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20,000 DEAD; 35,000 INJURED IN QUAKE ZONE

BRITISH TROOPS' IMPETUOUS RUSH GAINS THEM A MILE

BRITISH MAKE MILE ADVANCE

Dispatch Relates Victory Near La Bassee In Impetuous Attack.

TAKE STRATEGIC POSITION

Strongly-Entrenched German Position Falls After An Engagement.

BRITISH LOSSES SLIGHT

But Germans Lost Heavily, and Many Were Taken Prisoner.

[Canadian Press.]
Paris, Jan. 15.—The Havas Agency has received a dispatch from St. Omer, dated January 10, which relates a British victory and an advance near La Bassee of one mile. The message follows:

"The British, by an impetuous attack, stormed the strongly-entrenched German position near La Bassee at 2 o'clock this afternoon, after a vigorous preliminary engagement. This is an important strategic point, and its occupation represents an advance of one mile. The British losses were slight, but the Germans lost heavily. Many Germans were taken prisoner."

BRITISH MAIL
The next British mail closes Tuesday, January 19, at 10 a.m.

Two Turkish Armies Routed By Russians

Correspondent Says Enemy's Rearguard Was Destroyed and Main Forces Defeated At Kara Urgan—Russians Capture All Guns and Food Stocks.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Jan. 15.—The correspondent of the Daily News at Petrograd telegraphs:

"The Russian new year opens with a sweeping victory over the Turks on the Caucasian frontier. In the Olmy Valley the Turkish rearguard was completely destroyed, and simultaneously, another Russian army routed the main Turkish force at Kara Urgan. The Russians captured the entire supply of mountain guns which the Turks brought to the campaign, together with their ammunition. They also took the Turkish complete stock of field artillery and all their cattle, both for slaughter and transport."

Everything lost.

"The Russians also took a field hospital with 500 wounded Turks. The capture of the Turkish supplies is disastrous for their campaign arranged by the German staff, because they cannot now be replaced. Entire regiments of Turks at Kara Urgan have been destroyed. They had staked everything on this battle, and they have lost everything at a season of the year when no reinforcements can, even under the most favorable conditions, reach them for three months."

ADVANCE IN PERSIA.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Jan. 15.—11:05 a.m.—The Turkish army which recently invaded Persia are now advancing to the interior of the country, according to a news dispatch from Tehran to the Reuters Telegram Company. The message follows:

It is reported that the Turks, when they occupied Tabriz, in Azerbaijan Province, a few days ago, shot the Persian governors of the towns of Soudabak, Maragha and Burat, through which they passed in making their way to Tabriz.

The small Turkish force which went into Tabriz is now moving in the direction of Isfahan, in Central Persia, 200 miles south of Tehran. It is supported by other Turkish contingents.

Von Kluck In Charge of Hammering Tactics

Aided By Floods He Has Gained Advantage At Aisne River Over French—Marked British Victory Near La Bassee.

[Canadian Press.]
London, Jan. 15.—12:10 p.m.—The violent German attack to the north of Soissons under the direction of Gen. Von Kluck which, coupled with a flood stage of the river, has forced the French back across the Aisne, is the most striking news of the last 24 hours from the seat of war. The Germans have been gaining in this locality for several days, but they had not recovered all of the ground lost by them. This engagement north of Soissons is the first notable fighting in the vicinity since last September, when the British army, which subsequently was transferred to Belgium, was successful in crossing the river.

Try Hammer Again.

Show in the Vosges Mountains and in the Flanders still prevent any extensive operations on the eastern or western wings, and to observers here it appears as though the Soissons drive

GENERAL BRINGING ACTION FOR LIBEL ON BANQUET STORY

Author of "The Life and Times of Lord Strathcona" and Publishers To Be Sued — Tales Branded as Absolute Untruths by General Steele.

[Canadian Press.]
Winnipeg, Jan. 15.—The Free Press today says: Major-Gen. Steele, as well as other former officers of Lord Strathcona's Horse, will, it is said, institute proceedings for libel against V. T. R. Preston, author of "The Life and Times of Lord Strathcona," a volume recently placed on the market by McClelland, Goodchild & Stewart, publishers, of Toronto. The publishers will also be sued for the publication of the work.

The libel charged is a reference to an officer of Lord Strathcona's Horse, who was a guest at the banquet tendered in honor of the corps by Lord Strathcona upon its return to England from South Africa.

Imputed Remarks.

The book describes the dinner and tells of the officer in question causing consternation by rising to respond to the toast of the regiment, and uttering such remarks as the following: "We are the boys! We can lick anything in sight. One of us is worth any five Frenchmen. We can lick — out of the Germans." The book then goes on to tell of the consternation that reigned among the distinguished audience at this wild western oratory, and says efforts were made to force the officer to take his seat, and that his conduct broke up the dinner.

Absolute Denial.

Gen. Steele said this today: "The whole story is an unqualified lie. We, that is, myself and the other officers who were present at the banquet, as well as other members of Lord Strathcona's Horse, are suing the author for libel. The matter is now in the hands of a lawyer, and only will we sue the author, but we will also sue the publishers."

Gen. Steele, then Lieut.-Col. Steele, was the officer who responded to the toast drunk to the regiment, and he received the congratulations of many distinguished guests for his soldierly reply.

Major Jardie, now provost-marshal of the district, with headquarters here, also spoke very strongly in condemnation of the story. "It is a lie from start to finish," is the manner in which the major put it.

Steele Has Documents.

Others officers of prominence have denied it. Lieut.-Col. H. D. B. Ketchen, who was also present, stated no such episode occurred. The story thus given in publicity in Preston's book, further became current some time ago, before Lord Strathcona's death. Gen. Steele, hearing of these reports, secured statements from Lord Strathcona and distinguished guests at the dinner, in which they denied that any such episode occurred. These documents are now in the possession of Gen. Steele. Gen. Steele said as soon as they were ready the papers would be served on the publishers and the author.

LONDONER HOLDS IMPORTANT POST AT CANUCK CAMP



MAJOR MONTAGUE MOORE, son of Mr. William Moore, of Oxford street, is head of the transport division at Salisbury. He was an officer in the Seventy-second Seaforth Highlanders, Vancouver, and the accompanying picture was taken by the side of Admiral Togo, the Japanese hero, when the latter inspected the Seventy-second at Vancouver on August 27, 1911.

MAJ. MONTAGUE MOORE PAID FINE TRIBUTE

Visitor at Salisbury Says He Is One of Finest Officers There.

Major Montague Moore, son of William Moore, 190 Oxford street, West London, and brother of John S. Moore, manager of the London and Western Trusts Company, has one of the most responsible positions at Salisbury Plains, according to W. M. Bennett, vice-president of the Gramm Motor Company, Walkerville, who has just returned from England. He has charge of the last year's charge of the soldiers who were called out to put down the riots of the coal miners at Newcastle. He has charge of the transport department, which comprises over two hundred motor trucks.

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Major Gordon Hall, who was attached to the first division here, a couple of years ago, has been made colonel, and is attached to headquarters staff at Salisbury Plains.

TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE RECRUITS

Men Are Charged Exorbitant Prices by Boarding-House Keepers. DOUBLE USUAL PRICES. Soldiers of Thirty-Third Were Obligated To Draw In Advance.

Unpatriotic swindlers, is the way officers have described some of the London boarding-house keepers, who are charged by recruits of the Thirty-third Infantry with charging them exorbitant rates for board.

Several men who have enlisted this week in the infantry battalion, who are from the country, and who have come to this city to enlist from a long distance, are just beginning to find that they have been paying twice the usual prices for board or room. Some London boarding-house proprietors took advantage of their ignorance of rent and the cost of living to make some easy money out of the soldiers. The way this came to the knowledge of the officers was the frequency of the applications of some of the men who had enlisted, for advance money on their allowance, which will not be made regularly until Monday.

Nearly \$200 has been paid out in advance to men of the Thirty-third who have been swindled by the regular allowance paid on Monday. By this method, scores of recruits are friends for life of Capt. A. T. Little, the recruiting officer. Many of the men say that it was only the advance money which saved their lives. A good many of them were absolutely "broke" when they arrived in London to enlist at the first of the week.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.
Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 46°; lowest, 24°.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours ending at 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 33°; lowest, 22°.

TOMORROW—COLDER WITH LIGHT SNOWFALLS.
Toronto, Jan. 15.—8 a.m. Forecasts.

Today—Fair.
Saturday—Northeast winds and colder with light snowfall.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Station	High	Low	Clear
Calgary	24	4	Clear
Winnipeg	24	4	Clear
Port Arthur	24	4	Clear
Ferry Sound	24	4	Cloudy
Toronto	24	4	Cloudy
Ottawa	22	20	Cloudy
Montreal	24	18	Cloudy
Quebec	24	18	Cloudy
St. John's	22	14	Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

An area of high barometer with a moderate cold wave is moving toward the Great Lakes from Manitoba. The weather continues fairly cold in the Western Provinces and the Maritime Provinces and comparatively mild in Ontario and Quebec.

RESCUERS WORK FEVERISHLY TO FREE THOUSANDS BURIED ALIVE IN RUINS

Young Boy Sent First News of Disaster to Rome

Rome, Jan. 15.—A wagoner's apprentice, a boy of 13 years, was the first person to give the news of Avezzano to the outside world. He succeeded in getting back into the town a few minutes after the first shock. He found a railroad employee and persuaded this man, with his help, to rig up a telegraph instrument in a freight car and connect it with a wire that was still intact. Calling on the instrument, the railroad man, who is an operator, soon got Rome. The two together then sent the first news of the disaster.

RELIEF BEING RUSHED TO STRICKEN DISTRICTS

Italian King Tireless In Urging On Rescue Work—Sends For All His Automobiles, and Uses Own Special Train For Injured.

[Canadian Press.]
Rome, Jan. 15.—News from the earthquake-stricken districts of Italy still comes in slowly, but enough is known to show that the disaster closely approaches that which befell Messina six years ago. Estimates of the killed and injured vary from 25,000 to 50,000, and it will not be many days before exact figures are available.

Avezzano, sixty miles east of Rome, and Sora, fifteen miles south of Avezzano, were the worst sufferers, so far as loss of life is concerned, but about sixty towns and villages in all suffered either total demolition or serious damage.

Red Cross Assisting.

The Italian Government and people have quickly responded to the call for aid. The Red Cross is sending thousands of troops have been sent to the scene and the work of rescue and relief is going on night and day. Supplies of food, clothing, blankets and medicines have been dispatched by train where possible and by motor cars where the railroads are blocked.

The central committee of the Red Cross was quick to act, having ordered all of its members to join in the relief work at the scene of the disaster. The troops have been sent by the Government wherever needed, and they are ordered to assist in excavating the ruins, to build wooden huts for survivors, transport the injured and guard property.

King Is Tireless.

King Victor Emmanuel, according to advices reaching here, is tireless in his endeavors to spur on the rescue work and in encouraging the survivors.

Messages reaching here from along the line from Rome to Tivoli, Carcoli and Avezzano say that everywhere the King passes the people rush to greet him to express their gratitude. The King, it is said, asks all to abandon their homes and to go to the relief work.

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Collie Pulled Lamp From Table and Is Victim of the Fire

Dog Starts Blaze In Horton Street House and Is Found Dead in Blazing Room.

Fire, caused by a collie dog pulling a cloth from a table and overturning a lighted lamp, did \$400 worth of damage at 7 o'clock today to the residence of Jacob Levy, 178 Horton street. The dog paid for his folly with his life.

The dog was left in a room while the members of the household were in another part of the house. One of the occupants of the house noticed smoke coming from the room where the dog was, and the fire brigade was summoned. On the arrival of the firemen the flames were confined to two rooms and were extinguished in about ten minutes.

The dog was found lying near the table, which had been pulled over, with the lamp on the floor beside it.

Mr. Gray Will Not Consent To Be Killed Off by "Higher Ups" Any Longer.

WILL BE THE CANDIDATE TO CONSIDER THE CHANCES OF CONTROLLER J. P. MOORE.

For some years it has been a tradition that William Gray was a candidate for the Conservative nomination.

But when the time came to choose a candidate some of the "higher ups" were would say, "Remove yourself, William."

So it came to pass that William got the reputation of being a lamb with the roar of a lion.

It seems now, however, that things have changed. William seems to be the "higher ups" in the Conservative party, and he has the Conservative nomination tucked away in his inside pocket.

What has been described by William as the "silk stocking" element in the party has been trying to kill off Bill for years. But he refuses to be killed off on this occasion, and the convention will go on tonight at the Auditorium, under the auspices of the Conservative Association, and all Conservatives will be invited. Even The Advertiser has been invited to be in attendance.

A caucus was held last night of the "anti-Gray" faction, at which the situation was discussed. The name of Controller Moore came up for discussion, as there was some doubt as to whether the party would support him. Mr. Gray, K. C., would not for nomination.

Mr. Gray's friends report that many favorable to him were at the meeting of Tuesday night, and they did not vote for a closed convention, despite the report that the decision to appoint delegates was reported to be unanimous.

Since Mr. Gray secured the patronage, after the death of Major Beattie, several war contracts have come to the city.

GUARD KILLED

Member of Seventy-seventh Regiment, Hamilton, Struck by Train.

[Canadian Press.]
Hamilton, Jan. 14.—Charles Van Duzer, of Stoney Creek, a member of E Company, Seventy-seventh Regiment, engaged in guard duty on the Welland Canal, was struck and killed by a Grand Trunk train, near Thorold, yesterday.

An inquest is being held. Mrs. William Clark, of Toronto, is a sister of the dead man.

LOOKS LIKE TRAGEDY

Three Pairs of Shoes Found on Ice at Hamilton Bay.

[Canadian Press.]
Hamilton, Jan. 15.—The police believe that three men may have lost their lives on the bay last night. Three pairs of unlabeled shoes, left at a check-house on the ice last night, were unclaimed at noon today. The authorities think the owners may have gone through the ice near the canal.

OTTAWA'S ASSESSMENT.

[Canadian Press.]
Ottawa, Jan. 15.—Ottawa's total assessment for 1915 is \$105,147,745, an increase of \$5,031,446. The population is 161,785, an increase of 1,615. In the various branches of assessment the increases are: Land values, \$1,228,467; Improvements values, \$2,786,050; business, \$562,946; income, \$454,584.

Probable Death Toll in Italy Now Placed at 20,000, With 35,000 Persons Injured --Pope Gives Use of Hospital of 300 Beds.

300 AUTOMOBILES ARE AT WORK

(Canadian Press.)
Rome, Jan. 15.—Constantly shifting estimates, based on reports that continue to trickle in now, place the death toll from Wednesday's earthquake at 20,000, and the injured at a figure in excess of 35,000.

Hundreds, possibly thousands, of victims are still buried alive, imprisoned by the wreckage of their homes, while rescuers from every walk of life struggle desperately to dig them out. King Victor Emmanuel, who returned to Rome from Avezzano last night, personally superintended the release of a number of such unfortunate.

POPE LENDS HOSPITAL.

The king reached the capital in his private car, to which were attached coaches bearing forty wounded. These, like the other hundreds who are slowly reaching Rome, were distributed about the hospitals, regular and extraordinary, in the city.

Pope Benedict this morning offered to the mayor of Rome the use of the hospital of Santa Marta, which he visited yesterday. The offer was gratefully accepted and its 300 beds served as a material relief for the difficult situation.

MUNICIPALITIES WIPE OUT.

The principal loss of life, and probably the chief property damage, appears to have occurred in Avezzano and the town of Sora, fifteen miles away. Both of these municipalities were blotted out of existence and their populations virtually wiped out.

The latest reports place the number of dead in Avezzano at 10,000 and in Sora at 4,000. In at least sixty other towns affected, more than 6,000 have been killed. From these towns come the majority of the injured. In Avezzano and Sora almost everyone was killed.

AVEZZANO CONDITION GRAVE; SUPPLY OF WATER CUT OFF

The situation in Avezzano is increasingly grave because of the destruction of the aqueduct system and the consequent shutting off of the water supply. Communications are slowly being re-established, and two hastily improvised hospitals and one refugee camp have been set up.

There has been organized in Rome a private expedition to send out automobiles loaded with relief. Over 300 machines are already being sent for Avezzano. They carried blankets, medicines, food and cordials. Among the members of the Italian nobility active in relief work are Prince Amedeo, Prince Colonna, Prince Alieri and Prince Potenziani.

BRITAIN'S TURN TO PROTEST

Washington, Jan. 15.—The British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, made urgent representations to the state department today against the Italian embargo on oil exports from Tripoli, from which the British navy draws some of its fuel.

Property Destruction.

The British ambassador also called attention to the destruction of property at Tripoli in the oil fields, which is reported as having been very great.

Dispatches to the state department have reported that the Aguiar Petroleum Company and the Penn-Mex Oil Company had been closed down by a decree prohibiting further operation without permission of the Italian Government; and that an embargo on oil exports had been placed on the Aguiar Company and the Huasteca Petroleum Company.

The embargo was said to have been laid because the companies had not paid a production tax.

NOTES ON THE QUAKE

STATUE THROWN DOWN.

It is reported that a statue of the Virgin, 40 feet high, which stood on the shore of Lake Fucino, has been thrown into the water.

BODIES UNRECOGNIZABLE.

Rescue work in Avezzano is becoming a ghastly and nerve-racking task. Some of the bodies are so unrecognizable that they frequently are claimed as relations by different people.

PRIEST WAS SAVED.

A priest was saying mass in a church when he felt the first shock. He rushed under an arch of the building, and this saved him. His acolytes were struck down and killed.

FORCED TO DANCE.

One man, who was taken yesterday from a ruin at Avezzano, said he had a sensation as though someone was forcing him to dance. Then I was thrown to the ground and the roof and the walls fell upon my head. Even after I was buried the earth seemed to heave and grow hot."

HUNG FOR HOURS.

As the work of rescue goes on it becomes more and more apparent that many of Avezzano's inhabitants did not die of the earthquake, but of becoming exhausted and frozen during the long hours of the winter night. One girl, who had been hanging by her clothing for many hours from an upper floor of a building, was finally rescued alive.

TWELFTH-HOUR CHOICE.

Prince Albert, Sask., Jan. 15.—S. J. Donaldson, member of the Legislature for Sherbrook, has been chosen Conservative candidate for the House of Commons after the convention had sat continuously for twelve hours.

JAPANESE ANXIOUS TO SEND HELP TO ALLIES

"Volunteer Movement" Issues Manifesto To Say It Will Send Corps.

[Canadian Press.]
Tokyo, Japan, Jan. 15.—9:45 p.m.—The promoters in Japan of what has been called the "Volunteer Movement" have issued a manifesto in which they announced their intention of dispatching an army corps to Europe. To this end they are appealing to both Japanese and foreigners for funds.

The manifesto says that as Lafayette helped the United States and Garibaldi helped France, so the Japanese wish to assist the Allies, Great Britain, Russia and France, to terminate the misery of war and restore peace to the world.

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