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War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A.M.

OFFICIAL FROM PARIS.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—(Official.) In the region of Arras a brilliant attack has given us possession, it is announced, of Vermelles and Roubaix. Vermelles has been, for nearly two months, the scene of desperate fighting. The enemy had taken footing there on Oct. 16, and from the 21st to the 28th of October succeeded in forcing us back from that locality. From the 25th of October, sniping and mining operations brought us back, until we were again in close contact, and on Dec. 1st we occupied the Park Chateau of Vermelles.

In the region of the Aisne and in Champagne, there have been some artillery engagements, and our artillery dispersed several gatherings of the enemy.

In the Argonne, Forest of Grurl, and to the northwest of Port au Moussin and the Forest of Loportie we gained a little ground.

TAKES POSSESSION OF VERMELLES.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—(Official.)

In Belgium the Germans have bombarded Oost-Dunkirk, located two and a half miles west of Nieupoort. Between Bethune and Lens we have taken possession of the village of Vermelles, and a portion of Roubaix to the east, on which we are along the railway line.

ASSUME THE OFFENSIVE.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

Official advices from Berlin confirm the reports that the Allies have assumed the offensive in France and Belgium, but do not indicate that the movement has yet grown to formidable proportions. The attacks, it is declared, have been few in number, and have been defeated. Private despatches from Holland are to the effect that fierce fighting is in progress along the Yser Canal. The reports are in partial agreement with the latest official French communications which, however, tend to show that the forward movement of the Allies is being attempted at points all along the line. Berlin is already looking toward the possible investment of Warsaw as a result of the capture of Lodz, in Russian Poland.

SERBIAN VICTORY.

NISH, Dec. 8.

The Serbian victory on Dec. 5th on the northeastern front was further emphasized in the Serbian official statement to-day, which concludes as follows: The enemy was overwhelmed and had to retire in disorder. In the pursuit we took six officers and 1,310 men prisoners, captured two howitzers, nine other guns, many rifles and telegraphic material.

RUSSIA ADMITS DEFEAT.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

It is officially admitted in Petrograd that the Germans have taken Lodz after a bombardment which set portions of the city on fire. It is denied, however, that the loss of Lodz is a severe reverse, since the city does not control the main line of railways from Petrograd to Warsaw, but is on a branch line. The Russians are holding the junction point of Koluszki, and until the Germans are able to occupy Koluszki they cannot take advantage of the railroad system. There is no longer any misapprehension in Petrograd as to the seriousness of the situation in Poland, but army officials assert that the Russians have anticipated the German plans and are developing further surprises. There will be much more fighting be-

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fore the campaign in this district is concluded. Lodz was won only after hand to hand fighting in the suburbs of the city. The whole Russian line from north to south is now straightened out, and will contest every foot of ground with the invaders.

JAPAN'S BUDGET.

TOKIO, Dec. 8.

Japan's budget for the coming year shows estimated expenditures of \$268,000,000, and a decrease in revenue of \$40,500,000. The war has caused a decrease of \$8,500,000 in customs. Curtailment of expenses to be made in some departments of the Government will permit of credits for two additional army divisions and the completion of three dreadnoughts and the construction of eight.

KAISER REPORTED ILL.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.

It is officially announced this afternoon that Emperor William is ill. The announcement stated that he was suffering from feverish bronchial catarrh, and has been obliged to postpone for several days his return to the front, which had been arranged for to-day. Despite his illness it is declared he is able to give attention to reports of the war situation from the chief of the General Staff.

NO NOTABLE INCIDENT TO REPORT.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—(Official.)

In Belgium a violent German attack on Steloy, south of Ypres, has been repulsed. The struggle at times is very lively in the forests and to the east of Aronne. There is no other notable incident to report.

BELGIAN OFFICERS CONFER WITH LORD KITCHENER.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The Belgian Premier and War Minister, Charles De Broqueville, and General Melis, chief medical officer of the Belgian army, conferred with Earl Kitchener to-day concerning the disposition of the Belgian wounded and sick in England and France. General Melis denies the report of a typhoid epidemic in the Belgian Army. He says only 184 cases are reported. Half the army has been inoculated against typhoid, and serum is available for the inoculation of the remainder.

RUSSIANS IN A FIX.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 8.

Official by General Staff of the Russian army—Considering the abandon-

ment of Lodz, the reports say that during the fighting of the second half of the month of November, Lodz acquired a great military importance, but German offensive on the Lodz-Lowicz line having failed, the defence of Lodz lost its urgency. The defence of this large city presents many difficulties from a military point of view. It gives our front an abnormal contour, which is embarrassing our communications with the rear. It may, therefore be expected with the settling of a lull on the left bank of the Vistula, the Russian lines in the region of Lodz will be reformed.

ORDERED REMOVAL.

BOGOTA, Colombia, Dec. 8.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to-day ordered the removal of a high power wireless station at Cartagena.

A GENERAL VIEW.

LONDON, Dec. 8.

The great battle for the possession of Poland continues. The front extends along three hundred miles. Victory over part of it at least appears to have fallen to the Germans, while the Russians are pressing upon Cracow to the South. That Lodz is in the hands of the Germans seems undoubted, and the Russian official report just issued is apparently preparing the public for news by referring to the difficulty in defending that city, which gives the Russian front an abnormal contour. The details of this mighty battle have yet to be written. General facts, that there has been no fearful slaughter and intense suffering from cold, comprised about the total information received. The Germans claim they are pursuing the Russians south and southeast of Lodz. Several correspondents were with the Russian army when the battle broke out, but nothing has been heard from them for several days. Evidently they are under the hand of strict censorship. British military experts insist that three quarters of the best material of the German army have been held in the western theatre of war throughout the campaign, and that the troops opposed to the Russians consist mostly of the second line organizations.

The French official report to-night announces that the Germans have made a violent attack on the allies at Steloy, south of Ypres, which was repulsed. This may mean the renewal of the German attempt to batter through the Allied lines, which was predicted from their movements in Belgium. Elsewhere in the Western theatre there have been, only local engagements.

Austro-Serbian reports continue to claim successes for their respective sides. Serbia report a victory on the northern front, with nearly two thousand prisoners. Vienna says the Austrian advance to the south of Belgrade is progressing.

Apart from the field battles, the illness of the German Emperor at Berlin from bronchial catarrh with fever, is the most interesting news to-day. The Emperor's prolonged activity and recent reports have eased the public, who watch with particular interest any developments regarding his health.

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Fire Patrol Board.

The annual meeting of the Fire Patrol Board was held at the office of the Department of Agriculture and Mines, Monday, Hon. S. B. Blandford, Minister of Agriculture, presided, and present were Messrs. L. R. Cooper (Secretary) and W. J. Scott, of Grand Falls, representing the Harmsworth Co., A. E. Harris, of Bishop's Falls, representing the Albert E. Reed Co., T. Howe, chief fire ranger, and R. Horwood, representing the Horwood Co. The reports of the Central Forest Committee and of Mr. Howe showed that there had been less forest fires and less damage done last year than in former seasons. The statements submitted showed that the rangers had given more efficient service during last year than formerly which accounted for such satisfactory results.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

Our Volunteers.

Sixteen volunteers enlisted at the C. L. B. Armoury last night, which now brings the total up to 573. About 50 recruits underwent the medical examination last night of whom over 70 per cent. were pronounced physically fit.

Drill was held at the several brigade headquarters, the different squads being put through suitable exercises. Enlisting will continue to-night, but there will be no medical examinations until to-morrow night. The names of those who enlisted last night are: Edward Butt, Thos. Jos. O'Brien, Wm. Hy. Escott, Dewey O'Dea, Chas. Barter, Ernest Wilcox (Brigus, C.B.), Wilfred M. Windsor (Aquaforte), Roy S. Grandy (Bay L'Argent, F.B.), George Fowels, Jas. W. Morrissey, Jas. Kearney, Jos. A. Kavanagh, Jno. Jos. Foley, Ed. P. Foley, John M. Redmond, H. Stanton Windeler.

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At the City Hall.

The full board attended last night's special meeting of the Civic Commission. The Chairman submitted a rough draft of a system of Municipal Government, each section of which was discussed. The matter will come up again for discussion at an early date. Nothing of a definite nature was decided upon.

From Corp. Rooney.

Yesterday Mr. A. Rooney of the General Post Office received a letter from his son Jack who is now at Salisbury Plain with the First Canadian Contingent, and is attached to No. 1 general hospital corps with the rank of corporal. Corporal Rooney was enjoying good health at the time of writing, and said that he had met many of the boys of the Newfoundland Regiment. He also said that their company did not expect to be sent to the front until next spring.

Back From West.

The S. S. Portia, Capt. J. Kean, returned from the westward last midnight. The round trip was made in quick time, considering the adverse weather that prevailed. The ship brought a full cargo of freight and the following passengers in saloon: Messrs. A. H. Ingraham, Capt. Keating, D. J. Burke, G. A. Bartlett, D. A. Brazil, M. Duggan, J. P. Devereaux, Misses E. Pittman, May Devereaux and 40 second class.

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