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GERMANS HAVE "SHOT THEIR BOLT" IN WEST, IS OPINION OF FRENCH MILITARY CRITIC

Refugees Say The Swagger Has Gone and There is Now no Talk of Calais and What They Will do to English - Fighting in Alsace Resumed

New York, Dec. 5.—A Paris to the Herald says—"There are no developments in Flanders calling for comment, is the opinion of Lieut.-Col. Rousset, military expert. He says the sensational reports of German activity probably were set in circulation by the Germans themselves likely to hide their withdrawal of reinforcements for Poland."

"There," continues Lieut. Col. Rousset, the Germans, whatever the ultimate result of the battle now being fought, are compelled to concentrate their strength that they may, by an enormous effort, prevent a catastrophe. To protect themselves in the east they are forced to weaken their effectiveness in the west.

"Proof of this is found in the comparative inaction of their armies in Flanders and the steady advance the French are making in Alsace." Lieut.-Col. Rousset's opinion seems to be that the Germans have "shot their bolt" and henceforth can do little more than fight on the defensive.

THE SWAGGER GONE London, Dec. 5.—The correspondent of the Daily News telegraphs from "Northern France" that behind the cannonade which is taking place along the front there are military moves, jockeying for positions and manoeuvres of all kinds at Dixmude, Ypres, Arras and Amiens. The movements behind the German lines are chiefly the withdrawal of troops from awkward trenches and woods.

Refugees say that all the old military swagger has disappeared and the Germans no longer talk about Calais and what they will do to the English when they get there.

FIGHTING IN ALSACE Bern, Switzerland, Dec. 5.—The sound of heavy cannonading in Upper Alsace, has been heard as far as Basle. The main struggle being between the French and Germans, according to reports, is around Altkirch and Damerkirch.

KING DECORATES BRAVE SOLDIERS London, Dec. 5.—King George decorated many soldiers yesterday while visiting the battlefield in France, with the Prince of Wales and General French. The king pinned the medals on the coats of the recipients, and made a brief speech in each case.

IMPORTANT MOVEMENTS London, Dec. 5.—The Times correspondent at Nancy reports that from somewhere near Pont-A-Mousson the French bombarded, at the range of eight miles the town of Arnville, just beyond Pagny-Sur-Moselle, and some miles short of Metz. As it lies on the direct line of German communications by which their advanced forces at St. Mihiel and in the rest of the Woerwe are supplied with ammunition and provisions from Metz, its destruction would have been a heavy blow to the Germans.

The bombardment of Arnville affects the possible retirement of the Germans from the Woerwe.

What has happened and is happening near Clercy has to do with a possible advance of the French into German Lorraine.

TRYING TO HOLD FROM THE ALLIES. Rome, Dec. 4.—The formal announcement that Prince Bernard von Buelow, former Chancellor of the German Empire, has been placed at the head of the German embassy here, has attracted much interested comment in Rome. It is remarkable that a former chancellor should become the head of an embassy which is by no means the most important in the German diplomatic service.

Many observers are of the opinion that the appointment means that Berlin is about to exercise strong pressure to prevent Italy from passing to the side of the allies.

FIGHTING IN GALE AND HEAVY RAIN. London, Dec. 5.—The Daily News correspondent telegraphs from northeastern France: "Yesterday's fighting took place in the fiercest gale of the winter, with early rain and hail. So hard were the conditions that the guns at times had to undergo an enforced silence."

Around Ypres the French forced back several determined attacks in torrential rain, and a little to be south the British had a busy time of it."

DEALING WITH ARMY AND NAVY CONTRACTS London, Dec. 5.—The government has taken prompt action to forestall a scandal over army contracts at which some years already have lapsed, by appointing a special committee, with Lord Sher as chairman, who will co-operate with the heads of the treasury department in sanctioning all army and navy contracts.

ANADA MAY HAVE TO SEND MANY MORE. Woodstock, Ont., Dec. 4.—That Canada will have to send at least 800,000 men to the aid of the motherland, if enlistment in the British Isles is adopted as basis for the dominion, was the statement of N. W. Rowell, K. C., Liberal member in Ontario, in an address at the annual meeting of the Woodstock Canadian Club last night.

WEATHER BULLETIN Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The pronounced high pressure area this morning centered in the west St. Lawrence Valley, while the depression remains over the southern parts with its rain area now extending to Lake Erie. In Canada the weather is everywhere fair, with the exception of some light snow in Alberta.

Fair and Cold. Partly cloudy to northeast winds; air and cold today and on Sunday.

Soldiers of Canada

(A. M. Belding)

You that are bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh; You, with a right to your lives, yet willing to die, Tell to the world, if it need the telling a truce, That the faith of the race does not rest on a lie. They who had mocked at an age that seemed to have lost All that is worthful to man, in its lust for gain, Making the standard of values only the cost Paid in the gold that shall perish and naught remain, Now see how the vision of prophets of old, Find in your manhood the pledge of a world redeemed Out of its bondage to gods of silver and gold, Raised to a height of whose glory the seers have dreamed.

God's in His world, and the task He gives to your hands, Calls for the strength of a soul that is undimmed, Fearless of danger and toil where honor commands, True until death to avenge an honor betrayed. Once, long ago, in the storm-swept life of the race, One who had preached unto men the gospel of love, Daring to die for the faith professed, set His face To the city of Hate and the mountain above. Not by the way of the Cross is the sacrifice Challenging men of today, to prove to the world That the soul of the race is not bought for a price, —Yours is the test where banners of war are unfurled.

Still stand the walls of the ancient city of Hate, Frowning and dark, o'er the peaceful valleys of life; Yours is the task, 'mid the chosen legions of Fate, There in the storm and the stress and heat of the strife, Down into ruin to hurl grim tower and wall, That the peace of the world may be wrought by your hands, God be your strength in the fight! The heroes who fall, Dying shall live, shrined in men's hearts while the world stands.

Both young men will carry with them the best wishes of the Times and Telegraph. Last week the Times composing room staff bid farewell to Gordon Smith and presented a watch to him on his joining the 26th Battalion.

TODAY'S OFFICIAL REPORT Paris, Dec. 5.—The official French statement today says that north of the Lys the French troops have made perceptible progress. The infantry occupied in one operation two lines of entrenchments.

Half way between Dixmude and Ypres the French possession of a position, the occupation of which has been disputed spiritedly for a month. The enemy's violent attack with heavy artillery has been repulsed. The French evacuated the conquered ground.

It is expected that the complete battalion of the 26th will be in line tomorrow morning in the church parade. The understanding is also that the Temple Band will parade with the troops in addition to the regimental band of the 62nd Fusiliers. The regiment which numbers 1,181 men will parade under its commander, Lieut. Col. J. L. McAvity and members will attend three churches, some going to German street Baptist, others to the Congregational and the Catholics to the Cathedral.

The officers on duty with the battalion are still awaiting word as to their appointment. Regarding a cable in this morning's news that some 300 officers of the first Canadian contingent at Salisbury Plain are returning to Canada it was the opinion of local military men today that they would hardly find places with the second contingent but that they would likely have an opportunity to serve with the third body. For the second contingent there is even now a large staff of officers available and more are qualifying.

BURIED TODAY The funeral of Albert E. Lamb was held this afternoon from his father's residence, 107 St. James street, to St. James' church, where Rev. H. A. Cody conducted services. Interment was in the Church of England burial ground, where services were held under the ritual of the I. O. O. F., of which he was a member. A delegation from this body attended the funeral. There were many forceful remembrances, including a handsome wreath from the Oddfellows.

A WAR POSTAL CARD



British patriotism finds expression in many ways and it was not to be expected that the future soldier would not have the war afforded to put out cards that would appeal to the public fancy. This one with three grain buildings on a Union Jack field sells by thousands.

TWO MORE TIMES BOYS OFF TO WAR; THEY GET WATCHES Frank X. Jennings Joins Artillery and Kenneth Finley is Member of 26th Battalion

Francis X. Jennings, of the writing staff of the Times, will leave Monday for Fredericton to join the field artillery battery, which has been enlisted there, and which is composed chiefly of students and graduates from the U. N. B. and other provincial universities. Mr. Jennings has been a valued member of the Times staff and will be greatly missed in the office as well as by many friends around the city. Before leaving a wrist watch was presented to him by A. M. Belding, on behalf of the writing and office staffs of the Times and Telegraph.

At the same time a wrist watch was also presented to Kenneth Finley of the Times press room, who has enlisted with the 26th Battalion, a presentation in which the press room staff joined. Both young men will carry with them the best wishes of the Times and Telegraph. Last week the Times composing room staff bid farewell to Gordon Smith and presented a watch to him on his joining the 26th Battalion.

THE FUNDS C. B. Allan, treasurer of the Patriotic Fund, acknowledges receipt of \$100 from G. E. D., and \$10 from H. F. Robertson. These represent four monthly payments of \$2.50 each, in each case. For the Belgians Contributions for the Belgian relief fund have been received at city hall as follows:—Mary J. Hickey, proceeds from bean supper, Upper Texton, \$38; Harold McDougall, collected at East Glassville, Carleton Co., \$38; "Two Friends" (St. Stephen, N. B.), \$10; Rev. J. B. Gouge, Jacksonville, \$10; Rev. J. B. Wagon's Institute, Lord's Cove, N. B., \$18.41; the Mission Band of Coburg street Christian church, \$27; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Burpee, Sheffield, N. B., \$25; proceeds from supper and tea held at Armstrong's Corner by the Ladies Aid Society, \$100; M. G. R. Club per F. P. Elin, treasurer, \$9; from sale of potatoes, \$79.27; L'Abbe J. Gaudel, collection, Adamsville, N. B., \$26.10; Mrs. Harry C. Green, \$2; Westmorland Division No. 40, Sons of Temperance, \$10; contribution from an old St. John boy, \$10.

PARCELS DONATED FOR THE RELIEF OF THE BELGIANS and called for by the committee, were from Mrs. Parsons, 138 Sydney street; Mrs. R. H. Arnold, 151 Germain street; Mrs. Mahoney, 15 Cranston avenue; Miss Edwards, 327 Princess street; Mrs. Goldman, 28 Wall street; Mrs. Allan Seffridge, 381 City road; Walsh's store, Brussels street; Mrs. Ferguson, 43 Winslow street, west end; Mrs. G. A. Vincent, 19 Union street, west end; C. A. Clarke, 167 Paradise row.

TO SALISBURY PLAIN TO SEE THEIR HUSBANDS Mrs. Ronald McAvity will sail for England to see her husband, Captain McAvity of the 12th Battalion. She will leave on Dec. 10. On the same steamer there will be several other ladies on the same mission, including the wives of Lieut.-Col. H. F. McLeod, Major Mercereau and Captain Mercereau.

TABLET IN HONOR OF THE LATE WILLIAM CAMPBELL At the unveiling of a tablet in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church tomorrow evening in memory of the late William Campbell, a former elder, an address on his life will be given by His Honor Judge Forbes, P. G. M., the unveiling ceremonies being conducted under the auspices of St. John's Lodge No. 2, F. & A. M. who are erecting the tablet. The tablet is a handsome slab of marble with an appropriate inscription. The opening services will be conducted by Rev. J. H. McVicar, D. D., pastor of St. Andrew's, and the sermon of the evening will be by Rev. J. A. McKean, of St. David's. Dr. H. S. Bridges, P. G. M., will officiate at the unveiling. The collection will be in aid of the Patriotic Fund.

TWELVE DEATHS Twelve burial permits were issued during the week by the Board of Health. The causes of death were: Inflammation, two; pulmonary tuberculosis, two; senility, tracheitis, apoplexy, asthma, accident, pyaemia, heart disease and hemorrhage of bowels, one each.

RUSSIANS HAVE WON AT LEAST A TACTICAL VICTORY IN POLAND FIGHT

Gory Battle Around Lodz One of the Hardest Fought of War—Germans Cut Through Surrounding Russians in Fearful Fight

New York, Dec. 5.—A Herald cable from London says—"The return of the Kaiser to Berlin yesterday is regarded here as a sure indication that German expectations of an early success in Poland have been effectually blocked. Conflicting reports continue to come from Petrograd and Berlin, but through them one fact looms. The battle of Lodz has ended and with all the signs pointing to at least a tactical victory for Grand Duke Nicholas. Petrograd, via London, Dec. 5.—Southeast of Lodz, where German forces which had penetrated to Tuszyn were surrounded and obliged to fight their way to Berezyn to unite with the main body. The Russians essayed counter attack after counter attack to prevent the junction, but the Germans cut a passage, at the point of the bayonet, for a distance of fifteen miles.

BATTLE ONE OF WORST This battle is called the bloodiest and most pitiless fight of the war. Ninety per cent of the German officers were put out of action and many regiments had fewer than 100 men left. The fighting lasted thirty-six hours. The Germans fell in rows but their comrades pushed forward over the bodies and hustled themselves against the Russians.

Petrograd, via London, Dec. 5.—On the Serechew line, which is fifteen to twenty miles long, east of the Warta, the fighting appears to indicate that the Germans have been heavily reinforced and that they are filling the gap between their right wing and the isolated body which has been striving to turn the Russian left.

The military critic of the Bourne Gazette reckons the fighting strength of Austria now at two-thirds of what it was at the beginning of the war. He states that the last 50,000 Austrian prisoners included 600 commissioned officers and contrasts this with the results where the Russians are engaged against the Germans. There, he declares, the officers fall fighting.

MINIMUM WAGE OF \$9 A WEEK FOR WOMEN OF THE TWIN CITIES St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 5.—A minimum wage of \$7 a week for women was the highest consented to by employers serving on the advisory board appointed by the new Minnesota minimum wage law. Nevertheless the minimum wage commission has just over-ruled the employers and fixed \$9 as the minimum wage in cities of the first class for office, telephone and telegraph and department store work. The employer representatives of the commission resigned just before the new wage order was issued, and the employees of the state are now waging a bitter fight on the law, saying it is unconstitutional. An enlightening analysis of the investigations which were made by the commission in determining what should be considered a "living wage" has just been published by Rev. John A. Ryan of St. Paul seminary. Father Ryan is author of "A Living Wage," and is considered one of the foremost authorities in this country on the subject. In the matter of food and lodging the majority of the mercantile board, says Father Ryan, decided that an allowance of \$4.80 a week would provide good accommodations with board for all who are willing to live two in a room. The final recommendation of the advisory board—which was not followed by the commission—was \$8.66 a week as the minimum wage, of which sum only \$2 was allowed for clothing and \$1.85 for miscellaneous expenses.

CARE FOR THE GIRLS. The care of girls on their arrival here from outside places while awaiting permanent lodgings was discussed at a meeting of the King's Daughters Guild yesterday afternoon. The matter of the character of permanent boarding houses in the city for young girls was also discussed and Mrs. W. C. Matthews, Mrs. John Bullock, Miss Alice-Estey and Mrs. J. S. Flagler were appointed to investigate. Another committee was appointed to keep watch on the motion pictures in the city. The report of the night school committee was very encouraging. There is still room for more girls.

PERSONALS Dr. J. D. Maher returned today after a business visit to Halifax. Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Cosman, of 88 Cliff street, takes this opportunity of thanking the kind friends who made their recent serious sickness easier to endure because of their helpful interest and sympathy. Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Mayes returned yesterday from Montreal. E. S. Carter returned to the city today from Fredericton. Wm. D. Ryan, formerly of the Telegraph writing staff here, but late of Regina, Sask., returned to the city today. F. Roy Kinsman returned home last night on the Boston train after a visit to the states. Rev. T. J. Deinstadt was welcomed to the city this week after spending four months at Tabusintac. The Misses Victoria and Marguerite Lee, after spending the last five months among relatives in the States, have returned and will make their home with Mrs. J. H. Murphy, 49 Garden street. They enjoyed many pleasant trips to cities in Massachusetts, New York and New Jersey.

TWO DROWNED North Bay, Ont., Dec. 5.—In Lake Nipissing last night Ralph Smith, a dispatcher for the T. & N. O. Railway, and Miss White, a school teacher from Verona, lost their lives by drowning. They broke through the ice while skating. Cycle Corps from West. Winnipeg, Dec. 5.—A movement is under way here to organize a cycling corps of sixty men to pay their own way to England, there to be attached to the Sixth Sussex Regiment for active service.

Wheat to Australia. Moosejaw, Dec. 5.—The government elevator here has been instructed from Ottawa to ship 100,000 bushels of wheat to Australia via Vancouver. SOLDIERS TO CHURCH. At the patriotic service in Germain street Baptist church tomorrow morning to be attended by the troops from the armory, the whole lower area of the church will be reserved for them.

BIRTHS AND MARRIAGES. At the office of J. B. Jones, registrar of vital statistics this week ten births—five boys and five girls, and also four marriages were registered.

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