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British Giving No Rest to the Germans on Somme Front

London, Feb. 13.—The official report from British Headquarters in France tonight reads:

"Early last night a strong hostile raiding party was driven off by our fire south of Pys and suffered heavy losses, leaving prisoners in our hands."

"Today the enemy made repeated attacks, all unsuccessful on our new positions south of Sere."

"Early this morning we carried out a successful raid east of Souchez. Our troops penetrated several hundred yards into the enemy's position, and did great damage to his defences. A trench rail head and four mine shafts were destroyed and many dug-outs blown in."

"The enemy resisted stubbornly. A considerable number of Germans were killed, and we captured forty-seven prisoners, including one officer. Our casualties are reported to have been light. We also entered the enemy's trenches this morning and during the night northeast of Neuville St. Vaast, north of Loos and east of Ypres. We destroyed several occupied dug-outs and took a few prisoners. A small party of the enemy succeeded in reaching our trenches south of Armentieres, but was at once ejected."

"There was considerable artillery activity on both sides in the neighborhood of the Somme and in Ypres sector."

British Government Thanks Ambassador Gerard

London, Feb. 12.—The gratitude and thanks of the nation have been conveyed by the British Government to former American Ambassador Gerard, at Berlin, for his work on behalf of British civilians and prisoners of war in Germany. Foreign Secretary Balfour made this announcement to day in the House of Commons.



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Died for His Country

Mrs. and Mrs. Blackwell, of Mount Pleasant, Bisley, have received official news of the death of their son, Private Chas Blackwell, which occurred while he was serving with the Gloucester Regiment at Salonika on December 7th. Genuine sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Blackwell, who have now lost three sons in the war, while another son has been so badly wounded that he has been discharged from the Army, and two other sons have joined up. In sympathizing with the family may be allowed at the same time to congratulate them on their patriotism. Truly they may be proud of their splendid sacrifice—a sacrifice that is recognized and appreciated throughout the whole district. Mrs. Blackwell has received a letter from Lieut. Hall speaking in high praise of her heroic son and saying how much he was beloved by all his comrades. He will be much missed by his friends and parents to whom he was devoted. The above is from a Gloucester, England, paper. The deceased soldier was a brother to the late Alfred Blackwell of Centreville, Kings Co., whose widow, and son Arthur, Blackwell are now residing in Kentville.

Oxonian Sank Austrian Sub.

Newport News, Feb. 13.—Members of the crew of the British steamer Oxonian, brought into port today a story that the Oxonian sank by gunfire, an Austrian submarine which attacked her in the Mediterranean Dec. 28. They said some of the men on the submarine were saved by a French patrol boat, but that several were lost.

British naval gunners aboard the Oxonian, the men said, opened upon the submarine after a torpedo, launched at the steamer without warning had passed close to her stern. According to the story the second shot from the Oxonian's 4.7-inch gun mounted aft, struck the submersible squarely in the middle and crumpled her up. The French patrol boat came up in response to "S.O.S." calls sent out by the Oxonian, it was said, and the steamer continued her way.

Conopic at Boston

Boston Feb. 13.—The White Star liner Conopic, from Mediterranean ports with passengers, arrived at Quarantine today.

Hallfax Heir to Big Estate

The New Haven Journal, Jan. 31, says:

"One of the most remarkable cases that has come to the attention of probate court here in a long time was brought to light yesterday in the application made by Attorney Franklin Coeller for an extension of time in which to file the inventory of the estate of the late Rev. Henry H. Johnson, of 112 Henry Street, who died several months ago at an advanced age. Attorney Coeller gave as the reason for his request the fact that whereas it was supposed the estate consisted of only \$500 investigation about the late home of Dr. Johnson, continues to reveal additional valuables that belong to the estate which have been hidden away in most unusual places and while on estimated is worth nearly \$100,000 has already been unearthed, he as administrator is continually finding evidence of further property of the estate."

Notes, documents and bills of great amounts, have been found already secreted in holes and in the walls of the house, under loose floorboards and in various other hiding places about the house, and the administrator is not sure that he has exhausted all the remarkable places that may reveal additions to estate. Curious of some value and of much interest have been found in taking the inventory of the estate. Beads and trinkets from Jamaica and the Islands of the Barbados are among the articles which have been brought to light.

Rev. Mr. Johnson was for many years pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church, now located at Chapel and Day St. this city, and was quite well known here. He had been retired from the ministry of his people for quite a number of years before his death which occurred at an advanced age. He was nominated by President Cleveland for a diplomatic post in Hayti at one time.

The estate has two heirs, Gwendolen Johnson of Halifax, N. S., and McKerrow Johnson, of 68 Dixwell Avenue, this city.

Plot to Oust Powers in Cuba

Havana has been stirred by reports of a revolutionary movement. During Friday night the secretary of the interior Aurelio Heavia, notified the civil and military authorities that a plot to overthrow the government had been discovered involving civil and military officials and rumors that high army officers had been placed under arrest spread over the city, causing both excitement and alarm.

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Steamers Sunk

Washington, Feb. 13.—Lloyd's reports today of ships sunk by submarines shows a total of 6,808 tons. All the vessels named have been reported by news despatches, except the British brigantine Ada, which the Lloyd's report said had been sunk by gunfire without warning Her crew were rescued. The brigantine Ada was a vessel of 187 tons gross, and built at Prince Edward Island in 1872.

London, Feb. 13.—The sinking of the British steamer Foreland is also announced by Lloyd's.

The Foreland was a steamer of 1,960 tons gross, built in Sunderland in 1914, and owned in London.

Italians Bombard Pola

Rome, Feb. 13.—Via Paris — "Italian seaplanes yesterday made an effective air raid upon Pola, throwing bombs on the arsenal and on ships in the harbor," says an Admiralty announcement. "All the Italian machines returned undamaged."

A Yarmouth despatch says that the wedding took place on Sunday evening of Capt. Ernest Kinney, of the steamer Prince Arthur, and Mrs. Marion Cameron, widow of Anes Cameron, and daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. A C Robbins, Rev Dr. Crowell officiated. They will leave in a few days for Montreal and United States cities.

"Amounts to a declaration of war how long will President Wilson stand for the presence of Bernstein?" Pritsburg Gaz the Times.

Three Men Killed in Railway Wreck

Saskatoon, Sask., Feb. 5.—Three men are dead and six are seriously injured as the result of a wreck on the Canadian Northern Railway six miles south of this city at 8.30 last night.

Deutschland Remains German Port.

Amsterdam, Feb. 7 via London.—The Weser Zeitung of Bremen says that the merchant submarine Deutschland has not started on her third voyage to America and remains in a German port.

A violet ray machine capable of sterilizing 4,000 gallons of water an hour will be used to purify the water in the swimming tank for girls at the University of Chicago. And the pool will be scented with a violet perfume.

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38 Ships for Europe

Chicago, Feb. 13.—Strength developed in the wheat market today largely on account of reports of the departure of 38 merchant ships from the Virginia Capes, bound for Europe and convoyed by speedy British cruisers.

Canadian Club Assembly

The second assembly of the Canadian Club of Boston with its women's auxiliary was held on Thursday evening in the Hotel Somerset. There were about 400 guests present. The proceeds of the Assembly were for the Canadian War Relief Fund.

General Hughes Criticized

London, Feb. 2.—Discussing Sam Hughes Ottawa speech The London Star says he is more loyal to the Ross rifle than to the men. The Canadian equipment was not thrown aside thru War Office prejudice in favor of our weapon, but by Canadians themselves. That ought to be sufficiently even for Sir Sam Hughes.

The attitude of the New York World, the leading Democratic newspaper, is highly significant. It correctly sees that the Kaiser's ruthless submarine warfare is a declaration of war against mankind, and it calls upon the President to employ the full naval and military powers of the United States to protect merican shipping and citizens.

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Seven Survivors of Expedition Re

Wellington, N. Z. London.—Seven of the Shackleton Antarctic expedition who were stranded on Elephant Island have been rescued by the relief steamer which arrived at Cape January 10 with the Captain MacKintosh and other men of the stricken party.

Four Persons Burn

Curling, Nfld. Four persons were burned and three others were injured in a fire which followed a passenger Reid Newfoundland near Glenwood.

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