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Press Satisfied with Speech—Wilson Appeals for Conference—Scandinavians Working for Peace.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Dec. 21.—All sections of the British press agree that Premier Lloyd George expressed the views of the British nation in regard to the German peace proposals in his speech in the House of Commons on Tuesday.

Wilson's Appeal.

Washington, Dec. 21.—President Wilson has appealed to every belligerent nation urging that a peace conference be held. The notes were dispatched to the various nations and advance publications indicate that preparations were commenced some time ago. This information was cabled to London before Lloyd George's speech was made.

Bernstorff Confident.

Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador to the United States, contends that a peace conference is in sight. He said today: "It looks to me as if the matter is by no means finished by the British Premier's speech. I expect that, after one or two exchanges of notes, they will get together in conference."

Berlin Press Views.

London, Dec. 21.—The Berlin press hints at the possibility of an early peace. It is stated that counter-indemnities may be asked for by the Central Powers. German diplomats are reported as saying that their government wants peace on the basis of the Entente Powers forgetting the past.

Scandinavian Efforts.

The Scandinavian nations are reported to be joining in a movement for peace, and Holland has been asked to assist in bringing the war to an end. It is believed that Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland will undertake a plea to all the belligerents for peace. One Dutch deputy urges his country to participate in the peace conference.

RED CROSS SALE

Mrs. R. L. McIntosh and Miss Barbeau will have charge of the Red Cross sale on Friday and after the stirring address delivered by Mrs. Godenrath there should be redoubled efforts in this splendid and very necessary work.

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"PEG O' THE RING"

BELGIANS ARE BEING SENT TO HUN TRENCHES

Civilians Shot Down by French Machine Guns on German Lines—Eleven More Executed.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Amsterdam, Dec. 21.—Eleven Belgian citizens have been shot and nine more are awaiting execution, while others have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment for resisting the German military authorities in their carrying out of the deportation of Belgian civilians to Germany. The deportation continues and another court martial has commenced.

Belgians Shot Down.

Several citizens of Ghent, in Belgium, have been killed by French machine guns on the western front. A thousand Belgian civilians have been compelled to work on the German front line trenches on the Verdun front and four thousand have been ordered to the Somme.

Somme Front.

London, Dec. 21.—British troops entered the enemy lines at Gommecourt, on the Somme front, causing considerable damage to the German defences and capturing prisoners.

At Neuve Chapelle a German patrol was encountered, the leader killed and several of his men captured.

Verdun Front.

Paris, Dec. 21. (Official) Heavy artillery fighting continues on the Verdun front and during the night the fighting was particularly spirited in the regions of Rougemont and Chambres. On the rest of the front, fighting is confined to encounters between patrols.

QUEBEC TAXES BANKS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Quebec, Dec. 21.—A bill has been introduced and given three readings quickly in the provincial legislature providing for a provincial tax on all banks to the extent of one-tenth of one per cent upon the amount of their paid-up capital.

Australia and I. W. W.

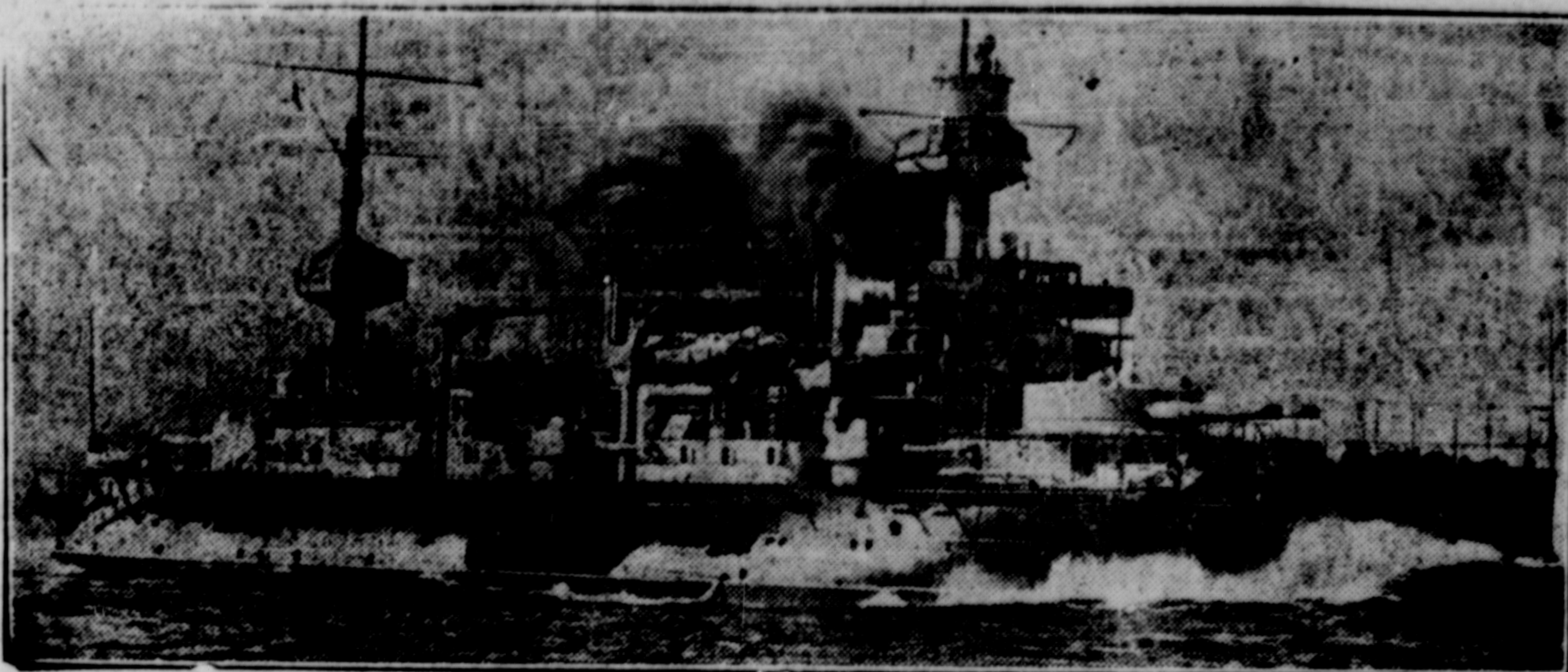
Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 21.—The House of Representatives of the Australian Commonwealth has passed a bill for the suppression of the I. W. W. movement through out Australia.

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Umbrellas for Christmas gifts—Wallace's.

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"THE SHIP WHICH NEVER RETURNED."—The French battleship Suffren, which left port on November 26th and has not been heard of since. It is believed that she went down with all hands. She was 410 feet long; had a speed of 18 knots and cost \$6,000,000.

READY RESPONSE TO DEMAND FOR TRACK

(Special to The Daily News.)

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Officials of the Grand Trunk, Canadian Pacific, and Canadian Northern Railways have conferred regarding the demand of the Imperial government for immediate supplies of railroad track. Sir Harry Drayton, chairman of the railway commission, presided at the conference.

Sir Donald Mann, on behalf of the Canadian Northern, offered two hundred miles of track; the Canadian Copper Company tendered a quantity of rails and fastenings for immediate shipment to France, and smaller railways, dealers and contractors have telegraphed their willingness to surrender all available material.

CHINA WILL OBSERVE STRICTEST NEUTRALITY

(Special to The Daily News.)

Pekin, China, Dec. 21.—Chinese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs today, in answer to questions concerning rumors that China was proposing to join the Entente Powers in the war, declared that China is not considering entering the European struggle and that she would maintain the strictest neutrality.

WAR ECONOMY

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Dec. 21.—As a measure of war time economy, a decrease in the number of passenger trains throughout Britain will be made after January 1st, and all fares will be increased fifty per cent.

WESTHOLME THEATRE

The feature at the Westholme tonight is the five-act comedy, "It Happened in Honolulu." Myrtle Gonzales plays the leading part in what should prove to be one of the most entertaining photoplays seen for a long time. It is bright and full of fun from start to finish. "Peg O' The Ring," in which Grace Cunard and Francis Ford are the stars, completes a good show.

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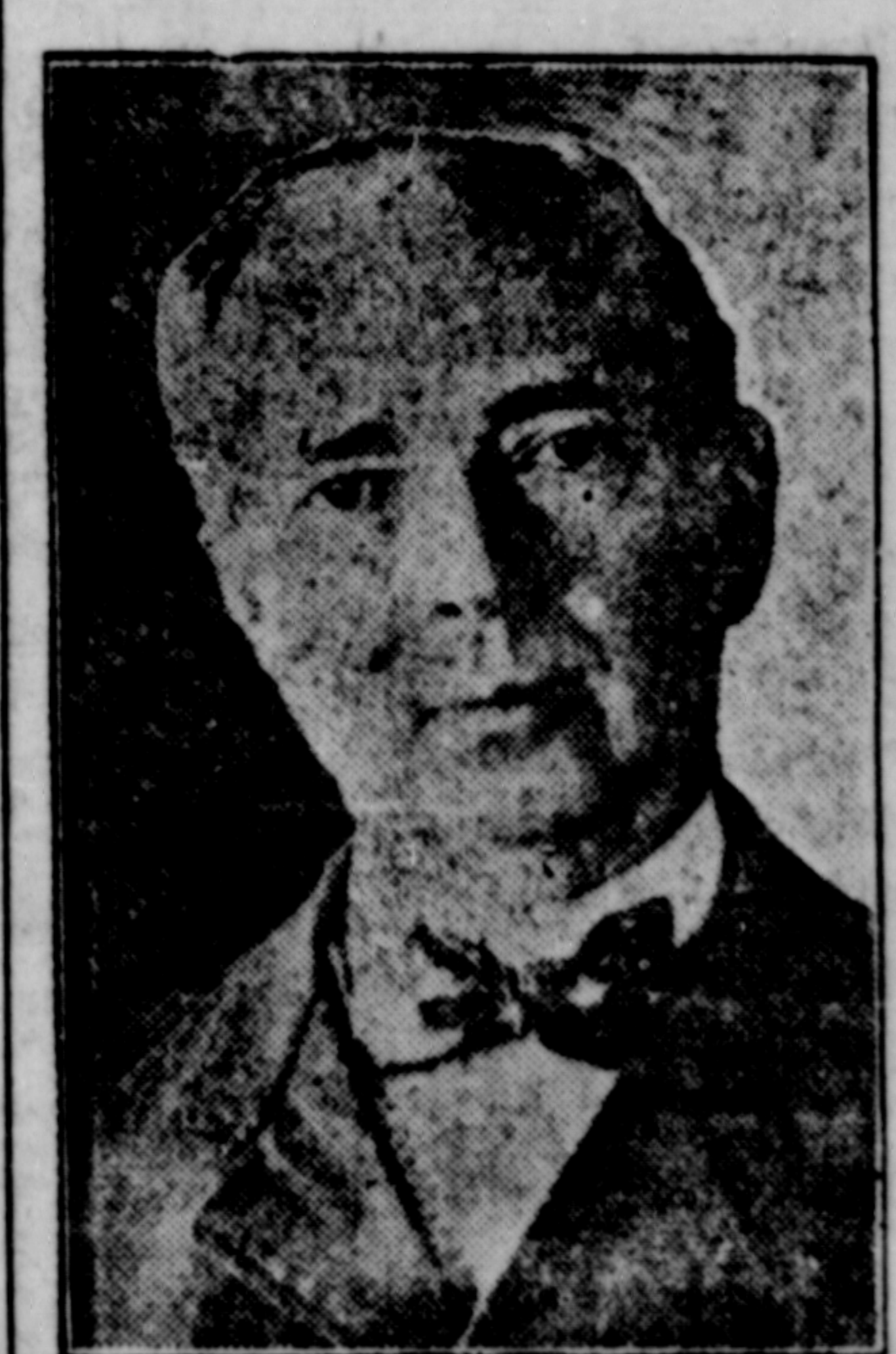
VANCOUVER AGAIN IN THROES OF ELECTION

(Special to The Daily News.)

Vancouver, Dec. 21.—Premier Brewster and his cabinet ministers are in the city in support of the Hon. M. A. Macdonald and Ralph Smith in the by-election which is being fought today.

Meetings in support of Hon. M. A. Macdonald have been addressed by Premier Brewster, Hon. Wm. Sloan, Hon. John Oliver, Hon. T. D. Pattullo, Hon. Ralph Smith, Hon. Dr. King, Hon. J. D. McLean, Mr. J. W. De B. Farris, and Dr. McIntosh. The government realizes that every effort is needed on Mr. Macdonald's behalf.

According to the opinion of Mr. McTaggart's followers, the Conservatives are uniting in support of McTaggart to defeat the attorney-general.



JOHN D. ARCHBOLD

Standard Oil magnate, who passed away recently. A transfusion of blood was made from his chauffeur to the dying magnate but the gain resulting was only temporary.

CHILDREN MUST NOT WEAR SOLDIER GARB

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Military headquarters orders provide for the imposing of a heavy fine or imprisonment on parents who hereafter permit their children to wear suits resembling soldiers' uniforms.

Casseroles \$3.75, nut bowls complete at \$3.00, tea sets for \$2.25, trays \$2.25, cut glass bowls \$4.00, nappies \$1.50, are a few of our specials. Blakely Co. 299.

THREE MEN SWEEP FROM SCHOONER'S DECK

The American halibut schooner Sumner, well known at this port, lost three men overboard in a storm off Sitka recently. The vessel was anchored on the banks in a calm when suddenly, late at night, a gale sprung up, accompanied by very heavy snow. The anchor was taken up and the vessel put before the wind to run for shelter, when a squall struck her quarter, and a heavy sea, sweeping the after-deck, swept five of her crew overboard. Wild though it was and with heavy snow falling, two of the men were rescued, but Ole Hanson, R. Atwood and O. Haram were drowned. The Sumner ultimately made Ketchikan, from which port she left for the banks again the other day.

FIRST WEEK OF YEAR NATIONAL SERVICE WEEK

The first week of 1917 is to be National Service Week, when the postmasters of Canada will furnish each male between the ages of 16 and 65 with cards, a fac simile of which appeared in The Daily News a few days ago. The object in getting answers to the questions on the card is that the government may be furnished with exact data regarding the manpower of Canada, with a view to making adjustments necessary for the maintenance of the agricultural and other basic industries of the Dominion, at that high point of production and efficiency so absolutely essential to the successful prosecution of the war, while maintaining unimpaired the indispensable public services of the country.

The director of National Service has in view the insuring of the maximum production of war material and equipment by utilizing the services of all available men and women in such a manner as will permit of the release from their present employment of men who, physically fit and of suitable age, may desire to serve overseas with the military or naval forces. In the interests of the Dominion and of the Empire it is essential that every male fill in replies to the questions on the card within the period stated.

Chinaware for Christmas gifts—Wallace's.

RUMANIANS AND RUSSIANS ARE FACING ENEMY

Retreat Has Ceased—Germans are Engaged on Dobrudja—The Russians Break Line in Galicia.

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Dec. 21.—The Russians and Rumanians on the Dobrudja front, who have ceased to retreat before Von Mackenzen's army, are now engaging the Teutonic army.

Galician Front.

Petrograd, Dec. 21.—(Official) Russian troops operating in the region of the Brystitzu River, in Galicia, have broken through the barbed-wire entanglements in front of the Austro-German positions. The Germans tried an attacking movement, after a violent artillery bombardment, but were driven back into their trenches.

Our troops have also penetrated the enemy lines in front of Bohoiadosny, and southwest of Stanislaw the Germans are reported to have fled in disorder.

On the Macedonian front a very dense fog continues to retard military operations.

British Steamer Sunk.

London, Dec. 21.—The British steamer Flimston has been sunk by a German submarine. The chief engineer and captain have been taken prisoners but the remainder of the crew were rescued.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Westholme management takes great pleasure in announcing that it is now able to give to Prince Rupert audiences the finest pictures of any individual theatre on the continent. In order to do this, it will give a new program each evening. Fox films will be shown on Mondays; Famous Players, Tuesdays; Variety, Wednesdays; Red Feather, Thursdays; Famous Players, Fridays, and Blue-Bird, Saturdays. 300.

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