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GERMAN PILLAGERS SURPRISED

Mostly the Fighting Along the Entire Western Front Consists of Violent Artillery Duels

Paris, Jan. 12.—The French War Office this afternoon gave out an announcement as follows:

From the sea to the Oise there was yesterday an intermittent cannonading fairly violent in certain places.

On the Aisne to the North of Soissons determined attacks have been delivered against the trenches occupied by us 8th and 10th January.

The enemy during yesterday attacked our positions several times. We repulsed them and took possession of more trenches.

From Soissons to Rheims there were artillery exchanges. Our heavy pieces of artillery responded efficaciously to the batteries this morning through line of Germans.

In Champagne in the region of Souain there was yesterday very active shooting by our artillery directed against the positions of our adversary near Perthes.

Lefortin, situated to the North of Deaujour farm was the scene of a desperate attack, the enemy succeeded in setting up a trench at this point with a series of field works commanding a position which was held by us.

In Argonne and as far as the Meuse there is nothing to report. On the heights of the Meuse there have been two German attacks, one at the Forest of Consenvoye and the other on the Forest of Bouchot. Each was repulsed.

To the South East of Cirey-sur-Vezouse one of our detachments surprised and put to flight a German company which was pillaging the village of St. Sauveur.

Berlin Claims German Aviators Damaged Dunkirk

Says the Military Establishments of the City Were Completely Destroyed on Sunday

London, Jan. 12.—A wireless despatch from Berlin, says that the military establishments in and near Dunkirk were completely destroyed in an attack on the city, Sunday. Dunkirk's lighting plant was also destroyed.

The despatch says that this information is contained in a message from Rotterdam. Dunkirk, on the coast of France is the British Continental military base. Troops and supplies arriving from England are landed at this port, where extensive military supply stations have been established.

German Base For Aeroplanes At Belgian Town

Will Keep a Fleet of Latest Type Zeppelins and Aeroplanes Near Ghent

Geneva, Jan. 12.—Word has reached here that the Germans have established a base for their aerial fighting craft near Ghent in Belgium. Four Zeppelins of the latest type, and a number of aeroplanes have been assembled at this point that they made their recent trip over Calais.

Karlsruhe Prize, Former British Ship Flies German Flag

San Juan, Porto Rico, Jan. 12.—The former British collier Farn, which now flies the German flag, arrived here today in command of a Lieutenant of the German cruiser Karlsruhe.

Her crew consisted of fourteen Germans and twenty-two Chinamen. The Farn was in distress and put in to San Juan for provisions.

Customs immigration authorities have cabled to Washington for instructions.

Vienna Swept By an Epidemic Of Deadly Disease

Smallpox, Cholera and Typhoid Are Prevalent—Disease Spreading Through Provinces.

Venice, Jan. 13.—Private reports from Vienna and statements appearing in the Austrian papers show that conditions in the Austrian capital are daily becoming more serious.

Small pox, cholera and typhoid, are prevalent, forty-five cases of small pox being officially reported in Vienna during the first nine days of January. Many cases of contagion are also reported from the various centres of Lower and Upper Austria, Styria, Bohemia, Moravia, Silesia and Galicia.

JAPS AFTER GERMANSHIP

Their Cruisers Are Scouring the Seas For the Converted Cruiser 'Prince Eitel'

Lima, Peru, Jan. 12.—Japanese cruisers continue to be active along the coast of Peru, seeking the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

Latest reports received here set forth that the Japanese armoured cruiser Asama went into Payta, Peru, yesterday, and took on board provisions.

She left again the same afternoon. There is reason to believe that the British steamer Oriana, on her way back to Liverpool from the Pacific coast of South America, is being sought by the German boat. In any event, it is apparent that the Japanese cruisers are endeavouring to come up with the Eitel Friedrich.

IS JAPANESE ASSISTANCE TO THE ALLIES IN EUROPE DESIRABLE OR NECESSARY

French Writers Strong in Favor of the Transportation of Large Numbers of Jap Troops to Battlefronts

HOW THE MATTER COULD BE FIXED

Britain and France Could Transport the Troops and Finance Them—Japan To Share Spoils of War

Paris, Jan. 9.—Illustration makes a feature of an article on Japanese intervention written by Andre Cheradame, well known author and journalist. M. Cheradame declares that Japanese intervention is certainly not indispensable, as victory for the Allies through their own efforts is certain.

He says, however, that the matter should be considered solely from the viewpoint of shortening the infinite sufferings of the war.

M. Cheradame recounts Japan's grievance against Germany, which advised Russia to occupy Port Arthur and instigated the Russo-Japanese war. He charges also that Germany recently corrupted Japanese naval officers in the matter of obtaining contracts for German firms for installing electric and other works on the new warships.

The writer considers that Russia, Great Britain and France will be able to give Japan territorial compensation without involving Indo-China which Japan does not desire. But financial compensation, he says, is more important, as Japan was unable to obtain an indemnity after the war with Russia. Japan is weighed with taxation and is unable to expand at home. For this reason she is now driven to seek new lands to which her people may emigrate.

Make Germany Pay Loan. M. Cheradame figures that intervention by Japan would shorten the war by three months and save the allies a billion francs (\$200,000,000) per

GERMANS MADE HUGE MISTAKE

Realise That it Was a Very Unfortunate Move to Arrest Cardinal Mercier—Vatican Demands Reparation

Rome, Jan. 13.—The German denial that Cardinal Mercier was arrested in Brussels is true in only a technical sense, says The Tribune in a special edition. The Cardinal was not physically arrested and brought away from his residence, but he nevertheless was placed in a state of arrest within his Palace and was watched by a military guard.

The German Government, realising that violence against a Prince of the Church would have painful consequences throughout the world and also among the Catholic population of Germany and fearing the effect of measures which might be taken by the Vatican decided hurriedly to restore conditions to their former status.

Nevertheless, an act of violence has been committed against the Primate of Belgium. The Holy See has asked that reparation be made by the German Government and the explanation of Germany is awaited eagerly.

VETERAN OFFICER OF MANY WARS HEARS LAST ROLL

Washington, Jan. 12.—Brigadier-General Andrew Burt, U.S.A., retired, a veteran of the Civil, Spanish, Philippine, and a number of Indian wars, died suddenly here today, of heart failure.

Germans Keep Mazurian Lakes Free From Ice

Object is to Keep Lakes Open For German Gunboats and to Prevent the Russians Engaged in East Prussia to Cross on the Ice

London, Jan. 12.—The Germans are utilizing ice-breakers on the Mazurian lakes, in East Prussia, to prevent the lakes from freezing over, according to a Reuter despatch from Petrograd. Their double object in this is to enable the German gunboats to continue operations and render it impossible for the Russians engaged in East Prussia to cross on the ice.

Patriotic Rally Gains 2 Recruits For Our Forces

Public Meeting at Curling Characterised by Much Patriotic Enthusiasm.

Hon. W. C. Job has received a message from A. W. Piccott, Minister of Marine, who is now at Curling where he addressed a meeting.

A public meeting was held in St. Patrick's Hall last night, at which Magistrate presided, and was supported on the platform by Rev. Dean O'Rourke, Rev. Mr. Cotton, and by the members of the Patriotic Association. The meeting was a great success.

Two young men volunteered, one for the Army and one for the Navy. Their names are Hugh D. Gillis, for the Army; Winslo Delareosh, for the Army.

Constantinople Reduced To Verge Of Starvation

Allied and Russian Fleets Have Completely Shut Off the Turks From All Supplies

New York, Jan. 12.—The closing of the Dardanelles and the shutting off of Turkey from outside commerce, has resulted in the people of Constantinople being reduced almost to the verge of starvation, according to George Tomayan, of Chicago, who for the past eight months was in charge of the American Orphan Asylum at Constantinople, and who arrived here today.

When I left Constantinople less than a month ago, that city was reduced to sore straits for food, all available supplies having been confiscated by the military authorities.

The suffering among the poor people is intense, and the struggle for food by the poor is pitiful in the extreme.

GREAT MAZE OF TRENCHES

Makes Guides as Necessary As For a Trip to the Great Catacombs at Rome

New York, Jan. 10.—A London cable to the Herald says: An officer who has returned from the front tells that it is quite easy to lose one's self in the trenches, which now extend from the north of Belgium to Alsace in almost an unbroken line. Thus there are two hundred miles of entrenchments, and in many parts line after line of trenches one behind another.

One could walk most of the distance under cover, for the English, French and Belgian trenches all communicate with one another, and all have the same zig-zag underground passages leading to other entrenchments in the rear.

This officer declares that there has been nothing like it since the Catacombs were built, and he adds that guides are necessary in this semi-subterranean life at the front. Indeed the trench guides' profession is now recognised, and guides regularly conduct troops from one part of the line to another.

Letters have been received from Capt. Cox, of the Othello, that she is bound to Savannah to load cotton for Havre.

AVIATOR DROPPED XMAS CARDS

Made Hazardous Trip From Prussian Lines to Dunkirk to Enquire About Son of a German Colonel

Dunkirk, France, Jan. 10.—A German aviator, it has been learned, paid a visit to Dunkirk during Christmas week, but he dropped no bombs, only peaceful Christmas greetings.

His somewhat hazardous trip from the German lines was undertaken at the request of a Prussian colonel, who wanted to know where his son, killed at Soissons, was buried, and the parcel of letters and cards which the aviator dropped into the principal square of the city contained a letter asking for this information, together with letters from several French aviators, prisoners, in the hands of the Germans.

The cards were signed by the aviator himself, and bore the conventional greetings of the season, together with a message that he had been led to undertake the mission by his admiration for the gallantry of the captured French aviator.

President Wilson Delays Comment On British Note

Washington, Jan. 12.—President Wilson said today that he had no comment to make on the British reply to the American note, as it was only preliminary.

He indicated that he had not given the British communication full study, and that he purposed soon discussing it at length with Secretary Bryan.

RUSSIANS THRASHED THE TURKS

Captured the Whole of One Regiment and All the Infantry Portion of Another—Took Turk Camp and Supplies

Petrograd, Jan. 13.—An official statement by General Staff of the Army in the Caucasus says: Fighting in the region of Olti (55 miles West of Kars) continues obstinately, the rear guard of the Turks being on the River Olti and to the West.

Bitter fighting in the Kara Urgan region has latterly inclined in our favor.

On Jan. 11 we captured the 92nd regiment of infantry, including eleven officers, three surgeons, and 1,500 men. We also partially destroyed the 52nd regiment, the infantry portion of which, consisting of 250 soldiers and one officer, was captured.

We captured a height in Turkish territory and in taking the enemy's camp there we secured depots of artillery and ammunition.

John Redmond Re-elected Head Of Home Rulers

Nationalists Decline It is Necessary And Desirable to Keep Their Organisation Going.

Dublin, Jan. 13.—John Redmond was re-elected President of the United States League at the annual meeting and resolutions were adopted congratulating the Irish nation on the triumphant end of the agitation of the past forty years for National self-government, but maintaining that, in view of the critical situation, which might arise in the near future, the continued existence of the National organization until the crisis has passed is essential.

The Jean, Capt. Burke, sails for Brazil on Friday.

Turkey Bows To The Demands Made By Italy

Agrees to Release British Vice-Consul Arrested at Hodeida and to Salute Italian Flag

London, Jan. 12.—A special despatch from Rome to-day says that Turkey has agreed to the demands of Italy in connection with the Hodeida incident.

According to advices, Turkey has ordered the release of British vice-consul Richardson, who was arrested in the Italian Consulate at Hodeida, and has promised to punish the soldiers who broke into the Consulate, as well as to salute the Italian flag when it is again hoisted over the building.

PARISIANS ARE WARNED

Must Expect Air Raids As Soon as the Weather Improves—Precautions To Take

Paris, Jan. 13.—While Paris is not having the perpetual Zeppelin scare that London indulges in, there has been great activity because of reports that the air will be full of aeroplanes and dirigibles dropping bombs, just as soon as weather conditions permit.

Therefore, the inhabitants have been warned not to be alarmed if they suddenly get orders to turn off their lights and to be prepared to read by lamps behind screened windows.

Victor Moore, of 59 McFarlane St. was removed to the hospital in the ambulance yesterday to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

POINCARÉ ESCAPED

Sunday's Air-Raid on Dunkirk Executed Because of His Visit, Fortunately Delayed

London, Jan. 13.—A Daily Mail despatch from Northern France says the importance of the great German air raid on Dunkirk on Sunday is the greater for reason of the fact that the raid was intended to do harm to the French President, who was expected at Dunkirk to present a flag to the famous French Marine Fusiliers.

The President did not arrive until Monday morning but that the German aviators were misinformed by their spies, is evident from the fact that at the end of three days bomb dropping they throw down weighted streamers on the town which bore words "Bonjour Poincaré a Demain."

300,000 Fugitives From East Prussia

Flee Before Advancing Russian To Western Parts of Germany

Berlin, via Amsterdam, Jan. 10.—The fugitives from the threatened zones in East Prussia, who have sought safety by flight to portions of the Empire farther to the west, now number 300,000 according to semi-official estimates.

The newspapers of Koenigsberg, however, maintain that the fugitives do not number more than 50,000.

French Government Reports Progress North of Soissons

London, Jan. 12.—The French Government reports progress north-west of Soissons and north of Perthes. Gains recently reported have been maintained.—HARCOURT.

Water Pipe Breaks

A break occurred in the water service at Spencer Street and Freshwater Road last evening. Repairs were made by the Council's employees.

TURKEY STRUGGLES FOR LIFE

Her Armies, at Death Grips With the Russians For the Last Five Days, Are Absolutely Shut off From Reinforcements

London, Jan. 12.—French attacks to the North of Soissons, on the Aisne, near Perthes, and east of Rheims, are developing into a serious offensive.

Gains which the French have made at these points, if followed up, would have a two-fold importance.

They threaten the railways which the Germans are using to supply their troops in the fighting line, and are a serious menace to the German forces which hold positions to the North of Rheims.

The French have found it impossible to take these positions, from which Germans bombarded Rheims, by frontal attacks, but advances on either side would envelope them and force their retirement, thus giving the Cathedral City a much desired relief from German shells, from which it has suffered so much.

In Argonne and on the heights of the Meuse the Germans are on the offensive and claim to have made further progress.

It is reported that the Germans have sent heavy reinforcements to the district to prevent French from breaking through the lines, which are very close to their own border and not far from Metz.

Fresh German troops despatched to Alsace, combined with wintry weather, have stopped the French advance in that region.

Similar conditions prevail in the East, and while the have completely stopped fighting, they have called a halt over the greater part of the field of operations.

The Turks are offering a stubborn resistance to the Russians in Karaugan, where a battle has been in progress for five days. It is a death struggle for them, for so long as the Russian fleet commands the Black Sea the Turks cannot get reinforcements from Europe, the overland route being a long and difficult one.

They have an army corps at Baghdad, but this is needed to oppose the advance of the British-Indian Army from the East.

Thirty Six Cases Small Pox Found On Passenger Ship

Virulent Outbreak in Steerage of Steamer Buenos Ayres—One Patient Died at Sea.

New York, Jan. 12.—Thirty-six passengers in the steerage of the steamer Buenos Ayres, who had been exposed to small pox, were removed from that vessel today, under orders of the Health Officer, and taken to Hoffman Island for observation.

While the vessel was bound for this port from Barcelona and Cadiz, one of the steerage passengers developed the disease in malignant form. He died, and was buried at sea.

Big Quake Causes Panic In Rome

Lashed For Several Seconds and Damaged Many Buildings

Rome, Jan. 13.—A terrific earthquake, the strongest ever felt in Rome occurred early to-day and lasted several seconds.

It caused a great panic, the people everywhere rushing from the houses in terror. Many buildings were damaged.

READ THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE. WEATHER REPORT Toronto (noon)—Winds increasing to gales from eastward with snow.