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FORCE GERMANS BACK FOR OVER A MILE

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Numbers Alone Can Annihilate—The Necessary Men Exist and They Should Be Used on the Western Front.

London, Jan. 15.—The Times' military correspondent, writing on the situation caused by the failure of peace talk, emphasizes what is necessary to make good the will to conquer. He says: "We ought to see clearly enough now if we did not see it before that our military effort on land, especially in the decisive western front, has not been adequate to secure a decision, even to deserve it."

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So Says Sir Edmund's Oiler's Partner in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Jan. 15.—A. M. Nanton, millionaire broker, partner of Sir Edmund Gosler, M.P., addressing a gathering of the members of the Manitoba Patriotic Fund, of which he is president, said Friday night: "It is backing up of such men as Premier Norris that has helped us to get this fund, now over a million dollars. Those immediately in charge are feeling the debt they owe the Premier."



JAMES H. HENDERSON. The recently elected chairman of the Board of Education.

CANADIAN RED CROSS INNUENDED WITH PARCELS

Wants Government at Ottawa to Stop Sending Gifts for the Prisoners.

London, Jan. 15.—The Canadian Red Cross is overwhelmed with parcels sent for prisoners from Canada. It does not seem to be known in Canada that such parcels, although addressed to the Red Cross, have automatically to pass through the Red Cross, and that this organization is only allowed to send thirty pounds per fortnight to each man. The consequence is that a popular man may have something like a hundredweight of good things sent to him, whereas another with less friends will get little or nothing.

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Matters of Fundamental Interest to the Farmers Was Brought Vividly to Public Attention—Liberals Score a Big Win on Their Nickel Policy.

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WALTHY LUMBERMAN DEAD IN RENFREW

Had Large Timber Interests in Ottawa Valley and British Columbia.

Renfrew, Jan. 15.—Alexander Barnett, of Renfrew, millionaire lumberman, died at his home on Friday after a brief illness. He had been busy in his office as usual up to Wednesday, when he caught cold, which developed into pneumonia.

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HOT PRESSURE FROM RUSSIANS

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RUSSIANS GO THROUGH

THE GERMAN LINES AND POSITIONS WERE TAKEN.

That Had Been Constructed by the Germans During their Occupancy—A Great Quantity of Brandy Captured—Germans Must Reinforce or Withdraw.

(Special to the Whig.) London, Jan. 15.—Russia is exerting such tremendous pressure on the German line south of Riga that it may conceivably have its effect on the German progress in Rumania. At several places the Russians have broken through the German lines, and the positions they took were those constructed in the Tautons' twelve months of occupancy. The Russian advances were made also despite heavy snowstorms, freezing cold weather and great stretches of marsh land. The Russians have taken fifty machine guns, thirty cannon and a vast amount of material, including 100,000 bottles of brandy.

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FAMULAR QUOTATIONS

Pyramids are pyramids still, though perch on Alps; And pyramids are pyramids in value. Each man makes his own statue, builds himself. Virtue alone outlasts the Pyramids; Her monuments shall last when Egypt's fall.