freezing temperatures have a gross tonnage of more than among the Atlantic states are reported as far south as the Carolinas.

London, Jan. 28.—Remarkable He Submits a List of Questions Based Upon Complaints From Citizens, and Asks an Investigation Into Them.

> On Thursday afterhoon, Ale. H. C. man of the Board of Police Commis-

Kingston, Jan. 28th, 1915. J. M. Farrell, Esq., Chairman Board of Police Commis-

Kingston. Dear Sir :- I beg to acknowledge receipt of your communication of Jan. satisfaction that it now would apnissioners is anxious to acquire some knowledge of general local conditions, vet regret that you do not seem de sirous of taking the initiative. doubt you fully realize that the vestigation of police affairs is

duty of the police commissioners. Before becoming a member of counil. I had given some attention to police administration in Kingston During the past year as alderman, I laints made by reputable citizens to make further investigation with gard to the inactivity of the chief olice. These complaints

Suggests Form Of Investigation. To satisfy myself and at the same Considerably enhanced.

Empress August Victoria sent a long, liable and competent assistance to inaffectionately worded telegram to the vestigate local conditions in general, your letter states. A repetition of What did the raid disclose? ment, I would suggest that you make

promorphing involved in Science the following lowing questions attached, which are based on complaints from citizens who stand high in the musity, and whose names I am not at liberty to disclose, as they do not wish to become involved in what you will admit is a disagreeable task. If your findings are based upon the facts, and the facts are obtainable within the force if your investigation sincere and thorough, it will be clear to the public that much may be 22nd, and to express to you my great done to improve the general condition

> The evidence on which I based my remarks in council proves to me that complaints of citizens were well founded, and confidences brought to me since I spoke in council have sat isfied me that conditions in Kingston were not exaggerated.

While my evidence satisfies me as to local conditions, yet you will doubt-less be better pleased with evidence obtained through your own activities, and you will agree with me that it is the duty of your board not merely "in justice to the good name of Kingston." but for the moral uplift of the community, to investigate and to in-

If your hoard desires a further list of questions, I would be very pleased ubmit same for further investiga-

What I said was said as an alder I am sending your letter to me and a copy of this to the city clerk, brough whom be good enough to address me hereafter, so that a complete file of the correspondence and paper will be in his office for future reference.-Believe me, yours sincerely HUGH C. NICKLE.

The Questions Submitted. r .- Was the raid on a room over the Merchants Bank the result of the

(Continued on page 8.)

Incendiary Plot By Alsatians Against Enemy

Paris, Jan. 28 .- The general headquarters of the fifteenth German army corps at Strassburg have been completely destroyed by fire, of incendiary origin. Important mil tary documents were destroyed. It is believed to be the result of an Alsatian plot against Germany.

C. N. R. Agent Dropped Dead.

Cobourg. Jan. 28 .- Word has een received that W. J. Hammond, Canadian Northern railway station agent at Colborne, dropped dead when about to attend a public service. He had been in Colborne for couple of years and was highly esteemed. His mother, who resided with him, died a year ago. The interment takes place at Owen

Boy Accidentally Shot. Brockville, Jan. 28 .- A rifle he hands of Roy Alguire, a lad livig near Athens, was accidentally discharged while he was cleaning it, the ball entering the leg of Edmund Ronan near the body. nan's condition is not considered

BELGIAN DESTITUTE **INCREASING**

Food to be Made Up in Three Months.

New York, Jan. 28 .- A shortage of 76,000 tons of food for the remade within the next three months by the commission for relief in Belgium or many people will perish, Vice-chairman Lincoln W. Bates announced to relief committees throughout the United States. The Washington, Jan. 28 .- George commission here was apprised Foster Peabody, New York, has de- the inadequacy of the food supply by a cable message from London, trade commission. Joseph E. Dav- which reads: "The commission is ies. Wisconsin: E. N. Hurley, Chi- actually short in the department for cago, and Will H. Parry, Seattle, the feeding of destitute Belgians, 21,000 tons for February, 25,000 tons for March and 30,000 tons for April. The enforced transfer food from the department for provisioning those who can still pay something for rations during these

> There are now 1,400,000 de ute, and the actual cost of administering and supplying the teens for the destitute is \$2,800,000 per month. The number of the desitute daily increases."

War Tidings.

General Von Bissing, the German governor of Belgium, according to the the same time enemy submarines Daily Telegraph, has ordered the rest and transfer to Germany of Englishmen in Belgium.

The first of the two Chilean battleships built at Newcastle and bought by Britain at the outbreak of the war is now on active service, under the name of the Canada. Austria and Germany are growing

daily more alarmed at Italian war their troops along the Ital an fron-Germany is pouring regiments from Bavaria into the Tyrol, it being understood that the German general staff is controlling all Austrian mili-

The Nursing Mircor, one of the or gans of trained nurses in Britain. calls attention to the danger of spies masquerading as nurses, and adds that Lord Kitchener himself is aware of this menace, and caused an investigation to be made at one of the Southampton hospitals some weeks

In addition to the seventy-five Canadian nurses asked for by the war office, and who will leave Halifax on February 7th, there will be eight doctors and about one hundred orderies sent over at the same time to join the new Canadian base hospital in England. The orderlies are now mobilized at Halifax and Quebec

Temperature at Prince Rupert Prince Rupert, B.C., Jan. 28. The temperature here at o'clock on Wednesday morning, was thirty-six above zero. The weather

King Will Visit Ireland. Dublin, Jan, 28,-It is understood lor, whose services have been invaluathat King George will visit Treland in ble, is deeply regretted. May or June of the present year.

According to German Prisoners Taken by British,

GIVES OFFICIAL STORY OF THE BATTLE,

And Is Of Opinion That Germans Lost | + bia cities. Two Cruisers-The Damage To The Lion And The Tiger Was

London, Jan. 28.—The admiralty as received the following preliminary telegraphic report from Vice-Admiral Sir David Beatty regarding the naval action between the British and Germans in the North

sea on Sunday. "A flotilla of destroyers patrolling about 7.30 o'clock in the morning sighted and attacked the enemy, whose force, according to the ports received, consisted of four one smaller vessel was sunk by Gerbattle cruisers, six light cruisers and some destroyers. Their position when sighted was approximately fourteen miles east-southeast of our

battle cruiser squadron. the destroyer flotilla to chase the of Mrs. Robert Leeder, McIntosh enemy and to report their move- Mills, and C. E. Fodey, Lansdowne. ments. As it appeared that they had at once commenced to retire to the east-southeast, the battle cruisers were directed to steer southeast, with a view to securing the lee position and to cutting the enemy off if possible. The situation developed by degrees into a stern p.m.

Speed was worked up to 28 or 29 knots and the enemy was being gradually overhauled. At about 18, 000 yards a slow and deliberate fire was opened, and we began to hit at a range of 17,000 yards. Our fire was returned by the enemy.

Tiger Also Damaged

"The Lion and the Tiger, having drawn ahead of the remainder of the squadron, were in action alone for some time, and consequently were sujbected to the enemy's concentrated fire, more particularly the Lion, which ship suffered mor

"The other vessels, as they drew up, engaged the enemy. A German flotilla of destroyers was disposed on the starboard beam of their cruisers and an attack by them was driven off.

"At about eleven o'clock, unfortunately, a lucky shot damaged one of the Lion's feed tanks, causing the port engine to be stopped. At were observed on the starboard bow and a course was steered in order to avoid them.

"The Bluecher (German) was now in a critical condition, with her speed reduced, and the Indomitable, which had now come up, was directed

to complete her destruction. "The rest of the squadron were directed to attack the rear of the The Lion, with escort, steered to the northwest, steaming with only one engine, and I transferred my flag to one of the destroyers, and subsequently to the Princess Royal.

"Through the damage to the Lion's feed tank by an unfortunate chance shot we were undoubtedly deprived of a greater victory. The presence of the enemy's submarines subsequently necessitated the action being broken

"The result of the action was that the Bluecher was sunk and two other hattle cruisers were heavily on fire and seriously damaged.

"The German prisoners reported alter of Patricle Lyons, 146 Ordnance

so that the Kolberg had been sunk by over-salvos from our squadron.

Damage Slight. Subsequently the starboard engines of the Lion also developed trouble from the same cause as the port engines and the Indomitable took her in tow and brought her into port. The damage to the Lion and the Tiger is in neither cases serious and repairs can be completed in a short time. The remainder of the squadron were not hit.

"The casualties were very slight. The death of Engineer Captain Tay-

TURKS NEAR SUEZ CANAL

the Turkish army, which is undertak- caravan route, the invaders would ing an invasion of Egypt, has reached have bad to carry their own water. the British outposts to the east of the Even El Kantara is supplied by a Suez canal, where the first skirmish of pipe line from a fresh water stream the war in this region took place on which runs under the Suez canal.

The fight, according to official re- British forces was with the Arab only one British officer being wound. Turks as scouts for the main army. invaders suffered severely from the ma- which to guard the canal. chine guns of the British troops, The despatches do not disclose the size of the Turkish force, but say that | Washington, Jan. 28 .- Defeat of

London, Jan. 28 .- The advance of | had filled in all the wells along the It is believed the fighting of the port, apparently was a small affair, Kurdish horsemen employed by the ed, but despatches from Cairo say the The British have a strong force with

the engagement took place to the Turkish force near Karna by the Briteast of El hantara, which is right on ish army moving into Asiatic Turkey the Suez canal, and is the terminus of was announced yesterday in a foreign the caravan route from Rafati, the office despatch to the British embasse The emperor's birthday was cele- Emperor William received telegrams what was said is not necessary. 2 .- Did a citizen draw the atten- border station between Egypt and here. Previous reports from Constantinople said the British offensive a The distance from Rafati to El Kan- at this point had been repulsed with tara is 143 miles, and, as the British heavy losses.

WAR IN THE WEST.

London, Jan. 28 .- Superin-4 tendent of Immigration Obediah & Smith, of Canada, speaking here says reports have reached him that the German-Ameri-& cans in the western states are 4 diligently securing arms and & uniforms and are planning to 4 make an early raid on Vancou-4 ver and other British Colum-

was only what was expected and great credit is due to the engine room

staffs for the fine steaming of the

The British admiralty, to-day, awaited further official reports before issuing an absolute confirmation of its report that the small German cruiser Kolberg, in addition to the Bluecher, was sunk by the British gun fire. Berlin's claim that British battle cruiser and, at least, mans, were ignored here.

"Films developed." Gibson's. The marriage took place on Tuesday, in the Roman Catholic Church, "Orders were given by signal to Ballycanoe, of Miss Leeder, daughter "Fresh marshmallows." Gibson's.

> DAILY MEMURANDUM. Band at the Palace rink to-night. Civic Finance Committee, 8 p.m. Patriotic concert at Y.M.C.A., 8 p.m. Vaudeville, Grand Opera House, 7.30

Band at Covered rink to-night, 8.15 See top of page 3, right hand corner, Limestone Lodge, No. 91, A.O.U.W., meets to-night, 8 o'clock. Nomination, Sydenham ward, for Board of Education, Friday noon.

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BORN. GAGE—In Kingston, on Jan. 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. Otis E. Gage, 221 Lower Rideau St., a daughter.

MARRIED. BEAKE-VAN ALSTYNE-At the home

of the bride's mother, 180 Barrie St., on Thursday morning, Jan. 28th, 1915, by Rev. Mr. Shorten, Sadie J. Evelyn, youngest daughter of Mrs. Chas. L. VanAlstyne, and William Henry Blake, R.C.E., eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Blake, London, Eng.

GOING-in Kingston, on Jan. 27th 1915, Augusta Jane Going, widow of the late Shirley Going. 'uneral (private) from her late resi-dence, 51 Clergy St., on Friday afternoon at 2.15 to St George's

HINCKLEY—At Port Alexander, Wolfe Island, on Jan. 27th, 1915, Dexter Hinckley, aged 84 years. Funeral from his late residence to vault

Funeral will take place from her fath-er's residence at 9 a.m., Friday, to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the repose of her soul. 'riends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend Watertown, Rochester, Chicago, Mont-real and Toronto papers please

ULLIVAN-At his residence, King 80 Kingston, on Tuesday, Jan. 26th. 1915, Hon. M. Sullivan, M.D., in the 79th year of his age.
Ineral will leave his late residence on Friday morning at 10 o'clock, to St. Mary's Cathedral, where a solemn requiem mass will be suns for the happy repose of his soul

fully invited to attend. ROBERT J. REID The Leading Undertaker Phone 577 280 Princess Street

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