

A CALL FOR RECRUITS MADE BY JUDGE LAVELL

His Honor Asked the Grand Jury to Present a Scheme For Stimulating Recruiting--Men Are Wanted For the 146th Battalion.

A strong appeal by Judge Lavell to the members of the Grand Jury, to do all in their power to stimulate recruiting on behalf of the 146th Battalion, featured the opening of the General Sessions of the Peace, on Tuesday afternoon.

Christmas is Coming

Only 9 Days Left!

Shop Early!

THE advertisements of leading merchants appearing daily in the columns of THE BRITISH WHIG present unlimited offerings of an attractive and seasonable character suitable for Christmas, a careful perusal of which will facilitate and make Christmas shopping profitable and pleasant.

BIG BATTLE IN THE WEST

Is Now the Aim of the Teutons.

WHO HOPE TO CRUSH

FRENCH AND BRITISH BEFORE NEW ARMIES COME

Send Guns and Men--Beginning Of New Year Is Talked Of As Time For the Offensive.

London, Dec. 14.—The Daily Mail's Rotterdam correspondent, reiterating his prediction of a battle impending in the west, telegraphs:

"The news of the Allies' defeat in Macedonia has driven the Germans delirious with joy. They are now talking of an advance on Paris. It certainly seems that the reinforcements which arrived from the east-ern-frontier will be directed more

against the French than the British. Large forces and many guns, as well as vast stores of munitions, have just passed through Luxembourg, mainly during the night. A strong force has been collected around Metz. Troop movements on a large scale continue in Germany.

"The talk of the day in Berlin is all of a smashing attack in the west that will finish the war. As a matter of fact, responsible Germans are beginning to realize the menace in the west from the growling of the British army, its vast supply of munitions, and expect the general staff to deal with the danger before it grows too big to be faced.

"The beginning of the new year is talked of as the time for the German offensive. The Germans here profess to treat England's great recruiting effort with indifference, saying that the new men will be too late to take an active part in the war.

"A gigantic effort, regardless of the cost, is now Germany's aim, and the great battle in the west will come sooner than expected."



HOPEWELL, VA., "WAR BOOM" TOWN, DESTROYED BY FIRE. Photo showing the actual burning of the city of Hopewell, Virginia, the "gunpowder" city, which grew up upon cornfields in one year to have a population of over 25,000. The entire city was destroyed on Dec. 9th, and it was with great difficulty that the flames were kept from igniting the Du Pont Powder Mills, the town's one industry and sole support, which is making munitions for the Allies.

KINGSTON PRESBYTERY.

Completed Its Business on Tuesday Afternoon.

Tuesday afternoon the Kingston Presbytery completed its work. Much discussion took place concerning the erection of a vault to preserve and protect valuable papers relating to the Presbytery and to the various churches.

THE ROSETTE IDEA.

Has Caught On--Proceeds For Red Cross Fund.

The Whig on Monday advocated the wearing of red, white and blue rosettes by the lady relatives of the soldiers at the front. The idea has "caught on" and will likely be carried out. The rosettes could be made and sold for ten or fifteen cents and the proceeds go to the Red Cross Society or the Patriotic Fund.

Poor Relief Committee.

The committee of the Kingston Poor Relief Association met on Monday afternoon to organize for the winter's work, and elected these officers: President, Miss Strange; vice-presidents, ex officio, Miss Muckleston, Mrs. J. M. Machar; other vice-presidents, Mrs. Oberdorffer, Mrs. Richmond; secretary, Miss Machar; treasurer, Mrs. John Wright.

The rest of the committee elected at the annual meeting are Mesdames Bidwell, William Craig, Dalton, Fairlie, Gwillim, Graham, Leslie, Jordan, Macdonnell, McCann, Macgillivray, Robertson, Ross, Scott, Sutherland, T. G. Smith, Torrance, Misses Young, Davidson, Holt, Robertson, Skinner and Baker, with power to add to their number.

The committee agreed to meet weekly to consider applications for relief, either direct to them as a committee or through the agent to be appointed by the Citizens Relief Association, at present taking the place of the Associated Charities, who will receive and report all cases of need to their proper quarters.

The heiress who marries a man to reform him is foolish to begin with the gold cure. Every dog has his day, but, like men, they always want more.

EVERY THREE MINUTES ONE DIES IN THE U. S.

The Anti-Tuberculosis Society illustrates the frightful toll of consumption by extinguishing a light every three minutes, and shows that it is the man or woman, girl or boy, who neglects colds, whose blood is impure, who feels weak and languid, who is the very one to contract tuberculosis—and none are immune. During changing seasons, or after sickness, blood-quality is most important, and if you and your family will take Scott's Emulsion after meals it will charge your blood with health-sustaining richness, quicken circulation, and strengthen both lungs and throat. Scott's is free from drugs—easy to take—it cannot harm. Get a bottle to-day. Scott & Bower, Toronto, Ont.

"HETZE" I. E., "SIC 'EM!"

German Headlines on Wilson's Note to Austria.

Berlin, Dec. 15, via London.—The Berlin papers publish a special wireless despatch from New York to the semi-official Wolff Bureau, stating that public opinion in America is greatly stirred against Germany by the alleged German attacks on American neutrality, and against ammunition factories and by reason of the disclosures at the trials of Germans recently held.

It quotes New York papers as saying that some of the Congressmen intend to ask for a rupture of diplomatic relations.

The Vossische Zeitung publishes the despatch with the headline "American incitation against Germany," and comments as follows: "It was to be expected that at the convening of Congress the British party would make every effort to bring about a new excitement against Germany in order to distract the attention of Congress from the question of British pressure on America. This is also President Wilson's interest. And beyond this, it lies in the nature of the American that only unconditional firmness which he perceives through polite formalities, makes an impression on him with friends and foe." Several of the other papers use similar headlines, with the word "Hetze," which is a hunting expression describing the setting of a dog on its prey.

WINTER TRYING FOR TROOPS.

Australians Will More Easily Stand Test Than Turks.

London, Dec. 15.—Winter in the Dardanelles is proving to be a severe test for the Australians and Turks alike. Reuter's correspondent at this front reports that the first blizzard of early December found the Turks entirely unprepared. It was necessary for them to evacuate several positions, as the trenches were flooded.

The bodies of several Turkish soldiers, as well as a number of dead mules, were washed down into the Allied trenches. Prisoners taken by the Australians were poorly clad, and the correspondent says, reported the Turkish troops were on half rations, pending an improvement in their communications.

The colonial troops, including the Maoris from New Zealand, withstood the cold, although many of them had never seen snow before. The British authorities believe that owing to their hardy physique and excellent equipment the colonials will get through the winter in satisfactory condition.

Turkish activities recently have been comparatively unimportant. Such attacks as have been made have not been pushed. Severe weather is expected through January and February.

TOOTH PASTE A LUXURY.

War Tax Applied To It in the United States.

New York, Dec. 15.—Throughout the United States the druggists are aroused. And for good reason, for the Treasury Department is planning to have tooth paste put on the list of "luxuries" permanently and made subject to the emergency war tax. The American Druggists' Syndicate, a co-operative organization composed of 23,000 druggists, is rising in arms.

The syndicate is the principal distributor of all the multifarious varieties of pastes, powders and prophylactic potions for preventing pyorrhea and other tooth ailments.

"Wh" automobiles and other acknowledged luxuries are exempt from this war tax, it seems absurd and unfair to make tooth paste, an everyday necessity of the people, pay the bills," they say.

Tooth paste was originally classed as a "luxury" with the explanation that it would be only for a year. Now, however, the Treasury Department wants it continued another year and perhaps permanently.

At Port Arthur, not more than fifteen boats will load for storage.

A CENSUS OF CANADIAN INDUSTRIAL COMPANIES

The First Step Decided Upon by the Federal Economic Commission--A Grand Opportunity Presented--Scope of Enquiry.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—As a first step of the recently-appointed Federal Economic Commission, under Hon. J. A. Longheed, towards securing working data from which to draw conclusions, a special census of Canadian industrial companies is to be taken.

At the conclusion of yesterday's meeting of the Commission R. H. Coates, Director of the Census and Statistics Branch, announced that a census of manufacturers would be taken by post next month. All manufacturers will be asked to fill out a census form, giving details as to capital invested, number of employees, wages, etc., and volume of production, distinguishing between war-orders and general business.

Efforts also will be made by the Commission to get the latest comprehensive and reliable information regarding agricultural production, including cost of production, market facilities, etc. In this connection the various agricultural associations will be asked to co-operate.

After the preliminary information sought is received the Commission will visit various centres in sections and take public evidence as to needs, and recommendations looking to a better conservation of the national resources, and more economic methods of marketing, etc.

"It is up to you; it is about the biggest opportunity a Commission

ever faced," said Sir George Foster, Acting Premier, addressing the first sitting of the Commission. "I do not think the Governments of Canada, Federal or Provincial, have been niggardly towards agriculture. They have done a great deal, but the feeling is abroad that still more ought to be done. Upon you is laid the responsibility of determining how it can be done and the best results to achieve."

The Minister of Trade and Commerce said that though Canada had suffered and sacrificed in the war, the staple industry of agriculture had been stimulated. It had fed our people and generously supplied our Allies with the necessities of life. Agriculture, he said, is the country stood ready to face the future.

Outlining the scope of inquiry, Sir George said it was not only necessary to exercise care in selection of immigration, but to help direct the newcomers. Co-operation was the essential consideration in marketing of produce, and he thought it possible to eliminate such of the great price increase between the producer and consumer. Ocean rates were a problem for from settlement, and any light the Commission could throw upon it would be welcomed. What could be done with returned soldiers and with the millions who would turn to this country after the war, were other grave problems to be dealt with.

THE SPORT REVIEW

It is likely that the Toronto senior O. H. A. group will play a double schedule this season.

At a meeting of the N. H. A. referees it was decided to penalize players who give any back talk.

The Ottawa players do not relish the N. H. A. schedule, which has them playing in Quebec on Christmas Day.

The new free-shot rule was tried at Montreal in the All-Star-Guards game on two occasions, and in each case the shot was easy for the goalkeeper to stop.

"Hokey" Baker, the Princeton star, surprised the hockey fans in Montreal with his clever playing. The championship race of the National Hockey Association will get under way with two games next Saturday night. Canadians go to Toronto and the Quebec Bulldogs meet the Wanderers at Montreal. Ottawa drew the bye.

Though Ottawa has at various times tried to belittle the Ontario Hockey Association, it is evident that the powers that be in hockey circles in the capital are very much afraid of the strength of the big amateur organization.

The Jockey Club of New York will consider a proposal that the surplus, or run up, money be divided equally between the owners of all the horses in the race, including the winner.

The Havana meeting will open on Thursday, to run until March 19th. Both books and mutuels will be in operation, but the number of bookmakers will be small, as they are being steadily crowded out. Toronto Globe: Lieut. Francis Fyche, a graduate of the Royal Military College at Kingston in June, 1914, who was killed in action Sunday, was well known and very popular in Toronto, having been goalkeeper of the Royal Military College hockey team and a member of the Queen's Intercollegiate football team of 1913. He played goal for R. M. C. at the Arena here against University of Toronto last February, was a good all-round athlete, and a member of the Lachine Rowing Club.

Approximately \$24,000,000 is the sum which was paid out or invested in baseball in the United States and Canada last year. This estimate is based on figures in the annual report of Secretary John H. Farrell, of the National Association, combined with estimates of major league expenses. The sum includes \$20,000,000 paid out by organized ball for players, salaries, and operating expenses; \$13,000,000 invested in baseball plants, and \$1,000,000 paid out by the Federal League for players and salaries.

The New Zealand House of Representatives has approved of the Legislative Council's amendment to the betting act, granting one extra day's racing to clubs that lost days through the military occupation of their grounds.

ARABS ARE FRIENDLY Government Has No Reports Of Treachery. London, Dec. 15.—Asked regarding the German wireless reports of the treacherous attitude toward the British of supposedly friendly Arab tribes in the recent fighting in Mesopotamia, J. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for India, declared in the House of Commons: "I have every reason to believe the reports are quite untrue."

At Washington, Dr. Willington Koo, the new Chinese minister, presented his credentials to Secretary of State Lansing and was accredited as representing the republic of China.

E. N. Rhodes, M.P. for Amhurst, will, it is understood, be the new Deputy-Speaker of the House of Commons in succession to Albert Severyn, who will be Speaker.

At Wheeling, W. Va., an order for 140,000 gross of glass bottles has been given by the British Government.

Jeff's Difficulty in Counting

By Bud Fisher

