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RUSSIANS ARE DOING VERY WELL

German Victory Has Been Contradicted by Recent Events

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A London cable to the Herald says: "Russia, according to reports from various sources, is proceeding with the investment of Cracow and Przemyśl as though no Austrian-German pressure were being applied in Poland. An effort by the Przemyslarrison yesterday and the day before to break through the Russian line was repulsed, and the Austrians were driven back to the fortress with very heavy loss. The advance of the Austrian army through the Carpathian passes has been checked, and Vienna admits that Galicia and South Poland are again well occupied by G and Duke Nicholas' forces. "With regard to the operations on the north bank of the Vistula, Petrograd reported officially last night that the Germans in North Poland have retreated across the East Prussian border in a northwesterly direction. AUSTRIA'S DISCONTENT NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A special cable to the Herald from Paris says: "Discontent with German domination is increasing rapidly in Austria, where the people are saying the Austrians are being exposed to slaughter to save the Germans. Numerous duels have taken place between German and Austrian officers, and the German staff is continually replacing Austrian officers with German non-commissioned officers. Field Marshal Von Hindenburg is quoted as saying: "I will not continue to direct the campaign unless the Archduke remains at least three miles behind the firing line."

ADDED EXPENDITURE OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—The enforcement of the new Workmen's Compensation Act, as passed by the Ontario Legislature last session, will mean an added expenditure to R. Booth, the big Ottawa lumberman, and largest employer of labor in the city, of \$22,000, the tax on his payroll which averages annually about 1,000,000, varies from \$1.40 to 2.50 per cent.

BRANTFORD OFFICERS AMONG THOSE TURNED BACK

Many on First Contingent Will Return to Canada and Leave on the Next—Official List at Ottawa.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—An official list of Canadian officers returning from Salisbury, and who are expected to take commissions in the second contingent, comprises the following: Lieut.-Col. C. D. McPherson, Portage La Prairie; Lieut.-Col. J. R. Kirkpatrick, Woodstock, N.B.; Lieut.-Col. C. A. S. Hamilton, reserve of officers; Lieut. Col. C. A. Andrews, Aldershot, N.S.; Lieut.-Col. E. S. Bowes St. Isidore; Lieut.-Col. C. Readman, Ste. Anne de la Parade; Major J. J. Bull, Woodstock, N.B.; Major J. T. Heurteur, Ste. Anne de la Parade; Major Cressey, Sudbury; Major C. M. Wallbridge, Belleville; Major R. C. T. De Cam, algary; Captain J. H. Conure, Nicolette; Captain E. M. Pappineau, Joliette; Captain A. M. Pappineau, Joliette; Captain J. J. Dussault, Montmagny; Captain Bilodeau, Lewis; Captain C. E. LeBlanc, Ste. Anne de la Parade; Captain B. A. Cousins, Winnipeg; Captain A. Savard, QQuebec; Captain L. Turgeon, St. Isidore; Capt. J. O. Merritt, St. Catharines; Captain H. A. Gagnon, Joliette; Captain G. H. Carpentier, Dunas; Captain R. E. Wallace, Whitby; Captain G. C. Lindsay, address not given; Captain T. G. Finn, Portage La Prairie; Captain Lowe, Moncton; Captain E. C. Daniels, address not given; Lieut. G. Coderre, Sherbrooke; Lieut. J. H. Loucey, Lewis; Lieut. J. H. Forester, Portage La Prairie; Lieut. E. E. Fancy, Saltmarsh; Lieut. R. G. Lloyd; Lieut. J. W. R. Latimer, Lloydminster; Lieut. C. E. Belzile, Rimouski; Lieut. C. L. Graves, Woodstock, N.B.; Lieut. F. E. Leonard; Lieut. A. W. Proctor, Lieut. T. R. MacKenzie, Sherbrooke; Lieut. G. Porteous, Alberta; Lieut. W. B. Collier, cadet instructor, Toronto; Lieut. T. G. Johnson, Peterboro.

PARIS IS CHEERFUL; ALLIES ADVANCING IN EVERY PART

[By Special Wire to the Courier] PARIS, Dec. 22.—There is very little news from the front to-day, but that little is cheerful reading for civilization—in other words, for the allies. On the frontier of Eastern Prussia the Russians have inflicted a serious defeat on the enemy. As proof of this Lieut. Colonel Rousset, in The Liberte, directs attention to the Miava region and the fact that Field Marshal

CRIST OF WAR NEWS IS GIVEN

London Not Inclined to Believe That Allies Are Advancing.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] LONDON, Dec. 22.—It is only at the northern and southern extremities of the line of battle in the eastern arena of war that any marked change is to be noted to-day; in the western theatre, siege warfare of a most stubborn and laborious kind persists. This briefly sums up the situation, so far as has been disclosed by the official statements. The ultimate outcome of the German advance upon Warsaw is still problematical, as a decisive conflict has yet to be fought. Although the Russian centre has retired, it now has been reinforced and it is holding a line on the Bzura, from its junction with the Vistula. North of the Vistula, if the reports from Petrograd may be believed, the Germans have been whipped and pushed back over the frontier until their line now stretches behind Soldau, which is midway between Lauenburg and Niedenburg, in East Prussia. To the south, it is contended in Russian reports that the movement of the Austrians through the Carpathian mountains has been defeated simultaneously with the defeat of the garrison at Przemyśl, which was hurried back after attempted sortie from this fortress. The British press comments to-day on General Joffre's order to advance as called to London from Berlin. The papers say that while they are unable to vouch for the authenticity of this document, it certainly seems to indicate a moment of sunshine such as occurred when the lower picture was being taken. The inundation area stretches southeast from Nieuport in front of Peruyse to a little beyond Dixmude, a distance of some ten miles.

Emperor William, according to the latest reports reaching here, has gone from Berlin to the western front. This would indicate a more important and critical than in the east.

THE STRUGGLE IN INUNDATED AREA OF BELGIUM.



BRITISH CAVALRYMEN CLEANING MUD OFF ACCOUTREMENTS DURING A RAINSTORM.



THE METAL SHIELDS USED IN GUARDING THE INUNDATED AREA.

These photographs give a very fair idea of the dreadful and uncomfortable conditions which have been existing in the trenches owing both a melting of the snow and to downpours of rain. Woodwork and tarpaulin shelters have been erected whenever it has been possible to obtain material for such structures. But in spite of all endeavors the conditions have been uncomfortable and the men have gladly welcomed a moment of sunshine such as occurred when the lower picture was being taken. The inundation area stretches southeast from Nieuport in front of Peruyse to a little beyond Dixmude, a distance of some ten miles.

FRENCH WAR OFFICE TELLS OF ADVANCES MADE ALONG FRONT

Its Slow Work but Its Sure--Blowing Up of Trenches--Germans Are Believed to be Demoralized.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] PARIS, Dec. 22.—The French War Office last night made public a report of an eye-witness of events along the battle line from Dec. 7 to Dec. 15. It says: "During the period from the 7th to the 15th of Dec. the ascendancy gained by our infantry has placed us in a position to make in various sections of the front progress which seems to have disturbed the enemy. The German infantry is more cautious and continuous sniping by them denotes a certain note of nervousness. The fact that they are using searchlights and lighting rockets more and more reveals also their fear of attacks."

"After the expensive and useless experiments of last month our adversaries seem almost everywhere to be reduced to defensive measures, and it is we who on the whole of the front have assumed the offensive. "Also, in the artillery duels our batteries are showing more and more superiority."

HOUSES MINED The report then cites a number of engagements in which the enemy's trenches have been captured, all of which have appeared in the official reports from day to day. In some of the villages taken it was discovered that the houses were mined, the explosives had not had time to fire them. In one instance in the region of Lille, where a German sapping tunnel was blown up with a mine, the French zouaves and sappers sprang immediately into the excavation made by the explosion. Once there, according to the report, they bombarded the German trenches with melinite petards.

The same day near Lihons one of the French mines was detonated and blew up and destroyed a German counter mine. The enemy's sappers were thrown into the air in the midst of a cloud of smoke. "It is in the Argonne that the enemy shows the most activity. "The sapping was in mixed with infantry attacks. On the 7th in the forest of La Gurie were detonated one of our mines and pushed farther one of our trenches. On the 2th we made progress in the forest of Romlande. "To the west of Berthes we exploded three mines and immediately afterwards one of our battalions stormed the first line of German trenches which we captured. "On the 9th the Germans made two attacks toward Bagatelle and another attack in front of St. Hubert. These attacks were repulsed. Twice the enemy made vain and costly attempts to recapture the trenches they had lost to the west of Berthe. "On the 10th we continued, in spite of an attack, toward Bagatelle. A German officer who invited our soldiers to surrender, was shot through the head. At St. Hubert after fierce fighting we succeeded in holding our front, except at one point, where we immediately threw up a back trench. "Toward Courtechausses we advanced by means of sapping and forced the enemy to evacuate a small fortified position. "On the 11th we had to sustain in the forest of La Gurie and at Belante a bombardment. The enemy by the use of outposts attempted to interfere with our works at Haute Chevauche. They attacked vainly with rifle fire, but succeeded in blowing up one of our trenches, with a mine. On the 12th German mines caused us to lose in the same place some other trenches."

HOCKEY SHOES AT COLES A girl cashier and a cook in Child's restaurant, New York, folled a \$2,500 robbery.

HON. HANNA WILL REMAIN ON JOB AND LUCAS SUCCEEDS FOY

Changes in the Ontario Cabinet Are Announced—Ferguson and McGarry are New Members and Both Are Fighters.

[By Special Wire to the Courier] TORONTO, Dec. 22.—Important changes in the Ontario Cabinet were announced at noon to-day after the Lieutenant-Governor had duly sworn in T. W. McGarry, of Renfrew, as Provincial Treasurer, and G. Howard Ferguson as Minister of Lands, Forests and Mines. Hon. W. J. Hanna, who was generally slated as successor of Hon. J. Foy as Attorney-General, declined to change his portfolio, and remains Provincial Secretary, while Hon. T. B. Lucas becomes Attorney-General. Hon. Mr. Foy resigns his portfolio on account of ill-health, but remains a member of the Cabinet without portfolio. Dr. David Jamieson, (South Grey), is the Government's choice for the office of Speaker.

It is understood that Hon. W. J. Hanna has not been in favor of accepting the Attorney-Generalship. He would have much sooner have remained Provincial Secretary and followed Hon. I. B. Lucas to become Attorney-General. Mr. Hanna was given until Monday night to reach a decision, and he finally decided that he would not take the place left vacant by the resignation of Hon. J. J. Foy.

The Hon. I. B. Lucas was quite willing to become either Provincial Secretary or Attorney-General, and it was up to Mr. Hanna to say which portfolio he would take for the future. G. Howard Ferguson and Tom McGarry have been known for many years as the greatest of friends, and one did not desire a portfolio unless the other also received one. These two members have been the siege artillery for the government for many sessions, and in debate, Mr. McGarry generally protected the interests of the party.

Mr. Hanna's main reason for not wanting to leave the post of Provincial Secretary was on account of the prison reform measures, which he had instituted. It was suggested that he might transfer this branch of the department to the Attorney-General's department, but he did not think it fair to Mr. Lucas to take away such an important work. Both Mr. Lucas and Mr. Hanna bear reputations of being hard workers, and there is no doubt but that the Cabinet has been strengthened by the changes.

The Hon. J. J. Foy will likely retire into private life, although it has been hinted that he might go to the senate. Among those who should know, it is not considered likely that Mr. Foy would care to become a senator. The Hon. William John Hanna, K.C., member for West Lambton, was born October 13, 1862, in Middlesex county. He was first elected to the Ontario Legislature at the general elections in 1892. On being appointed provincial secretary by Sir James Whitney in 1905, he was re-elected by acclamation. The Hon. Isaac Benson Lucas, member for Centre Grey, was born in Lambton county, September 19, 1867, and practiced for many years as a barrister. He was elected to the Ontario legislature in 1898, and in 1909 appointed minister without portfolio. On the death of Hon. A. J. Matheson in 1913, he was given the portfolio of provincial treasurer. George Howard Ferguson, B.A., L.L.B., member for Grenville, is a barrister. He was born at Kemppville, Ont., on June 18, 1860, and passed his life graduated from the University of Toronto and the Osgoode Law School. He was councillor and also

STRIKING SUCCESS IS ACHIEVED BY ALLIES IN THEIR OFFENSIVE

[By Special Wire to the Courier] NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A London Daily Express despatch from Northern France to The Herald says: "It can be said with every confidence that the general offensive movement on the part of the allies, which began nearly a week ago, has met with striking success, although they have not gained any sweeping victories. The extraordinary conditions that govern the battle in Flanders preclude any possibility of a quick and decisive victory. Successes here are measured in yards, but develop gradually into miles, and the battle can be decided only on points. "On points the advantage is all with the allies. They are driving the Germans from trenches and consolidating positions gained. To the northeast of Ypres the progress is even more marked. One by one the villages, important defensive positions, are being taken, and the Germans are gradually retiring in the direction of Ghent. "If the progress is slow, it is deadly sure. The advance is general and is confined to no particular area."

GERMAN ARTILELRY DOES NOT DO VERY GREAT HARM

So Writes James Young, Brother of John Young 233 Dalhousie Street—Interesting Letter From the Front.

The following letter has been received by Mr. Joseph Young, 233 Dalhousie street, from his brother, now in France. November 28th, 1914. Somewhere on the Continent.

Dear Brother: I write you these few lines not knowing whether you will ever read them or not, but hoping you will. The first thing I want to tell you is this. We are not allowed to mention any name of towns, villages, rivers, mountains, or even on what part of the continent we are, but I think there is no harm in letting you know that we have taken part in all the big battles that have been fought, with the exception of the retreat from Mons. The battery has done well, and I don't believe we could have a better lot of officers in the Royal Regiment of Artillery. We have done some great shooting, with these long-ranged heavy guns, and hardly any casualties among us. If I were allowed to mention names, I might be able to write you a sensible letter, but as things are at present I can't let you know very much. As regards the Germans, I don't think much of them. Yesterday they sent down a shell over where we are at present, and did practically no damage. They are very extravagant people, and simply waste their ammunition. Their infantry fires from the hip, taking no aim, their weight of numbers getting them few successes. But anyhow, I haven't been hit yet nor don't expect to be, except accidentally. I met Baxter out there several times. He is in the same division as myself. He and I had a night or two together and enjoyed ourselves very much. Are you doing anything in your old regiment or have you finished altogether. What do you think of Albert joining Kitchener's army? He won't have such big pay-days now. Dave is down in Plymouth. I don't know what company he is in. We have got bags of clothes and food out here, tobacco and cigarettes an issue of rum and other luxuries which we don't get at home. What about a trip to Europe after the war is over. I should like to see you all. I don't know whether I will re-engage. With best love from your affectionate brother, JAMES.