

## ENGLAND'S MUNITION PRODUCTION REACHES HIGH FIGURE

### 48 Hours' Output Now Exceeds That of Whole First Year of the War

#### GREATER EFFORTS NEEDED TO WIN WAR

Great Superiority Over Enemy is Necessary in Order to Obtain Victory

#### MORE MEN

Are Needed on the Western Front to Enforce Superiority

By Courier Leased Wire  
London, Jan. 15.—The Times' military correspondent writes that the prolongation of the war, "as the result of the foredoomed nature of the peace move," throws upon all the allies the duty of making greater efforts and when victory is reached, to order to desert. He says that Germany did not wait for a reply to her peace offer but initiated measures a month ago to expand her supply of men and munitions.

Referring to the imputation, "with a tendency to exaggeration," that the British have 2,000,000 men in France and the French have 3,000,000, he says:

"Statements of this nature serve rather to obscure the issues than to illuminate them. It ought to be known and admitted that the aggregate national strength does not express the real value of fighting armies. We all ought to count in bayonets and guns to ascertain our chances of victory and when we count in this manner the figures dwindle to quite a different total. The truth of the situation in the west is that Germany has 128 divisions opposed to us and that the number of French, British and Belgian divisions is not yet such as to promise a decision in an offensive war.

"The offensive evolves on us in order that we may evict the enemy from the territories of our allies, and such an offensive against the enemy means of defense, demands a great superiority in strength, particularly in heavy guns, infantry and all other modern military machinery. Before the war, we supposed a two or even three to one superiority not too great for the attacker, and I must repeat again and again that we have nothing like this superiority, and that victory depends on obtaining it. If in 1917 we only employ against the enemy a slight superiority of force, nothing better than a slight success can reasonably be anticipated."

The writer declares that there is a crying need for more men, and that there has been a great remission in the creation of new divisions along the lines of Kitchener's original conception. He refers to the military plan published in The Times in 1914, which he says Lord Kitchener himself revised and declared would ensure Britain of being capable to continue the war when the other powers were exhausted. According to the correspondent, this plan has gradually lapsed for many reasons, chiefly the recruiting muddle in the autumn of 1915, which he says, even now is far from being cleared up. "We need another sixty divisions in the west," he concludes, "the necessary men exist and there is every probability that their appearance in the field will decide the war."

#### POLISH COUNCIL

By Courier Leased Wire.  
London, Jan. 15.—An Amsterdam despatch to The Morning Post says that the first session of the new Polish state council will be held on January 15. According to the Cra-cow newspaper "Czas", the American consul-general at Warsaw has informed all neutral consuls there that the government has instructed him not to officially recognize the Kingdom of Poland until the end of the war. Nevertheless, he is quoted as saying, he will confer with the Polish Government and state council on purely political matters.

#### Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Jan. 15.—A very pronounced area of high pressure covers Canada and the northern part of the United States from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The weather is everywhere very cold and especially so in Manitoba, where the temperature between thirty and forty below zero.

Forecasts  
Moderate winds, fair and decidedly colder. Tuesday—Continued low temperature.

#### STORMS, FROSTS, MARSHES, STOPPED NOT RUSSIAN ADVANCE

#### Gen. Dimitrieff Pays High Tribute to Russian Forces Victorious on the Riga Front

London, Jan. 15.—(New York Tribune Cable)—"Neither blinding snow storms, nor paralyzing frosts, nor impassable marshes could check your ardor." Such is the tribute of General Dimitrieff to the Russian forces on the Riga front. His message furnishes the key to the Russian attacks in the last week.

Despite long and furious hand-to-hand struggles and the murderous fire of hundreds of machine guns the czar's troops have succeeded in breaking the German lines, almost entirely destroying three enemy regiments and routing another, and finally over-running fortifications constructed only after fifteen months' hard labor.

The tale of captures is eloquent, including fifty machine guns, thirty cannon and enormous equipment, even 100,000 bottles of brandy.

The Russian movement is still going on and further successes might conceivably affect seriously Hindenburg's plans in Roumania. Realizing its importance, the Teutons are making every possible effort to check it before incalculable harm is done. Still using the massed formation, with which Hindenburg beat back the Russians in the fall of 1914, the Germans are hurling attack after attack on the enemy's front in the Riga-Mitau sector.

#### ALLIES OCCUPY GREEK ISLANDS

#### Forces Landed to Offset Enemy Sub Activities in the Mediterranean

By Courier Leased Wire  
Athens, Jan. 15.—The Allies occupied the island of Cerigo on Wednesday.

Cerigo is the southernmost of the principal of the Ionian Islands, belonging to Greece. It is in the Mediterranean of the southern extremity of Morea. A number of other Greek insular possessions have been occupied by the Allies, supposedly on account of establishment of bases for hostile submarines.

#### DUTCH CAPTURE HUN SUBMARINE

#### Was Found in Holland's Waters, and Will Accordingly be Interned

By Courier Leased Wire  
London, Jan. 15.—A Flushing despatch to Reuter's says that a Dutch warship brought into Flushing last night a German submarine which was found in Dutch waters. The submarine will be interned.

#### Wonderful Output of Munitions in England

#### More Heavy Gun Ammunition Produced in Forty Eight Hours Than in Whole of First Year of the War

By Courier Leased Wire.  
New York, Jan. 15.—The following Associated Press correspondence from London, dated January 5, is published here to-day:  
English munitions factories are now turning out every forty-eight hours more heavy gun ammunition than they manufactured in the entire first year of the war, and the production is still increasing week by week in preparation for the great offensive on the western front which British military critics believe will come next spring.

Although figures of the actual production of guns and munitions are jealously guarded, and there is no avowal on the part of the ministry of munitions of any intention to discontinue the importations from America, there is an evident feeling of optimism among the officials in the big munitions headquarters just off Whitehall, as well as a willingness to give out "comparative figures" to justify that optimism.

"The improvement in our position may be illustrated in this way," remarked an official of the ministry. "We are now manufacturing every week three times as many 155 millimetre shells, five times as many 200 millimetre shells and three times as many 230 millimetre shells as we manufactured during the whole first year of the war."

#### IS DEUTCHLAND COMING BACK?

#### Unknown Submarine In Atlantic May be the German Merchantman

New York, Jan. 15.—News that an unidentified submarine was moving westward in the Atlantic as late as last Thursday morning was brought to port here to-day by the British freight steamship Clematis, in from Bordeaux, France. Persons on the freighter thought the undersea boat might be the German submarine merchantman Deutschland on a third ocean voyage to America. The stranger made no move to attack the Clematis, which was at the time approximately 800 miles east of Newport, R. I.

#### "TRUSTING IN GOD, I HAVE MORAL COURAGE" SAYS KAISER

#### Arch Hun Retains Mask of Hypocrisy Even Before Chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg

Amsterdam, Jan. 15.—via London.—The Nord Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung publishes the following letter from the German Emperor to Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg, dated October 31, 1916:

"My Dear Bethmann:  
"I have since been turning over our conversation thoroughly in my mind. It is clear that the peoples in the enemy countries, who are kept in hard endurance of the war by lies and frauds and deluded by fighting and hatred, possess no men who are able or who have the moral courage to speak the word which will bring relief—to propose peace. What is wanted a moral deed to free the world, including neutrals, from the pressure which weighs upon all. For such a deed it is necessary to find a ruler who has a conscience, who feels that he is responsible to God, who has a heart for his own people and for those who are his enemies, who is indifferent to any possible wilful misinterpretation of his act, and possesses the will to free the world from its suffering.

"I have the courage. Trusting in God, I shall dare to take this step. Please draft notes on these lines and submit them to me, and make all necessary arrangements without delay."

#### ITALY WAITS WITH CALM CONFIDENCE

#### She Has Justified Claim to Territories Now Held By Austria

#### SACRIFICE

#### Imposed by War Faced by Italy With Religious Spirit

By Courier Leased Wire.

Rome, Sunday, Jan. 14, via Paris, Jan. 15.—Italy's territorial aspirations in connection with the war were explained and defended to-day by Francesco Ruffini, minister of public instruction and a historian of prominence, in a statement to the Associated Press.

In the note of the Allies to President Wilson, he said, "they make a point which is understandable to neutrals, particularly to America. Italy, no less than her allies, awaits with calm confidence the realization of the aims set forth in that passage of the note which refers to the redemption of Italians subject to Austria. The German press seeks to depict Italy as desirous of conquests; but American public opinion, so far-seeing, so well educated to freedom and to a deep spirit of national unity cannot confound brutal list of conquest with a justified claim to territories with populations like those of the Trentino, Istria and Dalmatia.

"These territories have had only one civilization in their history, that of Italy, and only one great humiliation—which must cease—that of foreign domination which attempted to destroy the principle of nationality. America knows well that Italy, notwithstanding these just claims, abstained from any provocation before the European conflagration, being occupied only with her peaceful development. Austria was responsible for the outbreak of the conflict, having willed war with Serbia after provoking Italy a hundred times with violent persecutions of Italians of Trent, Trieste, Fiume, Seara, whom she denied even the right to educate themselves in their own language.

"Once the conflagration was ignited, Italy felt that fate called her to complete her national unity and resume her just and holy work and her wars of independence, which have been studied with such candor by your illustrious American historians. Only those who are ignorant of the history of Austria's violent usurpations were surprised by Italy's action, initiated by her victorious armies, or considered her just claims to be ambition for conquest. Italy faced the terrible sacrifices of blood and riches imposed by the war with that same religious spirit which animated all the deeds of her national resurrection.

"Italy counts on the considered and tranquil judgment of American public opinion, which, while justly desiring the return of peace, cannot, if it examines the origin of the conflict and the problem raised thereby wish that the European equilibrium, broken by violence in 1914, be replaced to-day by a premature and unfruitful peace, containing germs of graver conflicts in the future."

#### ARTILLERY ON SOMME ACTIVE

#### Otherwise Night is Uneventful on Western Front, Say Official Statements

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Paris, Jan. 15.—There was active artillery fighting last night in the vicinity of the Avre River and in the sector between the Aisne and the Argonne. Otherwise the night was uneventful, this afternoon's war office announcement reports.

The text of the communication follows:  
"No important developments reported last night. There was, however, fairly spirited artillery activity on the River Avre and between the Aisne and the Argonne."

German Official.  
"Berlin, Jan. 15.—via Sayville.—"North of the Somme lively artillery fire continues," says today's army headquarters report on the western front operations. "While at several places advances by hostile patrols were repulsed, our reconnoitering detachments in successful enterprises brought in prisoners and machine guns."

#### COMMENDATION FOR ROYALISTS

#### Two Princes of Former French Royalty Win Distinction in Belgian Army

By Courier Leased Wire  
Paris, Jan. 15.—Prince Sixtus of Bourbon de Para, and his brother, Prince Xavier, brothers of the Austrian emperor, who are serving in the Belgian army, have been commended in French army orders in the following terms:  
"They spontaneously offered their services in the cause of right, and attached to the section of stretcher-bearers in the first line, have on all occasions given proof of devotion and complete contempt of danger."  
"At the beginning of the war the two princes sought to enlist in the French army, but could not be taken on account of the law excluding from the French army all members of the former French royal family, whereupon they joined the Belgian forces."

#### GERMAN CLAIMS

By Courier Leased Wire.  
Berlin, Jan. 15.—via Sayville.—Strong attacks were made yesterday by Russian and Roumanian troops on the recently captured Teutonic positions north of the Schultz Valley, on the northern Roumanian front. To-day's official announcement says these attacks were repulsed.

#### Toronto Soldier Struck by a Tank on the Field

#### Party of Invalided Veterans Who Reach Canada Had Thrilling Experiences at the Front

By Courier Leased Wire.  
St. John, N.B., Jan. 15.—So badly injured that they were unable to look after themselves, a carload of soldiers was despatched west from here yesterday. The men, despite their afflictions, were bright and jolly. One of the liveliest was Pte. J. A. Waddell, of Preston, Ont. He went to the front with the first contingent. His experiences there were brief. He was so badly injured by a high explosive shell that both his legs had to be amputated at the trunk.

When refused permission to go to Scotland, his native country, because he was to be shipped to Canada, Waddell quietly stole away in his wheeled chair from the hospital, and by dint of assistance from kindly folk, he met on the way, travelled from London to Scotland and back.

To be laid out by a tank was the fate of Harry Donaldson, a signaller with the Twentieth Battalion, Toronto. He was with the infantry supports which went forward with the armour clads and, in a sudden lurch, the big tank struck him and passed on, leaving him helpless. He lay on the field for twenty-one hours with shells bursting all around him, and some of them taking effect on him, and several times he was buried. His injuries made necessary the amputation of his left arm and leg.

#### FIVE DROWNED IN NOVA SCOTIA

#### Quartette of Young Men and a Girl Victims of Skating Disasters

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 14.—Four young men, John E. and Mike McEachern, sons of Mrs. John McEachern, of Victoria Bridge, John L. McKinnon, son of John McKinnon, McKinnon, son of Joseph MacDonnell of Victoria Bridge, were drowned at noon to-day at Grand Miramichi. The accident occurred on the river in front of Rev. D. J. R. King's glebe house.

The men who were all about 23 years of age, started to skate home after church, but broke through the ice about a hundred feet from the shore. There is a considerable current at the place and the skaters were dragged underneath before help could reach them. The drowning occurred in full view of a large number of onlookers, who were powerless to give assistance. The bodies were recovered about 3 o'clock this afternoon.

Lady Skater Drowns  
Miss May Power, aged 16, of New Waterford was drowned at 7 o'clock this evening in the coal company wharf at that place. In company with a young man named Herbert Kitchener, she was skating on the dam when she broke through the ice. Her companion in his attempt to rescue her, also broke through, but managed to retain his hold of her and at the same time he held on to the edge of the ice.

Kitchener, in an attempt to catch a pole which was sent out to him, lost his hold on the girl, and she disappeared from view, but he was brought ashore in an exhausted condition. The body of the girl has not been recovered.

Harmony Lodge, Euchre tomorrow (Tuesday) night.

#### TWO LOCAL CASUALTIES

#### Pte. Gordon Campbell and Pte. P. M. Goold Are Wounded

Word has been received by Mr. and Mrs. Allen Campbell, 205 Dathouse Street, that their son Pte. Gordon D. Campbell was admitted on Jan. 5, last to No. 4 general hospital, Comiers, suffering from gunshot wound in the eye.

Pte. Campbell enlisted here in the Second Dragoons in the summer of 1915, and became attached to the 84th battalion. On his arrival in England he was drafted to the front.

#### Twelve Families Made Homeless

Montreal, Jan. 15.—Twelve families were rendered homeless by an early morning fire which to-day destroyed their houses on St. Urbain street. Three firemen, A. Bernotchy, Nap Brunet, O. Brown, were badly injured when the third floor gave away, carrying them to the ground in the blazing ruins.

G. Lavoie, another fireman, was injured when, on the roof of the Capitol Lunch rooms, Craig street, caved in during another fire this morning.

#### Battlefields Hidden by a Sabbath Vestment

#### Snowfall on the Western Front Transforms the Scene, While British Guns Spit With a White Hot Breath

With the British Forces in France via London, Jan. 14.—This has been one of the strangest days in the strange world war. It has been a wonderfully white day—a day of snow, white fog, white fields and strange white trees glistening in magical mantles of clear white frost. Even the brown, gripping, remorseless mud of the Somme—the mud that has been almost the master of the war for these past two months—had hidden its treacherous depths for the time at least, beneath the soft, fleecy flakes that came during the night to spread a sabbath vestment of purity over the wretched, squalid and somber battle grounds of northern France.

In most of the front line trenches there was the misty quiet that comes with snow. No man's land had been lifted for the moment out of its degraded and abject state of melancholic desolation and placed on a picturesquely white equality with the untrammeled lands that lie without the fighting zones. The tortuous rusted barriers of grim barbed wire in front of the enemy positions had been transformed into tangled and graceful strands of crystal ice and clinging snow.

Back of the lines the British guns that never seem to tire or sleep—guns that winter cannot muzzle or frost subdue—spit with a white hot breath from hiding places screened and double secure beneath the white cover of the newly fallen snow. Under the spell of the snow and the mists there was what is not often the case out here, an almost tangible touch of Sunday in the air. Whether it was the white fog that enveloped so much of the front or whether it was just some shadowy spirit of the sabbath, the strident voices of the guns seemed more muffled than usual and farther away. But the messengers that the guns sent smashing through miles of glacial space spoke to their foes in the same determined tones that have been heard with such unrelenting regularity during all these wintry days. The war that stretches out over the years is a war that necessarily resolves itself into a routine of much the same thing over and over again. Today, however, in all its whiteness it seemed just a wee bit different.

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