GERMAN BLOCKADE FAILS:

REQUEST INQUIRY

Or Public Works.

Albany, N.Y., March 9 .- That an

Bread Back to Five Cents

For a month some of the big ank-

The increased cost was made the sub-

New York, March 9 .- The price

the alien labor law.

The War is "Playing Favorite"

with it in view. Therefore, if it has helped our business we are

simply fortunate if it has hurt us we are unfortunate, but not

ers are selling more goods than they ever sold in times of peace;

some business and professional men are making more money than

hours shortened and their pay cut down, because the wave of

-to spend their money for goods "Made in Canada." This will

so increase the demand for Canadian products as to keep practically

every Canadian factory working full time, and so give to all that

economy has lessened the demand for the goods they make.

prosperity now enjoyed only by the fortunate favorites.

fited should take some thought for those who have not?

Not many of us here in Canada foresaw the war or laid plans

Is it any more than fair, then, that those of us who have pro-

Farmers are getting more for their crops, -some manufactur-

On the other hand, thousands of workmen have had their

The fortunate ones have it in their power to even up the scale

London, March 9. The admiralty names of fourteen steamers which announces the following result of the the German submarines have unsuccessfully attacked. German blockade :

"From January 21st to March 3rd ers being torpedoed for the the agrivals at British ports numing the same period 4,115.

filteen; lives lost, 29. Out of a total of 1,513 ships riving at and 1,342 leaving Britain from the period from February 18th, when the German blockade was declared, to March 3rd, seven were torpedeed by hostile sub- tempt to sink the Lydia, and is the marmes.

The admiralty statement gives the senger-carrying Channel steamers.

C.P.R. WELFARE AGENT.

Railway to Embark Upon Venture Want None But Citibens Employed for Benefit of Employes.

Montreal, March 9 .-- Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the C.P. vestigation be made to determine R. Company, has appointed Lieut.- citizen labor can be furnished cor Col. Lacey It. Johnson, superinten- tractors on public work; that action dent of the Angus shops district, to be delayed until the United States the position of general welfare Supreme Court gives a decision, and agent, to co-operate in the develop- that none but those who desire ment of such organizations as the become American citizens be permit St. John Ambulance Association, ted by law to work on public conthe Safety First Movement, the Rail- tracts were requests made to Govroad Y.M.C.A. and Athletic Associa- ernor Whitman by Charles A. Yates tions amongst the employees of the and John T. O'Brien, Syracuse, at

Will Not Press Soldiers.

Calgary, Alta., March 9,-Calgary has notified the military authorities that no proceedings will be bread went back to 5c. a loaf yestaken for the collection lof taxes terday. The recent drop in the price ius of Napoleon threatened the very the tree, but we do not often indulge a square and awaited the approach of of the soldiers or officers serving in restoring the price to its former any British regiment, naval or figure military service, during the continuance of the European conflict. eries had been charging 6c. a loaf

Florida oranges, \$1.40 per half case, ject of inquiry by the state attorat Gilbert's.

DRAKE'S DRUM

It Still Hangs at Buckland Abbey Supplies Almost All of the Necessi-Awaiting the Great Armada

There is no mention of any steam-, companion throughout his whole ad- by a bunch of great leaves, some bered 4,519 vessels; the sailings dur- The list of vessels unsuccessfully et- Spanish Armada; it went with him beautiful and elegant appearance. tacked includes the Southwestern rail- on the first British ship that went Nothing else near this cabin spoke of "British merchant vessels torpedeed, way steamer Lydia, which narrowly round the world, and it sounded the cultivation. escaped being hit by a torpedo taps when, after his death at sea in ar- while voyaging from Jersey to South- the West Indies, his body was comampton. The torpedo missed the steamer by about forty feet when it Ocean,

When Drake lay dying, so runs the first news of the attradition, he commanded his brother who was a captain of one of the ships second attack on these unarmed pas- in the British fleet, to take his drum back to England, and hang it in his hall at Buckland Abbey. Whenever danger threatened Britain let him sound on that drum, and his spirit would enter into the British admiral and scatter his country's foes as he had done in the days gone by. His brother did as he was commanded, and after three centuries the drum still hangs in Buckland Abbey, which is now in the possession of a descendant of Drake's brother.

Twice; runs the legend, has the drum been sounded-and not in vain; once, in the generation after Drake's death, when the Dutch sought to wrest the control of the seas from the British, and the doughty Admiral van Tromp sailed up the British Channel the hearing on the proposed repeal of with a broom at his masthead, to signify that he would sweep the English quering Dutch. Again, when the gendrum was sounded, and Drake's spirit thus cut off, dies soon after. animated the greatest of English sea fighters-Admiral Nelson

be sounded-to raise up, if the legend his berth, exclaim:

by the shore. Strike et when your powder's run- shells of the cocoanuts. nin' low:

If the Dons sight Devon, I'll quit the f owe to these invaluable trees. port o' heaven

we drummed them long ago.

Tobacco In War.

The value of tobacco on active service is now so well esteemed by the military authorities that to-day one sees the British Government doing what it had never done beforesupplying tobacco to the troops.

Only within comparatively recent times; however, has this necessity been officially recognized. Wellington condemned the practice of smoking as being "a species of intoxication occasioned by the fumes of to-

Official efforts to discourage the use of tobacco were completely negatived in the Crimean war. The pri- tained by presssing the freshly gathvations suffered then by the troops resulted in officers and men taking to the panacea adopted by their French and Turkish allies, and by its aid their discomforts were so allevi- ly was exclusively used for public ated that ever since the practice of smoking on active service has been events." countenanced by those in command.

In consequence tobacco has played notable and beneficial part in the wars of the past century-in fact, Waterloo to South Africa. Probably its solacing and inspiring qualities were never so strongly manifested as in the Franco-German of 1870. It might be said, indeed, that the crushing defeat inflicted the French was due largely to the soldiers' lack of tobacco, added, as it was, to the breakdown to the commissariat, whereas on the German side the authorities did all they could to insure the troops being plentifully supplied with the weed.

Pills For Earthquakes. When we read of terrible earthquakes like that at Avezzano, we are \$5,000 worth of stuff." apt to congratulate ourselves that the British Isles are practically im mune from such convulsion, says Tit-Bits: In 1750, however, a numbe of smart shocks were felt in London clergy, from the bishops down, exhorted, warned, and namphleted the quacks made small fortunes out of ments for sitting out of doors at night, and most of the fashionable sponded as follows: world lived through that summer in "Dear Miss Jones-Lick him yourtheir coaches in the parks, "passing self. I ain't mad at him .- Yours truaway the time with cards and can. ly, Mrs. Smith."

Dyeing War Horses. British War Office with a view to of the stage, and in a flood of pink dyeing the coats of white horses, but limelight, asked, pathetically: simple as it may seem to the unini- "How is it that this man persists yet been obtained. Numerous loven | always escapes the just penalty?" tors came forward with vaunted Like lightning there came a reply dyes, but after the preliminary tests in a hoarse voice from the gallery: rain satisfactorily. A battery of twen- 'Enery!" it said .- London Mail. ty-four white horses was consequently treated, and sent out on duty in all weathers. When they returned after a week or ten days all the beasts were of a beautiful bottle green, and are expected to retain that hue for son

Compulsory Service.

AN INVALUABLE TREE.

ties of Life.

Will Drake's drum be beaten now A traveler was journeying through for the third time? In the great hall those countries lying under a burnat Buckland Abbey in Devonshire, a ing sun, where the freshness of few miles from Plymouth-the ances- shade is rare, and the habitations of tral home of the family of Sir Francis man are found only at considerable Drake-there hangs an ancient drum distances from each other. Sinking of a pattern not known these three with fatigue, the exhausted traveler hundred years. It is the famous drum beheld a hut, surrounded by trees of the great English sea fighter, his with tall, straight stems, surmounted wenturous career. It beat the signals standing upright, others hanging on his flagship when he scattered the down gracefully, and presenting a

Encouraged by this sight, the traveler made a last struggle, reachmitted to the waters of the Atlantic ed the hut, and was kindly received under the hospitable roof.

First his host offered him a slightacid drink, which quenched his hirst and refreshed him. When the stranger had rested himself awhile, the Indian invited him to partake of a repast, and served different dishes on a brown platter, shining brightly and highly polished. The Indian of fered also a wine possessing an extremely pleasant flavor. Toward the end of the repast, he brought quantity of excellent comfits, and invited the traveler to try an excellent kind of brandy.

The traveler, in astonishment, asked the Indian how in the midst of this desert he came by all these

'I get them from my cocoanut trees," answered the Indian. "The water which I gave you on your arrival was drawn from the fruit before it had become ripe, and somepounds of it.

from the ocean. At its sound the its maturity; this milk, which you were here." spirit of Drake entered into Admiral find so pleasant, is drawn from the At the close of the day the Old Blake, who triumphed over the cons same ripe fruit. This delicate cabexistence of the British Empire, the in this, as the tree, when its top is

"This wine, which pleases you so much, is also got from the cocoa. And now, when Britain is involved We make an incision in the tender in the greatest war of her history, it flower stalks and a white liquor flows is said that Drake's drum will again forth, which we gather into vessels, and which is known as palm wine, be true, the spirit of the old captain Exposed to the sun it becomes sour for the third time. The old tradition and turns into vinegar. When we is the subject of a well-known poem distill it we obtain this excellent by Prof. Henry Newbolt. The poem brandy which you have tasted. This makes the great sea fighter, dying in same juice has also furnished me with the sugar which I needed for preserving the nut. Finally, all these Take my drum to England, hang et dishes and utensils which we are using on the table are made from the

"This is not all. My house, even,

Their wood has enabled me to build An' drum them up the Channel as my cabin, their leaves dried and interwoven make the roof, and these same leaves, made into a parasol, protect me from the sun when I walk out. These clothes which I wear are woven with the fiber thread got from the leaves. These sieves were ready made in the part of the tree from which the leaves spring, and these mats come from the same source. These same leaves, woven into a tissue, make sails for our ships. The coarse hair which covers the nut is used for calking ships, as it lasts forever and swells when exposed to the water. Cables, ropes and twine are all made of the same material. Finally the delicate oil with which many of these dishes were seasoned and which burns in my lamp, is ob-

"From the sawdust of the branches I have made this ink and from the leaves this parchment, which former documents and records of important

Clearing For Action.

A graphic description of what clearing for action on a Dreadnought really means is furnished by a letter from a British bluejacket to his mother. Aftr detailing how on Aug. 3 they left a certain harbor with the band playing "Rule, Britannia!" he says that reeping and crawling and flying no sooner had they got out to sea than they began clearing for action, said the great naturalist, "we seem 'We started throwing all wooden things overboard so as to lessen the danger of fire," he says. "Two planos just gone over and an organ. Chairs and tables follow suit. It is just like throwing a gentleman's drawing-room into the sea. Sofac, tables, chairseverything that can be thrown over is going. We have thrown over about

Not Her Quarrel.

The fact that corporal punishment is discouraged in public schools is The what led Harry's teacher to address this note to the lad's mother: "I regret very much to have to in-

people to an almost incredible extent, form you that your son Harry idles lest worse things yet should befall; away his time, is disobedient, quarrelsome and disturbs the pupils who pills which they advertised as "good are trying to study their lessons. He against earthquakes"; ladies wore needs a good whipping, and I strong-"carthquake gowns" - warm gar- ly recommend that you give him one." Whereupon Harry's mother re-

The Gallery's Comment.

All went well with the melodrama Ever since the war broke out ex- until the middle of the thirteenth periments have been made by the act, when the hero sought the centre

tiated a satisfactory result has not in making such foul charges and yet only one liquid seemed to resist the "P'r'aps 'e's a pal o' the referee's,

> Saluting Getting Bore. "I walked along the Strand yes- Elderly Gentleman (putting his

terday," a Londoner said, "behind an head in at the door)-Mrs. Wilkins, officer in uniform. Between the top will you be my wife? I have \$10,000 of Arundel street and Charing Cross and a good home. I'll give you three railway station he was saluted, and minutes to make up your mind. had to salute 30 times. This sort of Mrs. Wilkins (promptly) -- I've In the Channel Islands alone of and I have it on the authority of a yours, and I'll give you three min-British possessions compulsory mili- colonel that it is considered by the utes to get out of this. tary service for home defence has commanding ranks as a beastly been the rule from time immemorial bore."

Too many people are like cider-

OF GREAT FIGHTERS TO THEIR

Phrases That Inspired Soldiers Fo The Fray-"The Guard Dies Br It Never Surrenders."

MEN IN BATTLE.

Great fighters have been able, at critical moments, to address their men in words that inspired them with fresh spirit for the fray, and encouraged them to face frightful odds with a confidence born of their enthusiasm that carries all before it and almost wins the fight before it is begun.

Our own history, as well as that of he old world, is filled with striking instances. Who can recall vithout a thrill Farragut's communad to "Go ahead!" when warned of the presence of torpedoes in the bay. Or Grant's calm response, "We propose to fight it out along these lines if it takes all. 300 to 500 skins each. The skins re-

Each of Nelson's victories was preeded by its own particular motto. 'Victory or Westminster Abbey" were his words before the battle of the Nile. "I have only one eye and have right to be blind at times," said he at Copenhagen, as he placed his glass to his blind eye when the signal for recall was hois'ed on the admiral's dagship. "I really do not see the signak," he added, and sailed on to vicory. "England expects every man

at Trafalgar, where the hero fell. Waterloo produced several famous hrases. Strange to relate. Wellingion's "Night or Blucher" found an times the nut contains three or four scho in the words of his great rival when the issue of the fight was in "This palatable nut is the fruit at loubt. "Oh, that Gruchy or night

to do his duty" was the signal flown

the enemy, while their comrades fled n all directions from the field. In eply to the summons to surrender, their leader, Gen. Cambronne, proudy answered in the memorable words, "The guard dies but it never sur-

Very practical was Cromwell's advice to his men when about to cross a river in the face of the enemy. According to his usual custom he haangued his troops in a speech. He indea with, "Put your trust in God and keer your powder dry."

"To die in the last ditch" has beome one of the commonplaces of proverbial philosophy. The words were originally used by William of Drange during the Dutch war of inlependence, when he was asked if he lid not see that the commonwealth was ruined. "I shall never see the 'uin of my country," replied the prince stoutly. "I shall die in the

Frederick the Great was the author of certain characteristic sayings, but one more so than that which he utered at the battle of Kolin, when his roops were wavering under a fierce ire. "Dogs," he jeered, "would ye ive forever?" A taunt whose harshess was justified only by its suc-

with a change of name, been heard on many a battlefield since first it was used by Gordon of Glenbucket when the Jacobites were hard pressed

at Sheriffmuir. A familiar phrase of war is Gen. Bosquiet's exclamation when he witnessed the charge of the Light Briade at Balaclava: "It is magnificent out it is not war." a saying that will ilways be associated with that bril-

The Mystery of Galapagos

iant charge.

Galapagos Islands, the suspected Jerman naval base to which Great Britain invited the attention of the United States, is one of the most inexplicable island worlds of the Paciic. For as a separate world Darwin egarded it, having its own special seasts. "Both in space and time, in these islands to be brought near o that great fact-that mystery of nysteries - the first appearance of new ebbings on the earth." Apart from the giant tortoises and turtles he old Spanish buccaneers sent the 'ame of the Galapagos archipelago being seen and carried the entire cound the world.

Too Much to Expect. He was a healthy-looking man to be begging, and the gentleman eyed "I can't give you any money," he aid, sternly. "A stout, able-bodied

tellow like you ought to be earning r living." "But I haven't any work, sir." "That is your own fault. I'll ven-

ure to say. You lack energy. lidn't throw yourself into your work |viously well buttered. Mix a cupful when you did have it." "I wouldn't like to have done. Nor

vould you, sir." "Oh, I wouldn't, eh? Why not?" "Because I was a grave-digger."

Dumas' Dramatic Intuition. A story is told of the elder Dumas which illustrates his remarkable

dramatic intuition. An eminent Parisian critic who sat beside him at | "But they're married at last, and a first performance noticed that he the funny part of it is that they seem eemed abstracted "You are triste, my master," served the critic.

"No," replied Dumas, "I'm pored, but I'm somewhere else than here, so to speak. I am unable to follow any play to the end. I listen closely to the first act, and then my mind carries me off into thoughts of the play I would make of it."

Eton Loses Heavily.

There are 1,661 old Etopians on ctive service in France, Belgium, Af-Baron won Muller, German mini- Everything comes more quickly rica, and in the naval force. Of these 133 have been killed in action, seven- turn something up than it is/to sit 000 for harbor improvements for He who is able to hold his tongue prisoners, and twenty six missing. wounded, thrity are wounded and

ASTRAKHAN SKINS

Treatment They Undergo Before They Are Packed for Market.

The big nomad tribes, the Kashgal and Arabs, bring immense flocks of sheep each spring and autumn to the Shiraz market. The Russian dealers pay large sums in advance to obtain everything from the chieftains, who often deliver as many as 40,000 to 50,000 skins at one time. Before these lamb skins are ready to be packed in bales they undergo a very careful and lengthy preparation to preserve them. All leave Persia in a salted state, the final tanning being The International Limited -- No. 14 Dail done in Europe.

The preliminary cleaning of the ambskin or astrakhan is done in running water to get rid of impuriies on the fleshy side of the skins. which are scraped with long, blunt edged knives. Then follows the salting, which is done in large tanks or earthen vessels capable of holding main in pickle some ten to fourteen days and are then taken out one by one and spread on a table, where they are once more carefully examined and

This finished, they are spread out the sun to dry for twelve hours so, by which time they are bone dry, but very dirty, for flour, salt and water have formed a paste, and the fine curls are all stuck together and full of lumps. To get rid of these the skins are once more washed in running water. They are next thoroughly rinsed, well shaken and placed woolly side down on the sun warmed. pebbles of the river bed. Before they have time to dry hard they are sprinkled all over with a thin coating of fine barley flour.

At sunset they are taken up and handed to the classers. Each skin is stamped with its quality mark, and then all are stacked in pairs, wool against wool, and tied round legs with red string, after which they are ready for making up into bales .- Wide World Magazine.

Woman's Work.

and Mrs. Brown started to speak of their respective duties, and soon an argument as to whether the husband or the wife had the hardest work to perform was in full swing. First Brown warbled and then wifey sang. "A wife," argued the good lady,

has to cook, wash dishes, clothe the kids, scrub the floors, sweep the house, make the beds, build the fires, carry up coal, nail slats on the back fence, dig"-

"Is that all?" sarcastically interrupted Mr. Brown. "No." was the prompt rejoinder of

Mrs. Brown, "In addition to those duties every wife has to keep her husband from making a fool of him-

Gen. Joffre's New Chauffeur.

L'Intransigeant of Paris says that Gen. Joffre recently selected a new chauffeur, a reservist named Edmond Theodere from Niort, who passed his conscript service as a naval mechanic. His former driver was Boillot, the famous racing autoist, whose eagerness to gratify the general's fondness for speed caused him to take unnecessary risks. After one particularly hairs-breath escape Gen. Joffre, without reproaching Boillot, quietly announced his intention of making a change, not owing to the danger, but because Boillot's daring swerves kept him awake. He now sleeps peacefully through his hundred-mile rushes along the battle-

British Strategy.

Describing the capture of a line trenches in the north, a British noncommissioned officer writes home of an unusual piece of strategy

"The evening before there had been a heavy fall of snow," he said, "and he bright moonlight showed up every object with extraordinary clearness against the white background. The 126th infantry which had planned a raid on the enemy's trenches, only 20 yards away, found its project compromised, but a corporal was struck by a brilliant idea; every man pulled his shirt on over jacket and vest; thus they crept through the snow up to the edge of the German trenches without

Creamed Potato Pie.

Cut enough cold boiled potatoes into dice to fill a pint measure. Put one ounce of flour and the same quantity of butter in a saucepan with a seasoning of salt and pepper. Cook breakfast cupful of milk and stir till smooth and thick. Add the potatoes and simmer for five minutes; then pour into a shallow baking tin preof breadcrumbs in melted butter and spread over the potatoes. Bake till the crumbs are a golden brown. Serve

Poetically Put.

"We'd begun to think it would never come to anything," Mrs. Dove said frankly, "for Sister Sue is forty and Mr. Jenkins is forty-nine.

as happy as if they hadn't beenwell, what we used to call courting for seventeen years."

ages!" Mrs. Dove's caller politely

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Scenting Scandal. "I understand that demure little Mrs. Jinks always crooks her elbow

on a certain occasion.' "You don't say so! When was it?" "When she carries the baby on her up

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teen have died of wounds, 179 down and wait for it to turn up of its own accord. Even a prepaid telegram goes on

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