Special Correspondence by H. F. Gadsby.

War Orders For Party Use

expressed here at the Government's greasing as many middlemen as posrefusal to turn the Transcona shops sible. In one case, the binoculars, into a national munition factory there were exactly eight middlemen which, besides cutting private profits between the manufacturer and the out to a considerable extent, would consumer-and all took a good bite. furnish a reasonable price standard Where ever a middlemen or two fo rarmy contractors.

in Canada, all of which has been dis- the middleman?

which ought to be broken up, though put the price of shells where source and deprived the blooksuck- ever, in the approaching census of sent the real views of the great mass and in a position to go to the front. The date has not been chosen.

tried to crowd the mourners.

Committee and it will probable take ister of Munitions. cost price basis for shells they might Canada. How great his efficiency is tive party, and who had handled it chairman and saving grace of the the supplementary credit of ten bilnot likely that they would be swayed est gentleman who bought \$180,000,- bers voted against it. Under ordinary circumstances they allowed him, but lacking the Fla-supplementary credit was necessary. didn't like Lloyd George anyway and velle reputation for efficiency, es- since the enemy Governments were plight of the people of these counthe war wasn't going to make any pecially with Tom White. So when not yet disposed to make peace. Hichens didn't get much more than Bertram was brushed aside. a stepmother's welcome.

It can hardly have escaped Messrs. Thomas and Hichens that they were asking the Government to go against its whole previous policy. From the very start The Canadian war conto reaching the producer directly ount of complexion dopes we sell." | were absolutely untrue.

Ottawa, Dec. 23. No surprise is and getting the lowest price, but to

It has been a matter of common Government went out of its way to knowledge for months that these get them. It believed in laying up \$4,000,000 shops belonging to the treasures of gratitude against the people of Canada has been handed next general election a practice over to a private company capital- which it continues to this day, Mr. opposing armies were only twenty-five yards apart. The Belgian trenches can be seen on War announces that after six over to a private company capital which one of the Fallis, M.P.P., being the latest pa- one side of the picture, while the trenches on the right. The farmhouse months of diplomatic negotiations Gavier Salar, Spanish Consul-General leading members is an old side-kick triot to come between the Peel coun- was a shelter for both sides. Ultimately the Huns were driven back. of the Hon, Frank Cochrane's in Nor- ty farmers and the horses they had thern Ontario. The only new thing to sell to the Government. Mr. Falabout the case is the publication of his butted in to extent of \$3,000 but A A A A A A A From the time the war started the horse dealing is his business, and not Borden Government, like Pharaoh, a finicky delicacy about making mobardened its heart and far from ney out of the universal misfortune. treating the deadly peril of the Besides who was Mr. Fallis to con-British Empire as a national crisis sider himself better than the Borden proceedd to handle it as a strictly Government which had acted all party ansir. On that basis England along on the theory that the war was has stent some balf billion dollars being waged less for humanity than

tributed among party friends. Let Under pressure the Government the galled jade wince, our withers came around to Mr. Thomas' and are unwrung-that was the attitude Mr. Hichens' way of thinking, at of the Borden Government towards least so far as making shell; at a dethe dear old Mother Country, at cent price was concerned, but not to least as far as army contracts were the extent of making shells a nationat business and cutting the profiteers Naturally a time came when Eng- out. That was too much to expect. land objected to paying through the They didn't do it for Canada and nose for war supplies simply to keep much less would they do it for Great the Borden Government's friends Britain. The best they could do was AND WARNED OF MUCH STRONG

sweet and D. A. Thomas, and later to make it impossible for their on Mr. Hichens, were despatched to friends to get all their feet in the Canada, their object being to put it trough at one time. And on that One Socialist Said That Endeavors to Premier Borden if Great Britain plan, the Gaderine swine being redidn't have a right to expect more moved to a safe distance, the Shell from all this loyal talk than the Committee became the Imperial Muhighest price for shells that the traf- nitions Board of Canada, with J. W. fic would bear. They also suggest- Flaveile, L.L.D., millionaire, as ed that the Shell Committee, as chairman. This reorganization acthen constructed, was a pirates' lair complished three great objects it Telegraph publishes the following it despatch from Rotterdam: of course, they used more careful could be seen without straining the language. The Premier promised to neck, it headed off investigation of Herr Haase, chairman of the Gerlook into the matter but postponed the original Shell Committee's trans. man Social-Democratic party, regoing so and it was only when Brit- actions by making it an overseas signed immediately after yesterday's ish war orders began to drop off that Lloyd-George institution, and it ac- meeting of the Reichstag, when the the reorganization of the Shell Com- quired an enterprising chairman in new war credit of ten billion marks mittee was actively undertaken. In the shape of J. W. Flavelle, who has was passed with the approval of a short Mr. Thomas and Mr. Hichens regigned from the Federal Economic majority of the Socialists "Haas uld a little squeezing on their own Commission to concentrate on his and the other extremists opposed to account, shut off the supply at the new duties. One sees his hand, how- the Reichstag majority now repre-

that the Shell Committee decided to Federal Economic Commission. be good since then they have not Chairman Flavelle is getting busy. It stag yesterday were inharmonious, how many such employes are availis about time someone was getting The censored reports received here able for service. It is stated, how-It took sixteen months to effet busy. Fifteen months ago it was sug- omit the voting figures. this change of heart in the Shell gested that Canada appoint a Min-

as well have saved their breath. Mr. White knows from his own exthat way for over a year. It was Shell Committee, a big-hearted, hon-lion marks, while only fifteen memby any altruistic proposals from a 000 worth of shells for Great Brit- In behalf of the majority Socialbrace of Lloyd-George ambassadors, ain for \$18,000,000 less than was ist member Ebert stated that the difference So Mr. Thomas and Mr. the Real Thing came along General Another Socialist, Freidrich Au-

> Can't Convince the Women. "You can't improve on nature."

could be worked into a contract the

German Government Benoun-

ers of their nourishment. After Canadian industrial plants by the of Socialists in the country.

another sixteen months to convince Mr. Flavelle may not be a Min- Government on the ground that it their places to be filled by returned the Government that thimblerigging ister of Munitions-he perhaps was pursuing a policy of conquest, soldiers are without foundation. The British shells for the profit of their knows more about sausage casings and hinted that unless something Government will not enforce conparty friends is no game for true than shells! -but he is the next best were done to improve the economic scription indirectly or otherwise patriots. When Mr. Thomas and bet. It is understood that he is the condition of the people the Govern- though in all future appointments Mr. Hichens suggested that the Hon. W. T. White's choice, the Fin- ment would find the whole party in the rule will hold good. Transcona shops be used as a nation- ance Minister having boosted him as opposition when it next asked for al munition factory on a rock-bottom the greatest efficiency expert in money to continue the war. Fifteen Oppose Measure. They were talking to a Government perience in the last general election. Berlin (via Sayville), Dec. 22 .terribly set in its ways, a Govern- All Mr. Flavelle expects to get out The split which was predicted in the ment convinced that the greatest war of it is a Knighthood. The story Socialist party occurred to-day. in history was to be handled as a runs that this knighthood was to go . An overwhelming majority of the gigantic windfall for the Conserva- to General Bertram, the former Socialist party members voted for

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ced For Pursuing

ER OPPOSITION.

Of the Annexation Aims Of Both

gust Karl Geyer, declared that ail endeavors for peace had failed be- ward relief through the base at cause of the annexation aims of both Rome

The Secretary for the Colonies charter an American vessel to carmade a strange disclosure. He ry supplies from Marseilles or an It-"That may be," said the druggist, stated that the British stories about alian port to Antivari, Montenegro, changes. but you'd be surprised at the am- Geman aggression in South Africa for trans-shipment to Scutari, where

had attacked Nakabsouth. At the same time the British circulated are visible; that formerly Nakab-German soil. This latter is correct, said the Secretary, but an erasure The Secretary deposited the map now used as a barracks.

THE RUINED FARMHOUSE "FORT."

A section of the Belgian front which was in dispute for nearly three months, although the

with the Reichstag. duction of the forces of German ficial ice plant. troops in Southwest Africa. 1 Neverto the British Government, which is right guard stands six feet six inwas well informed about the num- ches and weighs 273 pounds. bers of the German forces.

London, Dec. 22.-The Daily Ottawa, Dec. 23 .- A census of the ages of employees of the outside service of the Militia Department was "According to a Berlin source commenced to-day. The outside services of the department have grown enormously since the outbreak of war and there are many young unmarried men as well as others with famillies employed therein. The census being taken is to ascertain the number of those of military age in the department who are unmarried It is understood that General Sir "The proceedings in the Reich- Sam Hughes is anxious to ascertain ever, that rumors to the effect that "The spokesman of the Socialist all single men of military age who majority, Herr Ibert, denounced the did not enlist would be dismissed,

RELIEF IN NEAR EAST.

Allies Form Joint Commission To Work In Rome.

New York, Dec. 23 .- The Allies have formed a joint relief commission, with headquarters in Rome, to co-operate with the American Relief Clearing House in Paris for the relief of the suffering in Serbia, Montenegro and Albania, and of refugees in Northern Greece, according to cable advices from Paris to-day. The tries has made the formation of such a commission urgent, it is stated, and every effort will be made to for-

Arrangements are being made to

BELGIAN

He also added that in 1912 he had A movement is on foot to build a may be necessary in Malta. had an interview with General Bo- skating and hockey rink in Spokane. tha, who would not counsel the re- Washington, equipped with an arti- ers visited several prison camps in gether

theless, they were reduced before The captain-elect of the Syracuse the beginning of the war from 10,- football eleven, Harold M. White, is 000 to less than 2,000. This fact, appropriately called the mastoden of added the Secretary, was well known the gridiron. White, whose station

Sweden in 1912.

Kilbane, champion featherweight has been matched to meet Chaney in a twenty-round bout for the title. him the trouble wifl be a matter of tain Mouton, are now in New York.

The hockey season will be opened in Cornwall on Christmas night, when the All-Stars of Montreal will meet the Cornwall O. H. A. senior team in an exhibition match. The Cornwall management expect to line up a strong team this year. A numper of the 59th Battalion who are wintering there are said to be good men, and they are completing with the local boysefor a place.

The Ottawas have retained Hebert and Benedict for the nets, with Ross, Merrill and Gerard for the de- VA fence. When necessary, Gerard will be sent up to the line. Darragh and Meeking are to divide the centre ice work, with Duford and Stavenau at right and Nighbor and Bruce at left. Bruce and Meeking are the only amateurs retained. The club does not intend to use Hamby Shore, but will ask a cash consideration for his ser-

If the Canadian Rugby Union sees ? eye to eye with the Big Four, the onside pass will be an innovation in' Canadian Rugby next fall. Bob. Isbister and George Church, the Interprovincial Union's delegates to the C. R. F. U. meeting in April. were notified at Saturday's meeting to urge the adoption of this new style of attack, along with other

The proposed new play is in every way similar to the onside kick. The quarterback, instead of kicking the ball short and allowing the backs to race up and grab it, will be allowed to toll it in the air for the same put pose. The representatives were of the opinion that it would help open up the game, and they feel sure that the C. R. F. U. will favor its adopt-

GERMANS ARE BLUFFING.

Little Likelihood of Big Offensive In

London, Dec. 23. - Correspondents at British headquarters in France say that Dutch and Swiss reports regarding the coming German offensive in the West are received with indifference. They state that it is true that there has been much moving to and fro in the German armies lately. but it is not believed that this can be interpreted as foreshadowing a general attack.

A staff officer is quoted as implying that the Germans are trying by constant movements to give the impression of a tremendous accession of strength.

The correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "German preparedness for a defence are much more conspicuous than those for an offensive." The correspondent points to the

erection of a new kind of field fort-

ress of considerable size. Kaiser's Horror of Cats. "The German Emperor has a horror of cats. When he came to Eng.

were rounded up and sent into exile

till he had departed."

REMOVE PRISONERS

Scheme to Provide For Their Custody and Comfort a Failure.

London, Dec. 23 -The question of getting neutral powers to relieve Germany of the cost of the mainten- And Denies Any Connection ance of prisoners of war and provide at the same time for their safe custody has been carefully considered Lord Robert Cecil, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, told the House of Commons. The Under-Secretary's statement was made in reply to the suggestion that "In view of the sufferings" of these prisoners, such a step should be taken.

Lord Robert added, however, that he regretted to say that the practical difficulties have been found insuperable, but that the sug- Change From Mausers To Reminggestion would not be lost sight of.

Prisoners In Africa. Berlin, Dec. 22,-The Ministry of

France has agreed to allow a neu- al in this city, admitted that Spain tral commission to visit prison has begun a campaign of preparedcamps in Algiers, Tunis and Morocco, and that six Swiss commissioners are now on their way to Af-

The announcement says that the commissioners, who include three physicians, will visit the French The Northern League has shut colonies in groups of two. They are taking with them huge quantities of clothing, medicaments, ban-Galt Hockey Club may organize dages and presents and money had been made in the transfer point, and play at Preston. Galt rink is enough to give each prisoner ten francs. They will purchase such additional clothing and supplies as sired a union with Portugal, the Before starting t's commission that country to bring us closer to-

Germany for the purposes of later comparisons.

PEDEDEWSKI CAN'T PLAY.

Stiff Neck Forces Cancelling of New York Recital.

Sergt, Thomas Gallon, Victoria, Paderewski is ill in his apartments. Spain is buying munitions in this For Peace Had All Failed Because MILITIA DEPARTMENT CENSUS. B.C., has been reported wounded by at the Hotel Gotham and was oblig- country, added Senor Salar, and has been reported wounded by at the Hotel Gotham and was obligshell fire while in action in France, ed to cancel the recital he was to commission of five has been in New To Ascertain Number Of Military Gallon was a member of the Canad- have given in Carnegie Hall yester- York for the past ten months, which ian Olympic team at Stockholm, day afternoon. Paderewski's physi- has closed several contracts with the cian has diagnosed his trouble as Winchester, Western and other cartmyalgia, a stiffening of the muscles ridge and shell companies. But the Toronto News: The N. H. A. pen- of the neck. It is painful, but not vast bulk of the expenditures, which alty rule works out as follows: serious. The planist finds it impos- are estimated to total \$20,000,000 When a player is tired he slams an sible to turn his head. It is believed before the commission leaves, is for opponent on the head, gets ruled off, that the trouble was caused by a machinery with which Spain will be a fresh man comes on and he secures draught at his concert in Bosto on able to manufacture its own muni-Saturday. Shortly after his return to tions as well as all other war supthis city the stiffening began to plies.

> only a few days, and the recital is The two others, Major Garrido, who likely to take place early in January, is in charge, and Captain B. Sarda,

vehicle of convenience.

TO NEUTRAL LANDS. SPAIN RE-ARMS HER TROOPS

With the War.

## CONSUL-GENERAL SAYS

THE BRITISH DIPLOMATS ARE WATCHING VERY CLOSELY

tons By Constabulary Force .-Buying Munitions In the United

New York, Dec. 22.-Francisco ness, but he denied emphatically that it has any relation to the present war or to conditions between Spain

and Portugal. Spain is merely trying to bring her military efficiency up to a higher grade," he declared. "It has no more significance than has the demand for better armament in this country. Spain has no intention of becoming embroiled in the war, and while, of course, we have always degreat sentiment is for treatles with

"The despatch from Gibraltar is misleading. As. I, understand it, the carbineers, who are only used for police duties, are ordered to turn in their Mausers, needed in the army. and receive in return the old Remingtons which were discarded by the army years ago, but which have

New York, Dec. 23-Ignace Jan been since stored in the arsenals."

Three of the commissioners, L. The pianist's physicians assure Claros, Major Perez Vidat and Capare now in the West inspecting se-Marriage is quite often made a veral large factories, whose systems they intend to copy in part.

## Christmas is Coming

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WOUNDED BRITISH AND CANADIAN SOLDIERS IN OHRDUF HOSPITAL

Photos forwarded by a Canadian in Chrduf indicate the situation of wounded prisoners there In large group are included a group of British and Canadians, among whom are: Ptes. Grainger, Royal Warwicks: Howe, Durham Light Infantry; Bennett, 8th Canadians; Kerr, 3rd Canadians; Sgt. Potter, 8th Durham Light Infantry; Sgt. Wells, 1st B. C.: Barlow, 5th Highlanders; Martindale, 7th Canadians; Macmillan, 8th Canadians; Corp. Ross, Dublin Fusiliers; Grimsdale, 5th land," says an English Journal, "all Highlanders: James, 5th West Cavalry; Archer, Irish Fusiliers; Lucas, 1st W. Yorks; Clifford, 1st W. Yorks; Phillips, 5th cate at the castles he was to visit. Highlanders.