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Guynemer Brings Down Two More

Five German Aeroplanes Lost in Yesterday's Fighting—Vigorous Artillery Work on Verdun Front

Paris, Jan. 27.—Vigorous artillery fighting occurred last night on the Verdun front, in the region of Eparges and Hill 304. German defense works were subjected to an intense fire. Five German aeroplanes were brought down. The text of the French communication follows:

"On the left bank of the River Meuse our artillery has directed a destructive fire upon the German forces in the sector of Hill 304. At Eparges the artillery firing was fairly spirited. A surprise attack on the part of the enemy in this region failed under our fire. Another attempt upon minor positions at Eparges, in the Champagne district, was easily repulsed. The night passed quietly on the remainder of the front.

"During the day of January 26 French scouting aeroplanes delivered several aerial attacks during the course of which five aeroplanes were brought down. Two of these machines fell in the region of Verdun, one north of Givroney and the other near Monfalconne; two others were brought down at Trésilly, near Carpiquet, in the Oise and a fifth machine, attacked by Lieut. Guynemer, was compelled to land within our lines near Doullens and the aviators were made prisoners.

"It has been confirmed that during the day of January 26 the enemy airplane attacked by Lieut. Guynemer was destroyed by this pilot near Gencyourt. These two recent victories bring to thirty the number of German aeroplanes which Guynemer has vanquished up to the present time.

"Two French aeroplanes on January 25 bombed the railroad station and certain military factories at Ham. Fire

PITTSBURGH HAS GREAT FIRE IN SHOP DISTRICT

Loss is Estimated at Three to Four Millions

FIRE WALLS HELP STAY FLAMES

Firemen Handicapped by Severe Cold—Hydrants Frozen and They Had to Carry Hot Water From Restaurants to Thaw Them Out

Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 27.—Fire, which swept through a section of the retail business district here today, destroyed the Frank and Seiler department store, the Grand Opera House, the Hilton Clothing Company and a dozen or more smaller buildings with a loss estimated at from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000. Four firemen were seriously hurt and a dozen or more so badly injured that they were sent to hospital.

It appeared for a time as though the fire would sweep the entire square, but heavy fire walls, built in anticipation of such an eventuality, finally stayed the progress of the flames, which ate through the hundreds of tons of merchandise piled in the stricken buildings.

The fire is said to have started in the J. G. McCreary Five and Ten cent store, a block after midnight, but gave the firemen no concern until soon after four o'clock, when it had eaten its way to the Frank and Seiler store.

When the fire was turned in, but the flames, hid behind a wall of dense clouds of smoke, had made such progress into the adjacent buildings that they were seen to be dooming.

Firemen were seriously handicapped by the severe cold, it having been necessary to carry hot water from neighboring restaurants to thaw frozen hydrants and fire streams under pressure were available.



HUNGER AND CRAVING FOR DRUGS HIS UNDOING

Slayer of Manitoba Immigration Inspector Comes Out of Hiding in Winnipeg and is Re-captured

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Thousand Women And Girls Killed When Dresden Arsenal Is Blown Up

Paris, Jan. 27.—The Dresden arsenal has been blown up, and 1,000 women and young girls killed, according to a letter taken from a German soldier, dated December 30.

The letter was written from Dresden, and the writer said that all the windows within a radius of twelve miles were broken by the explosion. He added that the authorities were keeping the news secret and that no railroad tickets were being issued for Dresden except for urgent reasons.

ATTACKS HEARST AS PRO-GERMAN AND ALSO HAS WORD FOR HUMBERT

New York, Jan. 27.—A New York Times cable from Paris says: L'Ouvreu, under the heading "Hearst and Humbert," publishes a violent attack on William R. Hearst and Charles Humbert, the latter the director of the Journal, whom it compares as "birds of a feather." The article is signed by Gustav Tery, now director of L'Ouvreu, who for years signed leading articles in the Journal.

LEARNED ONLY NOW BELGIANS BLOCKED HARBOR

London, Jan. 27.—A despatch to the Daily News from Rotterdam says the Germans, after several failures, have succeeded in raising the North German Lloyd liner *Gneisenau*, which the Belgians sank, blocking Antwerp harbor. They had strong feelings concerning the prior to their evacuation of the city in 1914. The correspondent adds that it is impossible that the last hindrance to shipping entering the harbor has now been removed.

WILSON SENDS HIS CONGRATULATIONS ON KAISER'S BIRTHDAY

Washington, Jan. 27.—President Wilson today cabled Emperor Wilhelm formal congratulations on the fifty-eighth anniversary of his birth, as is the custom on the birthdays of all foreign sovereigns. Secretary of State Lansing and his three chief assistants left their congratulations at the German embassy.

SANK BIG GERMAN LINER at Antwerp When Leaving City in 1914

The steamer *Gneisenau* registered 8,185 tons. She was built in 1903. This is the first information that the *Gneisenau* had been sunk.

NEWS OF WOUNDED MEN

Mr. and Mrs. James Prier, of Sheding, have received word that their son, Arthur, who has been in the hospital since being wounded in the early fall, has recently been removed to the hospital in Ottawa, and the recent explanation to the subject of officers returning to Canada, some difference is being displayed by several of the officers concerned.

PROMOTION FOR BOPP WHEN HE GETS HOME, SAYS SUCCESSOR

San Francisco, Jan. 27.—Frank Bopp, former German consul-general here, recently convicted of neutrality violations and sentenced to three years imprisonment, will be given "promotion" on his return to Germany, according to a declaration made here by Enrich Zoeffel, acting German consul-general, to a large crowd of Germans gathered last night to celebrate Emperor Wilhelm's birthday.

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FERNIE SHORT OF COAL

Fernie, B.C., Jan. 27.—There is a coal shortage here and unless supplies are received in a few days, the city power plant and the public schools will be closed.

INDICATIONS OF MORE DEFINITE PEACE OFFER BY GERMANY

London, Jan. 27.—(New York Times cable)—"Wayfarer" (the pen name used by W. S. Massingham), writing in the Nation, says: "Is Germany prepared to negotiate on the basis of restitution and reparation? Rumor has it she will and that the president has a sketch of her terms in his pocket. I give this sketch for what it is worth. The informal German offer is said to include—

- 1.—Offer of Metz and part of Lorraine to France, coupled with evacuation but no indemnity.
- 2.—Evacuation and indemnity for Belgium.
- 3.—An independent Poland.
- 4.—Surrender of the bulk of the colonies in exchange for a deal in Central Africa.
- 5.—Restoration of Serbia with retention of a line of passage for the railway.
- 6.—Neutralization of the Straits.
- 7.—Trentino for Italy with Trieste as a free port.

Necessarily the governing condition would be an economic as well as territorial peace and the abandonment of the boycott."

ROUMANIANS MAKE PROGRESS

Jassy, Roumania, Jan. 27.—(Via London)—Roumanian troops in the last two weeks have made substantial progress in Moldavia. The following statement covering the period January 12-26, was issued here today:

"On the western frontier of Moldavia up to and including the Oltuz Valley, there have been only infantry operations."

ANOTHER QUEBEC CHURCH BURNED

Quebec, Jan. 27.—Fire late yesterday afternoon totally destroyed the 6000 parish church in St. Louis de Courville, about five miles from this city, in Montenegro County. The fire is believed to have been caused by an explosion.

McNAMARA HAS GIVEN IN

San Quentin, Cal., Jan. 27.—After spending twenty-four days in the dungeon of the state prison here, J. B. McNamara agreed to obey orders and was removed after being ordered to the jail.

SPAIN'S RESTRICTIONS ON SHIPPING BUSINESS

Madrid, via Paris, Jan. 27.—King Alfonso has signed a decree prohibiting Spanish ships from plying between foreign ports. All voyages must begin or end in Spain.

ICE PREVENTS RHINE NAVIGATION

Weather Very Cold in Western Front—Soldiers on British Front Are Suffering

London, Jan. 27.—(New York World cable)—A private telegram from Cologne reports that navigation on the Rhine had to be stopped on account of ice. The cold throughout western Germany is the most intense in years. At some points the thermometer fell from twelve to eighteen below zero.

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Chicago Market Affected by Rumors That Germany Will Offer More Definite Terms

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POLICEMAN'S WIFE ON HER HUSBAND'S BEAT

Husband Came Home Sick so She Donned Uniform, Went Out and Arrested Two Men

Bloomington, N. J., Jan. 26.—This town has a brave policeman, and Chief Anaslunder said "that goes for both halves." Patrolman Foster Hargrave and his wife, Grace.

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THIS FOUR SONS ANSWERED CALL

There have been but few families in the city, and but a few in the province that have answered the call to arms at the family of George A. Blair of this city. Mr. Blair has given his four boys, three of whom are now in khaki while the other occupies a soldier's grave.

ALASKA HAS SNOW STORM HEAVIEST IN YEARS

Juneau, Alaska, Jan. 27.—One of the worst snowstorms ever experienced in this part of Alaska is raging today. Already the mountains near Juneau have more snow on them than in many years, and snowdrifts have been frequent during the last few days.

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Election Warmly Contested Result in Dorchester County, Quebec, Likely Known by 8 or 9 O'clock Tonight

St. Helene, Dorchester county, Que., Jan. 27.—Polling day dawned this morning on a political-racked county, filled to the most remote parishes with rumors, scandals and "no-backs" of every kind.

MRS. ETHEL BYRNE IS MADE TO TAKE FOOD

New York, Jan. 27.—The prison authorities resorted to forcible feeding in the case of Mrs. Ethel Byrne, after the birth control propagandist collapsed today while maintaining her "hunger strike" in her cell in the Penitentiary, where she is serving thirty day term.

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ARRESTS IN PLOT TO WRECK TWO RUSSIAN AMMUNITION DEPOTS

Stockholm, Jan. 27.—Via London.—The Aftonbladet says the authorities at Vittanda, on the Finnish frontier, have arrested four men for attempting to smuggle nitro-glycerine and other explosives, as well as arms and ammunition, across the frontier in a sleigh for the purpose of blowing up the Russian ammunition depots at Skistotten and Kovviken.