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LAST EDITION

1,500 BED CASES SOON TO ARRIVE

Hospital Trains to Convey Them Inland—Accommodation Secured.

BUILDING HOSPITAL TRAIN

TO MOVE THE CASES FROM EAST TO WEST.

Ten Thousand More Canadian Soldiers Now in British Hospitals to Arrive During the Winter.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The Canadian authorities overseas have advised the Military Hospitals Commission to prepare for the reception in Canada of several thousand soldiers still needing active surgical and medical treatment.

A hospital train is being constructed for the safe and comfortable carriage of these "bed cases" from the Atlantic ports to their destinations inland.

Distribution of Patients. The hospital train will run as far as Winnipeg, distributing patients to Montreal, Kingston and Toronto on its way.

THE EXTINCTION OF LIQUOR MAKING

(Special to the Whig.) London, Dec. 14.—The restriction and practical extinction of liquor manufacture in the British Isles was foreshadowed to-day in the Commons when Bonar Law announced that the new Food Minister would be empowered to prohibit the use of grain and sugar in the manufacture of beverages.

OFFICIAL WAR STATEMENTS

British.

London, Dec. 13.—The War Office communication issued Wednesday night says: "Hostile patrols endeavored to enter our trenches last night east of Armentieres, but were driven off."

"There was the usual artillery activity throughout the day at different points along our front. We carried out bombardments of the enemy's trenches in the neighborhood of Festubert, Neuve Chapelle and Ypres."

French.

Paris, Dec. 13.—The bulletin issued by the War Office Wednesday on the campaign reads: "South of the Somme the enemy artillery energetically counter-shelled us, violently bombarding our trenches in the sector of Baches-la-Maisonnette-Barleux."

"In the Argonne a surprise attack directed against an enemy salient north of Four de Paris enabled us to destroy hostile mine works and bring back prisoners."

"Everywhere else the day was comparatively calm. A German captive balloon was destroyed by our artillery near Dauvaucourt."

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Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific in hospital cars provided by these companies or by the Railway Department. The Commission has arranged for 1,500 hospital beds at various centres for these soldiers, and has enlisted the best surgical and medical talent in the Dominion for their treatment.

These men, it will be understood, will be in addition to the convalescents, who may be expected to continue arriving at the present rate of several hundred per week. The "bed cases" will not be placed in the same institutions as the convalescents. Among the buildings secured for the new cases of patients are the Strathcona Hospital at Edmonton, a part of Queen's University at Kingston, and a wing of the Grey Nunnery at Montreal.

Approximately ten thousand more Canadian soldiers now in British hospitals will be brought to Canada within the next three or four months.

AGED MAN MISSING; BELIEVED DROWNED

He Was Employed by Thomas Kane on Howe Island.

An aged man named Brown, who has been for some time employed on the farm of Thomas Kane at Howe Island, has been missing for a week, and it is believed that he was drowned.

He made a trip over to Clayton in a skiff about a week ago. The skiff has been found on Howe Island shore, but up till Thursday afternoon Brown had not put in an appearance. Some tobacco was found in the skiff, which is believed to have been the property of the missing man.

AUSTRIAN CABINET RESIGNS.

London, Dec. 14.—The Austrian cabinet has resigned. This announcement is made in a Reuter despatch from Amsterdam.

STOCK MARKET NERVOUS.

Many Leaders Again Sell Off at New York.

(Special to the Whig.) New York, Dec. 14.—The stock market developed another attack of nervousness to-day, many of the leaders selling off 3 points during a heavy day. U.S. Steel common fell before the wave of selling, reaching 116 1/2, then selling back to 117. Crucible sold off 3. Industrial Alcohol suffered the widest loss, selling down 10 1/2 to 115 1/2, with a subsequent 3-point recovery.

REPORTED FAVORABLY.

The Bill For Nation-wide Prohibition in U.S.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, Dec. 14.—The House Judiciary committee to-day reported favorably a bill for nation-wide prohibition, reported the woman's suffrage bill without recommendation, and reported favorably the bill for a nation-wide food investigation.

Russian.

Petrograd, Dec. 13.—Wednesday's statement follows: "Western (Russian) front: In the region of the forest of Gualentz the enemy continues to bombard our positions with artillery and bomb mortars."

"His attempt at an offensive in the region of Prisozev, northeast of Pomerany, was arrested by our fire. Enemy attempts to cross the river Bystritsa in the region of Izupolia, were repulsed."

"In the wooded Carpathians our detachments have beaten back a strong enemy attack in the region to the east of Chibena. Enemy scouts who endeavored to approach unnoticed in the region of Mount Capul were dispersed by our fire."

"In the region to the south and southwest of Vale Putna, fighting continues, the enemy offering stubborn resistance to our advance."

"South of the Valley of the River Trotus our troops gained possession of a line of enemy trenches on the heights eight versts south of Agnusia. Enemy counter attacks with the object of regaining the lost heights were repulsed with great losses to him. We captured a number of prisoners."

"A portion of the Rumanian army which was attacked by the enemy at Tislasu and south of this point is retreating toward the east."

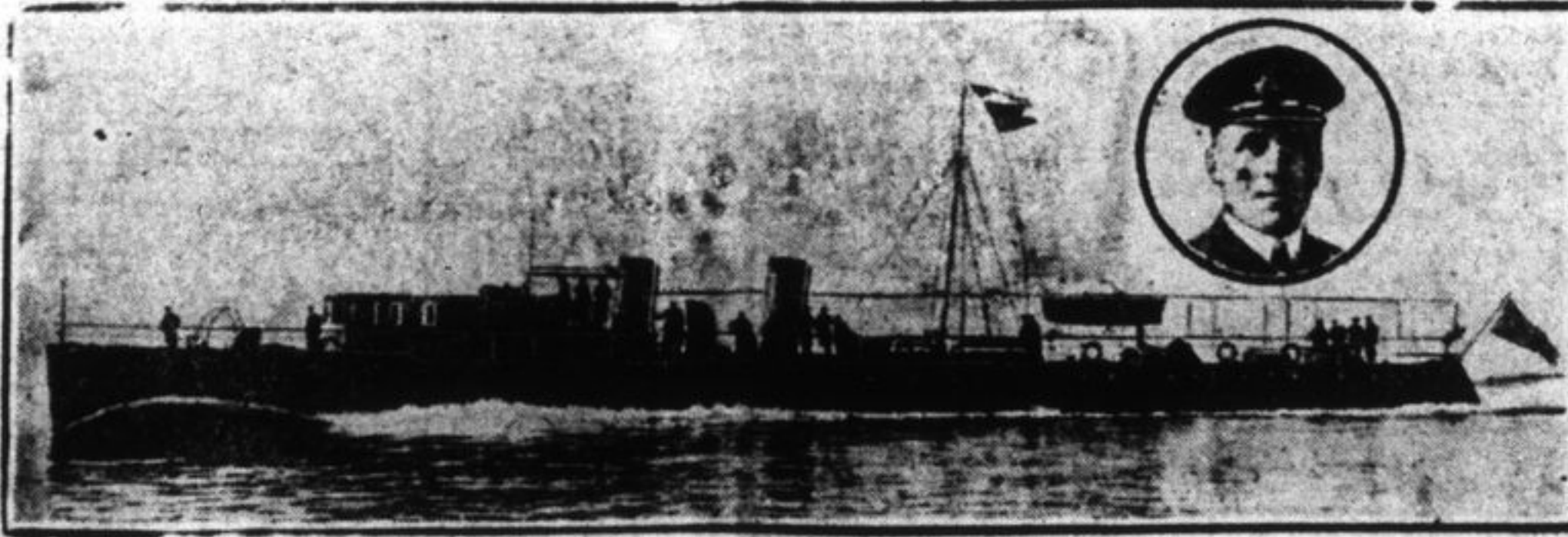
"South of the Highroad of Milibuzo the Rumanians on taking the offensive occupied a row of villages, but on being attacked in turn they were obliged to fall back."

"At present the Rumanian army occupies the front of Buzou-Saranga-Uritcheut."

German. Berlin, Dec. 14.—A German statement to-day says: "Western front: In some parts of the Somme front there were temporarily heavy artillery engagements. Near LeFour De Paris, in Argonne, French patrols made advances after violent preparatory fire and were repulsed."

"On the right bank of the Meuse (Western front) the activity of artillery increased in the afternoon."

FIRST CANADIAN WARSHIP TO BE SUNK.



H. M. S. "Grilse" which was torpedoed and lost with all hands on board. Insert is a picture of J. K. L. Ross, who bought the vessel for Canada. The picture was taken when she was the yacht "Winchester."

TWO MILLION CREDIT VOTE

Moved in the British Commons By Leader Bonar Law.

DAILY WAR EXPENDITURE

HAS NOW REACHED APPROXIMATELY \$27,807,700.

New British Government Intends to Create Minister of Food and Labor—Taking Action Regarding Capt. Blaikie.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Dec. 14.—A vote of credit for two billion dollars was moved in the Commons to-day by Andrew Bonar Law.

The Government leader said the expenditure exceeded the year's estimate because of an increase in the output of munitions and additional loans to British allies and dominions. Loans to the dominions, he said, have averaged approximately \$1,948,000 a day.

The new Government intends to create a Minister of Food and Labor. Bonar Law said the Government had "taken such action as is considered necessary" in the case of Capt. Blaikie, of the Caledonia. Blaikie was taken prisoner by a German submarine, and is supposed to be facing possible execution for ramming a German U-boat.

Mr. Law said the average daily war expenditure had now reached approximately \$27,807,700. British credit since the outbreak of the war has now reached a total of approximately nineteen billion dollars.

Adequate Reparation; Adequate Security.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Dec. 14.—Andrew Bonar Law to-day made a partial answer to the German peace proposals by quoting a statement made by former Premier Asquith when the last vote of credit was asked for in the House of Commons. "There must be adequate reparation for the past and adequate security of the future," he said, quoting Asquith. Bonar Law prefaced this statement with the declaration that the peace proposals had not yet been received and he could not discuss them, and preferred that the Commons likewise refrain from a discussion of the proposals.

MAYOR RICHARDSON URGED

BY CITIZENS TO RUN FOR A SECOND TERM.

His Excellent Record Brings Him the Support of the People—The Utilities Commission Also in Need of Him.

Important Post For Col. Williams. Ottawa, Dec. 14.—It is learned that Lieut.-Col. Cecil G. Williams, chief chaplain and recruiting officer for Canada, has been selected to fill the post of assistant adjutant-general, left vacant by the appointment of Lieut.-Col. Charles S. McInnes to the staff of Sir George Perley's Overseas Militia Council. Col. McInnes, who has been acting as A.A.G. for some time, will go overseas shortly in a purely administrative capacity.

Canadians taking their rest after the strenuous days of the Somme at what is called a quiet part of the line are still bothering the enemy.

STAND FIRM AS GREAT ROCK

Peace Proposals Have Been Received in London With Contempt.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE'S VIEWS

GERMANY IN A STATE OF TERROR—A FOOD SHORTAGE.

Besides There Are Strained Relations Among the Central Powers—Britain, Too, Is Making Ready to Do Greater Things Than She Has Yet Accomplished.

(Special to the Whig.) By Lord Northcliffe. London, Dec. 14.—Germany's peace proposals are due to the fact, which interned neutral correspondents in Berlin have not been allowed to indicate, that during the last few weeks grave internal dissensions have arisen, owing to the food shortage and the reign of terror. Moreover, relations have been greatly strained between the various German and Austrian states and also with Turkey. The Prussian Government has also learned that the British Empire will, during 1917, put forth an effort equal, at least, to that of Germany in 1914, and from the point of view of guns and shells, three times that of Germany at any period of the war. The proposals have been received here with contempt. We are gratified that the American sense of humor and justice have seen through the bluff. France, Italy and little Belgium are firm as Plymouth Rock.

THE NOTE SENT TO CAPITALS.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, Dec. 14.—Within a few hours after the receipt of the official text of the German peace proposals, Secretary Lansing, at the President's orders, to-day, despatched it to London, Paris, Petrograd, Tokio and to the provisional capitals of Rumania, Serbia and Belgium. It was sent without any suggestion or comment by the President.

LEAVE IS SHORTENED.

For Canadian Soldiers in England, It is Announced.

London, Dec. 14.—Canadian army orders contain notice that owing to the necessity of reducing railway traffic in England, leave will not be granted except in very special circumstances—week-end leave for home service men only for those in munitions work. Christmas leave will be confined to five per cent of any unit and none between December 22 and 25. This will not interfere with the four days leave invariably granted men proceeding to the front, nor with leave granted troops already in the field.

THE FAMOUS CASE WAS DISMISSED

And a Lad is Now Declared to Be a "Substituted" Child.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Dec. 14.—The House of Lords to-day dismissed the famous appeal of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. R. Slingsby, British Columbia, who sought the estate of the late Rev. Charles Slingsby for "Teddy" Slingsby, their supposed son. This finally declares the boy a "substituted" child and he loses forty-five thousand dollars a year income.

GREEKS FIGHT FRENCH.

So a Despatch From the German Capital Says.

Berlin, Dec. 14 (by wireless to Sayville).—Fighting is in progress between Greek regular troops and the French, the Overseas News Agency announces.

The News Agency says the fighting is taking place north of Katerina, about 80 miles south-west of Salonika, and that the Greeks have a force of 5,000 men.

The town of Katerina has been captured by the Greeks, the News Agency says, the French line of positions having been pierced. The Greeks are said to have taken up a line between Katerina and Borbetoko.

What the British Ask of Germany

(Special to the Whig.) London, Dec. 14.—The British Allies will demand the following terms for peace:

Restoration of North France, Belgium, Poland, Serbia and Rumania with full indemnity to all.

Restoration of Alsace-Lorraine to France, and ceding of Constantinople and Straits to Russia.

Full indemnity to all Allies for destroyed shipping and heavy punishment for all responsible for atrocities.

MAYOR RICHARDSON. Mayor Richardson has been requested by a large number of citizens to offer himself for a second term. Dr. Richardson has not yet decided what he will do, but it is hoped he will accede to a general desire of the citizens to again stand for the mayoralty. His record this year has been so admirable that Kingston has need of his services for at least another year.

Mayor Richardson has represented the people to their taste on the Util-

CANNED AND PACKAGE FOODS WEIGH SHORT

Ottawa Inquiry Show This, And So Legislation Is Promised.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Legislation at the coming session of Parliament to strengthen the existing laws regarding short weights in canned goods, package foods, etc., is promised by the government. Recent investigation by the Ottawa municipal representatives inquiring into the high cost-of-living problem disclosed the fact that in most canned goods and package foods the net weight was considerably less than the consumer thought he was buying. The weight of the tin or the weight of the cardboard boxes in nearly every case is included in the consumer's contents weight for which the customer pays. Furthermore it has been shown that the proportion of water in some canned goods is unduly high.

With a view to enable customers to ascertain just how much net contents they are really paying for, the proposed law will, it is understood, require the manufacturer to explicitly state the net weight on the label. Other safeguards against "legal fraud" will also be incorporated in the new legislation, which will be modeled on the pure-food laws enacted some time ago in the United States. The legislation if enacted will be a practical and effective step towards meeting an important contributing factor to the increased cost of living.

FIVE-CENT TAX ON RESERVED SEATS

Quebec Government Proposes to Get Revenue From Theatre-goers.

Quebec, Dec. 14.—Hon. Walter Mitchell's license bill in regard to the theatre tax is said to contain some interesting features. It is proposed that the tax be increased from the present rate of one cent, as it now exists in Montreal and Quebec, and that returns from the increased rate will go to the Government. The tax is to apply to the whole province. Also it is said that there will be a Government tax of five cents on each ticket for a theatre, or other place of amusement, which is reserved in advance.

WAR BULLETINS.

- A new Allied front will face the Teutons on the east front. The Russians and Rumanians are already taking a serious offensive. By a vote of 314 to 165 the French Government was voted full confidence. Premier Briand decides the peace proposals. Germany captured and sank the American steamer Lannoo because she was considered a prize and carrying contraband.

ONTARIO GOLD BONDS.

Tender of 99,596 and Accrued Interest Accepted.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—A particularly good loan, said Hon. T. W. McGarry referring to the flotation of the \$2,000,000 Province of Ontario ten year 5 per cent. gold bonds, tenders for which were opened to-day. The successful tenderers were Campbell, Thompson and Co., Toronto, who offered 99,596 and accrued interest.

A CRITICAL TIME.

Sir Edward Carson Has Resigned Unionist Chairmanship. London, Dec. 14.—Sir Edward Carson in a letter resigning the chairmanship of the Unionist party war committee, because of his acceptance of the Admiralty post, writes: "The hour is critical one for the nation and the Empire, and if we are to bring the war to a successful and honorable conclusion, we must have the determined support of every man who loves his country. Still greater sacrifices must be made by all classes and the example set by our enemies in national organization can only be successfully combated by similar action on our part."

Premier Briand announced to the Chamber of Deputies on Wednesday he had decided to ask Parliament to enact legislation providing for a further restriction in the consumption of alcoholic beverages throughout France.

CANADA'S MESSAGE TO BRITISH PREMIER

(Special to the Whig.) Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Prior to his departure for England yesterday, Sir George Foster, as acting Prime Minister, sent the following cable to Lloyd George: "The Canadian Government sends hearty congratulations. Canada stands with you and the Empire for a vigorous prosecution of the war until complete victory is attained."

"WATCH OUT, TAKE CARE"

Caution Sounded by Premier Briand Regarding Germany's Peace Proposals

TO BE BRITAIN'S GUIDANCE

IN SCRUTINIZING THE OFFER OF THE KAISER.

Some German Trick Behind the Proffer—Every Word of the Chancellor's Speech to Be Weighed for Hidden Meanings.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Dec. 14.—The caution, "Watch out, take care," sounded by Premier Briand in his speech to the French Chamber of Deputies, will also be Britain's guidance in scrutinizing the German peace proposals.

After the first shock of the news of Germany's peace plan and the first and instantaneous decision to reject it, there came to-day, with a strengthening of this determination not to make the peace Germany craves, the belief that England and her allies ought closely to examine the circumstances of the Teutonic move. Press and public alike were more than ever convinced to-day that some "German trick" was behind the proffer.

Britain and her allies, therefore, intend to reject the peace proposals—but before that rejection they intend to scrutinize every word in the note and the Chancellor's speech for hidden meanings, and to weigh all circumstances of its delivery carefully.

What Wilson Will Do.

(Special to the Whig.) Washington, Dec. 14.—Should Premier Lloyd George next Tuesday express to Parliament and the world a willingness to at least discuss Germany's peace proposals, President Wilson will offer his services in the situation, his closest advisers said to-day. On the contrary, if the new British Premier continues his policy of fighting to a "knockout" the President probably will keep aloof or limit his expression to a hope that the present opening may develop into a serious consideration of peace soon.

ATTENDING TO BUSINESS

But He Was Not Permitted to Go Outdoors.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Dec. 14.—Premier Lloyd George's illness still kept him indoors to-day, but he was attending to business as usual. His physicians said he was progressing favorably, but he was not expected to venture out of his house for a couple of days.

DAILY MEMORANDUM

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THE DAILY BRITISH WHIG

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DIED

COYLE—Suddenly, in Kingston, on Dec. 14th, 1916, Katherine Rice, beloved wife of Harry J. Coyle. Funeral (private) Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, from the residence of Capt. Charles Martin, 13 Bataclava St., to St. James' chapel, where a solemn requiem mass will be sung for the repose of her soul. Friends and acquaintances are requested to attend the mass.

DOWSEY—In Toronto, Margaret May Dowsey. Funeral notice later.

MOORE—At Ghent, Pittsburg, on Dec. 13th, 1916, George Richard Moore, aged 73 years. Funeral from his late residence Friday at 10 o'clock to Cateauqui cemetery. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend. Please omit flowers.

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Familiar Quotations

I believe that cards and dancing are doing more to damn the spiritual life of the church than the progress—though you can't accuse me of being a friend of that stinking, dirty, rotten, hell-soaked business. —REV. "BILLY" SUNDAY.