

## QUEEN OF BELGIUM WEEPS FOR THE STRICKEN PEOPLE

Amazed and Horrified at Deeds of the Germans---Must Have Changed Somehow, For They Are Not as She Once Knew Them.

(Pierre Loti in Boston Record.)  
A soft rustling made me look round and I from behind a red silk screen that hid the other entrance the Queen suddenly appeared close beside me. My first impression, first hurried glance that took in the general color, was of a vision of blue, a blue gown and eyes intensely blue. And then so young and slim and girlish she looked.

The various photographs of Her Majesty that I had seen had made me imagine that she was very tall with rather long features, and on the contrary she is, if anything, below the average height, with a small face and delicate, finely marked features, and those wonderful blue eyes so full of light. Even did one not know who she was, nor anything about her, neither her devotion to duty nor the fine dignity of all her actions, neither her beautiful resignation nor her generous, simple charity, one would ask at once:

"Who can that woman be, with such eyes, she must be a high-souled being, one who would never flinch, but who would face, with the steady gaze, of those blue eyes, temptation, danger and death itself."

Fain would I, with most respectful sympathy, in which no vulgar curiosity is mixed, try to catch some echo of what is passing within her heart before the drama of her destiny.

But with a Queen one cannot lead the conversation, and Her Majesty at first, with easy tact and grace, talked lightly on different subjects as if no war existed. We spoke of the east, where we had both travelled, of books that she had read.

One might almost have thought we were unconscious of those ruined villages and towns so near us.

### Tears for Ruined Towns.

But in a little while Her Majesty began to speak to me of Ypres and of

Furnes, which I had just visited, and then the clear blue eyes were dimmed with tears.

"But Your Majesty," I said, "some of the walls are still standing, the plan of those beautiful buildings can be traced, and they will be reconstructed when better days come."

"Ah!" she replied, "reconstructed!" "Of course they can be reconstructed; but it will never be anything but an imitation, and something vital will be lacking, the soul of the past will not be there."

I got a glimpse then of the love Her Majesty had for those wonderful ruins and all the traditions of her adopted country, the past that had survived in the fine old Flemish architecture.

### Amazed at German Deeds.

Ypres and Furnes led us to more personal subjects, and by degrees we began to speak of Germany, and one feeling that seems to fill her mind is her utter amazement and stupefaction at the horrors the Germans have committed.

"They must have changed somehow," she said. "They were not like that. This Kronprinz! Why I knew him well as a child. Who could have foreseen he would turn out like this. He was so gentle. I have puzzled my mind over it, but I cannot understand it. But I am sure they never used to be like that."

I knew, as we all know now, that beneath their cloak of hypocrisy they have always been like that. But how could I contradict this Queen, born among them and growing up like some sweet, rare flower there among weeds and thorns?

After a moment's silence, broken only by the waves breaking on the shore below, remembering that this martyr Queen was a Bavarian Princess, I reminded her that the Bavarians in the German army were indig-

## WANT THE HUNS TO MAKE PEACE AT ONCE

Social Democrats are Now Circulating Petitions Among the Soldiers.

London, Jan. 9.—The German social democrats are circulating petitions to be sent to Chancellor Von Bethmann-Holweg demanding that Germany give up all plans of conquest and make peace at once. One of these petitions was found on a German soldier taken prisoner on the Somme within the last two weeks. It follows:

"To the inhabitants of Altenburg: You will soon be visited by delegates of the Social Democratic party, requesting you to sign the following petition for peace:

"To the Imperial Chancellor Herr Von Bethmann-Holweg: The undersigned demand that the speediest possible end be made to the war, which has devastated Europe for more than two years, imposing enormous sacrifices in blood and money upon all the belligerent countries. The undersigned reject all plans of conquest which will only prolong the war but also contain the germ of new wars.

"They demand that the governments of the Central Powers declare themselves ready to conclude a peace which will guarantee to the empire its political independence and territorial integrity and freedom for its economic developments."

## ANOTHER BIG CRACK WILL FINISH GERMANY

Brantford, Ont., Jan. 9.—A year will see Germany ripped wide open with a socialist anti-junker revolution, according to a professor in a United States college, writing to a relative in Brantford, giving information which he received from a German teacher.

The German's letters tell of starvation, falling man power, lack of reserves and predict revolution within a year.

Germany wants peace, the letter states, and further, that if the Allies can hit her another crack like the last Somme offensive, Germany will crumble like a house of cards.

## BRITISH CASUALTIES FOR OCTOBER

London, Jan. 9.—Casualty lists published by the War Office up to Jan 1 show that in October the British army lost 4,378 officers, of whom 1,459 were killed, 2,736 wounded and 183 are missing. In November the total was 2,395 of whom 896 were killed, 1,386 wounded and 113 are missing.

These figures bring the total losses among officers since the beginning of the war to 53,122, of whom 15,698 have been killed or died of wounds, 33,970 wounded, and 3,456 are missing.

### GREEK TROOPS WITHDRAWN.

Women Armed with Rifles are Replacing Soldiers in Thessaly.

Athens, via London, Jan. 9.—The withdrawal of Greek troops from Thessaly has virtually been completed.

Women armed with rifles are replacing guards on the railroads and highway bridges and passes.

nant at these persecutions against this Queen of Belgium, whom they had loved as a Bavarian princess.

But the Queen, raising the slim little white hand that had been lying idly in her lap, with a quick decided gesture, said quietly and impressively:

"It is finished—a curtain of iron has fallen between us that parts them from me forever."

And the steady blue yes, perhaps at some fleeting thought of her childhood happy days, filled with tears, and I turned away my head so as to appear as if I had not noticed.

After Every Meal

# WRIGLEY'S

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### VICTORIA LODGE, I. O. O. F.

Officers Installed Monday Night—Oyster Supper Followed Installation.

At the regular meeting of Victoria Lodge, No. 13, I. O. O. F., Monday night officers were installed by the District Deputy Grand Master, A. D. Macpherson, of Marysville, assisted by grand officers from Nashwaak Lodge, No. 72. They were as follows:

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Vice-Grand—T. E. Sutherland.  
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Fin. Sec.—R. M. Currie.  
Treas.—F. H. Everett.  
Warden—A. E. Sinnott.  
Conductor—E. T. Langille.  
Chaplain—D. Carruthers.  
R. S. S.—T. J. Burr.  
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R. S. N. G.—M. L. Stevenson.  
L. S. N. G.—T. J. Nichols.  
R. S. V. G.—H. J. Walker.  
L. S. V. G.—W. S. Kilburn.  
J. G.—A. Taylor.  
O. G.—P. A. Gerow.

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## MARITIME MEN IN CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—The following Maritime men appear in the casualty list:

### Infantry.

Died of Wounds—Archie McCormick, Sydney, N. S.

Wounded—R. D. Fraser, St. Joseph, N. S.; Acting Lance Sergt. N. M. Tennant, Fredericton, N. B.; G. D. Duggan, Freetown, P. E. I.

### Engineers.

Died—Sapper Robert E. Johnston, Debec Junction, N. B.

### Mounted Rifles.

Dangerously ill—David McGougan, Malpeque, P. E. I.

Wounded—K. R. Sheron, Crapaud, P. E. I.

J. P. McPhail, Westville, N. S.

### Meaning of Yankee.

There are several conflicting theories regarding the origin of the word Yankee. The most probable is that it came from a corrupt pronunciation by the Indians of the word English, or its French from Anglais. The term Yankee was originally applied only to the natives of the New England states but foreigners have extended it to all the natives of the United States and during the American Civil war the southerners used it as a term of reproach for all the inhabitants of the North.

Never take a man seriously as long as he can discuss his sentimental symptoms; because when he really falls in love, no man ever takes the time or trouble to diagnose his heart.



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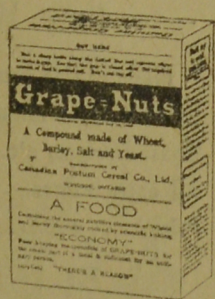
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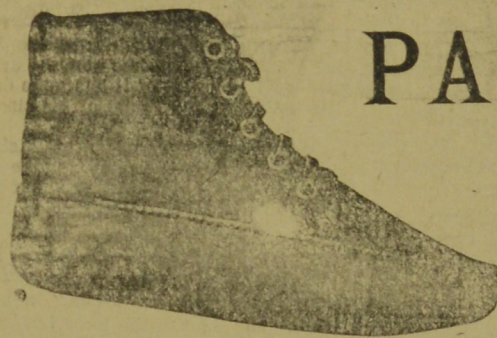
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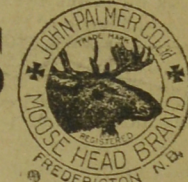
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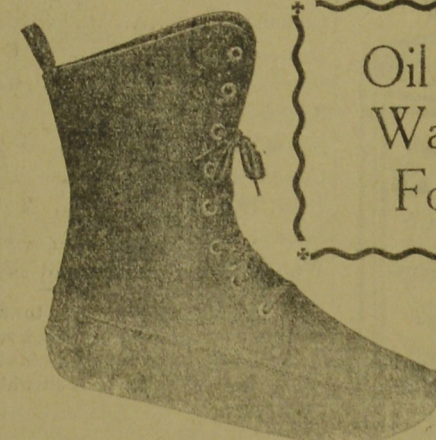
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