

## ALLIES ARE POURING TERRIFIC FIRE ON ENEMY

## FIERCE FIGHTING NEAR OSTEND—GERMANS ARE FORTIFYING THE CHIEF BELGIAN CENTRES

ARE BATTERING GERMANS  
TO PIECES NEAR OSTENDSLOWLY BUT SURELY ENEMY IS BEING DRIVEN BLACK—BE-  
LIEVED THEY ARE ABOUT TO EVACUATE CITY  
OF OSTEND.(Special to The Daily News—10:30 A. M.)  
London, Oct. 26.—The Times  
correspondent at Flushing wires  
that he has every reason to be-  
lieve the Germans are about to  
evacuate Ostend.The Mail's Rotterdam corre-  
spondent says: "Slowly but sure-  
ly the Germans are being beaten  
back on the west wing, and young  
men and old men are being hur-ried to the front. Roulois resem-  
bles a shambles. It was taken  
and retaken four times, and bat-  
tered to ruins in the process.""The firing at Ostend is very  
heavy. The British are shelling  
the suburbs, which are held by  
the Germans. It is believed that  
the Ostend piers have been blown  
up. The only points in Belgium  
now strongly held by the Germans  
are Liege and Namur."FIERCEST FIGHTING OF WAR  
GOING ON IN WEST FLANDERSPROJECTILES HURLED FROM LAND, SEA AND AIR—COUNTRY  
BEING DEVASTATED BY THE FIERCE FIGHT-  
ING GOING ON.

(Special to The Daily News—11 A. M.)

London, Oct. 26.—All reports  
agree that the fighting in West  
Flanders has been terrible beyond  
any other during the war. Pro-  
jectiles were hurled from land and  
sea, sweeping the flat un-  
protected country, destroying vil-  
lages and seeking out terror-stricken inhabitants who delayed  
too long in getting out of the war  
zone.The French claim the Germans  
have been repulsed south of  
Lille.Petrograd claims the Germans  
are still retiring from Warsaw  
in precipitate flight, and are also  
evacuating Lodz.

## IT WASN'T WILCOX.

W. E. Wilcox wasn't in the city  
Saturday. He wasn't back East  
recently. He doesn't know any-  
thing about the fruit canning  
business and never saw any fruit  
going to waste. Neither does he  
know anything about the money  
stringency and doesn't believe  
that the banks ever refused any-  
body any amount of money he re-  
quires when he wants it and if  
anybody says he knows any of  
these things he's a liar. The  
above is published by request of  
a phone message from somebody  
who says he is Wilcox but wasn't  
and who is going to kill the first  
newspaper who refuses to say  
that they don't know nobody who  
don't want anybody to say any-  
thing about Wilcox sometimes—  
and all this because an innocent  
news item referred to somebody  
who was but isn't and the person  
who is but wasn't wanted it with-  
drawn.

## SCORES BANKING SYSTEM.

Member Says Canadian Financial  
Methods Are Too Con-  
servative.Vancouver, Oct. 22.—Express-  
ing the opinion that the Canadian  
banking system is a little too con-  
servative and that there is too  
much actual power vested in the  
financial institutions, Mr. H. H.  
Stevens, speaking at a smoking  
concert last night held by the  
Point Grey Conservative Associa-  
tion, urged that conditions war-  
ranted a more plastic form of  
banking. He said he thought that  
in normal times the Canadian  
banking system had proved satis-  
factory, but that in the present  
financial crisis in the world's af-  
fairs weaknesses have become ex-  
posed.Reviewing the financial situa-  
tion in Canada, he pointed out  
that in July last the Canadian  
banks had loans outside the Do-  
minion of approximately \$125,-  
000,000, chiefly on call in New  
York city. The stockbrokers were  
the principal borrowers and as  
the Stock Exchange was tempo-  
rarily closed the banks were un-  
able to secure the return of the  
money and the Canadian business  
men consequently felt the pinch,  
being prevented from obtaining  
ordinary credits. Several sug-  
gestions to improve the system  
were outlined by Mr. Stevens. He  
remarked with reference to his  
advocacy of a partial moratorium  
that his views on the subject had  
been misrepresented.

## TO BUILD TORPEDO BOATS.

London, Oct. 26.—A Reuter dis-  
patch from Amsterdam says the  
Netherlands Minister of Marine  
has asked the Chamber for a  
credit of \$450,000 as the first  
payment for four torpedo boats,  
which will be built in Holland, to  
replace four ordered in Germany  
and seized by the German gov-  
ernment.The Star suggests that the Ger-  
man secret service is promoting  
an election in Canada. It is cer-  
tainly not promoted by anyone  
having a decent regard for the  
interests of the Empire in the  
present crisis.TIMBER FOR BRITAIN  
CONTRABAND OF WAR

(Special to The Daily News—11 A. M.)

London, Oct. 26.—German  
warships yesterday stopped and  
captured four Swedish timber  
steamers bound for Britain. They  
declared that all wood cargoes  
bound for Britain were contra-  
band of war.BASKET BALL  
LEAGUE SCHEDULEOct. 27.—Caledonians vs Men's  
Own.  
Oct. 30.—Tigers vs. Catholic  
Club.  
Nov. 3.—Tigers vs. Caledoni-  
ans.  
Nov. 6.—Men's Own vs. Catho-  
lic Club.  
Nov. 10.—Tigers vs. Caledoni-  
ans.  
Nov. 13.—Men's Own vs. Catho-  
lic Club.  
Nov. 17.—Men's Own vs. Caledoni-  
ans.  
Nov. 20.—Catholic Club vs. Tig-  
ers.  
Nov. 24.—Caledonians vs. Catho-  
lic Club.  
Nov. 27.—Tigers vs. Men's  
Own.  
Dec. 1.—Tigers vs. Caledoni-  
ans.  
Dec. 4.—Catholic Club vs.  
Men's Own.  
Dec. 8.—Caledonians vs. Men's  
Own.  
Dec. 11.—Tigers vs. Catholic  
Club.  
Dec. 15.—Catholic Club vs.  
Caledonians.  
Dec. 18.—Men's Own vs. the  
Tigers.  
Dec. 22.—Caledonians vs. the  
Tigers.  
Dec. 22.—Men's Own vs. Catho-  
lic Club.

## VON MOLTKE IS ILL.

London, Oct. 24.—A private  
letter received in Amsterdam  
from a high official in Berlin says  
Lieut. Gen. Count Helmuth von  
Moltke, chief of the German Gen-  
eral Staff, is dying, according to  
the Exchange Telegraph's Amster-  
dam correspondent."Everything," the correspon-  
dent adds, "is being done to keep  
the news secret." General von  
Moltke is suffering from liver  
complaint. The cure he was un-  
dergoing was interrupted in July  
by the mobilization. He has now  
had to leave Emperor William's  
headquarters, General von Falken-  
hayn, the Prussian minister  
of war, being left in charge."Many German officers ascribe  
the check to the German advance  
to the enforced retirement of  
General von Moltke."WARSHIP WAITS  
OUTSIDE HARBORGerman Gunboat Geier Cannot  
Leave Honolulu Without Meet-  
ing Big Jap Warship.Honolulu, Oct. 21.—Standing  
just outside the three-mile limit,  
her searchlights constantly illu-  
minating the entrance to Hono-  
lulu harbor, the Japanese battle-  
ship Hizen kept incessant patrol  
tonight. While anchored in the  
roads, the German warship Geier  
awaited the verdict of port offi-  
cials as to how long she may re-  
main in the harbor for repairs.While the port officials have  
been uncommunicative regarding  
this time allowance, two reports  
have gained credence. One is that  
the repairs will be completed with-  
in a few days, when she must  
leave port in the teeth of her en-  
emy lying in wait without, or in-  
tern here. The other is to the ef-  
fect that the officers of the Geier  
may ask permission to send to  
the mainland for necessary en-  
gine requirements. In this event  
her overhauling would require at  
least a month.The Hizen appeared off the har-  
bor late today, coaled and provi-  
sioned, fourteen days out from  
Yokohama, a naval depot near Yo-  
kohama. Her commander, Cap-  
tain Kawanami, when instructed  
by Rear Admiral C. B. T. Moore  
to preserve neutrality, said he  
would do so, and declared that he  
had no intention of entering the  
harbor.The Hizen formerly was the  
Russian battleship Retzovian, cap-  
tured by the Japanese at Port Ar-  
thur. Although sunk, she was  
raised and refitted by the Japa-  
nese.

## SWEDISH STEAMER LOST.

Alice, Bound North From Lon-  
don, Blown Up by Mine.London, Oct. 26.—The Swedish  
steamer Alice, homeward bound  
from London, has been blown up  
by a mine in the North Sea. She  
sank in three minutes. All the  
members of her crew were saved.It is reported that a proposal  
may be submitted by South Van-  
couver representatives to the an-  
nual convention of the Union of  
B. C. Municipalities to the effect  
that in view of the present con-  
dition of affairs caused by the  
financial stringency and the war  
all municipal elections shall this  
year be cancelled and present  
representatives be allowed to  
serve another year.GERMANS FORTIFYING  
BELGIAN CENTRES

(Special to The Daily News—11 A. M.)

London, Oct. 26.—The Times  
Rotterdam correspondent says the  
Germans are putting Antwerp in  
a state for defence. In most of  
the forts Belgian guns are being  
replaced by German fortress  
artillery of the latest type. Evi-  
dently the Germans are prepar-  
ing a line of retreat from Ostend  
to the Dixmude line.YUKON RECRUITS  
OLD SERVICE MENThe Yukon recruits got a great  
reception in Prince Rupert and  
many of them spent most of their  
time in town looking up old  
friends for there are lots of Yu-  
koners here. Many of the men  
have had considerable military  
experience and others are expert  
naval gunners. Their experience  
in the North will add consider-  
ably to the value of their ser-  
vice.When the Princess May pulled  
out at 4 o'clock there was a big  
crowd at the wharf to see them  
off. Cheer upon cheer was sent  
after them, and they certainly re-  
turned in good order.L. Crippen joined the party  
here and took a lively part in the  
celebrations as the boat pulled  
out. Crippen will make friends  
wherever he goes and the friends  
he left in Prince Rupert will fol-  
low his career with interest.VOTE ON PROHIBITION  
IS ASKED IN ALBERTAPetition to Government Has 23,-  
000 Signatures—Referendum  
if Beaten in House.Edmonton, Alta., Oct. 26.—A  
delegation of 150 waited on the  
provincial government of Alber-  
ta in the legislative assembly  
room, presenting a petition, signed  
by 23,000 qualified electors, asking  
for a vote upon the total  
prohibition of the liquor traffic  
in the province. H. N. Stevens,  
of Vermilion, introduced the de-  
legation. He stated that 7 per cent  
more than required had been ob-  
tained of the electors' signatures  
on this monster petition.If the measure is defeated in  
the House it will have to be sub-  
mitted to the electorate in the  
form of a referendum, and the  
temperance forces ask that the  
first Tuesday in June of 1915 be  
chosen as the day for voting.SAYS PRESIDENT HAS  
HEAD FULL OF BRAINSLondon Morning Post Declares  
He Is Restrained and  
Judicious.London, Oct. 26.—"Evidently  
an impression exists in the United  
States," says The Morning  
Post, in an editorial, "that there  
has been criticism in the British  
press of President Wilson's po-  
sition regarding peace. This im-  
pression was fostered by undue  
importance attached to certain  
newspaper utterances.""During the Civil War our po-  
sition toward the United States  
was the same as the United States  
holds towards England today. We  
desired to see the differences of  
the North and South composed  
for ethical as well as material  
reasons. Then, as now, cotton  
was the cause of our anxiety. We  
wanted cotton and could not ob-  
tain it. Today the United States  
has cotton, but cannot sell it.""All this, perhaps, explains the  
movement in the United States in  
favor of mediation—a movement  
which is no doubt encouraged by  
our enemies. But the machina-  
tions of our enemies, and the  
schemes of others who would  
turn the altar into a huckster  
stall, are well understood by  
President Wilson, we are told,  
and there is no fear that the  
President will walk into the trap.""President Wilson has shown  
himself singularly well balanced,  
restrained and judicious. He has  
been courageous enough to do an  
unpopular thing because he be-  
lieved it right, as his demand for  
the repeal of the Panama tolls  
law showed. He dared not chal-  
lenge public opinion, and display-  
ed patience and wisdom in the  
settlement of the Mexican prob-  
lem, and we feel certain that  
President Wilson will do nothing  
that is not prompted by the high-  
est sense of justice."Reserve Wednesday evening,  
October 28, for the Whist Drive  
to be held in the Catholic Social  
Hall under the auspices of the  
Young Catholic Ladies. A pleas-  
ant evening is assured. 247-49Before you get that work done  
around your home or office, see  
Fritz and get a price on it. Phone  
583. 247-9

## EARTHQUAKE IN TURIN.

(Special to The Daily News)

Rome, Oct. 26.—A very severe  
earthquake was felt in Turin yes-  
terday. No casualties are reported.KAISER DECEIVED  
BY HIS OWN SPIESDistrusts Information of His Own  
Men—Several Have Been  
Shot.London, Oct. 26.—A German  
officer interned with some other  
prisoners of war in South Ire-  
land has given to the English of-  
ficer in charge of the prisoners  
some information which throws  
an interesting light on the Ger-  
man view of the results of their  
elaborate system of espionage.According to the German offi-  
cer, it was fully believed at Ger-  
man headquarters that as soon  
as the British mobilization was  
ordered, the transport workers  
would strike. This information  
was conveyed to the German  
headquarters staff three weeks  
before the outbreak of the war  
and was fully relied upon. Ac-  
cording to the German officer the  
information came from a spy who  
was supposed to be closely in  
touch with working class organiza-  
tion in England.This spy was in Berlin when  
war was declared, and later when  
his information proved to be  
false he was arrested. A similar  
fate has also overtaken several  
other spies who had evidently  
been manufacturing information  
for which they were very highly  
paid. Some of these men, accord-  
ing to the German officer, have  
been shot.Most definite and apparently  
accurate information kept reach-  
ing German military headquar-  
ters up to the outbreak of the  
war, concerning the recruiting  
possibilities in Britain in the  
event of war. All this informa-  
tion, gleaned from every part of  
England, Ireland, Scotland and  
Wales, confirmed the German  
military authorities in the belief  
that 400,000 would be the limit  
of Britain's recruiting power. It  
was believed that when no more  
recruits could be obtained in  
Britain, conscription would have  
to be resorted to and this would  
lead to political divisions and  
break up all chance of present  
unity.Such, according to the German  
officer, was the information  
which the Kaiser and his military  
organizers received and believed.  
A general election, fought on the  
question of conscription, was to  
be one of the events which would  
lead to Britain's downfall some-  
where about October or Novem-  
ber.Now, apparently, great distrust  
of all information received from  
spies who have been working in  
England prevails at German mili-  
tary and naval headquarters and  
plans based on such information  
are continually revised or alto-  
gether altered.Perhaps the biggest and most  
unpleasant surprise that await-  
ed the Kaiser and his advisers at  
the outbreak of the war was the  
immediate arrest in England of  
certain spies which disclosed the  
hitherto unsuspected fact to their  
masters that the business on  
which these men had been engaged  
in England was fully known to  
the British government. If there  
was one thing that the Germans  
believed more than another, it  
was that their spies, for the most  
part, were entirely unsuspected.

## THE CRADLE

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Lee  
Baker, October 26th, a daughter,  
Mary Louise.PRINCETON PROFESSORS  
GO TO THE FRONTPrinceton, N. J., Oct. 26.—  
Trustees of the Princeton Univer-  
sity have granted leave of absence  
to two of the faculty who have been  
listed in armies of their respec-  
tive countries. Professor Pierre  
Boutreaux, one of the department  
of mathematics, is in the French  
service, while Prof. Joseph H. M.  
Wedderburn, also of the mathe-  
matics department, returned to  
England this week in order to en-  
list in the British army.

## CANADIAN FRATERNITY.

A meeting of the Cana-  
dian Fraternity will be  
held tonight in the Court  
House at 8 o'clock.MAJESTIC THEATRE  
TONIGHTExtra Special Double Bill!!  
Sir Walter Scott's Master-  
piece—"IVANHOE"With King Baggot in Lead-  
ing Role—In Four Parts

Reel 1—"IVANHOE"

Reel 2—"IVANHOE"

Reel 3—"IVANHOE"

Reel 4—"IVANHOE"

Reel 5

"THE DOCTOR'S STORY"

Reel 6

"NEIGHBORS," With Ford  
Sterling in Funniest Comedy  
Ever StagedMr. Harvey will sing a se-  
lection of Scotch songs be-  
tween reels, including in the  
number "The Land O' the  
Lea" and "Robin Adair."

ADMISSION 10 and 15c