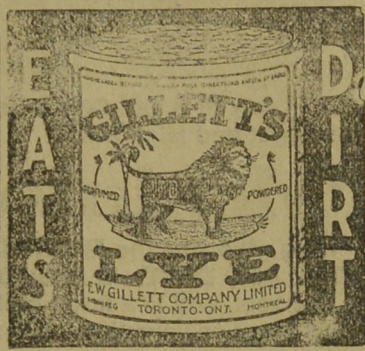


BANK OF MONTREAL HELD ITS 100TH ANNUAL MEETING

Montreal, Dec. 3. — The hundredth annual meeting of the Bank of Montreal was held here today. The features of the meeting were the annual address of Sir Vincent Meredith, president, who this year celebrated his fiftieth year with the institution, and Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor, general manager. The directors were re-elected.

Sir Vincent Meredith, dealing with the trade situation of Canada and particularly the large exports, reminded the shareholders that one-half of the trade consisted of munitions and was therefore unstable. In regard to the future he said that Canada could look forward, on account of its great productivity and gold holdings per capita, with confidence would be able to provide without undue strain for the burden of the country's patriotic endeavors. The Victory Loan, the president claimed, with the surplus on consolidated revenue account would be sufficient to meet the financial requirements of the government until well on towards the end of next year.

Sir Frederick Williams-Taylor ar-



gued that on account of the large debt of Canada to outsiders it was well to do without further financial assistance from that source. He warned the shareholders that they must be prepared to meet a declension in trade after the war. Even before the war's conclusion Canada may have to cope with inability or unwillingness on the part of possible purchasers to provide payments for our surplus productions. Good banking profits therefore were necessary as the banks were the sheet

TEUTONS HAVE BEEN CHECKED

London, Dec. 3. (via Reuter's Ottawa Agency) — Reuter's correspondent at French headquarters in Italy cables under yesterday's date:

"For the moment these seems to be a truce in the battle between Brenta and the Piave, the reason being that the Austro-Germans have been forced to pause for breath after many days of unsuccessful attacks.

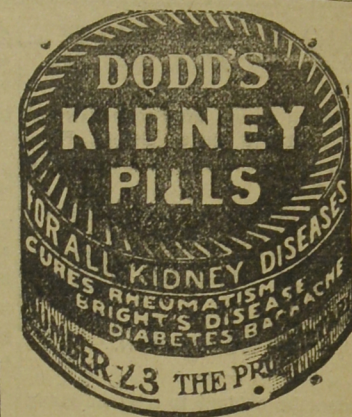
"The interlude of calm, however, must not deceive us. Heavier and still heavier enemy attacks must be expected. The Germans and Austrians have benefited by the fine dry weather of the last ten days to bring up reinforcements of artillery and the Italian airmen are constantly locating new enemy battery positions.

anchor of the national ship. Loans made by the banks to the Canadian and Imperial governments, he pointed out, however, enabled the business of the country to be carried on to an extent otherwise impracticable.

"The weather already is bitterly cold and the endurance of troops fighting in the mountains is subjected to severe test. After the well organized comfort of France, even being in the war zone a few days in Italy brings home to one what the Italians have had to endure since they entered the war. Only by the utmost economy can the supply of fuel be made to fill the passing day's need in winter. The food is sufficient, but careful husbanding is necessary. Nevertheless, neither cold nor rationing nor military misfortune has availed to damp the resolution of the Italian people. They face with entire calm the military and economic problems of the coming year.

THINK WAR WILL NOT END IN A DRAW

Amsterdam, Dec. 3. — General von Ludendorff, right hand man of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, is quoted



by a correspondent of the Vienna Neue Freie Press as making the prediction recently at German headquarters that the war will not end in a draw, but be decided in favor of the Central powers.

The correspondent, says the Vienna despatch, secured this expression from von Ludendorff in conversations with him during a visit to headquarters where he also talked with von Hindenburg.

"It appears the Russians are the first to be inclined for peace," General Ludendorff said. "I will not say that I regard the Bolsheviki manifestation as a peace offer," he continued. "There must be a secure government for this purpose, one which possesses power to enforce internally and externally the results of the negotiations with us. Of course, we can conclude an armistice with Russia at any time as soon as we have the assurance that it would be maintained. A general armistice, however, will be difficult to achieve."

General von Ludendorff expressed belief that a general armistice would interrupt submarine activity and allow the Entente to improve its position, while on the other hand no supplies would reach the Central powers. Therefore he thought such an armistice should be a brief one, as otherwise the military situation would suffer.

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