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GERMAN DRIVE IN CHAMPAGNE A COMPLETE FAILURE; MONTENEGRINS LOSE STRONGHOLD

Montenegrins Face Furious Onslaught and Being Treated to Attack Like That Which Crumpled Serbia—Forced to Yield Lovcen—German Attack in Champagne on Sunday Set at Naught by Effective Artillery Fire of French.

MONTENEGRINS HARD PRESSED BY AUSTRIANS

Attacked on North and East Frontiers Where Fierce Fight Raging.

TEMPORARY LULL ON THE EASTERN FRONT.

Russians Extend Line in Bessarabia—Hold Invulnerable Positions on East Bank of Stripa River.

London, Jan. 11.—Montenegro is being treated to a steam-roller attack, similar to that which crumpled up its friend and neighbor, Serbia. The Austrian onslaught, which has been a long time in preparation, is now being prosecuted with great violence, menacing several important positions close to the Adriatic coast. The great Montenegrin stronghold, Mount Lovcen, has fallen, according to tonight's Austrian official communication. The attack here has been largely assisted by Austrian warships and the guns of the Cattaro forts. In addition, too, Montenegrins say the Austrians made abundant use of asphyxiating gas contrivances. A battle is raging on the whole of the northern and eastern frontiers of Montenegro. On the east the Montenegrins have been compelled to evacuate Berane.

In Mesopotamia. For the British public the latest statements regarding the situation in Mesopotamia will not entirely relieve the anxiety. The British General Ascher's column, which is advancing to the relief of Kut-el-Amara, has met and repulsed a strong Turkish force, but its present position is by no means satisfactory, for it finds in front of it a Turkish army greatly superior in numbers. Therefore, it is evident that a successful juncture of the two British forces, although they are only twenty miles apart, may prove a difficult matter.

There have been no fresh developments on the Russian front where the cold weather again has set in, the thermometer at some points touching twenty degrees below zero. Although, for the moment, the Russians have seemed their attack upon the Austro-German lines from the Tripet river to the Bessarabia front, information from German sources is that they have not given up the venture, but are merely re-organizing their forces for another formidable assault.

The Russians are reported as fortifying the positions recently won by them, and in this way their front has been gradually extended, until they occupy about thirty-four miles of the east bank of the middle reaches of the Stripa river, a position which it is deemed as secure against re-capture by the Austro-Germans.

As far as the western front is concerned, the centre of interest is still the Champagne region. According to French accounts, there was clearly nothing casual or ordinary about the German attack which the French claim they successfully stopped. The French lines here make a tempting salient, but the position evidently has been made correspondingly strong.

Paris claims that the French, by vigorous counter-attacks, expelled the Germans from all except a small section of the trenches which they had won in Champagne.

Domestic Crisis Passing.

The domestic crisis over the government's compulsion bill has become much less tense and it is now freely predicted that the government and the Labor party may again be placed

on friendly terms, and that the expected break in the coalition ministry may be prevented. John Redmond announced in parliament today that the Nationalists would not further oppose the military service bill.

The resignations of Arthur Henderson, president of the Board of Education, and his two Labor colleagues, from the ministerial councils have not yet been accepted, and at the conference which the representatives of Labor will hold with Premier Asquith tomorrow some agreement may be reached by which they will be retained in the government.

Bulgarian Regiment Attacks Troops Near The Frontier

Paris, Jan. 11.—News received from trustworthy sources is to the effect that soldiers of the 27th Bulgarian regiment attacked the Greek troops at the frontier near Westrina, and tried to occupy two frontier posts.

The encounter, says the Temps Salonika correspondent, lasted six hours, and artillery on both sides was used. Two Greek soldiers were killed and several wounded. The losses on the Bulgarian side were more serious.

Worth £105,000,000. London, Jan. 11 (6.58 p. m.)—According to an official estimate, made today, the value of property in Germany owned by subjects of Great Britain is approximately 72,000,000 pounds. The value of German-owned property in Great Britain was given as 105,000,000 pounds.

Austrians Take Lovcen. Vienna, Jan. 11, via London.—The capture of Lovcen, on the western Montenegrin frontier, by Austrian forces, was announced by the war office tonight. Borane, in the interior of Montenegro, on the river Lim, also has been taken.

French Parliament Opens. Paris, Jan. 11 (3 p. m.)—The 1916 session of parliament opened this afternoon in the Chamber of Deputies with Baron De Mackau, dean of the chamber presiding. Paul Deschanel was re-elected president of the chamber.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CANADIAN EXHIBITORS

Free Space on Steamer to Facilitate Canadian Entries at Lyons Exhibition.

London, Jan. 11, (Montreal Gazette Cable)—Lieut.-Col. F. W. Hill, First Battalion, has arrived back from Canada. It is believed that he is likely to receive a new and higher command.

Major Scull, late of the 21st Battalion, has been on short leave from the front.

The Sixth Artillery Howitzer Brigade gained high praise from an English general at Salisbury, where the unit went for special practice. He asserted that it was the best shooting he had seen, not only of the Canadian, but of any artillery.

Private Malloy, Canadian Engineer, Shorncliffe, lies in a critical condition at the hospital, having been knocked down by a motor bus.

To facilitate Canadian entries at the Lyons Exhibition, the Hudson Bay Company have placed at the disposal of the Exporters' Association of Canada fifty tons of free space on a steamer sailing to a French port about January 28th. Free transportation will be granted to those applying to Secretary R. J. Young at Montreal.

Arrangements have also been made with the Canadian Pacific Railway and the agents-general of all the provinces to utilize all available samples of Canadian products now in London.

HUN ATTACK IN CHAMPAGNE A FIASCO

Driven Out of All But Two of the Positions they Gained.

OFFENSIVE BY NO MEANS A CASUAL ATTACK.

Threw Three Whole Divisions Into Effort but Attack Broke Down Before French Guns.

Paris, Jan. 11.—The French official report of this afternoon states that the German offensive undertaken on Sunday in Champagne was at least three German divisions, and a complete failure, the Germans being driven out of all the positions which they had seized, with the exception of a small rectangle to the west of Malson-De-Champagne.

The statement is as follows: "Between the Rivers Somme and Oise our artillery has been active, an enemy detachment attempted to carry one of our positions in the sector of Armancourt in the region of Roye it was repulsed by our fire. To the west of Soissons our trench guns destroyed a depot of rockets in the neighborhood of Autrechies.

"The latest information from Champagne confirms the fact that our artillery fire, our trench defenses and our counter-attacks completely set at naught an important attack undertaken by the enemy in which at least three German divisions took part. Counter-attacks and hand grenade fighting by our men during the past night drove the enemy from the outpost position he had occupied, with the exception of a small rectangle to the west of Malson-De-Champagne where his small forces are maintaining themselves with difficulty. Our general fire, and in particular our artillery fire, inflicted very heavy losses on the Germans.

"Three of our aeroplanes, equipped with guns, engaged yesterday in several fights, above the German lines near Dixmude, with enemy scouting aeroplanes of the Fokker type. One of our machines, attacked by a Fokker machine, had to descend, but an enemy aeroplane, attacked in turn by one of ours, which fired on it with machine guns from a distance of twenty-five metres, was brought down. A third French machine also attacked another Fokker which fell in the forest of Houthulst, to the south-east of Dixmude."

Active on British Front. London, Jan. 11 (11.30 p. m.)—The British official communication, issued tonight, says: "Last night was quiet. Today there has been considerable artillery activity on both sides about Hulluch and Ypres. Our artillery and combined trench mortar and grenade practice has been particularly effective near Armentieres and St. Eloi."

Vienna, via London, Jan. 11 (1 p. m.)—The rate of exchange for payments to Germany has been officially established, and will remain in force until further orders. The rate is 146 crowns for 100 marks.

German Air Raid on Saloniki. London, Jan. 11 (9.45 p. m.)—A despatch to Reuters Telegram Company, dated Monday, from Sofia, says: "A squadron of twelve German aeroplanes on Friday dropped 75 bombs on Saloniki, devoting special attention to the camp of the French and English, among which twenty hits were scored, causing an outbreak of fire. Two enemy aeroplanes were shot down. The German squadron returned without loss."

RUSSIAN KEEP FIGHT INDEFINITELY

Influx of Gallians Settles Labor Question, Industries Flourishing and Munitions Output Double Within Year.

London, Jan. 12.—The Times correspondent at Russian headquarters describes Russia's wonderful recuperative power as, in a large measure, due to the fact that three or four million inhabitants of Galicia migrated eastward before and during the Russian retreat.

"The population of Lemberg," says the correspondent, "fell from 300,000 to 30,000. Millions of Gallians were safely sent through the southwestern armies, thanks to General Ivanoff's care and foresight, and have added about two million workmen and farm hands to Russia, not counting the prisoners of war. Due to them Russian industries are thriving and agriculture prospers while the emigration, on the other hand, unable to obtain necessary labor, is driven to the forcible illegal employment of Russian war prisoners.

In a statement to me, Gen. Ivanoff said: "We can go on as long as we want of. Our technical services are constantly improving. Within a year our munitions will have doubled. We are resuming the process of attrition on a larger scale. It does not matter much where the fighting line extends, because the war will be settled, not by the occupation of territory, but by the destruction of the enemy's armies and resources."

AMERICAN NOTE REACHES FOREIGN OFFICE

Deals With Holding up and Censoring Mails from U. S. to Europe—British Seize Parcels Post Bound for Bergen.

Washington, Jan. 11.—Ambassador Page, at London, today advised the State Department that he had delivered to the British Foreign Office the American note regarding the detention and censoring by the British authorities of mail from the United States to European neutral countries. The text of the communication will not probably be given out until arrangements have been made for its publication simultaneously in this country and Great Britain.

It is understood that the Entente Powers are acting in conformity in a policy with regard to the treatment of mails on the high seas, and consequently it is inferred that the British government will confer with the French, Russian and Italian Foreign Offices before making an answer to the American protest.

Parcels Post Seized Aboard Norwegian Steamer. London, Jan. 11.—A despatch to Reuters Telegram Company from Bergen says that 185 boxes of parcels were seized at Kirkwall on board the Norwegian steamer Lyngenfjord which sailed from New York, Dec. 24, for Bergen.

SIR GEO. REID ELECTED TO BRITISH COMMONS

London, Jan. 11.—Sir George Reid, late high commissioner to Australia, was elected member of the House of Commons for the St. George division today. He was unopposed. The seat was made vacant by the recent election of Sir Alexander Henderson to the peerage.

STAGE SET FOR OPENING OF PARLIAMENT TODAY

Owing to illness of Premier Debate on Address Not Likely to Begin this Week and Adjournment from Thursday Over Week-end Probable.

ELECTION OF NEW SPEAKER TODAY, ADDRESS FROM THRONE THURSDAY.

Opposition Likely to Prolong Debate to Prevent Government Bringing Down Resolution for the Extension of the Parliamentary Term.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—Everything is in readiness for the opening of the session tomorrow. Speaker-elect Sevin is already installed in his apartments in the parliament building, and Mr. E. N. Rhodes, of Cumberland, N. S., who is to be the new deputy speaker, has arrived for the session.

Owing to the illness of the Prime Minister it is not likely that the debate upon the address will begin this week. The new speaker will be elected tomorrow and on Thursday the two houses will convene in the Senate chamber to hear the speech from the throne. The adjournment of the House from Thursday till Monday is anticipated.

Few members have arrived as yet but none the less there is considerable discussion as to the course of the session. The Liberals are likely to prolong the debate upon the address, until that is concluded the budget cannot bring forward its principal business, to wit: the resolution for an extension of the parliamentary term.

It will be the policy of the government to force the hands of the opposition upon this proposal at the earliest possible moment, but the Liberals will not openly antagonize the proposition, will argue and perhaps insist that other business must first be disposed of. They will, at any rate, contend that the government must first lay its cards face up on the table, so far as sessional programme is concerned. In the course of the debate upon the address, it is quite likely that the government will be asked to bring down the budget before the resolution dealing with the extension of the parliamentary term is finally disposed of. The attitude of the government upon this question is awaited with considerable interest.

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CANADIAN SOLDIER KILLED BY COMPANION

Another Murder in Ranks of Canadians in Training in England—Victim Knifed in Saloon.

London, Jan. 11.—(Montreal Gazette Cable)—Henri Jolicoeur, of the 41st Battalion, is dead, and a fellow soldier is detained by the police at Borden in connection with the fatality. Jolicoeur, who was a member of the military police, is said to have been talking in a saloon with a friend. The latter left for a few minutes, and on his return found Jolicoeur bleeding from a wound near the shoulder, evidently inflicted with a knife. This second murder in the Canadian camp has come as a shock, especially as the 41st Battalion, to which Lieut. Coderre was attached, is again involved. There are two men named Henri Jolicoeur in the regiment, but the victim is presumably No. 417235. He was a resident of Montreal, single, and had been foreman of a lumber camp at Blind River, Ont. An inquest will be held on Thursday.

INQUIRY INTO CASE OF STMR. THESSALONIKI

Captain and Crew Questioned Regarding Abandoning at Sea After Passengers Had Been Transferred.

New York, Jan. 11.—Captain Goulardris and the officers and crew of the Greek liner Thessaloniki, abandoned at sea January 6th, after her passengers had been safely transferred to the steamship Paris, were questioned here today in an inquiry conducted by the Greek consul general. The inquiry was private. It was said the findings would be sent immediately to Greece, and would not be made public here.

A second investigation into the circumstances surrounding the abandonment of the Thessaloniki, begun by insurance adjusters, was halted owing to delay in translating the log of Captain Goulardris from Greek into English.

IRISH PARTY NOT TO OPPOSE CONSCRIPTION

Opposition to the Bill Gradually Lessens as Members Calmly Think it Over.

MONTAGUE BECOMES POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Second Reading of Asquith's Bill for Compulsory Service Expected to Show Several New Converts to Measure.

London, Jan. 11, 10.55 p. m.—Edwin Samuel Montagu, financial secretary to the treasury, has been given the portfolio in the cabinet of Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, succeeding Herbert L. Samuel, who held the chancellorship, and in addition the postmaster-generalship. Mr. Montagu will also continue as financial secretary to the treasury.

It is rumored that the Right Hon. Chas. E. Hobhouse will succeed Mr. Samuel as postmaster-general.

London, Jan. 11.—Opposition to the government's conscription bill dwindled to a meagre handful in parliament today, and predictions in the lobby of the House of Commons tonight were that the vote on the second reading tomorrow would find little more than twenty or thirty in opposition as contrasted with 105 on the first reading.

The Irish Nationalists today announced abandonment of their opposition, in view of the fact that the bill does not apply to Ireland. John Redmond, the veteran Home Rule leader, who made this announcement, shared the most prominent position in the day's debate with his old enemy, Sir Edward Carson, who, in a fiery speech, pleaded that Ireland ought to be included in the bill. Sir Edward rose to speak as soon as Mr. Redmond ceased.

"I welcome the announcement which has just been made," he said, referring to Mr. Redmond's withdrawal of the Irish Nationalist opposition, "but I regret that the honorable gentleman should not have gone a step further and led his party into the house in favor of the bill. It would have been even better if the honorable gentleman had allowed Ireland to be included. He and I are old opponents, but I can assure him, from the bottom of my heart, that nothing would be more likely to bring us together on a common platform than that we should find Ireland, together with England, Scotland, and Wales, absolutely unanimous in what we believe necessary for winning the war."

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Ottawa, Jan. 11.—Mr. Dugal Stewart, Conservative M. P. for Lunenburg, is gazetted as major in the army medical corps, Canadian militia; Mr. S. J. Donaldson, Conservative M. P. for Prince Albert, is given honorary rank of captain in the Canadian militia; Mr. W. F. Cocksbutt, Conservative M. P. for Brantford, is made Honorary Lieut. Colonel of the 125th overseas battalion, and Mr. J. N. Greenholds, K. C., Montreal, an Honorary Lieut. Colonel of the 117th overseas battalion.

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